

'Hammering Hank' Duda Is Back from Philippines

He hasn't lost much weight and still looks like he would be a very formidable customer in the ring. Not only that, he's gained a wealth of experience since going to work for Uncle Sam back in 1940 . . . and, although he hasn't had much time for boxing since going overseas 35 months ago, he's been doing plenty of fighting, nevertheless, against the Japs.

If you had ever seen him fight, you would recognize him easily enough, even though he is attired in the uniform of the United States army now. Yes, you'd recognize "Hammering Hank" Duda the minute you set eyes on him.

Back in 1939 and 1940, "Hammering Hank" was praised far and wide as a comer in the boxing world as he toppled opponent after opponent while fighting in Golden Gloves tournaments. He was light heavyweight champion in the novice division in 1939 and light heavyweight titlist in the amateur division in 1940, fighting both years at Lincoln field house in Wisconsin Rapids. He was only 18 when he won the latter crown and was also judged the most popular boxer in the entire tournament, for which he was awarded a trophy.

Hank's 23 now and he's learned a lot about fighting and many other things since those Golden Glove days. The husky young man, whose home is on a farm eight miles west of Stevens Point, is a corporal and he is what is known as an artillery observer. Which of course means that when there's action he's right up in the thick of it.

Think of it? How well the fighting corporal knows what that means. When he returned to the United States just a few weeks ago, he came directly from the front lines on Leyte Island in the Philippines.

The day before Christmas, Hank's superior officer came up to him in the midst of all that death and destruction on Leyte and said, "Hank, you're going home for a rest." Hank says that's the best Christmas present he's ever received.

Duda was a member of the National Guard before America's entry into the war and he went down to Louisiana back in 1940 with Headquarters battery of Stevens Point. Hank took time out from the military rigors of the day to engage in ring engagements enough to win the light heavyweight championship of the famous 32nd division.

Before entering service, he had lost just one fight out of 15. That was in Chicago during a Golden Gloves tournament. Now he has fought over 40 scraps, losing but six. He's been knocked out only once.

While overseas, Duda didn't have much chance to box. Although he had the gloves on many times, opponents were scarce and opportunities few in those busy days when America was preparing to drive the Japs back from the rim of Australia.

Hank's only real scrap while overseas came in a match between an Australian unit and his outfit near Brisbane, Australia. Duda scored a TKO in a match which the Americans won, 7-1.

The toughest fight he's ever had? Well, Hank says that came while he was in training in this country. He fought a chap named Bill Bommer of Detroit to two three round draws. Hank sadly recalls that this fine opponent was killed in action in the Buna campaign much later.

The Golden Gloves boxer has been in close contact with death often. He well remembers that fateful day in August, last year when he saw Sgt. Jack H. Matthews and Pvt. Philipp Dittman, both of Wisconsin Rapids, killed in action on New Guinea.

Duda wears the Good Conduct ribbon, the Bronze Star for the New Guinea campaign, the Pacific ribbon and the Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon. March 8 he'll report to Miami, Fla., for reassignment.

INDIANA DUMPS ILLINI, 65-55

Chicago—(P)—Iowa's basketball team, leading the Big Ten race with 10 victories and one loss, appeared headed for its first full-fledged title in history as Illinois, last opponent on the Hawkeyes schedule, yesterday dropped its third straight game in a week, last place Indiana upset the favored Illini quintet 65-55.

Illinois nosed out the Hawkeyes 43-42 on Jan. 26 at Champaign, but at Iowa City Saturday the Iowans have a chance to avenge the defeat and clinch the crown. Ohio State, in second place with 10 triumphs, has two losses to mar its record. The Illini are assured of third place (7-4).

After dropping contests to Ohio State last Friday and Northwestern Saturday, the Illinois cagers continued their inaccuracy last night in field goal and free throwing against the Hoosiers. Junior Kirk, high scorer for the Illini, was held scoreless.

In addition to the crucial Illinois-Iowa finale Saturday, eighth-place Minnesota (3-8) plays host to sixth place Wisconsin (4-7).

Plankinton Bars And Allen-Bradleys Win

Milwaukee—(P)—The Allen-Bradleys and Plankinton Bars scored victories last night in the second round of play in the State A.A.U. basketball tournament.

The Bradleys downed the Brill Uniforms, 60-39 and the Bars defeated the Signal Batteries, 54-45.

Both winners enter the quarter finals scheduled for Friday.

Regional Sidelights

Stevens Point did not lose one player in its conference season because of too many personal fouls. That's 12 games without losing a man!

Mosinee lost three of its squad members during the school year to the armed forces.

The Pointers took 12 shots at the basket in the last quarter against Merrill last Friday and made 10 of them! Wonder if they'll do as well against Marshfield tonight?

Two diminutive but capable drum majorettes entertained between halves of the Rapids-Nekoosa game with a spectacular baton twirling performance. The two girls went through difficult acrobatic routines while spinning the batons with synchronized precision.

The local student rooters who have always been able to hold their own with any cheering section in the conference came through with some original and snappy yells to brighten their repertoire. Not to be outdone, a large group of Nekoosa fans added their bit to the din and Greenwood and Weyauwega students showed fine spirit in their numerous cheers.

When Bruce Beichel did a little pinch hitting while your sports announcer was catching his breath, he announced to the radio audience, "We'll catch a little of this Greenwood cheer." At that moment the fieldhouse lights were dimmed and the "Greenwood cheer" became "The Star Spangled Banner."

Which leads us to another little sidelight which we've noticed during this tournament as well as the entire season. Joe Liska, although he is well known as a virtuoso where the violin is concerned, does no mean job of directing the famed Lincoln High school band, and shows that he can switch from the classics to leading martial music with the greatest of ease.

Those who listened to the games in their own homes via the broadcast over WFHR may have caught a few stray war-whoops during the middle of the Weyauwega-Greenwood fray. Three very ardent female fans of the Weyauwega "Indians" were seated within range of the mike and they cheered their team to victory with these violent and constant whoops.

Here are some shooting statistics on action last night: Wisconsin Rapids shot 61 times, Nekoosa 38. Rapids field goal attempts were as follows: Mader 10, Ritchay 9, Murgatroyd 8, Gill 7, Pivinski 7, Marvin 6, Passineau 4, Reischek 4, Whitrock 3 and Yeager 3. For Nekoosa: Cleveland 12, Lutz 7, Schroepfer, Oleson and Mikley 5, and Rumble and Michaelkamp 2 apiece.

In the district playoff between Weyauwega and Greenwood, "Wega's brilliant forward, Kadolph, made 6 of the first 8 shots he tried and ended up with 8 out of 20. Mech shot most for Greenwood—13 times. Weyauwega tried 61 shots, Greenwood only 43. Kadolph, by the way, finished second in scoring in the Central Wisconsin conference this year, being nosed out by Waupaca's Johnston.

Most excitable coach during the first night of the tournament was Robert Root of Weyauwega. Time and again he leaped into the air as Kadolph would plunk another one in from the side.

Two chaps who were outstanding scorers in their respective conferences during the past season failed to net a field goal in last night's games. One was Jack Gill, star Rapids forward, who finished second in the Valley in scoring, and the other was Don Johnston, Waupaca forward, who topped the Central Wisconsin league.

Badgers Seek Ring Victory

Madison, Wis.—(P)—Although several entries for the University of Wisconsin boxing team's match against Penn State in the fieldhouse ring Saturday remain in doubt, Coaches Tom Kenneally and Vito Schiro are of the opinion that the recent revamping and shuffling of the squad will bring another win over the Nittany Lions.

The Badger mittmen, upset by Iowa Pre-Flight here last week, whipped the Lions 5 to 3 in an earlier clash.

Bill Neary, 165 pounds, and Dave Turner, 155 pounds, were lost to the team this week because of the press of naval studies. Neary's spot is expected to be filled by Bill Nedderston, Waupun veteran, while Bob Callahan is slated to handle the leather thumping in the lighter weight division.

All available time this week is being spent in teaching the Wisconsin novices footwork and improved defensive strategy. The squad is composed largely of newcomers and much work remains before the Badgers can expect another triumph over the guest club.

KEGLER ROLLS 718

Milwaukee—(P)—Walter De Thron topped Milwaukee's bowling last night with the Pinky Major league series of 718 on lines of 279, 211 and 228. Two months ago he rolled a 720 series that included a perfect 300.

Rapids, Mosinee Triumph in Opening Tilts; Weyauwega Winner in District Playoff

Wisconsin Rapids and Mosinee advanced to the semi-finals in the championship bracket of the regional basketball tournament which opened at Lincoln field house in Wisconsin Rapids Wednesday night. The two teams will clash in the second game on Friday night's schedule to see which quintet is to go into the finals.

Wisconsin Rapids toyed with Nekoosa, winning by the score of 36-14 over the Papermakers, Mosinee barely outlasted a terrific last quarter rally by a fighting Waupaca outfit, winning 29-27.

In the final game on Wednesday evening's slate, Weyauwega edged out Greenwood, 34-29, in a district play-off game. The victory wins for "Wega" a place in a sectional tournament next week-end.

Over 2,000 spectators viewed the opening night's contests, with the side bleachers down stairs completely filled and a generous smattering of fans on the end bleachers and in the balconies.

Tonight, in the championship round, New London's Bulldogs play Adams-Friendship's Green Devils at 8 o'clock, with Stevens Point and Marshfield tangling at 9:10. A consolation round fray between Waupaca and Nekoosa will open this evening's three-game schedule, at promptly 7 o'clock.

Red Raiders Down Nekoosa Easily, 36-14

A badly riddled Nekoosa High school basketball team offered little opposition to Lincoln High of Wisconsin Rapids in the second game of the regional tournament at the field house Wednesday night, the Rapids quint coasting to a 36-14 decision over the Papermakers.

Wisconsin Rapids gained a place in the semi-finals by winning, while Nekoosa dropped into the consolation bracket. The Red Raiders meet

In a Nutshell

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Mosinee 29, Waupaca 27.
Wisconsin Rapids 36, Nekoosa 14.
Weyauwega 34, Greenwood 29 (district playoff).

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

7:00—Nekoosa vs. Waupaca (consolation).
8:00—New London vs. Adams-Friendship.
9:10—Stevens Point vs. Marshfield.

Mosinee in the second game Friday night; the Alexanderites clash with Waupaca in the first game on tonight's card.

Nekoosa, with three of its youths who were regulars at the start of the season now in the armed forces, played a deliberate game against the Rapids and managed to slow down the Lincoln High attack until midway in the second stanza. Then Coach Carl Klendrud's team raced to a 16-5 lead at intermission and the game's outcome was a foregone conclusion.

Although he missed five free throws, Bob Mader managed to flip in four gift shots and added three buckets to take high scoring honors with 10 points.

Nine Rapids players broke into the scoring column, with Coach Klendrud's second five playing about half of the game. Coach John Ostrom, likewise, substituted freely

as he saw the game slipping away. In the first half, Wisconsin Rapids netted only four baskets, two apiece by Mader and Murgatroyd, but the Red Raiders tossed in eight gift shots. After intermission, it was the other way around, with the Rapids outfit potting eight field goals and four charity flips.

Mike Cleveland was the only Papermaker to mesh more than one basket.

Sheboygan Redskins End Season With Win

(By The Associated Press)

The Sheboygan, Wis., Redskins, western division winners in the National basketball league, ended their league season last night with a 58 to 39 triumph over the Chicago American Gears.

Mike Novak, Sheboygan guard, led the scoring with 15 points. Forward Dick Triptow counted 10 for the Gears.

The two teams meet at Sheboygan Monday in the first playoff game, with the second tilt booked in Chicago Tuesday. If a third game is necessary it will be played in Sheboygan March 8.

Mel Riebe's 28 points led Cleveland to a 73-49 victory over Pittsburgh at Cleveland last night.

Fights Last Night

(By The Associated Press)

Waupaca Rally Fails; Mosinee Victor, 29-27

A great last quarter rally by Waupaca, which was climaxed by Martin's shot from midcourt in the last half minute to make the score 28-27, barely fell short and thus Mosinee emerged victorious over the Blue Comets in the opening game of the regional tournament at Lincoln fieldhouse Wednesday night. Polka added a free throw in the last second to give Mosinee a two-point victory, 29-27, enabling the Marathon county quintet to advance into the semi-finals, where Coach "Chuck" Sparhawk's cagemen will win Wisconsin Rapids in the second game on Friday night's docket.

Mosinee's triumph gave its followers many anxious moments, for the Papermakers took an early lead, then quickly lost it before some accurate foul shooting by Waupaca, bounced back with some flashy basketball to build up a huge lead in the final minute of action.

Waupaca Comes Back

Kleist's two quick push shots gave Mosinee the lead at the start, but then Coach Frank Bucca's club retaliated with six gift shots and a re-taken lead.

GET TICKETS NOW!

A. A. Ritchay, regional tournament manager, this morning urged fans planning to attend the championship session of the tournament to purchase their reserve seats now because, in the words of the Lincoln High school principal, "they are going very fast and it now appears that all reserve seats will be gone by game time Saturday night!"

Eighteen hundred seats have been reserved for that night.

bound by Bob Niemuth to gain an 8-5 first period margin.

The Sparhawk-coached outfit began to roll in the second period, though, and then roared into high gear in the early minutes of the third stanza to peg in nine successive markers and assume a 23-12 lead.

Far from giving up, though, Waupaca desperately pulled itself together, despite the loss of two regulars on fouls, and fought its way back to the brink of victory. Trailing 24-15 early in the last canto, the Bucemins staged a furious spurt that had the big crowd on its feet in the final minutes.

Nearly Tie Score

A short goal by Sodersten and a charity toss by Johnston cut three points off Mosinee's lead. Duir got two back with a lay-up, but Niemuth swished one in from way out to cut Mosinee's margin to 26-20. Justesen made a gift shot for the Papermakers, then Tarr sank a long shot, Niemuth a foul shot and Martin a hefty heave and Waupaca trailed by only two tallies with a minute to go.

Duir's charity flip made the score 28-25, but, in the last half minute, Martin hit from "downtown Wisconsin Rapids" and the crowd roared. Waupaca couldn't get another shot, though, and Polka's free toss ended the scoring.

Duir, who entered the game as a reserve, proved the hero for Mosinee with nine tallies. Martin paced Waupaca with six.

V. Jorgenson Tops Rapids Rifle Club

V. Jorgenson blasted a 181 for the top score in this week's Wisconsin Rapids Rifle club shoot at the Eagles hall. The scores follow:

Pr.	St.	Km.	O.H.	Tot.	
Robt. Ghiloni	48	46	42	39	175
R. Ghiloni	48	45	45	28	166
W. Staple	50	49	41	22	162
P. King	47	47	41	27	162
E. Leach	47	46	44	40	177
O. Marti	41	32	20	17	110
W. Peterson	46	34	16	17	112
H. Staven	47	47	43	32	169
A. Kleifgen	35	36	20	33	124
J. Kuz	43	36	39	28	149
M. Wolcott	39	41	23	24	127
L. Sisco	46	44	44	21	154
D. Sherman	40	44	28	24	136
E. Taylor	46	31	42	35	153
H. Reiman	47	46	45	35	173
V. Jorgenson	47	45	44	45	181

ENTERTAIN SERVICEMEN

New York—(P)—Cal Hubbard, big league baseball and football player and former Green Bay Packer lineman, and Fritz Crister and Ossie Solem, grid coaches at Michigan and Syracuse, are members of two new groups of civilian athletic leaders who have volunteered for overseas duty with the athletic branch of the army's special services division.

Kadolph Star As Greenwood Loses, 34-29

With both teams uncorking spectacular shots rivaling any seen during the whole evening of play, the Weyauwega Indians Wednesday night took a 34-29 victory from the Greenwood five, in a district play-off fray which qualified the winners for the Marshfield sectional tourney next week-end.

Weyauwega's victory was largely due to the shooting wizardry of a blonde sharp-shooting forward named Kadolph, who thrilled the spectators with his accuracy for the hoop, particularly in the first period when he netted six buckets on eight tries. He ended up with 16 points to take scoring honors for the night.

A Real Battle

It was a see saw battle from the opening whistle, Weyauwega leading their opponents 12-8 at the quarter, only to find themselves on the short end of a 19-17 score at the half. The Indians however, again took the lead in the middle of the third stanza holding a four point edge at the end of the quarter and widening the margin to five points at the final gun. Neither team seemed particularly bothered by the size of the fieldhouse playing area.

Kadolph of Weyauwega dominated the first quarter of scoring for his team netting the first three baskets of the game with long side shots, before Caliehe broke into the scoring column for Greenwood with one of his evening specialties, a low straight shot into the basket from way out on the floor. Warner and Humke added another four points for Greenwood and Kadolph again obliged with a long loop for the Indians. Another bullet shot by Caliehe was followed with a sixth toss by Kadolph to end the quarter.

During the second stanza, Warner netted a push shot and a free throw, Steiger adding a long one for the Greens, while Buchholz made two gift tosses and Tessen a bucket for the Indians. Mech of the Greens, then demonstrated three slow and easy one hand side shots in close succession to give his team a three point lead and Tessen of the "Wega" five counted a free throw at the half with Greenwood leading Weyauwega, 19-17.

Third quarter: scoring for Greenwood was done by Caliehe with another of his sizzling lunges from way out and Mech who tipped in a rebound. The Indians began their climb to the top in this quarter on a medium loop by Kadolph which knotted the score at 19 all, a push shot by Leupold, tip-in for Prah and a free throw apiece for Prah and Tessen. Weyauwega led at the third quarter 27-23.

Kadolph took another long side bucket to begin the final stanza followed by a bucket by Prah. Weyauwega was then leading by eight points, the widest margin of the contest. Warner took a free throw for Greenwood and Steiger a teammate, lost his balance but looped in a short shot before falling to the floor.

Weyauwega protected its lead until the game ended by virtue of neat ball handling against a still game but living Greenwood alexandration.

ONLY TRIP TO BOWL

State College, Pa.—Penn State played in the Rose Bowl only once in 1923. Lost to Southern California, 14-3.



TIGER HOPE TONIGHT — Earl Swanson, keen-eyed guard who has been Marshfield's scoring ace throughout the season, carries the hopes of the Tigers in their game against the champion Stevens Point quintet in the regional tournament at Lincoln field house tonight.

Attendance as a whole for opening regional tournament games was reported as good. Wisconsin Rapids reported an official crowd of more than 2,000 fans and Menasha listed between 1,300 and 1,400.

One overtime game marked the night's play. Ellsworth nosing out Richmond, 31 to 29, at River Falls.

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Smith Signs as Coach And Scout With Cubs

Chicago—(P)—Richard (Red) Smith, assistant to Charlie Grimm, manager of the Chicago Cubs, for four seasons when Grimm piloted the Milwaukee Brewers in the American association yesterday signed as bull pen coach and scout for the Cubs.

Smith, has been an assistant coach of the Green Bay Packers football team, general manager of the Green Bay baseball team in the Wisconsin State league, and catcher with the New York Giants baseball team. He was graduated from Notre Dame in 1927.

During the past football season, Smith was line coach of the New York Giants, a position to which officials of the Cubs said he would return next fall.

Milwaukee Fighter Enters Gloves Finals

Milwaukee—(P)—Paul Tomas, heavyweight, was Milwaukee's top hope for a championship in the Golden Gloves tournament as the starting field of 220 entrants from 23 states was narrowed to 32 in last night's quarter-final bouts. The semi-finals and finals are scheduled at the Chicago Stadium March 9.

Tomas advanced with a three round verdict over Pvt. Max Klem of Peoria, Ill.

Robert Manti, Milwaukee welterweight, dropped from the running when he ran into hard punching Lalo Berezco of Cleveland and was knocked out in the first round.

CROWN DISTRICT PLAYOFF CHAMPS IN 5 REGIONALS

(By The Associated Press)

Fourteen regional high school basketball tournaments opened last night while three start tonight at the state's top squads battle for places in sectional tournaments and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic association finals at Madison March 15-17.

Victories in district tournament champion playoff games moved Altoona, Brillion, Cameron, Linden and Weyauwega into next week's sectionals. More district playoffs winners will be named as regional play progresses this week. The playoffs are held in conjunction with the current regional tournaments.

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Basketball SCORES

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Army 54, Maryland 34.
Long Island 43, Oklahoma 33.
Central (Ind.) Normal 50 Earlham 32.

Akron 82, Wooster 45.
Indiana 65, Illinois 55.
Wayne 34, Detroit 31.

The Chicago Cubs used seven catchers in 1944.