

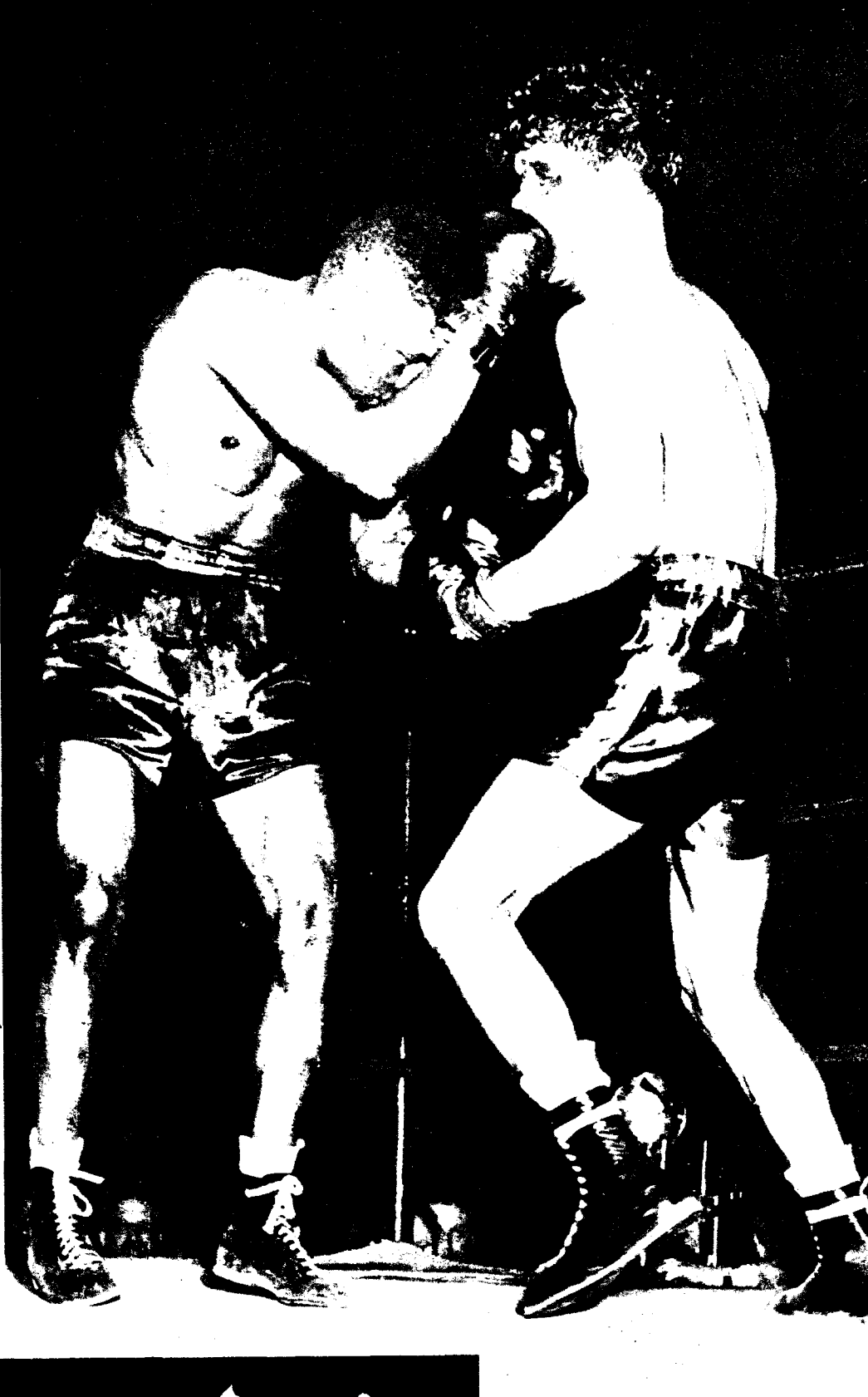
SO CLOSE. John Dick of West Point has a close brush with the pole-vault bar at 13 feet, but skims over to win in the Penn Relays.



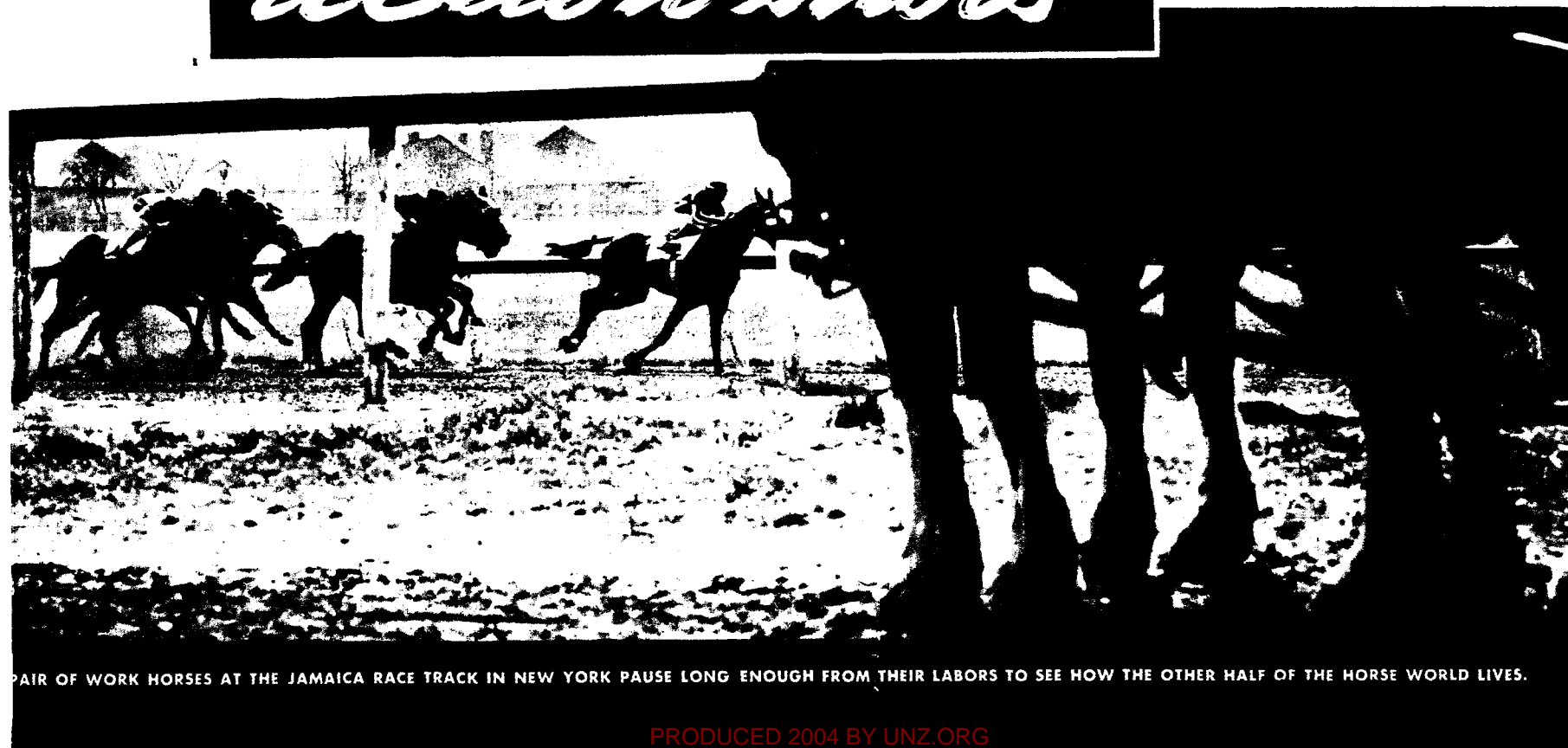
GREEDY. George Kell of the Athletics tries to stretch a double but gets tagged out by Boston's Jim Tabor covering third base.



BLOODY FRONT. From the looks of Joey Peralta's face this wasn't the only time Bob Montgomery hit him in 10-round bout at Chicago. Monty hit him often enough to win the decision.



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SPORTS: TOUCHING ALL BASES IN THE BIG LEAGUES

By Sgt. DAN POLIER



Braves whoop it up around Jim Tobin in the dressing room after his no-hitter against the Dodgers.

BASEBALL G-2. The lowdown on why the Boston Red Sox sold Tony Lupien to the Phillies is that Joe Cronin was dissatisfied with Lupien last year and swore, when the season ended, that Lupien never would play first base for him again. Cronin even threatened to play there himself if Tom Yawkey didn't get rid of the kid. . . . The Chicago Cubs vow they are through with Lou Novikoff, the Mad Russian, and want to peddle him to the Cincinnati Reds or anybody else who will take him. . . . Marty Marion probably doesn't know it himself, but the Cardinals were anxious to sell him last winter, because Red Schoendienst, their switch-hitting shortstop from Rochester, was ready to move up. The plan fell through when the Army took up its option on Schoendienst. . . . Joe McCarthy is certain the Senators are the team to beat and not the currently hot St. Louis Browns. . . . Mel Ott thinks the Cardinals are greatly overrated. . . . Almost every club in the National League has tried to pry catcher Clyde Klutts away from the Boston Braves, but Bob Quinn says the only way they can get him is at the point of a gun. . . . At \$20,000 Spud Chandler would have been the highest-paid player in baseball this season. But his contract had a draft clause

in it that the Yankees invoked the day he entered the Army. . . . Lowest paid players in baseball today are Washington's little band of Venezuelans and Cubans. . . . Most people think Hank Greenberg's \$55,000 was the second-highest baseball salary; Ruth's \$80,000 being the daddy of them all. But Ty Cobb clipped gentle Connie Mack for \$70,000 in 1928, his last year with the Athletics. . . . Howie Schultz, the Dodgers' string-beany first baseman, is a sucker for a curve ball on the outside.

One-Minute Biography. Pitcher Jim Tobin of the Boston Braves, whose no-hitter against the Dodgers was the first in three major-league seasons. . . . A Yankee scout saw him pitch for Roosevelt High School in Oakland, Calif., in 1930 and wasn't impressed. Two years later the scout saw him work again and signed him. . . . After five years' apprenticeship in the Yankee farm system at Bisbee, Ariz., and Oakland, Tobin came up for spring training in 1937 and roomed with Joe DiMaggio. He developed a sore arm before the season started, and the Yanks decided to option him back to Oakland. "I'm not going back to Oakland," he said. "Either I stay with the Yankees, or I am sold

to some other big-league club."

. . . Joe McCarthy approved a transfer to Pittsburgh because he thought Tobin was too much of a clown ever to settle down.

. . . With the Pirates he was an ordinary pitcher who managed to get by because he could control a knuckleball.

After four seasons with Pittsburgh he was traded—with cash—to the Braves for Johnny Lanning. He has never been a big winner for Boston. . . . Always regarded as dangerous long-ball hitter, Tobin set a major-league record for pitchers by hitting three homers in one game against the Cubs two years ago. . . . Married and has one child, 6-year-old Patricia. . . . Weighs 200 pounds, stands an even 6 feet tall, and has blue eyes and brown hair. . . . 1-A in the draft.

Some Little-Known Facts. Mrs. Buck New-som has been given permission to accompany Bobo on road trips, because Connie Mack knows she is the only person who can take care of him. . . . Dixie Walker of the Dodgers is one of the best read players in baseball. So was Red Ruffing, the old Yankee. . . . In more than 40 years of umpiring, Bill Klem has never worked a no-hit game. But Bill Stewart has been behind the plate in three: Johnny Vander Meer against the Dodgers in '38, Tex Carleton against the Reds in '40 and Jim Tobin against the Dodgers. . . . Ernie Lombardi is the most popular player on the Giants, and yet nobody will room with him. He snores too loudly. . . . Two Dodgers, Bob Chipman and Bill Lohrman, were actually born in Brooklyn, but neither lives there now. . . . Gil Torres, the Senators' new third baseman, is really a pitcher by trade. He won 19 games for the Chattanooga-Montgomery club last season. His father used to be a third-string catcher for the Senators. . . . Mel Ott sets a National League record every time he draws a walk, hits a homer or drives in a run. . . . Joe and George Wood, Red Sox rookie pitchers, are no kin but were born only six days apart in 1920. . . . Cliff Melton is the cross-word puzzle champion of the Giants.

Take a Quote, Please. Elmer Verban, the Cardinals' new second baseman: "I've always tried to pattern myself after Frankie Frisch. He was the greatest second baseman for my money and, if I can be only half as good, I'll be happy."

Frankie Frisch: "I was the most dreadful fielder who ever came up. If I didn't have a strong chest, I wouldn't have lasted a week. Many's the time I almost was brained by a grounder. The only qualification I ever had was that I could run like a deer. But so could Jesse Owens and Charlie Paddock, and I never heard of them making the Giants."

This is absolutely our last Lefty Gomez story. On his tour of Italy, Lefty stopped to talk with a bunch of GIs who had just returned from some rough going in the mountains. "So you guys think you're roughing it," he said coldly. "Well, you ought to play 13 years with the Yankees and then go to the Braves." . . . The reason Bronko Nagurski gave up pro football and wrestling and signed as UCLA's backfield coach was that he was sensitive about his 4-F rating. . . . Isn't Pvt. Vic Hanson, who used to turn out some fine football teams at Syracuse, the first EM to serve on West Point's coaching staff? . . . Sgt. Gregory Mangin, the ex-Davis Cup ace and now a Fortress gunner in Italy, has played tennis in practically all of the countries he's bombing. . . . Ironically, Lt. Col. Tommy Hitchcock was killed in a P-51 Mustang, the same plane he championed so hard when nobody else in the Air Forces wanted it. . . . When Pfc. Bill Veeck, owner of the Milwaukee Brewers, reported to an advance Marine training base in the South Pacific, he discovered that the athletic officer of his new outfit was Capt. Roscoe (Torchy) Torrance, an old friend, who was president of the Seattle club. Naturally they talked shop, and during the conversation Torrance happened to mention that Seattle was in desperate need of a shortstop. Veeck said that Milwaukee had one to spare and then wrote to Charley Grimm, his

manager, suggesting the sale of the shortstop. Missing in action: Lt. Charles (Stubby) Pearson, Dartmouth's 1941-42 football and basketball captain, in the South Pacific, where he was a

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pilot of a Hellcat fighter based on a carrier. . . . Commissioned: Harry Eisenstat, former Dodger Tiger and Indians pitcher, as a second lieutenant in the AAF; Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame's player of the year, as a second lieutenant in the Marines. . . . Transferred: S/Sgt. Joe DiMaggio, former Yankee slugger, from Santa Ana (Calif.) AAB to the South Pacific; Lt. Comdr. Jim Crowley, post-war coach of Boston pro Yankees, from the South Pacific to Sampson (N. Y.) Naval Training Station. . . . Ordered for induction: Mel Ott, Giants manager, by the Army; Danny Litwhiler, Cardinal outfielder, by the Navy; Luman Harris, Athletics pitcher, by the Navy; outfielder Butch Nieman and infielders Connie Ryan and Damon Phillips, all of the Braves, by the Navy. . . . Rejected: Rudy York, American League home-run champ, because of loose cartilage in left knee; Ted Atkinson, the jockey, because he was underweight (99 pounds).



SAILOR AT WORK. Big Johnny Mize, one-time Cardinal, Giant and Great Lakes first baseman, builds a batting cage for his Navy team in Hawaii, where he hopes to level all fences this season.