

# THE SPORT SHOW

by Red McCarthy

## Scoreboard Assured At Roosevelt Field

Helping to fill your Christmas stocking with sports thoughts, and noting that Santa Claus can assure one of the finest gifts of all for football folks at Roosevelt Field. . . . Thru monies subscribed to the recent testimonial banquet for Norristown High's undefeated and untied football team, the long-hoped-for scoreboard, costing better than \$2,000, will become a reality. . . . Wilmer D. Cressman, Jr., chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee directing the affair, said that better than \$1,800 will be earmarked for purchase and installation of the scoreboard. . . . This figure represented net balance after all testimonial expenditures. . . . To be particularly thanked for the scoreboard are those persons who purchased patron tickets at \$25 per ducaat. . . . Approximately 100 patron tickets were sold — and Santa Claus' No. 1 helper in that respect



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was Tom Faulkner. . . . The little man with yen for big deeds worked tirelessly, and personally sold 52 patron tickets, — representing \$1,300 of the total sum. . . . Motion was made and carried that the new scoreboard be dedicated to the perfect season achieved by the 1957 team. . . . And suggestion was made that Coach Roy Kent, All-State Tackle Bob Eastwood and Faulkner combine to throw the first switch. . . . Coaching that Easton High School team which comes to Norristown tonight is Pete Carrill, star of the Bethlehem High team which NHS had to knock off in Eastern Regional title play on its way to the 1948 State Championship. . . . Carrill made the All-State Team that year with Norristown's Doc Cuono, Palmerton's Bill Mikvy, Ford City's John Portask and Old Forge's Sam Cavalier. . . . Incidentally, Mikvy, later an All-American at Temple, has decided to make the Army a career. Bill is a dental surgeon. His kid brother Bob, also a former All-State, is with the Penn freshman team this semester. . . . Bridgeport High School can't afford to lose a teacher-coach the likes of Charley Jackson, an honest and sincere gentleman who shoots straight-forward with great thought. . . . Harry Carson, the affable B-Port sportsman, readying himself for Orange Bowl football and Hialeah bangtails. . . .

**Election of Bob Eastwood to the AP All-State Team** the past week has oldtimers recalling honors paid the late Carl Helbling, NHS tackle, in 1926. . . . While it was before the era of All-State Teams, a New York newspaper selected Helbling on its All-Eastern schoolboy squad. . . . Carl was a great drop-kick specialist. In one game that season—against Bethlehem—he drop-kicked four field goals.

## Testimonial Patrons Are to be Thanked

Tom Lasorda, busy building a house up Trooper way, took time out t'other nite to spend an evening with a former baseball mate in the Brooklyn Dodger organization, Bill Sharman, All-Pro League star of the Boston Celtics. . . . And Lasorda, vacationing from the Latin Winter Leagues for the first time in eight years, was happy to note that Ralph Houk has been named to replace Bill Dickey as coach with the New York Yankees. . . . "Greatest manager I ever played for," summed Tom, who was under Houk's managership with Denver of the American Association. . . . Best wishes for speedy recovery to Hugh (Butch) McDevitt, managing editor of the West Chester Daily Local News. The former prexy of the Philadelphia Suburban Sports Writers Assoc., was rushed to the hospital for emergency surgery after suffering a severe laceration of the right knee while working around the house. . . . Penn Staters take note: Even before Milt Plum wowed his New York Giants, Coach Jim Lee Howell said Cleveland mentor Paul Brown confided that in two years he expected the Browns' recruit quarterback to be the best in the league. . . . Should be interesting at Madison Square Garden on Thursday afternoon in opening round of the Holiday Court Festival. Pitt's great little man, 5-foot-8 Don Hennon clashes with Temple's Guy Rodgers, collegiate basketball's Bob Cousy. . . . Former Temple football coach Al Kawal pens a note with his Christmas greetings: "It took three years here at Southern Illinois, but we came up with the first winning season in 10 years". . . . And it couldn't happen to a nicer guy. . . . Aside to Andy Malone; Bill Leckonby, the Lehigh football coach, rates your Valley Forge Hotel meals the best. Every other year, playing at University of Delaware, the Lehigh gridmen stop enroute for early lunch at the Valley Forge. They keep winning at Delaware. . . . Proof of the local hotel pudding, says Leckonby, is that the years they stay home, Lehigh has all kinds of trouble trying to beat Delaware.

There's no football like pro football, and in Detroit the fans will endure a lot for their Lions. . . . The weather is bad more times than it's good in the grid season. . . . Briggs Stadium, home of the Lions, seats 52,555 people for football, but the 1957 club averaged 55,746 for six home games—which means 19,146 fans were standees while rooting for their Sunday heroes.