

Hoop League Prexy Quits Over 'Fix' Players Dispute

NEW YORK (AP)—The American Basketball League, which has been

in operation since 1928, is at the crossroads today in its struggle for survival.

The venerable loop will decide at its annual meeting of the owners tomorrow whether to permit some of the players who have been involved in the basketball scandals to play for its teams.

But no matter what is decided, John J. O'Brien, the wealthy businessman, who has been president all through the years, will step down. O'Brien is upset over the thought of the league permitting the players to join the teams.

Some of the members have been reported in favor of opening the doors to the players and Elmira went so far as to sign Bill Spivey, a former All-America at the University of Kentucky.

Three others—Alex Groza and Ralph Beard, who played with the Indianapolis Olympians of the National Basketball Association, and former Long Island University star Sherman White—have been signed by Jersey City.

"It would not be fair for me to say that my resigning has anything to do with the action of the owners in debating whether to hire these players," O'Brien said. "But in all its history our league never has been tainted and I wouldn't want it to start now."

"Why, in years gone by, we have banished players who were even suspicious. We didn't need proof. If a player was seen in the company of a gambler, his contract was not renewed. That's the only way to keep basketball clean."

"I think perhaps the Elmira team was misguided in signing Spivey. He is under indictment but has not been found guilty of anything. In my opinion he still should be barred. I am not being unkind where these boys are concerned. I would certainly help them get jobs and become rehabilitated—but not in basketball."

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Los Angeles — Freddie Beshore, 196, Abel Fernandez, Los Angeles, Newark, N. J. — Marcelino Armenteros, 153, Havana, knocked out Leonard Ingram, 145, Philadelphia, 3.

White Plains, N. Y. — Irving Palefsky, 155½, New York, outpointed Pete Arebello, 155½, Brooklyn, 8.

Miami, Beach, Fla. — Larry Mujica, 135½, New York, outpointed Diego Sosa, 136, Havana, 10.

London — Randolph Turpin, 153½, London, outpointed George Angelo, 157¾, South Africa, 15, (For British Empire middleweight title). Terry Allen, 111½, London, stopped Eric Marsden, 110½, Lancashire, 6. (For British Flyweight title).

Tight Defense, High Scoring Aid SF 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — What makes the San Francisco 49ers unbeatable—in the National Pro Football League?

The league's tightest defense (only 33 opponents' points), powered by three giant tackles, a rookie end and a pass stealing halfback.

The circuit's highest scoring offense (122 points), sparked by a sensational come-through rookie and directed by two brainy T-quarterbacks. Spirit. And quiet spoken Coach Buck Shaw, who inspires without invective or raising his voice.

Ernie Nevers, onetime Stanford All-American and former Chicago Cards star, called the 49ers "the greatest pro team in history."

Red Grange, former Illinois All-American and pro scintillator, called their offensive line "the fastest I've ever seen." Opponents have hung the same label on the defensive unit.

Hurryin' Hugh McElhenny, rookie All-American halfback from University of Washington, supplied the breakaway speed the 49ers needed to complete an explosive backfield. He's the big end-skirting threat that helps spread out opposing lines for fullback Joe Perry's down-the-middle power smash-es.

Put him in with Perry, halfbacks Joe Arenas or Strike Stryzalski and brilliant passing Cbs Frankie Albert or Y. A. Tittle, and you've got a backfield!

Critics say Hurricane Hugh looks like one of the great ball carrying backs of all time. Sunday, he ran back a Chicago Bear punt 94 yards to a touchdown. He and San Francisco's own Jolie Matson of the Chicago Cards, who returned one kick 100 yards to score, are all alone so far in the race for rookie of '52.

Penn State, Holy Cross Name All-American Men

NEW YORK (AP) — Two all-purpose linemen—Jesse Arnette, Penn State end, and Victor Rimkus, Holy Cross tackle—headed a list of All America football nominees this week for the Eastern region.

They were newcomers, along with guard Len D'Errico of Boston University, in a second quarter callover of talent which included seven repeaters from a week ago.

Harry Agganis, Boston University's sensational left-handed quarterback, and Gene Filipinski, Villanova's speedy half-carrier, again were given special mention by the Associated Press' board of experts.

Trophy Put Up For Bout Here Saturday Night

After repeated challenges, George Dusette and Andy Tremaine have agreed to put up the tag team trophy against Toi Yamato and Mr. Sakata at the Armory Saturday night. Matchmaker Elton Owen announced today.

Sakata and Yamato have been winning almost all of the tag matches that they have appeared in and have repeatedly challenged the champions. Andy Tremaine, the world's light heavy champ, finally agreed to come down from Seattle to defend the title along with his partner, Dusette.

The semi-final match will see Cal Roberts, the Vancouver, B. C. smoothie, trying to stop the victory march of Judo Jack Terry. Terry holds victories over Ace Abbott and Jack Kiser.

The special event of Saturday's card will pit Luigi Macera, from Quebec against Ray Wilson of Salt Lake City in what is expected to be a strictly scientific match. Tickets are on sale at Powell's.

PGA Format Change Seen

NEW YORK (AP) — Although the PGA convention doesn't get underway until November 10th, it appeared Wednesday that the proposal for changing the playing format of the famed championship has an excellent chance for survival.

The plan, presented by the Birmingham (Mich.) Country Club, site of the 1953 tournament, would go a long way toward supplanting match play with medal play.

PGA President Horton Smith and Fred Corcoran, representative of the PGA tournament committee, both were enthusiastic in their support of the planned move.

Corcoran, long a supporter of replacing match play golf with

medal play, declared:

"Even in matches it would be better for the match to be determined on a medal score rather than on a hole-by-hole basis."

In match play the contest ends at any point that one player has won more holes than there are holes remaining to play. In medal golf, the golfer must complete the total number of holes designated for each round.

Should the proposal gain the support of the membership, the setup for the next year's PGA tourney, July 1 through July 7, would go something like this: The defending champion and 15 low scorers in four days of medal play covering 72 holes compete in four rounds of match play in the final three days.

Under the present procedure, 36 holes of qualifying reduces the

field to 64 players who compete in five days of match play for the championship.

Sabotin Fights Wagner In Cleveland Nov. 5

CLEVELAND (AP) — Earl (Lulu) Sabotin of Warren, O., has been matched to fight light heavyweight Dick Wagner of Toppensish, Wash. in a nationally televised bout at the arena here, Nov. 5.

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Originally, it was planned to have Sabotin fight Danny Nardico of Tampa in a return match. But the arena said Nardico refused to sign.

Nardico TKO'd Sabotin in their last fight.

Roseburg Lumber Co. battled First Christian Church Saturday to a 12-12 tie in the YMCA football league. So far each team has won one game and tied one.

Bascom, Bivins Set Bout In St. Louis Tonight

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Wes Bascom, a hometown boy who has shown promise, and Jimmy Bivins, a ring veteran from Cleveland, tangle in the Arena Wednesday night in a scheduled 10-round heavyweight match.

The bout will be telecast and broadcast nationally at 7 p.m.

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