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SPORT NEWS

TIGER SQUAD PROMISING IN EARLY SEASON

Lack of Experience and Other Faults Must Be Ironed Out, However, Before Team Shines.

(By J. S. L.)
 After several weeks of wrestling the wheel from the shaft of its other wheels the high school basketball players from the Tiger squad of recruits which turned out at the first of the year, the number of probable letouts for this season has been cut to a minimum.

In order to give a little early season dope on the relative ability of the men on the first squad the following synopsis of the merits of the various members has been prepared. These observations here set forth are the result of seeing the men mentioned in two games with other high schools and one with alumni. The views expressed are shared by the most part by Coach MacTavish, and other competent basketball critics as well as by the writer.

Hummitt being the only experienced man on the team and also captain of the quintet comes in first for consideration. The one noticeable thing in Bernard's playing this year has been his lack of confidence in the other members of the team. In several casual observations of the team in action this state of mind becomes apparent. To offset this he is an unusual giving everything he has to the game. His basket shooting while not up to his standard last year is gradually improving. Hummilt will probably play at guard this year. Of the young infielders at center.

A Hard Worker.
 The team member of Mr. Ward Umansko by name has created a very favorable impression on the several times he has appeared in contests on the local court. "The Specialist" as the boys call him seems inclined to let the crowd worry him for he seldom shows as well before spectators as in practice. His passing and shooting are both erratic at times but are gradually improving. Like Hummilt Umansko apparently plays hard at all times and is always in training.

Bisgard, also new to La Grande has proved disappointing to the most part. From present indications his position on the team is in a very precarious situation depending almost entirely on whether he gets into the game more than he has in the past. Stewart also has shown lack of aggressiveness in his play for this season. His best showing ability was in his improvement.

Reward and Lyman have one thing in common—neither mix in the game enough. Lyman is as near a certain basket ringer as any man on the squad but his floor playing usefulness is practically nil. Lyman, however, is considerably helpful and will undoubtedly make a ball player because of his great natural ability.

Experience Needed.
 Glass on the other hand is an example of what may be accomplished.

Doctors Say: Don't Neglect Cough or Cold

Physicians were against cigarette coughs and colds and all of various lung complications that may result. Leading physicians now prescribe BAL-SA-ME-A for all bronchial affections. BAL-SA-ME-A is a pure vegetable preparation made from a newly discovered plant. Dr. Paul F. Grayson, Anderson, Ore., writes: "I use it exclusively for my practice and my family. It is safe, sure and safe in its action on the lungs."

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published by hard work and natural gifts. George's size has proved a disadvantage at guard but he is expected to make good at forward. George works all the time and needs but one thing in order to hold his own in most company and that is experience.

Zundel, one of the best bats for guard has much to his favor. His natural spring and jumping ability enable him to grab balls off the backboard that the average guard could not touch. He shows lack of experience also but will no doubt play some real ball after the seasoning effect of a few more games.

Kerr and Larson are both prospective guards but both are in the undeveloped stage. Kerr's big hands are his football temperament. He is loath to hang onto the ball and also has a tendency to mix his own with the rough stuff. He has another year and may develop. Larson just can't take the game seriously. If he ever gets down to real work he will play with the rest of them for he has the size and build to make good at any position on the team with the proper training and experience.

Messers is new at competition and still stands shy. He has lots of natural ability and can apparently adapt himself with equal facility to either guard, forward or center and so may see service as an all-around man. At the present he is handicapped by an injured knee.

Mekennon has grown so fast that he has difficulty handling himself. His eyes also have a tendency to handicap him slightly. McKenna's attitude about the game is ideal, however, and he is expected to develop.

BOXING

Striking Wins.
 MIAMI Fla., (AP)—Young Stripling, southern light heavyweight boxer, outpointed Hugh Walker of Kansas City in a 10-round contest held here Monday night. Stripling won every round, according to newspaper men at the ringside.

Judges Favor Garcia.
 MONTREAL (AP)—Bobby Garcia of Camp Belvedere, Md., was awarded a judges' decision over Leo (Kid) Roy, holder of the Canadian featherweight title, in a 10-round bout here Monday night.

Padgett Wins on Paul.
 DULUTH, Minn., (AP)—Cowboy Padgett of Dulores, Colo., won from Al Man Ryan of St. Paul on a foul in the ninth round of their scheduled 10-round bout here Monday night. Dr. Henry Hilschack of the state boxing commission declared Padgett was hit low with a left hook to the groin and referee curvy Trish at St. Paul announced Man Ryan's defeat.

TIPO THROUGH?
 NEW YORK (AP)—Tex Rickard apparently is convinced that Luis Firpo of the Argentine is a lost hope.

Witness the "big ten" of heavyweights selected by the latest of New York's great indoor arena. Firpo can be beaten by six men in the country, Rickard said. Better than Luis, in his opinion are Charley Welton of New Jersey, Quintin Romero of Chile and Jack Remont of Montreal, Dempsy, Tom Gibbons and Harry Wills are rated above the Argentine.

Rickard's selections are due to a list in Boston February 14 which Romero and Welton do battle for 10 rounds. When the outdoor season comes Gibbons is expected to meet Wills, and the winner to face Dempsy.

The promoter sets forth an interesting situation in the featherweight grouping. Directly below the name of Kid Kaplan, the champion, is that of Jake Herman of California. Herman was an alternate and did not participate in the tournament for the title which Johnny Dundee surrendered. In his tone appearance, not as a candidate for the title, he knocked out Billy DeLoe of St. Paul, his brother alternate.

Next to Herman is Mike Dundee of Rock Island, Ill. In Rickard's estimation.

Sport Gossip

(By the Associated Press)
 Dummy Vance, famous Brooklyn pitcher, has turned down a \$12,000 contract for 1925 and asked \$18,000, according to reports. Vance received \$3500 for his record breaking 1924 season but will be the highest paid Brooklyn player this year even if he compromises on his demands with President Ebbets. Burleigh Grimes, spital pitcher, topped the Rubin salary list last season when he received \$11,500.

Manager Condie Mack of the Philadelphia American League baseball team announced Tuesday that he would leave with his battery men for the Athletics' southern training camp at Fort Myers, Fla., on February 23. A week later the regular infielders and outfielders will leave for the south. Last year the Athletics trained at Montgomery, Ala.

Loading and transferring on the field by player in Pacific coast league clubs is forbidden in a resolution adopted at Monday's meeting at Los Angeles of club owners and directors. The new ruling prohibits visiting of players of rival teams in front of the stands or bleachers or near the bench of either club and also bans players from conversing with fans during a game. Players failing to conform with the ruling will be fined \$25.

Ray Watson, Illinois, A. C. middle distance star, may give Paavo Nurmi a stiff fight when they meet in the two-thirds mile race featuring the first night of the Millrose A. C. carnival in New York January 27 and 28. In the Olympic 1500 meters last summer, Watson, under instructions, went out to stick to Nurmi's heels as long as he could. For two-thirds of the way Watson held on grimly but at that point he "cracked" over the distance of the distance of the coming indoor race, which is comparatively short for Nurmi. Watson expects to be at his best.

The boom in indoor track athletics resulting from the invasion of Paavo Nurmi, together with the prospect of other foreign stars coming here, has had no parallel since the 1908 Olympic when marathon running was the rage. It was in those Olympics that Johnnie Hayes, that American, who was acknowledged the marathon champion after Dorando, the Italian, had collapsed near the finish and been helped by spectators to cross the line first. The Dorando-Hayes rivalry was renewed when the little Italian came to this country and a sensational series of races followed, in which other competitors included Tom Longboat, great Canadian Indian runner, and Alfred Shindo, famous Englishman.

A "horsehoe special" the first train ever scheduled to carry only horsehoe pitchers, will leave Minneapolis about February 15 for the midwinter tournament at Lake Froth, Fla., February 16 to 28. Players and fans will make up the party which will travel approximately 3000 miles.

Helen Wills, national tennis champion, may be taking a leaf from the experience of Mary Browne, a sister Californian, in taking up golf. Miss Browne started the athletic world last year by giving Miss Wills an extra set right in the national tennis semi-finals and a few weeks later going to the finals of the national women's golf tournament before losing to Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hard.

In order to avoid a recurrence of the Munn-Lewis match in which the former was accused of deliberately throwing his opponent out of the ring, rules have been drafted to govern the match in Chicago between Allen Eastace of Walsford, Kan., and Stanislas Zyrko former heavy weight champion. The rules provide for disqualification of the offender and awarding of the title and match to the victim if either deliberately throws his opponent out of the ring.

In Atlanta, Ga., a colfer who broke his wife's jaw participating at home pretends it was an accident. Without waiting to work up to a cashier's job one man tried to rob a bank in St. Louis.

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Famous Jockey Rides Winner



George Archibald, noted English jockey, is spending the winter at Monte Carlo where he keeps in condition enjoying the outdoor sports. Here we have him posing a tobacco to victory with his wife and George Jr. as added weight.

Bus Bairie Gets Draw In Salt Lake Match
 SALT LAKE, (AP)—Leo Hanson, Salt Lake, well-known boxer, gained a well earned decision over Tom Jones, also a local boy, in a fast six-round bout at the local boxing show here Monday night. Two other six-round matches featured the card. Gus Radice and Fred Davis, local lightweights, fought a fast six-round draw. Pat Gilbert met Bill Parrot, middleweights, staged their way to a draw in six rounds.

Thoughtful Signora Pacini
 VIENNA.—The life Giacomo Pacini was forever looking for his eyesight, intimate friends here recall. His wife, who did everything within her power to remove all sources of irritation from her husband, so that he might give her his genius, therefore in a supply of glasses.

Taylor Veteran of War
 MEDFORD, Ore.—John Taylor, held in Klamath Falls for alleged complicity in the holdup and murder of a café room patron on January 4, is well known in this city and the Applegate district, his home, and where his parents and other relatives reside.

Taylor went into World war service with Company 2 of this city and was a popular soldier known for his good nature and fearlessness. He was married five or six years ago in this city to Miss Gladys Miller, also well known in Medford and they have a daughter 4 years old. Taylor's first appearance in the criminal courts of Jackson County was about a month ago when, with his brother Edwin, and Sam Faye of Klamath Falls, he was arrested on a liquor charge. The

ELGIN SQUAD MEETS BAKER

Union County Basketeers Visit Queen City This Evening for Contest.

BAKER, Ore.—Baker basketball fans will have another chance to see the high school boys in action tonight, when they meet Elgin on the home floor.
 Elgin is said to have one of the strongest teams in that section and will probably be one of the favorites for the championship of that district. This game will mean a severe test to Baker should they win, for it will show the comparative strength of the two districts and let the locals know where they stand in regard to the western Oregon championship. Homer Jamison, who has seen both of the teams play, says that Baker has a very good chance to win over Elgin and also over Wallawa, which is another formidable opponent which Baker will play. Baker will meet Elgin on their floor on the 23rd of this month and Wallawa on the 24th.

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