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SPORT NEWS

NO TEAM IN DISTRICT IS FAR IN LEAD

(By SCOOP)
With the basketball season well under way in Eastern Oregon, and this district of six counties, no particularly outstanding teams have been developed yet. Several squads show promise, but time alone must tell whether the promise becomes a reality.
Looking over the Tigers, for example, now on their way to Wallowa where they play tonight, MacTavish is still facing a big task in building up a winning team around one veteran. He has some fine material now in hand and every man on the first team has plenty of fight and ability to keep fighting. They have been taught the rudiments and finer points of the game but yet fail to exhibit them in contests in a polished way. Unquestionably, by the time the district teams arrive at Union to vie for the championship and the trip to the state tournament, the Blue and White colors will be far along their route.
But one big question remains. Can the La Grande team, composed of but one veteran, hit a stride and hold it during the competition? It will undoubtedly meet there? If it can, the Blue and White colors have a chance.

start. The writer believes it will be a larger factor at Union this year than Coach Pepper's five was last year.
Baker still remains the dark horse. It is rumored that after the mid-year examinations several veterans not eligible to play the first semester will be out in shorts, so the Baker hasn't shown much class but if it hasn't exposed its class yet, it hasn't exposed its best-card yet. Clendenen's protest-stretch with a real burst of speed.

Last year Baker lost the title to La Grande because the south-paws couldn't stand the pace during the last few minutes of the deciding contest. Wonder if Clendenen can hold his team on its marks better than Dad King did?
Over in the district Pendleton plays in many things are happening. But the Buckaroos are winning enough games to prove that their quarter has class and when La Grande tangles with the Pendletonians in the only inter-district game it has scheduled, the Rocks are liable to be favorites.

HORSEMEN TO GALLOP HERE

The "Five Horsemen," an amateur basketball squad organized here, will gallop into action at Perry tonight and the team's first game will be Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock with the Union Athletic Association quintet.
The five is composed mostly of last year's championship high school team. The members of the squad are: Eugene Metcalf, Owen Price, George Stager, Leo McCordie, Frank Black, Roy Williams, Ray Lynch and Joe Funk.
The Hager system, or percentage system, of basketball is a forte of the horsemen.

Tennis Expert



Introducing something entirely new in the sport line. Here we have Miss Clare Cassell, expert ice skater and tennis player, taking a winter work-out on the ice for her coming tennis matches in Florida.

BALL SCANDAL IS UP AGAIN

CHICAGO, Ill. (AP) — Assurance from both the National and American leagues that every resource at the command of these two organizations would be placed at the disposal of Kenzav Mountain Landis, baseball commissioner, and District Attorney Banton of New York in assisting New York prosecutor in his investigation of the John O'Connell bribery scandal was made Wednesday at the meeting of the baseball advisory council.
District Attorney Banton has asked the commissioner for the attendance of all the principal figures in the scandal together with any data bearing on the case not already included in the published testimony. This will be promptly turned over, Commissioner Landis said.
Wednesday's meeting of the advisory council was the first since the break in relations between Landis and Ben Johnson, president of the American league, soon after Landis became commissioner. It was attended by President Heydler of the National league, and Frank J. Navin, president of the Detroit club, selected by the American league club owners on the representative on the council, after they removed Johnson from membership.
More Money for Umpires.
The major league umpires, after making several appeals, were attempting to obtain more money for their services in world's and city series. It was a compromise victory for the umpires, however.
Umpire Ernest Guigley of the National league had presented a lengthy letter to Commissioner Landis asking that each world series umpire's share be increased from \$2000 to \$2500. The council decided to recommend to the leagues that each umpire be given \$2500 for world's series services.
Each umpire assigned to a city series will be given \$750, instead of the old salary of \$500, if another recommendation of the advisory council is adopted by the two leagues.
The council also voted in favor of allowing the two clubs finishing fourth in the major league pennant races to share in the world's series receipts. Heretofore, this division of the spoils was restricted to the first three clubs.

Sport Gossip

(By the Associated Press)
Unlike the American league most valuable player award which automatically goes from future consideration any season's winner, the National open affair every year if John A. Heydler, president of the senior circuit, has his way. Dizzy Vance, star Brooklyn pitcher and 1924 winner, would be eligible for the prize again this year under Heydler's scheme.
Charley Grimm is easy to "ride," Wilbur Cooper will find the fences in the Chicago Cubs' park too near and Rabbit Maranville will be handicapped by the absence of Charley Klotzner at shortstop, in the opinion of John McGraw, manager of the New York Giants. Cooper, he said, makes his batters hit into the air and anything hit into the air in Chicago is likely to be a home run. He figures, therefore, that the Pirates had the best of the recent deal with Chicago.

Urban Shocker, pitcher traded to the Yankees by the St. Louis Browns, is recovering rapidly from two minor operations, the New York office has been informed. His tonsils and a growth on his pitching arm were removed.
Dartmouth maintains its lead in the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball league with about one-third of the schedule completed. Already victorious over Yale and Columbia, the green defeated Penn Tuesday night on the Hanover surface, 22 to 16.
The sixth annual national inter-scholastic championship swimming meet of the Illinois Athletic club will be held March 5 in Chicago. The meet will be open to all high schools and academies.
Entries from Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota will oppose Francis Allen, Chicago's favorite to take the western slating championship title in Chicago February 8. Allen needs to repeat his victories in the recent tri-state meet at Elgin, in the western title event in order to try for the national crown.
The Augustana college basketball team of Rock Island, Ill., has been dubbed the "captains," every member of the quintet having served in that capacity during his high school days.

JOHNSON STILL UNDECIDED
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Walter Johnson, pitcher of the Washington world's champion baseball club, who is visiting here, in reply to press reports that he is expected to report to the Senators, Wednesday said that he has not decided what he will do during the 1925 season.
"I may decide in a few days," Johnson said. "I am considering several propositions."
The veteran twirler will remain here for a few days.

LETTY FLYNN ENGAGED

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. (AP) — Flynn, motion picture actor and former Yale football team captain, and Grace Darmond, movie actress, are engaged to wed. The marriage is scheduled for the near future.

TOURNEY WILL BE HELD TO DECIDE TITLE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The New York state athletic commission decided Wednesday to conduct a lightweight elimination boxing contest to dispose of the world's lightweight title vacated by Benny Leonard, who retired from active competition last week.
Cablegrams will be sent to all foreign countries where boxing is under organized control inviting all boxers who can scale 125 pounds to enter the tournament. At the same time an effort will be made to round up every available lightweight in this country and from the total entry list select the best 12 to compete in the finals.
Elimination tournaments may be held in various sections of the world. The commission plans to start the competition within 30 days after the names of the entries are filed.

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Dick Smith Named Coach By U. of O.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore. (Special)—Richard Shore Smith was elected football coach at the University of Oregon here last night by the executive committee of the university to succeed Joseph Maddock, resigned.
Smith's election was made by the committee upon recommendation of Virgil Earl, athletic director, and met the approval of the university alumni.
Smith is a resident of Eugene and a graduate of the University of Oregon in the class of 1901. He also is a graduate of Columbia university, New York, where he was a star in the gridiron, and a member of Walter Camp's all-American football team for two consecutive seasons.
Nurmi ran the full distance in 15 minutes and three seconds, breaking Kohlenstein's record of 12 minutes six and three-fifths seconds, made 12 years ago. Nurmi broke Kohlenstein's mark of 19 minutes forty-two and three-fifths seconds for two and one quarter miles by one-fifth of a second.

BREAKING RECORDS
FINN'S DAILY TASK
NEWARK. (By the Associated Press)—Finn Nurmi, Finnish runner, shattered two more world indoor records in the two and three-quarters mile race, the feature of the St. Joseph's Athletic club games in Newark armory Wednesday night.
Nurmi ran the full distance in 15 minutes and three seconds, breaking Kohlenstein's record of 12 minutes six and three-fifths seconds, made 12 years ago. Nurmi broke Kohlenstein's mark of 19 minutes forty-two and three-fifths seconds for two and one quarter miles by one-fifth of a second.

DECLARE FOR REPUBLIC
ROME (By the Associated Press)—The National Assembly of Albania has unanimously proclaimed the country a republic, according to a semi-official dispatch from Tirana.

Yank Lineup Is Composed Of Veterans

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The 1925 renewal of the American league classic will see the New York Yankees facing the barrier with veteran blood in their veins and their mile manager, Miller Huggins, up. Virtually the same team which faltered in the stretch during the 1924 running will take the field this year, supported by Urban Shocker, recently acquired from St. Louis; Steve O'Neill, former Cleveland and Boston catcher, and the usual amount of brush talent.
"The Yankees had their lesson in 1924," said Huggins. "They were too sure of themselves. But it will be different this year. The men realize they must buckle down to hard work right from the start and show a sustained attack."
Huggins declined to say whether he had any more definite trades in mind.
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