



**HIGH RE-GUARD** — Jim Neece is small as college guards go but he is held in high regard by all opponents. Neece, only 171 pounds, is a two year letterman from Prineville and a Junior at Eastern Oregon College. (EOC Photo)

# Karen Fitzgerald Tops Junior Rifle Clubbers

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## Bears Press Punishment Of USC's Mike McKeever

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI)—The University of California today pressed for punishment of Mike McKeever, Southern California guard they charged deliberately injured Cal halfback Steve Bates last Saturday.

California President Clark Kerr and Chancellor Glenn T. Seaborg Tuesday night issued a statement accusing the All-American candidate of smashing Bates in the face in an action they called "completely unnecessary and uncalled for."

The statement — which said movies and still pictures of the incident would be released to the public and shown to the presidents of the conference — said Dr. Norman Topping, president of the University of Southern California, and Francis Tappan, USC vice president, had agreed to take action.

By NEIL ANDERSEN  
Observer Staff Writer

Karen Fitzgerald fired her way back into first place in last night's La Grande Junior Rifle Club competition when she edged George Altonberg by four points. Fitzgerald fired 349 to 345 for Altonberg. Tom Long finished third with 341 points.

Altonberg piled up a seven point lead in the first two positions, prone and sitting. Altonberg fired 98, 98 while Fitzgerald shot 95, 90. Fitzgerald lost one more point in the kneeling position, 86-85, to trail by seven. In the final position, standing, Fitzgerald shot a 79 to Altonberg's 67 to walk off with the match.

Long shot 95 prone, 88 sitting, 86 kneeling and 56 standing for his total. Steve Reeder shooting in the prone and sitting positions only fired an 85, 62 for 147.

Buster Kidd had a 91 in the prone position to lead seven other shooters in the first position.

Jim McClay, 85; Ted Vanenburg, 79; Perry True 75; Pete Runby, 70; Kerry Fitzgerald, 69; and Sharyn Cribbs, 62, also competed in Tuesday night's competition.

## Celtics Tip St. Louis; Knicks Win

United Press International  
Old pro Bob Cousy's endless magic touch has given the Boston Celtics a good start in the defense of their National Basketball Assn. championship.

Cousy, playing his 16th year in the NBA, scored nine points in the last five minutes Tuesday night to give the Celtics a 103-98 victory over the Hawks, their first win in St. Louis' Kiel Auditorium since the 1953 playoffs.

The triumph was the fifth in a row for Boston without a setback. The New York Knickerbockers won their first game of the season by trimming the Minneapolis Lakers, 99-93, in the opening game of the St. Louis doubleheader.

Cousy and Bill Russell paced the Celtics with 17 points each. Bob Pettit collected 25 for the Hawks and Cliff Hagan had 21.

## Bobby Bragan Dodger Coach

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Bobby Bragan, whose antics have entertained baseball fans in both the major and minor leagues, has replaced equally colorful Charlie Dressen as a coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The appointment of Bragan as Dressen's successor was announced Monday by Los Angeles General Manager E. J. (Buzzie) Bavasi who dipped into the club's farm system for the replacement for Dressen.

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# SF Rated Bowl Game Contenders Even With Face Tough Week End Los Angeles

United Press International

The New York Giants are seven-point choices to retain their one-game lead in the National Football League's Eastern Division Sunday by whipping the Chicago Cardinals at Yankee Stadium.

The San Francisco Forty-Niners, nursing a one-game lead over the Baltimore Colts in the Western Race, are rated even with the Rams for their game at Los Angeles.

Sunday's other key games will be played at Washington and Cleveland. Baltimore, upset by Cleveland last Sunday, is a 9½ point choice to bounce back at the expense of the Redskins. The Browns and Philadelphia Eagles, bracketed a game behind New York in the East, clash at Cleveland. The Browns are eight-point favorites.

The Chicago Bears play host to the Green Bay Packers and are seven-point choices to win the 33rd meeting between the two old rivals. The Pittsburgh Steelers entertain the Detroit Lions and are six-point choices.

New York (5-1) may have to play the Cardinals (2-4) without its two key offensive performers, Charley Conerly and Frank Gifford. Conerly, the club's No. 1 quarterback, sprained his right ankle during last week's 26-3 victory over the Packers. Gifford missed last Sunday's game because of a torn rib cartilage suffered two weeks ago at Pittsburgh. Bob Schnelker, New York's top offensive end, also may not play because of a back injury.

Los Angeles (UPI)—Lightweight king Don Jordan was scheduled to meet with lawyers and his two managers Tuesday to discuss the impending sale of his contract for \$125,000.

Jordan's managers, Don Nesseth and Jackie McCoy, announced to the Los Angeles Examiner Monday that they intend to sell the managerial-third of his contract back to him or to anyone he designates.

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Louisiana State was riding high-er than ever in college football's upper stratosphere today while Northwestern, Texas, Syracuse and Kansas also were soaring toward possible bowl berths.

Top-ranked LSU skinned over its toughest hurdle on the way to its second straight national championship and a repeat appearance in the Sugar Bowl by turbing back third-ranked Mississippi, 73, Saturday night on an 89-yard punt return by All-American Billy Cannon.

The Tigers face another toughie, Tennessee, next Saturday and then close out their regular season against Mississippi State and Tulane, who have lost eight games between them.

Here are the possible pairings for the major bowl games entering the final month of the season: ROSE — Northwestern (6-0) vs. Washington (6-1) or Oregon (6-1); SUGAR — Louisiana State (7-0) vs. Clemson (5-1) or Arkansas (5-2).

ORANGE — Syracuse (6-0) vs. Kansas (4-3).

COTTON — Texas (7-0) vs. Air Force (4-1) or Mississippi (6-1).

GATOR — Georgia (6-1) or Ole Miss vs. Arkansas or TCU (5-2).

Northwestern and Kansas can clinch a tie for first place in their respective conferences next Saturday while Syracuse reportedly will be offered an Orange Bowl bid if it gets by Penn State in a showdown "meets" of the unbeaten.

Wildcats Meet Wisconsin  
Second ranked Northwestern, leading the Big Ten with a 4-0 mark, has a weekend date with Wisconsin (3-1) in a game that may decide the conference representative in the Rose Bowl.

In the Big Eight Conference race, Kansas and Oklahoma are tied for the lead with 3-1 records. The Sooners are barred from a return trip to the Orange Bowl while Iowa State (2-2) has tough games remaining against Nebraska and Oklahoma. So Kansas

will be in the driver's seat if it gets by Colorado this week.

Ron Burton and Mike Stock each scored two touchdowns in leading Northwestern to a 20-13 victory over Indiana last Saturday. Fourth-ranked Texas continued its drive toward the Southwest Conference championship and the host berth in the Cotton Bowl by blanking Southern Methodist, 21-0.

Fifth-ranked Syracuse prepared for its meeting with Penn State by handing Pittsburgh one of its worst defeats in years, 35-9, while the seventh-ranked Nittany Lions also remained unbeaten by romping over West Virginia, 28-19.

Trojans Edge California  
Sixth-ranked Southern California rallied to shade California, 14-7, on a last period touchdown by Willie Wood; eighth-ranked Auburn needed a third period touchdown by Lamar Rawson to edge Florida, 6-0; ninth-ranked Wisconsin beat Michigan, 19-10, and Duke surprised 10th ranked Georgia Tech, 10-7.

Kansas gained its share of the Big Eight lead by knocking off Iowa State, 7-0, while Nebraska handed once mighty Oklahoma its first conference defeat in 74 straight games, 25-21.

In other major upsets, Dartmouth turned in a 12-8 victory over Yale, the nation's last undefeated, untied and unscored-upon team; Harvard surprised Penn, 14-0; the Air Force held Army to a 13-13 tie in their inaugural meeting, and Ohio State turned back Michigan State, 30-24.

Washington took another giant step toward the Rose Bowl by downing UCLA, 23-7.

Rangers Farm Spencer  
NEW YORK (UPI)—The New York Rangers have farmed out defenseman Irv Spencer to their Springfield club in the American Hockey League for more seasoning. Spencer, 21, drafted out of the Montreal Canadian farm system, is considered a top prospect by the Rangers.

## OUTDOORS: AROUND-ABOUT

# Union County Hunters Getting 'Careless' State Reputation

By BILL BEBOUT  
Observer Staff Writer

Union County is getting a reputation around the state for carelessness with firearms. The evidence indicates that the reputation is deserved.

Since the first of the year, 10 persons have been the victims of firearm accidents in Union County. Three of those accidents were fatal. All but two of them involved teenagers. All could have been prevented.

It is not likely that Union County teenagers and hunters are more accident prone than their counterparts elsewhere in the state. But a good share of them are apparently more careless—the record proves it.

There are many teenagers and hunters in the valley who are concerned about this problem of safety. They don't like to be branded as careless because of the unthinking actions of others. But the entire county is being blamed. And that is only natural.

The La Grande Rifle Club recognizes the problem. The organization sponsors a training program for children under the direction of Virgil Morris. The training program is designed to teach youngsters the rules of safety with firearms.

This program of the rifle club will probably save lives. For that reason it deserves the support of area residents. But what about the youngsters who do not attend? Who will teach them that the firearm they carry is a killer?

Parents will take the responsibility in some cases. Others do not want to be bothered. Some parents fail to realize the grief and agony that one small mistake with a firearm can bring to their own family or to the family of a friend.

Youngsters, for the most part, are noisier in the woods until they learn to hunt. This is probably the reason that many parents won't take their children along with them where they can learn by observing and with supervision. And what difference does it make if a man and his son make more noise together for a season or two?—It may save a life in the years to come.

I've often wondered why so many people are injured during big game hunting seasons with 22 calibre rifles carried by youngsters. Do adults feel that the youth is not sufficiently experienced to carry a big game rifle? Do they fail to realize that a 22 can kill a man as readily as a 300 magnum?

If a boy is going to carry a

firearm of any kind during a big game hunting season it should be one that is legal for the taking of game and he should know how to use it. He should be made to feel that he is a partner in the hunt and as such has privileges as well as responsibilities.

I've known many boys who hunted with their fathers for several years without any kind of weapon. They learned the art of hunting and the fathers took time to explain safety to them.

The 22 is the traditional "first gun" for a boy. This is because ammunition for the rifle is more economical and numerous trips to the rifle range for target shooting and firearms instruction is not as costly as it would be with a high powered rifle.

With the 22, the boy can learn the principles of shooting and can develop his skill hunting rabbits and squirrels—with adult supervision. He should be taught how to care for his rifle and the proper

safety precautions to be taken when cleaning it.

When he has demonstrated his understanding of firearms safety he should be given experience with the big game rifles. It makes little sense to teach a boy with a 22 and then hand him a big game rifle the morning deer season opens. He should become familiar with the rifle's operation and the difference in recoil and handling.

Sure, it takes time. But we've got enough time to make one of our favorite pastimes safer. An adult hunter should take pride in the progress of his younger counterparts.

Talking firearms safety is one thing. Doing something about it is something else. Firearms safety is the responsibility of all of us.

If we fail to assume our responsibility the tragic record of firearms accidents in Union County will continue to grow.

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