

RUMOR: So the story goes, the Bearcats were practicing for their fracas with the Portland Pilots last fall when a certain sophomore on the squad said to a certain freshman manager:

"That's a Pilot scout over there on the sideline, go drive him away."

The yearling manager went about his duty.

The "Pilot scout" is supposed to have chuckled: "I'm president."

It was Dr. Bruce Baxter, so the story goes.

Garden Going "Native."

Of late New Yorkers have been wondering to whom their famous Madison Square Garden belongs. First Apostoli, San Francisco, and Corbett, Fresno flash, took over the famous spot. Next Henry (maybe you've heard of him) Armstrong, resident of LA's Harlem, and Garcia, Hollywoodite, were Garden headliners. The Lou Nova-Gunnar Barlund and scrap thereon was half California, as will be the Nova-Tommy Farr fight Dec. 16.

Tip to New Yorkers: If you can keep California from claiming the Garden you will have done something no one else has been able to do with those native sons. Out here we expect 'em to take over Alaska any day now.

Closer Than 0-0?

A certain batch of those Californians, Ucla's Bruins, came out onto the field over Oregon State last Saturday. In fact, they gobbled up enough first downs and yardage to encompass the whole of Corvallis but got only a 6-8 tie out of it.

The game was no where near as close as the score indicates, but all that will be remembered about it will be the score. Which reminds me of this lead I wrote not long ago on a Dallas-Independence game: "The Dragons and the Independence Hoppers fought a mid-field, 0 to 0, league battle here. Armistice day that was even closer than the score indicates."

Enterprising Paul Hauser, city desk currier of cobbwebby copy, gave me the well-known horse laugh, submitted the piece de impossible to Editor & Publisher and collected two bucks in cold cash.

Despite the apparent fact a game can be no closer than a 0-0 score indicates, I submit the game statistics, which actually show the game was at least AS CLOSE as the score indicates—something that can't be said about many tie football games, including the Oregon State-Ucla 6-8 ending:

First downs—Dallas 11, Independence 11.

Yards from scrimmage—Dallas 157, Independence 145.

Passes—Dallas completed 7 out of 12 for 33 yards; Independence completed 6 out of 12 for 54 yards.

Net yardage gained—Dallas 196, Independence 195.

As Cub, "Bear" Fits.

Now that he has his new contract with the Cubs, Gabby Hartnett may be able to live up to the title conferred on him by the Sioux Indians on a recent game-winning, game-winning escapade—"Big Brave Bear." . . . but Gabby better live his war-bag with more than bravery before he tackles the Yankees again.

3 Clubs Unbeaten In Grades League

Three teams, the Parrots and Yaks at Garfield and the Wildcats at Richmond, remained undefeated as Friday's games wound up the first week of play in the grade school volleyball leagues. The Parrots and Yaks each won four games during the week while the Wildcats gained sole possession of the lead at Richmond with victories in two straight tilts.

The week's scores: Garfield schools—Parrots 15-15, Wolves 8-13; Yaks 15-15, Hounds 12-6; Wolves 15-15, Ants 13-7; Wolves 15-13, Hounds 7-15; Yaks 15-15, Mules 8-10; Parrots 15-15, Ants 6-4. Richmond school—Gulls 8-10, Beavers 15-14; Bears 8-14, Hornets 15-5; Wildcats 15-15, Muskies 10-12; Gulls 15-5, Bears 12-15.

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Freddie Hutchinson Bought by Tigers

Four Players, Cash in Swap

Seattle Pitcher Who Won 25 Games Prize Catch From Minors

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—(AP)—Del Baker, manager of the Detroit Tigers, announced tonight the Tigers had bought Freddie Hutchinson, ace pitcher of the Seattle club of the Pacific Coast league, for an unannounced sum of cash and four players, outfielder Joyner (Jo-Jo) White and infielder Tony Piet of the Tigers, first baseman George Archie of the Toledo Mud Hens in the American association, and pitcher Ed Selway of Beaumont of the Texas league.

Minor League Prize Hutchinson was regarded as the minor league prize of the year. The New York Yankees and the Pittsburgh Pirates sought him. Seattle was reported asking \$50,000 cash but said it wanted players more than money.

Baker, after announcing the deal, was enthusiastic about Hutchinson's prospects. "You bet we're glad to get him. We need a pitcher and everyone tells me 'this young fellow has the stuff.'"

The Tigers gave up a veteran outfielder in White, a fielding star on their pennant winning club of 1934 and the world champions of 1935. Piet, a fair infielder, has been in both major leagues.

Hutchinson, a righthander, won 25 and lost 7 for Seattle last year. Piet, 32, came up with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1931. He was traded to the Cincinnati Reds in 1934 and went to Toronto of the International League in 1935. The Chicago White Sox brought him back to the big time in 1935 and traded him along with Monte Stratton to the Tigers a year ago this month.

He is a good fielder but only a fair hitter. He cannot hit a curve ball consistently.

White was a Tiger outfielder standby in their pennant winning years. He came up from their Beaumont farm in 1932 and made a name for himself in the American league as a fine fielding outfielder and steady hitter.

Neither was especially impressive last year. Piet played in only 40 games and hit .213. He is a right-handed hitter. White, a lefty, hit .262 in 73 games.

Woman Is Named To Baseball Body

WICHITA, Kas., Dec. 12—(AP)—Appointment of Mrs. Bessie Largent, only woman scout in the major leagues, as chairman of the 1939 all-American board for the National Semprio baseball congress was announced today by Raymond Dumont, congress president.

The board, to consist of major league scouts, will select an "all-America" semipro baseball club of 16 players at the close of the 1939 national tournament at Wichita, Aug. 11 to 23, also the tournament's ranking player.

Winner of the 1938 individual honors was Andy Johnson, 22, first baseman with the national champions from Buford, Ga. Mrs. Largent, wife of Roy Largent, also a scout for the Chicago White Sox, has traveled more than 840,000 miles and attended more than 2,800 games in her 14 years of "ivory hunting."

EONS Five Wins Pair

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Slated to begin tonight's first of the weekly triple-headers in the minor loop are the Hollywood and Brooks Townie quints, which take the floor at 7 o'clock, followed on the hour by Glenn's Red & White vs. National Guard and US Bank vs. the Willamette Cubs.

Major league play will begin Thursday, also on the Parrish floor.

Rosters of four of the minor league clubs were reported last night. They are:

US Bank—Erwin Bahlbarg, Jack Bush, John Ritchie, W. E. Wagner, Donald Stockwell, Jay Bertelson.

Hollywood—Bruce Carlin, Leonard Gottfried, Juel Vandawarka, Clayton Vandawarka, Arthur Upston, Dan Keldatz.

Glenn's Red & White—Pete Hoffert, Frank Littwiller, Hans Nichols, Jack Henderson, Don Briggs, Ted Freeman.

Willamette Cubs—M. Arnold, A. Olson, M. Kreitz, Al Cook, Cliff Stewart, Bob Grannis, R. Aldrich, H. Calform, R. Roberts, P. Belcher, A. Lewelling, C. Anderson, O. Beardsley, H. Schooley, A. Eaton, J. Shadley, G. Olseth, B. Van Wyngarden.

Londes to Battle Donovan Tonight

Walt Achiu Tangling With Vern Clark in Midway Armory Event

The big guns on tonight's razzle-dazzle at the army are "Mouthy" Donovan, "Tennessee Tornado" and Jimmy Londes, the Minneapolis Grays whose body lines resemble more the rumble seat of a two-ton truck than his ancestral Adam's.