

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Hoop Hoopla: When you think of "fast," as pertaining to basketball, you think of fleetness of foot... it is, however, the consensus of coaches and experts of the game, that fast hands and fast, or "split," vision is of equal importance to speed of foot... Fast hands are considered as important in basketball as they are in boxing, and the hoopster who comes by a set of speedy dukes is fortunate... Ted Sarpolo, the "whirling dervish" Finn from Astoria on Oregon's current hoop team, has 'em... So does Scottie Sebern, the scrappy little forward who won all-state honors on Salem high's state championship quint last year and who is back in defense of those honors this year... Sebern averages better than two "steals" of the ball a game, and generally converts those "steals" into fast dribbles down the floor for set-up buckets... Frankie Page, who stole the limelight in last year's state meet, while siding Sebern at forward, is another blessed with quick paws... Fast hands are of as much an asset offensively as defensively, for they enable the possessor to get off shots impossible to one of slower grasping organs.

Your nearest court doctor will tell you, however, that a hand may be the owner of 50-mile-an-hour hands to go with his 20-mile-an-hour feet, and may possess keen eyes, that have mastered the "split" vision trick, but still be a mediocre compo on the hoop court... For with those physical factors he must also have a mental motor swift enough to keep up with them.

'Names' Not Drafted now.

Football Fluff: Before professional football was so firmly established in the hearts of fans as draft big game players with instant value at the box offices, but the trend now seems to be to dispense with that racket and go for the team players who will help on the field. For instance, Chicago's first choice in the draft was Clyde Turner, an unpublished center from Hardin-Simmons... The only all-American player selected in the first ten in the draft was Babe McCadden, Clemson halfback for whom Brooklyn has the first chance to negotiate... The first five choices on Detroit's list were all Southern California players in the west's Rose Bowl representative... Drafted from Oregon and Oregon State were: Schultz of Oregon State and Emmons of Oregon, by Oregon; Eagles; Hackenbruck of Oregon State by Detroit; Morrie Kohler of Oregon State by Cleveland; Jay Graybeal of Oregon by the Washington Redskins; Bob Smith and Cecil Wagoner of Oregon by the New York Giants.

A tribute to fine condition of the UCLA team, which had few capable reserves, is the fact that in every tough case game it came from behind. Ruling out the TCU game as an inter-sectional and the Montana State game as a breather, we look the Bruins record over and find: Horrell beat Stanford 7-0; won; scored in the last few minutes to bag a 14-14 tie with Stanford; was down, 6-3, to Oregon but won 7-0, but won 20-7; came up from behind to tie up Oregon State 13-13 in the last minute; was down to Washington State, 7-6 at half time but rolled to a 24-7 win; outplayed by Seattle, 14-0, but won the last few seconds, when a drive netted a missed field goal; and drove to a scoring opportunity against USC in the last six minutes.

Yanks May Buy Lewiston.

Baseball Biz: Billy Beard, ex-Williamette catcher, basketball forward and football halfback, who finished up last summer with Lewiston in the Pioneer circuit after being released by Spokane of the Western International, is again sought after by Spokane... Whether Spokane will get him or not depends upon what happens to the Lewiston club that owns his contract... Rumors have it that Lewiston will be purchased by the Yankos and moved to Idaho Falls... Spokane wanted to keep Beard last year but Bernie DeViveros, then manager, had verbally committed himself to Lake, who was under-studying the return of Chas. White... Phil Sistrum, who also had a tryout with Spokane, will be with Twin Falls, the Spokane farm in the Pioneer circuit, next summer.

Oscar "Red" Miller, conditionally purchased by Portland from Yakima, didn't do so well last season—winning 15 and losing 14... In '37 Miller, as having pitched for the Portland Babes the last year Salem's Senators were in the State League, won 24 and lost but four with the Pippins... On the strength of that record he was conditionally sold to San Francisco, but the Seals, after a careful looksee, turned him back.

Southern Coach Praises Losers

Beaten Football Teams Not Necessarily Failures, Mentor Declares

CHAPEL HILL, N.C., Dec. 13.—(AP)—It's the losing coach the public generally associates with character-building talks, but here's a real top-notch coach who claims that "winning isn't everything."

He's R. A. Fetzer, director of athletics since 1921 at the University of North Carolina, whose teams during those 15 years have batted .720 against strong competition and have rolled up one of the most impressive all-sports records in the country. "Look at it this way," said the grand old man of southern sports today. "We had only a handful of major unbeaten football teams in the country this fall, but I can't think of all those other several hundred college teams as failures. No, the real measure is how much each team and its individual members gave in ability, how well they mastered themselves, and how well they practiced real sportsmanship."

"And sport and athletics, as fine as they are, still are a part of the broader and greater scheme of liberal education, which in turn is part of the bigger task of building character and manhood." When Coach Bob came here in 1921, he and his brother Bill were the entire coaching staff. North Carolina had fewer than 200 boys out for five sports, a single field for all five, and no intramural or physical education courses.

Today the Tar Heels have 35 coaches, separate stadiums for football, baseball and track, a new \$550,000 gymnasium and pool, and one of the broadest physical education and athletic programs in the south. Eighty-two and one-half per cent of male undergraduates take part in some form of athletics. In 1921, he and his brother Bill were the entire coaching staff. North Carolina had fewer than 200 boys out for five sports, a single field for all five, and no intramural or physical education courses.

All Loop Quints Set for Jamboree

All's set for the second-annual No-Name league basketball jamboree tomorrow night, in which all eight members of the circuit will take part, announced the Secretary Vern Gilmore last night.

To be held in the Willamette court, beginning at 8 o'clock, the jamboree is expected to provide the respective coaches with opportunity to size up their opposition for the year. The teams will line up with Albany, Salem, Milwaukie and Oregon City representing the east side of the Willamette river, and Eugene, Corvallis, Tillamook and McMinnville representing the west side.

Dope received by Gilmore yesterday indicates Tillamook composed of four of the regulars who last year won 10 and lost two in league competition, including Warren Christensen, chosen on the all-star team. McMinnville will also have a veteran quilt, headed by Allen Metzler, all-district forward.

Prune Bowl Tilt Okeh by Colorado

GOLDEN, Colo., Dec. 13.—(AP)—John Mason, coach of the unbeaten Colorado Mines football team, said tonight he and his team "were ready to go" if invited to play in a Christmas day Prune bowl game at San Jose, Calif.

Mason added he had not received a formal invitation yet from sponsors of the Prune bowl contest but said he had received indirect word that Mines was under consideration along with Mississippi State. San Jose state, the home town contender for the Prune bowl game, scored 324 points in 13 consecutive triumphs during the 1939 season.

Opening Left To Fill West's Shrine Roster

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The addition of two more names to the 19 already announced tonight left but one more acceptance before closing the roster of the western team in the annual East-West charity football game here New Year's day.

The co-coaches of the western squad, Percy Lacey and Eabe Hollingsbery, tonight announced acceptance of bids by Ray Hare, blocking back of Gonzaga, and Bob Smith, 200-pound Oregon halfback. Earlier in the day three players had agreed to play. They were Fred Emmons, University of Oregon fullback; Park Myers; University of Texas, and Nick Stabler, Santa Clara, both tackles. Signing of the last player was expected late tonight.

Most of All-Stars Turn Professional

Redskin President Thinks Cream of 1939 Crop to Keep Playing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—George P. Marshall, president of the Washington Redskins, predicted today that professional football would get most of this year's all-America players who will be eligible to play for pay in 1940. He pointed out that some were juniors and therefore not eligible. Professional football this year attracted the entire backfield of the 1938 Associated Press all-America, and four of the linemen. Only three of the eleven—Holand, Cornell's great negro end; Wolf, of Santa Clara and Bock of Iowa State, didn't perform.

"There was a great shaking of heads when these boys were drafted by the professionals," said Marshall. "Most of the experts said they wouldn't play, but they did." Davey O'Brien, the quarterback, signed with the Philadelphia Eagles and set a new league record of 21 completed passes in a single game.

Parker Hall established a new passing record while playing for the Cleveland Rams. He completed 106 during the season. Marshall Goldberg performed in great style for the Chicago Cardinals, and Johnny Pingel, despite injuries, helped the Detroit Lions.

"No one," Marshall said, "can say that Kl Aldrich wasn't one of the great centers of the league this year, and Waddy Young has a fine future in the league." Beinor played with a minor league team and Heikkinen, after a trial with Brooklyn, "found his talents better suited to coaching," Marshall added.

Yanks Ball Team Is Voted No. 1

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Cincinnati Reds should feel better now. The team which took four straight world series games from them was the No. 1 team of all sports for 1939 in the opinion of a vast majority of experts balloting in the ninth annual Associated Press poll. In winning the honor for the fourth straight year the New York Yankees rolled up the huge total of 21 1/2 points, based on three points for first place, two for second and one for third. It was the most one-sided margin in the history of the poll.

The overwhelming choice of the Yankos left second place the real bone of contention among the experts, with four football teams in a tight race for the honor. Iowa, with 27 1/2 points, including 7 1/2 first-place votes, finally won the runner-up position, with Southern California third with 24. Tennessee fourth with 23, and Cornell fifth with 26.

Ace Woman Diver Fights Pneumonia

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Georgia Coteman, former Olympic diving champion, received a second blood transfusion today and fought off a threatened attack of pneumonia. She is ill with a serious liver ailment. Dr. Reinhard V. Lottz, her physician, said she had failed to respond satisfactorily to blood transfusions, making the date of a planned operation indefinite.

Bucketed—Here

Your basketball results are bucketed here daily. Dig 'em out each morning.

TOAST OF TEXAS

HEAD COACH HOMER NORTON OF THE UNDEFEATED AND UNTIED TEXAS A & M ELEVEN WHICH WILL MEET TULANE IN THE NEW ORLEANS NEW YEARS DAY SUGAR BOWL GAME.



NORTON WAS ON THE SPOT THIS FALL. AN UNSUCCESSFUL SEASON MIGHT HAVE COST HIM HIS JOB.

Former Oregon State Football Man, Dallas Ward, Is on Vacation, But Won't Ignore Prospective Gophers

"Well, if one walked up to me and acted like he wanted to argue the matter, I wouldn't ignore him." That was the answer given yesterday by Dallas Ward, freshman football mentor of the University of Minnesota, to the question, "Are you in the northwest in search of football material?"

But Ward, who may be remembered as a variety end at Oregon State from 1924 to 1927, hastened to emphasize he was not in this part of the country in search of gridiron talent. He stopped in Salem merely to re-new old acquaintances while en route home after scouting the Washington-USC game.

"We open against Washington next fall," said Ward, who was introduced to his interviewer by R. S. Spec' Kene, Willamette football headman who was Ward's freshman mentor at Oregon State. "And, from what I saw of the Huskies, we're going to have our hands full. Pheian is a fine defensive coach."

Ward, who is a native Oregonian—having been born at Lexington, Oregon, coached at Marshall high of Minneapolis for several years before going to the University of Minnesota in 1936—taking with him a number of the boys he developed. Two of his boys assisted the Green Bay Packers to the national professional football championship last Sunday.

"We make no effort to interest football talent out of the state," Ward declared. "The entrance requirements are so tough for out-of-state students as to make it practically impossible to bring football players in. We had but one out-of-state man on the entire squad this year."

The tall, level-eyed ex-Oregonian, who was considered a "plenty potent" wingman, as the boys say, while playing under Paul J. Schissler at Oregon State, continued his journey Minneapolisward yesterday afternoon.

SPORTS

Salem, Oregon, Thursday Morning, December 14, 1939

3 Middleweight Bouts Top Card

Whirlwind Scraps Please 530 Students in Noon Event

A trio of middleweight slug-fests sparked yesterday's first-round intercollegiate boxing bouts at Salem high—the 155-pounders bringing the 530 students who viewed the clashes to their feet with whirlwind bouts.

All three were close, with Claude Swingle, a senior, defeating Fred Rawlings, junior; Ed Yada, senior, decisioning Alvin Hansen, junior; and Blm Elsey, junior, getting the nod over Jim Arnold, sophomore.

Other results: 155-lb.—Dan Morley, senior, decisioned Al Gilbert, sophomore. 165-lb.—Don Wilson, junior, decisioned Gordon Ullman, senior. 145-lb.—Harly England, junior, scored a technical knockout over Darre Farnell, sophomore, in 50 seconds of the first round.

135-lb.—Jack Woodfield, junior, scored a technical knockout over Fred Hensel in the second round. 105-lb.—Bud Sharpneck, junior, decisioned Bob Eckley, sophomore.

Second round bouts are set for today, with semi-finals scheduled for Monday of next week and finals for the following Wednesday, according to Athletic Director Vern Gilmore.

Thrills Expected In Hockey Game

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(Special)—Thursday night's hockey game here between the strong Portland and Seattle teams should be a real thriller, with the Buckaroos holding top honors, tied with Vancouver, while the Sea-hawks are coming along fast with the most brilliant array of talent in the history of the Pacific Coast league.

The Bucks have been playing spectacularly despite the many injuries and illness to some of its players since the season started. Bobby Rowe has never had his entire lineup available for any one game. First, Louie Holmes was out with a hip injury. Then Red Conn, all-coast guard was put on the shelf with a bad leg. Now Walter McCartney, leading scorer of the team, is laid up with the flu.

Despite all these mishaps, however, the Portland combination has been playing spectacularly. The two Buck defense men, Sammy McAdams and Rook Sutherland have done a herculean task of playing almost the entire 60 minutes, time and again, without relief, while Ronnie Martin, McCartney, Schaffe, Webster and Oulette have all come through in the pinch.

Baptists Win in First Hoop Round

Presbyterian 30 20 Jason Lee Reeves 4 Duncan Stewart 2 4 Mickey Van Wuyngarden 4 6 Anderson Hall 1 5 Gardner Granris 1 5 Baumgartner Subs, for Presbyterian, Hardman 10, Calborn 12, G. Reeves; for Jason Lee, Lapschies 5, Toombs.

Nazarene 21 36 Congregational Williams 7 Humphries M. Litwiler 4 Smith Peters 4 15 Jones F. Litwiler 9 7 French Abbot 4 5 Walker Subs, for Nazarene, Litwiler; for Congregational, Belcher 2.

1st Baptist 21 19 Mormon Braver 4 10 Broyd Smith 7 4 Johnson Morley 7 4 Cottew Clark 3 1 Moore Daniels 3 1 Johnstead Subs, for Baptist, Newberry, Richards; for Mormon, Burgner 2.

Referee: Willig.

5 Lettermen on Swimming Squad

Twenty-one aspirants, including five returning lettermen, are turning out for the Salem high school swimming team, it was announced yesterday by John Gardner, YMCA swimming instructor who will handle the team.

Herb Hoffman, Fred Andrews, Bob Cameron, Joe Law and Ken Reucker, all seniors, are the returning lettermen who greeted Coach Gardner, Gardner, the new Y instructor, comes from Snoqualmie Falls, Wash., where he was swimming coach for two years.

Others turning out include: Free style—Pete Hauser, Gordon Merriott, Jim Trgon, Everett Smith, Jim Arnold, Alvin Flake, Tom Swenson, Tom Duncan, Eben Thompson, Leonard Franz, John Law, Seth Underwood and Buck Summers.

Breaststroke—Alvin Tripp, Ken Rucker, Bob Hunt and Bob Schunk. Backstroke—Harold Holt and Bud Hultenburg.

Scotts Mills Wins

SCOTT'S MILLS—The Scotta Mills high school basketball team defeated the town team in a pre-tournament game here Friday 49 to 28.

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Advertisement for Bob Smith Joins Emmons On West's Football Team. EUGENE, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Bob Smith, University of Oregon right halfback, joined his teammate, Fullback Frank Emmons, on the western squad today for the annual east-west football game at San Francisco January 1.

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Both Clubs Shy From 'Favorite'

For Psychological Reasons Neither Bowl Eleven Wants Advantage

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 13.—(AP)—For psychological reasons, neither side wants to be the favorite when the football forces of Tennessee and Southern California meet in the Rose Bowl on New Year's day.

The boys who make the odds say the game will be an even bet, but bear stories already have begun to be whispered across the 2,500 miles separating the opposing camps.

Tennessee coaches saw the fine hand of a psychologist in a report from Los Angeles that Trojan coaches are worried because there doesn't seem to be any way to stop Tennessee.

George Levinson, one-time Northwestern university quarterback who scouted Tennessee for the Trojans in their last two games, handed in a report interpreted as a warning that the Volunteers should whip the men of Troy.

He said the Vols were big and fast, but the Southern California Trojans were the strongest team potentially he had ever seen—and that included some of Alabama's mighty powerhouses.

Nelson, Picard Lead Golf Field

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Either Henry Picard or Byron Nelson will emerge from the \$10,000 Miami open as the "man-of-the-year" in professional golf, but there was no assurance today that either of the leaders would win 1939's final tournament.

As a record field of 220 would play out practice for the start of play tomorrow, Picard and Nelson were installed as co-favorites with four others who are as hot as the proverbial firecracker.

The boys who like to wager a shekel or two on the outcome listed both Picard and Nelson at 8 to 1, with Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Ralph Guldahl, Dick Metz and Jimmy Thomson at the same figure.

Both the PGA Harry Vardon trophy emblematic of professional supremacy and the money-winning leadership are at stake in the tournament, with Picard now at the head of the class in each division.

Picard, the Professional Golfers association champion, is five points ahead of Nelson, the national open king, with 459 to 454, in the Vardon competition. To beat out Picard, Nelson must either win the tournament or finish several places ahead of his rival.

Woodburn Avenges Defeat by Gervais

WOODBURN—In a return game played Tuesday, Woodburn's B team beat the Gervais B team, 16-15.

The Woodburn A's walloped the Gervais A's, 23-7. Woodburn 23 7 Gervais Gurney 6 F 7 Blerly Murray 1 F 1 Koenig Dunton 6 C 1 Martin Hailer 5 G 1 Ballweber Pavlebeck 10 C 1 Labrun Subs, for Woodburn, Pearson 1; for Gervais, Kulshrick 1.

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