

# Sports

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## From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

Nice job of fisticuffing our home town heavyweight, Keller Wagner turned in at Portland Friday night. Wagner didn't need but 1:51 of the first round in his slated six-round semi-windup go with Irish Johnny Kelly to slop the Portlander silly. Even at that the 3000-odd fans got considerable action during the abbreviated go as Wagner sent Kelly down for counts of four, six, eight and seven before putting him to sleep for the night.



KELLER WAGNER

And the Manuel Ortiz vs. Nat Corum headlined show did so well at the gate that all beliefs that boxing was as extinct in Portland as it is in Salem were shattered in a hurry. Too bad some of the local boys can't cook up a few Saturday matches for the long winter months ahead.

Speaking of boxing, Captains Alex D. Ruth and Frank C. Wimer, special service officers at Camp Adair, have selected a real veteran for their boxing instructor at the post. Pvt. First Class Pete DeGrasse, one of the topnotchers for years in the featherweight ranks, is the warrior who'll do the teaching to the Adair soldiers interested.

DeGrasse, you'll remember, is one of only two fighters who actually lasted 10 rounds with Hammerin' Henry Armstrong when he was at the peak of his prime and was flourishing those three titles all at once. DeGrasse and Armstrong tangled in Hollywood in 1938. And staying 10 heats with Henry during those years was equal to conquering a buzz-saw barehanded.

**Stiner Called Saturday's Upset**  
Don't say you weren't warned plenty about Saturday's UCLA-Oregon State upset, and right from the guy who should know, Coach Lon Stiner of the Beavers. Stiner has the reputation of "telling the truth" about his football team—if they're good he says so and if they're lousy he still says so.

All last week Stiner stated he feared and forecast an upset was upcoming Saturday at Los Angeles. And it came—and how! Before last season even began and the wise guys were selecting all those champions and teams to beat, Stiner warned, "I've got a great outfit and can't figure out why no one picks Oregon State." No one did, and of course you remember the transplanted Rose Bowl.

So from now on when Mr. Stiner forecasts, take heed, boys, take heed. As for this corner's weekly indulgence in the field of prognostication, "wouldn't be such a bad idea to consult 'Honest Lon' each week. Chances are our batting average would be somewhat closer the .200 mark.

**Vic Hangs 'Em Up for Duration**  
Even if there is a Western International league next year, which for the hundredth time, "very certainly seems not likely," it will do without the services of Vic Buccola, string-bean first sacker who performed so well with Spokane this summer. Although Vic is under the present draft age limit he claims he's "through playing ball for the duration and is contemplating joining up."

So along with Jack Richards, there goes two of the finest I-B men the six-year-old WIL can boast.  
Back to the "if there's a WIL"—Judge W. G. Bramham, the minor league czar, recently issued a statement to the effect that there certainly would be minor league ball in '43 if the war and its demands allowed. Speaking strictly from a WIL standpoint, we wonder just how the judge figures this loop will set sail next season. All four teams lost money—plenty of it—and as the old saying goes, that folding habit doesn't grow on trees despite the number of coniferous and deciduous beauties in the northwest. But then Barnum had a pet saying also.

**Louis' Manager Says Joe Won't Renounce Title**  
DETROIT, Oct. 12—(AP)—John Roxborough, co-manager of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, said Monday night Louis had no notion of renouncing his title for the present.

"Joe feels his remarks in Omaha were entirely misinterpreted," Roxborough declared after a telephone conversation with Louis, now a cavalry sergeant at Fort Riley. "He meant he was retiring only temporarily, while he was in the army, and would not fight during that time unless the army asked him to."

Roxborough said the Brown Bomber told him he wanted to defend his title "at least once more after the war is over." He pointed out that Louis, who said Sunday a fighter in his 30's was too old to be a champion, was only 28 and added:  
"Dempsey won his title at 27, and was still defending it at 34. Both Baer and Braddock were over 28 when they became champions and all the old-timers were over 30."

**7000 Vancouver Houses Okehd**  
VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 12 (AP)—Secretary D. Elwood Caples of the Vancouver housing authority said Monday construction of 7000 housing units for Vancouver shipyard workers has been authorized.

This brought the total of units constructed or authorized in this area to 18,000.

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FRED MEYER DRUG SECTIONS

## As Illinois Upset Mighty Minnesota Gophers



DON GRIFFIN, speedy Illinois left halfback, shown above sneaking through the Minnesota line during their game at Champaign, Ill., Saturday, in which the Illini turned in the upset of upsets, beating the Gophers 20-13. Players shown are: Minnesota—Bill Baumgartner (87), John Billman (53), Herb Hein (49), Paul Mitchell (75), Dick Wildung (94). No. 27 is Elmer Engel of Illinois.

## Hunters and Anglers To Hold Important Session

The presence of some already successful deer hunters at Wednesday's meeting of the Salem Hunters and anglers club is expected to spur into action those who are planning hunting trips and who with thousands of others have been kept out of the woods by the hunting ban now lifted since general rains throughout the state.

In spite of the opening of the hunting season for big game and the approach of the opening of the pheasant season, the principal subject at the meeting will still be fish. Next month at the polls the people of Oregon are going to decide the issue of protection for the steelhead in coastal streams and all summer sports clubs throughout the state have been busy raising funds and formulating plans for the presentation of the issue to the voters.

Chris Kowitz who is in charge of the campaign committee of the Anglers club will outline final plans at Wednesday's meeting and urge a full attendance of members.

The women's auxiliary of the club is taking an active part in the steelhead protection issue and will join the men's group for the general meeting and entertainment.

President James Leder will present a showing of colored slides covering his travels and these have not been shown at the club before and promise some real interest.  
A Dutch lunch will follow at the close of the meeting.

## 80 Little Hurt As Busses Hit

PORTLAND, Oct. 12—(AP)—An Oregon Motor Stages bus and a Portland Traction company bus collided Monday, but none of the 80 passengers aboard the two vehicles suffered more than minor injuries.

The Oregon Stages bus, carrying about 50 persons, collided with the city bus, with about 30 passengers aboard, at a stop on steep Canyon road.

Several of the passengers were bruised, but only one required hospitalization.

## Vikings Return To Work; Face Corvallis Next

Back to work on Olinger field Monday after dropping their second straight close football game, the Salem high Vikings now point to Friday night's battle with Corvallis in the southern city. The Red and Blacks came through the Albany fray unscathed physically, but Coach Tommy Drynan reported that second string guard Herb Ray had quit the team.

Drynan also reported that he was not at all disappointed in Friday's loss at Albany and that he was particularly impressed by the outstanding play of his guards, Howard Elwood and Don Wilson. "Now if my tackles can improve as much this week as the guards did last, we're going to have a pretty fair football team after all," said the Vik mentor.

Corvallis awaits Salem with two straight victory peits dangling from its belt, the Spartans having turned in wins over Chemawa and Camas, Wash., highs already this season. Last season the Spartans pulled the big upset in local prep circles by downing a favored Salem team on Sweetland field. This Friday the Spartans will be the favorites, and Salem—well, we'll see Friday night.

It happened this way: Nick, galloping along in the clear, reached up one of his bear-like hands and pulled in a pass and then jumping and shouting trotted across the goal line as if he had put across the winning score in the Rose Bowl, instead of just boosting a lop-sided margin still further in basketball figures.

Nobody was near enough to hear what was said, but the headshakes and sorrowful looks of the Montanans plainly said, "The poor guy really is nuts after all."  
But that wasn't it. Nick knew his touchdown didn't mean anything to the game—but it did to Nick. In three years (counting this one) on the WSC squad, and two of them catching passes from the dead-eyed Billy Sewell, Nick had never scored a touchdown. He was often a bridesmaid but never quite a bride. Got the ball right up to the line, but it always turned out to fall in someone else's arms across the goal.

So, when afterward in the dressing room when Nick said, "Boy, ain't it a grand and glorious feeling," that was what he meant.

## Hunting Going Full Blast

PORTLAND, Oct. 12—(AP)—Oregon deer hunters were out in force Monday, making up for time lost during the two-week forest closure.

With the season to close October 31 as originally scheduled, hunters took to the hills in record number as soon as the ban was lifted Saturday, state police reported.

Nimrods' cars made veritable caravans into central and eastern Oregon. More than 2000 went through Bend, almost cleaning out the city's gasoline supply.

The duck and goose season will open Thursday and run through December 25. Elk hunting starts in Wallawa county October 23 and closes November 15, while it runs from October 23 to November 30 in Umatilla county.

## Clubwomen Pledge Less Phone Talk

PORTLAND, Oct. 12—(AP)—Contending that less talk will win the war, 10,000 Portland clubwomen pledged Monday to cut down on telephone conversations.

"More shooting and less talking" is the need, said the Portland Federation of Women's organizations.

## 'Old Professor'—(He's a Bum Picker, Too)—Addresses Monday Morning Coaching Class

By WHITNEY MARTIN  
NEW YORK, Oct. 12—The old professor brushed the cobwebs from his chair and his brain with one deft motion. He wore a glistening blue serge suit, a bow tie and a worried expression as he turned to address the first fall session of his Monday morning class of football coaches.

Old professor—well, gentlemen, here we are again, and I note some strange faces in our midst. But don't fret about that. I've been told that my own is rather strange. Terrible, in fact.

Lieut. Col. Bernie Bierman, Iowa navy pre-flight—that's just the way my seahawks were for 20 minutes Saturday—terrible. Dick Fisher and May Kutner put us

## Bearcats Seek Game; Face 2 Weekends Off

Next Tilt With CPS On 30th; Strasser's Condition Unchanged

Wanted—One football game with any college team who's ready, willing and able for the coming weekend or the one after. See R. S. "Spec" Keene, director of athletics, Willamette university.

Keene's 'Cats, fresh from their 33-7 job over Linfield last week, returned to the Sweetland practice field Monday but face a couple of weekends off if no game can be arranged for next Friday or Saturday or the following. A game with the Fori Douglas service team was originally scheduled for this week but the Douglas boys have decided not to have a team after all.

Another effort to slate a game with whatever Camp Adair had to offer was made Monday, but the Adair boys, although well acquainted with the what-for of the gridiron have been issued no football equipment and are in no position to play anything outside "intramural" touch football at the present time.

The Bearcats emerged from the Linfield game with only one major casualty, that baffling second-string fullback Hubert Strasser. Strasser was wearing a "bird cage" mask which slipped as he made a tackle Friday, and which inflicted severe head and nose injuries. He is still confined to the hospital and his condition is reported as "unchanged although he is resting easily."

Blocking and tackling practice will be stressed by Keene all this week as the 'Cats showed a distinct need for more of those essentials despite their one-sided win over Linfield. Should no game be arranged in the meantime the next engagement for the Methodists will be against College of Puget Sound here on October 30.

## Huskies Lose Regular Guard

SEATTLE, Oct. 12—(AP)—The University of Washington football team lost a first string guard to the army Monday.

Johnny Clark, hard-hitting lineman from Honolulu, turned in his suit to Coach Ralph "Pest" Welch, and made ready to enter the army October 19. Clark moved immediately into a starting assignment this year after having performed last season with the scrubs because of ineligibility. Dmitri Tadjich, a sophomore from East Chicago, probably will move into Clark's job for the Montana game here Saturday.

## Leahy Ill

FRANK LEAHY (above), Notre Dame football coach, his face drawn and pale, changes trains at Chicago enroute to Rochester, Minn., where he was to enter the Mayo clinic for physical examination. Leahy said he was going to the clinic because he had reached a point where he was of no value to the team.



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## No More of This



SGT. JOE LOUIS, heavyweight champion of the world, who Sunday announced that his fighting days are over. "I'm in the army now," said Joe, "and they're taking care of my plans. By the time this war is over I'll be in my 30s and that's too old for a fighter. I'm too old for it now." Thus with Louis' sudden announcement passes one of the most colorful and respected champions in flitic history.

## Irish Hope to Trip Seahawks

Rely on Bertelli's Passing Ability to Do the Job Saturday

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. 12—(AP)—The idea of an upset victory Saturday over the unbeaten Iowa Seahawks was in the mind of every Notre Dame football player Monday, because with gridiron form players in a dither this season the Irish think anything can happen.

At least Notre Dame is willing to try. The Irish played a 7 to 7 tie with Wisconsin and lost to Georgia Tech, 13 to 6, before finally pulling out their season's first victory last Saturday, 27 to 0, over Stanford.

All this has been going on while the Seahawks of Bernie Bierman were rolling ruthlessly over four opponents, three of them as tough as they come—Northwestern, Minnesota, Michigan.

The factor that arouses the Irish hopes is Angelo Bertelli's return to the passing beam again. The accurate Italian, who had a major hand in Notre Dame's undefeated season last year, didn't find himself this season, in a revamped setup that had him calling signals from the quarterback's berth in the "T" formation, until he was relieved of those responsibilities. Then the junior range-finder regained his old talent. With Harry Wright recalled from the line to about the signals, Bertelli pitched 20 times, connected on 14, and included a string of nine straight as 233 yards were gained via the aerial route.

It was a performance that must have brought smiles to Head coach Frank Leahy, undergoing treatments at the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn., and perhaps it was a display inspired by the illness-enforced absence of the man who directed Bertelli to national fame last year.

So it's Notre Dame against the Seahawks Saturday—Notre Dame with its Bertelli once again "on the beam."

## Coast Conference Football Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts	Opp
Washington	3	0	1	120	41
UCLA	1	0	1	30	20
Oregon State	2	1	0	35	28
Stanford	0	1	0	0	6
Idaho	0	1	0	0	25
California	0	1	0	0	13
Montana	0	1	0	0	16
Oregon	0	1	0	0	22
USC	0	1	0	0	6

Games next Saturday:  
Montana at Seattle.  
Washington State at USC.  
Idaho at Stanford.  
UCLA at California.

## Writers Rate Ohio State 11 Nation's Best

Washington State Is Tenth According to 91 Sports Writers

By HAROLD CLASSEN  
NEW YORK, Oct. 12—(AP)—Ohio State, coached again by Paul Brown who is only two years away from tutoring a high school eleven, has the best college football team in the opinion of 91 sports writers throughout the United States.

The Buckeyes, undefeated in three starts, top second place Georgia by 142 votes in the Associated Press' first weekly rating of the present season.

Although Minnesota, which won first place in the final polls of both 1940 and 1941, yielded its lofty position and skidded to 14th place, the Big Ten conference dominates with the Ohioans and three other entries among the first ten.

Michigan, which has lost only to the Iowa Seahawks of Lieut. Col. Bernie Bierman, is third with the surprising Illinois club fifth and Wisconsin seventh.

Bierman coached Minnesota during its reign but his Seahawks and the football teams representing the other various military camps are not eligible to participate in this ranking, which is restricted to collegiate eleven only.

The service aggregations, with former pros and all-Americans, have mastered a major portion of their collegiate rivals, the four pre-flight schools of the navy setup having yet to lose an encounter to a school outfit.

The standings of the teams (point place votes in parentheses, points figured on 10-9-8-7 etc. basis):

Ohio State (25)	636
Georgia (12)	494
Michigan (12)	418
Alabama (10)	358
Illinois (8)	328
Georgia Tech (5)	300
Wisconsin (5)	298
Pennsylvania (5)	288
Colgate (12)	170
Washington State (3)	168

Second ten:  
11, Boston college (1), 156; 12, Vanderbilt, 151; 13, Duquesne (2), 150; 14, Minnesota (1), 148; tie for 15 and 16, Santa Clara (1) and Tennessee (1), 140; 17, Texas Christian, 120; 18, Army, 65; 19, Iowa, 51; 20, Texas, 46.

Also runs—Tulane (1), 44; Notre Dame, 37; Washington, 16; Louisiana State and North Carolina, 14; William & Mary and UCLA, 12 each; Northwestern, 11; Virginia Military and Brown, 9 each; Holy Cross, 8; Syracuse and Baylor, 7 each; Missouri and Indiana, 6 each; Georgetown, 5; Tulsa and Williams 4 each; Oregon State, 2; Maryland, Colorado and Auburn, each.

## Bates Names WU Student Union

"Bearcat Cavern" is the official name of the student union at Willamette university as a result of a contest held on the campus last week. Dale Bates, a freshman from Salem, won the competition sponsored by the student body and the Willamette Collegian, campus newspaper.

The announcement concerning the new union was made Monday with the naming of Keith and Kent M'arkee as co-managers. Both are juniors from Canby and are active in student activities.

## Waskowitz, Former Husky Star, Killed

SEATTLE, Oct. 12—(AP)—Lieut. Frank "Fritz" Waskowitz, University of Washington football captain in the mid-30's, has lost his life in the southeast Pacific battle zone. Friends of the one-time sharpshooting halfback learned from his mother in Chicago that Waskowitz went down fighting two weeks ago. Previous accounts of the fighting across the Pacific had told of his being the pilot of a heavy bomber.

## Kaiser Builds Town Larger Than Salem

PORTLAND, Oct. 12—(AP)—By next year Salem no longer will be the second largest community in Oregon.

Henry J. Kaiser, west coast shipbuilding wizard is building a housing project north of Portland that will house some 40,000 shipyard workers upon completion around January 1.

The project, costing \$25,102,000, will cover 650 acres.  
Salem's population (1940 census) is 30,908.

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