

Sports Trail

By Whitney Martin

NEW YORK, Dec. 4—(P)—We've talked to Jim Thorpe, that burly, leather-faced hunk of man with the chicken tracks at the corners of his piercing dark eyes.

We've asked this football player to end all football players everything we could think of at the time, such as how far he could kick a ball, what he thought of the present-day game, and if he ever got hurt playing. To the latter query he rubbed an ankle tenderly. "Once," he said, "I twisted this ankle a little."

How About All-Stars?
But we never thought to ask him a most obvious question, to wit, his own personal nominations for an all-time all-star football team. Charles P. Ward of the Detroit Free Press wasn't so dumb. Charley asked him, and what's more, he got an answer, although it was accompanied by much hemming and hawing and maybes and perhaps.

After pointing out to Ward that he, Thorpe, had played football 23 years and had seen any number of players come and go, big Jim finally got around to naming his all-star team of the moment. Of the moment is used advisedly, as he admitted that if he were to pick a similar team five minutes hence it might not be the same team.

Anyway, here's Thorpe's team: Ends—Albert Exendine, Carlisle, and Brick Muller, California.

Tackles—Fats Henry, Washington and Jefferson, and Hector Cowen, Princeton.
Guards—Fudge Heffelfinger, Yale, and Cupid Black, Yale.
Center—Germany Schulz, Michigan.

Quarterback—Walter Eckersall, Chicago.
Halfbacks—Eddie Mahan, Harvard, and Red Grange, Illinois.
Fullback—Ted Coy, Yale.

It will be noted that only two players—Grange and Muller—come under what might be called the current era. That is, they are the only representatives of the players of the last 20-25 years. The others fade back as far as the turn of the century.

Whether big Jim was letting his memory, and the passage of time, magnify the exploits of these stars is problematical. A man naturally is inclined to rate high his contemporaries, and many of these athletes played when, or not long before, Thorpe was making his own football history. It's the old idea of recalling the house on the corner as the biggest house in all the world when you were a boy, even if it was just an eight-room duplex, lights and water furnished.

Unanswered Questions
But there is no denying the qualifications of every man named by big Jim, and you can no more argue against his selections than you can argue that Jack Dempsey could lick Joe Louis, or vice versa. It's one of those things you never could prove, and a dog chasing its tail is pretty smart compared with a couple of guys arguing the respective merits of athletes of different generations. The pup might reach a conclusion.

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"Gosh," he told us after his selections had been pried out of him, "I've left off a lot of good men."
Which is true enough when any such team is named, and if Thorpe left out any of those he named he might be as open to criticism from partisans as he might be for leaving out some he didn't name. He probably could give you an argument to back up any selection, however. All our information is hearsay, but if we were naming such a team we'd make one slight change.

We'd get a gent named Thorpe in there somewhere.

Track, Football—All Same to Pettichord
WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Dec. 4—(P)—One of Washington State's great track performers of a few years ago has changed over to coaching football and he had just about the finest prep record in the state this year.

Pat Pettichord, a Northern division champion runner at WSC, took his Battleground, Wash., high school team to an undefeated season to win the Tri-County league title in southwest Washington.

Battleground won its first championship since 1938 by scoring 118 points to 0 for the opposition, all of which is nice going for a track man.

Army Quint Angling For Game With 'Cats
PENDLETON, Dec. 4—(P)—The Pendleton army air field basketball team, 54-42 victor over Whitman but 34-49 loser to eastern Washington College of Education, is negotiating for games with Willamette, WSC and the University of Washington.

The Flyers have games scheduled with Boise junior college, Whitman, Pasco NRAB Flyers, Walla Walla air base, Lewiston Normal

Keeping the OP Eye Sharpened Up During Winter



JOHNNY MIZE (left), New York Giants slugging first baseman, and St. Johnson, Philadelphia Phillies pitcher, show respective wives a few pheasants they shot during a hunting trip in Illinois. Most ballplayers do much hunting in the off season to keep in physical condition as well as keep the hunting eye sharp.

Kennedy, Jay Stoves Lead Coast Gainers

PULLMAN, Dec. 4—(P)—The two leading ground-gainers of the Pacific coast are in the Washington State college football team's backfield, and Pullback Bob Kennedy isn't both of them.

The college reported Friday Kennedy was first in total yardage for the coast's major teams with 1018 yards and Jay Stoves, left halfback, was second with 711. In third place, the report said, was Santa Clara's Jess Freitas, with 699 yards.

Kennedy Nears Record
Kennedy is just 20 yards away from the coast conference individual rushing record of 812 yards set in 1939 by Kenny Washington of UCLA. He needs to carry the ball only seven times against Texas A. and M. Saturday to set a new national "work horse" record.

The college reported the team ranked eighth nationally in total defense and ninth in passing defense, and added the once-beaten Staters were the only coast outfit to show in the first 15, except for UCLA's rating of 14th for team punting.

Church Teams Wait Jamboree

The City Church basketball league held a well-attended meeting at the YMCA Friday night and drew up full plans for the opening night jamboree Wednesday, December 9, starting at 7:00 p. m.

Twelve teams will participate in the jamboree which will officially open seasons for both A and B league teams.

Director Irving Hale announced that A league competition would start on December 12, and B league to start on December 16. He said that respective schedules would be drawn up soon.

The jamboree tilts line up as follows:
7:00—Presbyterian vs. Jason Lee Pioneers (B league); 7:30—United Brethren vs. West Salem Methodist (A league); 8:00—Evangelical vs. Jason Lee Aces (B league); 8:30 First Baptist vs. Presbyterian (A league); 9:00—American Lutheran vs. First Christian (B league); 9:30 First Methodist vs. Dallas EBM (A league).

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Fishing Prospects

PORTLAND, Dec. 4—(P)—Unless streams fall rapidly, week-end steelhead fishing in western Oregon will be poor, the game commission's weekly bulletin indicated Friday.

What Cardinals Started War Is Finishing—Finally Breaking Up Yankee Ball Bombers

NEW YORK, Dec. 4—(P)—What the St. Louis Cardinals started the war seems about to finish, and if this disintegration of the New York Yankees continues these will be as much truth as noise in the yap of the boys at the stadium next summer: "Buy a program. Buy a program. You can't tell the players without a program."

In fact, even Skipper Joe McCarthy is liable to need a program to tell just who is on his team. There will be quite a few strange faces.

The Cardinals cracked the veneer of invincibility coating the New York club, and now Uncle Sam is methodically completing the breaking up of the team by taking its players, one by one. Only Three Certainties

Right now it seems only three of the players, exclusive of pitchers, who might have been classed as regulars last season appear certain to be back. They are Joe Gordon, Joe Di Maggio and Charley Keller.

This Golfer Can Eat His Birdies

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 4—(P)—Golfer Don Goldsmith was after birdies, all right, but he didn't expect the two he got would be quail. On successive days at the municipal course his drives on the 13th and 11th holes bagged the dinner delicacy.

UCLA-Grizzly, Idaho-Trojans In Twin Bill

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4—(P)—Iraho and Montana are playing football in the 103,000-capacity memorial coliseum Saturday. UCLA will oppose Idaho and Southern California will toy with Montana.

If a football doubleheader is an inducement there will be a fairly large crowd. Then, too, the prices are \$1.10, the lowest ever here for a Pacific coast conference game. But the crowd probably will be small and the football-minded are bidding their time for another day; next Saturday, in fact, when Southern California and UCLA will play again, and against each other, with the conference title and the Rose Bowl bid against Georgia at stake.

Idaho plays the Bruins, starting at 12:30 p. m., and as soon as this game is over the Trojans will take the field against Montana.

Huskies Honor Walt Harrison

SEATTLE, Dec. 4—(P)—University of Washington football players Friday elected Center Walt Harrison as their honorary captain for the 1942 season and voted the Flaherty inspirational award to Tackle Thron Riggs of Buckley.

Both players are seniors. Harrison a Seattle boy, was the recipient of the Flaherty award last year. He was one of the few juniors ever so honored. During the football season, Coach Ralph "Pest" Welch named an acting captain for each game.

Victory Ship Named After Columbia Lou

ALBANY, N.Y., Dec. 4—(P)—The Liberty ship representing New York in the nation's victory fleet will carry the name of the late Lou Gehrig, the state's school children have decided.

A & M Picked To Whip WSC

Cougars Tackle Tough Texas Eleven Today

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 4—(P)—The Texas Aggies, for the first time in four years are not using a December game to polish up for a bowl engagement.

Washington State meets the Cadets here Saturday, still entertaining faint hopes of representing the Pacific coast in the Rose Bowl, having lost only one game. Aggies Tough Outfit

While the Aggies have their most unimpressive record since 1938 they were given their edge in this battle, mostly because Washington State is making a long trip and because the Cadets, while winning, only three games this season, were as tough as they came.

Last year the Aggies beat Washington State 7-0 in Tacoma. Only one southwest conference team played a Pacific coast eleven this season, Texas Christian beating UCLA 7-6. TCU defeated the Aggies 7-2. Washington State did not play UCLA.

Kennedy Against Passes
Fullback Bob Kennedy tops the Washington State offense and the Aggie point making centers around a passing attack that has been tops in the southwest this year—Leo Daniels to Cullen Rogers.

A crowd of 18,000 is forecast for the game. The kick-off is 2:30 p. m.

Badger Quint Meets Bombers

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Dec. 4—(P)—Pacific university will open the basketball season here Saturday night in a game against the Fort Lewis Warriors.

The Pacific team, sophomores and a flock of freshmen, has lost Coach Pete Miller to the navy. Footbal coach Roger Folgate has taken over. Folgate himself leaves soon.

The Fort Lewis team is composed of former college players, including George risk, formerly of Pacific.

Famous Trainer Bob Smith Dies

NEW YORK, Dec. 4—(P)—Whistlin' Bob Smith, the pleasant, round little man who trained championship race horses and prize fighters for half a century, died Friday. He was 73.

Best-known for his work with the mighty cavalcade, the 1934 Kentucky winner, and his job of managing Frank Ernie, the world lightweight champion at the start of the century, Whistlin' Bob came at the Yonkers (NY) home of his sister after a long illness.

No residents of Marion, Polk, Linn or Yamhill counties are named in the new casualty list.

Armstrong Climbs 'Nother Rung With TKO Win Over Jenkins

Ball Conclave Winds Up With Single Trade

Braves Swap Miller To Reds for Joosi, Andrews and Cash

By JUDSON BAILEY
CHICAGO, Dec. 4—(P)—The winter baseball meetings floundered to a finish Friday with the major leagues finally completing a player trade—Eddie Miller of the Boston Braves to Cincinnati for Eddie Joost, Nate Andrews and cash—and the minor leagues making plans for 1943 in a stormy convention session.

Miller Good Shortstop
Miller has been the outstanding shortstop of the national league for about three years and has been with the Braves since 1939. Both he and Joost are 26 years old, are married and have children, and had similar records last year. Miller batted .244 in 142 games, made 130 hits including 23 doubles, two triples and six homers, and batted in 44 runs. Joost batted .244 in 142 games, made 126 hits including 30 doubles, three triples and six homers, and batted in 41 runs.

Price Rumored 25 Grand
Joost became the Reds' regular shortstop in 1941, but Manager Casey Stengel of the Braves said he intended to use him at second base.

Andrews, 29 years old, had been with the St. Louis Cardinals and Cleveland Indians in the past but served at Syracuse in the international league last year. He pitched in 31 games, won 17 and lost 12. He was in 214 innings, struck out 114 and walked 79.

The amount of cash was not disclosed, but it was estimated that the Reds put up \$25,000.

Suds Sell JoJo To Athletics

SEATTLE, Dec. 4—(P)—The Seattle Baseball club management announced Friday the sale of Outfielder JoJo White to Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics.

It will mean a return to the American league from which White came to Seattle in 1939. He came as part payment by Detroit for Freddie Hutchinson, the highly rated rookie pitcher, and through four seasons has been a spark plug of the Seattle team that won three straight pennants.

Manager Bill Skiff announced from Chicago that White was sold for an outfielder, Dilon D. Miles, and an unannounced cash sum. Miles was purchased from Chattanooga for \$25,000 several years ago.

Merchant Marine Casualties Listed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4—(P) Merchant marine casualties totaled 317, including five Oregonians, from October 2 to November 21, the navy reported Friday, releasing casualty list number three.

Because 12 casualties have next of kin residing in foreign countries, only 305 names appeared on the list—17 dead and 288 missing, the navy said. Friday's list brought the total merchant marine casualties from September 27, 1941, to November 1 of this year to 2901, including 463 dead and 2438 missing.

Florence Farmer Killed, Dispute

EUGENE, Dec. 4—(P)—Frank Fisk, 45, Florence farmer, is dead. His neighbor, William F. Turner, 77, Florence, was in the Etane county jail Friday as result of a dispute over a farm boundary.

State Policeman George Albright, who arrested Turner, said a bullet from a small calibre pistol entered Fisk's head, inflicting fatal injuries.

Mosconi Nears Title

DETROIT, Dec. 4—(P)—Youthful Willie Mosconi of Jackson, Mich., all but grabbed a stranglehold on at least a tie for the world pocket billiards championship Friday night by defeating veteran Ralph Greenleaf of New York, 125 to 97, in 19 innings.

Basketball Scores

University of California at Los Angeles 38, Loyola 17.
Alpine Dairy (Seattle) 41, WWCE 30.
Idaho 44, Whitman 31.
Gonzaga 42, Whitworth 25.
Washington State 43, Eastern Washington 40.
University of Southern California 34, Whittier 25.

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Waning Grid Season Lists Few Tussles

Great Lakes vs. Notre Dame Tops Saturday's Scattered Sessions

NEW YORK, Dec. 4—(P)—Scattered games throughout the south, midwest, southwest and Pacific coast kept the football season alive Saturday with little at stake except the honor of winning.

Revolta Leads Miami Open at Halfway Mark

By JOHN WILDS

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 4—(P)—Johnny Revolta of Evanston, Ill., the 1933 winner, sank a 40-foot chip shot on the 18th hole Friday to complete a brilliant five-under-par 65 and take the half-way lead with 135 in the \$5000 Miami open golf tournament.

"I had a hunch I was going to make that one," he said as he walked off the green with a two-stroke edge over Harold McSpaden of Philadelphia.

Starting the day in fifth place after his first-round 70, Revolta came through with seven birdies—against a pair of bogeys—to end up with his 135.

The first day pace-setter, tiny Ben Loving of Springfield, Mass., lost control of his driver, hooked three tee shots to critical holes and finally added a 72 to his opening 66 for a tie in third place at 138 with E. J. "Dutch" Harrison of Little Rock, Ark.

Harrison, far back Thursday with a 72, got into the running by scoring a 31—the best nine hole score of the tournament—coming home Friday and taking a 66.

Scrambling from start to finish, McSpaden managed a par 70 to go along with his starting 67 and finished the day just where he started it—as runnerup.

Chief Specialist Willie Turnesa, the 1938 national amateur champion who now is assigned to a navy gunnery school at Hollywood, Fla., started the second round in third place, but slipped over par with a 71 and finished in a tie for fifth at 139. Even at that, he held a five-stroke margin over the other amateurs.

Disaster overtook Leonard Dodson, the happy-go-lucky pro from Kansas City, on the 18th hole. Needing only a par four on the 385-yard hole to tie McSpaden, Dodson smacked a long tee shot down the middle. But he put his second into a trap, came out short, missed the green and holed out in seven—for 71 and two-day total of 140.

UO Examinations Slated Next Week

EUGENE, Dec. 4—(P)—University of Oregon students next week face four crowded days of final examinations, then a shortened Christmas vacation and a return to school December 28 for the winter term.

Final examinations are scheduled for December 9-12. The examination period was cut short and moved up so that students going home for Christmas may comply with railroad travel regulations. A two-week Christmas vacation begins December 12.

Frank Now Athletic Boss at Camp White

CAMP WHITE, Ore., Dec. 4—(P) Appointment of Lieut. Leo J. Frank, former College of Puget Sound athletic director as athletic and recreation officer here was announced Friday.

Lieutenant Frank, who held down the CPS post five terms, reported for duty as a reservist a month ago. He was a field artillery lieutenant in World War I.

Cal Underdogs Against Navy

BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 4—(P) Five times beaten University of California winds up its most disappointing football season in years tomorrow in a game Saturday with the St. Mary's navy preflight eleven.

Although the Bears are 1 to 2 shortenders to post another defeat into their record, a crowd of 25,000 fans is expected to turn out for the encounter. The proceeds will be devoted to the army and navy relief funds and the preflight school will help lend color by parading its 1200 cadets during ceremonies.

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Huge Christmas Party Being Planned by Legion Monday

If everything goes according to plans made Thursday by a ten-man Legion committee headed by Chairman Rex Kimmel and completed late Friday, Capital Post No. 9 will stage on Monday evening at Fraternal temple the largest Christmas party in local American Legion history.

The program, designed to entertain members of Salem's army, navy and marine recruiting staffs and members of the Marion county selective service boards, will include food, fun and entertainment. An automobile, said to have at least good freights, is to be given away.

Fifty-two local merchants, Post Commander Ira Pilcher announced, have contributed to the program's support.

A crowd estimated at possibly 500 members of Marion and Polk county Legion posts and invited guests, including a number of World War I veterans now in service uniforms, is expected. The preparation of food, to be served at 6:30 p. m., will begin under the direction of Jess George shortly after noon Monday with the lighting of a fire under a 10-gallon pot of sautekrun in the Fraternal temple kitchen. The temple's auditorium will be prepared by a crew of Legion member volunteers Sunday afternoon and evening.

Among the guests will be a member of the armed services, whose name was not announced, just returned from the Pacific battlefield on Guadalcanal. The

Ham'rin Hank Victor in 8th; Proctor Wins

Ex-Triple Champion Shows Fine Form

PORTLAND, Dec. 4—(P)—Hammerin' Henry Armstrong took another long and important stride up the comeback trail here Friday night by scoring a technical knockout over former lightweight champion Lew Jenkins in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round boxing headliner staged by Portland's new National Boxing Club. "Perpetual Motion" Hank weighed 144 and Jenkins 143½.

The former triple-crown holder, fighting in his famous crouch, had it all the way and cut Jenkins' eyebrow and cheek with sinning jab early in the fight and dropped the Sweetwater, Tex., battler to the floor eight times before Referee Tom Louttit called a halt to the proceedings.

It was a left jab to the head and a punishing right cross to the body that finished Jenkins. The same blows had sent him to the floor three times in the seventh round for counts of nine, the bell saving him from the ultimate result.

But Jenkins, although out-punched from the opening round, rallied gamely at the close of the seventh after "playing possum." So near did he appear to get away for the night that many of the capacity crowd were heading for the exits. But up he came to throw punches from all angles at the Los Angeles Negro, former holder of the feather, light and welterweight titles all at one time.

It proved to be his last rally, however, and when he weakly slipped to the floor after Armstrong tagged him with the right cross in the eighth, Louttit stepped in and raised Armstrong's hand.

It was an important win for Armstrong, who now goes to New York for a date with undefeated "Sugar" Ray Robinson in Madison Square Garden next month.

In the semi-final Powder Proctor, 162, Portland Negro, returned to the ring after a long layoff, to score a technical knockout over Lefty Abbott, 162, Bellingham, in the fourth round of a scheduled six-round bout.

Abbott hit the floor for a count of nine in the fourth and did not answer the bell for the fifth, much to the crowd's dislike.

In two other six-round preliminaries Joe Keyes, 152, Houston, Tex., used a sharp left hook to drop John Cobell, 161, Salem, twice to win by a technical/knockout in the second round, and Joe Kahut, 167, Woodburn, scored a technical knockout over Pvt. Dick Bird, 163, Fort Canby, in the third.

Pvt. Orv Teeter, 149, and Sgt. Leo McCormick, 147, both Portland, fought a four-round draw in the opener.

Fite Results

DETROIT, Dec. 4—(P)—Charley Hayes, 160½, undefeated Detroit middleweight, scored his eleventh successive victory Friday night by decisively outpointing Johnny Lawler, 159½, of Cleveland, O., in 10 rounds. Lawler twice was down for one count.

entertainment, headlining Gay Reed, nationally known dancer who will arrive from Seattle Monday afternoon, will include the Singing Sentinels, a male quartet from the Kaiser company, Portland.

The first of its kind scheduled for Oregon, Commander Pilcher announced, the program is being staged in response to a suggestion that legionnaires throughout the nation entertain local selective service draft board members and recruiting officers. Invitations have been mailed to all ex-service men in the Salem vicinity whose addresses were known.

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