

# From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

Catalina island, the "southern California paradise," may be Heaven to some ballplayers insofar as a baseball training camp site is concerned, or a place to "get away from it all" for the Hollywood playboys and girls,



"SLATS" GILL

pitching center of last season, coach the Bulldog hoopers until Woodburn's local board No. 1 taps him on the shoulder, which won't be long now . . .

## New Trend Pays Off

From the looks of the box scores coming in it's apparent that "Slats" Gill wasn't fooling when he told us the other night that his reserves on the OSC hoop squad could be much better. We've noticed that Don Durdan, Lew Beck, Erlend Anderson, Glenn Warren, Don Cecil and Bob Howard have been getting nearly all the work in games so far, and according to Gill that same outfit will continue to get it mostly.

Probably reason for the Beavers looking so good since returning from the east is a different method of coaching employed by Gill this year. No, he hasn't changed his system, but a year ago when the Orange returned from the east "Slats" says he let up on the players because they were tired and a rest seemed the logical thing. It almost proved disastrous as the Beavers were a long time in returning to proper shape.

So this time Gill brought them back and lashed the whip but plenty with work, work and more work. He didn't give 'em a chance to get tired from their long jaunt and from what we've seen of the Beavers what dividends the new trend has paid!

## Hot-and-Cold Boys

Appears we have one of those hot-and-cold clubs this season in the Viking basketballers—first a slam-bang exhibition and then one which resembles a slam-bang about like night does day. And from where we sit it looks like Coach Frank Brown will have such difficulties all season. When the Viks feel like running look out opposition, but when they don't feel like opening up wide all the way, look out Viks.

If's too bad Brown has to cope with the situation at Salem, a school with a student body large enough to at least turn out good basketball material. Still in order to get what little material he does have Brown has to rely on a few kids coming over from Parrish or Leslie junior highs to fill out the ranks. It's quite apparent in basketball, just as it was in football, that some of the senior students who would make whaling good hoop stock just don't have the stomach or spine for competitive athletics. And it's those same lackadaisicals, with accent on the "daisi," who, when called into the armed forces will wish to heck they had learned a little about what competition means.

However, Brown has done wonders with what he has to work with. The Viks boast hardly any height and what little they do have doesn't seem to be of the necessary rugged type. Yet against Oregon City when the chips were down the Viks displayed a brand of basketball not often seen at the Villa. But that's just it—either the Viks will have to offset their smallness by outrunning the opposition every time from start to finish or be content with second best.

## Quakers Finally Make Freshmen Eligible

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## PAT'S BACK

By Jack Sords



## PAT COMISKEY

BACK IN THE HEAVYWEIGHT WARS AFTER AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT KEPT HIM FROM THE RING FOR MANY MONTHS



## All-Star Game Date Changed

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Meeting to adjust the major league baseball schedules to fit the new opening and closing dates set recently, Ford Frick, president of the National league, and William Harridge, president of the American, Wednesday agreed on Tuesday, July 13, for the all-star spectacle at Philadelphia.

This was a week later than the date previously set.

They were unable to complete all the details at Wednesday's session, but they estimated that major league transportation this year, including the revised spring training, would be reduced five million man miles.

As agreed upon Wednesday the two leagues will open their schedules Wednesday, April 21, and close Sunday, October 3.

The Washington Senators, however, will be hosts to the Philadelphia Athletics at Griffith stadium on Tuesday, April 20, following the usual pattern of having a special opening game at the nation's capital every second year, when the Senators ordinarily would start on the road.

Opening games April 21 will be:

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Washington at New York, Boston at Philadelphia, Chicago at St. Louis, Detroit at Cleveland.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York at Brooklyn, Philadelphia at Boston, St. Louis at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh at Chicago.

## Navy Preflighter Involved In Grid's Freakiest Plays

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—(AP)—Larry Danbom, Notre Dame star fullback in 1934, 1935 and 1936, who recently began his indoctrination at the navy preflight school at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, figured in two of football's freakiest plays in the 1935 and 1936 seasons.

In the 18 to 13 Irish victory over Ohio State the former year, Mike Layden threw a pass to Andy Pilney. As Pilney made the catch, Mike Kabealo of Ohio State stole the ball. But as Kabealo turned to start downfield, Danbom stole it right back for a net gain of 10 yards. The whole exchange took only about two seconds.

In the 13-13 tie with Southern California in 1936, Hal Langley, of the Trojans intercepted an Irish pass and returned it the length of the field for a touchdown. Danbom would have had a perfect shot at him near midfield, except that Referee Tom Louttit was running between Danbom and Langley. Danbom finally shoved Louttit to the ground and hurdled him, but this broke his stride and Langley got away. The Irish made 19 first downs to one (by penalty) that day but got no better than a standoff with the Trojans for one of the wierdest days in football annals.

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By WHITNEY MARTIN

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## Frosh, Cutlers Storemen Cop City Contests

The Willamette Freshmen, Casper-Cutler and Army-Navy shared the victory spotlight in YMCA-sponsored City league hoopings Wednesday night in the Willamette university hoop haven.

The Army-Navy gang roared to a fire-engine win over the Papermakers 56-11 in the wildest scoring tilt while Casper-Cutler edged the Willamette Reserves, 30-28 in a tightly fought hardwood battle. The Willamette Freshmen nipped Dairy Coop, 46-21 in the third fray.

WU Freshmen (46) (21) Dairy Coop Copenhaver (8) F (8) Everett Cate (10) F (10) Leibold Stanley (10) G (9) Peters Bates (4) G (9) Reed Moore (1) G (2) Hobson Subs for DC: H. Everett 2; for Freshmen: Lewis 5, Hardy 2; Casper-Cut. (30) (23) WU Reserve Salstrom (13) F (11) Louis Cutler (12) F (8) Russell McKee (7) C (5) Ercolini Coons (6) G (6) Connor Moore (1) G (2) Hobson Subs for WU R: Douglas 6; Army-Navy (56) (11) Papermakers Cameron (16) F (15) Geddis Gallagher (18) F (1) Adams Toulson (11) G (3) Jones Ogilahl (8) C (6) Willis Weaver (5) C (6) Nesbitt Subs for A-N: Downs 4, Hamilton 4, F. Papermakers, Fairman 2. Officials: Don Hendrie and Irving Hale.

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## Costello Cruz, Billed Again At Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Matching of Costello Cruz, Los Angeles, and Jack Chase, Colorado negro holder of the California middleweight title, for a 10-round battle here February 2 was announced Wednesday by Joe Waterman, matchmaker for Portland's National Boxing club.

Waterman said he had to offer a \$5000 purse to outbid other coast fight clubs seeking the bout.

Chase won the California crown from Eddie Booker less than two weeks ago. He has won 20 out of 21 fights, including two decisions over Chase. They boxed one draw.

Cruz, most popular fighter to invade Portland in years, has won three straight here. His technical knockout of Powder Proctor in the fifth round Friday, was one of the most sensational in local fight history. The 21-year-old Mexican has shown steady improvement since his first appearance here in October.

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# Huskies Halt OSC Win-Binge With 44 to 39 Series Evener

## Garden Slates Star-Spangled Hoop Tourney

By ORLO ROBERTSON

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Madison Square Garden, where all attendance records for basketball have been smashed, will become the capital of the court game in March when the pick of the nation's college fives appear in the NCAA and national invitation tournaments.

Harold Olsen of Ohio State, chairman of the NCAA basketball committee, Wednesday announced that the organization's eastern regional tournament and national finals will be held in the huge Eighth avenue sports area, where a record crowd of 18,394 saw a college doubleheader January 2.

The invitation tournament, sponsored by the local colleges, will match eight selected teams on March 16, 18, 22 and 24. In addition a Red Cross benefit program also is being arranged to fit in with the invitation matches.

Definite dates for the NCAA's two tournaments and its western sectional meet at Kansas City will not be decided until sometime next month, but Olsen indicated they probably would be held the third and fourth weekends of March. That plan would fit in with the invitation tournament since it would call for the four NCAA fives to play probably March 19 and 20, with the winner going against the western sectional survivor on March 27.

Last year Dartmouth won the eastern tournament and Stanford the western, with the west coast team going on to take the championship.

West Virginia university won the invitation tourney, defeating Western Kentucky in the finals.

## Forfeited Tilt Played Out -- Score: 106-33

Presbyterian's entry in the B Church league dropped its game by forfeit, but the Calvinists had the later satisfaction of defeating the Jason Lee Aces, 106-32, in a non-counting loop fracas Wednesday night at the YMCA.

The victors were penalized for their use of an ineligible man and therefore were forced to forfeit to the Aces, 2-0.

In other engagements, American Lutheran trounced the Y Yokes, 47-35 and Evangelical tripped the Jason Lee Pioneers, 66-31.

JL Aces (32) (106) Presbyterian Brown (2) F (10) Patton Pickett (5) F (41) Carver Helbert (18) C (47) Compton Zoyle (3) C (2) Mason Chamberlain (4) G (6) Anusen

Evangelical (66) (31) JL Pioneers E. Hillicker (35) F (0) Chamberlain Brown (2) F (7) Allison M. Hillicker (8) C (0) Kuescher Sims (9) G (7) Bacon Dierks (12) G (14) Hendrie Subs for Pioneers: Boggs 3.

Amer. Luth. (47) (35) Yokes Johnson (5) F (6) Ullman Anderson (8) F (6) Yeater Meyers (2) C (8) Shattue Getzendaner (8) G (8) Gemmill Thompson (4) G (6) Yocum

Subs for Lutherans: Ramus 5, East-ridge 2, for Yokes: Shawver 7, South 4, Berwick 4. Referee: C. Williams.

## Ex-Champ's Illness Halts Friday Fight

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(AP) Chalky Wright, former featherweight champion, Wednesday notified Boston promoters he would be unable to go through with his engagement with Sal Bartola Friday night. Wright said he had a heavy cold and had been unable to train.

## Washington Cancels State Hoop Tourney

SPOKANE, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Secy. J. D. Meyer said Wednesday night that the board of control of the Washington High School Athletic association had decided "after careful consideration of all the problems involved" to cancel the state high school basketball tournament for this year.

## Basketball Scores

COLLEGE  
Washington 44, Oregon State 39.  
George Washington 57, Army 48.  
Loyola 53, Glenview Naval Air Station 32.  
Tulane 58, Mississippi State 43.  
LaGrande 38, Union 31.

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# Sports

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## Minor League Czar Sees Plenty Players for '43

DURHAM, NC, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Striking back at "gloom spreaders," William G. Bramham, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball leagues, asserted Wednesday that all evidence indicates there will be sufficient players available for the minor leagues this season.

## Baugh Cleared For Absence

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Sammy Baugh, the Washington Redskins' famed passing star, Wednesday was officially cleared of everything but carelessness by Elmer Layden, commissioner of the National Football league, for failure to appear with other Redskins in the service benefit game with the All-Stars at Philadelphia December 27.

Layden, in a formal 300 word statement, declared that investigation had proved conclusively that Baugh intended to play; that he was really ill when he intended leaving his Rotan, Texas home for Philadelphia, and that at the most "he (Baugh) may have been careless in delegating the duty of notifying the club officials."

Layden added that "the publicity and subsequent investigation attendant upon Baugh's failure to appear in Philadelphia is deemed sufficient punishment under the circumstances."

## Race Results

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The Coldstream stable's tragic ending snapped a long losing streak Wednesday, taking the featured Monroe race track by the Fair Grounds race park by a nose.

Mrs. B. F. Whitaker's Sickle T, the 4 to 5 favorite, was second, three lengths in front of the Millsdale stable's Briton.

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