

SPORTSLIGHTNER

Weekend wash: What could have been one of the greatest Rose Bowlers in history is now instead purely anti-climax following Saturday's visit to Los Angeles by Notre Dame. Had the Trojans been able to knock over the Irish, then no less than the undisputed national collegiate grid championship would have been decided in Pasadena. As it stands now, Michigan must massacre the Troys by a greater margin than 38-7 to rate a par with Notre Dame.



BURT SHOTTON

about the warmest collection of basketballers to hit the local premises in years. Better still, those same Central, intact to a man last season, had the enviable habit of performing thusly in 90 per cent of their games. . . . Willamette didn't have the speed or manpower to cope with the Washingtons, but any loyal son of the State street encampment will concede that the Johnson brothers, Bob and Jim, are two of the nicer things to happen to the Bearcat basketball plant in many moons, and that new coach Johnny Lewis definitely will not have his horde too far back in the Northwest conference pack come March.

Back to Obscurity

There is no sentiment in baseball, or hadn't you noticed? Called from obscurity after the 1947 National league season had started, Burt Shotton nonetheless led the Brooklyn Dodgers to the pennant and came within a couple of runs of snatching a series triumph. Many will insist the white-thatched old man be handed the 1947 "manager of the year" accolade for a job exceedingly well done. But his reward isn't another contract. The Dodgers have shoved him back to obscurity by re-signing Durocher. It's the almighty dollar that counts, and Branch Rickey, certainly one who knows that better than all is well aware that the stormy Durocher will pull more patrons into the National league arenas than will the sedate Shotton.

The Western International league's manager of the year came close to being offered a coaching job with Seattle in the Coast league, but missed. When Seattle absorbed a farm club in the Class C Pioneer loop the Rainier office wanted long-time Coach Eddie Taylor to handle the managerial reins. Taylor refused, and so Dick Gyselman was assigned. Had Taylor taken the berth our Jack Wilson would have been offered post-war's vacated coaching post with the Emil Sick varsity. . . . All of which should be okeh by the Waters field customers, for now we'll get John Francis back as Senator skipper, we hope.

Not Cleveland, Please

Should the Yankees this week make a deal involving Villager Bill Bevens, not to Cleveland, please. That's one nine Bill can beat. But the ratings of the Yankees are the Indians with St. Louis or Washington, if it has to be at all. . . . A rousing cheer for the Amity high eleven and their newly-won state Class B football title. The Amitys wanted to play the title game up in this part of the state, inasmuch as they played Henley down south last season in a semifinal game. After all, there are hundreds of loyal and proud parents and fans in and around Amity who cannot make 500-mile football trips. But the Warrior kids nevertheless "got even" by nosing out the Henleys in their own territory.

Commissioner Schmidt might frown upon it, but Idaho Coach Dixie Howell has blossomed forth with slogan since upsetting the previously unbeaten Utah eleven. It reads, "Idaho U is the U for you." Utah schools have been skimming the cream of the Gem state's crop for years. . . . With the former great Wally Palmberg as chief, the Astoria entry in the pro basketball loop already has indicated it will enjoy health at the gate. Two thousand customers packed the Astoria USO pavilion to see the Lower Columbia Royal Chinooks in their inaugural, and Palmberg pitched in an added attraction by playing himself and showing the folks he still is a pretty prett Wally Palmberg with a basketball.

Award Assembly Due for Vikings

The annual football and cross-country award assembly will be held this morning at nine o'clock at Salem senior high school. Athletic Director Vern Gilmore announced Monday, Coach Harold Hawk will handle the variety grid awards and Elroy Jensen the "B" team, monograms. Gilmore will give out the cross country team letters.

Mat Dandies Set for Armory Card Tonight

Another of Matchmaker Elton Owen's heavier spangled armory mat parties, this one a four-mat spread with a grudge rematch on top, goes forth tonight at the Ferry Street Garden, starting at 8:30 o'clock. Two 20-minute one-fall prelims and a 30-minute 2-of-3 faller will precede the top attraction, that is, a scuffle between Hoosier hotshot Buck Weaver and the tattooed toughie from Chicago, Al Williams, both well known to local circus customers.



WHITEY WHITTIER
He faces Dusette.

The opener sends the talented Tommy Martindale against Billy Hixson, coast lightweight title belt holder from Alabama. This one is sure to be an all scientific excursion. Then comes the Whitey Whittler vs. George Dusette meeting, a main event in itself since both gladiators are of top grade in calibre. The

semiwindup special brings back Sammy (Red Devil) Kohen, after a lengthy absence, and he climbs in with the newcomer of last week, Ken Maine of Salt

Lake City. Maine looked fast and capable in his debut and was given the special shot tonight by Owen. Kohen was a topcatcher during his sojourns in and around Salem months ago, along with being one of the more comical operators is considerably capable as a mat nasty. Owen installed the Williams-Weaver set-off after this duet had slam-banged a dandy at Albany week before last. That one was won by Williams when he smacked open a bloody gash on the Indiana trickster's lip which required three stitches to close. Ensuing heat between the two caused Owen to waste little time obtaining their signatures for a rematch. Owen always has believed the best biceps brawls come of those gents who develop little love for other members of the mat fraternity.

Fighting Bearcat Hoopsters Surprise Duck Quint, 55-50

Walcott Plea Thumbed

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—Joe Louis said today he was willing to meet Jersey Joe Walcott again in June of next summer just a few hours after the New York Athletic commission had turned thumbs down on the Camden battler's arguments for a reversal of last Friday night's verdict.

Louis, making his announcement through Sol Strauss of the 20th Century Sporting Club, suggested that New York's Yankee stadium would be a logical site and added the only hitch would be the arranging of "satisfactory terms."

These were not defined but it is believed he referred to terms similar to those of the second Billy Conn fight when Louis drew 40 per cent of the receipts and the Pittsburgh challenger 20 per cent.

At a meeting of the state athletic commission today, Chairman Eddie Egan and Commission Chairman B. Powell devoted about 12 minutes to hearing the claims of Walcott and his manager, Joe Webster, then issued a statement disclaiming any desire "to interfere with the discretion and judgment of competent officials."

Out to Stop Abney String



This is Davey Arndt, the rugged Portland middleweight who had some great fights both as amateur and pro in the Salem ring. He tangles with Salem's Dick Abney Wednesday night in the six-round special before the Hal Fries-Babe Fenton mainer at the armory, and is out to smash the win streak built up by the Salem middleweight.

Motors, Marines, Wards Nab Wins as City Circuit Opens

Six teams went into action last night in the National league as the city basketball circuit opened the 1947-48 campaign, and the inaugural showed that most of the performers have yet to work themselves into top playing shape. Showing the most class in the

banquet given Angel Gridmen. MT. ANGEL, Dec. 8 (Special)—Over 100 mothers, dads and Mt. Angel Prep football players and lettermen were seated at St. Mary's school here Sunday night for the annual grid banquet. The mothers teamed to cook and serve the food. Father John Whelan, athletic director at Central Catholic high school in Portland, was principal speaker. Father Edward Speer of Mt. Angel as Preps director of athletics was toastmaster. Other speakers were Father Gabriel and Father Herdebrand of Mt. Angel, Coach Verdel Ragsdale and Al Lightner, sports editor of the Salem Statesman.

Painter Takes Roodles Meet

Tony Painter, wielding a hot putter, captured top honors in the B-hitter Roodles tourney at Salem Golf club over the weekend. Painter fired a 70 which with three-fourths handicap netted him 42 roodles. Ned Ingram and Jim Sheldon knotted for second place with 40 roodles, Ingram carding a gross 72, and Sheldon a 70. Bob Burns wound up in the fourth slot with 39 roodles on a 71.

Church Results

A league — Latter Day Saints 28, First Baptist 51; First Presbyterian 23, Mennonite 20.
B league — Central Lutheran 30, Court St. Christian 8; Calvary Baptist 22, First Baptist 3; First Presbyterian 37, Pringle 22.
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Johnson Pair Spark Locals

Lewis Club Cracks Webfoot Win Streak

By Jerry Stone

A fired-up gang of Willamette Bearcats astounded the well-packed house and probably shocked a visiting troupe of Oregon Webfeet even more last night on the Willamette floor with a fighting 55-50 triumph over a Duck quintet which had racked up five pre-season wins in a row. The Webfeet had the height but John Lewis' warriors made up for that with a fighting brand of ball which constantly tied up the lemon and yellow garbed crew — and on the defensive side the 'Cats had a couple of sparklers in the brothers Johnson. Slender Bob poured in 22 points over the course of the evening and Jim accounted for 17 himself besides making it rather a futile night for the Duck's sky-scraping Roger Wiley, who garnered just five points.

John Warren's Northern Divisioners opened fast to build a 4-0 margin but the Willamettes chewed away with the aid of some especially smart basket hitting by Jim Johnson and went into the lead for the first time when Bob Johnson laid one in to make it 21-20 with three minutes left in the first half. At the intermission the Lewis gang walked off with a 27-24 advantage. In that first 30 minutes Guard Bob Level spun in 17 tallies for the Oregons.

A pair of baskets by Bartlett together with hits by Stan Williamson and Wiley pulled the Ducks up to a 32-27 lead as the second lap opened — and a hard-charging and rough 20 minutes it was fated to be. Bob Baum and Jim Johnson then holed-out to bring it up to 32-31, and after the visitors had made it 35-31 the contest became literally a duel between the Webfeet and the brothers Johnson. Jim canned three gift shots to put it at 35-34. Al Popick hit one for the Warrens, then Jim came back with a pivoter and brother Bob followed with a 10-push-shot to put the Bearcats to the fore at the 11 minute mark.

The Webfeet went back in front 41-38, only to have Bob Johnson spin the hemp with a bucket and a trio of charity tosses which gave the 'Cats 43-41 advantage. The Eugene bunch tied 'er 45-45 with six minutes to go but Waldron put the Methodists in front for good with a push — shot from the side. In the last few frenzied moments, with the Oregon trying desperately to catch up, the Johnson pair accounted for three baskets and a foul shot to put the game away.

Officials Al Lightner and Hal Eustis called a total of 47 fouls during the fray, 26 of them on the Ducks. Four performers left the contest via the foul route — Jim Bartlett and Reddie Berg for Oregon and Ted Johnson and Tom Warren for the Willamettes. The clubs play a return go Wednesday night at Eugene's McArthur Court.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Oregon (58) vs Willamette (55). Individual player stats for both teams.

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Officials: Hal Eustis and Al Lightner.
PCC Official Eyes Violations
His investigation will be carried to the campuses of the six northern members later, and he said the results will be released at the June meeting in 1948. The conference committee, which will attend the national collegiate athletic association convention in January of next year, was instructed to vote in favor of the NCAA's new purity investigating possible violations of the athletic code but, said his survey only embraced the southern division members of the loop — California, University of Southern California, UCLA and Stanford.

Irish Again Grab 'Year's Best' Toga

Impressive Win Over Troy Cinches Honor for Second Successive Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—Notre Dame, unbeaten, untied and virtually unchanged — was selected as the outstanding college football team of 1947 today, winning the honor for the second straight year in the final poll conducted by the Associated Press.

Coach Frank Leahy's Fighting Irish put the finishing touches to their first perfect season since 1930 by crushing Southern California, 38-7, Saturday and left little doubt of their superiority in the minds of a cross section of sports writers from coast to coast. Among the 146 experts who participated in the last poll of the year, 107 of them placed Notre Dame at the head of the list while 25 handed first place to Michigan's all-victorious Big Nine champions and four split their ballots to call it a tie between the two midwestern powers.

As could be expected, however, Michigan polled 94 second-place votes against 32 for the Irish and received enough additional backing to finish only 121 points behind Notre Dame in the final tabulation. On the usual basis of ten points for a first-place vote, nine for second, and so on, the South Bend-ers wound up with a total of 1,410 points while the Rose Bowl-bound Wolverines accumulated 1,289.

By manhandling the Pacific coast champions, Notre Dame not only solidified its own position at the head of the list but contributed to a rearrangement of the standings all the way from third place to the bottom among the top ten teams. The final standings (based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 system of scoring with season won-lost tie records in parentheses):

Table with 5 columns: Team and Record, Votes, Ties, Pts. 1-Notre Dame (9-0-0) 107 1 1410, 2-Michigan (9-0-0) 25 4 1289, 3-South Meth. (9-0-1) 1 0 975, 4-Penn State (9-0-0) 1 0 853, 5-Texas (8-1-0) 1 0 757, 6-Alabama (8-2-0) 1 0 617, 7-Pennsylvania (7-0-1) 1 0 525, 8-S. California (7-2-1) 1 0 354, 9-N. Carolina (8-2-0) 1 0 295, 10-Georgia Tech (9-1-0) 1 0 278

Beavers Face CCNY Tonight

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—Three teams unbeaten in college competition will be among the four quintets slated to appear in tomorrow's basketball doubleheader at Madison Square Garden.

In the opening Oregon State's basketball coast conference champions (4-0), will tackle formidable City College of New York (4-0). CCNY is rated the top team in the metropolitan area. The closer will pit Loyola of Chicago (7-0) against St. John's of Brooklyn (1-1). CCNY and Oregon State originally were slated to meet in the second game feature but the tilt was moved up to 8 p. m. (EST) because the far westerners must catch an early train.

Walcott Gets Gazette 'Belt'

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—N. K. Perlow, manager editor of the Police Gazette, said today a \$2,500 silver and jewell studded belt would be given Jersey Joe Walcott "the world heavyweight boxing champion" within 10 days. Walcott was defeated by Joe Louis, holder of the title since 1937, in Madison Square Garden Friday night although Referee Rudy Goldstein and many boxing writers scored the Camden, N. J. challenger as the winner.

The belt will be a duplicate of the ones given John L. Sullivan, James J. Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons and Jess Willard. Perlow said the awards were halted after Willard won the title but were being reinstated now.

Boxing Heads OK Graziano

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—Rocky Graziano won a narrow squeak, split decision today in a poll of state boxing commissioners who were asked whether the world's middleweight champion should be allowed to fight again. The National boxing association said the results show that 40 per cent are for Graziano, while 33.8 per cent are against him. Graziano has been some time outside the ring has been even more turbulent than it has inside it — was barred from boxing in Illinois. The state boxing commission there made the move after it said it had discovered that Graziano was dishonorably discharged from the army.

Majors to Invite Coast's Big Four

Doors Said Ready to Swing Open to Seraphs, Seals, Stars, Oaks

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—The presence of the Pacific coast in the major league baseball in the near future became a distinct possibility today when it was learned that the National and American leagues will suggest to the Coast league Thursday to bring in four of its big clubs for the purpose of forming two 10-team major leagues.

A reliable source told the Associated Press that the majors will inform Pacific coast representatives they are willing to take in the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hollywood and Oakland provided these clubs can obtain territorial franchises from the Pacific Coast league. At the same time, according to the source, the majors will turn down the Coast league's No. 1 proposal to become a third major league in its entirety, or the alternative request to be granted a higher classification. The latter would give the Coast league a ranking between its present triple A rating and the big leagues. Under the 10-team setup, the National league probably would expand to include Los Angeles and Oakland, and the American league would expand to include San Francisco and Hollywood.

"The majors are of the opinion that the four clubs mentioned could support a major league baseball successfully," the source said. "However, they will inform the Coast league representatives that the development of such a plan must of necessity come from the Coast league itself. The men who own the coast franchises would have to make their own arrangements, settle their own problems, arrange their own territorial divisions, etc."

The major leagues open their annual winter meetings here tomorrow and a joint meeting, at which the coast situation will be discussed, is scheduled for Thursday. It also was learned that the coast's "big four" already had been informed in an informal "behind-the-door" discussion that officials of three of the clubs met in Oakland several weeks ago as to what steps to take. At the conference, presided over by Paul I. Fagan, vice president of the San Francisco club and "strong man" of the Coast league, the clubs came to the conclusion that it would cost them approximately \$11,000,000 (million) to obtain their releases from the Coast league and ready themselves for the majors. Of that \$2,500,000 (million) would have to be paid to the "little four."

One source said the five-man committee agreed on the following: The cities of San Francisco and Los Angeles definitely can support major league baseball. Hollywood and Oakland probably will do the same. Seattle is a probability but not yet ready. Portland is not of major league calibre at the moment and it is doubtful if it ever will be. Sacramento and San Diego can never hope to have big league ball.

The Salem YMCA Badminton club will play its first tournament of the year tonight at 7 o'clock in the YM gym against Willamette university. The contests, from 7 to 10 p. m., will include women's, mixed and men's doubles. Y teams will be set up by an arrangements committee, according to results of club ladder play.

Table of Coastal Tides

Table with 4 columns: Dec, Time, HIGH WATER, LOW WATER. Shows tide times for Taft, Ore., compiled by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.

Stunned Walcott Sheds Tears



SHOCKED-SURPRISE hit "Jersey Joe" Walcott after Champion Joe Louis was awarded the decision in Friday night's heavyweight title bout. Walcott, who was confident he had won the fight, is shown above crying in his dressing room after the verdict. Louis' post-fight comment to his opponent was: "I'm sorry, Joe." (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Basketball Results

Table with 2 columns: COLLEGE, Score. Willamette 55, Oregon 50, Colorado 50, Colorado AAM 40, Texas 51, Texas Tech 47, Coll. Idaho 48, Humboldt State 47, Illinois 40, Notre Dame 38, Texas A&M 43, E. Texas State 32, Georgia 30, Mercer 62, Ind. State 71, West Texas State 50, Iowa State 43, Simpson 29, Marquette 47, Wayne 35, Purdue 60, Nebraska 56, Rice 38, L.S.U. 35, Portland Univ. 60, Pacific Univ. 45

Brooks Trade Dixie Walker

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—Outfielder Dixie Walker and Pitcher Vic Lombardi and Hal Gregg were traded to Pittsburgh by the Brooklyn Dodgers today in return for Shortstop Billy Cox, Pitcher Elwin (Preacher) Roe and Infielder Gene Mauch as the winter major league meetings opened with a flurry of activity.

This six-man swap in which no cash was involved, according to President Branch Rickey of the Dodgers, was believed to be the forerunner of another transaction by which Cox, one of the top shortstops in the national league, will go to the Chicago Cubs.

Veterans Few At Mt. Angel

MT. ANGEL, Dec. 8 (Special)—Coach Verdel Ragsdale is faced with going into the Willamette Valley league basketball race this season with but two lettermen on his Mt. Angel Preps team. Those two are Lawrence Traeger and Bede Annen, both guards.

Others who are out for the varsity include Jim Nosack, Pete Ruff, Robert Frost, John Frost, Paul Wolf, Jim Hoffer, Bill Duda, Eddie Kahut, Alex Erwert, Gale Buchheit, Norbert Wellman, Doug Penner and Walter Beyer. Buchheit is the tallest player at 6 feet 2 inches. The Preps open here December 19 in the league jamboree.

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