

Coast Major Ball Possible

AP Poll Indicates Trend in Future

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Big league baseball on the Pacific coast still is a distant possibility in the opinion of the majority of the nation's sports editors answering the annual year-end poll conducted by the Associated Press.

Approximately 50 per cent of the editors said they favored an abrupt refusal to the Pacific Coast league's demands for provisional big league status, denied by the majors at their December meetings.

Eventual admission of San Francisco and Los Angeles was favored by most of the others over any one of a dozen or so different schemes.

Most popular was the idea of the 10-team major league. That would involve acceptance of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and possibly Hollywood into the present circuit. This scheme actually was discussed by the majors.

One ingenious plan called for transfer of the two cellar franchises in the American and National leagues to Los Angeles and San Francisco. Just how this



would be worked out remains a puzzle, although the British foot-

State Rules Satisfy Grid Coaches

Only Two Changes Before NCAA Body

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(AP)—College football coaches recommended only two minor rule changes for 1948, track coaches asked for an NCAA meet on an Olympic basis and baseball mentors bid for Olympic recognition today as the National Collegiate Athletic association opened its 42nd annual convention.

Tomorrow the executive committee will be handed a liberalized version of the so-called "sanity code," approved a year ago as a means to curb subsidization.

The surprise of the day was the commendation of the rules committee of the American Football Coaches association for only two minor changes, fustiest since the war. This group turned down such proposals as the elimination of the point after touchdown, abolition of the free substitution rule and the making of a T-formation quarterback eligible for a pass when he does not stand a yard behind the line of scrimmage.

Instead, the NCAA football rules committee, which meets in Savannah, Ga., next Tuesday, will get only these recommendations from the coaches committee, headed by Lou Little of Columbia:

1.—After a second successive out bounds kickoff, give the ball to the receiving team at its restraining line, ten yards in front of the kick, instead of on the kicker's 40-yard line.

2.—When a player is injured after the fourth time out in a half, only the injured player can be substituted for without penalty.

Montgomery Wins by KO



The manner in which Harold Hank's Vikings dispatched a supposedly potent Corvallis outfit the other day gives the impression that Mr. Hank and his laddies can go a long, long way if they have their share of "on" nights. . . . Cub Houck, certainly one of the best all-around athletes ever to wear the colors of the Red and Black, is the bellwether, the inspiration man of this current Vik edition. He's the pace-setter, the feeder, the guy who carries the brunt of the backboard work. And what a smart move when the husky cotton-top was switched to the center slot. . . . Reports held that the Corvallis crew had "it" — and that certainly seemed indicated in the Spartans' six won-none lost record prior to Tuesday evening. But you didn't have to look at the Benton county team beyond the duration of a deep breath to note that they're pretty much a one-man ball club, offensively speaking. And the one man is Bob Edwards, the elongated pivoter, Sammy Baker, the Sparis' ballyhooed grider and also advertised as a No. 1 hooper is, to put it in baseball parlance, good field-no hit. Meaning that Sammy is no Gale Bishop at pitting the hoop but helps with his aggressiveness in floor play. . . . Everyone expects Edwards to play quite a bit of center for Oregon State one of these days. Big Bob boasts a whale of a pivot shot which reminds of Lee (Rabberlegs) Gutierrez, the onetime USC All-Amer. . . . If you hear a crash out at the Vik gym one of these nights it may well be the cramped press yielding to an overload. That is a spot where you really rub elbows. . . .



ROD PROVINCE

Fries Belted Out in Fourth

By Jerry Stone

If all the armory fight cards of the new year are as action-packed as that presented last night, it's going to be a great year locally—and in the same breath it would be well to add that Mr. Hal Fries, Salem's feather pride, doubtless hopes that all his engagements don't terminate as did his venture against Klamath Falls' Monty Montgomery.

Montgomery, a slenderish kid with the punch of a pile-driver, put a great big period to the argument as to whether he or Fries is currently the better when he kayoed Hal in 1:15 of the fourth round of the evening's main event. Monty, one of the best leather lathers to show here in a long while, set up the knockout with a savage series of powerhouse rights fixed with left hooks lunched just after the bell opening the fourth heat. The initial pulverizer was a smashing right to the head. From then on Fries was all but helpless to the point where another solid right to the side of the head sent him down to be counted out by Referee Packy McFarland. The bout had been fairly even up to the climactic round.

It was the second time Montgomery had cold-cocked his foe in two meetings—and in the minds of the goodly number of fans on hand last night, Monty is a lad who had better begin looking for other fields to conquer.

The six-round semi-final of the Vets of Foreign Wars program saw Salem's Dick Abney and Portland's Davey Arndt, middleweights, battle to a draw in a lively rematch stemming from Abney's close decision over the Portlander a few weeks ago. The pair got in some potent right hands over the route, Arndt finishing with a badly cut eye.

The prelims (four rounds) all had their share of toe-to-toe slug-fest. Dean Abney, Salem, and Dick Wolfe, Portland, punched to a popular draw in a welter bout that was action from the start. Still a third Abney, Bud, notched a decision over welterweight Bill Sundan, another of the Klamath Falls clan. Another rematch saw Claude Dove, Sandy, much-improved swimmer from his last outing here, decision Jimmy Curry, Portland feather.

Next armory card has been set for Jan. 21st.

The AP pollsters pick Michigan by almost 2 to 1 over Notre Dame as the fair-haired leader of the college grid crop, but we still hold out in our battered bosoms for the Irish. And, of course, we won't hesitate one moment to mention that the USC Trojans, in a squad we chose Frank Leahy's gang—and almost 3 to 1. Who is more qualified to make the choice? Remember, the SC's were tortured by both the Wolverines and the Irish. . . . Don McLeod of the Oregonian put it rightly in his poll argument for the South Benders when he ventured that the Irish didn't point for a single game but just played hard enough to win it. . . .

Karpets, Navy Retain Lead

Pages Karpets and Salem Navigation rested at the top of the City hoop circuit's American league division following last night's engagements at Leslie. The Navigations turned back the hitherto unbeaten Army-Navy club, 36-27, while the Karpets edged out a surprising Knights of Columbus crew, 33-31, after making up a 17-12 halftime deficit. Third tilt of the program saw Warner Molt turn out Elitstroms, 37-27.

KARPETS (33) (31) KC's Sverdrup (3) F (4) Meier Page (2) C (5) Epping Butte (8) C (10) Johnson Lind (2) G (15) Albrecht Heller (1) G (5) Herberger Subst: Karpets-Neely (8), Garland (2), McMorris (7), KC's-Keene, Burlington.

WARNERS (37) (27) ELITSTROMS Moe (8) F (6) Woods Hough (12) F (5) Jones Burnett (3) C (4) Davies G. Russell (5) G (6) Miller Byer (8) G (4) New Subst: Warners-P. Russell (1).

S. NAVY (36) (27) ARMY-NAVY Sverdrup (3) F (7) Chamberlain Sheldon (9) C (2) Province Harnick (3) G (6) Covatt Brown (3) G (7) Johnston Subst: Navy-Van Odel (2), Morris (4), Peavey (4), Army-Navy-Vittone (1). Officials: Donovan and Ercolini.

Maxim Finishes Fistic Tuneups

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Cleveland Joey Maxim finished up his boxing drills for his Friday night fight with Ole Tandberg and said today he was confident he would outbox the Swede. Maxim said he would weigh 178 for the bout. That would give Tandberg an advantage of around 30 pounds.

STAYTON WINNER

STAYTON, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Stayton's Packers took a 28-25 basketball victory over Chemawa Tuesday night after yielding an 18-11 Chemawa lead at half time. Stayton also won the prelim 32-19.

STAYTON (28) (25) CHEMAWA McCall (4) F (5) Crain McCall (2) F (5) Crain Nightingale (4) C (2) Rugrade Bod' timer (10) G (6) Hillaire Giel (8) G (5) Henry

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Taft, Ore., compiled by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Portland.			
Jan.	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER	Time
8	9:24 a.m.	3:25 p.m.	0.2
9	9:21 a.m.	3:23 p.m.	0.3
10	9:18 a.m.	3:21 p.m.	0.4
11	9:15 a.m.	3:19 p.m.	0.5
12	9:12 a.m.	3:17 p.m.	0.6
13	9:09 a.m.	3:15 p.m.	0.7
14	9:06 a.m.	3:13 p.m.	0.8
15	9:03 a.m.	3:11 p.m.	0.9
16	9:00 a.m.	3:09 p.m.	1.0
17	8:57 a.m.	3:07 p.m.	1.1
18	8:54 a.m.	3:05 p.m.	1.2
19	8:51 a.m.	3:03 p.m.	1.3
20	8:48 a.m.	3:01 p.m.	1.4
21	8:45 a.m.	2:59 p.m.	1.5
22	8:42 a.m.	2:57 p.m.	1.6
23	8:39 a.m.	2:55 p.m.	1.7
24	8:36 a.m.	2:53 p.m.	1.8
25	8:33 a.m.	2:51 p.m.	1.9
26	8:30 a.m.	2:49 p.m.	2.0
27	8:27 a.m.	2:47 p.m.	2.1
28	8:24 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	2.2
29	8:21 a.m.	2:43 p.m.	2.3
30	8:18 a.m.	2:41 p.m.	2.4
31	8:15 a.m.	2:39 p.m.	2.5

Breakfasters Honor Bowlers

The first 1948 meeting of the Salem Breakfast club Friday morning at Marion hotel will honor many of the bowlers who are entered in the annual state classic which opens in Salem Thursday night. The entire club program will be devoted to the tournament and its representatives, according to Club President Harry Collins.

The entire club membership is urged to turn out for the 7:30 a. m. breakfast meeting, which is also open to the public.

Dr. Lassers Quits Education Post

The state department of education Wednesday announced the resignation of Dr. Leon Lassers, speech pathologist and psychologist with the department staff consultant in speech to the University of Oregon Medical school.

Doctor Lassers has accepted a position as professor of speech education with San Francisco State college and will leave Oregon February 1 to direct a new teacher training program and also organize a speech and hearing clinic to serve as a demonstration laboratory as well as a rehabilitation center for the Bay area children with speech or hearing deficiencies.



WAC VET—Miss Edna Lou Cullen, ex-WAC and University of Texas junior, has been elected commander of the school's American Legion post at Austin, the state capital.

State Bowling Classic Opens Tonight

Senators Accept Oregon State Train Camp

The Salem Senators have accepted the Oregon State college grounds as site for the 1948 spring training encampment, Seniors Business Manager George Emigh announced yesterday. Confirmation is now awaited from the OSC authorities. Last spring the Senators did their tuneup chores at Medford, but were unable to return there since the Medford city now has its own professional baseball entry in the new Far Western league.

Grade A facilities was given as the reason for the selection of Oregon State, according to Emigh. Plenty of room, competition near at hand, good field and dressing quarters and the presence of the huge indoor armory should the weather be bad were a few of the items listed by the business boss. The Senators had been dicker for training camps at either Oregon State or Pasco, Wash., the past few weeks.

Emigh did not say exactly when the camp at Corvallis would open, but it is expected to start near the end of March. The business manager had no report to make concerning the team's field manager for the season. All announcement were made as the big boss balanced himself a foot above the floor of the Waters park office, flood waters of such depth having inundated both the field and offices.

It's 'Waters' Park for Sure



It was Waters field literally yesterday as flood waters covered the entire playing field with depths of two and three feet of the raging aqua. Even the office premises didn't escape as the above picture indicates. It shows Senators Business Manager George Emigh, almost knee deep in water, calling the weather bureau for a report on what he can expect next. (Don Dill Photo, The Statesman).

Division Quints Busy

The 1948 northern division basketball race, expected to be just as warm a chase as have been the many of the past few years, takes off Friday night at Eugene and Pullman. In the opener the highly-rated Washington Huskies play John Warren's capable Oregon Ducks at Eugene on both Friday and Saturday nights, and the Oregon State Beavers, no pre-season favorite but perfectly capable of rising to the heights upon occasions, play Washington State's Cougars at Pullman the same nights. Idaho doesn't swing into action until Monday and Tuesday nights of next week when the Vandals play host to Oregon State.

This year's race marks the debut of three new head coaches. Chuck Finley at Idaho, Warren at Oregon and Art McLarney at Washington. Only State Gills at OSC and Jack Friel at WSC, both 26-year men, are holdovers. Of the pack, possibly Washington and Oregon boast the best pre-conference records. Play by the Beavers, Cougars and Vandals has been somewhat spotty at times in the tuneups. Most of the prognosticators point to Washington's veteran-studded quint as the team to beat, and rate Oregon and Washington State as even for second place.

Basketball Results

COLLEGE
Linfield 60, Page Woolens 49.
Fordham 77, Yale 75.
Notre Dame 71, Butler 47.
Muhlenberg 80, Lehigh 38.
Columbia 42, Brown 41.
Brooklyn Col. 105, Kings Point 41.
Princeton 80, Penn 68.
Michigan 41, Ohio 32.
Everett JC 84, N.W. Nazarene 47.
PROFESSIONAL
Astoria 69, Portland 45.
Bellingham 51, Tacoma 48.
Seattle 60, Vancouver 44.

Net Series Now Led by Kramer

HERSHEY, Pa., Jan. —(AP)— Jack Kramer, a newcomer in the ranks of pro tennis, took the lead in the play-for-pay series when he defeated Bobby Riggs, the world champion, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 tonight. Kramer now holds a 5 to 4 edge in the series.

Grid Date Looms For Irish, Texas

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 7.—(AP)—The Houston Chronicle said today announcement of signing of a home-and-home football agreement between the University of Texas and Notre Dame can be expected "within the next few weeks." "It looks now as if the series will open in Austin in 1949," Sports Editor Dick Freeman wrote.

BOLANOS-WINNER

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 7.—(AP)— Enrique Bolanos, 135½, Mexico City, ranked as the number one contender for the world's lightweight boxing crown, weathered a knockdown and came back to score a 10-round decision over John L. Davis, unknown Richmond, Calif., negro puncher, in a thrilling fight at the Oakland auditorium tonight.

Special State Tournament Program

BOWLERS

Attend Salem Breakfast Club Friday, Jan. 9th -- 7:30 A. M.

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Oregon's seventh annual bowling classic, a lure for ten-pin toppers from all over the state and already a record smasher, 189 teams are poised for action, gets under way tonight at seven o'clock on the Capitol alleys. Along with the 189 quints there will be 435 doubles teams, 857 singles competitors and 552 all-events operators in the three classes, A, B and C. The tournament is booked to end January 25, after three weekends of heavy play.

In tonight's inaugural round a dozen teams, most of them Salem's own, will have the honor of opening the classic. Those teams are the Culinary Alliance No. 452, Sno-Boys, Nicholson Insurance, Cupboard Cafe, Salem Hardware, Lutz Florists, Salem General Jobbing and Salem Lions club No. 2, all of Salem, and the Lebanon Laundry of Lebanon, Lockwood Hardware of Lebanon, J. Ross Brown of Gresham and Albany Moose lodge No. 855.

The team entry field of 189 for the local meet shatters by far the existing record of 134 quints, set in Portland two years ago. The 1946 teams are divided thusly: Class A, 56; Class B, 70; Class C, 63. The 435 doubles teams: Class A, 143; Class B, 160; Class C, 132. The 857 singles men: Class A, 330; Class B, 280; Class C, 247. The 552 all-events: Class A, 225; Class B, 185; Class C, 142.

A number of the many individual records seem certain to fall also as the trundlers take their turns at rolling for the gold and glory.

A few of the champions of 1947 who are to defend those titles here include Hoffman Radio of Portland, Class A team champ; Frank's Tavern of Redmond, Class B team titlist the past two years; Man's Shop of Portland, Class C king; Salem's Cline's Coffee Shop, Class A champs in 1946, and the Interstate Tractors, record holding Class C titlist in 1946; Earl Moore of Portland, last year's Class A singles champ, and Bill McCullough of Portland, all-events winner last year in the top class.

All of tonight's opening rounds will be absorbed by teams, as a dozen more will take to the lanes immediately following sorties by those already named.

Draft Demise PCL's Goal

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—(AP) Plans by which the Pacific Coast league will carry on its fight for recognition as a third major league were outlined today by Charles Graham, president of the San Francisco baseball club.

Graham, who said the program would be discussed at the next league meeting in Los Angeles, Jan. 26-27, declared "we will insist that the majors make plans to forget us in the annual drafting of our players. We will not accept a draft of one of our players who has not played in our league for at least six years."

"And after that period, the majors may put in a draft but before the player goes, we will insist that a board of arbitration be appointed to decide the value of the player and he will not go to the majors unless they pay the stipulated price."

"If the majors turn us down on this fair offer then we will defy them in our major-minor agreement which has eight years to run. We will refuse to permit our players to be drafted in any year. We will pay salaries that will match the majors. We are prepared to go to court if necessary to fight this thing."

Graham said he expected to have the plan put into effect by 1949.

Blackwell in Redlegs Fold

CINCINNATI, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Long, lean Ewell Blackwell, whose whiplike arm made him the best righthanded pitcher in baseball last year, today signed a contract with the Cincinnati Reds for 1948.

Terms of the contract were not announced by Warren C. Giles, president of the Reds, but it was apparent from a statement he made that the tall boy had been given a substantial boost in pay. Cincinnati sports writers guessed the salary would be between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

Columbia Prep Tops SHA Five

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—(Special)—The Columbia Prep quint tonight topped Sacred Heart Academy of Salem, 41-20, after leading all the way. It was 11-7, 21-15 and 38-18 the rest of the game. Center Feltz led the winners with 14 points. Both Tom Collier and W. Davey had seven for SHA.

SACRED HEART (20) (41) COL. PREP Collier (7) F (8) Smith W. Davey (7) F (10) Bowen F. Collier (6) C (14) Feltz Davis (1) G (5) Barry Sullivan (3) G (3) Mulhern

Bittners Upset Oilers Hoopers

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Jan. 7.—(AP)—The powerful Phillips "66" Oilers, national AAU basketball champions, were beaten here tonight for the first time in 31 games this season by the Oakland Bittners, 45-41. Negro Center Don Barkdale led the Oakland team to victory, taking an early lead in the game and scoring 17 points. He was ably supported in floor play by Mushy Silver, formerly of Oregon State.

Molalla Gridders Honored, Banquet

MOLALLA, Jan. 7.—(Special)—The champion Molalla high school A and B football teams, coached by Don Wilson and Ray Rief, and the Willamette Valley league cross-country champs, coached by Joe Leonard were honored here tonight during a banquet at the high school. Principal speaker was Coach Jim Dixon of Oregon State college. The banquet was sponsored by the Dad's club of Molalla high.

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Duck Pins

Buick downed Dodge, 3-1, Cadillac and Chevrolet divided four. Ford swept four from Oldsmobile and Hudson took a 2-1 count over Kaiser. Fraser last night in duckpin bowling at B & B courts. High game was a 223 by Floyd Dowd who also had high series, 599. Buick had high team game, 964, and Ford rolled high team series, 2734.

STIRNWEISS SIGNS

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(AP)—George Stirnweiss, regular second baseman for the 1947 world champions, became the third New York Yankee to sign his 1948 contract today. The Yankee front office, announcing the signing, said Stirnweiss already was en route to Bartow, Fla., where he will operate a baseball school.