

SPORTSLIGHTNER

This, that, etc.
The local mashed potato league drew a real plum in Vernon (Lefty) Gomez, the loquacious baseball funny man who's to speak here February 18. A tremendous pitcher in his day, Gomez has long since matched his spectacular playing record as a speaker. You'll not want to miss him, if you like baseball anecdotes and laughter.



DON PRIES
New man with Cardinals

We're Still Enjoying That Great Grid Year

Jack Crabtree goes to Columbus, O., to accept a special football award, Joe Francis goes to Palo Alto to pick up the "Pop" Warner Trophy. Man, we Oregonians are still enjoying that great '57 football season! ... Even though he missed landing the managerial job, Vern (Pappy) Kindersfather shouldn't be counted out as a member of the 1958 Senators. Just as soon as he learned that Don Lundberg was to be the skipper, he wanted to know where he could get in touch with him. Object—talking terms for a possible sign-up. ... We don't believe a soul will disagree with us in feeling assured it would be much better having pitcher Pappy with us rather than against us. ...

Click Clark Quitting After 32 Years

One of the real oldtimers of the Pacific Coast Conference is finally stepping out of action after 32 years as trainer for the U. of Washington Husky athletic forces. He's "Click" Clark, one of the nicest gents you'd ever want to meet. ... Clark hasn't only been a tip-top tape and arnica man for the Huskies all those years. He's also been a Grade-A roofer. You may have seen him perched at the end of the Husky basketball or football bench, rooting just as hard as the kids alongside him. And as a close-by official on many of those occasions, we've never heard the man get nasty or abusive with his remarks to anyone. ...

Someone in the Seattle area could do an interesting book on Click's career, for he's seen some greats come and go in his career. ...

Losing Damiano Bad Blow for Idaho Team

Salem Junior Baseball League's chieftain Bill Beard, who annually finds it tough to uncover sufficient and competent coaching help for the circuits, may have just a little less of that woe next season if he can lure a village newcomer into harness. The newcomer is Lionel Sublett, manager of the Weisfield Jewell outfit. He's a former ballplayer in the American Association, and has since coached junior baseball at Longview. ...

The Idaho Vandals basketball team, a good one this year, suffered a severe blow in losing Hal Damiano, the starting forward who was injured (broken leg) in a car wreck last weekend. Damiano hasn't only been contributing around 10 points per game to the Vandal totals, but is also one of the squad's top rebounders and is leading the conference in shooting accuracy from the field, with a .467 "batting average". ...

Backlund Still in "Athlete of Year" Picture

Note from Carl Cluff, Oregon Journal scribe who is helping to produce next week's "Banquet of Champions" in Portland, tells that "Williamette's Vic Backlund is a nominee and survived the first cut by the screening committee for "Athlete of the Year" award. Whether he makes the final group of 12 will not be announced, however, until the night of the banquet. Whether he is one of the finalists or not, I feel it is a fine tribute to the boy. He has not been overlooked by the "metropolitan press". ...

Incidentally, Cliff adds that tickets for the Feb. 6 affair are now at a premium and that it's a cinch to be a sellout. ...

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Customers Hostile at Climax

Masked Duet Gets Win In Armory Mat Mainer

The masked tag team of Karl von Himmler and The Bat got the win last night at the Armory in their mat brawl with Northwest champs Herbie Freeman and Henry Lenz. But most of those who witnessed the melee didn't like the way the hooded culprits got the nod, and some were vehement enough that they rambled after referee, Bill Fletcher, as he hot-footed it to the safety of the dressing quarters. ...

Bethea Clubs Out Decision

CHICAGO, Jan. 29 (AP) — Wayne Bethea of New York out-clubbed 214-pound Young Jack Johnson tonight to take a unanimous 10-round decision in their heavyweight bout at the Chicago Stadium. ...

But when he failed to see The Bat use a claw hold on Freeman in the third fall of the mainer, when the former was outside the ring and not even involved in the action, it was a different matter. Fletcher was at the time shoeing Lenz from the ring. ...

The punishing claw hold doubled Freeman over and made it easy for von Himmler to move in for a slam and pin. The two meanies then wasted no time in scrambling too, for the clients were sizzling. ...

Fletcher seemed to be a step behind things all through the mainer. Both masked men managed to take turns butting Lenz into submission in the first fall, with von Himmler finally pinning him. The fans didn't like the unchecked tactics at all. ...

The second fall was by far the most active of the three. Lenz and Freeman used a rapid-fire and legal siege of head locks and full nelsons on the reeling von Himmler, with Lenz finally pinning him. ...

In the special event Haru Sasaki was too experienced and slick for young Bob Hess and gained the only fall with Judo chops and a press. ...

Idaho, Cal Lead PCC Hoop Stax

Beavers Tops In Rebounding

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29 (Special) —The shooting of the Idaho Vandals and the defense of the California Bears dominated the weekly basketball statistics released by the Pacific Coast Conference commissioner's office. ...

Idaho is averaging 73.4 points per game and is shooting 38 per cent on its field goal attempts to lead offense. Defensively, California has allowed few only 45 points per game, by far the best in the conference. ...

Idaho's 73.4 average over seven games has come on 191 field goals and 132 free throws for 514 total points. Southern California is averaging 67.7 and UCLA, 65.7. Idaho has scored on 191 of its 503 field goal attempts for 38 per cent to rank ahead of Oregon State, which has 37.4 per cent, and Southern California, 35.1 per cent. ...

Defensively California has allowed only 97 field goals and 76 free throws in six games for 270 total points. Oregon State is second with a 54.5 game average followed by Washington, 57.1. ...

California also leads from the free throw line with 70.6 per cent (99 points in 140 tries). Oregon State is shooting 70.5 per cent and Idaho 69.8 per cent. Oregon State (Continued page 16, col. 2)

Scott to Play

Pilots Eye Seattle U

SEATTLE, Jan. 29 (Special) —The Portland University Pilots and Seattle Chieftains renew their basketball rivalry here at the Auditorium Thursday and Friday nights. Seattle won the first two games of the series at Portland earlier, by one-sided margins. ...

The Pilots will be strengthened for the return matches, however, as their 6-foot, 8-inch freshman Ray Scott, from Philadelphia, will be eligible for action for the first time this season. Coach Al Ne-gratti will no doubt have him in the starting lineup at center. ...

The Chieftains will again be led by their All-American candidate Elgin Baylor, who has been averaging around 30 points per game this season. ...

The games will be the first for Portland since their smashing upset of Bradley U. at Peoria, Ill., January 20. Seattle defeated Bradley at Peoria earlier in the season. ...

Iowa State Plans Talks

AMES, Iowa, Jan. 29 (AP) —Iowa State today scheduled interviews with four football coaching candidates in a move directed toward speedily filling the vacancy here. ...

Called to appear before the athletic council tomorrow are Leroy Pearce, former assistant under departed coach Jim Myers, and John D. Bridges, defensive line coach for the professional Baltimore Colts and a former head coach at Johns Hopkins. ...

On Friday the council will see George H. Sauer, former Nebraska great and now athletic director at Baylor, and Clay Stapleton, No. 1 assistant at Oregon State. ...

Pearce, now an assistant at Nebraska and Stapleton, have been considered the two leading candidates. Sauer, who has guided New Hampshire, Kansas, Navy and Baylor, and Bridges, a 1946 graduate of Auburn, are newcomers on the list. ...

Council chairman E. S. Haber said, "this list does not preclude the possibility that additional coaches will be interviewed." ...

Lots of Ducks in State

PORTLAND, Jan. 29 (AP) —The Oregon Game Commission said today it found 638,000 ducks and geese in the state when it made its annual midwinter bird count the last week of waterfowl season. ...

This year's total was well above the average of 500,000 for the last five years but was below last year's record high total of 711,000. ...

BASKETBALL

TONIGHT

City League, Leslie Jr. High: Epping Lumber vs. Orruti's Market, 7 p.m. Valley Tractor vs. Salem Auto Parts, 9:30. Salem Valley Motors AAU vs. Portland Outdoor Store, 8:15. ...

(College Game)

Portland U at Seattle U, 8 p.m. (High School Games) Corvallis at North Salem, 8. Lebanon at South Salem, 8. Albany at Sweet Home, 8. Serra Catholic at Cascade, 8. Mt. Angel at North Marion, 8. Woodburn at Gervais, 8. Stayton at Silverton, 8. Dallas at Molalla, 8. Canby at Sandy, 8. Salem Academy at Amity, 8. Dayton at Williams, 8. Sherwood at Yamhill, 8. Banks at Philomath, 8. Falls CNY at Deer School, 8. Detroit at Chemawa, 8. Perrydale at St. Paul, 8. MacLaren at Valseiz, 8. ...

This May Be Opening Day Scene for LA Dodgers



The Los Angeles Coliseum, shown here loaded with 100,000 spectators, could look something like this on Friday, April 18, when the LA Dodgers open their National League home season with the San Francisco Giants. Location of infield, outfield and foul lines, along with distances, is also pictured. The Coliseum, long one of the nation's biggest and best football stadiums, is now undergoing the facelifting for baseball. ...

The Oregon Statesman SPORTS

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Resembled a Lottery . . .

Pro Owners Eliminate Bonus Draft Selection

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29 (AP) —National Football League owners tonight eliminated the bonus choice for their annual player draft. ...

They also reaffirmed their television policy for another year, added another college player protection clause to their rules, and in a joint action with the players association — turned the pension plan problem over to former pro football ace Bill Dudley. ...

The bonus choice was dropped when the owners were unable to agree upon a method which would not resemble a lottery. ...

A Congressional committee investigating professional sports had suggested to NFL commissioner Bert Bell that the out-of-the-hat bonus choice draw bordered on a lottery and advised him to change the system or throw it out. ...

Bell suggested another method which would have enabled the owners to continue the 12-year-old bonus but it was voted down. The commissioner would have changed the system so that the team with the lowest percentage on the standings at the time of the selection meeting would have received the bonus choice. ...

In the event a team which already had won the choice was lowest in the standing, the next low team still eligible for the bonus would have been entitled to it. ...

As to the league's television policy, Bell announced that it would be "strictly a waiver deal." (Continued page 16, col. 2)

Nagel Said Utah Choice

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 29 (AP) —The University of Utah athletic board made its choice today on Utah's new head football coach. ...

And though the board would not say who that man is, sports editor John Mooney of the Salt Lake Tribune said "the indications pointed to UCLA's Ray Nagel gaining strength as a 'compromise candidate'." ...

There were two others in contention: Ute frosh coach Andy Everest and Talley Stevens, assistant coach at Brigham Young University. ...

The board's recommendation will go before the regents at 4 p.m. (MST) tomorrow. The selection or rejection is expected at that time. ...

Everest has been a favorite in speculation to succeed Jack Currier who resigned to go to Stanford. A week ago the athletic board recommended Everest to the regents. ...

Various booster groups have asked that either a "name" coach of a Utah alum be picked. Stevens is a graduate of the university but not a "name" coach. Everest is neither. ...

Southern Cal Slates SMU in Grid Series

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29 (AP) —Southern California will play Southern Methodist a home-and-home football series starting Sept. 30, 1961, in Los Angeles Memorial coliseum. ...

USC athletic director Jess Hill announced the agreement today and said the 1961 game will be played in Dallas Sept. 29. USC's opening game in 1961 will be against Georgia Tech, Sept. 23 here. ...

Senator Chiefs To Hold Session Early This Morn

Salem Senator baseball directors are to convene again today, at 7 a. m. this morning at the Senator Hotel, to continue their search for a club business manager. It is possible one or two possibilities will be interviewed during the session. ...

Now known to be in the running for the position are four men, John Enger, a local man; Dave Steele, formerly with the Fresno club of the California League; Carl Gunnarson, business manager here under Bill Brenner last season, and Bob Freitas, longtime Boston Red Sox associate who was with the San Francisco Seals the last two years and those still under consideration. ...

Board members meeting this morning are chairman Elmer Berg, Ken Potts, Al Loucks, Vern McMullen, Bill McMahon and Jim Mossell. ...

Musial Signs Richest Pact Ever in NL

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 29 (AP) —A beaming Stan 'The Man' Musial stroked his pen across the richest baseball contract in National League history today and commented "I would have settled for less." ...

Under the new pact, the St. Louis Cardinals will shell out about \$100,000 for their 37-year-old left-handed slugger who bats out of his peculiar, trademarked crouch. ...

For the past six seasons Musial's salary was \$80,000 yearly. The \$20,000 boost was, Musial said, "the contract the Cardinals wanted me to have." ...

Only Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox will likely receive more money this season — an estimated \$125,000 when he comes to terms. ...

It's a wonderful contract, an all-smiles Musial told a press conference. "It's the best ever offered to a National League player. ...

Baseball has rewarded me richly," Stan said, "and the Cardinals have always treated me more than fairly, this year, in particular, the Cardinals wanted me to have this contract. I would have settled for less." ...

Stan's \$80,000 yearly salary was the high money mark in the league although former Philadelphia Pirate player Ralph Kiner once was said to have made \$90,000 with an attendance clause. ...

Musial, winner of his seventh National League batting crown last year with a .351 mark, predicted today he would have "one or two more seasons at top speed." ...

The veteran who captured the league's most valuable player award three times said: "I won't want to set a limit on the number of games I'm going to play in 1958. I want to play all 154 if I can." ...

Musial, entering his 17th season with the Cards, reported he was in better physical shape now than in the last few seasons. ...

He added a shoulder injury which forced him to sit out 20 games last season was coming around. ...

Mason recently played in the Bing Crosby Pro-Am tournament at Monterey, Cal., and will devote his talk to that somewhat fabulous tourney. ...

SBC officials Jerry Long and Ed Lewis remind that club sessions are always open to the male side of the general public. ...

ENCORE TAKES RACE MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 29 (AP) —The Brookmeade Stable's Encore won the \$23,200 Palm Beach handicap today at Hialeah, with New Holland second, and Fabius third in a field of six starters. ...

Welters to Draw Foes Helfand Reveals Tourney Plans

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (AP) —Julius Helfand, president of the World Championship Committee of Professional Boxing, today announced a drawing Monday morning of the three remaining welterweights in the title tournament. ...

One of the three boxers will draw a bye and will meet the survivor of a semifinal match between the other two for the championship vacated by Carmen Basilio. ...

The three boxers still remaining in the tournament after two bouts and one withdrawal, are Virgil Atkins of St. Louis, Vince Martinez of Paterson, N.J., and Isaac Logart of Cuba. ...

Helfand, who also is chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, said the drawing will be held at the office of Ring Magazine, under the supervision of editor Net Fleischer who has been a consultant to the committee. ...

If any of the three boxers refuse to conform to the results of the draw, Helfand said the committee will designate the two remaining boxers to meet for the championship. ...

The six men named originally by the committee were Gaspar Ortega of Mexico, Gil Turner of Philadelphia, George Barnes of Australia, Atkins, Martinez and Logart. Ortega lost to Logart and Turner was beaten by Martinez. Barnes informed the committee that he was unable to agree to terms for an elimination match. ...

Students Go Coach's Bail

ROSEBURG, Jan. 29 (AP) —Roseburg High School pupils are raising bail money for their football coach, Brad Ecklund, in a March of Dimes fund-raising publicity stunt. ...

Ecklund submitted to arrest by district judge Lloyd White, who is running a marathon broadcast on station KRNH for the March of Dimes. Ecklund agreed to remain inside the department store window, where White is broadcasting, until each of the four classes in the high school raises \$100 for the polio drive. ...

For the past eight years the March of Dimes here has been sponsored by the high school and a total of \$31,000 was collected. ...

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