

HIGH CLIMBER
By DICK STRITE

Basketball will be retained as a favorite sport for four reasons: 1. It is a team sport. 2. Boosting of spectator interest. 3. Mass participation and part in physical fitness of the nation's youth. 4. A game those who cannot see the game or hear the accounts, still like to read about—particularly men in the armed services.

These were some of the findings of the sessions of the National Amateur Basketball Coaches Association attended last week in New York City by Howard Hobson, University of Oregon coach.

Round-table discussions at the meetings definitely showed that the hoop sport is more popular than ever. Lt. Com. Paul Hinkle, former Butler U. coach who is in charge of basketball at Great Lakes naval training school, said he had more than 1000 teams competing in the sport during the past winter. . . . and every conference in the nation told about spectacular increases. Ned Irish, Madison Square Garden promoter, said the doubleheader collegiate series in Gotham averaged 1000 more fans per game than last year (10,000 instead of 17,000 per night).

Art Morse, Chicago promoter, reported a substantial increase.

Both Irish and Morse are going ahead with plans for a similar program next winter—even if the teams are composed entirely of military college hoopers. . . .

Cornswell, chairman of the basketball program for the Sugar Bowl association, came all the way from New Orleans to sign two teams to meet in the Sugar Bowl next winter. . . .

Incidentally, made a claim to the basketball crowd over there—21,000 during the past season at the Chicago Stadium.

So it would appear that basketball is one sport that will survive wartime conditions.

Some of the schools that have announced suspension of sports are found to be abandoning football only, with intentions to have basketball. There is a difference. . . . It's easier to travel with a basketball team than a football team. . . . And basketball spectators are not as large in number and they do not travel as long a distance as those for football.

The coaches also had lengthy sessions regarding the rules and made several recommendations, many of which will be tried during the 1943-44 season.

The "shot-block" is definitely out. . . . After various adopted plans, it was decided that a shot is knocked away while the defender is in the air. . . .

It was decided that the shot will count the offending team technical foul, but that officials are to be instructed to determine whether shots that are within the basket are definitely short—such as can be caught by defending players. . . .

This rule will be in effect in the northern division played for a trial by the Pacific conference.

The suggested rule providing for limited substitutions was killed, leaving out the possibility of a steady stream of subs being sent in to the game in the closing minutes of play in order to stop play.

A rule allowing five personal fouls was recommended, and may be adopted in the northern division. The argument in its favor was based on the fact that playtime had increased with the limitation of the center jump, and that an excessive number of fouls were being committed in the closing minutes of the game.

Along this same line came a suggestion cooked up by both Hinkle and Hobson. We'll attempt to limit a charged picture plainly. . . .

The rule in the back court (behind the three-point line) is to be as at present the option of one freethrow or possession of the ball out of bounds. . . .

In the front court the suggestion is that the offensive player be allowed a free shot from the spot when he is fouled—and that he be worth two points—or have the option of taking one shot (worth one point) from the free-throw line. . . .

This, Hinkle and Hobson believe, will put a player penalty against fouling in the back court. . . .

The rule regarding two shots (one point) while in the act of shooting will be retained, but a two-point shot awarded from close in may be more advantageous.

The plan received considerable attention, but of course was not considered as a new rule because of its radical change from present regulations. Hobson is quite sure about testing it in practice games here next winter.

Such a ruling would not only take the defensive man more into account, but would tend to make defense less effective. The comparison of a weaker defense and two-point free shots would add 10 more points to the offensive game.

There was considerable unofficial discussion of what we call "back plays"—allowed here on the west coast in the mid-west, but absolutely taboo in the east—where no one could come to an agreement of the screen plays and what would be allowed.

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Professional Football in Balance as National Moguls Meet

College Draft To Be Delayed

2 Or 4 Clubs To Fold According To Rumors

By TOMMY DEVINE
CHICAGO, April 6.—(AP)—The order of business for a crucial meeting of the National football league became as confusing today as some of the offensive formations employed in the professional grid league.

The original schedule called for the annual player draft as the opening highlight of the meeting, but Fred Mandel, owner of the Detroit Lions, went into the inaugural session determined to block the selection of 200 collegiate players. He seeks postponement of the draft until Thursday.

Mandel attempted last week to get the player draft postponed, but was defeated in a telegraphic poll conducted by President Elmer Layden. However, he made a motion from the floor at the outset of today's meeting and was confident he had garnered the necessary support to put off the selection.

Dorals Suffers Injury

The stocky Lion owner's ostensible reason for desiring a postponement was the illness of his new coach Gus Dorals. Dorals is his Detroit home recuperating from a skull fracture and there was no assurance he would be able to come here Thursday to make his draft selections personally.

Thus the move generally was construed as one designed to "stall" the draft until after a general business meeting was held at which time all clubs would be forced to "show their hands" by making clear cut statements of their operating intentions for the 1943 campaign.

Reports continued to persist as the league's executive committee convened yesterday that two or four clubs would disband and ask that their territorial rights be "frozen" for the duration. Layden staunchly maintains however that he has not been notified officially that any league member intends to "fold."

Backlog of Material

The major problem facing the 10 club owners is that of manpower. In the past the pro grid officials were assured of golden returns each year when they made their "grab bag" choices in the draft for each "dip" brought them a big-name college star with lucrative service calls has changed the picture drastically and the player selection, whenever held, becomes a mere formality by which future negotiating rights are established.

George P. Marshall, owner of the world champion Washington Redskins, frankly admits the draft isn't likely to net much talent that still will be available next fall.

"The selections merely will build a backlog of talent we can call on when peace returns," he said.

With the manpower problem the chief concern it is regarded as certain the player limit will be reduced from 33, probably to 25. Most club owners feel that any slump below the latter figure would place them on dangerous ground.

To permit full use of the limited player material the rules committee likely will recommend adoption of the free substitution rule now in vogue in the college code.

What, Durdan Down Again? You Can't Do That To Us

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 6.—(AP)—Oregon State's baseball hopes for the coming northern division campaign took a nose dive Monday when it was learned Don Durdan, the Beavers' great all-around athlete and mainstay of the ball club, was in the infirmary suffering from bronchial pneumonia.

Dr. Waldo Ball, team physician, said the Orange ace would be out of the lineup for an indefinite period.

Durdan was one of three returning lettermen on Coach Ralph Coleman's club this spring, and had been counted upon heavily to steady the inexperienced men. He was slated for left field.

Friskiest Seals Are Oldsters—Suhr, Gibson

By DAN McGUIRE
SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—(AP)—Ode to the ancients: The friskiest "kid" in the San Francisco Seals' spring training sessions are First-basemen Gusie Suhr, 37, and Sad Sam Gibson, the old sidesterner who'll never see 40 again.

The rookies, (yep, there are a few despite the draft), could take lessons from Suhr and Gibson on how to extend their playing days by staying in condition the year around.

President Charles Graham believes Suhr will have an exceptional season.

"Afternoon games will benefit Gus," Graham declared. "He played with us before parks were lighted and the major leagues didn't introduce night games until he was about at the end of his career with Pittsburgh."

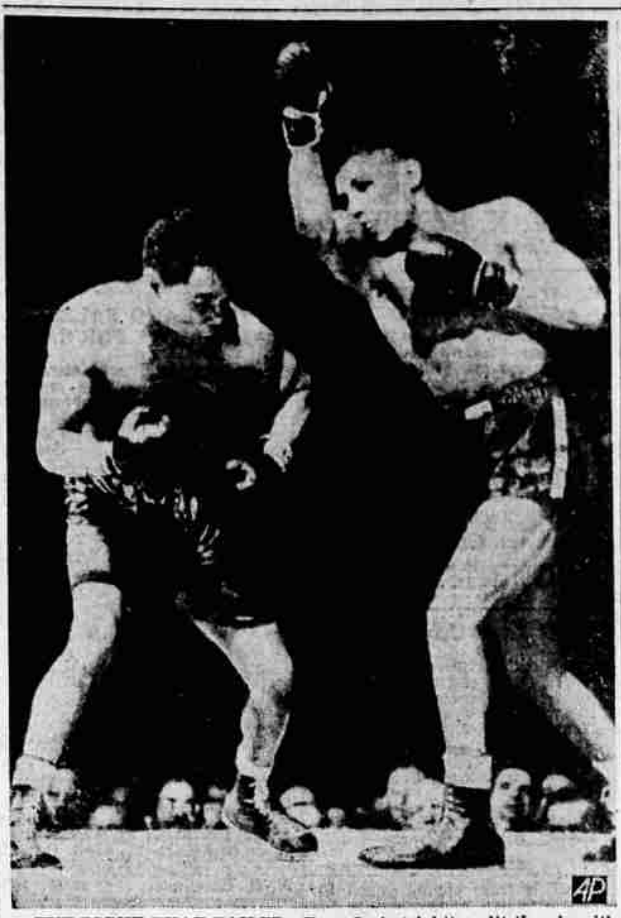
A large crowd trekked down to Santa Clara Saturday for the ball game between the Broncos and California. Everyone thought that the lads would put on a revival of their dog-eat-dog 18-inning match at Berkeley when the insults flew faster than a P-39.

But things went off according to Hoyle and Doubleday. However, the situation may perk up at Berkeley next Saturday.

Incidentally, Buzz Mesagher, Bronco pitcher would have escaped taking a difficult examination if he had downed the Bears. One of his profts promised to exempt him if he won.

Joe Hatten of the Alameda naval air station qualifies as the No. 1 service team hurler in northern California—maybe in the west.

Joe, a smiling young man, belonged to Brooklyn before he en-



THE RIGHT THAT FAILED—Beau Jack, (right), split the air with a right uppercut that missed Henry Armstrong, who drew back for a mid-section blow. This was a bit of action in their 10-round battle at Madison Square Garden which Beau Jack won an unpopular but unanimous decision over the aging Armstrong.

WAVE May Sink Swim Hopes Of Multnomah Club Mermaids

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN
CHICAGO, April 6.—(AP)—The Multnomah Club of Portland, Ore., was considered a good bet to win the team championship of the National AAU senior women's swimming and diving meet until a Wave came along today.

The WAVE is little, 20-year-old Betty Bemis, who filed her entry from Hunter College, N.Y. She again will compete for the Riviera Club of Indianapolis, which she paced to the 1942 outdoor National team title last summer.

Her entry rounds out a list of five defending champions who will compete against a field of some 75 other ranking swimmers representing 13 organizations from Oregon to New York.

Miss Bemis' main threat in the 220 may be Portland's Nancy Merki, who holds four American records and is the defending 440-yard free-style list.

Patty Aspinall, also of Indianapolis, is expected to repeat in the 220-yard breast-stroke, and Ann Ross of the New York Dragon Club is favored to keep her one-meter indoor diving crown and also take the three-meter honors.

Marilyn Sahner of the Women's Swimming Association of New York, faces one of the hardest jobs in defending her 100-yard free-style crown. She faces such stars as Portland's Sue Zimmerman, 100-meter champion, her teammate, Brenda Helsner, American 220-yard record-holder, as well as Wave Bemis.

Waloping Weed Wop To Meet Lipscomb

The Waloping Wop from Weed, Pete Belcastro, returns to the Pearl Street arena next Saturday night in a headline engagement against Jack Lipscomb. Matchmaker Don Owen received confirmation of the match from Belcastro Tuesday morning and almost immediately there was a rush for reserved seat tickets for Saturday's show.

Belcastro, who keeps in training at his northern California home by wrestling with motor transport engines, notified one and all that he will most certainly be here Saturday for one purpose—"to leave the Pacific coast lightweight champion sprawled on the mat in a helpless condition."

Spectators who recall his last appearance here take Pete's word with plenty of weight—remembering what happened to Tony Ross.

The match is expected to pack the local arena for the third straight week and Matchmaker Owen is busy attempting to line up a supporting card that will even top last week's all-star program that featured a successful title defense for Lipscomb against the challenge of "Gorgeous George" Wagner.

Sluggo White Wins Over Guardsman, TKO

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—(AP)—Luther "Sluggo" White, Baltimore, Md., was awarded a technical knockout Monday night over Vern Bybee, San Francisco coast guardsman, after Bybee's shoulder became dislocated in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round main event.

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White won the first three rounds, but Bybee took the fourth, despite a tender shoulder, which had been injured in the first round. Bybee was unable to continue after the shoulder injury recurred in the fifth.

Zivic, Armstrong Eye Portland Mitt Bouts

PORTLAND, April 6.—(AP)—When Jackie Burke and his manager Eddie Poppleton arrived from Ogden today for the Utah welterweight's fistie date with Jimmy Garrison Friday, Matchmaker Joe Waterman had news for them.

Waterman said that Lou Carney, manager of Fritz Zivic, and George Moore, handler of Henry Armstrong, have promised their two former world champions will appear in Portland later.

The winner of the Burke-Garrison bout will be given a chance at one of these good matches, Waterman said.

DETROIT'S BIG TURF MEET

DETROIT, April 6.—(AP)—Four \$10,000 handicaps and a total of \$920,000 in purses today made the 73-day meeting of the Detroit Racing Association one of the most ambitious programs in the country.

TWO MORE PHEASANTS

SACRAMENTO, April 6.—(AP)—The California fish and game commission last night approved a bill extending the limit on pheasants by two birds but refused passage to another measure giving farmers the right to kill non-migratory game birds which destroy crops.

Lefty Wight, pitcher for the St. Mary's navy pre-flight school, has a very clever move to first base. He caught Gus Suhr seven feet off the bag after Suhr had warned his teammates to beware of Wight's wizardry.

The best move we've seen in baseball—college, semi-pro, coast league or majors—was owned by Mike Koll, California's great hurler of a few seasons back. Koll won many games by picking runners off at crucial moments. In fact, heaced Southern California out of the collegiate flag that way three years ago.

Ott Interested In Lombardi

New York Giants Need Danning Replacement

LAKEWOOD, N.J., April 6.—(AP)—Although President Bob Quinn of the Boston Braves said he had "not heard" from Catcher Ernie Lombardi, Manager Mel Ott of the New York Giants said today he would try to obtain the chunky backstop.

Lombardi recently asked the Braves to trade him, and Ott is in dire need of receivers since first-stringer Harry Danning and substitute Ray Berres both face imminent army induction. Berres, infielder Sid Gordon and Pitcher Harry Feldman report for physical examinations, preliminary to being classified in 1-A.

YANKS BEAT SOLDIERS

PORT HANCOCK, N.J., April 6.—(AP)—The New York Yankees defeated the Fort Hancock baseball team 7-2 Monday behind the six-hit pitching of Jim Turner, Marius Russo and Ernie Bonham.

Only the performance of Russo, attempting a comeback after being hampered last season by a sore arm, was unimpressive. The soldiers reached him for two runs in the fifth. Roy Weatherly and Nick Etten collected two hits each for the Yankees.

KLUITZ, GOMEZ STAR

WALLINGFORD, Conn., April 6.—(AP)—Catcher Clyde Klutz clouted the longest homer of the Boston Braves' training season Monday as the regulars and yanigans battled to a 4-4 six-inning draw.

Klutz' 450-foot drive came in the second with two men aboard. He also garnered a pair of singles for a perfect day at bat.

Lefty Gomez pitched the first three innings for the regulars. He yielded three runs in the opening round but pitched scoreless ball thereafter.

CAMILLI, VAUGHAN REPORT

NEW YORK, April 6.—(AP)—Infielders Dolph Camilli and Arky Vaughan worked at top speed today in an effort to round into shape as the remainder of the Brooklyn Dodgers drilled for their game with Yale university tomorrow. Camilli and Vaughan arrived yesterday.

McCULLOUGH QUILTS CUBS

FRENCH LICK, Ind., April 6.—(AP)—Catcher Clyde McCullough packed his bag and left for his Nashville, Tenn., home today after officials of the Chicago Cubs turned a deaf ear to his salary demands.

RED SOX BLAST BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, April 6.—(AP)—The Boston Red Sox scored their second straight shutout victory here Monday, walopping Baltimore of the International league, 8 to 0.

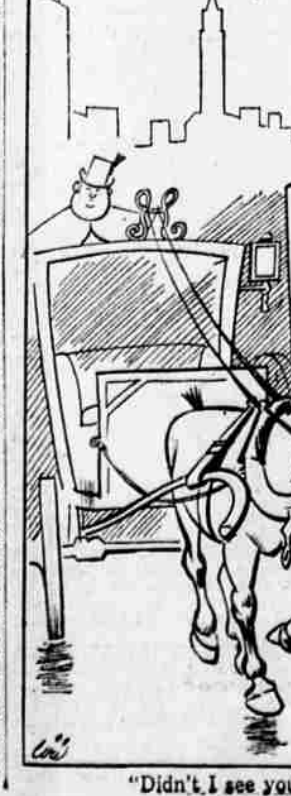
SENATORS LICK NORFOLK

NORFOLK, Va., April 6.—(AP)—The Washington Senators of the American league scored a 10-4 victory over the Norfolk Air Station nine here Monday.

Bay Meadows Awarded 25 Added Racing Days

SAN MATEO, Cal., April 6.—(AP)—Bay Meadows track started off today on a 25-day extension of its race meeting with the blessing of the California racing commissioner if not that of rubber administrator William Jeffers. The commission yesterday unanimously approved 20 more racing days, plus five charity days, on the general premise that if racing is to be conducted in other sections of the country, then in the interest of fairness it should be permitted here.

Horse Meet



Duck Baseball Opener Shifted

Coach Howard Hobson announced here late Monday that the Oregon-Willamette baseball game will be played Wednesday, playing conditions permitting, instead of Tuesday as originally scheduled.

Several players, including Second-basemen Don Kirsch, would not have been able to play Tuesday and the Webfoot mentor wished to have his team at full strength in the final pre-season game—and the first home game of the season.

The conference opener will be held here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock—starting time for all home games—against Oregon State college. The same two teams will meet in Corvallis Friday to lift the lid on the Pacific coast conference, northern division campaign in which the Webfoots will be attempting to make a title defense.

Two other reasons prompted Hobson to shift the Willamette game—a gigantic campus rally Tuesday afternoon as a farewell to more than 200 men students who leave for service with the enlisted reserve corps, and the questionable weather conditions that failed to look promising after a full day of rain Monday.

Montgomery KO's Alvarez in Four

PHILADELPHIA, April 6.—(AP)—Bob Montgomery is ready for his lightweight title bout in New York next month with Beau Jack. The Philadelphia negro, 106 lb, regarded as a leading lightweight contender, demonstrated his fitness with an impressive four-round knockout over Roman Alvarez, of New York, last night at the arena.

A jarring left hook thrown at close quarters set up the knockout. Alvarez apparently was stunned. For a second he lowered his guard. That was all Montgomery needed. The bobcat whipped over a vicious right that caught Alvarez flush on the jaw.

Alvarez fell flat on his back. Not a muscle stirred as Referee Mat Adgie tolled off the fatal count. It was several minutes before the 21-year-old Denver native was revived.

Coast Guard Wins Title Without 'Ifs or Buts'; Take State Honors

NEW LONDON, Conn., (AP)—In past years, when Coast Guard academy won or shared Connecticut collegiate athletic honors, it had to be careful to certify them as "minor college" championships.

The reason: Yale, a major university, is in Connecticut but its schedules don't always tie up with the smaller schools.

However, there are no strings on the Connecticut collegiate basketball championship claimed by the Coast Guard cadets for the season of 1942-43. They met Yale in basketball for the first time this year and defeated the Elis as well as University of Connecticut, twice, and Wesleyan, to make a clean sweep of home state opposition.

57 Report To Allison

BERKELEY, Cal., April 6.—(AP)—Head Coach Leonard B. "Stub" Allison was pleased today over the turnout of 57 candidates for varsity football spring practice at the University of California.

The response of the boys to the first call yesterday exceeded by five the number who reported for last year's spring practice sessions.

U-Bowl

Roy Northam and Ruby Callison combined to give the Slip & Slides the only 3-0 victory in the Social bowling league at U-Bowl alleys Monday night. Northam rolled a 266 single and 684 series to top the men performers and Miss Callison rolled a 545 series to pace the women as the Midgets were victims of the maple assault. Hazel Henzler was high for women with a 202 single, but her Ritzy Rollers dropped a 2-1 decision to the Hoosier Hot Shots. The Pin Twisters defeated the Spares 2-1 in the other league match.

Results:

Slip & Slides 794 791 791-2344
Midgets 642 624 755-2021
High Single—R. Northam, 266, 290.
High Series—R. Northam, 684, 694.

Hot Shots 790 741 692-2153
Ritzy Rollers 619 599 600-2063
High Single—Dr. Wood, 212.
High Series—H. Field, 131, 530.

Pin Twisters 677 687 695-2099
Spares 671 654 688-2035
High Single—L. Callison, 174.
High Series—L. Callison, 571, 490.

MARINE WINS MARATHON

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 6.—(AP)—Cpl. Edward Barrigan, Firebaugh, Cal., won the first marine corps-sponsored marathon race over a rugged 26-mile, 385-yard course in the time of 3:06:10 here Monday.

Seven Lettermen On Track Squad

Time Trials Fail To Uncover New Talent

Time trials last Saturday failed to discover new University of Oregon cinder material for Colored Bill Hayward, but the test relay events did two things, according to the veteran mentor—showed the boys what they could do, and showed their coach what to expect.

Expectations were not too strong, however, with only seven lettermen on deck—Fred Foster in the weights, Ray Dickson in the hurdles and broad jump, Ralph Kramer in the sprints, Stan Ray in the quarter mile, Don Wilson in the distance runs, Bob Newland in the high jump, and Homer Thomas in the pole vault.

Men specializing in field events are expected to be used in the relay meet against Oregon State college at Corvallis April 24, first competition for the Webfoots this season, according to Hayward.

Other candidates at the present time are: Allan Baird, Hoffman, Simpson, Lansdown, printers; Burns, Beecher, Kennedy, 440; Boyland, Clark, Wisdom, Page, half mile; Dick, Wieden, Landale, high jump; Martin, Nickchos, mile; Muller, Wary, Lester, Day, pole vault; Campbell, Heidenrich, weights; Carpenter, Javelin; Day, Kramer, Simpson, hurdles; Hoffman, Landale, broad jump. Most of the candidates are freshmen.

Chuck Elliott, former state high school shot-put champion, has failed to report to date, and Tommy Roblin, all-coast griddler, has turned in his suit after attending several practice sessions with the weight squad.

Another series of time trials have been scheduled for next Saturday, Hayward said.

Mike Ryan Protests WSC Track Verdict

MOSCOW, Idaho, April 6.—(AP)—Coach Mike Ryan of the University of Idaho track team claimed yesterday that the score of the practice meet against Washington State college Saturday should have been 52-52, instead of 52-43.

Ryan based his claim on the results of the 35-pound weight-throwing event which Idaho swept and which Ryan asserts should have been counted. Coach Babe Hollingbery contends the event was an exhibition and not part of the meet itself. At the time Ryan pulled his squad out of competition in protest before the running of the relay, which WSC claimed for forfeit.

Recreation

FINAL WILLAMETTE LEAGUES

Standings	W	L	Pct.
Consolidated Freightways	13	6	.683
General Petroleum	12	10	.547
High Single—Lambert, Con., 232.			
Texaco Oil	17	5	.774

(*) Official Recreation standings do not balance wins, losses.

The champion Consolidated Freightways closed the Willamette bowling league season in style Monday night at Eugene Recreation by defeating the Medo-Land Creamery 3-0. The last-place Texaco Oilers upset General Petroleum's second-place team 2-1 in the other league match.

Loomis of General set a new singles record for the league season with a 257, but Lambert of Consolidated had the best series for the evening, with a 575.

Results:

Consolidated 792 824 804-2470
Medo-Land 746 668 666-2258
High Single—Lambert, Con., 232.
High Series—Lambert, Con., 575.

Texaco 830 813 803-2443
General 779 736 705-2420
High Single—Loomis, GP, 257.
High Series—Loomis, GP, 550.

Tom McCabe, Holy Cross Athletic Chief, Dies

BOSTON, April 6.—(AP)—Thomas J. McCabe, 54, athletic director at Holy Cross college for nine years and widely known football player and official, died at his home last night after an eight-week illness.

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