



"GORGEOUS GEORGE" WAGNER took a terrific beating in the match that preceded the taking of this picture—as any one can plainly see. He lost his Pacific coast light-heavyweight championship to Paave Katonen, tough Finn matman, in a title match at Long Beach Tuesday night. After six straight triumphs in California, Wagner blamed a foot injury suffered in the Pacific northwest and demanded an immediate return match. Eugene's Matchmaker, Don Owen, after hearing the news, immediately contacted Katonen regarding the possibility of a series of matches in the northwest. He hopes to interest the Finn in appearing here January 22, the night all profits will be turned over to the Lane county polo sports fund. The match is being sponsored by the Eugene Junior chamber of commerce.

Matchmaker Don Owen Fills Battle Royal Despite Losses

Two of the leading light-heavyweight wrestlers recently appearing in the Pacific northwest, Milt Olsen and Pierre LaBelle, will soon be grappling in a team match—for Uncle Sam. Olsen has been ordered to report to his Minneapolis draft board and LaBelle to his Chicago chairman and the two scientific matmen are on their way.

Both hope to return after the war. LaBelle is still a citizen of France but has applied for U. S. citizenship papers. Olsen may be rejected because of a recent knee injury. Loss of the two men, along with Tony Ross who recently traveled to California in quest of a match against Wagner, has handicapped Matchmaker Don Owen in filling the program, for Saturday night's battle royal.

The three villains already booked, Jack Lipscomb, Bulldog Jackson and Buck Davidson, were happy to see the popular Frenchman leave. They had refused to compete in the free-for-all against him. But the trio may be happy about the three grapplers Owen has signed to meet the challenge of their villainous tactics.

Brother Elton Owen, Burly Ernie Piluso and Tricky "Sneeze" Achui comprise a formidable aggregation—a three-man team that has everything, power, speed, wrestling ability and finesse.

Local fans are taking considerable interest in the match, and reports from the Club cigar store ticket agency indicates a capacity crowd for the show.

Highclimber

By DICK STRITE

Discussion of the proposed "night club" for Lane county's teen-age youths may have no business in a sports column. But such a thing may be possible that some of men about town haven't heard of the proposal of helping to curb juvenile delinquency despite the front-page "horsefeathers." We feel certain there are any number of Eugene's dowagers who are not included among our readers.

First of all, pardon our reference to the canteen as a "night club." We call it so because the name would naturally have a big attraction for the kids. They're remained reasonably young-minded, despite a sprinkling of gray hair, by association with youngsters for many years (eight as a "Y" physical director) and believe the pulse of local youths would register night club over canteen.

That's beside the point, and probably quite unimportant. The vital thing is that the plan proposed by the Junior chamber of commerce (admittedly not a new one) has struck a chord of response from teen-age youths. Picture yourself as a youngster with an idle afternoon or evening, entering the Eugene Athletic club (a miniature of the Multnomah and Washington AC's in Portland and Seattle) where you might become a fourth at the bridge game you're just learning; having a date with Mary Smith for a tea dance; sitting in on the council meeting to plan for the floor show in connection with the New Year's eve ball coming up in a few weeks; sit down at the piano and run through a few of the modern "classics."

That's all well and good from the standpoint of social development, but what about sports? And athletics are, or should be of vital importance to teen-age boys and girls.

The Y.M.C.A. has "missed the boat." About the time we did our fadeout from the association, "Y's" throughout the nation were revising their programs to include activities for girls as well as boys. Maybe we're wrong; maybe the HI-Y and church clubs sponsored by the "Y" includes such a program as proposed by the Junior chamber—but we doubt it.

The drum-beaters for the establishment of the "club" have started to build the Waldorf-Astoria before the Central Hotel. While the money could no doubt be made available for the initial investment, we question the possibility of paying the freight of the club from revenue. Some agency—the community fund, school board, city government or all three might, however, be interested in underwriting the program.

Wouldn't the Eugene Athletic club be the logical headquarters for a city-wide recreational program? The director of such a program—and leadership is the most vital part—should have his office

Junction City Stops Corvallis

JUNCTION CITY, Jan. 13.—Coach Virgil Kingsley's Junction City high school basketball team established itself as one of the strongest aggregations in this section here Wednesday night by handing a favored Corvallis high quintet a surprisingly decisive 34-to-17 defeat.

The victory was the tenth of the season for the Tigers who make a bid for the district "A" league leadership here Friday night in a game against the Springfield Millers, co-leaders of the circuit.

The visiting Spartans were hopeless against a tight Tiger defense that held the Collegietown hoopers to nine points until the final six minutes of play when Coach Earl McKinney sent his reserves into action—but too late. Don Davenport, all-district guard, couldn't have beaten Corvallis single-handed, but his 18-point total topped the entire Spartan point-gathering by one.

Junction City smashed through the weak Corvallis defense at will, and held a commanding 17-8 advantage at halftime.

The Tigers' man-for-man checking prevented the Spartans from using their "Beaver" block plays, resulting in a low shooting average, five field goals in 47 shots. Junction City, on the other hand, hit 13 for 50.

In a preliminary game between the second teams, Corvallis registered a 33-11 victory.

Summary:

Junction City (34)	(17) Corvallis
Larsen, 3	Roberts, 3
Loyola, 2	LaBarth, 3
Johnson, 2	Stagg, 2
Rasmussen, 2	Wesley, 2
Davenport, 18	McBee, 2
Murphy, 2	Fry, 2
Lemert, 2	Thomas, 2

Officials: Hugh Hartman; Bill Robins.

Armstrong Eyes Bout With Angott

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Henry Armstrong, boxing's perpetual motion man, today said he plans to hammer his way back to one of the three world titles he once held. He said his bout with Aldo Spoldi here tomorrow night is but one step toward that goal.

"I feel good," Armstrong said. That has become a favorite phrase of Henry's in assuring fight fans that he is still in the pink at 31—an age when other fighters are merely fight-card guests being introduced before the main event.

But Henry said he wasn't ready to be led back through the ropes to a ringside seat. As a matter of fact, in addition to Armstrong's hope for another crack at Sammy Angott and the NBA lightweight title, there is that little item of money.

Although the dusky boxer is fighting for an infantile paralysis benefit tomorrow night, he still believes there is an honest dollar inside the ropes.

Pete Susick Gets Flaherty Trophy

SEATTLE, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The mighty mite who wasn't there when they needed him most was the inspirational leader of the University of Washington team last fall.

Last night the 1943 Huskies voted the Flaherty medal for the season to Pete Susick, lightweight fullback, who sparked the team through its regular season.

Then Susick, a made-over quarterback from North Bend, Ore., was transferred to marine of officers' training school and was not available for the Rose Bowl game—the only one in which Washington was beaten.

The players named End Jack Tracy honorary captain for the season.

Coburg High Quintets Win at Harrisburg

HARRISBURG, Jan. 13.—Dave Woodruff scored 20 points here Tuesday night as his Coburg high Broncos defeated the Harrisburg high Eagles 35-26. Harrisburg held a 12-8 lead in the first quarter, but trailed 21-19 at half-time and 29-22 at the end of the third quarter. In a second-team game, Gene Smith tallied in the second overtime period to give the Coburg quintet a 24-22 margin.

PREP TRACK MEET

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Daniel J. Ferris, national secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union, announced today that the 11th annual National interscholastic high and prep school indoor track championship meet will be held at Madison Square Garden, Feb. 26.

BEAVERS SIGN AMACHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The Portland Beavers of the Coast baseball league today announced Harry Amacher, Oregon semi-pro player, had been signed for a try-out next spring.

MONTGOMERY VS. DAVIS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Bob Montgomery of Philadelphia, former lightweight champion, and Al "Bummy" Davis of Brooklyn were signed today for a 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden February 18.

CARPENTIER IS 50

LISBON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Georges Carpentier, French boxer who was defeated for the world's heavyweight championship by Jack Dempsey in 1921, returned to the ring in Nazi-occupied Paris today in celebration of his 50th birthday.

Henwood, Phillips Show; Anderson Top OSC Scorer

Two freshman guards from Portland, Bill Phillips and Norm Henwood, are slated for considerable action against the Oregon State College Beavers here Saturday night when the University of Oregon Webfoots play their first home game since December 3.

Phillips, former Roosevelt high star, has been a regular all season, but Henwood has been extremely impressive in scrimmage sessions this week. The former Grant high hooper will alternate with Phillips, who tallied 15 points in a 40-minute scrimmage last night, and with Bob Hamilton, high-scoring starter.

Wally Borrevik, making his first appearance here since last season, is certain to start at center for the Webfoots, the 6-foot-9 pivot man slated to match Oregon State's Frank Marshik, 6-foot-6 freshman from St. Mary's Catholic high of Eugene. The forwards will be either George Bray, Ernie Danner or Bob Caviness. Danner is another local product and may be faced by an old rival, Glen Patton, husky Beaver from Junction City.

Oregon followers, those who were not in Seattle last week-end, will be getting their first glimpse of Coach Howard Hobson's revamped lineup, a team capable of annexing the "civilian" championship of the northern division, Pacific coast conference. Both Borrevik and Danner saw the first action of the season in the Seattle series.

Oregon State's stock dropped slightly when the Beavers dropped two straight to Washington State earlier in the week after taking two straight from Idaho—and Slat's Gill's hoopers will go into the game here no better than on even terms with the Webfoots.

The game here, Oregon's opening conference clash at home, is expected to attract a crowd of between 4000 and 5000 spectators. Game time will be the same as all home games—8 o'clock.

Bertelli Plans to Return to College

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Angelo Bertelli, the lean marine, did a little post-war planning today with emphasis on completion of his football playing career at Notre Dame, where he won the Heisman Memorial trophy as the outstanding college star of the 1943 season. After that he wants to play pro football.

The all-American quarterback came to New York yesterday to accept the Heisman memento of his brilliant but abbreviated season in which he led Notre Dame to six straight victories before being called to active training with the marines.

"Of course it all depends on how long the war lasts, but if it is over within a year or so I'd like to play that one more year at Notre Dame, then play pro football, and wind up as a coach."

The Springfield, Mass., Italian boy was given a furlough from Parris Island, S. C., to accept the trophy.

Polio Fund

WATCH IT GROW

Coburg High	\$17.25
J. C. Firemen	25.00
Referee's Association	5.00
Special gifts	47.50
Hoop Jamboree	210.25
Junction City High	127.50
Cottage Grove Lions	27.00
Siuslaw High	33.15
Springfield High	22.30
Triangle Lake High	12.44

Total to date — \$527.39

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Junior Chamber Professional Wrestling, Pearl Street Arena, January 22.

Oakridge vs. Junction City basketball at Oakridge, February 1.

Adair Trailblazers Set For Oregon Army

CAMP ADAIR, Jan. 13.—The 70th division varsity "Trailblazers" of Camp Adair will meet the ASTU squad of the University of Oregon in a basketball game to be played at the Post Field House Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

The game will be the first of two games between the two service fives. The second will be played in Eugene on February 12.

The army service training unit team sports one of the strongest service squads in this section.

Eugene Recreation

Lee Bonney rolled a 221 single and 627 series for Jim, the Shoe Doctor bowlers in the Major league at Eugene Recreation alleys Wednesday night, but his team dropped a 2-1 verdict to Chiaromonte's Cafe.

Goodyear Tires, led by Ankarberg's 208 and Johnson's 608, defeated Coca Cola 3-0. McCulloch's Loggers beat Penny-Wise 3-0, but Bricker of the losers was high individual with a 220 single and 564 triple.

Leafs Upset Canadiens

(United Press)

The Toronto Maple Leafs strengthened their hold on second place in the National league hockey race at the expense of the league-leading Montreal Canadiens, whom they defeated 5-0 Tuesday night in a game marked by a series of fist fights.

GIANTS GET FARM CLUBS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Carl Hubbell, director of the New York Giants farm system, revealed today that he had made tentative working agreements with the Springfield, O., club of the Ohio State league and the Erie, Pa., club of the Pony league for development of young players.

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Prep Quintets Take Spotlight

Leadership of the district "A" high school basketball league and the opening of the No-Name circuit will feature prep hoop hostilities in this area Friday night.

A second district "A" clash and seven "B" skirmishes, including one between the leaders of the Eastern division and a Polio benefit, will also be on Friday's slate. Junction City will be the scene of a meeting between the Tigers and Springfield—a game that will provide an undisputed leader for the circuit and the No. 1 challenger for the championship now held by Eugene's Axemen.

Eugene will play host to Albany in the first local No-Name league clash in which the Axemen will be only slight favorites over the Bulldogs. Eugene has lost only two games this season—to Marshfield and Springfield, two teams previously defeated.

University and Cottage Grove high schools will tangle at McArthur court in another Friday league game, both the Tigers and Lions seeking their first victories in the circuit this season.

Followers of "B" basketball will have their interest centered on Marcola where the Pleasant Hill and Mohawk high teams part off for the leadership of the Eastern division. An interesting game will be played at Mapleton where the Sailors meet Siuslaw high of Florence in a game that will send all proceeds to the Lane county Polio sports fund. The Coast division lead will also be at stake.

In other Eastern division games, Oakridge plays at Lowell and McKenzie at Creswell. Three Western loop titles will send St. Mary's to Lorane and Crow to Elmira. Coburg travels to Blachly to meet Triangle Lake in an inter-division battle.

Hoop Scores

- Rochester 41, Cornell 35.
- St. Josephs 46, Princeton 31.
- C. C. N. Y., 41, Brooklyn 33.
- Tulsa 56, Worcester Tech 35.
- Yale 45, Coast Guard 38.
- Pittsburgh 44, Geneva 33.
- Long Island 51, West Virginia 39.
- Army 50, Swarthmore 29.
- Washington & Jeff. 42, Bethany 34.
- Oklahoma A-M 59, Oklahoma 40.
- Great Lakes 53, Illinois State 33.
- Phillips Oilers 73, Camp Chaffee 40.
- Port Jackson 64, South Carolina 44.
- Port Bragg 51, North Carolina State 37.
- Louisiana State 51, Camp Van Dorn 13.
- Norfolk Navy 60, Norfolk Air Sta. 44.
- Texas 50, Bergstrom Field 49.
- Southern Methodist 40, T.C.U. 20.

Zivic Meets LaMotta For Fourth Fight

DETROIT, Jan. 13.—(AP)—If he didn't have a date next week with his draft board, Fritzie Zivic's fistie series with Jake La Motta might become a road show with real depth of tradition.

Flat-nosed Fritzie, last of Pittsburgh's fighting Zivic clan, tackles Jacob of the Bronx tomorrow night at Olympia stadium in the fourth match of a series which La Motta leads, 2 to 1.

Farrell Not Candidate For Coast Loop Throne

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Edward "Dunk" Farrell, Los Angeles sportsman, has withdrawn his name from the list to be considered for the president of the Pacific coast baseball league next Monday in Sacramento.

U-Bowl Bowling

In the only completely reported match in the City bowling league at the U-Bowl alleys Wednesday night, Wilson's Texacos defeated Medo-Land Creamery 2-1, with Landers of the losers scoring a 255 single and 621 series.

Byron Nelson Golf Favorite

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—(AP)—More than 100 golfers, including the cream of the nation's money players, toured the Harding Park municipal golf course in final tune-up rounds today preparing for the start of the \$10,000 San Francisco "war bond" Open tomorrow.

Based on practice runs on the lake-surrounded course, Byron Nelson, Toledo, O. links stylist, was hole high with the forecasters after slashing below par two days in a row. Yesterday he added a three under par 69 to his record-equalling 66 of Tuesday.

Still a favorite with the perambulating grandstanders to win the \$2400 top money in the four-day contest was Harold "Jug" McCSpaden, Philadelphia, whose brilliant 66-stroke finish in the Los Angeles Open Monday won him top money there.

McSpaden showed he was still hot yesterday when he took a two-under-par 70 in a practice round with Nelson.

Most of those finishing the Los Angeles event in the lead were at Harding yesterday, familiarizing themselves with the 6600-yard layout, where the absence of bunkers makes estimation of distance difficult.

Among the well-known pros trying out the ship-shape course were Johnny Revolta, Harry Cooper, Jimmy Hines, Olin Dutra, Ed Dudley, Sammy Byrd, Willie Hunter, Ellsworth Vines, Leonard Dodson and Harry Bassler.

Dudley, Dodson and Bassler reported par rounds of 72, while Vines took 73 and Cooper 74. Jim Ferrer of Chicago shot a 70 and Pete Cooper, hitch-hike pro from Gainesville, Fla., came in with 71.

Los Angeles Campaigning For Major Baseball League on Coast

By FRANK FRAWLEY

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—(AP)—In one manner or another, Los Angeles intends to have a major league baseball franchise after the war.

The nation's fourth largest city has been supporting, and liberally, a first-class minor league club, the Los Angeles Angels, who have outdrawn at the turnstiles some of the major loop representatives, but, as Clarence "Pants" Rowland puts it, "We'll simply have to get major league baseball when this war is over."

Rowland, a shrewd veteran of the baseball wars, was voted the minor leagues' top executive in 1943. He made the Angels the best drawing minor league club in America last season. He envisions the possibility of a third major league, operating from Portland, Ore., south to Los Angeles.

"This Pacific coast area is the fastest-growing in the country," says Pantis. "If my associates and I don't agree with me in going to get our league established as a third major, then Los Angeles is going to buy into the can or National just as we franchise is available."

There are several hazy, but clear, as Rowland knows well. There was an attempt to the major-minor agreement at the last season protracted if any major league franchise in this territory chaser would have to accept physical property, reinstate coast league for loss of a franchise, and also reimburse the owners, individually.

It would cost considerable money, but this populous area is undoubtedly ready, and ready for several years, for major league baseball.

New Franchise For Pro Grid

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—(AP)—growing National football is trying to put the right man in the right job without tripping over the post-war future, convened today in the session of their annual meeting with action taken on bids for franchises in Buffalo, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

After spending 15 hours a day attempting to figure whether it liked or didn't like growing pains, the circuit, flushed with one of its most successful seasons in 1943, still pondered originally before it—its expansion.

Then appeared to be alternatives emerging from today's blustery oratory.

—To continue its present 10 teams by having merged such as Philadelphia and Pittsburgh did last year.

—To operate as a setup with Boston, which granted a franchise last year into business as a member of the Eastern division.

—To accept Buffalo's chise, backed by Sam Cowley coach under Los Angeles 14 years at Columbia and other prominent Buffalo men, and operate as a league with Buffalo and Western division.

It was believed that franchises by Los Angeles was headed by Bing Crosby, three Chicago sportsmen, San Francisco, backed by wealthy A. J. Morabito.

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