

Sports Officials Fear for Future Of All Athletics

Washington, Dec. 26 (U.P.)—Sports officials the nation over today awaited word on the status of professional athletes for 1945 and there was grave concern by most that the new year faced more than a possibility of being virtually sportsless.

Racing, already a casualty by virtue of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' order on Saturday that all horse and dog tracks cease operation on Jan. 3, readily agreed to back the directive 100 per cent. Santa Anita at Arcadia, Cal., cancelled its 55-day meeting which was to have been one of the richest in the history of the sport.

Park To Close

Tropical Park opened yesterday and planned to continue operation through Jan. 2. The Florida racing commission, which governs the Miami track, granted permission for nine instead of eight race cards and track officials said that purses from the extra race would be used to assist horsemen in returning to their homes.

A record-breaking crowd of 14,171 racing fans jammed the park yesterday and poured \$716,716 through the mutual machines, also a record and a brief indication that the meet will be a daily record-breaker during its brief span.

Directive Issued

Concern for other sports was raised when Byrnes issued a directive to Selective Service Director General Lewis B. Hershey to re-examine all professional athletes who have been deferred or discharged from military service for physical reasons. Hershey advised Byrnes that pursuant to the demands, he was ordering all local boards to review the cases immediately.

Byrnes' letter to the selective service director said that it was "difficult for the public to understand" how a large number of men between the ages of 18 and 26 could be unfit for military service and yet be able to compete with the "greatest athletes of the nation in games demanding physical fitness."

Reviews Planned

The reviews will apply to professional athletes who have been deferred because they failed to meet physical requirements for service as well as those discharged from the army or navy.

Professional baseball and football, already pared to the bone as far as manpower was concerned, would find it difficult to operate if the new orders deprive them of still more personnel.

All sports officials, however, were in complete accord that their sports would back the war effort to the limit and if cessation of activity in professional sports was desired by those running the war the word need only be spoken.

Layden Backs U.S. Football Program

Chicago, Dec. 26 (U.P.)—Elmer Layden, commissioner of the national professional football league, said today that professional football has fulfilled every wartime government requirement and should be continued as an instrument of relaxation and recreation for both civilian and military fans.

Layden, commenting on war mobilization director James F. Byrnes' program for induction into the service of athletics in non-essential jobs, said that the league would have suspended operations had continuation of the sport retarded the war effort.

At the same time, Harold (Red) Grange, president of the newly organized U. S. football league, said he held little hope that his organization would begin operations in 1945 as planned.

Grange Pessimistic

"If conditions in this war continue as they are right now," Grange said, "I don't think any league should operate."

However, Curly Lambeau, coach of the world-champion Green Bay Packers, said Byrnes' order would have little effect on his club "unless there is a drastic lowering of physical standards for military service."

Layden defended the continuance of football on the grounds that the sport was using only 4F's and

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Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Dec. 26 (U.P.)—With racing banned indefinitely, we suggest that it would be timely now for the government to give serious consideration to establishment of a national lottery—if only as a duration measure.

The public, which bet an estimated \$1,126,508,645 (B) at race tracks alone during the first 11 months of this year, will turn to substitute outlets for their wagering diversions—probably to rackets like "numbers" and "pools." This would be unfortunate because it would enrich mobsters and stimulate racketeering in this country.

However, if the government establishes a national lottery, an income estimated at \$3,000,000,000 (B) or more annually could be obtained to help the war effort and relieve tax payers, meanwhile preventing the rise of a new mobster dynasty that might approach the power enjoyed by the gang lords of prohibition days.

It must be remembered that, although more than a billion dollars was bet during 11 months at the nation's tracks, this sum is probably less than half the amount wagered away from the tracks by fans who bet with neighborhood bookies. These bookies, with a certain clientele ready at hand, can be valuable agents for the "numbers" operators—the "policy" proprietors who idle the more profitable business of selling numbers.

medical discharges, pointing out that many of the players work in war plants in addition to playing football.

Bears Drop Pair To Eugene Quintet

Eugene's powerful Axemen breezed over the Cascades this past week-end, emphatically demonstrated they are 20 points better at present than the Lava Bears, then headed home, to prepare for 1945 games, results of which should blaze a trail for the Axemen to the state tournament in Salem.

In Friday night play here, the Axemen walloped the Bears 42 to 22—a 20 point lead. On Saturday night, Eugene again won by 20 points, 54 to 34.

Bend's defeats on both nights were largely due to the inability of the Bears to penetrate Eugene's loose man-to-man defense in the scoring zone and the ability of the visitors to break through the Bend defense. Also, the Axemen were shooting like collegians Saturday night, with Hunter leading the basket parade. Hunter was credited with 15 points. Close behind was Warberg with 11 points. Doug Wirtz took high point honors for Bend, but his gross total reached only 8.

Not Liked Yet

Despite these defeats, the Bears are not terribly downhearted. They point to the fact that Eugene has already played nine games, winning eight. Eugene made a similar brilliant start last season while the Bears were being walloped in nearly every corner of their own home range, yet it was Bend that fought its way into the state tourney and survived until the final game, playing Ashland for the championship of Oregon. Eugene fell by the wayside, toppled over by Springfield.

Bend's slow-starting team will get into action again after the holidays, with another tough quintet, Klamath Falls, to play on the Bears' court. The Saturday night lineups:

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Rose Bowl Bets Favor Trojans By Many Points

By William C. Payette
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 26 (U.P.)—The Tennessee Volunteers, 19-point underdogs in the Rose bowl betting, scheduled their last public workout today before drawing the shades on their preparations for the annual New Year's day classic.

Across town on their home campus, the university of southern California squad put on its only double workout between now and gametime after three days of soft holiday living.

Trojan coach Jeff Cravath wasn't saying whether his ace half-back, George Callanan, would be on deck for the game but other members of his staff were shaking their heads.

Callanan Injured

Callanan's leg is fresh out of a cast after a knee injury, and Trojan followers figured only sentiment could put him into his second Rose bowl game.

Mindful of the two touchdown passes Callanan hauled down against Washington last year, Tennessee was taking no chances, sharpening aerial defense in all workouts to date.

Despite off-and-on weather, Cravath was reported to have the word from his favorite forecaster that the sun would be shining at game time, and was figuring on a dry ball.

The same prophet gave Cravath the same forecast last year when all four USC touchdowns came on fast passes under a burning Washington was the opponent and sun.

Hardy Looks Good

Jim Hardy, the chunky quarterback who threw three of them to an all time Rose bowl record, was lobbying them down the field again yesterday as practice resumed.

Cravath, who bubbled with confidence and talked about the Trojans making it eight straight for no losses in the Rose bowl, was going gloomy, hanging most of it on the shape Callanan was in.

Coach John Barnhill shrugged off queries on the Vols. He was standing by his announced starting lineup, boasting a backfield weight edge on the Trojans, but heavily outweighed at the tackles, were Cravath loves to slam his backfield beef trusts.

Portland Eagles Beat Hollywood

Portland, Ore., Dec. 26 (U.P.)—Portland's Eagles of the Pacific coast hockey league handed the Hollywood Wolves a 7 to 1 lacing at the Portland arena last night.

The Eagles smashed two goals over in the first and second periods and scored three more in the third. Two of the latter three goals came when both sides were short two players because of penalties.

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Air Medal Won By Bend Flier

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The Bend service man is flying as a pilot with a B-25 Mitchell bombardment group that has been outstanding service throughout the Mediterranean theater, and is currently engaged in bombing enemy lines of communication and transportation in close support of the allied armies in northern Italy. His wife, Alice, resides in Bend, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Smith, live at Broadbent, Ore.

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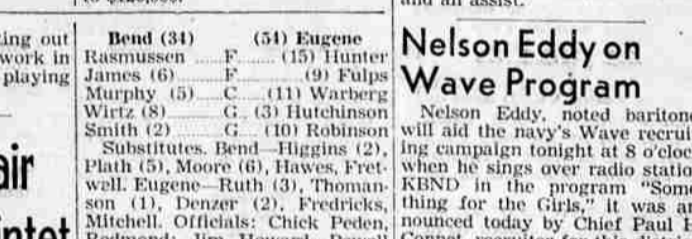
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Nelson Eddy on Wave Program

Nelson Eddy, noted baritone, will aid the navy's Wave recruiting campaign tonight at 8 o'clock when he sings over radio station KBND in the program "Something for the Girls." It was announced today by Chief Paul H. Connet, recruiter for this district.

Accompanied by Robert Armbruster's orchestra, Eddy will sing among other songs, "Great Day," "The Rosary," and "Pillgrim's Song," the recruiter reported.

Jap Ban Lifter



Favorable progress of the Pacific war was given by Maj.-Gen. Henry C. Pratt, above, chief of the Western Defense Command at San Francisco, as reason for his War Department-approved order revoking the exclusion of loyal Japanese from the West Coast.

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Don't forget to include a war bond in your list of New Year Resolutions!

Oregon to Lose Sports Revenue

Portland, Ore., Dec. 26 (U.P.)—The state of Oregon and the horse and dog racing operators today came up with estimates that approximately one and one-third million dollars per year will be lost as the result of the government's ban on racing of all kinds for the duration.

The state figures its loss will be about a third of a million dollars, while the operators think their losses will total a \$1,000,000.

The operators, under state law, get nine and one-half per cent of the gross, which this year was in excess of 11 and one-half million dollars.

Odds on East '11' Still Increasing

San Francisco, Dec. 26 (U.P.)—Odds continued to climb today in favor of the East to beat the West in the annual Shrine game at Kezar stadium New Year's day.

Addition of Les Horvath, All-American from Ohio State, hosted the eastern stock and coaches Andy Kerr, George Hausman and Bernie Bierman were believed to have a vast edge in quality over the west opposition.

The clubs were slated for another heavy scrimmage today, with the final rough session tomorrow as the peak, with each succeeding session until New Year's day slackening the pace.

Stars Missing

Yesterday the west was without the services of Bob Waterfield, UCLA, who returned to Los Angeles for Christmas and coaches Babe Hollingbery and Homer Norton used Dennis O'Connor, St. Mary's; Forest Hall, March Field; Laverne Merritt, Alameda Coast Guard; and Harold Fischer, Texas, in one backfield. In another unit that got equal consideration were Dick Otele, Washington State, now of the Third Air Force; Walter Heap, San Francisco Coast Guard; and Joe Scott, Texas A. & M.

The eastern squad still was uncertain about assignments, but Kerr had Bob Kelly, Notre Dame; Jack Breslin, Michigan State; Horvath, and Frank Danciewicz, Notre Dame, in what appeared to be the choice for the starting backfield.

Is Good Passer

However, the fine passing ability of Earl Girard, 17-year-old sensation from Wisconsin, in all probability will result in his seeing plenty of action. Do date, he has shown greater accuracy than Danciewicz, Kelly and the other aerial heavies.

In the other East backfield, along with Girard, were Vic Kulbitsky, Minnesota; Dick Flanagan, Ohio State; and John Canady, Indiana.

Five Day Forecast

Five-day forecast ending Saturday night:

Oregon and Washington west of Cascades: occasional rain. Normal temperatures becoming colder late in week.

Idaho, Oregon and Washington east of Cascades: occasional light snow, turning to rain at lower elevations in north Idaho, eastern Washington and extreme north-east Oregon and late in week over southern sections. Rising temperatures to normal or above except in south Idaho Wednesday. Colder in week.

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5:15—Central Oregon News
5:20—Musical Interlude
5:25—Sports Yarns
5:30—Tom Mix
5:45—Night News Wire
6:15—Real Life Stories
6:30—American Forum of Air
7:15—Lowell Thomas
7:30—Red Ryder
8:00—Something for the Girls
8:15—Cote Glee Club
8:30—Mystery Traveler
9:00—Glenn Hardy News
9:15—Rex Miller
9:30—Oregon Melodies
9:45—Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra
10:00—Fulton Lewis Jr.
10:15—News

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

7:00—News
7:15—Rise and Shine
7:30—Baker's Best Buys
7:45—Morning Melodies
7:55—News
8:00—Johnny Long's Orchestra
8:15—Harmonic Cowboys
8:30—News
8:45—Today's Bulletin Board
8:50—Women in the News
8:55—Lanny and Ginger
9:00—News and Gabriel Heatter
9:15—Rationing News
9:20—Old Family Almanac
9:45—Oleanders Quartette
10:00—Glenn Hardy News
10:15—Terry's House Party
10:30—Luncheon With Lopez
10:45—News of Prineville
11:35—Lady About Town
11:40—News
11:45—Frankie Carle
12:00—Freedom's Fighting Men
12:15—Bee Gee Orchestra
12:30—News
12:45—Farmer's Hour
1:00—County Agent
1:15—Do You Need Advice?
1:30—Headlines in Harmony
2:00—Handy Man
2:15—Music
2:45—Back to the Bible
3:00—Griffin Reporting
3:15—These are Our Neighbors

Historic Mine Reported Sold

Grants Pass, Ore., Dec. 26 (U.P.)—The historic Mammoth gold mine, 75 miles from Grants Pass on Mule creek in Curry county, has been sold to Owen Jones, formerly of Chico, Calif., it was announced today by Charles Tucker of Marial, former owner.

Sale price was reported to be \$100,000.

The mine has been idle for about 40 years but will be added to the other gold-producing properties of the Jones Mining company.

BIOFF. BROWNE RELEASED

New York, Dec. 22 (U.P.)—William Bioff and George Browne, theatrical union executives convicted in Nov. 1941 of extorting more than \$1,000,000 from the movie industry, were ordered released from federal prison in San Stone, Minn., today.

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