

## Brooklyn Dodger Chief Plans His Own Grid Team

**By Glen Perkins**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Jan. 4 (AP)—President Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers brought his post-war professional football plans more or less out into the open today and with a minimum of his usual verbal fencing indicated that he would have a team ready for one of the new leagues by 1946.

The boss of the Dodgers thus became the first baseball executive to indicate definitely that he would dissolve the "feud" with pro football magnates with a counter-measure—by starting a team himself.

Rickey said that he would provide Capt. Dan Topping, owner of the Brooklyn Tigers of the National professional league, with a one year contract to operate at Ebbets field through next season, but emphasized that he would "not commit the use of the field beyond that."

**Short Of Players**

He said he doubted whether any of the new professional circuits would be able to put through their contemplated plans for operation next year because of the acute shortage of athletic manpower which makes even the operation of the established national circuit problematical.

The Dodger boss would not reveal which of the new three pro loops he was considering, although it has been reported that he has been approached by promoters of each. He said he would stand by and "await developments."

Discussing the baseball situation, he said that he was confident the major leagues would have enough players for full scale operations in 1945, but that he hoped before the season began the sport would receive another "green light" from President Roosevelt.

**Players Inducted**

However, he said that three more of his own players, pitcher Frank (Rube) Melton, shortstop Eddie Miksis, and first baseman Jack Bolling, had been inducted recently and that there were prospects that others might go soon. He also revealed that there was little chance of persuading infielder Arky Vaughn to leave his Potter Valley, Cal., ranch next summer to play with the club. Vaughn remained out of baseball in 1944 to operate his holdings and indicated he will do the same this year, Rickey said.

Rickey left after the press conference for Chicago where he will meet with the major league committee formulating a new agreement under which the successor

## Out Our Way



to baseball's high commissioner, the late Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, will be chosen. He said he was in favor of the immediate appointment of a new commissioner so that public confidence in the sport will not be undermined.

## Portland Eagles Beat Shamrocks

San Francisco, Jan. 4 (AP)—The sharp-shooting Portland Eagles, led by forward Alfred Carr with four goals, caught the San Francisco Shamrocks badly off balance last night to run up a 13-4 victory before 2300 fans in Winterland arena.

Carr, recent acquisition from icy Toronto, made the four goals unassisted and participated in five assists as the Eagles rang up three goals in the first period, five in the second and five in the third when an assortment of fist-cuff broke out sending two Eagles and two Shamrocks to the bench on 10 minute suspensions.

The second period was cut short four minutes when goalie Foodey of the Eagles was cut over the eye by a free stick. The free-for-all fracas developed shortly after the start of the last period when the Shamrock's Moroni swung on Portland's Schuman.

By J. R. Williams

## Bears Taper Off For Pelican Game

Concluding a gruelling three-hour practice, longest of the season, Bend Lava Bear hoopers, preparing for their week-end games against Klamath Falls, left the court last night with three things foremost in their minds.

The final practice before the tilts with the Pelicans on the Bend court Friday and Saturday nights stressed softening of Bear shooting technique, relaxation and under the basket defense.

The workout was polished off with a long scrimmage. At times the Bears showed flashes of the type of play that carried them into the finals of the state tournament last March in Salem, and it is Coach Claude Cook's opinion that as soon as the Bears can remember to stay loosened up on their shots and remain relaxed in their play they will turn in some top notch ball.

**Hot And Cold**

There could be flashes of this type of play in the Klamath series, but Coach Cook expects the boys to be hot and cold. In the Eugene series, the Bears were hot in their opening quarters, then cold the rest of the game. However, the Bears are not taking the Eugene defeats too seriously, for the Asemen at present appear to have just about the most powerful team in upstate Oregon.

Fans may see Harold Smith turn in some nice work this week-end, for this tourney veteran appears to be finding himself.

On Friday and Saturday nights, Coach Everett Gettman's Cubs, local junior high aggregation, will play Giehrst and Sisters in the opening games of the Central Oregon "B" league.

## Beavers Go North To Face Huskies

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—Full of determination to start the season off by defeating the Huskies, the Oregon State Beavers left this morning for Seattle where they will engage the University of Washington basketball team in the opening series, Friday and Saturday.

Coach A. T. (Slats) Gill's team will be the underdog in the two games, since it will be facing the combined might of Coach Hoc Edmundson's naval trainees and civilian stars. The Beavers are rated as a half-veteran, half-freshman squad, which with experience will become a contender in the northern division race.

Team members making the trip are: George Sertic, Ted Henningsen and Dick Strait, forwards; Hal Puddy and Red Roacha, centers; and Bernie McGrath, Jack Simms, Bob Labhart, John Moore and Larry West, guards.

## Horvath Winner Of Prized Trophy

Los Angeles, Jan. 4 (AP)—Les Horvath, Ohio State's great half-back today was the possessor of the All-America football board Captain's cup, after receiving it from 1940 winner Lt. Tommy Harmon last night.

Horvath was honored by the Southern California football "fraternity" at a dinner sponsored by Christy Walsh founder of the All-America football board.

## Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Jan. 4 (AP)—The sweet corporals—Billy Conn and Fritz Zivic—are the best fighters to come banging out of Pittsburgh since the days of Harry Greb. Although the corporals have much in common, Conn is known as "the Profile" because of his coal-boy face; and Zivic is called "the Map" because of his battered beaver.

Despite their topographical dissimilitude and their cordial dislike for each other, heavyweight Conn and former welterweight champion Zivic are probably the most popular white fighters in the world today. Their current abilities may be uncertain, due to the years and the vicissitudes of war; but their popularity is alive and large because of their blazing ring-courage and past achievements, and because of their good-fellowship.

Corporal Conn is in the European war zone—Paris last week. Corporal Zivic is in New York on furlough from Normoyle Field, Tex. "The Map" is here to fight Billy Arnold, Philadelphia's sensational high-school-boy knock-out artist, at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, and "the Map" has astounded cauliflower canyon—shaken mayhem alley to its grisly foundations—by announcing that he will have his battered beaver beautified, after the Arnold bout. He will have his mashed button of a nose lifted and straightened.

Inhabitants of tin-ear terrace are incredulous over the announcement, which the last of the five fighting Zivics delivered in his usual machine-gun fashion late yesterday at the 20th century club. For them, Fritz's mashed gezer has epitomized perfectly what a pug should look like. It has been a symbol of the profession. Beautifying the Pittsburgh Croatian's nose would be almost as momentous a change, for them, as removing the Statue of Liberty from New York harbor or discovering that Mike Jacobs had grown a set of new teeth.

The announcement must have been particularly shocking in Pittsburgh, causing a social temblor that jittered the tea cups in Patrician fingers. We understand that the smoky city differs from Gaul in that it is divided into but two parts—pro-Zivics and pro-Conn. Unquestionably, Fritz's sudden yen for the plastic surgeon's bayonet must have been a bitter blow to the Zivic half of the steel town. This amazing de-

sire leaves open the door to insinuations that "the Map" will try to have himself fixed up to look like Conn, "the Profile." Such insinuations would be fighting words to any pro-Zivic.

Zivic says, "I been intendin' a long time to get my nose fixed. I'll do it after the Arnold fight; because that's my last fight. I'm gonna quit then—honest. And when the war is over, an' I get outta the army, I'm gonna be a manager; an' I want to look presentable. A manager should be presentable."

None of the reporters mentioned "the Profile" during the discussion, since none were wearing headgears.

### HIKING'S HIS DISH

Camp Howze, Tex. (AP)—Cpl. Bill Hihalo is probably the only man in the army who whistles while he works. Hikes are just his speed, since he holds the Midwest Sullivan Memorial Trophy for walking and the national championships for the 25,000 and 20,000 meter strides. The song the corporal whistles as he hikes is "I Walk Alone." Which doubtless is true.

### BASKETBALL RESULTS

(By United Press)

New York University 52, Cornell 30.  
City College of New York 42, St. Johns 41.  
St. Thomas 58, North Dakota 43.  
Oklahoma 44, Nebraska 37.  
North Carolina 65, Wake Forest 29.  
Pittsburgh 49, Geneva 45.  
Camp Lee 36, Virginia 33.  
Ohio State 44, Wyoming 36.  
Columbia 43, Yale 41.  
Princeton 47, Princeton Naval 45.  
Brown 70, Harvard 41.

### TWO-YEAR-OLD MEETS DAD

Portland, Ind. (AP)—His second birthday meant more than just another birthday to Barry Bonifas, who met his father, Capt. I. E. Bonifas, for the first time on that day. Capt. Bonifas has been in the Hawaiian Islands with the 7th air force for 28 months.

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