

Panther Quintet Noses Out Bears In Close Battle

Redmond's league-leading Panthers, victors over Bend 27 to 24 last week, further established their three-point superiority claim over the Bears by winning here last night 30 to 27. However, three of Redmond's winning points of last night were contributed by a Bend player, tall Bill Plath, who inadvertently tipped the ball through the Panther hoop in a final quarter struggle under the basket.

Although Bend was again beaten by the flashy Panthers last night, the showing of the Bears was pleasing to home fans, who were fearful at game time that the Bend boys, walloped by Medford 57 to 7 only last Saturday night, were about to "fold" for the season. Last night, the Bears flashed back into near-peak form, played one of their best games of the season, demonstrated they are masters of the ball in pinches and turned in some fine floor work. Bend held a 5 to 4 first quarter lead over the well-coached Panthers, and were still out ahead 12 to 10 at halftime. In last night's play, Bend shifted to a man-to-man defense.

Holmstrom Is Star

In the third quarter, the Bears were outwitted by Captain Holmstrom and Ronnie McDonald of the Panthers, and in that eight-minute period Redmond rolled up 15 points, eight of them on free tosses. Each team was charged with 15 personals, and each team converted seven. It was Bend's best showing in point conversion since the last change of the moon.

Redmond's victory was again largely attributable to the coolness of the Panthers under fire. This coolness was frequently demonstrated by Holmstrom, who permitted the Bend defense to surge by, before shooting. He was high point man of the game, with 11 to his credit. Hawes, in the role of reserve forward, had high point honors for Bend, 7.

Some people believed, before game time, that the Medford debacle would kill the crowd last night and that only a handful would be out. This was not the case. Students and ardent local fans, evidently sensing that another traditional Redmond-Bend battle was in the offing, joined Redmond fans in filling the gymnasium to near capacity.

Plenty Of Color

And the game had all the color of a big-time battle, with 32 Redmond high school Pep girls, led by union-stepping Darlene Hart, putting on a drill between halves. Climaxing this drill, for which the girls were prepared by Mrs. Chalmers Nooe, Darlene, as majorette, was elevated on a dais and paraded around the hall. Bend was represented by its high school band, directed by C. Dale Robbins.

Rivalry was intense, but the sportsmanship of the two student bodies averted even the semblance of an "overt" act. So intense was the noise that the sound of officials' whistles was frequently smothered, as the teams alternated in taking the lead.

Out Our Way



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

By J. R. Williams

Hank Armstrong Decisions Rojo

Los Angeles, Feb. 7 (UP)—Henry Armstrong, the former hurricane champion of three divisions, out-fought, out-punched, and out-thought young Genero Rojo last night to win a unanimous 10-round decision in the main event at Olympic auditorium.

Armstrong was not the fighter who beat Barney Ross for 15 straight rounds, but he had enough left to outlast young Gen. Overcoming long leads piled up by the youngster's educated left, Armstrong drove in with punching spurts to the head and body.

The first round was Genero's as he tabbed Hank with his left and backpedaled away from the infighting that is still Henry's trade mark.

In the second, Armstrong began to get in rights and lefts that snapped the youngster's head back like a rubber ball. From the second to the ninth Henry garnered the edge.

Rojo copped the ninth but in the tenth he almost went down for the count as he hung on the ropes under a vicious body and head attack.

Armstrong weighed 140; Rojo, 144. Both are Los Angeles fighters.

cluding former Postmaster General James A. Farley, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, golfer Bobby Jones, a former owner of the Atlanta Southern association baseball club, and former New York Mayor James Walker have been mentioned.

5,000 Men Strike In Detroit Plant

Detroit, Feb. 7 (UP)—Production of plane and tank parts at the Briggs Manufacturing Co., was stalled today by a strike of approximately 5,000 employees over the pay scale of 15 men.

The strike began yesterday when the 15 workers refused to operate machinery equipped with files to remove burrs from aluminum parts, the spokesman said, and 1,300 other day shift employees walked out in sympathy.

The entire day shift of 4,000 walked out this morning, the spokesman said.

A spokesman for local 212, United Auto Workers (CIO) said union officers attempted unsuccessfully to prevent the walkout. He said the workers refused to perform the assigned jobs because no pay increase was granted for the work, which called for greater skill.

Fight Results

(By United Press)

New York—(Broadway Arena)—Johnny White, 138½, Montgomery, Ala., outpointed Maxie Shapiro, 136, New York (8).

Jersey City, N. J.—Don Amoroso, 134, Jersey City, N. J., outpointed Ruby Garcia, 133, San Juan, P. R. (10).

New Bedford, Mass.—Oscar St. Pierre, 139, Fall River, Mass., knocked out Billy Gilbert, 135, New York (2).

Hartford, Conn.—Art Robertson, 143, Pittsburgh, outpointed Jackie Larrimore, 138, Miami (8).

White Plains, N. Y.—Georgia Kochan, 153, Akron, O., knocked out Danny Aldridge, 157, Newark, N. J. (2).

Los Angeles—Henry Armstrong, 140, decisioned Genero Rojo, 144, (10).

Portland, Me.—Coley Welch, 162, Portland, Me., knocked out Indian Gomez, 159, New York (9).

MOTEL IS SOLD

Sale of the South City Limits Motel to E. W. Clayton of Elko, Nev., became known here today. The motel formerly had been owned by N. R. Paul, who also came to Bend from Elko. Paul said that he intended to remain in Bend for a time, at least.

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Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Feb. 7 (UP)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, stands out today as a logical candidate for the high commissioner's office in baseball because, in addition to other qualifications, he is best equipped to combat gambling—to keep the sport clean.

A man who can crack down with "the big stick" is needed now in the commissioner's office—needed more than at any time since the wave of gambling that followed the first world war resulted in the Black Sox scandal and the appointment of the late Kenesaw M. Landis to the job in 1920.

Landis kept the sport clean as a whistle. Even his severest critics never challenged that. But the old judge died last Nov. 25—shortly before the sports world was smacked on the nose by the realization that professional and amateur athletics are now menaced by the greatest gambling surge in the nation's history. This tremendous wave of wagering is a by-product of the prosperity accompanying world war No. II. It was reflected in the staggering total of \$1,126,308,645 (B) bet at U. S. race tracks during 1944.

The recent Brooklyn college basketball scandal, in which five players admitted having conspired with gamblers to "throw" a game for money, jolted the sports world into quick realization that the

menace from crooked gamblers had passed the rumor stage. Now the various sports are taking steps to protect themselves. College officials and basketball promoters are vigilantly trying to keep gamblers away from games and particularly from the players. Chairman Eddie Egan of the New York Boxing commission has requested promoter Mike Jacobs to keep Madison Square Garden's lobby clear of all loiterers. The International baseball league decided to refrain from issuing the names of probable pitchers during the '45 season; the American league will do likewise, and the National league probably will. However, these preventive measures are but minor gestures, compared to the warning smash that could be dealt gambling on sports by the election of J. Edgar Hoover as commissioner of our national pastime. He could keep baseball clean by dusting the gamblers out with a blackjack. He's a guy who fights fire with fire—using lethal as well as legal weapons, as Dillinger, Machine-Gun Kelly, Pretty Boy Floyd, Alvin Karpis and the nazi saboteurs found out. His election would not only warn gamblers and players that the game must be kept clean; but it would bring new assurance to the public that, despite the death of Landis, the club owners were determined that baseball should continue as an honest, forthright entertainment.

New Hoop Rules To Receive Test

New York, Feb. 7 (UP)—Proposed new basketball rules in which the court will be zoned to provide an area where field goals will count three points instead of two, will be tested tonight in a clinic game between Columbia and Fordham.

The rule changes, suggested by Howard Hobson, Oregon University basketball coach, provide that any field goal scored from outside an arc 21 feet away from the basket will count three points, and a fouled player will have the option of taking his shot from the regular 15-foot free throw line from one point or from the new 21-foot line where it will count two.

Plan Explained

On a two foul penalty, only one of the shots may be taken from the 21-foot line with the second to be taken from the shorter distance.

Another innovation provides widening of the foul line from six to 12 feet in which the three second rule will apply. This is designed to prevent congestion under the basket and to eliminate the advantage of tall players on rebounds and pivot plays.

Hobson said that the proposed changes were designed to discourage use of the zone defense which hampers scoring because of set positions by defending teams. He said that the threat of three point goals will bring the zone defense out toward mid-court and make for more open play.

Bids on Banana Soar at School

Tigard, Ore., Feb. 7 (UP)—Bidding on a banana Billy Bourne brought in his lunch today at the third grade, Tigard grammar school, soared from 25 cents, offered by a little boy who hadn't seen a banana in a year, to 50 cents from a little boy who hadn't had a banana in two years, but Billy solved the problem by eating half the banana himself and giving the other half to a little boy who said he had never eaten a banana in his entire life.

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War Briefs - - -

(By United Press)

Eastern Front—Russians drive 12 to 15 miles beyond Oder river in move to encircle Breslau and outflank Berlin from south.

Western Front—Third army drives into Germany in new offensive across Luxembourg border.

Pacific—Tokyo reports American warships bombarding Corregidor; American troops battle fire and Japanese in burning Manila.

Italy—Fifth army troops occupy two more towns in Serechio valley and strengthen position south of Bologna.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

(By United Press)

Washington 35, Benson 27.
Lincoln 30, Commerce 28.
Roosevelt 48, Sabin 37.
Grant 32, Franklin 21.
Oregon City 96, Canby 20.
Eugene 39, Springfield 11.
Newberg 28, Tigard 19.
Forest Grove 34, West Linn 30.
Junction City 29, University (Eugene) 27.
Union 35, Baker 34.
Redmond 30, Bend 27.
Central Catholic 44, Estacada 27.
Columbia Prep 45, Hill Military Academy 27.
Taft 44, Siletz 26.
Corvallis 32, Toledo 26.
Gresham 37, Sandy 23.
Medford 65, Salem 33.
Grants Pass 39, Ashland 19.

ALLEY OOP



Ball Executives To Vote By Wire

New York, Feb. 7 (UP)—Major league baseball executives, having failed to agree upon a new high commissioner at their recent meeting here, are preparing to conduct a telegraphic vote to reach a tentative selection before they meet again, officials of local clubs said today.

The procedure will insure that one candidate has enough votes to be elected, it was said.

Under the new major agreement, a candidate must have 12 out of 16 votes to be elected commissioner. Thus, supporters of a candidate could poll the membership of both leagues on a "yes or no" basis to determine exactly how many votes he could muster.

Would Vote Twice

If preliminary tabulations revealed only a vote or two under the total required, a second poll could be conducted on the same basis in which names of the club owners who had voted for the particular candidate would be revealed. Thus, holdouts against that candidate might be brought into the fold.

It also was emphasized that in the event of the selection of a candidate outside baseball, he would have to be approached to determine whether he would accept the \$50,000 a year post before the formal meeting to announce the selection was held.

A number of such persons, in-



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 - 7:15—Lowell Thomas
 - 7:30—Lone Ranger
 - 8:00—Treasury Salute
 - 8:15—The Marshalls
 - 8:25—Your Navy
 - 8:30—Bulldog Drummond
 - 9:00—Glenn Hardy News
 - 9:15—Cecil Brown
 - 9:30—Northwest Neighbors
 - 10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
 - 10:15—Tommy Tucker Time

Archduke Felix to Speak on KBND

Archduke Felix, who escaped from the Nazis and fled from Austria after the Germans had marked him for death, will tell his story over radio station KBND at 9:30 o'clock tonight, the station management announced today. Felix is now in Portland on a lap of a lecture tour of the United States.

The archduke was a cadet at the military college when Austria was invaded, in 1938, and when he became a danger because he had joined the Austrian underground, Felix, who is the fourth offspring of Austria's last emperor, King of Hapsburg, predicts that the Hapsburgs once again will rule Austria.

The archduke is speaking over radio station KBND under sponsorship of the Oregon Advertising Club. He said, in an interview in Portland today, that there are 50,000 German troops and 26 battalions of the Gestapo in Austria at present, but he did not reveal the source of his information.

Card Discussion Due at Meeting

Whether card games will again be permitted in pool rooms in Bend is expected to be discussed when the city commission holds its regular meeting tonight at eight o'clock in the city hall. Because of asserted gambling, card playing was ended through police action about six months ago, and men's recreation center operators have repeatedly sought an agreement with the city whereby playing could be resumed.

Besides members of the commission and other city officials, it was expected that representative business men, billiard and pool room operators and spokesmen for the churches will attend the session.

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