

Skits and Scratches

By Fred Zimmerman
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In spite of the thousands of words written about the matter, the gallons of ink used in spreading it upon white paper and all that enters into the subject, we doubt if the curtailment of training camp activities for baseball results is much saving of transportation space. If each club's personnel was located in the city where the baseball plant is located, transportation of the outfit to a point several hundred miles distant would involve considerable space.

But the young men scatter far and wide at the end of the season and they might as well congregate at St. Petersburg, Fla., New Orleans or Brownsville, Tex., as in Chicago, Boston or New York for the limbering up exercises of early spring. In all probability there would be less transportation involved if the regular training centers were used. Trimming schedules or arranging them so fewer trips are needed to complete a season of play is a horse of another color. Training at home is a tough blow for the sports writers who looked forward to life in southern climes each February.

"Phog" Allen's views concerning the evil influence of professional basketball upon amateur casaba hounds find little sympathy in the mind of Ed Hickey, coach of Creighton university's quint. The Bluejay mentor claims that inter-sectional games between clubs of the west and those in around Gotham should be encouraged since they go a long way toward standardizing the game.

"Basketball has made great strides in the last few years, and it can thank these New York games for it," Hickey believes. "The inter-sectional clashes have done more to improve the game than all the rule changing and talk will ever do. The New York teams I have seen all operate with major efficiency that is a pleasure to watch. The spectator interest is enhanced by the terrific off-the-board game. I doubt if any other section of the country can match the marvelous ball handling, the fast cutting, and the exceptional ability in set-court shooting."

The Vikings and Fishermen put on quite a show in Astoria's USO basketball pavilion Saturday night, judging by an eye witness account in the Astoria Budget. "Probably no Astoria basketball crowd for many years has seen any rougher or more unrestrained fighting for loose balls and rebounds," the story of Saturday night's encounter reads. "There were innumerable jump balls as players got themselves tied up in wrestling with a slow whistle." The Fishermen will be here February 5 and 6. So save the dates.

City Court Loop Opening Tonight

The City basketball league will get under way tonight, with games being played at the YMCA and at Willamette. Three contests are booked: Caspar-Cutler vs. Army Navy Store; Willamette Freshmen vs. Paper Mill; Willamette Reserves vs. Dairy Co-op.

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Hoosierland Selected for Spring Grind

Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 13 (AP)—Indiana has no orange groves, crocodiles or palm trees, but it seems to be just what the doctor ordered for professional baseball clubs. In this case the diagnostician was Joseph B. Eastman, national transportation director.

Three major league clubs already have chosen spring training sites in southern Indiana, one minor league outfit is coming to western Indiana and two others—one major and one minor—have all but settled on using the Indiana university campus and fieldhouse here.

The Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Cubs were the first to pick Hoosierland for spring conditioning. They will come to French Lick, where the Detroit Tigers will be at Evansville. The Minneapolis Millers of the American Association have chosen Terre Haute.

Now the Cincinnati Reds and their one-time farm club, the Indianapolis Indians, are ready to sign on the dotted line to take over Indiana university's baseball facilities. One of the prime inducements was the big fieldhouse with its dirt floor, which would be welcome on some of the cool spring days.

All parties to the proposed tripartite arrangement appeared in virtual agreement today.

Feller Will Wed Virginia Winther

Van Meter, Ia., Jan. 13 (AP)—After his father's funeral tomorrow afternoon, Bob Feller will go to Waukegan, Ill., where Saturday evening he will wed Miss Virginia Winther. Both are 24.

The former Cleveland Indians pitcher, now a chief specialist in gunnery with the U.S. navy, told newsmen of his marriage plans after arriving home late yesterday by plane.

The wedding will be at 7 o'clock at the home of Miss Winther's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Winther. The couple's engagement was announced last December when Bob was home on furlough for what turned out to be his last visit with his father.

Bob said he was at sea when his father, William, 56, died Sunday and that his ship "miraculously" happened to make port on the day Red Cross aid had been enlisted in an effort to get word to him.

Angels Train At Anaheim

Los Angeles, Jan. 13 (AP)—The Angels will go to Anaheim.

President Clarence Rowland of the Los Angeles baseball club, announcing the team's spring training site yesterday, said batters will report March 28, other players April 1. The season opens April 20.

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Rudy Dusek Goes to Bat for Wrestling

By Jack Cuddy

New York, Jan. 13 (AP)—Modern wrestling, the "ugly duckling" of professional sports, provides the rough-and-tumble tactics so necessary in hand-to-hand contacts with the enemy, according to Rudy Dusek.

We encountered Dusek last night in a cold, bleak dressing room beneath St. Nick's arena, where he had performed in one of the show's feature events.

With a newspaper under his feet, to prevent contact with the frigid concrete floor, Squad Dusek towed himself vigorously after his shower before climbing into his clothes.

Dusek, a middle-sized man with about 200 pounds of muscle on his frame, shrugged off our attempts to interview him. He was in no mood for levity, with which wrestling currently is treated. His cauliflowered left ear was bleeding a bit. The entire left side of his face was reddish-purple from bruises. And he was limping about because of the "bone lice" in his left knee.

Dusek, of the sparse brown hair and battered countenance, said: "You want me to tell you something funny about wrestling, because everyone regards it as a joke today. Well, I'll tell you something funny—the acrobatic tactics that have made wrestling the laughing stock of the land are very things they're teaching our boys in uniform."

"During the past ten years wrestling went acrobatic because the fans wanted to see action. They were not satisfied with the slow movement of two men on the mat. So the wrestlers concentrated on action off the mat—the flying tackle, the flying headlock, the airplane head-scissors, the fore-arm batterings, etc."

"Maybe the kicks to the groin, the strangleholds, the eye gouges, the nose breakers and the arm crushers which we put over in pantomime were not as deadly as the fans might wish, but at least our play-acting taught us how to use them as killing weapons, if we so desired."

Rudy Dusek, eldest of eight wrestling brothers—four pros and four amateurs—will be 42 next month. He has been grappling for 25 years, during which time he has earned "more than \$300,000."

Pre Flight School Athletic Officers

San Francisco, Jan. 13 (AP)—New athletic officers named by Lieut. Comdr. Clyde W. King, commanding officer of the St. Mary's navy pre-flight school, included former northwest athletes.

New officers include: Lieut. (J.G.) Bernard Dickson, formerly of the University of Washington, and Lieut. Harold Harden, University of Oregon.

Ordered to new stations are Lieut. Paul Gregory, former big league and Coast league pitcher, to Purcell, Okla.; Ensign Joe Angelo, formerly of Washington State college, and Ensign Joe Dubsky, University of Washington, to Whidby Island, Wash.

Navy Flight Clubs Beaten by Broncs

San Francisco, Jan. 13 (AP)—Santa Clara university won a double victory last night by administering a first defeat to St. Mary's navy pre-flight school, included former northwest athletes.

The Broncos finished, 45 to 42. They led by a single point, 15-14, at the half.

Luisetti's points earned him high man ranking for the pre-flighters, but the total was exceptionally low for him.

The game was the opener of a double bill at Civic Auditorium which wound up with a 47-42 victory for the University of San Francisco over St. Mary's college.

Seio—Mrs. Ollie Hutches of Banks is visiting relatives and friends in the Seio area, being a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. L. Flanagan, Sr., in this city.

Tally-ho! Giants Back in Gay 90's

New York, Jan. 13 (AP)—They turned back the clock with the announcement the New York Giants would do their spring training at Lakewood, N. J., the same site the club used in 1895.

But hold onto your mustache cup, grandpa, that's only part of the story. They are going to bring the tally-ho out again, too.

The Lakewood delegation which completed the arrangement with the Giants yesterday said that the two miles between the former John D. Rockefeller estate and the players' hotel would be negotiated by tally-ho and a team of horses.

A diamond will be laid out on the fairway of the first hole on what was once the private links of the late oil magnate.

Albany Tosses Salem Cagers 30-19 Score

It's the Oregon City Pioneers next for the Salem Vikings and judging by pre-season performance the Viks will have little better luck against the Clackamas county quint than they did against Albany last night. Salem, which had dominated Albany in basketball like a Wilamette valley fog for more than a decade, lost to the Bulldogs on the Albany floor last night, 30 to 19. It appeared to be a case of too much basketball for the Vikings who late last week dropped two hard battles to the Astoria Fishermen. Against Albany they lacked the drive which has characterized their previous performances. Then, too, their shooting was nothing to brag about since they caged but seven baskets in a half hundred attempts.

The Viks made but one basket during the first half—a two-pointer by Svarverud. In the meantime Albany checked in 16 to lead 16-5 at half time. The second half was an even battle, with each side collecting 14 points.

The Pioneers have won eight straight, including a decision over Vancouver. They will engage the Viks Friday night on the Salem floor.

Coach Frank Beers' junior varsity took it on the chin from the Albany second string last night, 15 to 10.

Salem (19) (30) Albany Svarverud 6 F 4 Churchill Cross 1 F 13 Long Jones 6 C 4 Wardchoff McMorris 3 G 2 Fortier Chapman 3 G 2 Volz

Subs: Salem—Zeller, Whittemore 2, Belling, Farlow 1, Lowe, Hough; Albany—Simas 4, Kos 1. Free throws missed: Svarverud 2, Whittemore, Jones, McMorris 5, Chapman, Churchill 3, Simas, Long 3, Fortier 2, Volz.

Teacher Quints Meet at Monmouth

Monmouth, Jan. 13 (AP)—In a move to conserve rubber, eastern Oregon and southern Oregon colleges of education will meet here Friday night in an Oregon inter-collegiate conference basketball game.

The teams will save about 300 miles of travel by meeting here instead of at La Grande or Ashland.

The game will be part of a doubleheader, Oregon College of Education meeting Lewis and Clark in another conference contest.

Peterson Takes On Frisco Boxer

Portland, Jan. 13 (AP)—Buddy Peterson, a 160 lb heavyweight, will be matched against Speedy Cannon, San Francisco, in a six-round preliminary bout here Friday night.

Matchmaker Joe Waterman said a four-round preliminary event would match Richard Mathewson, 132, Woodburn, against Pancho Lupe, 132, Portland.

In the main event Powder Proctor, Portland middleweight, will meet Costello Cruz, Santa Barbara.

Waterman also said Jack Chase, Walsenburg, Colo., middleweight champion of California, would meet the winner of the Proctor-Cruz bout here February 12.

Bail is Posted For Polk Arrests

Dallas—Marion Hildrick and Dave Knox posted bail of \$100 and \$25 respectively when they were lodged in jail here following their arrest by state police Saturday. Hildrick was charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor; Knox with being drunk on a public highway.

Two were brought to jail on disorderly conduct counts. Clarence Gisse, arrested in Independence by city police was sentenced to spend 10 days in jail by Justice of the Peace E. A. Weddle of Independence.

James Harvey McKnight, arrested in Dallas by Deputy Sheriff Tony Neufeld was fined \$10 and costs (\$3.50) and given a 20 days' suspended jail sentence by Justice of the Peace Charles Gregory Monday.



SKIING—FLORIDA STYLE—Skimming over the water of an inland lake near Cypress Gardens, Fla., Martha Gray displays her skill on water skis.

Webfoots Beat Idaho, Beavers Trim Ramblers

Moscow, Idaho, Jan. 13 (AP)—Although both teams played raggedly the University of Oregon's towering basketball team easily outclassed the University of Idaho five here last night to win as they pleased, 43 to 21. It was the opening game of the northern division, Pacific coast conference basketball season.

Roger Wiley, 6 foot 8 inch Oregon center, was the spearhead of the Webfoot attack, dropping in 16 points. Fred Quinn, Idaho center, took second scoring honors with 11.

Oregon scored first on a free toss. Quinn gave Idaho a 4-1 lead with two baskets and that was the only point at which the Vandals led in the contest. Oregon went on to build up a half-time lead of 23-10 and coasted to the finish.

The visitors switched to a man-for-man defense at the start of the second half but quickly returned to a zone style when Idaho began to dominate the play.

The teams meet again here tonight.

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 13 (AP)—Oregon State defeated the powerful Vancouver Ramblers, 54 to 47, here last night to extend its string of basketball victories to nine in 10 games.

Three former Oregon Staters in the Ramblers' lineup, John Mandic, Jack Mulder and Sam Dement, failed to stem the tide, although the first half's end found Oregon out in front by but one point, 25-24.

The Beavers drew away slowly in the first half; the Ramblers, on some sharp shooting by Mandic, pulled to within one point, and the Beavers finally forged safely ahead on baskets by Don Durdan and Bob Howard.

Lebanon Postal Receipts Highest

Lebanon—Postal receipts for the year 1942, largest in the history of Lebanon, exceeded by over \$5,000 that for 1941, according to the annual report of Postmaster Merrill Smith.

The total postal receipts, exclusive of money orders for the year just past was \$31,061.80, compared with the 1941 total of \$25,443.48.

The month of December was by far the heaviest month, amounting to \$5,375.77, and a third of the entire receipts were recorded in the fourth quarter.

Sales by quarter for the past year were: March 31, \$6,738.50; June 30, \$7,145.20; September 30, \$6,922.07; December 31, \$10,256.03.

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Cardinal Farm Hands Deal in Red Ink

St. Louis, Jan. 13 (AP)—The Cardinals' farm system has bitten the hand which fed it folding money and reared it from a pup. Only the fact the Cards enjoyed a fine financial season themselves—what with winning the National league pennant and the World Series—kept President Sam Breadon from reporting red ink for the entire system.

As it happened, an excellent home year allowed the Cardinals to pass out one dividend—\$2 a share—but it didn't compare favorably with 1941 when the Redbirds finished second after months of disastrous injuries. When the chips were counted in the fall of '41, stockholders received two dividends of \$5 a share each.

The secret of the 1942 slump, of course, is no secret because it reached the sports pages from coast to coast during the playing season, a little at a time.

Sacramento, a club battling for the top, was doing well until night games were banned on the Pacific coast. That was the monetary haymaker. One game drew only 135 fans.

Houston had one of its bad years in the Texas league and Rochester in the International league was a financial flop.

Only Columbus of the American association—among the larger farm clubs which the parent organization relied upon to be self-sustaining—came out in the black.

So among his other wartime baseball worries, Breadon now has this headache:

Dallas Dragons Beat Willamina

Dallas—The Dallas Dragons defeated Willamina high school, 24 to 16, in a game played here. The final score at half time was 9 to 9. This was the second and final game to be played by the Dallas team against Willamina. The Dragons lost in a previous game played at Willamina.

"Grow more food" campaigns are being started in India.

Basketball Scores

Santa Clara 45, St. Mary's Naval Prep 42; Denver 47, Colorado College 43; Oregon 43, Idaho 21; Oregon State 54, Vancouver Ramblers 41; Willamette 41, Paico (Wash.) Navy 33; College of Pacific 37, San Jose State 44; University of San Francisco 47, St. Mary's (Moraga) 42; College of Idaho 39, Lewiston Normal 28; Portland (Ore.) 39, Pacific University 24; High School: Eugene 38, Corvallis 27; Milwaukie 54, Escanda 25; Albany 39, Salem 19; Central Catholic 44, Hill Military 23 (both Portland); Rainier 41, Clatskanie 20; Commerce 41, Sabin 24 (both Portland); Rosevelt 36, Washington 20 (both Portland); Benson 34, Grant 21 (both Portland); Lincoln 38, Jefferson 28 (both Portland).

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