

Skits and Scratches

By Fred Zimmerman
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The search for talent in connection with the Veterans of Foreign Wars' proposal to inaugurate a series of boxing shows continues to be pursued with Harry Plant, matchmaker, scouring the countryside for prospective knuckle tossers. He has uncovered some fair prospects but for the most part the boys are not in condition, having been out of the ring in most cases, many months. Nevertheless, Harry believes he can succeed in building up a respectable stable if he is given a chance to work his way out. Fight fans being what they are, the VFW committee does not want to take a chance on queering the game at the outset. A sour opener would set the sport back so far it might not recover in a year.

Coach Bob Keuscher believes his Leslie junior high school gridder let down on him after the intermission last Friday night and expressed the opinion that the Missionaries were a bit over-confident. Wasn't so long ago that Leslie athletes developed windmills in their stomachs every time the name Parrish was mentioned and if the boys out in Doc Barriek's neighborhood have developed a mild case of over-confidence, more power to 'em. However, being too cock sure has ruined many a potential champion and it could happen in Salem. One thing sure, Leslie has an outstanding center in Ray Cummings, who played a whale of a game against the Pioneers and will be in there pitching next Monday afternoon when the second game is played on Sweetland field. Return of Bill Sproule to the lineup will offset the loss of Buzzy Luggenbeel. The latter suffered a slight concussion in the first game. Sproule hurt an ankle the night before the opener but will play at least a portion of the second game.

Hal Scarbrough of the Klamath Falls News and Herald is beating the drum for the Medford high school football team in an effort to arrange a trip east for the "Black Tornado." At the same time, the Spokane Athletic Round Table sent up a trial balloon hoping to attract some outstanding prep club to the Inland Empire for a Thanksgiving day game with Gonzaga high school. In view of the fact that Medford still has to win the state championship, naturally they are keeping mum concerning the agitation. The thing could backfire, you know. It's entirely improbable that any team in the state could tip over the Medford squad, but should such an unexpected occurrence happen, there would be a lot of red faces in case a cross-country program had previously been arranged.

Apparently Gunder Haegg, Swedish long distance runner, picked up a thing or two during his visits to this country which his fellow Swedes do not consider complimentary. Haegg and Arne Andersson, fellow runner, have been asked to explain why they paid such heavy taxes to the Swedish government in view of the fact that both are supposedly amateurs. While amateurs are expected to receive expense money while on tour, there must have been a bit of velvet involved in order to require payment of \$7000 in income taxes, the amount Haegg is said to have contributed to the home government. Andersson is scheduled to visit this country during the winter, but if there is professionalism involved in his operations no doubt he will be kept at home.

Prince Edward Island is the smallest of Canada's provinces.

Hard Work to Bolster Braves

By Bill King
Boston, Nov. 8 (AP)—The Boston Braves needed a baseball miracle to win their last National League pennant in 1914 but, Billy Southworth, their new manager, vows, they'll be able to thank hard work for their next one.

"Pennant winners can't be built overnight and I can't work miracles," Southworth said as he signed a three-year contract that provided him with "the opportunity that comes to a baseball manager only once in his career."

"I have my work cut out for me here but I'll be on the job 24 hours a day and I'm confident that eventually we'll reach our goal," continued he who was one of the most successful managers in major league history during his five full seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Braves have plenty of weak spots to be sure, but the club also has many fine players and every effort possible will be made to gain added strength," Southworth added.

While announcing the signing of Southworth to a three-year contract, reported to be for a \$30,000 annual salary, President Lou Perini of the Braves, said that money would be no object in the search for much-needed playing talent.

He intimated that he and his stockholders, also wealthy contractors, were prepared to startle baseball again and again with six-figure deals equal in magnitude to the one that got them Pitcher Mort Cooper from the Cardinals last season.

Haegg Andersson Declared Pros
Stockholm, Nov. 8 (AP)—Arne Andersson and Gunder Haegg, world-record holding Swedish runners, and 13 other top-ranking Swedish track stars, were declared professionals today by the Swedish Athletic association, the newspaper Expressen said.

There was no official announcement as yet from the association, which has been conducting a sweeping investigation into the entire Swedish track setup.

Earlier the association announced a finding that payments of fees to top Swedish track stars by leading sports clubs constituted a breach of amateur regulations and indicated there would be disciplinary measures against both clubs and performers.

The association did not name the individuals involved, and had announced it would not do so until completion of the nationwide inquiry.

Memphis Amateur Linehurst Leader
Pinehurst, N.C., Nov. 8 (AP)—Rotund Fred Corcoran, tournament manager for the Professional Golfers association, wore a broad smile today. It was a smile fostered by an unheralded 24-year-old amateur from Memphis, Tenn., who was in the driver's seat as the final 36 holes of the \$5000 North and South open tournament began.

Scoring a dazzling 69 in which he needed only 11 putts on each nine, Lt. Cary Middlecoff, army dentist and a recent eye patient at Valley Forge, Pa., hospital, brought his 36-hole total yesterday to 139 in the 44th annual Carolina classic to lead the field by a stroke.

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Pigskins And Ballots Figure In Prep Football Title Race

By A. R. Burns
The battle for district prep gridiron titles approaches the zero hour this week-end, with a pair of crucial contests and another pair of crucial decisions. The Dragons will travel to The Dalles tomorrow (Friday) to battle their chief contender for the laurels of district 1.

The district 2 picture shouldn't change much, with Medford's powerful Black Tornado due to roll up another victory against Ashland, and perfect record North Bend expected to stay that way over weak Marshfield. The title, barring an upset this week-end, will be decided by playoff next week.

Crucial decisions are coming up in district 3—but by ballots, not pigskin. In that northwestern Oregon region—so thickly populated it's split into two divisions—the titlists of the northern and southern divisions will be chosen by vote to play off for the district crown.

Schools from the northern division will convene at Forest Grove Monday to ballot on the crown. McMinnville, idle this week-end, is the only unbeaten, untied team in the section. Columbia Prep, undefeated but with one tie, entertains Seaside tomorrow.

Ballots on the tangled southern division race are due to be counted in Salem Sunday. Two squads boast perfect records—Cottage Grove, which entertains Springfield tomorrow and hasn't lost a game for two years; and Woodburn, which goes to Silverton tomorrow heading for its third straight year without a loss in duration league play.

Police Look Into Scarring of Field
Eugene, Ore., Nov. 8 (AP)—State and Eugene police today investigated the tearing up of the turf on Hayward field of the University of Oregon, apparently by someone speeding an automobile on the grass.

Athletic officials said the field will be in poor condition for the Oregon-Oregon State football game Dec. 1. The car wheels tore up the turf at both ends and in the middle. Deep ruts were cut in the 120-yard stretch between the goal posts.

Northwest Loop Heads to Confer
The first Northwest conference meeting since the spring of 1943 has been called for the Multnomah hotel in Portland November 23 and 24. Formulation of a policy concerning returning veterans and the scheduling of dates for basketball, baseball, track and tennis will be the principal points of business up for consideration. The conference includes Willamette, Whitman, College of Puget Sound, Linfield and Pacific.

Broadcasts for Saturday Games
Oregon State goes to Seattle Friday in an attempt to stop the on-rushing Huskies. Just what happens during the afternoon will be aired locally by KSLM beginning at 1:15. The broadcast is one of the Associated Oil series. The game at Pullman, Wash., between Oregon and WSC will be broadcast in this district by KEX, beginning at 1:45.

Ironmen Beaten By Royals, 2 to 1
Seattle, Nov. 8 (AP)—The new Westminster Royals, not a bit awed by the national amateur ice hockey championship cup presented Seattle last night, handed the Ironmen a 2-1 defeat for the champions' fifth straight set-back.

Manager Frank Dotten accepted the trophy for the Ironmen between periods.

Huskies Lucky, Claims Welch

Seattle, Nov. 8 (AP)—A streak quarterbacked by a 17-year-old of purple football lightning is lashing at the gates of the Rose Bowl and the man who keeps the battery charged confided around the back of his hand today it was about 50 per cent luck and the other half pure sled dog determination.

Coach Ralph "Pest" Welch admitted, however, "that isn't quite the whole story" behind the surge of his University of Washington Huskies to the top spot in the Pacific Coast conference scramble.

Right now the affable coach, who spends six days each week recuperating from Saturday's tortures (he said "we've kicked away at least 10 touchdowns"), refuses to talk about the Rose Bowl or listen to all the happy clamor of fans and alumni. He has three games ahead, and Welch is a worrier.

This week the menu is daily practice in secret for the homecoming brush Saturday with Oregon State, a 13 to 0 Husky victim earlier in the year.

The team has lost just one game in six starts, a 27 to 14 defeat by California, and the thought that such a nightmare could happen again keeps the coach in a dither. The boys, he recalled sadly, could do nothing right that afternoon.

Joe Stone, 17, quarterbacks the club. It's a tough job, especially so due to Welch's strategy of switching back and forth between T-formation and the Notre Dame box. Joe is far from being the only freshman in the lineup—Welch started seven first year men in each of his last two games.

In the first six months of 1945, the United States shipped \$275,000,000 worth of food and other agricultural products to the United Kingdom.

Jefferson High To Play Amity

Jefferson — Jefferson high with a single defeat marring its record, will play Amity's football team Friday afternoon. In defeating the Bible Institute of Salem last Friday, 57 to 6, touchdowns were made by Hayes, Knight and Frietag. Extra points were credited to Arden and Wickersham.

Colonel Larson Of Marines Dead
Atlanta, Nov. 8 (AP)—Colonel Emery Ellsworth "Swede" Larson, famous football figure and veteran of two wars, is dead.

The passing of the 46-year-old colonel of marines here yesterday stunned grid fans who had followed his career, first as a player and later as coach of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

The end came after the third of a series of heart attacks. He was first stricken about two weeks ago and removed to the U.S. naval air station hospital. Mrs. Larson, the former Margaret Ross of Long Beach, Calif., was with him.

Funeral services and burial will be held in Washington at a time to be announced later.

Bill Transfers Hatchery to State
Washington, Nov. 8 (AP)—House passage sent to the White House a bill transferring the Butte Falls, Ore., fish hatchery to the state, which plans to operate it in connection with a similar plant nearby.

Also approved by the house was a bill to prohibit mining in a recreation area of the Deschutes, Ore., national forest. The only known mineral in the area, according to the interior department, is pumice, commercially undeveloped since 1937. This bill now goes to the senate.

Junior Clubs Play Nov. 12

For a number of years Willamette university and Salem high school football teams alternated in providing the capital city with Armistice day gridiron entertainment. But the second world war came along and upset this arrangement. So, this year, next Monday to be exact, Parrish and Leslie junior high school squads will show their wares on Sweetland field at 2 o'clock. The game will be the second in the series to decide the junior high championship of the city. Parrish already has one leg on the trophy by virtue of a 13-0 decision scored last Friday night.

Since then Coach Bob Keuscher has shaken up his squad to some extent and will have the services of Bill Sproule, one of his best ball carriers. Bill was out of the last encounter because of an ankle injury. However, the Missionaries have definitely lost "Buzzy" Luggenbeel, who packed the mail last Friday night.

Out on North Capitol street, the Parrish Pioneers are not

resting on their laurels and have been working diligently to strengthen their attack which got nowhere during the first two quarters of the opening tilt. Frank Garland, hard hitting fullback, who was benched a week ago because of training rule infractions, is expected to be back in the fold for the second session.

Conn Thru with Exhibition Bouts

Kansas City, Nov. 8 (AP)—Billy Conn, the fancy boxing Irishman from Pittsburgh, says he is convinced that exhibition fighting is a "heck of a poor way" to get in condition for his championship bout with Heavyweight King Joe Louis next June.

That's why, he said after a three-round appearance here last night, he is quitting "show off" stuff in favor of serious training for a return engagement with the Brown Bomber.

"You can tell the world I'm through with exhibitions," the handsome ex-army corporal declared. He had just trudged through a slow practice session with Bearcat Jones, a sparring specialist from Pittsburgh.

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