

# Top Notch Pro Gridder So Good He Loses Job

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San Francisco, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—This is the sad story of a fellow who was so good in his specialty of kicking a football that he lost his job.

It doesn't sound possible, but that's exactly the situation for Joe (Little Toe) Vetrano, the diminutive point-after-touchdown expert of the San Francisco Forty-Niners for the past four seasons.

Little Toe was cut loose from the squad the other day despite the fact that he was, believe it or not, still working on a world-record breaking string of consecutive conversions.

During the past two years Vetrano has hit the bull's-eye between the cross-bars on 107 consecutive attempts and had been ready to continue this year. In four years with the professional Forty-Niners,

Vetrano had made good on 187 out of 203 attempts for extra points; completed 16 out of 33 attempts on field goals and had scored 235 points. He also held the record for scoring in 56 consecutive games.

Forty-Niners Boss Anthony (Tony) Morabito was the fellow that decided Vetrano would have to go.

"Under the National league rules we can carry only 32 men," said Morabito. "As a result the one-shot specialist is just about out."

"I talked the situation over with Little Joe before the season started and he realized our position. He said he wanted to try and make the team as a halfback. Our coaches gave him every opportunity, but with all the talent we have this year, he just couldn't make the grade."

Head coach Buck Shaw hated to drop Vetrano. In four years of professional competition, the Forty-Niners never have lost a game by a single point—thanks to Vetrano.

As replacements, Shaw hasn't a man who can come close to comparing with Little Joe in the kicking department. Quarterback Frankie Albert and Halfback Wedemeyer probably will do the place-kicking. The kick-offs will be handled by either Norm Standlee or Joe Perry, the fullbacks.

San Francisco fans, still provincial enough to like to run the town's sporting industries, have put the Forty-Niners on the pan before—once when they let popular Little Scat Back Forrest Hall go.

Can you imagine the yowling point they'll have if the Forty-Niners ever lose a ball game for want of a single point after touchdown?

# NBA Approves of LaMotta's Plan In Detroit Bout

Milwaukee, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—National Boxing Association President Fred Saddy today approved Middleweight Champion Jake La Motta's plan to defend his title against Frenchman Laurent Dauthuille at Detroit Sept. 13.

He made his ruling in answer to a telephone query by Floyd Stevens, Detroit, chairman of the Michigan board of control.

"The fight is set for 15 rounds, the title will be at stake and I sanction it as a championship bout," Saddy said.

La Motta, of New York, had been ordered earlier by the NBA to defend his title against Ray Robinson by Oct. 12. When La Motta signed with Dauthuille early last week for the Detroit fight September 13, the question arose whether he could meet both fighters in that short time.

"I think La Motta can do it," Saddy said. "He's in good condition and it's not impossible for him to meet both fighters. The time for the NBA to act in case the fights don't go through on schedule will be after October."

# Dutch Harrison Wed in Secret

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 21 (U.P.)—E. J. (Dutch) Harrison, who took fourth place in this year's United States Open Golf tournament, was married secretly in Little Rock, it was revealed today.

The bride is the former Thelma M. Akana, a senator in the Hawaiian territorial legislature. The marriage license listed the groom's age as 40, the bride's as 42.

Harrison was divorced in July from the former Emma Plunkett. They had been married 13 years.

One of Harrison's closest friends here, Henry Levy, said the couple was married at a private residence. He declined to specify at whose home the ceremony took place. The groom could not be reached for comment.

Harrison has been the hard-luck player in American golfing circles. He often has ended among the top place winners but has never taken a major American golf championship. However, he is scheduled to defend his Canadian Open championship on August 24.

Harrison and his bride came here from Chicago to be married.

# Portlander Wins Gearhart Title

Gearhart, Ore., Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Elmer Hanagan of Eastmoreland (Portland) defeated Elwin Boyer, Vancouver, Wash., yesterday to win the men-under-40 championship in the annual coast golf tournament at the Gearhart Country club.

In the men-over-40 class, Al Remlinger, Hood River, beat Don MacPhee, Eastmoreland, on the 34th hole, 3 and 2.

Washington's women's amateur champion, Mrs. Leo Sorenson of Vancouver, whipped Mrs. Lloyd Burges of Astoria, 6 to 4, to annex the women's crown.

# Wallick, Grable Booked in Mainer

Leo Wallick and Lee Grabel will provide the entertainment in the principal event of Tuesday night's weekly mat production at the armory, Wallick and Grable were engaged in a melee last week during a team tag encounter. The Salem boxing commission eventually decided that Grable and Bill Melby, with whom he was paired, won the affair over Wallick and Ace Abbott.

Three preliminaries will precede the main event: Jack O'Riley vs. Ruffy Silverstein, George Dusette vs. Ace Abbott, Bill Melby vs. Bob Cummings.

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# O'Neill Blowup Recalls Diamond's Old Time Jokes

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Washington, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—When Manager Steve O'Neill of the Boston Red Sox blasted his stack in Cleveland recently after a practical joke was played on him, the old-timers started raking the record for similar incidents.

The veterans came up with some dandies.

But to bring everybody up to date, Steve had accused the Cleveland Indians of stealing his pitchers via binoculars. Next night the Sox manager was honored with a shower of gifts—among them a pair of top spyglasses. Hence the top-blowing on Steve's part.

All of which recalled to mind some funny incidents of the like by Ira L. Smith of the office of aviation information for the civil aeronautics administration. Ira and another no-kin Smith, name of O. H. Allen Smith, authorized a book on baseball oddities called "Low and Inside."

The rest is all Smith.

It seems, according to the Smith boys, that once in awhile even umpires can be involved in practical jokes. Such as the case, at least back in 1897, Minneapolis in those days was in the Western League and one Frank March was to umpire the opener. He approached the groundkeeper and said he had just received word from the high command of baseball that the field should be painted white and the foul lines black.

The ground keeper was at a loss, but March was a big help. "Get hold of a street-sprinkler and fill the thing with whitewash," the umpire said.

The grounds-keeper soon learned that the holes in the sprinkler nozzles were too small for whitewash. He went to the city council and the city council told him to go away. At length he called on club officials and they told him the truth.

Umpire March, it said in the local prints at that time, was not around to umpire the opener.

Even club presidents in the old days often resorted to practical jokes to get what they wanted out of the boys. One such was Chris Von der Ahe of the St. Louis Browns. At the beginning of the 1894 season, Chris gave each member of the squad a new suit—one identical to the suit the president himself always wore. It wasn't long before the players learned why the old man had been so generous.

It seems the fellows had been a little lax about training rules. Sly old Chris had figured out a way to cure 'em. He got himself a "private eye" and told same to hang around the gin mills and to watch for customers wearing "suits just like I got on."

The Brownie president didn't have any trouble with discipline the rest of the season. Players themselves played a

# Southern Youth Wins Golf Title

Ames, Ia., Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Eddie Merrins carried the national amateur junior golf championship trophy home to Meridian, Miss., today.

He won it by defeating Gay Brewer of Lexington, Ky., 1 up, in the 36-hole finals Saturday at the Iowa State college course.

Merrins had to stave off a late drive by Brewer. The Mississippi held a 3-up lead on the 33rd hole, but Brewer birdied the 34th and parred the 35th while Merrins bogied both holes. However, they halved the final hole to give Merrins the title.

# Portland Schools List New Coaches

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Three ex-Oregon State college athletes and one ex-University of Oregon performer will take coaching positions in the Portland high school system this fall, Supt. Paul A. Remus reported.

The three ex-Bears are Tom Desylvia, captain of the 1949 football team; Bill Gray, all-American center on the 1948 eleven and formerly with the professional Washington Redskins; and Jack Detour, basketball letterman.

The Oregon man is Barney Koch, ex-Webfoot baseball player.

# Riley Wins Gold Anniversary Golf

Chicago, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Polly Riley of Ft. Worth, Tex., defeated May Murray, Rutland, Vt., 4 and 3 Saturday to win the golden anniversary Western Women's Amateur Golf championship at Exmore Country club.

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# Berwick With State 30 Years



# Yost Is Named To Hudson Cup Amateur Squad

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21 (U.P.)—The ten-man amateur squad for the second annual Hudson cup golf matches was announced today by Reg Ott, match secretary of Portland.

The matches pit the ten top northwest professionals against the ten top amateurs and will be played Sept. 9-10 at Seattle's Broadmoore golf course.

Washington dominated the team with only three Oregonians, Dick Yost of Portland, Ron Clark of The Dalles and Dick Hanen of Coos Bay, and one Canadian, Bill Mawhinney of Vancouver, B. C., on the squad.

Ott said professional squad members would be announced later this week.

# Unconfirmed Tale Says Chinook Run Just Off Columbia

Astoria, Ore., Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Reports that a big run of Chinook salmon was just off the Columbia river could not be confirmed today, but gillnetters were hopeful that the August run would hit the river before the commercial season ends Aug. 26.

Fishermen said if the run is confirmed, extra fishing days would be sought from the state fishing commission.

Ocean trawlers indicated yesterday that the salmon are off the river's mouth. Local fishermen felt the fish might be reluctant to enter the river because of high water, which puts fresh water farther out in the ocean.

# Astoria Hosts Northwest Open

Astoria, Ore., Aug. 21 (U.P.)—The cream of Pacific northwest golfers opened play at the Astoria Golf and Country club today in qualifying rounds of the annual northwest open championships.

Among favorites to win the \$2,400 purse for professionals were Marvin (Bud) Ward of Great Falls, Mont., five-time winner of the meet; Chuck Congdon of Tacoma, Wash., Harold West and Al Zimmerman, both of Portland.

In the amateur ranks four men were listed as pre-tourney favorites. They include Dick Yost, Oregon state amateur champion; Ron Clark, The Dalles; Lou Stafford, Vancouver, Wash.; Cenequa open winner from Portland; and Bobby Atkinson, 19-year-old Portland star.

# Ginger Challenges 'Gorgeous Gussie'

Forest Hills, N. Y., Aug. 21 (U.P.)—"Gorgeous Gussy Moran's "glamor" role is going to be challenged in the national tennis championships next week.

Ginger Rogers, the curvaceous blonde movie star, has entered the mixed doubles section of the event and will play with former Davis cupper Frank Shields.

Miss Rogers acknowledges she's only a "week-end player" but is rated one of the best racquet swingers of the movie colony.

# Slinging Sammy Tosses Grid Win

San Francisco, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—The Washington Redskins, sparked by the perennial accuracy of Sammy Baugh's slinging arm, trampled the San Francisco

# Pope Declares Dogmas of Church Must Be Accepted

Vatican City, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—Pope Pius XII today told Catholic clergy throughout the world that the dogmas of the church must be accepted and respected.

In a long and important encyclical letter he emphasized the necessity of safeguarding all religious instruction against the taint of "error."

The encyclical was issued at a moment when the question of dogma has become a subject of controversy between Catholics and Protestants. This stems from the Vatican's announcement that the pope will soon proclaim as dogma the Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven in body as well as spirit.

The announcement provoked criticism in Protestant circles, especially on the part of the Church of England, whose leaders said they saw in it the threat of a new obstacle to the movement for christian unity.

A formal statement by the heads of the Church of England, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, expressed "profound regret" that the Catholic church had "chosen this act to increase dogmatic differences in Christendom and thereby gravely injured the growth of understanding between Christians."

The pope will pronounce the new dogma on Nov. 1 as a dramatic highlight to the 1950 Holy Year. He will hold a secret consistory of the College of Cardinals the day before.

In today's encyclical letter the pope reviewed at length what he termed deviations in faith in modern times, then concluded with these instructions:

"Let the teachers in ecclesiastical institutions be aware that they cannot with tranquil conscience exercise the office of teaching entrusted to them, unless in the instruction of their students they religiously accept and exactly observe the norms which we have ordained.

"That due reverence and sub-

At closing time on Wednesday, August 16, the employees of the state industrial accident commission assembled to commemorate 30 years of continuous employment of J. D. Berwick, chief actuary.

Berwick began his employment with the commission as an accountant in the fiscal control division and progressively advanced to chief accountant, office manager including supervision of statistics and research, comptroller, and chief actuary. During the years of 1936-1940 he organized the state unemployment compensation commission's accounting section and was acting comptroller of both commissions at that time.

Commissioner Arens addressed the gathering of employees assembled and made the presentation of a wrist watch that had been purchased by the employees as a token of respect and friendship for a fellow supervisory employee. The merits and loyalty of Berwick's long and efficient service with the commission were pointed out to be a goal for all employees to strive for—one of deepest respect and profound appreciation.

After the presentation Berwick responded by giving a few highlights of occurrences during his term of employment and thanked the entire personnel for their thoughtfulness in bringing about the meeting.

# To Issue Gridmen Uniforms Friday For Bulldog Team

Woodburn—Aspirants for the 1950 Woodburn "Bulldog" football team will draw their uniforms at the old high school building on Friday, according to Chuck Sheron, local coach. Practice on the old field will get underway the following Monday.

A possibility of 13 lettermen from the 1949 gridiron squad will be a foundation for this year's team. Lettermen expected are: Seniors, Lyle Henderson, Howard Zurlinden, Arthur Bean, Clayton Seaton, Richard McCormick, Charles Ruud and Andy Rice. Juniors, Tom Belleque, Jim Hall, Jim Vandehy, Scott Odgers, Darrell Laubsch and Leonard Pavlicek.

Uniforms will be issued to those on hand from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. on August 26.

A tentative scrimmage against the Newberg Tigers is slated for September 1. The first practice game will be against Rood River here at 2 p.m., September 15 and the Willamette Valley league "jamboree" is set for September 19. The initial league game will be September 22 against Canby.

co 49ers 31 to 12 yesterday in an exhibition professional football game here.

The Redskins dominated the game at Kezar stadium from the opening whistle.

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