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OFTENEST OF ALL

Babe Handed 130 Bases on Balls in 132 Games, Statistics Show—Fox Second in Receipt of Passes

By PAUL MICKELSON (Chicago Press Sports Writer)
CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Jimmy Fox excelled Babe Ruth and the rest of the American league in the production of homers and runs batted in last season, but the aging Bambino again was the most walked-in in the circuit.

In 132 games, 22 less than Fox participated in, Ruth was handed 130 bases on balls by pitchers who figure one bag was better than four. While this crop failed to come close to the record one of 170, collected by the Babe in 152 games in the 1923 campaign, it was enough to give the New York Yankees a new high mark for one club with a team total of 766 for the season. In 1931 the Yanks collected 748 passes in 155 games.

Fox was second to Ruth in passes received, the final, official averages disclosed today with 116, but he topped his closest rivals, Lou Gehrig of New York and Al Simmons of Philadelphia, by 18 scores in runs batted in. Fox drove in 169 runs while Gehrig and Simmons were credited with 137 each. Ruth ranked fourth with 137. Fourteen players batted in 100 or more runs, while only five—Ruth, Fox, Gehrig, Mickey Cochrane and Max Blabow—received 100 or more bases on balls. Ten players got four passes in one game, with Averyll of Cleveland and Cecil Blumie of Washington drawing five in one afternoon.

The easiest man to strike out in the league last season was Bruce Campbell, who was sent to St. Louis by the White Sox. Campbell fanned 104 times, or eight times more than his closest rival, Fox, who churned out six with his home runs but just 96 times. Campbell and Averyll also were the easiest targets for wild pitches, getting hit six times each.

Joe Sewell, New York veteran, ran his great record for strikeouts to the minimum of 110 for 13 years of batting in the American league, striking out but three times in 134 games. Sam Rice of Washington struck out only six times in 106 games. Bennie Tate, Boston catcher, struck out six times in 85 games; Billy Sullivan, Chicago, nine times in 95, and Carey Selth, Chicago rookie, nine in 116.

The championship Yankees led in runs batted in for a team with 935 and in games won and lost at home and away with the Athletics trailing next in all three departments. Cleveland hung up the odd record of winning more games away than at home by the margin of one victory.

SPORTS REVIEW

This seems to be the year of the big eligibility wind. Everywhere, Coast conference, Northwest conference, and high school, someone unearths some overt act on the part of a rival player, usually after his team has won several games. A kick is registered and the imposing array of victories tumbles over.

The latest eligibility squabble is over Dave Nisbet, Washington's all-American end, who played a year with a junior college and two at Seattle. This was his third year with Washington and the Huskies went through a tough schedule, down to the U. C. L. A. game, their final for the season, before Nisbet was protested. However, Washington probably will not forfeit any games.

As far as rules go, Washington should forfeit just as much as Willamette was forced to do because their star tackle, Bill Jockisch, played for Purdue. But it's all up to the conference officials and some are more broad-minded than others. There was nothing scandalous about the way Jonathan Butler retrograded Smoky Joe Lillard out of the Oregon football camp for playing baseball under an assumed name.

Much water has flowed under bridges and Butler's total record to date consists of one scalp—Lillard. Oregon has a right to feel persecuted when the Coast conference's snopper picked on their ace backfield man and banned him on a flimsy excuse. But dear Butler is no longer the Omnipotent Oom on the coast, and no one is sorry.

It seems to us that Lillard's offense was no worse than Nisbet's, but it looks as though they were going to overlook the Husky star's slips, even though it was known early in the season he was ineligible.

If the Coast conference is going to be tough with one school, it should at least be consistent and deal accordingly with all. No one likes the idea of forfeiting games, but there are such things as eligibility rules in coast football, all school, big or little, should be made to toe the mark.

The Dalles and Hood River, both caught in the eligibility web, look ruefully around and wonder if perhaps they were not discriminated against.

Young Jockey Wins Hall of Fame Niche

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—(AP)—A 17-year-old youngster from Kansas, Johnny Gilbert, has assured himself of a place in the jockeys' hall of fame by riding his 301st winner of the year. By scoring a triple yesterday at Jefferson Park to make the 200 mark, Johnny became the 18th American jockey since 1898 and the third since 1930 to reach that height.

WORLD'S GREATEST GIRL ATHLETE
MILDRED DIDRICKSON GOES "PRO"

SPORTS WRITING AND FILM WORK WILL TAKE TIME

BEAUMONT, Tex., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Mildred Babe Didrickson has turned pro. This 19-year-old Texas girl, almost universally regarded by sports followers as the world's greatest all-around feminine athlete, announced last night she had forsaken the amateur status which the Amateur Athletic Union already has taken from her for alleged commercialism of her fame.

Miss Didrickson publicly claimed she had not authorized the use of her testimonial and picture in connection with a motor-car advertisement, pending her, and asked reinstatement. Her departure from amateur ranks was not entirely unexpected, for Tuesday she resigned her job with a Dallas insurance company. Her employer said at the time he expected her to announce she had turned professional.

This slender, firm-muscled girl, who seemingly does everything athletic with ease, said she had accepted a film proposition, would do sports writing and was considering other offers. She said she had ambitions to swim around Manhattan Island and then try her luck at the English channel and the Meisopot.

"I realize that I am too light in weight to withstand the grueling endurance test of a long distance swim," she explained. "That means I'll have to put on some extra pounds—quite a lot of it. I weigh only 130 now."

Since her victories in the Olympics last summer she has had numerous offers by which she might have commercialized her athletic ability, but she turned them down with the reservation that she might later become a professional.

In a statement outlining her prospective program, Miss Didrickson declared the action of the A. A. U. in suspending her virtually made her decision for her.

Miss Didrickson, here for the holidays at the home of her parents, denied a report she was considering matrimony, at least for the present.

DOUBLE KNOCKOUT IN MAT STRUGGLE

SALEM, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Robin Reed of Reedsport failed in his attempt to wrest the world welterweight wrestling belt from Henry Jones of Provo, Utah, here last night. The match ended in a draw with both wrestlers having gained one fall and both 'out' on the floor outside the ropes.

The double "knockout" came when Reed caught Jones with a flying head scissor and threw him out of the ring to the floor, but Reed's foot caught between the two top ropes. When Referee Vern Harrington extricated the leg, Reed fell to the floor, also unconscious, beside Jones.

Jones took the first fall and Reed the second, both with body presses.

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Among athletic aspirations of Mildred ("Call me Babe") Didrickson are the channel swim and a paddle around Manhattan Island. She admits such feats will require putting on more weight than her present 130 pounds. The girl athlete is shown above at left on the sidelines during a basketball game.

BRIDGE WIZARD DISCLOSES NEW VALUATION METHOD

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Ely Culbertson disclosed today his new method of "elastic valuation" in contract bridge which he says will enable thousands of ordinary players to graduate into the expert class.

A mental picture of a composite hand of partners is the highlight of the Culbertson system of 1932. To make the picture a player counts winners or losers in his hand, which is simpler. For an opening bid with an ordinary hand, it is easier to count winners. On the basis of the requirements for an opening bid, partner counts the losses in his hand.

Athletics Acquire Portland Pitcher

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics announced today they had acquired the services of William Dietrich, right hand pitcher of the Portland club of the Pacific Coast league. In the deal the A's turned over to Portland Pitcher Joseph Bowman and infielder Albert Reiss. Bowman was with Portland the latter part of last season on option.

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Staters Defeat Multnomah 48-29

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—In their first invasion of Portland this season, Oregon State's basketball quintet defeated Multnomah club, 48 to 29, here last night. Lanky Ed Lewis, leading the Orangemen, banged in seven field goals. The score at the half was 27 to 19 for the Staters.

The Emma Cline Beauty Shop wishes to announce that Mrs. Odelle Osborne West, former owner of the Bob Inn Beauty Shop, is replacing Miss Marie Elander who will leave December 23.

GRID GREATNESS OF 'BIG NAG' IS REALIZED LATER

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The "I told you so's" are plenty thick around here. What they mean is that they knew all the time that Bronko Nagurski was one of the football greats.

Minnesota fans didn't realize how much they missed "The Big Nag" until they began to read about his feats as a member of the national championship Chicago Bears.

This reminder, and memories of Nagurski's prodigious performances as an all-American player with the University of Minnesota has opened fresh sources of sports chatter during the lean winter season.

They recall how Nagurski, as a timid lad, awkwardly went through the first paces of collegiate football after matriculating at Minnesota, in 1927—from the iron mines of northern Minnesota.

The "Big Nag" came to the surface with a carload of iron ore once too often and was whisked away to perform for the Gophers under C. W. "Doc" Spears, then head coach.

One of the most powerful men in Minnesota gridiron history, the 210-pound "Bronk" could play any position—at various times performing at guard, tackle, end and finally fullback.

Yes, and he was tough. He played a full game with a broken thumb, because he was "afraid Spears would kick me." He finished one season with his back strapped in a steel and leather brace—to protect some fractured ribs and an injured spine.

Sideline observers recall the first time Spears tried him at fullback. Taken out of the line, he made eight yards through center and looked apologetically at the doctor.

One of these days Gopher supporters may head an expedition to the mine region—not for beds of iron ore—but for a counterpart of the one and only "Nag."

PRINK PROMISES A RETURN GAME

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 22.—(AP)—A return game in Portland in 1934 between Louisiana State and University of Oregon is assured, Coach Prink Callison of Oregon said here yesterday as the team paused on the return trip to Eugene. Oregon's full schedule prevents a contest in 1933.

Elated over their 12 to 0 victory over the southern team, the Oregonians were eager to get home. Bill Bowerman, quarterback, was improving rapidly from a fractured shoulder received in the Tiger-Oregon game.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By Arthur Schoent.

After seeing Southern Oregon Normal's basketball team administer a 43-36 thumping to Billy Reinhart's Oregon quintet, we are of the opinion that Coach Billy's proteges are biting off a good-sized hunk when they tackle the United Athletic club at the San Francisco auditorium Friday night. The popular Oregon coach is out storming barns these Xmas holidays and by the time his youngsters finish playing the Frisco five, Santa Clara, which defeated California last winter, and St. Mary's, they will bear the marks of battle.

If you don't believe us, look over the roster of the United Athletic club. One San Francisco sports writer called it the "greatest collection of basketballers ever gathered under one banner in San Francisco."

First we have Joe Kintana, California's all-coast forward a year ago; Joel Coffield, all-conference guard with California; Jack Gaddy, mentioned as an all-American end with University of San Francisco this fall; Ed Cardinal, bulky all-arounding Willamette university center; Kenneth Parks, Idaho's six-foot six-inch center; Pie Drayno, high point man forward from the Rocky Mountain conference.

Don't go that isn't all. Bill Holstein, Washington State's all-conference forward, is good enough only to make a sub, as is Mr. Kintana, when they have men like Benny Lohr, University of Cincinnati forward, and Marshall Craig in the starting lineup. Craig was picked as all-American forward while playing for the national championship Kansas City Athletic club, and was a center at University of Missouri before that. Jake McDougal, all-northwest forward with Whitman, wears the colors of the bay team.

It seems a shame to put the University of Oregon's squad against a galaxy of hoop giants and "big names" like that, but Bill Reinhart wants to give his men experience, and they'll sure get it when they play the Frisco boys Thursday night. That San Francisco team must come as near being an all-Coast team as you can get.

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FEAT OF YANKS WINS TOP RANK IN SPORTS POLL

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(AP)—By an overwhelming margin, the nation's experts have decided that the New York Yankees' feat of winning the American league championship and the world series was the greatest team achievement of the year.

Exactly 100 out of the 302 votes cast in the second annual Associated Press poll of sports writers and editors went to the Yankees. The college football teams of Colgate and Southern California, the pro outfit of the Green Bay Packers, the United States Olympic track and field squad, and California's all-conquering crew, finished badly distanced also-rans to the Yankees.

Here's how the leaders finished in the balloting:
1. New York Yankees, baseball 100.
2. Colgate, football 33.
3. Southern California 28.
4. U. S. Olympic track and field team 26.
5. Green Bay pro football team 19.
6. University of California crew 15.
7. U. S. Olympic team (all sports) 11.
8. Pittsburgh, football 8.
9. Michigan, football 7.
10. Notre Dame, football 7.
11. Japanese Olympic swimming team 7.

HEAVY DRILL FOR TROJAN GRIDDERS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—(AP)—While the University of Southern California in general was enjoying Christmas vacation, Coach Howard Jones and his football squad saw no possibility of a letup in practice for the game with Pittsburgh at Pasadena, January 2.

In fact, Jones has been increasing the intensity of the workouts as the Rose tournament contest draws nearer, but he indicated he might let the team off Saturday without a drill. Heavy duty is expected the remaining two days of next week, and the early part of next week, but after that practice will be confined to a matter of polishing up on the finer points of the offense and defense.

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