

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:

Rube Basketball Stars Show Class in SOCE Struggle

Laddie Gale, Wally Johansen and Bobby Anet were in town last Friday night and this writer, apparently alone of the some 1,500 casaba clients who watched them perform against Jean Eberhart's fine SOCE quintet, was not a bit disappointed in what he saw when the ex-University of Oregon boys started firing that leather around.

We have yet to talk with a Medford fan who was completely satisfied with the ball game, and with the activities of the three above mentioned gents. It seems, according to the local consensus, that Gale, Johansen and Anet have gone a long way back from their college form; from the form that brought the Webfoots a national championship last season.

It is true that the boys were probably not in peak physical condition, but what independent basketball player is? It is also true that their teamwork left considerable to be desired, but it must be remembered that the two other Rubenstein regulars—Jack Butterworth and Dave Silver—were unable to make the trip on account of jobs in Eugene. Naturally, the trio couldn't manufacture plays with a couple of fill-ins like they could have had Butterworth and Silver been present.

Regardless of all that, and despite the fact that we were prepared to witness the acme of basketball perfection and no less, we still think the show those three gave was nothing short of terrific. Especially as concerns Gale and Johansen. Anet, undoubtedly, was tired and out of condition, but even so he displayed flashes of the form that made him the spark plug of Hobson's national title-holders.

Gale, with two big SOCE guys hanging to him like a leech for the entire game, canned 10 points in the second half, and all of his field buckets were made under the most extreme pressure possible. Time and again he showed why he is an all-American, faking his guards out of their shoes to score "impossible" shots.

As for Johansen, his ball-handling and floor maneuvering was really amazing. If there has ever been a better passer and dribbler we would like to have seen him. Wally had the ball probably 75 per cent of the time it was in possession of the Rubes, and it was he who set up the plays that enabled Gale to tally with that one-handed shot that made him famous.

Rubenstein's failure to beat the Ashland club possibly had something to do with the dissatisfaction many local fans had with the game, and with the performances of the three former Webfoots. However, we believe that Eberhart has welded a great basketball team, certainly the finest he ever has had at the Lithia city institution. This boy Marchi, from Portland's Benson Tech, is a honey, and our prediction is that the SOCE will win the state A.A.U. tournament, college division, and possibly travel to Denver for the national tourney.

In case anybody would like to get in touch with Mr. I. Pickem during the next six months, the grid prognosticator begs to announce the following addresses where he may be located: Remainder of January—911 Whitman, home of William J. Bowerman.

February—328 Haven, home of Murray Bell. March—314 Vancouver, home of Everett H. Brayton. April—714 South Oakdale, home of Herbert G. Grey. May—12 South Orange, home of George W. McBee. June—135 Vancouver, home of Ranson W. Webster.

Note of explanation: the above named gentlemen either wagered on U.S.C. in the Rose Bowl or attempted to beat some sense into I. Pickem's thick skull, to no avail, and as a result they, after taking Pickem's pocketbook to a terrible cleaning, have graciously opened the doors of their homes to the pickster and his family, thus saving the county the trouble of caring for the bereft Pickem's for the next half year.

On the other "bowl" games Pickem did fine, but it happened he didn't back his judgment with the filthy lucre. He called the West over the East, Georgia Tech over Missouri, Texas Aggies over Tulane and Clemson over Boston college, and they

Mehalikis - Chick Open 1940 Wrestling Season Tonight

PRINCE, COWBOY TO THRILL FANS WITH CLEAN WORK

Smolinski Meets Clayton in Center Go—Zimovich and Montgomery in First Bout

The curtain goes up at 8 o'clock tonight in the Medford armory on Promoter Lack Lillard's first wrestling card of 1940 and the line-up indicates one of the most exciting evenings experienced here in many a month.

In the top event Cowboy Dude Chick and Prince Mehalikis will battle it out for an hour of straight wrestling or two falls out of three. If both boys live up to their past records, the match is likely to develop into a full hour of genuine wrestling so that fans can see once more just what the game should be like at its best.

Both the cowboy and the prince are masters of wrestling, possessed of a knowledge of all the legitimate holds, clever in breaking loose from killing entanglements, fast as lightning in maneuvering.

Newcomer in Opener In the opener, a newcomer will make his bow to a Medford audience. He is Zimovich, a powerful 200-pound Finn who is likely to be a favorite before he ever steps into the ring because of the gallantry of his fellow countrymen in warding off the Russian invasion. Zimovich will line up against Bob Montgomery, the Georgia boy who has been popular here in the past though of late he has shown a tendency to rough up his opponents.

The middle number is sure to be dirty, for one of the contestants will be Joe Smolinski, the Polish palooka, who never uses a fair tactic if he can get in a foul one. The Palooka will have his hands full, however, for he will meet King Kong Clayton, the hefty Negro boy who can take care of himself in any kind of company.

Ladies' Night The first two events will be under the Australian system of six ten-minute rounds or two falls out of three. Lillard is holding ladies' night for the opening 1940 card. This means that anyone who buys a ticket, upstairs or down, may take in a woman companion without additional charge.

Medford Juniors Win From Roseburg, 20-18 In a tight, hard-fought basketball game, Medford junior high defeated the Roseburg juniors at Roseburg Saturday night, 20 to 18. Steve Dipple, forward, led the locals with six points.

Medford led at halftime, 12 to 10, and never more than four points separated the two teams at any time. A large body of junior high rooters accompanied the team to Roseburg, including the girls' drum corps, which staged a show between halves.

Lewis and RodEGAARD WIN SKYLINERS MEET Mt. Hood, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Dick Lewis and Olaf RodEGAARD, both of Cascade Ski club, won the junior and senior events, respectively, of the Cascade Ski club-Bend Skyliners meet yesterday.

Lewis' time was 1:46.3 in the junior race, RodEGAARD's 1:43.3 in the senior. THORNHILL SUCCESSOR MAY BE KNOWN FRIDAY Palo Alto, Calif., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The choice of a successor to C. E. (Tiny) Thornhill as football coach at Stanford university may be made next Friday night. Thornhill was ousted after Stanford's most disastrous season in years.

AAU CASABA MANAGERS MEET C. OF C. TONIGHT The final meeting of team managers and representatives prior to the opening of the Jackson county A. A. U. independent basketball league will be held tonight at 7:30 in the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. All officials of teams planning to enter the loop are urged to attend.

Oranges are the most valuable crop of Florida. were correct calls. Arizona State and Catholic university tied, instead of the former winning as Pickem predicted. But, oh that Rose Bowl. Ouch!

Conference Boss



Edwin N. Atherton (above), former FBI agent, was appointed high commissioner of Pacific coast conference for three years, in a move to enforce its future athletic policies.

BEAVERS AT TOP OF CONFERENCE CAGE STANDINGS

By the Associated Press

Those long lean men from the state of Oregon were in a fair way to dominate the northern division of Pacific coast conference basketball, what with one team favored in the race and the other leading it.

The favored team, defending champion University of Oregon, gets three chances to live up to its reputation this week—two against Idaho beginning tonight and one against Oregon State, which holds the league leadership at the end of the first week of conference play.

Idaho also gets a third chance to break into the winning column this week when it meets Washington State at Pullman Saturday. WSC evened its two-game series Saturday with Washington, which is idle all the coming week.

Saturday's games followed the pattern of pre-season predictions. Washington, which surprised with a one-point victory the night before, was no match for WSC when the Cougars got their dander up. Even a jinx which had kept Washington State in the losing column on Washington's floor since 1920—with three exceptions—was no help as the Cougars ran up a 51-35 score. Guard Bob Olson, of Everett, with 16 points, and long Paul Lindeman, of Colwiche, with 14, kept things under control for the visitors. Oregon State, in winning 42-38, had more trouble with Idaho than in Friday's victory but stayed in front after the first 10 minutes of play. Idaho substitutes staged a last-minute rally to bring the final score to close figures.

The team standings: Oregon State 2 0 1,000; Washington State 1 1 500; Washington 1 1 500; Idaho 0 2 000; Oregon 0 2 000.

LAW TO RAISE MARRIAGE FEES

Indianapolis, Ind. (AP)—The cost of matrimony for Hoosier newlyweds will take a sudden jump March 1, 1940, when the new anti-syphilis marriage law takes effect.

The law, approved by the 1939 legislature, provides that each applicant for a marriage license must take a physical examination, including a standard serological test.

Then the marriage license cannot be issued unless both applicants are free of the disease, or if infected, do not have it in communicable form.

All blood tests must be made in the state board of health laboratory, or in laboratories that meet standards of the pathology department of the Indiana university school of medicine and approved by the state board of health.

Subway-riding New Yorkers spend two to three weeks a year underground.

WEBFOOTS MEET IDAHO TONIGHT IN LOOP OPENER

John Dick Lone Returning Regular of Defending Champs; Hobby Confident

Eugene, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The University of Oregon's basketball team opens its defense of four championships here tonight when the Ducks meet the University of Idaho quintet before an expected crowd of 4,000 in the first of a two-game series.

The Webfoot-Vandal game will send the last of the northern division contenders into league action—Oregon State college holding top position after sweeping its two-game series with Idaho at Corvallis last week-end. Washington and Washington State split their opening battles at Seattle.

Howard Hobson's hoopsters, an aggregation of the youthful coach believes capable of defending at least its northern crown, have won only nine of 15 pre-season contests. But five of the defeats were suffered at the hands of top-flight collegiate opponents during the 7,500-mile holiday barnstorming jaunt to the nation's hoop capitals. The other defeat was registered by Rubenstein's Oregonians, a team composed of ex-teammates that had been beaten on two previous occasions.

Hobson will have but one starting member of the 1939 team in his lineup tonight—John Dick, six-foot-four forward who has been shifted to center to fill the gap left by the graduation of "Slim" Wintermute.

At the forward positions will be Ted Sarpola, Laddie Gale's understudy for the past two seasons, and "Red" McNeely, a reserve on the four-ply championship squad. The guard posts will be taken care of by Matt Pavalunas, Bobby Anet's first line reserve for two years, and Vic Townsend, a transfer from Campton Junior college who will fill the vacancy left by the graduation of Wally Johansen.

Oregon meets Idaho again tomorrow night and completes a busy week against the undefeated Oregon State college Beavers here Friday night.

SCRUTINY GROWS UNDER DRUG ACT; PERILS REMOVED

Washington—(AP)—The food and drug administration of the department of agriculture reports that enforcement of the food, drug and cosmetic act of 1938 drove several dangerous cosmetics, drugs and devices from the retail markets during the past year.

Quick action was directed against the widespread sale of dangerous eyelash dyes, "slenderizing" preparations and many misbranded medicines.

The administration reports that its investigators seized the products of several eyelash dye manufacturers and that tests made of many warranted prosecution. Some were found to contain dangerous ammoniacal silver salts, pyrogallol and para phenylenediamine.

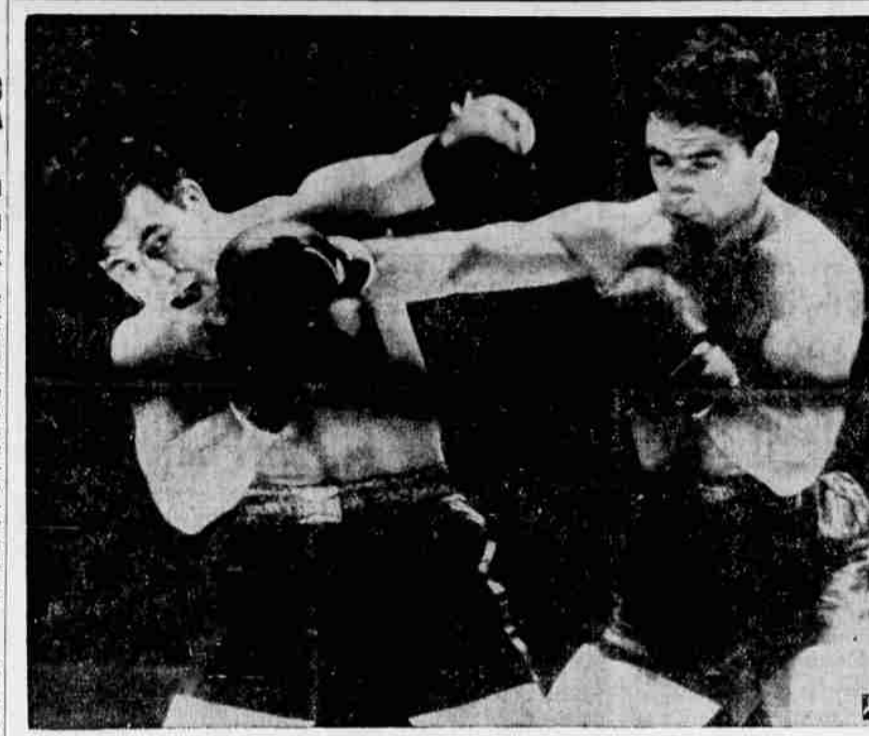
As it had given advance warning of its attitude toward sales of "slenderizing" preparations containing dinitrophenol or equally dangerous dinitroresol, the administration was unable to find any interstate traffic in the sale of the compounds.

The report points out that since the 1938 act provides for the investigation of applications for all new drug products before they are offered for sale, there will be no re-enactment of the tragic "elixir of sulfanilamide" case. Its manufacturer pleaded guilty in two federal courts to charges that it was poisonous and was fined a total of \$28,100.

In its report, the administration states that the only proved cases of botulism were traced to under-processed, home-canned foods. Poisoned food cases increased only slightly over the preceding year, and canners were more careful in labeling goods that failed to meet standards of quality, as only 60 seizures were made, compared with 153 for the previous year.

Innovation of airplane travel aided administration inspectors to check the Alaska salmon industry more closely and the report concludes that the weather was ideal during the salmon season and the industry was free of all spoilage.

Apostoli Out-Punches Bettina for Nod



Melio Bettina (right), former light heavyweight king, waded in with royal courage in the early rounds of his fight with Fred Apostoli, former middleweight ruler at New York, but the Pacific coast boy carried too many guns for Bettina who lost the 12-round decision.

Dizzy Dean's Holdout Howl Not Echoed by Other Stars

By Judson Bailey

New York, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Like a siren of spring, Dizzy Dean's sonic holdout squawk over the week-end aroused slumbering baseball fans to the fact contract time is here again.

In the next week or two the documents with the dotted lines will have been mailed to just about every eligible major leaguer, but that chant of "Oie Diz" isn't likely to get much of a chorus.

For one thing a lot of players, including several perennial members of the "beef" trust, already are signed.

Championship clubs are popularly supposed to face the most trouble rounding their players into line, but the Cincinnati Reds at this early date have 14 under contract for 1940 and the New York Yankees, who won't put their papers into the mail till next week aren't expecting much fuss. That world series bonus every year seems to keep the Bronx bombers happy.

The first of the Reds to sign up was third baseman Bill Werber, who has a pretty practical opinion of his own value, and one of the first was Paul Deringer, the big pitcher who used to be quarrelsome about his figures.

Pitcher Bucky Walters, the National league's most valuable player, and first baseman Frank McCormick slapped their names on two-year contracts without the slightest hesitation.

Paul Waner, the Pittsburgh Pirates' persistent holdout, jumped to terms last November after conferring briefly in New York with President William E. Benswanger and his new manager, Frank Frisch. This action wasn't because Waner had no talking point, for he batted .328 last year and ranked fourth in the National league.

The Cleveland Indians have Bob Feller, Mel Harder and Jeff Heath signed and sealed—and they were about the only three that might have been expected to give the tribe trouble. Feller was reported to have been given \$25,000. Whatever it was caused President Alva Bradley to remark he didn't know whether "we signed Feller or he signed us."

The Boston Red Sox gave Joe Cronin another five year player-manager contract last September by signing Ted Williams, Jimmie Foxx, Bob Doerr and Jim Tabor, four better than fair faces, for the 1940 campaign.

FIVE OF FAMILY KILLED ON RAILROAD CROSSING

Alexandria, La., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Five members of a Lake Charles, La., family were killed yesterday in a collision of their automobile and a southbound Missouri Pacific passenger train at a grade crossing, 30 miles north of here.

The dead were Robert M. Hereford, 39, Mrs. Hereford, 35; their sons, Randolph, 11, and Robert, Jr., 13, and Hereford's sister, Miss Elizabeth Hereford, 25.

In 1939, 27 local governments consolidated, extended or adopted civil service provisions for their employees, according to the Civil Service Assembly of the United States and Canada. Cash farm income in the United States in 1938 was approximately \$7,832,000,000.

KLAMATH FALLS NEXT ON TIGER CAGE SCHEDULE

Medford high's basketball cagers, in good condition following their two-game split with University high of Eugene over the week-end, will undergo stiff workouts this week in preparation for their invasion of Klamath Falls for a pair of games next Friday and Saturday nights.

The Klamath Falls series will inaugurate Southern Oregon conference action for the Tigers, the first tilt being of loop calibre and the second a king-of-the-hill affair. Coach Russ Acheson said today the entire squad was in excellent shape, and that work on the fast break would take up much of the practice periods this week.

Rodney Stead, tiry guard, will not be available for the Klamath games as he won't be eligible for conference or district competition until the second semester, which starts January 15. However, Billy Piche, regular on last year's state title runners-up, will be ready to play if needed. Piche, in contrast to Stead, becomes ineligible with the start of the second semester.

Medford's next home games will be against Salem high's state championship Vikings January 19 and 20.

Pomona Grange

Pomona Grange Jackson County Pomona Grange will meet at Roxy Ann Grange hall on Spring street, just outside Medford, January 27 at 10 a. m.

The January Pomona meeting is always the largest attended of all meetings of the year and we trust this meeting will be no exception. Names of the 1940 committees will be published as soon as received, and each committee member will be notified.

Sympathy of the entire Grange is extended to Past Pomona master, Roscoe Robert, and family, in the loss of his mother, Ada M. Roberts, Pomona member, on December 31 last.

Billfolds in Mail Boxes St. Louis—(AP)—Empty billfolds figure prominently among non-mail matter emptied from mail boxes by postmen here. Postal authorities say it apparently is a professional touch of pickpockets to place the pocketbooks in the boxes after removing the money but leaving identification cards.

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