

# Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

### District Quints Switch From Slow To Fast Breaks

Three years ago not a single district basketball team employed the fast break, or "fire alarm" system of offense made famous on the Pacific coast by Howard Hobson and his University of Oregon Webfoots.

All three clubs, Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland, used the percentage system, taking it slow and easy and working the leather in close for cripple shots, or bombing the hoop from outside the defensive setup.

Russ Acheson of the Tigers, Skeet O'Connell of the Grizzlies and George Hibbard of the Cavemen were percentage system coaches, and their teams reflected their respective coaches' views.

Now, however, as revealed by Friday night's successful jamboree, not a single district 4 quintet will employ anything but the spectacular fast break mode of attack.

Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass and Roseburg all displayed fast breaks, some faster than others, but all technically and actually fast breaks in name and spirit.

Acheson switched to the fast break two seasons ago, after graduation took those great ball-handlers—Bill Piche, Don Monteith, Bob Newland, Walt Kresse and "Jug-Head" Miller.

Ashland, changed over to the present system after O'Connell, transferring his mentoring duties to Corvallis, was replaced by Jerry Gastineau.

Grants Pass is using the fast break for the first time this year, under the coaching of Arnold Bernard, who succeeded Hibbard when the latter plucked a Portland high school mentoring post.

Roseburg which wasn't in the district three years ago, also has a new coach, Jim Davis. The Indians, however, used the fast break to a certain extent under Jim Watts last season, their first as members of this district.

So, high school quintets of southern Oregon are following in the footsteps of their collegiate brethren in tossing in the ashen the outmoded percentage, slow break method of attack. For which the customers should give thanks.

That jamboree showed that Medford has a mighty long and tough road ahead if it aspires to the championship and right to represent the district in the state tournament which, incidentally, will probably be staged in Salem again.

The local lads were very, very ragged in their passing, ball-handling and shooting, and with the exception of Captain Henry Herman and Bill Wall, they are smaller than usual. Wall appeared still tied up from football, and it may be a month or so before he loosens up.

The Tigers have spirit and fight, of that there is no question. And its still too early to make any outright predictions as to the success they can expect. For one thing, the locals went into the jamboree without a pre-season game under their belts, while the other quintets had played several games prior to the hoop circus.

Acheson realizes the odds are stacked terribly high against the Tigers capturing the pennant, and he isn't afraid to say so. However, he does believe the club will win some district games and, of course, the hope burns in his heart that the Bengals just might pull an upset and take the works.

Klamath Falls, without a question, looked like the class of the competing teams. They are big, fast, tough and have two grand scorers in Eugene Love and Jim Boehrli. But it must be remembered the Pelicans aren't members of district 4, so will not be threats to any of the four clubs in the district.

Half-joking and half serious, lanky Jean Eberhart the other night suggested what to this corner appears to be a startling but progressive innovation in basketball officiating.

The Southern Oregon College of Education cage tutor would revolutionize the method of officiating something on the order of tennis.

He would place an official on a stand high above each basket, and let them call rule infractions through an amplifier. There would be nobody on the playing floor but the 10 players, but along the sidelines would be other officials to take over the duties of tossing up the ball on held balls, giving it to the proper team on out-of-bound plays, and in general follow the instructions of the officials seated on their lofty perches.

Eberhart believes such an officiating system would make the game faster by eliminating arbiters on the playing floor, leaving the battleground entirely in the hands of the players. He also thinks the two officials would have a clearer view of every bit of action, and could call infractions more accurately.

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# Bears Smash Giants, 37 to 9, for Pro Grid Championship

## NORMAN STANDLEE AND SID LUCKMAN LEAD ONSLAUGHT

### Chicago Turns On Heat In Second Half—Bob Snyder Boots 3 Field Goals.

By Dave Hoff

Chicago, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Quarterbacks? The Bears had 'em. If it wasn't Sid Luckman passing, it was Bob Snyder kicking field goals. That's the success story of the two-year-champion Chicago Bears—that plus a couple of backs named George McAfee and Norm Standlee.

The New York Giants thought the key to victory in the National league title game was stopping Luckman. But they didn't stop him. Sid laid his passes on the line to set up the touchdowns that counted, and the Giants simply couldn't weather the storm.

While the 37 to 9 final score indicates the 1940 champions had an easy time repeating in yesterday's titular tilt, it wasn't quite a breeze. There was, for instance, the time when the clock read 7½ minutes gone in the third period, and the score was tied at nine apiece.

The main reason the Bears were in the running at that stage was Snyder, Luckman's replacement. Bob booted three field goals—a feat no player has performed in title play since Jack Manders of the Bears did it in 1933.

8-6 at Half

Two of Snyder's field goals balanced George Franck's first period touchdown run for New York, after Tuffy Leemans had passed to him from the 31-yard line. Snyder's third three-pointer gave the Bears a 9-6 halftime lead, an edge that didn't last long.

For Ward Cuff, acclaimed for many years as a field-goal booting champion, laid one between the uprights early in the third period to tie the score, and the 13,341 spectators—no one referred to them as a crowd—weren't very sure the Bears had the stuff that won 10 of 11 league games and the western division playoff over the Green Bay Packers.

But where Snyder had been doing the work, Luckman stepped in for his share. He knifed a 23-yard aerial to Dick Plasman and a 26-yarder to Johnny Sigal, who wound up on the Giants' eight. Standlee barged over from the three for the touchdown that sent the Bears merrily on their way.

## Spokane Righthander Purchased by Beavers

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Rollie Schetter, secretary of the Portland Pacific Coast league baseball club, announced today the purchase of Bob Kinnaman, 23, right-handed hurler, from Spokane.

The Western International league pitcher won 23 games and lost 8 for his club last year and his earned run mark was 2.95 a game.

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## Look at That Grip, Fellas!



Bat on shoulder, baby Joe DiMaggio 3rd looks at his dad, who was voted the athlete of the year in AP poll for his baseball playing with the New York Yankees. Their interested spectator is Mrs. DiMaggio.

## BOSS NOT BARRED FROM EXPRESSION ON LABOR POLICY

### Supreme Court Holds Wagner Act Doesn't Prohibit Taking Sides in Issues.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The supreme court held today that a company might express "its view on labor policies or problems" without necessarily being guilty of coercing its employees in violation of the Wagner Act.

The court said that the law contained no injunction against expressions by employers but that under certain circumstances such utterances, in conjunction with other acts, might constitute illegal coercion.

Justice Murphy made this assertion in a 7 to 0 opinion returning to the labor board litigation involving the Virginia Electric Light and Power company for "a redetermination of the issues in the light of this opinion."

The board had found that a union of company employees was a company dominated union but the supreme court said that this conclusion "seems based heavily under findings which are not free from ambiguity and doubt."

"We believe," the opinion added, "that the board, and not this court, should undertake the task of clarification."

Explaining that the board specifically found that a bulletin issued by the company and an address read by company officials "interfered with, restrained and coerced" the employees, the opinion added:

**May Express Views**  
"The company strongly urges that such a finding is repugnant to the first (freedom of speech and press) amendment. Neither the (Wagner) act nor the board's order here enjoins the employer from expressing its view on labor policies or problems, nor is a penalty imposed upon it because of any utterances which it has made."

"The sanctions of the act are imposed not in punishment of the employer but for the protection of the employees. The employer in this case is as free now as ever to take any side it may choose on this controversial issue."

"But certainly conduct, though evidence in part by speech, may amount in connection with other circumstances to coercion within the meaning of the act. If the total activities of an employer restrain or coerce his employees in their free choice, then those employees are entitled to the protection of the act."

**ENROLLMENT DROPS**  
Seattle, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The University of Washington today reported its winter quarter enrollment at 6,400, a drop of about 2,000 compared with last year, and Registrar Irvin Hoff laid the drop to uncertainty about being drafted for armed service after enrollment and fee-paying, and to large numbers volunteering for service.

## E. POINT BEATEN BY JACKSONVILLE

Jacksonville, Dec. 22.—(Spl.)—With Bob Smith scoring 16 points, the Jacksonville high Redskins defeated Eagle Point, 31 to 18, at Eagle Point, Friday night in a practice game. Stanley led the Eagle Point scorers with seven tallies.

The winners trailed by a score of 8 to 10 at halftime, but ran wild in the last two periods. Jacksonville also won the preliminary game, 18 to 8.

The two teams will play a return game at Jacksonville Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

## PAUL SMITH NEW NAVY PRESS HEAD

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Lieutenant Commander Paul C. Smith of San Francisco became press relations officer of the navy department today. He is on leave from the position of editor and general manager of the San Francisco Chronicle.

He succeeds Lieutenant-Commander Wallace S. Wharton, who is on leave from his job as state tax commissioner of Oregon, will remain in the office of public relations, acting as liaison with other governmental activities. Both Smith and Wharton are naval reserve officers.

## Klamath Pointer Wins Second In Dog Trials

Fresno, Calif., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Humboldt Star Girl, a pointer owned by Porter L. Hackney of Fresno and handled by Ronald Masters of Yakima, Wash., won first place yesterday in the open all-age stake of the Central California Field Trial association's seventh annual competition.

Second was Caldwellna, a pointer owned by John Coffman, Klamath Falls, Ore., and handled by E. Allen Sharpe, Willows.

## Blackout In Salem Termed Effective

Salem, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Salem's half-hour practice blackout at 9:30 p. m. last night was effective, civilian defense officials said today.

The test was ordered to test the city's new alarm system. Police and fire sirens and factory whistles could be heard in all sections of the city.

## EIGHTH SHIP

Portland, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The Oregon Shipbuilding corporation launched the Philip Livingston, its eighth ship, yesterday. The ninth, the Alexander Hamilton, will go down the ways next Sunday.

## Barnstorming Cage Quints Face Intersectional Games

By Harold Clessen

New York, Dec. 22.—(AP)—This is the period of tinsel, holiday wreaths, mistletoe—and traveling basketball teams.

Sam Barry's hoosier-flavored Southern California squad leaves today for a cross country junket that winds up Saturday night in a meeting with Long Island University. From the southwest comes Rice, the Rocky Mountain area contributors Colorado and Wyoming to the commuters, while Oregon State and Washington also head east.

Cornell is all set for a holiday trip to the Midwest, California entertains a barnstorming Missouri quintet tonight, Utah charges into the plains country, and Bradley Tech repays the compliment by visiting the mountains.

All in all the coming two weeks will be ones of time-tables, field goals and free throws for various college students while their non-athletic brethren are at home absorbing mother's cooking.

On the west coast either Oregon State or Washington is expected to replace Washington State while in the southwest conference Rice and Arkansas are favored for the title the Razorbacks held undisputedly a year ago. In the east Dartmouth seems headed for its fifth straight Ivy league flag. Long Island, Rhode Island state and City College of New York are other eastern powerhouses.

Iowa State, defending champion, looms as the Big Six titlist with Oklahoma and Kansas always in the running. Tennessee, as long as it has Bernie Mehen, is the choice in the southeastern circuit.

**Hogan Regains Form In \$5,000 Tourney; Picard Still Leads**

Harlingen, Tex., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Stretch-runner Benny Hogan, the little man who's always there at the finish, was back in the thick of the battle for the \$5,000 Valley open title today.

The Hershey, Pa., mighty mite takes the hard way but it only makes him the most talked-about guy in a tournament whether he wins it or not.

Lean Henry Picard held to the leadership as the field swung into the stretch but Hogan's blazing 63—six under par—in yesterday's 18 holes warned the Oklahoma City professional he had a fight on his hands to the last putt.

It pushed Hogan into a tie for third place with four others, all five strokes back of Picard who had a 64-67—131.

In second place, just a stroke off Hogan and his comrades, was apple-cheeked Byron Nelson of Toledo, who slipped to a 70 yesterday but still managed a 135 total.

Fifty-nine top pros and eight top amateurs will be in the 36 hole finals today.

TIE-UP

Petersburg, Ind., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff Norman Dickson drove 10 miles from his home to his office here and then got a hurry-up call to return. Dickson's three-year-old grandson, Eldon De Wayne Dickson, had locked his legs together with the officer's handcuffs.

## WHELCHER NAMED NEW NAVY COACH

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Commander John E. Whelchel, U. S. N., of Washington, D. C., was named head football coach of the U. S. naval academy today, succeeding Major Emory E. (Swede) Larson, U. S. marine corps.

Captain T. Starr King, naval academy athletic director, said the new gridiron mentor would assume his duties some time this month.

Larson, head coach since December 1939, recently was ordered to report to the naval war college at Newport, R. I., next month.

Whelchel, executive officer of the academy's ordnance and gunnery department, was backfield coach this past season.

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