

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

1941 Filled With Tingling Moments In Sports Field

People will start using pretty new calendars tomorrow as 1941 passes into history. From a local sports standpoint, if 1942 provides as many hair-raising thrills as the year just ended, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Fanatic won't have any squawks coming.

There were heart-stopping moments galore during the past dozen months incidents on the field of battle that jerked you right out of your chair and yanked hysterical screams from your raw throats.

It was as good a year for excitement and drama as any in the past decade, and here's hoping 1942 follows suit and produces another big batch of spine-tingling happenings.

Some of the more gaudy "breath-takers" of 1941 are hereby recalled. Remember? The scene is the Grants Pass high school gymnasium, a tiny affair jammed to the rafters with wildly partisan Medford and Roseburg basketball supporters.

The Tigers and the giant Indians are battling it out for the district 4 championship and right to enter the state tournament, and it's been a terrific struggle.

Right now the score is 29 to 27 in favor of Roseburg. Three minutes and 15 seconds earlier the Indians had appeared clinch winners, with a 28 to 21 lead and only five minutes to play. But the Bengals, fighting desperately, had chopped down that margin to a point where hope is burning white-hot in the hearts of all Medford rooters.

It's 28 to 27 for the Indians, a minute and 45 seconds to play. Down the floor come Roseburg's pachyderms, the biggest team in the state. They pass the ball around, looking for a chance to break through the Tiger defense. Suddenly, darting out from the Medford setup, is Harold Fawcett. He steals the ball in mid-floor and races for the basket. While everybody in the place stops breathing the Tiger forward calmly tosses the basket from underneath, and it's 29-28. All Hades breaks loose.

That was basketball's biggest thrill of the year, despite the fact Roseburg's Jim Finlay got three points for the Indians almost immediately following to give his team the crown.

The scene is the fairgrounds ball park, where Silverton's Red Sox and the Medford Craters are locked in a bitter struggle for the state league's second-half championship. The stands are nearly packed, and the customers are already hoarse for they have watched almost 13 innings of superb semi-pro baseball.

Right now it's the last half of the 13th frame, the score is tied at 6-6 and Bobby Churchill, third baseman for the locals, is prancing around on second base with two gone. Silverton, going into its half of the ninth, had whaled across three runs to deadlock the count, and from then the clubs had fought on without scoring a run.

Husky Al (Wray) Lightner, the Craters' leftfielder, is up there hitting left-handed against Silverton's brilliant righthander, Earl Toolson. Al hasn't been too consistent in getting his base knocks this season, but he is dangerous, nevertheless.

Toolson pitches once, a ball, then fires a blazing fast ball down the inside corner about hip high. Lightner lashes out with everything he has, there is the sharp report of ash smacking against horsehide, and like a rifle shot the ball whistles down the right field line. Almost to the fence it flashes, no more than 10-feet high, and Churchill speeds across the plate with the winning run and the second-half pennant.

The scene is Klamath Falls' Modoc field, on a brisk October evening. Medford's Black Tornado and the Klamath Pelicans are facing off in the annual Southern Oregon conference football gigantic. Some 6,000 customers are present.

Thrill piles upon thrill as the two teams stage the wildest scoring spectacle in their long history. Klamath hits pay dirt in the first period on a Love to Mayfield aerial, but the Tornado ties it at 6-6 when Orr takes a Wall pass and runs 80 yards to the goal line.

Klamath goes ahead, 13 to 6 when Foster catches a punt on his own one-yard line and goes 69 crazy yards to score, but the Tigers again knot it on a Wray to Orr forward pass. In the third heat Christensen of the Pelicans breaks loose for 21 yards

Beavers, Duke Both in Great Shape for Rose Bowl Game

STINER AND WADE BOTH CONFIDENT; TEAMS END DRILLS

Durham Jammed By Grid-Crazy Patrons—Schools To Net About \$75,000

By Frank B. Gilbreth

Durham, N. C., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Rose Bowl practice grind is gone with 1941. Now riding with the New Year's fates are the hopes of a middle-aged coach climbing toward the top, and of a battle-scarred veteran fighting to stay up there.

For Lon Stiner, who is only 38 years old, the Rose Bowl will be an opportunity of a lifetime. He is one of the youngest coaches ever to produce a Rose Bowl team, and if his underdog Oregon State squad should beat the undefeated and untied Duke, Lon would emerge as one of the nation's greatest football tacticians.

The game tomorrow will be an old story for Wallace Wade of Duke. The 49-year-old mentor has coached four other Rose Bowl teams, and he also played in the bowl when he was a guard at Brown in 1916. Bookies here think his 1941 Dukes will win by two touchdowns.

Limbering up drills will be held this afternoon by the rival squads, but the sweat of actual preparation ended yesterday. Both clubs are in good condition. Both coaches are confident. There will be no alibis.

Hotels overflowing Every hotel and most of the boarding houses in this city that tobacco built have been overflowing for several days, but still the crowds continue to pour in.

Wooden bleachers have blossomed like petals from the fringes of the transplanted Rose Bowl—which in reality is Duke stadium. All seats have been sold for weeks, and approximately 55,000 persons will see the classic.

Scalpers already are asking \$15 apiece for tickets. After Uncle Sam and the state of North Carolina get their cuts, Duke and Oregon State will divide a \$200,000 melon. Part of this, of course, will go for expenses but each school should net about \$75,000.

It's been estimated unofficially that 75,000 additional tickets could have been sold if there had been any way of getting the customers into the stadium. That should give you an idea of how football-whacky this section has become. It also may give someone an idea to try promoting an annual New Year's day bowl game in these parts.

TIGERS TOPPLED BY CORVALLIS IN OVERTIME, 22-20

Stocky, red-haired Jason Widmer, Corvallis guard, sank just one field goal during 32 minutes of rip-roaring basketball action, but that one basket was enough to give his team a 22 to 20 victory over the Medford high Tigers as the locals opened their 1941-42 season before a small gathering here last night.

Widmer's payoff field goal came with only 18 seconds of the overtime period remaining, after the regular playing time deadlocked at 20-20. The little fellow cast off from beyond the foul circle and the leather swished through to wind up a hard-fought, tight-defensive contest.

The Tigers couldn't do much the first half and trailed by a 5 to 10 count at the intermission. Bill Wall and Lee Reynolds hit field buckets and Captain Henry Herman carried a free throw during the first 16 and a touchdown for a 19-13 Klamath lead, but in the fourth period Wray shoots a 19-yard pass to Wall that again ties the score at 19 all.

Then, the very next time the Tornado gets its hands on the leather, Cliff Jones explodes through the center of the line on a T-formation play and goes 49 yards for the touchdown that gives Medford the lead for the first time and builds up to the ultimate 32-21 Tornado victory.

Those were 1941's big sports thrills, of a local character. Can you match them, 1942? And, a happy New Year to everybody.

NEW RINK CHIEF WELL KNOWN IN HOCKEY CIRCLES

Denny Edge, Successor To Sparky Bourque, As Manager Medford Ice Arena.

Of interest to southern Oregon and northern California ice skating fans is the arrival of Denny Edge, new manager of the Medford Ice Arena who comes to the popular southern Oregon rink with twenty years of ice arena and ice hockey experience. Mr. Edge took over the duties of manager today after the resignation of "Sparky" Bourque enlisted in the army and left today for active duty.

The new manager arrived Sunday from Tacoma, Wash., where he has been engaged as manager of the Lakewood Ice Arena. Prior to his employment at Tacoma he managed the arena in Spokane for four years. Edge has an equally important background with ice hockey as he has in arena management. In Spokane he coached the Gonzaga hockey team, recognized as one of the country's greatest amateur hockey clubs. Last year at Tacoma he owned and coached the Spokane Bombers, professional hockey team which won the 1941 Pacific Coast Hockey league pennant. Other experience with hockey clubs date back to his association as business manager for Bobby Rowe, owner of the Portland Buckaroos, professional hockey team with a wide reputation as one of the best on the coast.

Mr. Edge, who started his skating career in western Canada at the age of seven, says, "skating in Canada is like football in this country. Here, when a son is born, the father brings home a football. In Canada he brings home a pair of skates."

Edge played professional hockey with the Regina "Pats" club in 1921 and 1922, when they were junior world champions. He is very proud of a gold watch he carries inscribed, "To D. Edge from the 'Pats'", and dated 1921-22. He also wears a solid gold ring, a gift from the club.

Mrs. Edge and their two children, Ruth, aged 16, and Sally, aged 7, accompanied the new manager and will make their home here. Ruth, an accomplished skater, will enter Pacific coast competitions in the spring. She has already passed the third test in figure skating competition.

Arrival of Mr. Edge should prove of special interest to hockey fans, because with his past experiences in handling hockey clubs, he should produce some real and thrilling entertainment for players and onlookers as well.

Skaters are urged to meet Mr. Edge this evening at the Medford Ice Arena's New Year's eve costume party. Prizes are being awarded.

WILLAMETTE GETS CAGE MEET AGAIN

Salem, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Willamette university officials agreed yesterday to hold the 23rd annual Oregon state high school basketball tournament here March 11-14, while the high school officers announced there would be no changes in districts unless Portland high schools should enter.

Roy S. Keene, Willamette director of athletics, had said he was not interested, because of criticism directed by some high school coaches against Willamette and the city of Salem. But yesterday, Keene announced that he and the coaches are in complete accord.

Salem high school, as has been the case for many years, will be the host team, and will enter the tournament without having to play in district competition.

HALF-HOLIDAY FOR EAST-WEST CLASH

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—(AP)—New Orleans with its dense population of football fans, has rolled up its civic shirt-sleeves to attack wholeheartedly the task of making a success of the annual East-West all-star football game for the benefit of crippled children.

The latest step in the campaign to stage a major game and fill a 73,000-seat stadium on three weeks' notice was an official proclamation today by Mayor Robert S. Maestri, declaring a half-holiday Saturday so workers could attend. The game was transferred from San Francisco because of the war.

Fights Last Night

(By the Associated Press) White Plains, N. Y.—Randy Brown, 151½, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., outpointed Jerry Fiorello, 149, Brooklyn, N. Y. (8). New York—Chester Rico, 132½, New York, outpointed Harry Hurst, 138, Montreal (8). Brooklyn, N. Y.—Pete Sealzo, 131½, New York, outpointed Mickey Farber, 134½, New York (8).

RAMS WARNED BY COACH TO BEWARE OVERCONFIDENCE

Orange, Cotton Bowl Games Expected to Produce Big Scores—Sun Bowl Even.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Fordham wound up training today for its Sugar bowl engagement with Missouri—and the largest items in Jim Crowley's duffle bag were sharp words of warning.

The Fordham coach applied them generously to his able but easy-going squad, telling the boys bluntly: "Don't think you can be blasé just because you live in New York. These country boys from Missouri are playing for keeps. They'll give you a football lesson down here in the Sugar bowl if you don't watch out."

Orange Bowl Miami, Fla., Dec. 31.—(AP)—It's not making touchdowns, but keeping the other fellow from scoring too many, that worries the Orange bowl football teams on the eve of their big game.

Both Texas Christian and Georgia pack mighty wallops, and a touchdown parade seems in store tomorrow for the sell-out crowd of 35,000 unless the rival coaches have figured out a good way to parry.

Christian's Dutch Meyer has had a squad busy on plans for shacking all-America Frankie Sinkwich, while Wally Butts has worked the Georgians overtime on a defense against T.C.U.'s potent aerial game.

DON CRUIKSHANKS GOING TO SPOKANE

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cruikshank, residents of this city for the past six years, are leaving the first of the year for Spokane where they plan to make their home for an indefinite period. Mr. Cruikshank has had the agency for the Underwood Elliott Fisher Products and other office equipment in this city, having his office in the Holly building, 230 West Sixth street.

Mr. Cruikshank said today that the office has been moved to the Commercial Printing company building and is being operated by Guy Phetteplace. The same personnel will be continued in the office as at the old location. The shop will be known as the Medford Office Equipment company.

The Cruikshanks have resided at 1702 West Main street and report that they have enjoyed their stay here and hope to return.

Vandals Even Series With Gonzaga, 38-35

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Sparked by the 20-point performance of center Ray Turner, the University of Idaho Vandals staged a comeback last night and defeated Gonzaga of Spokane, 38-35. The Zags won from the Vandals Monday night, 34-31.

The Vandals took the lead early in the game and were ahead at halftime, 20-15.

CATHOLIC TOURNAMENT AWARDED THE DALLES

Eugene, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The seventh annual Oregon Catholic high school basketball tournament will be held at the Dalles. Father Francis P. Leipzig, St. Mary's (Eugene) Catholic church pastor and committee chairman, announced here this morning.

Dates for the annual event will be January 30, 31 and February 1.

Tennessee Finally Halts Long Island

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The University of Tennessee's basketball team upset Long Island university 36 to 33 in the annual Sugar bowl game last night and ended the easterners' victory streak at 23 games. Long Island, national intercollegiate champions, led 24 to 16

SCORING RECORD FALLS AS HUSKY QUINT BEATS NYU

New York, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Two new Madison Square Garden scoring records were hung up last night by the University of Washington basketball squad as it trampled all over a touted New York university quintet to win, 72-38.

The Husky first string rolled up a 20-2 lead in the first 10 minutes of play and then turned the game over to the reserves who finished the half leading 36-21. Resuming play in the second half the first squad retired after building up a 58-29 advantage.

The previous Madison Square Garden scoring record of 71 points held by St. John's and the 31-field goal mark of Seton Hall both fell in the final second of play when Wally Leask dropped in his only score of the evening for Washington's 32nd field goal.

The game was viewed by 12,968 wildly cheering spectators who urged the squad on when it became apparent the scoring record might fall and at the conclusion of the game gave it a tremendous ovation.

Scoring honors went to Norman Dalthrop with 15 points, followed by Bob Lindh with 12 and Chuck Gilmur and Bob Bird with 10 each. The Huskies exhibited an unprecedented scoring eye, sinking better than one-third of their 90 shots, most of them fired on the dead run.

LOCAL MILLS TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

The Medford Corporation and Timber Products plants will both close down tomorrow, it was reported today to enable their workers to observe the New Year's holiday.

The Timber Products company will resume operations Friday. The Medford Corporation will remain idle Friday and Saturday, and resume Monday morning, it was planned.

FLYING BOAT FALLS

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 31.—(CP)—Western air command of the Royal Canadian Air Force announced today four men are missing and four are injured slightly following the crash of a large flying boat at Ucluelet on the west coast of Vancouver island this morning.

High School Scores

(By the Associated Press) Ashland 42, Chemawa 39. Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

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Colleges Launch Great Mass Sports Program for Fitness

Detroit, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The greatest mass athletic program in American college history was launched today in the interest of physical fitness and wartime morale.

The intensive program was demanded of the nation's football coaches and athletic leaders by Elwood A. Geiges of Philadelphia, newly appointed executive to John B. Kelly, United States director of physical fitness.

Geiges jolted the athletic leaders into action by declaring that the physical condition of the nation's men was deplorable; that 50 per cent of those examined for military service could not be accepted because of their subnormal condition, and that it was time the colleges and universities realized the importance of "compulsory competitive and non-competitive activities."

"Unless the deplorable physical defects are corrected," Geiges warned, "our military and naval forces will be unnecessarily hampered in the creation of an efficient fighting machine."

Geiges carried his demand to the college physical education association, which is meeting here concurrently with the national collegiate athletic association and the American football coaches association. His plans call for expansion rather than abridgement of college athletics.

In response, the athletic leaders—who came to Detroit with a wartime question program of "what will the government expect us to do?"—pledged wholeheartedly to plunge immediately into an expansion of athletics and physical education, with emphasis on mass participation rather than spectator interest.

There will be no curtailment of football schedules next fall, or baseball next spring or of any other sports.

Last Troops Leave Seized Plane Plant

Bendix, N. J., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The 60 days of army occupation of Air Associates, Inc., are ended and the aviation equipment plant, scene of nearly a half year of bitter labor dispute, is once again under private management.

Seventy troops, last of 2,000 who seized the plant and grounds October 31 under presidential proclamation to end the third strike in three months at Air Associates, clambered into trucks and rolled out of the area yesterday.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

LOCAL FLIERS AT HEAD OF OREGON CIVIL AIR PATROL

Portland, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Oregon wing of the civil air patrol named Floyd Hart, Medford, executive officer yesterday.

Other officers: W. H. Fluhrer, Medford, wing adjutant; Lee U. Byerly, Salem, training and operations.

The 200 privately owned planes in the state are expected to be organized into 17 groups, each of two to five squadrons.

The air patrol is part of the national civilian defense set-up. The idea is for the private planes to help patrol the skyways if necessary.

Mr. Hart, president of Timber Products company, was an army flier in the first World war and has been a member of the state board of aeronautics for several years. Mr. Fluhrer, head of the bakery chain bearing his name, has piloted planes in his business for several years, having been a flier since 1928.

Application blanks for enrollment in the civil air patrol may be obtained from Thomas A. Culbertson, Jr., superintendent of Medford municipal airport. Only those with a private pilot's certificate or higher rating are eligible, Mr. Culbertson said. There are eight private planes at the airport here.

JAPANESE IGNORES ORDER, IS JAILED

Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Frank Hoshino, 66, was in the city jail today pending arrival of federal officers to investigate his failure to turn in guns, a radio and cameras to city or county officials before expiration of the deadline last night.

Officers seized the articles an hour after the deadline at the Hoshino truck farm near here. No charge has been filed. Hoshino told officers he came here about 1907 and officers said he is an alien.

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