

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Football Playoff Plan Backed By Leonard Mayfield

Thanks to the untiring efforts of competitive-minded Oregon educators, one of them being Principal Leonard B. Mayfield of Medford high, there'll be a state prep football championship playoff next autumn.

The delegate assembly of the Oregon High School Activities association approved the grid playoff at its annual convention the last week in March, and although Troy Walker, secretary of the OHSAA, managed to get around to announcing the news only day before yesterday, its better late than never.

Delegates voted overwhelmingly in favor of the playoff, which certainly cooled off the efforts of Eldon Jenne, Portland high school athletic "czar," to induce the OHSAA to eliminate all championship contests and tournaments. Jenne it was, remember, who last month tried to get the state coaches' association to go on record as favoring the discontinuance of the state basketball meet, only to have the mentors toss right back at him a unanimous negative vote.

Jenne, a coach once himself, belongs to that school of thought among educators that is strongly opposed to competitive high school athletics. He is an athletic "reformer" in the sense that he would substitute intra-mural sports for the highly-competitive interscholastic brand, doing away entirely with all state programs designed to determine championships.

At the OHSAA convention Jenne campaigned vigorously against the amendment which OK'd the football playoff, but after listening to an impassioned

RUFFING PITCHES THREE-HITTER AS YANKS BEAT NATS

Veteran Aids Cause With Two Hits—Brooks Down Giants Behind Davis.

By Judson Bailey (Associated Press Sports Writer) Sports fans now have had their first taste of a tonic labelled "major league baseball," an antidote for war worries, and the dose given 190,775 persons in eight cities yesterday had an altogether agreeable flavor.

At Washington, before Vice President Wallace and 31,000 other fans, Old Charley (Red) Ruffing embarked on his 18th American league season by hurling a magnificent three-hit 7-0 shutout against the Senators.

Although he had looked almost helpless in some of his training efforts, Ruffing gave as grand a show as any in his career. Besides three singles he allowed only one walk and never let a man past first base. He accounted for two of new York's 10 bingles off young Sid Hudson and one of these slashes by the husky, 37-year-old right-hander knocked in two runs.

Hubbell Belted At New York 42,653 fans, the biggest turnout of the day, watched the Dodgers down the Giants, 7-5, in the Polo grounds. The National league champions looked invincible as they stabbed old Carl Hubbell for four runs in the first inning, belted him out of the box with Peewee Reese's two-run homer in the fourth and ran their margin to 7-0 in the first six stanzas.

But they didn't look so good in the seventh when Curt Davis gave five runs on two walks and four hits, including a tremendous homer by John Mize with two aboard, and their five errors for the game were best forgotten.

The Chicago Cubs nosed out the Cards, 5-4, by bunting two runs in the first inning and three more in the sixth off Mort Cooper.

The Reds were set down, 4-2, by the Pittsburgh Pirates as big Max Butcher outpitched Bucky Walters, six hits to seven.

Johnny Cooney, the 41-year-old handyman of the Boston Braves, took over first base and provided a timely single and double to help beat the Phils, 2-1.

Williams Homers

Ted Williams, the batting hero of last season with a .406 average, opened this campaign with a three-run homer on his first trip to the plate and also collected two singles. He knocked home five runs as the Boston Red Sox overpowered the Philadelphia Athletics, 8-3.

The Cleveland Indians let loose a war whoop calculated to chill some of their rivals for the American league's first division as they trounced the Detroit Tigers, 5-2.

Likewise, the St. Louis Browns made an early bid for recognition as a first division contender by chopping down the Chicago White Sox, 3-0, in the day's tightest hurling duel.

speech by Mayfield the delegates quickly passed the alteration.

No plan for the grid playoff has yet been drawn up, but this will be done before school closes for the summer vacation, by probably three members of the delegate assembly.

It is probable, however, that the playoff will operate in a manner similar to the one held in 1940. The state was split into four districts, with the best team in each district playing a semi-final game and the two winners meeting for the crown.

Medford, it will be remembered, defeated The Dalles, 7 to 0, while Bend and Salem were playing a tie in the other semi final tilt. Then in the final game Bend whipped the Tornado, 20 to 7.

The gate receipts of the championship game this year will be divided among the two competing elevens and the OHSAA, with the latter body coming in for 50 per cent of the net and the teams getting 25 per cent each. The playoff will be held the first week in December.

We think the delegate assembly should take a bow for its action. Right now America needs all the strong, healthy, determined, competitive-minded and toughened young men it can develop, and along these lines no less a person than General Douglas MacArthur, according to Esquire magazine, holds that competitive athletics are invaluable in the development of good soldiers.



OKAY, MISTER, IT'S A KAYO—Eyes closed, Diego Hidalgo of Burlington, Ia., settles on the canvas after knockout barrage from Lou Amaro in Western A.A.U. tourney at Denver, Colo.

WEBFOOTS LOSE ANOTHER COACH; CORLEY IN NAVY

Seattle, April 16—(P) Vaughn Corley, who was named head football coach at the University of Oregon this week, will come here next Monday to be sworn in an ensign in the United States naval reserve and will then leave for Annapolis for training, the 13th naval district announced today.

Corley applied for a navy position here several weeks ago and will have a part in the navy's physical-fitness program. Corley succeeded Gerald (Tex) Oliver, who was commissioned a lieutenant-commander in the naval reserve recently. Oliver has just been named to coach the football team at the navy's far west school at St. Mary's college. Corley had been Oliver's assistant on the Oregon football coaching staff since 1938.

EBRIGHT HEDGES ON PREDICTION

Seattle, April 15—(P)—Coach Ky Ebright of California was caught hedging a bit today on his prediction that the Washington varsity should win in Saturday's Lake Washington regatta.

He slipped a neatly turned "however" into his heretofore bearish forecast on the hopes of his Golden Bears.

"We didn't travel 1,000 miles for nothing," commented the quiet-spoken California coach, who brought three towering crews to town last night. "I can't tell which crew will win. After all, that's the reason the race is being held."

"We haven't had much luck against Washington the past two years. For that reason, if for no other, Washington should be favored."

"However, we have a good crew. And it will take a crew considerably faster than we are to beat us."

REWARD OFFERED FOR TAGGED FISH

H. R. Newcomb of Grants Pass, resident biologist of the Oregon Fish and Game commission, said today that a reward of \$1 would be paid to fishermen catching Chinook or Silver salmon which have been tagged by the California division of fish and game to aid in the study of salmon migration.

The tags or discs, Newcomb explained, are fastened on the sides of the fish by means of a pin through the fish's body.

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BEAVERS BLANKED BY OAKLAND, 6-0

(By the Associated Press) Some baseball philosophers say its the base hits that pay off and it seems they are right.

Los Angeles and Oakland, two of the Pacific Coast league's heaviest hitting outfits, made use of their willow workmen to chalk up wins yesterday against San Diego and Portland respectively.

The Angels, who top the league in team batting, thumped the Padres, tailends on the baseball list, 5 to 1.

The Oaks, third in the team batting standings, defeated the Beavers, third from the bottom of the list, 3 to 1.

Angel heavy-hitters went to work at the outset to blast Padre Hurler Bill Thomas for six hits and three runs in the first two innings.

It was much the same story in Oakland where Mike Christoff, Oak left fielder, stepped to the plate in the first to slap out a double and score Emil Malho. Christoff further hiked up his personal batting average in the fourth when he accounted for the Oaks' second tally of the night with a swat over the left field fence for a home run.

Unfavorable weather caused postponement of other Coast league games.

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CONN AND PASTOR RANKED LOGICAL LOUIS OPPONENTS

Washington, April 15—(P)—Billy Conn and Bob Pastor, the two fighters tentatively scheduled to tangle with Joe Louis before the coming summer ends, were listed as the "logical contenders" for the heavyweight championship today in the National Boxing association's new quarterly rankings.

Conn, who went 13 rounds with the Bomber last June and is scheduled for a re-match in June or July in New York this year, remained at the top of the list. Pastor moved into the select set through his victories over Turkey Thompson, Lem Franklin and Booker Beckwith.

Chief changes in other divisions found Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland negro who recently outpointed light-heavyweight boss Gus Lesnevich, moving into the challengers' set among the 175-pounders along with Billy Soose, Booker Beckwith and Ken Overlin; Tony Martin of Milwaukee joining Georgia Abrams as logical contenders for Tony Zale's middleweight crown; Charley Burley of Pittsburgh and California Jackie Wilson ranked among leading welterweight challengers; Allie Stolz, Newark youngster who meets Sammy Angott for the lightweight crown May 15, moving up to a contender's spot in that division, and Charley (Lulu) Costantino, New Yorker unbeaten in 55 professional starts, skyrocketing among the featherweight contenders.

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Tiger Ball Club Will Play Ashland Tuesday

With the first half of their schedule completed, Alex MacDonald's Medford high baseballers are inactive in the conference play this week. They will resume southern Oregon prep loop play when they travel to Ashland to clash with the Grizzlies next Tuesday.

A non-conference tilt scheduled with Eagle Point yesterday was rained out but the teams have arranged scraps for April 22 and May 5.

HOW THEY STAND

(By the Associated Press)

Pacific Coast League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Seattle	6	1	.857
Oakland	7	4	.636
Los Angeles	5	3	.625
Hollywood	6	5	.545
San Francisco	3	4	.429
Portland	5	7	.417
Sacramento	3	5	.375
San Diego	3	9	.250

National League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	1	0	1.000
Boston	1	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000
Chicago	1	0	1.000
New York	0	1	.000
Philadelphia	0	1	.000
Cincinnati	0	1	.000
St. Louis	0	1	.000

American League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	1	0	1.000
Boston	1	0	1.000
St. Louis	1	0	1.000
Cleveland	1	0	1.000
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YANK FARMHAND IS HURLING FIND

San Francisco, April 15—(P)—Baseball's best pitching find since Bobby Feller's last one started making batters blink a few years ago may be wrapped up in the giant frame of Carl De Rose, a 19-year-old boy fresh out of a California high school.

Equally interesting is the fact he is ticketed for the world champion Yankees by way of their multiple farm club system.

De Rose was signed to a Kansas City contract but Yankee Scout Joe Devine, who signed him, recommended he be sent to a class C club, to Amsterdam (N. Y.) in the Canadian-American league. He's strictly a green pea.

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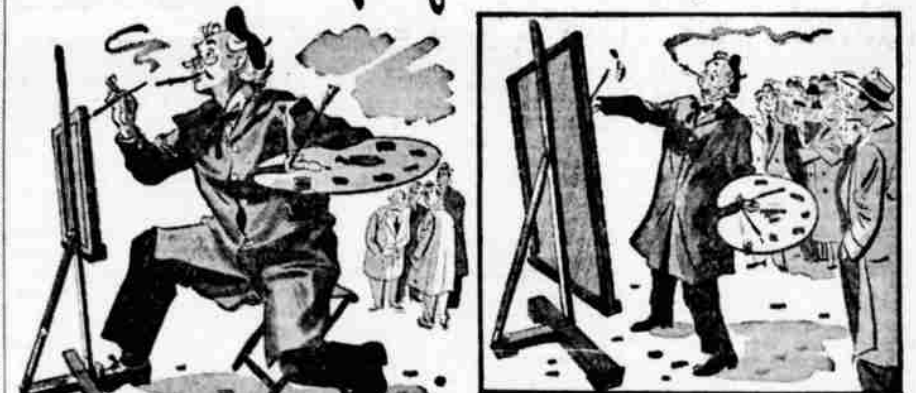
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