

The Sporting Page

CONFERENCE END BECAUSE OF WAR, COAST PROSPECT

Restricted Transportation and Other Curtailments Influence Graduate Heads

By Dan McGuire
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San Francisco, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Disbanding of the Pacific Coast conference—one of the nation's oldest and most powerful athletic leagues—loomed today after graduate managers of member schools reportedly tendered faculty representatives a recommendation in favor of such a move.

Faced by restricted transportation facilities and other general curtailment due to wartime exigencies, graduate managers, according to unofficial circles, were in favor of breaking off athletic relationships between the northern conference members—Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana—and the southern group which embraces California, Stanford, Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles.

In Conference
Faculty representatives had two lengthy meetings yesterday but refused to disclose topics which had been discussed. Conference coaches met for a short time and confined the business of the day to football rule interpretations which came up during the season just concluded.

Graduate managers of southern schools reportedly were in favor of a non-conference football schedule for next fall which would include St. Mary's, Santa Clara, San Francisco, the St. Mary's Navy Pre-Flight school and the Navy Pre-Flight school which soon will be established at Del Monte, famous west coast spa.

Quered as to his opinion whether there would be football on the coast next season, one coach replied:

Military Games
"All I know is that the two Pre-Flight schools are scheduling games. That would seem to indicate that the military will allow both army, navy and marine reservists to remain in school until graduation. If so, we will have football—undoubtedly on a restricted scale, but football."

Faculty representatives, coaches and graduate managers also concurred in the matter of donating part of the Rose Bowl receipts to service benefit funds. What percentage of the share received by the conference and the Tournament of Roses committee will go to the armed forces remains to be determined.

"SINK SINKWICH" IS WATCHWORD OF BRUINS

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—"Sink Sinkwich" and the University of Georgia Bulldogs became the slogan of the UCLA Bruins as Line Coach Ray Richards put them through light drill today in preparation for their Rose Bowl game on New Year's day. Coach Babe Horrell is in San Francisco for a conference meeting. Richards announced that all members of the squad are in good condition following their game with USC Saturday.

Mort Cooper of Cards Tops Official Pitching Averages

By Jack Cuddy
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New York, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Those annual figure filberts—the National league's official pitching averages—disclosed today that Missouri-born Mort Cooper was the best pitcher in almost every important mound department in his circuit during 1942 but the concise lines of type do little towards revealing the most interesting facts about this star of the champion St. Louis Cardinals.

Cooper, one year older than his teammate and catching brother, Walker, intrigued us as far back as 1938 when he came up from Houston of the Texas league with a reputation of being a second Dizzy Dean. The magic of the great Dizzy not only furnished baseballers with countless hectic episodes but kept the Cardinals' turnstiles spinning at an exceptionally profitable pace. While Mort has not emulated the antics of the elder Dean, he has, like his fabulous predecessor, almost single-handedly hauled the Cardinals to the National league flag and a subsequent world championship.

Dad Started Him
Cooper, the first citizen of Atherton, Mo., still chuckles when he recalls that a "hit or go hungry" edict from his dad, a rural mailman, started him on the road to a position where he now ranks as the most celebrated hurler since the golden days of Carl Hubbell, the Dean brothers and Bobby Feller.

The Cooper boys played on their grade school baseball team and since all the teachers were women, Dad Cooper acted as coach when he wasn't lifting the flags on country mailboxes. One day the team was tied 2-all in the seventh with a neighboring school, the bases were full of Athertons and Pitcher Cooper was at the plate.

As he stepped up, Coach Cooper stroled over to him and asked in a mild manner:

"Hungry, son?"

"Dad, I could eat a steer whole right now," Mort replied. "Hit or go hungry."

"Well," came back the sudden answer, "either you hit one on the nose right now or you don't eat tonight."

Mort maced the ball far into the right field to win the game. That was 14 years ago and Cooper now has reached the major league heights but he's still playing and pitching as if his meat and potatoes depended on every toss.

**SUGAR ROBINSON
TAKES FORTIETH**
Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Ray (Sugar) Robinson, New York welterweight, won his 40th straight professional bout last night by scoring a technical knockout over Sailor Al Nettlow, of Detroit, in the third round before 7,868 at Convention hall.

Nettlow weathered a hail of punches from Robinson in the first two rounds, but the Detroit fighter's manager, Al Weill, asked that the bout be stopped, after the bell sounded ending the third round.

LITTLE IN NAVY
Chicago, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Lawson Little, former British and American amateur golf champion and winner of the 1940 U. S. open, today awaited assignment to naval officers' training school after enlisting as an apprentice seaman.

PRO SPORTS TO WAIT MANPOWER

Washington, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Professional sports are marking time until the manpower situation becomes more definite.

Right now the men behind major league baseball, professional football and other sports haven't the slightest idea of what 1943 holds in store for them. They are hoping for the best, but looking for the worst.

Perhaps the best indication of what sports is up against came yesterday when the National football league voted to postpone until next April a definite decision on whether to try to operate next season.

The announcement which came out of the meeting of club owners did not say that, but that is what the action amounted to. The owners voted unanimously to try to continue in 1943 but that was merely for the record. What they actually did was to decide not to make future plans until the April meeting, when, if the manpower situation warrants, they will try to keep going.

WESTERN SQUAD PICKED FOR TILT

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Officials of the annual East-West Shrine benefit football game on Jan. 1 today announced completion of the West squad.

Rounding out the roster were Tackles Bruno Banducci, Stanford, and Norm Verry, Southern California; Fullback Frank Porto, California, and End "Dub" Lamb of Oklahoma.

The squad will meet here Sunday with Coach Babe Hollingbery of Washington State, then move to the University of Santa Clara campus until the game.

The East will train at Palo Alto.

CHARITY MATCHES FOR GOLF STARS

New York, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—A widespread program of matches between all available professional golfers, with all proceeds going to charity, will replace the 1943 PGA title tournament. Fred Corcoran, tournament manager for the Professional Golfers Association, said today.

Corcoran, currently awaiting a call to go overseas for the Red Cross, said he conferred with President Ed Dudley of the PGA several days ago and they decided to abandon next year's PGA tourney, chiefly because over 200 members of the association are in service.

BASKETBALL
New York 73, Montclair Teachers 42.
Purdue 44, Butler 35.
Illinois 51, Missouri 30.
Iowa 46, Carleton 43.
Indiana 64, Fort Knox 19.
Arkansas 57, Pittsburgh State Teachers 46.
Marquette 53, Chicago 40.
Notre Dame 61, Wisconsin 59.
Youngstown 46, Geneva 45.
Camp Grant 46, Illinois Wesleyan 42.

BOWLING
Ladies league saw a busy program last night with Office Supply defeating Wainwright's 4 to 0. Valentine's taking 3 games to Tolly's Gilmore 1, and Richfield Oil and Davis Transfer scoring 2 apiece.

READY TO LEND
Washington, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., today announced that the treasury was ready to lend-lease silver to United Nations for coinage purposes.

TEA STRIKE ENDS
London, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Employees of the Vickers-Armstrong munitions plant were back on their jobs today after a brief work stoppage, but were determined as ever to have their traditional morning and afternoon tea.

Battle of Bowl Contenders



Halfback Mickey McCordie of the University of Southern California finds a gaping hole in the U. C. L. A. defense and tears through for a first down in the game to decide the west coast Rose bowl representative. The game was played in Los Angeles.

**WAVES AND WAACS
SEEKING RECRUITS**
Washington, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—The Waves, WAACS, and Spars, unaffected by the order stopping enlistments, are conducting intensive campaigns to "get the girls to join up."

The WAACS fell upon a fortunate bit of luck when the air corps had to suspend national advertising for aviation cadets. The army had to fulfill its advertising contract, so it began a recruiting campaign for the WAACS, including posters, street car posters, radio shorts, and newspaper and magazine layouts.

PRIORITIES FOR JAPS
San Francisco, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Irrigation projects at Klamath, Cal., Minidoka, Ida., and Shoshone, Wyo., have been granted priorities by the Department of Interior, it was announced today. All the projects will benefit Japanese relocation centers.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m.—To late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

SERGEANT CITED IN DRAFT DODGE

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Sgt. George Comroe, charged with accepting bribes for instruction in draft evasion, coached draft registrants to simulate chronic alcoholism, witnesses testified at Comroe's trial.

Boris Mitchel Soso, who said he had met Comroe at a night-club, testified that Comroe told him to act as if he were anti-social and suffering from alcoholism. Draft board examiners rejected him, but he later enlisted in the air corps.

Cromartie-Scott Poulson said his draft board rejected him after he paid Comroe \$50 for instructions in simulating alcoholism.

Soso's brother, Robert, testified that his draft board accepted him although he paid Comroe \$100 for coaching.

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