

Strong Alumni Quint Faces Tigers Here Tonight

GRADS CONFIDENT OF TURNING BACK ARNOLD'S OUTFIT

Wall, Herman, Kresse and Williams Among Former Bengals to See Action.

Red-hot rivalry will flare brightly tonight when former Medford high basketball aces attempt to slay down the current Tiger quintet in a contest slated to start following a 7 o'clock preliminary between the high school sophs and the Order of the M.

Guys like Bill Wall, Hank Herman and Bob Reynolds, members of last year's Medford high state tournament team, will try to show this season's Bengal creation that they can still cavort on the maple in winning fashion. Warren Holbrook, little Hugh Williams, Walt Kresse and Don Wood will also be in there upholding the honor of the alumni outfit.

Acheson Coach
With Russ Acheson, ex-Tiger coach, doing the brain work on the bench, the grads expect to measure Mentor Lorne Arnold's 1942-43 team, which thus far is unbeaten in one start and has high hopes of enjoying a banner season.

The Tigers will go against their former teammates with Captain Don Fawcett and Darrell Montelth at the forwards, Dale Niedermeyer at center and Al Weir and Bob Deuel at the guards. They'll have eyes especially for Herman, captain of last year's Medford club, and Kresse, a terrifically-high scorer of two and three years ago. These two are the chief point-makers of the "aluminums."

George Harrington and Norm Worthley will handle the officiating duties.

ARMSTRONG WILL HAVE STIFF EXAM

New York, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Henry Armstrong of Los Angeles, former holder of three ring titles, will face an especially rigid physical examination if he ever fights here again, Chairman John J. Phelan of the State Athletic commission said today.

A statement by George Moore, manager of the coast negro who is making a determined attempt to regain the welterweight crown, that his fighter would meet undefeated Ray Robinson of New York on January 29 in Madison Square Garden resulted in Phelan's decree.

"It has always been customary to examine all boxers before permitting them to engage in bouts," Phelan said, "but in the case of Armstrong we will take extra precautions, because of varied reports on his physical condition. His current success, however, seems to indicate that he is in excellent shape."

DEMPSEYS STILL FRIENDLY, JACK

New York, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Lieut. Commander Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight champion, said today that he and his wife, the former Hannah Williams, had parted friends, and the matter of a divorce is in the hands of his attorney.

"Hannah has left our Scarsdale home and I believe she plans to go to Reno for the divorce," said Dempsey, now athletic director at the Manhattan Beach coast guard training station.

"I'm awfully sorry it had to happen, but it's just one of those things."

Plans Under Way To Match Billy Conn With Lesnevich

By Jack Cuddy
United Press Staff Correspondent
New York, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Punchin' the big: We understand there is a more lenient attitude in Washington now toward service boxers engaging in outside bouts, thanks to the heroism of Barney Ross and the excellent spirit displayed by virtually all service pugilists in training or on duty. Hence the negotiations to match Corporal Billy Conn and Light Heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich (of the coast guard) for a non-title bout at Madison Square Garden in February.

Dan Parker, able and fearless sports columnist of the New York Daily Mirror, assured his readers today that he would not accept a soon-to-be-vacated post on the New York Boxing Commission, although Governor-Elect Thomas E. Dewey recently asked him if he would be interested. Parker explained: "What would I use for a punching bag if I were on the Boxing Commission myself?"

Although Promoter Mike Jacobs staged no outdoor bouts in 1942, he enjoyed the most prosperous indoor season since he took over Madison Square Garden in 1937. He staged 29 shows this year, with a total attendance of 334,198 and a total gate of \$1,169,671. His shows averaged 11,524 fans and \$40,334. Last year he staged 23 Garden shows, drawing a total of 288,282 fans and \$784,732.

Did you know that Jim Figg, father of "modern" prize fighting, always had to defend his British championship with three weapons—the broadsword, flint and cudgel? When he defended against Ned Sutton at London on June 6, 1727, Figg drew first blood by slashing Sutton on the shoulder with his sword. Then they fought with their fists and Jim battered Sutton to the plaid in the fifth round and made him cry "enough!" Next they battled with cudgels—short, heavy clubs—and Figg broke Sutton's knee. Sutton had a dizzy day.

91ST TEAM TIES CLIPPERS, 3-3

Hockey Standings				
	W	L	T	Pts.
USO	1	0	0	2
Infantry	0	0	1	1
Hospital	0	0	1	1
Artillery	0	1	0	0

The 91st Infantry Division Snipers rallied to score two goals in the third period and tie the 78th Hospital Clippers, 3 to 3, in the second ice hockey game of the season at the Medford Ice Arena last night. Neither team was able to tally in the five-minute overtime period.

The Snipers scored first in the opening period, but the Clippers almost immediately after rammed in two goals to take a 2 to 1 lead, which they increased to 3 to 1 with another goal in the second heat. In the third period the Snipers made two goals to deadlock the fray.

Saturday night's contest will see the 91st Gunners facing the Clippers.

ALL-STARS START HEAVY WORKOUTS

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—The parties were over today for 44 nationally-known collegiate football stars as they buckled down to heavy workouts for the annual Shrine East-West classic at Kezar stadium New Year's day.

Since their arrival, the players have been dined and fêted but last night they moved to their respective training maneuver grounds.

West Coaches Babe Hollinberry of Washington State and Don Faurot of Missouri took their warriors to Palo Alto. The Easterners, headed by Andy Kerr of Colgate and Dr. George Hauser of Minnesota, took up quarters at Santa Clara.

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Ankle Injury Slows Sinkwich As Georgia Practices For Bruins

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—An ankle injury slowed all-American Frankie Sinkwich today as Georgia worked out in Tournament park for their Rose bowl clash with the UCLA Bruins.

The injury bothered Sinkwich's running and also interfered with his kicking. Coach Wally Butts, however, said he probably would be all right in a day or two, but indicated he is taking no chances and will keep Frankie under wraps.

Despite a sore ankle, however, Sinkwich turned in a passing performance that showed why he was chosen as the year's outstanding player. Charlie Trippi, back, alternated on the firing end of the ball, with Van Davis, George Poschner, and Lamar Davis on the receiving end.

Butts said the team will spend most of its practice sessions polishing up on defense and running through plays and dummy scrimmages rather than intensive drills.

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—UCLA practiced today against their own "Georgia" team with Noah Curti impersonating Frank Sinkwich and Leo Cantor taking the part of Charlie Trippi to give the Bruins a chance at Georgia's scrimmage formations.

Coach Babe Horrell indicated the Bruins would concentrate on methods of stopping the Georgia power drives, spending most of the drill on defensive tactics against the single wing formation of the Bulldogs.

POLICE IN PROBE OF CAGLE DEATH

New York, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Police investigated today the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of Christian K. (Red) Cagle, 37, former all-American football star at West Point.

Cagle died early this morning at Physicians' hospital in Jackson Heights. The hospital reported tentatively that his death was due to pneumonia, but it was believed he had a fractured skull. An autopsy will be conducted today.

Cagle, who was employed by a New York insurance firm, collapsed Saturday evening in the lobby of the apartment house where he lived with his wife and two children. He managed to make his way upstairs in a semi-conscious state, and, before he lost consciousness, mumbled to his wife that he had been "kicked in the head."

Pittsburgh, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—The Pittsburgh Pirates baseball club today announced the release of Pitcher Dick Conger of Los Angeles to Toronto of the International league in return for Second Baseman Burgess Whitehead, although Whitehead was inducted into the army last Dec. 7.

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BIG LOOP TEAMS REVISE TRAINING SLATES FOR 1943

Five Clubs Plan to Condition Nearer Home—May Postpone Season Opening.

By Paul Scheffels
United Press Correspondent
New York, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—The entire spring training program of the major league baseball clubs faced drastic revisions today and possibility of postponement of the season's opening developed as five clubs planned a switch to conditioning sites close to home.

The New York Giants, St. Louis Cardinals and New York Yankees followed a 24-hour-old move by the Brooklyn Dodgers, by abandoning their 1943 Florida training camps to help curtail wartime transportation problems. The Philadelphia Athletics announced plans to train

at Savannah, Ga., several days ago.

A letter from Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis requesting all major league clubs to arrange spring bases further north to acquiesce to a demand by ODT Director Joseph B. Eastman for less unessential travel in 1943 made the Giants cut loose from their Miami, Fla., camp and the Cardinals and Yankees simultaneously relinquish their St. Petersburg, Fla., headquarters.

The Dodgers gave up plans to train at West Palm Beach, Fla., for the same reason Monday.

Hence, if most of the clubs are to train close to or even on their own home territory, the opening of the season may have to be set back two or three weeks. Such a possibility will be discussed at the February meetings of the major leagues.

Giants Secretary Eddie Brannick also disclosed cancellation of 10 spring training games along the Grapefruit circuit with the Cleveland Indians, a series that was to have been and Jacksonville, Fla., Charles played in Miami, Clearwater and Columbia, S. C., Richmond, Va., and Harrisburg, Pa. Brannick said the Giants would do their early training in North Carolina and "finish up in New York City."

LUISETTI STARS AS BEARS BEATEN

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Hank Luisetti lived up to his reputation last night and scored 22 points to give the St. Mary's Navy a 53-35 victory over University of California in a basketball game.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Stanford university defeated Santa Clara 46 to 44 last night in a basketball game at Civic Auditorium. The lead changed several times and Stanford had only a one-point margin at half-time when the score was 24 to 23.

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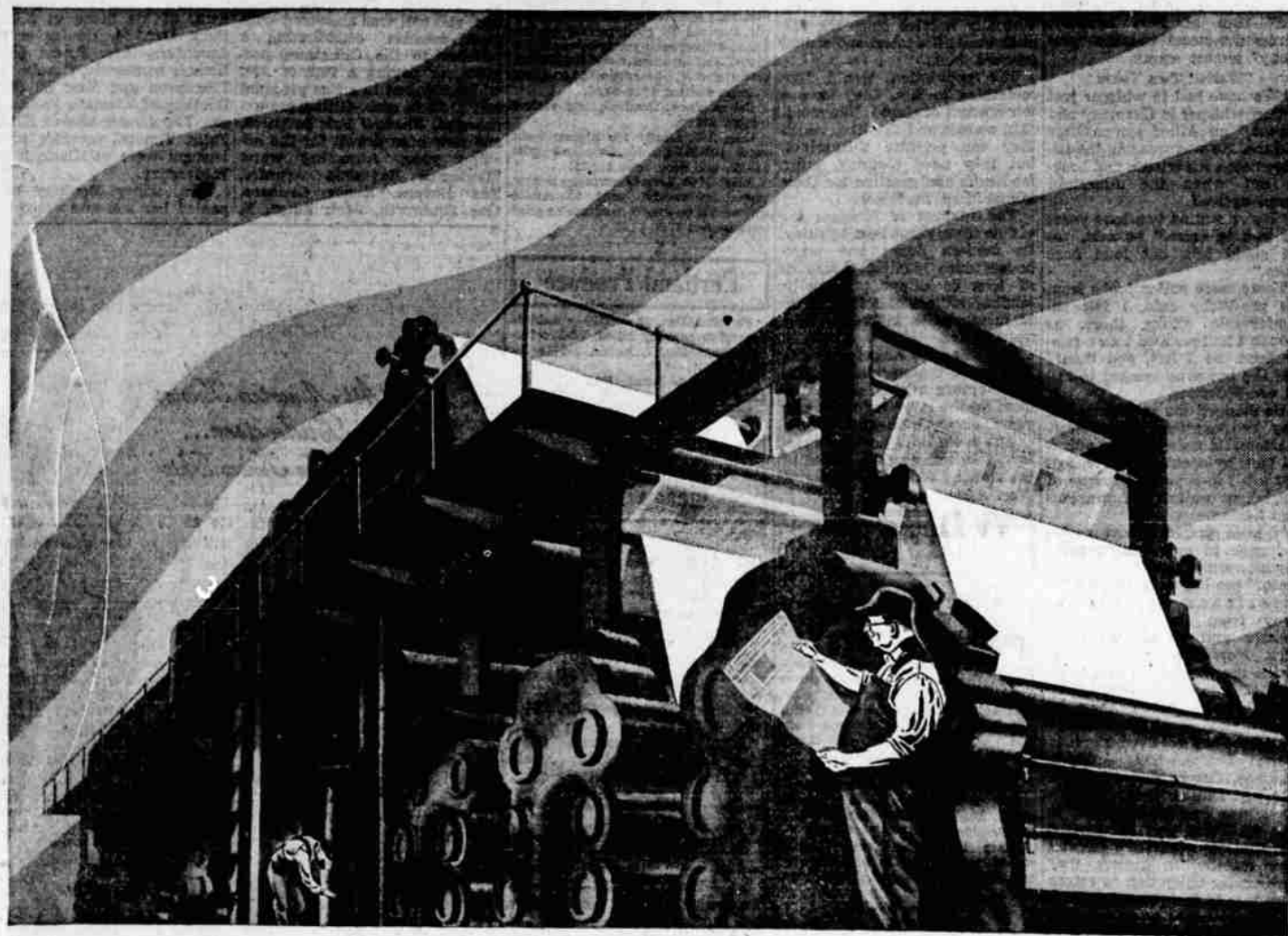
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