

SPORTS

LOSING GAMBLERS YELL CROOKED AT PRO GRID GAMES

3 Tilts Arouse Suspicions Of Boys Who Wager; Cuddy Defends Game.

By Jack Cuddy
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New York, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—A great tempest in a telephone booth has been raised apparently by irate bookmakers who unwisely invested the life savings of their victims on the outcomes of professional football games—bookies who forgot to learn the kindergarten axiom of college gridirons:

"Comparative scores mean nothing!"

On the basis of three comparative scores in this season's play the finger of suspicion has been pointed at the National Professional Football league. And we believe the pointing has been actuated by professional gamblers who got clipped—but good—by this trio of contests:

Nov. 14—The Chicago Bears beat the New York Giants, 56-7.

Nov. 21—The Washington Redskins beat the Chicago Bears, 21-7.

Dec. 5—The New York Giants upset Washington, 14-10.

Gamblers, who always yell "frame-up!" and "robbery!" when the paper percentages they have figured against their victims fall to blossom into actuality, raised great hue and cry after the Giants' unexpected victory over Washington—when Coach Steve Owen of the Giants let Sammy Baugh of the Redskins pass at will, but kept his receivers protected like so many convent girls.

For the first time this season Slingin' Sam failed to toss a touchdown pass. He did complete 16 of 27 tries, but his receivers were dropped in their tracks. Meanwhile Bill Paschal of the Giants was running wild, and tearing up the bookies' percentages with his cleats.

The result was almost as flabbergasting as when Notre Dame lost its final game to Great Lakes. We heard no cry of "frame-up!" after that encounter, because Notre Dame's victory had been predicted by the nation's amateur experts—the fellows who get hit on the chin week after week by upsets—the chaps who know that comparative scores mean nothing—the fellows who are convinced that the unexpected on the gridiron is noteworthy, but quite normal.

Unlike the amateur experts, professional bettors live in a dream world in which sports fans are their natural prey— which there are no upsets. And when results are contrary to their percentages, they immediately suspect that the reverses are caused by double-crossing men—men who might serve as their reflections in complaining mirrors.

Never can we forget that night in 1933 when Primo Carnera fought Ernie Schaaf at Madison Square Garden. Schaaf went down in the 13th, under a light left jab. He was counted out and the gamblers yelled "dive!" They yelled so loud that some of the newspaper men and many of the gullible fans believed them. Schaaf died. Only his death proved to many that the loud-mouthed gamblers were wrong—that the fight was on the level.

Our only criticism of the current pro football fixcraze is this: Commissioner Elmer Layden and Owner George Preston Marshall of the Redskins should not have recognized the scandalousness of their protesting denials. They should have let the bookies stew in their own evil smelling telephone booths.

2 MORE PLAYERS SIGNED FOR WEST

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Coach Babe Hollingbery of Washington State today headed for the College of the Pacific campus to interview western squad candidates for the Shrine East-West football game, after announcing two additions to the West roster.

Bob Stevens, blocking back of the non-playing Oregon State Beavers, and Clyde Flowers, tackle from Texas Christian, were added to three previous

nominees—Herman Wedemeyer of St. Mary's, Dick Renfro of Washington State and Quentin Greenough of the Alameda Coast Guard.

NEIL PLAQUE TO BOXERS IN ARMY

New York, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Every boxer in the armed services was honored by the New York Boxing Writers' association which voted the Edward J. Neil memorial plaque, an annual award for the most meritorious service to boxing, to every former professional fighter now in the service.

For the first time, the trophy was awarded to a group of men instead of an individual. Since its inception in 1938, the award has been made every year in memory of Edward J. Neil, a boxing writer killed while covering the Spanish war.

The blanket award was made to the 4019 pro boxers now in the service and will be presented to representative members of each group at the annual dinner of the Boxing Writers' association Jan. 19.

Previous winners were Sgt. Barney Ross, Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong, Billy Conn and Jack Dempsey.

MEXICAN FIGHTER BANNED FOR GOOD

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The State Athletic commission today permanently banned Carlos Malacara, Mexico City lightweight boxer, and Francisco Rosales, his chief second, from participating in California boxing shows.

Malacara was accused of attempting to "take a dive" in a 10-round bout with Jerry Moore of New York Friday at Hollywood Legion stadium.

Long odds on Malacara shortened suddenly just before ring time, and in the second round Referee Abe Roth hauled Malacara off the floor and ordered him to fight.

Roth said Malacara went down from a blow that never landed and was trying to take the count.

CAMILLI SIGNS TO BOSS ACORNS

Oakland, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Dolph Camilli today signed a two-year contract to manage the Oakland baseball club of the Pacific Coast league.

The contract must be approved by Baseball Commissioner Kennesaw M. Landis since acquisition of Camilli's contract from the New York Giants involves an option given the Giants to purchase Shortstop Bill Rigney of Oakland, now in the navy.

Terms of the contract were not announced, but President C. L. Laws of the Oakland club said Camilli's salary will be higher than any now being paid a Coast league manager.

JAMISON TO PUNT FOR USC TROJANS

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Dick Jamison, big Trojan guard, today established himself as top kicker on the University of Southern California team with some brilliant punting in practice for the Rose bowl game with the Washington Huskies.

Jamison and Doug Miller did a lot of kicking on Bovard field yesterday for returns from Backs Ainslie Bell, Johnny Evans, George Callahan, and Jim Hardy.

Ted Ossowski, who has been out since the UCLA game with an injured ankle, came back to his right tackle spot yesterday and Marshall Romer went back to the second string spot.

WALTERS IMPROVES Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Bucky Walters, Cincinnati Reds pitcher, today was reported progressing normally following the removal of his appendix at St. Mary's hospital yesterday.

Walters cancelled a proposed trip to Alaska with other big league stars to have the operation performed.

FOUR FRESHMEN IN LINEUP FOR BEAVER QUINTET

Oregon State College, Corvallis, Dec. 9.—The brand new 1943-44 edition Oregon State basketball team will open its 10-game pre-season schedule with a pair of contests here this coming weekend, starting against Willamette Friday night and then taking on the powerful Albina Hellships of Portland Saturday night.

The young Beavers would have had to go a long way to find stiffer opposition than Willamette and Albina for their openers. Powered by navy trainees, the Bearcats have a veteran club capable of holding their own in any competition. Albina already holds two wins over Oregon and has assembled some of the best ex-college hoop aces in the northwest.

Brand new is the best way to describe the Beavers this season, for not one member of last winter's strong club is back. In fact, there aren't even any men back from last year's Rookie five. The Orange squad is made up almost entirely of freshmen. Only non-freshmen on the whole squad are two sophomores who have never played college ball.

Starting for the Orange next Friday night probably will be four freshmen and a sophomore transfer. They are Jim Catterall, all-state freshman from Pendleton, and Fred "Happy" Lee, all-state speed merchant from Astoria, guards; Frank Marshik, 6 foot 6 inch freshman from St. Mary's high of Eugene, center; and Allen Anderson, freshman from Corvallis high, and George Sertic, sophomore transfer from Oregon, forwards.

Bob Reiman, sophomore track letterman, might edge his way into the first string as a forward before this weekend. He has been showing rapid improvement in recent workouts. Although he didn't go out for Rook ball last winter, Reiman gained all-state recognition while playing for Corvallis high two years ago. He is six feet tall and weighs over 200 pounds but is fast for a big man.

MEN OVERSEAS TO SEE SERIES FILM

Chicago, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—A two-reel motion picture of the 1943 world series, prepared by the American league, will be exhibited to servicemen overseas and in the United States, Lew Fonseca, league promotional director, said today.

The 22-minute picture shows important plays from each of the games between the New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals as well as selected "gems" of the series in hitting, fielding and comedy, Fonseca said.

Babe Ruth also appears in the picture, with a message to servicemen overseas. After distribution to the armed forces is complete, the pictures will be released without charge to high schools, colleges and boys clubs, Fonseca said.

What's Doing at U. S. O.'s

Riverside USO Mrs. C. R. Alexander and her Hawaiian Band will entertain Sunday afternoon at the Riverside USO. Playing informally in the lobby, the group will feature the electric Hawaiian guitar. The Hawaiian Band has been active in playing for Camp White groups.

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Jap Tanker Burns at Wake



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British Tots Take Over K. P.



While their mothers work in war plants, these British youngsters take over K. P. duty in a Midlands nursery school. Washing their own tea dishes, they feel they are really helping in the war effort.

BUNDLES FATHER SUES MAGAZINE

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The ninth circuit court of appeals today heard arguments on a libel suit against Pic magazine for its publication of an article allegedly intended to injure the reputation of the originator of a "bundles for congress" campaign.

Joseph A. Albi, Spokane, Wash., president of the Athletic Round-Table, brought the suit against Street and Smith Publications, Inc., publishers of Pic magazine; the American News Co., the corporation's Spokane

agent, and C. A. Hawkey, an agent for both, for \$250,000 damages. The Washington district court enjoined Albi from any further proceeding. Today's argument contested the injunction.

QUIT OWI London, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—J. Wallace Carroll, head of the U. S. Office of War Information in London, and three department heads resigned today because, it was understood, of strong disagreement over the manner in which the OWI overseas branch was being operated. The resignations take effect Jan. 1.

TIRPITZ LOCATED Stockholm, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The German battleship Tirpitz, damaged in a torpedo attack by British submarines at Altenfjord, still was at the harbor on Nov. 28, reports from the underground said today. The Tirpitz recently had been reported as on its way to Narvik.

U-BOAT SINKINGS CUT SHARPLY BY ALLIES IN 1943

Tide Of Battle Turned Past Six Months; Subs Sunk Faster Than Built.

By Milton Magruder
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Washington—(U.P.)—Axis submarines have taken a staggering toll of Allied shipping during the two years since Pearl Harbor but the United Nations turned the tide in the battle of the Atlantic during the last six months and now are clearing the lanes for the coming invasion of western Europe.

An unofficial United Press compilation showed, as of Nov. 15, that 788 Allied and neutral merchantmen totaling approximately 8,000,000 tons have gone down in Atlantic waters under the guns and torpedoes of enemy raiders and the bombs of enemy planes.

But the Allies now are destroying subs faster than Germany can build them and American shippers, in two years of unprecedented building, have turned out almost three times the number of vessels lost in the relentless waters.

The recent effectiveness of anti-submarine measures is reflected in recent joint Anglo-American announcements on operations. They disclose that 150 U-boats were destroyed during the six-month period from May to October—a monthly average of 25 subs, or 10 more than naval experts believe Nazi shipyards are capable of turning them out.

During the corresponding period, only 34 merchantmen were sunk, according to the unofficial figures. Of these, 11 were sunk in the heavily-traveled north Atlantic convoy route while 14 more went down in the south Atlantic.

A comparison of 1942 and 1943 losses also gives statistical proof of the success of Allied measures. Losses in 1942 were 870, while only 98 have gone down in the first 10 months of this year. The sinkings reached their peak in May, 1942, when 113 ships were destroyed—more than all sinkings thus far this year.

Maritime commission officials said the United States entered the war with 1200 vessels grossing 12,000,000 deadweight tons, and has doubled that amount during the past two years.

In 1942, 746 ships totaling 8,089,732 tons—almost matching the over-all Atlantic losses—came down the ways. Another 1524 ships of 15,501,624 tons were built during the first 10 months of this year and officials predict the shipyards probably will surpass the year's quota of 18,890,000 tons.

The losses in Atlantic waters, comprising the north and south Atlantic, the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico, include 304 American ships. Some 4000 U. S. seamen have been lost in the attacks.

Another 51 vessels have been lost in the Pacific, Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean.

The Allied high command has warned, however, that the battle of the Atlantic is not over.

"The Germans have introduced new U-boat weapons and tactics. Thus far we have been able to cope successfully with the changing situation. The battle continues in full vigor."

England Protected From Subs



Nazi submarines still prowled around England's harbors, so stout nets are strung across port outlets. Here a Boom Defense Ship tows this fancy "necklace" to the boom, to keep out would-be intruders.

PAUL BLIXT, 86 TAKEN BY DEATH

Paul Blixt, a resident of this community for the past 13 years, passed away Wednesday evening at the age of 86.

He was born in Sweden on August 4, 1857. About 50 years ago he moved to the United States and for many years operated a grocery store in Superior, Wis.

He leaves a son, Alfred Blixt, Superior, Wis.; four grandchildren, Paul Peterson, Prairie City; Mrs. Gus Belles, Los Angeles; Mrs. Edward Carlson, and Mrs. Arthur Peterson, all of Medford, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Services will be in the Congregational Church, Saturday afternoon at 1:30, with the Slavation Army. In which he had been an active member for over 40 years, officiating. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

Josephine Health President Resigns

Grants Pass, Dec. 9.—Mrs. R. E. Blankenburg resigned as president of the Josephine County Health association at the meeting of the executive board Tuesday afternoon and Mrs. Hilda Trimble, vice-president, was advanced to the presidency. Mrs. Blankenburg, serving her first year as the association head, stated she expects to leave the city soon.

STRIKE ON DANUBE Ankara, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Reports from Vienna said today that Danubian dock workers revived their pre-Anschluss union and struck for larger food rations, forcing police to unload river boats from Slovakia and Rumania.

SALT LAKE MILK PRODUCERS BALK

Salt Lake City, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Unless a Salt Lake milk producers' request for an increase in milk prices is granted by the Office of Price Administration, producers announced today that they would stop milk deliveries and turn their milk over to condensed milk plants, effective tomorrow.

Meanwhile, an investigating committee was studying the problem. Clark Burnham, treasurer of the Salt Lake Milk Producers' association, said the association had full confidence in the committee and would abide by its recommendations, if accepted by the OPA.

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