

SPORTS

BYRNES PUTS BAN ON HORSE RACING AS WAR MEASURE

Action Comes As Surprise As Many Tracks Prepare for Season.

Washington, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Sports suffered its heaviest blow of the war today when War Mobilization Director James H. Byrnes requested that all horse, harness and dog racing tracks close by Jan. 3 to conserve manpower and transportation facilities.

Although there was scattered criticism of his action, racing spokesmen immediately announced that they would comply with his request. Some fear was expressed that the ban may be extended to other sports, but there was no official indication of it.

The order came as racing was about to begin its winter season. Fair Grounds at New Orleans having opened today. Tropical Park was scheduled to open Monday and Santa Anita at Arcadia, Cal., was preparing to open Dec. 30.

The order also followed what was racing's banner season in 1944, so far as attendance and betting was concerned.

In disclosing that racing was willing to comply with the request because the "war comes first," hope was expressed that the war situation may be such as to permit its resumption in the spring in time for such features as the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes.

Byrnes issued his statement from the White House and revealed that his action had been approved by President Roosevelt.

He requested the closing of horse race tracks only, but his office explained that it included dog racing tracks.

Charles S. Howard, one of America's leading turf men, said the request was "disappointing." He added, however, that "all owners and track operators agree that the war effort is paramount."

TROJANS ENGAGE IN HARD TUSSLE

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—The University of Southern California Trojans today engaged in their hardest pre-Rose Bowl game workout, a scrimmage between the first and second teams climaxing a three and one-half hour practice session.

Dave Lavelle, second string guard, suffered a pulled muscle that will keep him out of practice for four or five days, but otherwise the Trojans came through intact.

TORNADO HOOPERS WIN THRILLER IN CLOSING SECONDS

A field goal by Jerry Ross in the closing seconds of a thrilling basketball game gave Medford a 36 to 35 victory over North Bend here Friday night. With 1 1/2 minutes to play in the final quarter, Medford was trailing by five points, but three quick Tornado baskets, the last one scored just before the game ended, gave Medford its second victory of the season.

The Tornado scored the first basket of the game on the opening tip-off and went on to run up a 10 to 0 lead before North Bend could find the range. End of the first period saw Medford with a 10-3 bulge.

In the second quarter North Bend's offense began to click and ran up 10 points to Medford's 8 for an 18 to 15 Medford lead at halftime.

The third period saw the visitors, except for a brief part of the quarter, dominate play on the backboards and creep to within one point of the Black Tornado, who led at the end of the quarter, 28 to 27.

In the final period North Bend took the lead for the first time in the game and the lead changed hands several times until Medford opened up with three crumples under the basket in the closing 1 1/2 minutes to gain the victory.

According to the official timekeeper, the game ended just as Ross sunk the winning basket, but the crowd was in such a frenzy no one heard the final buzzer. North Bend took the ball down the floor and tried a crumple, which was missed, before officials could stop the game.

Noel, North Bend forward, who was leading scorer in his league last year, was held to three points in the first half, but ran up 12 in the final half to lead all scorers. Ross was high for Medford with 10.

Twenty-five fouls were called, 13 of them on Medford and 12 of them on the visitors.

Summary:

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Medford				
Hayes, f	2	1	1	5
Ross, f	5	0	3	10
Riggs, c	1	2	4	4
Fawcett, g	4	1	3	9
Watson, g	4	0	2	8
Stelle, s	0	0	0	0
Bostwick, s	0	0	0	0
North Bend				
Noel, f	7	1	2	15
Frye, f	4	3	4	11
Sanders, c	1	1	2	3
Jansen, g	0	3	0	3
Hagen, g	0	1	3	1
Johnson, s	0	1	0	1
Wilson, s	0	1	1	1

Officials—F. L. Flink, Medford, and Don Faber, Central Point.

NO AAU MEET
Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Ray Brooks, chairman of the AAU basketball committee and director of Portland park department sports, announced today that there will be no Oregon AAU basketball tournament next spring.

TORNADO SWAMPS NORTH BEND FIVE BY 43-29 COUNT

Dick Fawcett Leads Winners With 13 Points for Third Straight Win of Season

Medford's Black Tornado annexed their third straight win of the season last night when they took the second game of a two-game series over North Bend by a 43 to 29 score.

Dick Fawcett paced Medford from his guard position. Hagen led for the losers with seven.

Fawcett started the scoring spree when he sunk the first basket after about a minute of play had elapsed. Darrell Riggs added a free throw and Larry Hayes sunk a basket to give Medford a 5 to 0 lead before Sanders, North Bend center, made a free throw and followed it up with a basket to make it 5 to 3. Hayes got one from the corner and Watson rang up a long shot to extend their lead to 9-3 before Sanders again got one under the basket. Fawcett added two baskets and Frye got one to give Medford a 13 to 5 edge at the end of the first quarter.

As the second quarter started Fawcett and Glenn Bostwick collected gift tosses and Fawcett dropped in a nice long shot to extend their lead to 17 to 5. Johnson of North Bend got a free throw, Frye added a basket and Wilson dropped a free throw before Jerry Ross sneaked in under the basket for a shot making it 19-9.

Johnson then got one from under the basket, Fawcett added a free one and Watson made a field goal. Jansen hit the hoop for North Bend as the half ended with Medford ahead 22 to 13.

Riggs opened the second half with a nice field goal and then Frye and Noel hit for North Bend to move the score up to 24 to 17. Fawcett got a gift shot, Riggs made a crumple and Ross broke away to score from under the backboard and Noel got two quick buckets to bring the count to 29-21 for Medford.

Ross and Fawcett each hit for Medford as the third period ended with the Tornado enjoying a 33 to 21 margin.

Bostwick added two points

and Hagen made a free throw and a basket to move the score up to 35-24. Ross and Jim Cave each scored two points and Frye sank a donation shot to make it 39-23 for Medford.

Watson then collected two more points and Bostwick added one from the free throw line for a 42 to 25 lead. Hagen then contributed four points with two baskets and Earl Stelle gathered a free throw to end the scoring for the evening.

It was the last home game for Medford until January 5 when they open the Southern Oregon conference against Ashland here. They meet Albany at Albany next Thursday and Salem at Salem Friday and Saturday.

Lineups:

	pos.	N. Bend
Medford		
Hayes, f	f	Noel, f
Ross, f	f	Frye, f
Riggs, c	c	Sanders, c
Fawcett, g	g	Jansen, g
Watson, g	g	Hagen, g
Stelle, s	s	Johnson, s
Bostwick, s	s	Wilson, s
Broedlow, s	s	
Cave, s	s	
Weatherford, s	s	
Eatherton, s	s	

Officials—F. L. Flink, Medford, and Virgil Swanson, Medford.

BATTLE ROYAL TO FEATURE HOLIDAY WRESTLING BOUTS

Promoter Mack Lillard will present a Christmas present to Medford Armory mat fans next Thursday night when he will offer a six-man battle royal featuring some of the top men on the coast.

Those taking part will be Gust Johnson, Pacific coast junior heavyweight champion, Jack Kiser, Pacific coast light heavyweight champion, "Gorgeous" George Wagner, self-styled toast of the coast, Bulldog Jackson, Terrible Tony Ross and Milt Olson. Lillard said Jackson has posted a forfeit to guarantee his appearance.

The wrestlers will meet in the free-for-all as the opening feature on the card. The first two eliminated will collide in the first regulation match of three ten-minute rounds, the second pair out will meet in the second bout of four ten-minute rounds and the last two left will meet in the one-hour top main event.

Closing time for Classified Ads 4 p. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

BOUDREAU LEADS AMERICAN LEAGUE AS HITTING ACE

New York, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Lou Boudreau, playing manager of the Cleveland Indians who had more trouble with his own pitching staff than he did with opposing hurlers, hit the ball as a .327 clip during the 1944 season to win American League batting honors, official figures released today disclosed.

Boudreau, in his third full season at the helm of the turbulent Tribe, suspended and traded one of his pitchers during the year and announced that he would like to trade another. His managerial troubles made his batting feat all the more remarkable inasmuch as his five year Major league batting average, prior to this year, had been but .278.

The 27-year-old shortstop, recognized as one of the best defensive infielders in the league, played in 150 games while piloting his team to a tie for fifth place and got 191 hits in 584 official times at bat in compiling the lowest league leading average since 1908 which was won with .324.

Bobby Doerr, Boston's brilliant second baseman who left the team in September to enter the army, trailed Boudreau by two points with a .325 average in 125 games for second place. Another point behind in third place was Doerr's teammate, outfielder Bob Johnson. George (Snuffy) Stirnweiss of the New York Yankees was fourth with .319. Another Boston outfielder, Pete Fox, followed with .315; Stan Spence of Washington was sixth with .313; Dick Siebert of Philadelphia hit .308; Mike Kreevich of St. Louis had .301 and Johnny Lindell of New York had an even .300 and Bob Estaleila of the Athletics was 10th with .298.

SEEK MISSING GOODS
Sacramento, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—State Adjutant General Victor R. Hansen is to start an immediate inventory of state guard property to determine what happened to approximately \$102,000 worth of equipment shown to be missing by a finance department audit, state officials said today.

The asphalt roofing industry uses approximately 23,000 tons of roofing rags each month, War Production Board said.

Simpson Termed 'Coach of Year' By L. H. Gregory

L. H. Gregory, sports editor of The Oregonian in his Saturday column nominated Medford's Al Simpson as Oregon's "coach of the year." The honor, declares Gregory: "..." certainly belongs to Al Simpson of Medford high, and not just for that school's state high school football championship, either; for as coach at Ashland high last spring, his boys there also won the state basketball title."

Last year at Ashland Simpson's basketball team lost eight games near the beginning of the season then started a winning streak at Roseburg which carried them to 16 straight games. His two wins at Medford this season make his hoop record now 18 straight.

His football team at Ashland won seven and lost two and copped 10 straight at Medford. His football record is now 14 straight victories.

EAST TEAM OPENS GRID DRILL FOR SHRINE CONTEST

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—The East entry in the 20th annual Shrine game here on New Year's began to take shape today as co-coaches Andy Kerr, George Hausman and Bernie Bierman ran their men through paces in a regulation scrimmage.

Still without the services of Les Horvath, Ohio State All-American, who will arrive tomorrow, the first string backfield today again was made up of Frank Dancewicz, Notre Dame, at quarter; Bob Kelly, Notre Dame, right half; Dick Flanagan, Ohio State, left half, and Vic Kulbitski, Minnesota, at full.

In the front line were Jack Mead, Wisconsin, and Jack Breslin, Michigan State, ends; George Savitsky, Pennsylvania, and Tom Houghes, Purdue, tackles; Frank Cioffi, Indiana, and Bill Hackett, Ohio State, guards, and Frank Szymanski, Notre Dame, center.

The boys went through extensive passing and punting drills and the coaches found that they had a half dozen youngsters who could handle both chores acceptably. Earl Girard, the 17-year-

old Wisconsin freshman, was particularly adept in the aerial department and may do quite a bit of the flinging, according to Kerr. However, the two Irish first stringers, Kelly and Dancewicz, stood out in every department, too.

Meanwhile, the West took to the field today under a brilliant sun and got their first real, stiff scrimmage since arriving.

TIMBER LOGGED IN STATE ANNUALLY OVER SIX BILLION

By Eric W. Allen, Jr., United Press Correspondent
Salem, Ore., Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Six and a half billion board feet of merchantable timber were logged as a yearly average during the two years ending in June, Nels Rogers, Oregon state forester, revealed in his biennial report to the governor, this week.

This heavy cut, demanded by war production, covered 350,000 acres each year, Rogers said, and predicted that there will be little if any reduction in demand during the post war reconstruction years.

However, the forest lands of Oregon, which have the largest stand of timber of any state in the country, will not be seriously depleted if all forest lands are kept productive.

Great strides have been made in protection of the trees, which are the state's greatest natural resource, since the 1930's, when the disastrous Tillamook and Wolf Creek fires destroyed so much lumber. The annual average cost of state and cooperating agencies in fire prevention is \$1,500,000, Rogers said.

Five recommendations for the further protection and expansion of the industry were included in Rogers' report.

Statewide protection should be made mandatory for all lands between forests and cities, he said. He recommended a zoning act, to include three zones, two to include all non-urban territory, which would be placed under the protection of the forestry department and the state fire marshal.

The "Keep Oregon Green" program, which has been so successful during recent years in

bringing attention to the value of forest lands, "is a most effective medium in educating the public in matters pertaining to the Oregon forest conservation, and should be adequately supported by public and private agencies," Rogers said.

The report advocated continued and intensified efforts to have general forestry become a required subject in Oregon schools. Students are entitled to the "best instruction in regard to the industries and resources of the state," it said.

Vital war material has been flown from India to the United States in 80 hours, Foreign Economic Administration reported.

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