

SPORTS

MCKEEVER QUILTS AS HEAD COACH AT NOTRE DAME

South Bend, Ind., Feb. 28.—(U.P.)—Notre Dame was without a head football coach or an athletic director today for the second time in 12 months and the third time in a little more than four years.

Ed McKeever's acceptance of the head coaching job at Cornell vacated two jobs at Notre Dame. The 34-year-old Texan was serving both as athletic director and head grid mentor in the absence of Navy Lt. Frank Leahy.

Notre Dame's board of athletics is expected to meet Thursday to name a duration successor or successors to McKeever. The Rev. John Cavanaugh, C. S. C., vice-president of the university and chairman of the athletic board, refused to comment on possible action by the board.

If the two jobs are given to one man, which has been a general policy at Notre Dame for the past 25 years, Hugh John DeVore is expected to get the nod. DeVore, 34-year-old line coach, was McKeever's No. 1 assistant last fall.

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DUSETTE FACES TOUGH MAT TEST

Georges Dusette, Canadian strong man, will be given a chance to break into the main event ranks of Medford Armory wrestling tomorrow night when he faces Harold (Blood and Guts) Davidson in the six round top main event. Davidson is considered one of the toughest campaigners in the light-heavyweight division and will give the Canadian powerhouse his strongest test in Medford.

Dusette's powerful full nelson, with which he shakes an opponent into submission, is expected to be too much for Davidson unless the boy from the land of the maple leaf is unable to survive Davidson's brutal punishment.

Pete Belcastro, master of alley tactics in the ring, will oppose smooth-wrestling Jack Kiser in the four round middle go. It will be a case of speed and skill versus illegal maneuvers.

Billy McEuin, little but tough gentleman from the south, will face Gust Johnson, coast junior-heavy king, in the opener, going to the mat at 8:30.

Police Inspector Suggests Pay To College Athletes

New York, Feb. 28.—(U.P.)—A deputy police inspector, who has watched college basketball teams play for big-time gate receipts at Madison Square Garden, amazed the sports world today with a suggestion that they be paid regular salaries for their work.

The officer, Conrad Rothengast, testifying yesterday at the open hearing on basketball gambling, said he saw no reason for discriminating against the amateur collegians.

"They perform the same duties as professional players and yet they are not paid," he said.

ROGUE RIVER TO PLAY MERRILL IN DISTRICT 5 GAME

Rogue river high school's basketball team, winners of the Jackson-Josephine tournament when they downed Central Point 36 to 24 in the finals here Saturday night, will meet Merrill, champions of Klamath and Lake counties, on the Southern Oregon College of Education gym in Ashland Friday night, beginning at 8 o'clock. It will be a one-game affair to decide winner of district 5.

The winner of the Friday night contest will meet Arlington in a best two-out-of-three series for the right to enter the state tournament. Arlington is willing to come to Southern Oregon for the first two games and, if a third is necessary, will be played in Klamath Falls.

Roland Parks and Joe LeClair, both of Ashland, will officiate in the Rogue River-Merrill clash.

MINOR LEAGUES GIVEN SUPPORT

New York, Feb. 28.—(U.P.)—Larry MacPhail, newly installed president of the New York Yankees, took a sympathetic attitude today on demands by the minor leagues in their meeting at Chicago that they be given a voice in the naming of a new baseball high commissioner.

"I'm not too close to what the minors are doing in their meeting, but I do believe they have several constructive ideas about baseball," he said. "I think they should certainly be given consideration in the selection of a new commissioner, although I do not know whether they will insist upon it and what will happen if they do."

MacPhail, in a press conference, also emphasized that he had "never been too optimistic about baseball's chances in 1945 and unless the manpower situation is cleared up I will be surprised if anybody has a ball club."

Fitzy Fitzpatrick Wins By Knockout

Los Angeles, Feb. 28.—(U.P.)—Fitzy Fitzpatrick, 168-pound slugger from Oak Hill, W. Va., continued his winning ways last night with an easy sixth round technical knockout win over Roy Miller, 163, Kansas City, Mo., at Olympic auditorium.

Fitzpatrick used his lighter and less experienced foe for a punching bag from the opening bell. He stung Miller in every round with a series of sharp right jabs to the body.

RAY ROBINSON AWAITS RESULTS OF ARMY TEST

New York, Feb. 28.—(U.P.)—Welterweight Ray Robinson, who was medically discharged from the army last summer, awaited the results today of a pre-induction physical examination which he underwent at Grand Central Palace.

The examining physicians said that they had referred his case to doctors at Fort Jay, Governors Island, for further study.

Paulette Goddard In Sunday Hit



"I Love a Soldier" opens Sunday at the Craterian, starring Paulette Goddard and Sonny Tufts. This pair, who won acclaim for their excellent performances in "So Proudly We Hail," receive fine support in "I Love a Soldier" from Barry Fitzgerald, Mary Treen, Frank Albertson and Marie McDonald.

Minor Leagues To Operate Despite Manpower Shortage

By Walter Byers
United Press Correspondent
Chicago, Feb. 28.—(U.P.)—Fear that the manpower pinch would severely cripple minor baseball this summer was dispelled today.

President and club owners in the 10 wartime minor circuits, meeting here as members of the Minor league revision committee, reported that their leagues are either "as well fixed or better off" in player numbers than they were at this time a year ago.

"Although we may have a few more oldsters this season and many more 17-year-old kids, we are in good shape and expect even more interesting baseball than we had last year," President Clarence (Pants) Rowland

of the Pacific Coast league said in voicing the general optimism of his Minor league colleagues.

"Last year, kids who never before would have been in the league were stars and it will be more so this year," President W. G. (Billy) Evans of the Southern Association said.

Meanwhile, the 10-man revision committee finished up its work on the Major-Minor league rules today preparatory to adjournment. The group completed its draft of a new Major-Minor agreement yesterday and once finished with the rules, will submit the two codes to a joint meeting of a Major and Minor committee, then to the National Association's December meeting and finally to the Majors for approval.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—(U.P.)—The revision committee of the Minor leagues recommended today that the 10 Minor leagues set up a permanent and annual player award to be named after the late Kenesaw M. Landis, former baseball commissioner.

The plaques, to be uniformly designed by the National Association (Minor leagues), are to be known as the Landis Memorial Awards. President Thomas H. Richardson of the Eastern league, committee chairman, said the committee's approval was tantamount to league sanction and all leagues undoubtedly would start the awards this season.

made 58. He tried 88 gift tosses and sank 44 of them for the best free-throw eye on the team. He committed 52 personal fouls and scored 160 points.

Darrell Riggs tried for 225 baskets, making good on 59. He attempted 75 free throws, hitting 24, and committed 61 personal fouls to lead his club in that department. His total score is 142 points.

348 Personal Fouls
Reserves who scored over 20 points during the season were Earl Stille 56, Jim Cave 41, Glenn Bostwick 45 and Howard Whillcock 43.

Medford committed 348 personal fouls for an average of 14.5 fouls per game while their opponents committed 357 for a 14.8 average. In only nine of the games did Medford out-foul their opponents. These were two games with Coos Bay, one with North Bend, one with Eureka, three with Grants Pass, one with Ashland and one with Bend.

Jerry Ross, champion scorer of the southern Oregon conference, also led the Tornado throughout the season when he amassed a total of 230 points. He took 253 shots at the basket, scoring 99 field goals. He attempted 71 personal foul shots, making 32 and committed 37 personal fouls.

Larry Hayes, who was unable to take part in Medford's final four games because of an injury took 162 shots, making 50 baskets. He hit 13 out of 37 free throw attempts and committed 35 fouls. He scored a total of 113 points.

Dick Fawcett took 202 shots at the basket, making 77 and tried 57 free throws, making 29. He committed 52 personal fouls and scored a total of 183 points. Bob Watson took 261 shots and

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HEART DISEASE MAINTAINS TOP OF DEATH LIST

Washington, Feb. 28.—(U.P.)—Heart diseases in 1943 continued to cause more deaths than any other single ailment, the census bureau reported today.

The Bureau said the heart disease death rate rose from 295 per 100,000 population in 1942 to 318 in 1943. However, it added, this increase in the rate was at least partially attributable to the exodus from the country of millions of able-bodied servicemen. Service personnel overseas were not included in the bureau's report.

Deaths from vehicle accidents fell from seventh place among the causes of death in 1942 to 10th place in 1943. Syphilis, ninth in 1942, dropped out of the first 10 causes in 1943.

Ensign R. B. Webber Is Awarded Degree At Yale University

Robert Broadus Webber was one of 150 candidates awarded degrees at graduation exercises held Friday, Feb. 23, at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., a release from the school states. Webber received the degree of bachelor of science and also received his commission as ensign in the United States Naval Reserve.

Ensign Webber left after the graduation ceremonies for Medford and arrived here by plane Saturday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Webber, 319 Laurel street. He reports at San Francisco March 7 and is to be assigned to sea duty.

64 FIGHTERS SURVIVE GOLDEN GLOVES MEET

Chicago, Feb. 28.—(U.P.)—Sixty-four survivors of the first two days of the Golden Gloves boxing tournament will battle tonight to decide the 32 individuals who will compete in the tourney finals March 9.

The contests were limited to three rounds of three minutes each unless terminated sooner by a knockout or technical knockout.

168 NOTRE DAME CASUALTIES

South Bend, Ind. (U.P.)—The University of Notre Dame's casualty list for World War II now has 168 gold stars, representing three times the number of students and alumni of the school killed in the first world war.



SEA SHEIK—Coast Guardsman Carl P. Martin, Quartermaster 2/C, of Benton, Ill., looks like he might be wrapped up for a trip across the desert. Headgear is odd for destroyer escort in the Atlantic, but was arranged for another purpose, however, Martin was assigned job of using spray gun to touch up paint on ship's super structure. (U. S. Coast Guard Photo.)

Foots Creek

Foots Creek, Feb. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Val Sorenson of Long Beach, Calif., recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Woods, have left for their home. Mrs. Sorenson and Mrs. Woods are sisters. Mr. Sorenson was here on business. Mrs. Jesse Bloomer also of Long Beach, niece of Mr. Woods, was also a recent visitor at the Woods' home.

Clay Howard, who has been ill and confined to his home since October, is able to be out again.

Don Elder, who has been stationed in Texas is home on a furlough to visit his mother, Mrs. Don Elder and brother, Newt.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Erskines and daughter, and Bill Wolgamott of Medford, were recent visitors at the Vance Wolgamott home.

Mrs. Eugene Burton and Mrs. George Lance spent Feb. 23 with Mrs. Lee Kile of Rogue River. Mrs. Burton and son, Taylor, left Feb. 24 for San Francisco to make their home.

Club meets March 8 with Mrs. Lee Kile and Mrs. George Lance as hostesses.

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