

Conn Looks Surprisingly Good In Exhibition Bout

By Jack Kearns
Written for the United Press
Cleveland, O., Oct. 30—(U.P.)—Billy Conn surprised me last night. He looked so much better than I had expected, after his long service in the army. Although I always string with the champion, I'll say right now that we may have a new world heavyweight titleholder next June, if present appearances count for anything.

Conn's eagerness, confidence and speed reminded me of Jack Dempsey when he was training for the Jess Willard fight in Toledo. He weighs about the same Dempsey did at that time—about 192—and will go into the ring against Joe Louis around 182 to 185 pounds.

Speed Retained
It's true that an exhibition is a lot different from a real fight, but you can tell plenty about a man in an exhibition. I watched Conn closely during his three easy rounds with a colored puncher named Bearcat Jones from Pittsburgh. Of course, Billy toyed with the colored lad all

the way, but he looked good doing it.

He hasn't lost any of his speed, although he has gained in weight and strength, things that are needed for any heavyweight fighter. The extra weight Billy is carrying should help make him a more dangerous opponent than in his first fight with Louis.

Legs Have Spring
You could see some stomach on Conn, but not enough to worry Manager Johnny Ray. But he looked good in action. He was fast, and his legs seemed to have all the spring of old. I couldn't tell much about his punching, because he didn't seem to be trying to hit hard. However, the added weight should give more authority to his punches. His timing was a little off, naturally. Once he missed a left hook and went to his knees. But he jumped up laughing, then moved around, throwing rights and lefts like the Conn of old.

Conn still has his speed and his legs and more poundage. He is eager and confident, and two years younger than Louis. Because of Louis' age, the champion is bound to have been affected more by his years in the army than Conn was. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if Conn takes the title in June. He looks surprisingly good.

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CUB FARM CHAIN IS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE 11 CLUBS

Chicago, Oct. 30—(U.P.)—The Chicago Cubs, taking a leaf from the baseball book of Branch Rickey, father of the farm system, announced today they had expanded their minor league organization to include 11 clubs, four more than the National league champions had last season.

The Cubs also announced that possibly two or three other minor league affiliates will be added to their system within "a couple of weeks."

Two of the four definite newcomers will be the Janesville Bruins of the revived Wisconsin State League and the Visalia club of the California league. Resumption of play in the Texas League and Three-Eye league will add Tulsa and Davenport, Ia., to the Cubs' "ivory developing" network.

The Los Angeles Angels, completely owned by the Cubs, remains as the parent club's No. 1 polishing center in the Pacific coast league.

The Cubs' rapidly growing baseball empire will control the destinies of more than 250 players.

JUNIORS SET FOR ASHLAND CONTEST

So. Ore. League Standings

W. L. Pct.	
Ashland	3 1 750
Medford	3 1 750
Grants Pass	1 2 333
Klamath Falls	0 3 000

Norm Worthley, Medford junior high football club, loser of but one game this year, will face Ashland tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock on the Ashland field to decide the Southern Oregon championship.

Ashland holds a 7-6 win over Medford but the gold and black will be fighting hard tomorrow to avenge the licking and sweep out to the league crown.

Word from Ashland says three first string backfield men were injured last week and are doubtful starters. Worthley claims his first string is in good shape and ready to go for the traditional battle.

Pay Monarchs For Jackie Robinson, Says Negro Prexy

Chicago, Oct. 30—(U.P.)—J. B. (Doc) Martin, president of the Negro American baseball league, asked today that "in the interest of harmony" President Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers pay the Kansas City Monarchs for Jackie Robinson, negro infielder recently signed by the Dodgers' Montreal farm team.

"Mr. Rickey said the negro leagues were a racket," Martin said, "but we have never gone out and signed players without giving the owners some consideration."

"The negro American league wishes to join the thousands in congratulating Robinson for his step forward as well as Mr. Rickey for the stand he has taken in paying the way for negroes' advancement in baseball," Martin said. "... We do feel, however, that Mr. Rickey is too big not to compensate the Monarchs for Jackie Robinson."

Martin said he wanted to assure Rickey and all baseball men that "there will be nothing done on our part to hinder the success of Robinson or any other negro ball player."

WEBFEET DRILL FOR WASHINGTON CLASH

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 30—(U.P.)—The University of Oregon Webfoot scheduled extra practice today, getting in shape for their clash with the University of Washington at Portland Saturday.

Recovering from their 13 to 0 defeat handed them by U.C.L.A., the Webfoot will go into the Husky fray decided underdogs.

BOWLING

In classic league last night Valentine's defeated American two games to one (Eads 543-K. Powell 536). Signal Oil won two out of three from Beck's Bakery (Barr 551-Paske 544). Maid Rite took three straight from Hawkinson Tires (Anderson 530-Sims 549) and Hi Way Tavern won two out of three from Domestic Laundry (Klatt 518-Schantel 532).

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Whillock Ready For Bears



Howard Whillock, 184 pound tackle who does the punting for Medford's Black Tornado, will be seen in action here Friday night when his team faces the Bend Lava Bears in an inter-sectional game. Darrell Riggs, captain and left end, will probably be lost to the Tornado because of a sprained ankle received in the Grants Pass game last week. Coach Al Simpson said today.

Black Tornado Thumbnails

Following is fifth in a series of "thumb nail sketches" of members of the Medford high school Black Tornado football team, defending state champions:

Bud Nutting
But Nutting was born in Medford May 24, 1928, and began his football career while in the fourth grade at Roosevelt school. He also saw service on the Medford junior high team and is playing his third year at high school. He is five feet, 10 1/2 inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. Majoring in math, history and science, he also goes out for track and plans a college career if the army doesn't pick him off first.

Chuck Sams
Chuck Sams, playing his first year of football, was born in Grants Pass Dec. 30, 1928, and lived in Portland before coming to Medford. He is a five foot, 10 inch guard and weighs 180 pounds. Like most of the grid crew, he majors in math and has a desire to attend college. He also is a basketball and tennis player.

Joe Chez
Joe Chez first saw the light of day in Montana on Nov. 20, 1930, and lived in Wyoming and Colorado before coming to Medford. He began playing football in the sixth grade in Wyoming and also played on Colorado and Montana teams. The five foot, nine inch, 145 pounder plays left half and majors in math and science. When not playing football, basketball, baseball and track, he devotes his time to his hobbies—fishing and fishing. He wants to be a salesman.

Bob Shangle
Bob Shangle, born in Medford Aug. 28, 1930, began his football career in the ninth grade at Medford Junior high as a full-back and now plays halfback. He is five feet, six inches tall and weighs 147 pounds. His major studies are math, history and music and his hobby airplanes. He also plays basketball and would attend college.

LADIES BOWLING LOOP WILL START TONIGHT

Ladies bowling league starts at the Medford alleys tonight at 7:30, according to Hugh Jennings, manager of the alleys. All ladies who care to bowl are asked to be at the alleys since it is the desire to form an eight team circuit. Helen Riggs is president of the league and Mary Neidermeyer is secretary.

The Commercial league will start Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., and anyone wanting to enter is asked to be present, Jennings stated.

PARTY CANCELLED

Phoenix, Oct. 30—The Halloween party announced for Wednesday night at the Presbyterian church, has been cancelled as it was found that a number of other parties have been scheduled for that night. A later party will be announced soon.

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UNDEFEATED NAVY TOP GRID OUTFIT

Los Angeles, Oct. 30—(U.P.)—Undeclared Navy, facing its toughest test of the season Saturday against unbeaten Notre Dame, held on to first place in the Duke Houlgate rating system today.

The Middies, who turned back a stubborn Penn eleven 14 to 7, in the final six minutes last week, were rated at 31 points. Indiana—tied but unbeaten—was right behind with 26.5 points, two notches better than last week.

Alabama and Holy Cross were tied for third, with 26 points each.

Columbia and Notre Dame each were three points behind in fifth place, the same rating they had last week.

Purdue, in second a week ago, was tied for 11th after losing to Northwestern with Washington, surprise victor over Southern California.



Olive Barber's Letter

Comparatively few people know of the little falls where a creek cascades down the ridge and into the river. This, because the creek is hard to follow, choked as it is with the debris of long ago logging. Too, the way is, at times, steep and with many boulders and no few gulches making rugged interference. Only the well shod and sure-footed are tempted into following it into the hills.

Yet this I attempted; though not sure-footed, I was well shod; also persistent. Following the little creek, I went through such spots of wild beauty as amazed me, used as I am to this beauty-surfurited part of the coast. Once I came to a bit of pasture land through which the little creek moved so placidly, it was hard to realize that same water would later froth through boulders, at times disappear with a full-sized roar into some debris-covered cauldron of its own making.

At some places in the little creek, the water would seem to come to rest for a moment in deep pools and here trout flirted about, colorful, brittle, tempting. At one of these pools, cliffs rose high and unsurmountable on either side. One stood in the path of the creek, too and over this the water tumbled in a perfect fury of impatience to get on to the river, to the sea. And going up the smooth, perpendicular face of the cliff as easily as I would walk across a room, a water ouzel made hippety-hop search for its meal.

Long before I reached the falls, I had heard its roar. Even so, I was unprepared for its size and beauty as I parted the final barricade of brush and got a full view of it. I couldn't bear to leave and, having taken no lunch, I munched Indian lettuce and played about with the idea of sending for blankets and food and just staying on and on.

I wanted to stay and see it in winter. I knew the falls would go arcing out over the pool driven by the pressure of the in-

creased flow; knew that more driftwood would be added to the dam forming the pool and that the place would have a wilder, different beauty. Yet common sense told me that in winter, fog and spray would curtail the falls, giving a privacy to its tempestuous mood which I might not penetrate.

Oh, it is well for a stodgy, farm-bound matron to do a bit of adventuring. Winter evenings, beside the fire in a rocking chair, as she reads a tale of pioneering into unknown hills and forests, she can say to herself, "I know what it was like—the hills, the tumbling stream, the roar of the cataract, for I was there." And then remembering her hunger and the Indian lettuce, she will get up and make herself a sandwich. Nice goin', rocking-chair adventuring.

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