



EVERYONE'S HAPPY as Pitcher Bob Feller (right) and Catcher Jim Hegan (left), sign 1956 contracts presented by General Manager Hank Greenberg of Cleveland Indians. They are oldest battery in major league baseball. (International)

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SPORTS

Bruins' Bears Clash In Crucial PCC Frays

By HAL WOOD

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The upstart University of California Bears, last-place finishers in the Pacific Coast Conference last season, take on unbeaten UCLA tonight and tomorrow for the 1956 PCC championship.

Because they are playing on the Bruins' "home" floor, the Golden Bears aren't given much of a chance — but, according to their own Bob Blake they have a chance.

"We are fighting team," says the Bear forward, "and we might surprise them."

Even Bear Coach Pete Newell admits it's a tough task — but he hasn't given up hope.

Bruins Ninth-Ranked

UCLA, the ninth-ranked team in the country, has won 12 straight PCC victories; California has a 10-2 record. It has lost one game to Southern California and one to Oregon. The Bears need both wins this week-end to stay in the race. And they still have to hurdle Stanford the following week-end, while UCLA meets the Trojans.

Los Angeles gets most of the Pacific Coast interest on the basketball front. Aside from these two games, the unbeaten University of San Francisco Dons go after their 49th and 50th victories at the expense of Pepperdine tonight and Loyola tomorrow, both in Los Angeles.

In other games tonight, Southern California meets Washington, Washington State takes on Oregon and Loyola battles Los Angeles State. Tomorrow, it's USC-Washington, WSC-Oregon, San Jose State-Stanford, Santa Clara-St. Mary's and Pepperdine-Los Angeles State.

Eugene — (U.P.) — Oregon's Ducks, victims of the highest score ever run up in the Pacific

Schmidt To Look Into Charges by Ex-UCLA Gragger

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Pacific Coast Conference Commissioner Victor P. Schmidt said today he would give his "full attention" to charges by an ex-UCLA football player that he received "under the table" payments while attending the Bruin school.

Schmidt made the statement after George Stephenson, former UCLA and University of California students, revealed that he had received \$40 a month "above the \$75 maximum" pay while attending UCLA as a freshman.

Serious Nature

"These are charges of a serious nature and they will be given the full attention of this office," Schmidt said. He added he would have nothing further to say pending an investigation by his office.

Stephenson said he collected the extra \$40 at a downtown Westwood office.

"I had a job in the director's office paying \$75 a month," he revealed, "but an assistant coach told me to pick up the \$40 downtown in Westwood. I wasn't supposed to tell any one about it. Most of the other football players received the additional money."

Smith To Speak To Waltonians

Robert H. Smith, U.S. fish and wildlife service biologist here, will be speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton league on Tuesday, March 6.

The meeting will open at 8 p.m. at the Jackson hotel.

Efforts of the chapter to secure federal appropriation for screening of turbine intake at Savage Rapids dam will be discussed. Bear creek watershed development also will be a subject of the meeting.

Smith was a member of the party which discovered the nesting grounds of the whooping crane.

Coast Conference last week, tangled with the resurgent Washington State Cougars here tonight and Saturday in a PCC basketball series.

Washington State came back last weekend to split with a good Stanford club. The Cougars are led by Larry Beck, a high scoring forward. Three ex-Portland prep players — Dick Rask, Bruce Lord and Ed Steele—are in the Cougar varsity.

Coach Bill Borchert indicated that Hal Duffy, who looked good rebounding against UCLA in the 1958-59 loss, would start along with Max Anderson, Jerry Ross, Phil McHugh and Charlie Franklin.

Oregon State, waiting for its windup series with Oregon, is idle this weekend, as is Idaho.

Costa Picked Over Babe

New York — (U.P.) — Baby Vasquez, lightweight champion of Mexico, promises "no stage fright tonight" in his TV-radio 10-rounder with featherweight contender Carmelo Costa of Brooklyn at Madison Square Garden.

The 24-year-old Mexican blamed "Garden jitters" for his unimpressive eastern debut on Dec. 23, when he was outpointed by Frankie Ryff of New York, third-ranking lightweight contender.

Despite Vasquez' assurances, stocky young Costa, second-ranking featherweight contender—is favored at 17-5 to win because he skitters about the ring like a butter-ball on a ruddy stove.

Costa, 21, and unbeaten in his last six bouts, has unusual speed and skill although he lacks punch. Carmelo knocked out but three of his 34 opponents while registered a 28-2-4 record.

Vasquez, muscular and aggressive, belted out 11 of his 49 competitors, while hammering out a 38-10-1 list.

Sports Broadcasts

Radio station KYJC will broadcast the Crater-Cocquille high A-2 district play-off basketball game at 8 o'clock tonight.

Television station KBES-TV will carry the Illinois-Iowa collegiate game at noon and the UCLA-California hoop fray at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

PACKERS CALLED

Green Bay, Wis. — (U.P.) — Tom Bettis and Doyle Nix, rookies with the Greenbay Packers last season, have been called into the armed forces, but Bettis will be back in time for the 1956 season. Bettis has been ordered to report for duty March 4 in the new ROTC program. He will serve six months on active duty and then will be in the Reserves for 6½ years.

McLoughlin Clubs Beat Ashland; Seventh Graders End Unmarred

Games between Central Point seventh and eighth grade basketball quintets and McLoughlin and Hedrick junior high teams of Medford have been cancelled by mutual agreement. It was announced today. Hedrick was to have played the Pointers yesterday and McLoughlin and CP had make-up frays billed for next Monday.

McLoughlin junior high eighth graders wound up their basketball slate with a seven-win one-loss record and the seventh grade team completed an unbeaten season yesterday with triumphs over Ashland.

The Bulldog eighth caught stride in the second half to win 40 to 30 and the seventh walloped the Lithians 41 to 17.

Eighth graders turned in a good team effort but lagged 13 to 9 at the half after leading 6 to 3 at the quarters. Their shooting warmed up in the third quarter enabling the Bulldogs to go back on top 25 to 22.

Robert Hamilton, Lynn Knight and Ray Konopasek each got 10 points for McLoughlin. Gray topped Ashland scoring with 16.

The McLoughlin seventh headed by 9 to 2, 19 to 6 and 35 to 14 at the intermission and Bob Quinney put in 12 points for the Bulldogs.

LINE-UPS: McL. 8th 40 30 Ash. 8th

Way Opened For Santee To Compete

New York — (U.P.) — The way was cleared today for an elated Wes Santee to compete in Saturday night's big "Columbian Mile" at Madison Square Garden, as track meet officials bowed before a court injunction permitting him to run.

The injunction — which held up the AAU's lifetime suspension of Santee at least until March 9 — was handed down Thursday by State Supreme Court Judge James M. McNally.

That prompted officials of Saturday's Knights of Columbus meet to go into a three-hour huddle here Thursday night. They finally emerged with Chairman Tom Harrigan saying, "Permission will be granted to Santee to compete in our meet if he wishes to do so."

There was no "if" about Santee's feelings. The lanky Marine lieutenant from Kansas who will leave the Quantico Marine Base tonight, promised, "I'll give it all I've got to win."

The AAU banned Santee, "for life" on charges he received \$1,500 in excess expense money for running in meets last year and also that his wife received another \$1,100 in illegal payments for seven meets in which he competed.

High School Scores

THURSDAY BASKETBALL
By United Press
Seaside 50, Tillamook 44 (District 6B Tourney)
Maple 39, Arlington 58
Sisters 63, Cascade Locks 50
Moro 55, Condon 49
Culver 39, Fossil 40 (District 7B Tourney)
Echo 47, Dayville 36
Mitchell 34, Helix 43
Hempner 44, St. Joseph's of Pendleton 35
Pilot Rock 60, St. Vernon 43 (District 8B Playoff)
Elgin 39, Huntington 27 (District 2B Tourney)
Scio 47, Colton 42
Jefferson 73, Valsec 36
Siletz 51, Sublimity 31
Mill City 61, Concordia 57 (District 2 A-2 Playoff)
Newport 55, Toledo 51

DE DE VICTOR

Berkeley, Calif. — (U.P.) — Pretty DeDe Wayland of Los Angeles skated off with first place in the senior women's compulsory school figures as the Pacific Coast Ice Skating Championships opened last night. It was an upset victory for the 18-year-old girl. Sherry Dorsey of Seattle placed second and Joan Schenke, Tacoma, Wash., was third. Other results: Senior Men: Robert Lee Brewer, Pasadena, Calif.; Richard Swenning, Berkeley, Calif.; Lorin Caccamise, Los Angeles.

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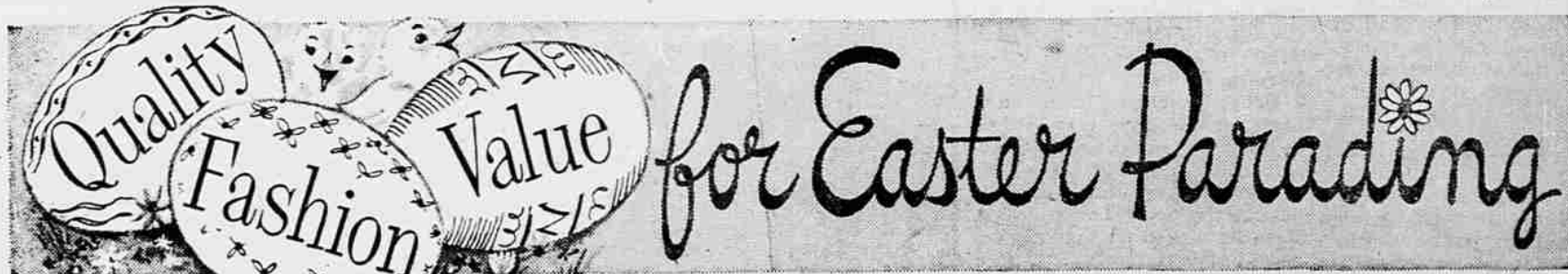
Ray Willsey Selected For Washington Post

Seattle — (U.P.) — Ray Willsey, former University of California quarterback and recently a player-coach for the Edmonton Eskimos of the Western Canadian Professional football league,

Fight Results

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