P. Hornung May Be at Half for ND

By ED SAINSBURY

Chicago — (U.P.) — Oklahoma and the nation's television football fans may get a surprise from Notre Dame Saturday, but it will be by necessity and not by choice, Coach Terry Brennan of the Irish said today.

The surprise would put the Irish No. 1 All American candidate, quarterback Paul Horning, at halfback to do his usual job of running, passing, punting et al to keep the Notre Dame offense alive.

"Among all our other problems," Brennan said, "Hornung has a dislocated left thumb and he can't take the exchange from center. Then Larry Cooke, our second quarterback, has a sprained ankle so we've had Bob Williams, our sophomore, working there the last two days."

Mighty Tough

Should Hornung's thumb still handicap him Saturday, it'll be new personnel in the same split T formation against a Sooner team that Brennan rates "mighty tough." That would put Jim Morse at one halfback, Chuck Lima at fullback, Hornung at the other halfback and Cooke or even Williams at quarterback.

Notre Dame used a new "double flanker" formation against Michigan State last week, and presumably the same tricks could be pulled out of the bag to test against the Sooners. It was likely there would be some other new material, too, to upset the Oklahoma defense.

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SPORTS

Holman, Machen Vie; Puscas in Pro Debut

Jackie Puscas, Medford lightweight and national AAU champion in 1955, will make his professional boxing debut tonight.

He'll oppose Teddy Hall, Seattle, in the four-round preliminary in Portland to the Eddie Machen-Johnny Holman heavyweight bout. The Puscas-Hall tussle will be at 5:30 p.m. since the main event, to be nationally televised, is set for 6 p.m.

Hall and Puscas were to have met earlier this month on a card which matched Bobo Olson and Sammy Walker. But the card was cancelled when Olson, found to be in poor physical shape, announced his retirement.

Portland, Ore. —(U.P.)— Young Eddie Machen, California's top-flight heavyweight prospect, takes the biggest step in his career tonight when he tangles with the experienced Johnny Holman of Chicago in a 10-round nationally televised bout.

Machen, who has a record of 18 straight professional victories, concedes this is his toughest battle to date, although he has twice defeated Nino Valdes of Cuba.

Holman was ranked fourth nationally until he was beaten last May by Bob Baker of Pittsburgh. Since then he has slipped to eighth place.

The Portland area will not be blacked out for TV and radio, sponsors said.

Scenic shots of Oregon will share with the sponsor during commercial time on the night's program.

Machen, on the basis of his two big wins over Valdes, has climbed to seventh in the national rankings.

The bouts will start at 6 p.m. PST.

3,200 Crowd Eyed

Promoter Tommy Moyer said he hoped for a capacity crowd of 3,200 in the Portland armory for the first fight in history to be nationally televised from this city.

Holman expects he will have trouble.

"I've been idle for about four months because of an eye injury," said Holman. "And Machen is a fast, hard puncher. I'll just have to be on the lookout . . . for anything."

If he gets by this battle, Machen is hoping for a shot at the Floyd Patterson-Archie Moore fight winner next month.

Sid Flaherty, Machen's manager, said he also hopes that Machen might get a match with Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson, if Eddie wins this one.

JACKIE PUSCAS
Pro Debut Tonight

Noted Tutor Says Track Athletes' Conditon Poor

San Francisco —(U.P.)— American track and field athletes are not in good condition for the Olympic games and unless they show vast improvement during the next three weeks, there will be some astonishing upsets at Melbourne, Dink Templeton said today.

Templeton, famed track and field coach, said that the times and distances recorded at the last couple of meets on the West Coast indicated that some of the boys had not trained all summer long.

"The times recorded in some of the races in the last two weeks wouldn't take our boys past the semi-finals in the Olympics," said Templeton.

Templeton admitted that most of the boys laid off after the close of the trials in June—to make sure that they wouldn't go stale.

"But they should have returned to training so that they would be in tip-top condition by now," he adds.

3 High Ranked Clubs Favorites

New York — (U.P.) — Michigan State, Oklahoma and Georgia Tech, the three top-ranked teams in the nation, were all rated solid favorites by Broadway oddsmakers today to continue undefeated on Saturday.

The oddsmakers made Michigan State, which replaced Oklahoma as the No. 1 team this week, a 19-point choice over Illinois in their Big Ten tussle at Champaign-Urbana, Ill.

Oklahoma, shooting for its 35th straight victory after setting a new modern major college winning record last Saturday, was a 21-point favorite over battered Notre Dame in a nationally-televised game at South Bend, Ind. The Irish handed the Sooners their last defeat, 28-21, in the 1953 season opener.

Third-ranked Georgia Tech was installed a 13-point pick over Tulane at Atlanta, Ga.

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BIG DON AND FOES—Don Newcombe (center) poses with leading pitchers of the Yomiuri Giants, Takehiko Bettsho (left) and S. Horiguchi, before series of games between the Brooklyn Dodger and the Giants in Tokyo. Big Don was knocked out of the box for the fourth straight time (twice in the World Series and twice against the Japanese players), leading a Nipponese baseball expert to say that Japanese players have nothing to learn from the National League Dodgers.

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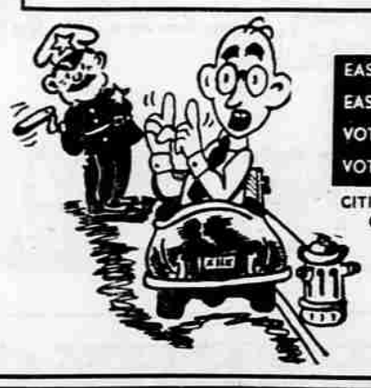

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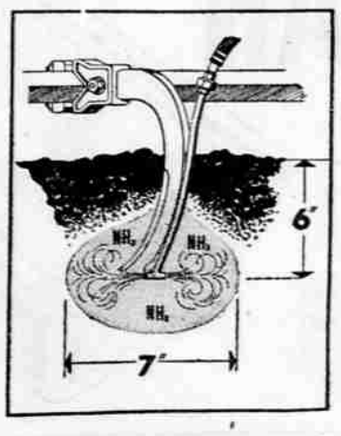

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