

Sport Parade



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New York—(U.P.)—They always called John (Red) Pollard the "Indestructible" and the word out of Florida today seems to prove it all over again.

The name may not be very familiar to you. But 20 years ago it was a racing byword as he and the mighty Seabiscuit drove to fame and fortune together.

Now, at 46, Red Pollard is getting ready for another of his numerous comebacks.

It's like hearing that Walter Hagen, Dizzy Dean or Jimmy Braddock is going to give it another try. Yet Red is only a year older than the still active Johnny Longden. And he has proved many a time that you can't keep a good man down.

Sat On Sidelines Pollard was at the top, as Seabiscuit's regular rider, when he cracked up late in 1937. Still nursing a broken leg, he sat disconsolately on the sidelines as the "Biscuit," with Georgie (the Iceman) Woolf up, lost by a nose to Stagehand in the 1938 Santa Anita handicap.

Barely recovered, Pollard went to Suffolk Downs for the Massachusetts Handicap. There, as a favor to a friend, he gal-

loped a green two-year-old colt and it bolted. Red's leg was broken, again he sat by as Woolf rode Seabiscuit to victory in the Pimlico Special.

Shortly thereafter, the "Biscuit" came down with a bad leg too and both Pollard and the horse recuperated together on owner C. S. Howard's California farm.

Came Back Together A year later they came back—and the big horse and the little retrained jockey fashioned a story book ending by winning the Santa Anita Handicap on the third try.

But, while the "Biscuit" retired, it was only the beginning of another chapter for Pollard. Until, in 1945, he was seriously injured again in another spill. For a long period his life hung in the balance.

After that spill, Red tried training for a while but, while his charges were supposed to be runners, Pollard commented quizzically that "they never proved it to me." So he clucked the whole thing.

You can't blame his friends for hoping that, to keep the ladder full, somebody passes him another "Biscuit."

PETE ELLIOTT CHOSEN MENTOR AT CALIFORNIA

Berkeley, Calif.—(U.P.)—Young Pete Elliott had two things today to brighten the future of an ambitious football coach: A three-year contract as head man at the University of California and 23 returning lettermen to mould into a winning team.

Elliott, head Nebraska coach for one season, was named Cal's head coach Tuesday night, replacing Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf.

Athletic Director Greg Englehard said Elliott was the unanimous choice of the executive committee.

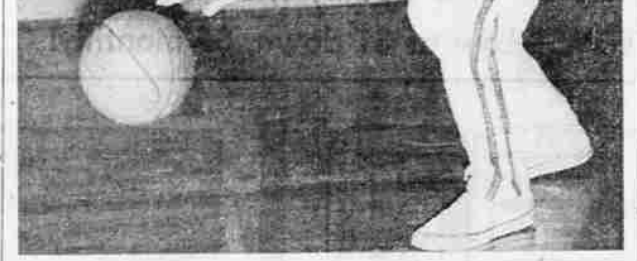
Englehard said the 30-year-old protégé of Oklahoma's Bud Wilkinson would have a free rein in selecting his assistants.

Officials declined to mention salary terms other than to say the "financial figure agreed upon was mutually satisfactory to both parties."

It has been learned unofficially that Elliott signed for at least \$18,000 a year — \$3,500 more than he got at Nebraska.

Simultaneously with Cal's announcement, Nebraska reported Bill Jennings, backfield coach, was being promoted to the head coaching spot.

Elliott inherits a team with plenty of potential. Of the 23 returning lettermen there are three good quarterbacks and a solid line.



RECTOR SHINES FOR PILOTS—One of University of Portland's most valuable assets this season is guard Frank Rector, 6-0 sharpshooter from Medford. Coach Al Negratti's Pilots, who have accumulated nine wins in 13 games, have encountered zone defenses 11 times and in the clutch Negratti usually calls on the Medford career for some of his zone-breaking 35-foot casts.

Rector has hit 35 per cent of his shots thus far in the 1936-37 campaign on 27 of 77 field goal attempts. Last season, in his first year as Portland head man, Negratti called Rector up from the freshman squad and Frank performed very well, collecting 139 points in 23 games, swishing the hump at 31 per cent. In the confines of Gonzaga university's gym in Spokane last Friday, Rector was instrumental in the Portland team gaining a split series. The Pilots won the first game 64-62 as the ex-Black Tornado gunner collected five field goals on 11 attempts. The Negratti men lost the second game 71-67.

North Carolina Humbles NCS; Eyes No. 1 Ranking

By UNITED PRESS They have the record 15-0, they have revenge over their arch-rival, and now North Carolina's torrid Tar Heels need only the votes to become the nation's No. 1 college basketball team.

North Carolina, the only unbeaten major college team in the nation now that Kansas has been whipped, bid to supplant Kansas at the top of the ratings heap Tuesday night with a rough-and-tumble, 83-57 victory over once mighty North Carolina State at State's own court in Raleigh, N. C.

It was only the fourth win in 13 games for Tar Heel Coach Frank McGuire in a red-hot rivalry with State Coach Everett Case, but it could have been North Carolina's biggest move toward an unbeaten season.

Nothing Works For State N. C. State, perennial champion of the Atlantic Coast conference but hampered by the loss of scoring ace John Richter with an ankle injury, tried everything to upset the Tar Heels and nothing worked. The Wolf-pack played a possession game early, but the Tar Heels took a 28-23 halftime lead.

After a late rally that cut the margin to three points and then faltered, State tried an all-court press—but that backfired as the Tar Heels built a 10-point lead into the final 26 point margin in the last three minutes.

Lennie Rosenbluth led North Carolina with 29 points and Pete Brennan added 22, while Ken Clark topped N. C. State with 16. North Carolina had only one more basket than N. C. State, but the Tar Heels rolled it up at the free throw line with 43 conversions in 50 attempts to State's 19 for 34.

In an eight-minute stretch in the second half, the Tar Heels didn't get a basket—but had 15 free throws, 12 of them by Brennan.

Watch For Rankings North Carolina, now ranked No. 2 nationally, and Kansas which was upset, 39-37, by Iowa State Monday, now are idle for two weeks for exams. But they'll be watching for the new game rankings early next week.

Southern Methodist, the nation's No. 4 team, barely skinned to a 59-57 victory over Rice to remain atop the Southwest Conference.

St. Louis, ranked 17th nationally, romped to a 91-65 victory over Drake in the Missouri Valley Conference, breaking the game open after being held to a 36-33 halftime lead. Joe Todd racked up 28 points for St. Louis and Dan Callahan had 22 for Drake, but Drake scoring ace Red Murrell was held to 11 and fouled out with 15 minutes left.

CAMPBELL PICKED Philadelphia—(U.P.)—Mill Campbell of Plainfield, N. J., who set an Olympic games record in the decathlon at Melbourne, Australia, has been named the outstanding American athlete of 1936 by the Philadelphia Sports Writers association. The 23-year-old Campbell, currently in the U.S. Navy, will accept the award at the writers' 53rd annual banquet, Jan. 28.

They won a free lubrication job from Bud's Texaco Service of Medford. There were 10 teams participating with various makes of cars. Drivers came from Ashland, Medford, Gold Hill, Grants Pass and Eugene.

The teams were Bill Huntly and Evin Thumer of Medford, John Collingwood and Janet Gowing of Eugene, Dick Eather-ton and George Green of Grants Pass, Ron McKenna and Bill Messer of Medford, the Mike Forbes team, Jack White and Charley Beck of Medford, Larry Tolle and Herb Clocker of Medford, Dr. Aubrey Hill and Mollie Hill of Ashland, Bud Truax and Gay Lee Truax of Medford and the Couches.

Sam Michie and Nick Nixon laid out the rally run. A spaghetti and meatball dinner was held at the Nixons.

At present the club is informally organized. Next meeting of the club will be at 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27 at radio station KMED. Anyone interested in sports cars is invited.

SPORTS

Larry Beck Leading PCC In Scoring

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Washington State's Larry Beck leads the Pacific Coast conference basketball scoring race after two week ends of play, statistics released by the PCC commissioner's office showed today.

Figures on games through Jan. 12 showed Beck on top with 82 points and an average of 20.5 per game to 78 and a 19.5 average for Danny Rogers of Southern California and Bruno Boiv of Washington.

Beck ranked second only to Don Dorland of Washington in field goal percentage. Dorland has 10 goals in 17 attempts for 58.8 per cent, while Beck has scored on 32 of 61 shots for 52.9 per cent. Doug Smart, Washington, at 52.8 per cent was third.

Dorland also was top-ranked from the free-throw line, having hit 13 of 14 for 92.9 per cent. Smart was the top rebounder with 17.5 per cent, having recovered 64 of 367 total opportunities.

The three top teams in PCC play—UCLA, California and Washington—dominated team statistics. Of the three, Washington's performance was outstanding with the Huskies leading in total scoring, field goal percentage and field goal defense. UCLA was first in free throws and California in total defense. Oregon State led in rebounding.

Washington led scoring with a 76 point average and shot 45.3 per cent from the floor, hitting 110 out of 243 shots.

In team defense, California allowed but 51.4 points for the lead in that department.

UCLA's lead on free throws was with a mark of 78.6 per cent on 121 points in 154 attempts.

Oregon State captured 162 rebounds to its opponents' 113 for a mark of 58.9 per cent.

Pro Basketball Players Delay Plan To Unionize

Boston—(U.P.)—National Basketball association players temporarily set aside a plan to unionize today and put their faith in a promise by League President Maurice Podoloff that their grievances will receive a "sympathetic" hearing by club owners in April.

Podoloff, in an apparent effort to forestall unionization of the players, gathered together 18 members of the NBA's all-star teams Tuesday afternoon and pleaded that they give him three months to set up machinery for settling owner-player differences "in a family manner."

The players then went into a three-hour meeting with their attorney, C. Keith Hurley, and representatives of the American Guild of Variety Artists, an AFL-CIO affiliate of the actors union. Following the session, Bob Cousy of the Boston Celtics, acting as spokesman for the players, said they would take no action right away.

The players have asked for an arbitration board for settling disputes, mainly pertaining to salary; for additional pay for exhibition games in excess of 20; elimination of the "whispering fines" imposed by referees; and moving expenses for traded players.

Hornet Quint Beats Eagles

Hedrick Junior high ninth grade hoopers decided on an improved Eagle Point freshman contingent 43 to 35 yesterday.

First half was close with Hedrick having a 10 to 9 quarter margin and 20 to 19 midway edge. The Hornets boomed to a 38 to 26 command in the third quarter.

Darrell Miller put in 16 points for Hedrick and Jerry Anderson, playing with a lame back, totaled 10. Greenwood scored eight for Eagle Point.

Gary McGill of the Hornets was sidelined by a bad charley-horse.

Hedrick is host to McLoughlin this Friday afternoon.

Cousy Spurs East Team To Victory

Boston—(U.P.)—Bob Cousy provided the East All-Stars with the playmaking and spark for a 109-97 victory over the West in the National Basketball association's annual All-Star Game, but his teammate, Bill Sharman, supplied the high point of the game with the longest field goal in Boston Garden history.

Cousy, the Boston Celtic's backcourt wizard, scored only 10 points, but his ball-handling and feeding set up hook-shooting Neil Johnston of the Philadelphia Warriors and others in a third period spree that gave the East its fifth victory in the seven games that have been played.

Cousy's performance won him the most valuable player award for the second time in the past four All-Star games. However, Sharman's 70-foot field goal in the first period was the high spot for the crowd of 11,178.

Accidentally Made In attempting a long, one-handed downcourt pass to Cousy, Sharman accidentally threw the ball through the hoop in as clean a basket as he will ever score.

The East team converted 15 out of 30 field goal attempts in the third quarter. Johnston hit on six out of nine tries during the spree, three of them coming on passes from Cousy.

The West squad, led by Mel Hutchins of Fort Wayne and Jack Twyman of Rochester, staged a brief rally early in the final period to pull to within five point 78-83, of the easterners. But Carl Bryan of New York then contributed seven points in another rally that killed the West's chances.

Bob Pettit of St. Louis wound up as the game's high scorer with 21 points, two more than Johnston and Maurice Stokes of Rochester.

Boxing Results

By UNITED PRESS Miami Beach, Fla.—Chico Vezar, 153, Stamford, Conn., out-punited Bob Provizzi, 157, Free-land, Pa. (10).

Basketball Scores

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Includes TUESDAY COLLEGE SCORES and TUESDAY BASKETBALL scores.



VICTORY SMILE—Jay Hebert of Lafayette, La., flashes victory smile after winning pro laurels of the Bing Crosby golf tourney in Pebble Beach, Calif.

High School Scores

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Lists various high school basketball games and results.

Tripleheader Will Determine Oregon Titles

Portland—(U.P.)—Oregon's high school baseball champions will be decided in a tripleheader scheduled for June 8 at Portland's Multnomah stadium.

Dodgers Sell Ebbets Field

Brooklyn—(U.P.)—The Dodgers don't own a home in Brooklyn any more.

Boxing Group Drops Sandy As Champion

Milwaukee—(U.P.)—Featherweight champion Sandy Saddler was dethroned today in a bloodless coup headed by Fred Saddy, chairman of the National Boxing associations rating committee.

Detroit May Get NBA Franchise

Boston—(U.P.)—Detroit has been named as the probable site of the next National Basketball association franchise.

McATEER GOES HOME

New York—(U.P.)—British Empire middleweight champion Pat McAteer, knocked out by Spider Webb in Chicago on Dec. 19, left for his home in Birkenhead, England Tuesday to complete training for a European middleweight championship bout with Charles Humez of France in Paris, Feb. 4.

GP Grapplers Rap Tornado; Medford, Crater Slated

Grants Pass high turned back Medford 34 to 8 yesterday in a wrestling card at Grants Pass.

Gordon Owsley in the 129-pound class and Tom Morris in the 191 bout were the only Medford victors in counting matches.

The Medford grapplers will be hosts to Crater about 4:15 on Friday at the senior high gymnasium. Crater defeated the Tornado last week.

Grants Pass match results were: 97 points—LaComb, G., def. Ken Johnson, M., 4 to 1.

105—Williams, G., pinned Steve Sasse, M. 114—Strunier, G., dec. Ron O'Neill, M., 5 to 0.

122—Valle, G., dec. Bill Hampton, M., 4 to 0. 129—Gordon Owsley, M., dec. Taylor, G., 1 to 0.

135—Whiting, G., dec. Charles Acker, M., 3 to 0. 140—Condray, G., pinned Charles Finch, M. 147—Byrd, G., dec. Dave Aas, M., 8 to 0.

156—Phil Paquin, G., dec. Jerry Anderson, M., 4 to 1. 167—Winterbottom, G., dec. Francis Williams, M., 4 to 0.

177—Peterson, G., dec. Gary Heath, M., 8 to 2. 191—Tom Morris, M., pinned Slaven, G. Unlimited—Medford forfeited to Grants Pass.

Comet Freshmen Defeat Phoenix

Central Point—Crater high freshmen downed Phoenix 58 to 35 yesterday in basketball contention.

The Comet crew led at the quarters 14 to 8, 26 to 18 and 42 to 24. Clare Huntley of the Crater club was high point-maker with 15.

Next tussle for the Comets is here Friday against Grants Pass.

Butte Falls Mutual Five Win in MIBL

Mutual of Omaha regained a share of the lead with Company A of the National Guard in the Medford Independent Basketball league last night by overcoming Lea Motors 61 to 57.

In the other game Butte Falls subdued Headquarters of the National Guard 44 to 39.

Lea headed Mutual most of the way. The Insurance five caught up at 47-all. It was seen from there until Morris Jimenez knotted the fray at 57-all and Dale Newton put Mutual in front to stay with a free shot. Keith Johnson scored 21 points for Omaha.

Coleman Grabs Pease Handicap

Ray Coleman won the Ed Pease handicap at Medford Gun club last Sunday, busting 45 out of 50 clay pigeons.

Don Petersen and Harry Tonn, with 45 birds each, tied for runner-up.

At skeet Everett Gibson had 23 for 25 and at 16-yards Coleman also topped the list with 49 out 50. Bob Langhoff broke 48. Twenty-six shooters broke 2,300 targets.

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