

SPORTS

Negotiations Underway For Meadows

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A spokesman for a group negotiating for the purchase of the Portland Meadows Race Track said today talks with the owners were still in progress despite the fact an option to buy expired Monday.

The spokesman, David Funk, Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz., greyhound track operator, said the deadline had been extended and "we hope a deal might be made by the end of this week."

Funk's group is negotiating with representatives of the estate of William P. Kyne, late owner of Portland Meadows and Bay Meadows Track at San Mateo, Calif.

Funk said he had been asked not to divulge details of current negotiations for Portland Meadows. But he said the group he represented, including Eastern and Arizona men, "understands horse racing."

"If they buy the track they plan to put in a sizeable improvement program," he said. "Being at Portland Meadows hasn't been the best in recent years."

Funk said he himself would probably take an active part in the operation of the track if his group is successful.

Joe Brown Goes Against Savoie

Houston, Tex. — (U.P.) — Lightweight champion Joe Brown, mainly over one defense of his title, goes against Armand Savoie tonight with a jackpot of \$65,000 awaiting him.

Tonight's 10-round go against the former Canadian lightweight champion is a non-title affair. A diversity crowd of more than 4,000 fans was expected to see the fight in City Auditorium.

Burgess Prefers Catching For Redlegs; Says Tebbetts 'Best'

By LEO H. PETERSEN
United Press Sports Editor
Tampa, Fla. — (U.P.) — Stocky Smoky Burgess, flattered because other clubs are seeking him, hoped today he will be catching for the Cincinnati Redlegs for years to come because "I'd rather be a second-string catcher on the Redlegs than the first-stringer on another club," Burgess declared. He said he knew the Giants, among other teams, had made a bid for him.

"But I understand that as soon as the other clubs mention the players they will give up for me, they get no further," he added. "It's nice to know those other teams think well enough of me to keep after me. I'm not starting to pack my bags because I want to stay with the Redlegs as long as Birdie is manager."

A Vital Cog
Admitting that his chances of working regularly, as he prefers, are not bright because he ranks behind Ed Bailey, Burgess pointed out that "in catching you get more injuries than any other position on a team, so in my book the No. 2 catcher is a vital cog."

Appearing in 90 games, many of them only as a pinch hitter because Bailey was going so well both at bat and behind the plate, Burgess slumped to a .275 average in 1956. He hit .301 the season before when he caught regularly after being traded to Cincinnati by the Phillies.

Getting back to Tebbetts, Burgess declared he was fortunate in that "I've always played for good managers, but none as good as Birdie."

Says Pitching 'Deep'
"You know exactly where you stand with him," he added, "and there isn't a player on the club who doesn't back him 100 per cent. I've never seen a manager who can handle so many different types of players as well as Birdie and I've never seen one either who could handle pitchers the way he does."

On the subject of pitching, Burgess let out a blast "because every time I read something about our team, they say our pitching is a question mark."

"Let me tell you it isn't," he said. "We may not have outstanding stars on our pitching staff such as Phillies have in Robin Roberts, the Dodgers in Don Newcombe and the Giants in Johnny Antonelli, but for depth, I'll back our staff against any in the league."

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Classic League

High series for the evening was rolled by Frank Chapman of Daugherty Lumber Co. Chapman hit a big 603. He was followed by Lin Holzinger of Hammer's Sporting Goods with 430.

The 7-10 split was converted by Ron DeVore of Sam's Sporting Goods.

Bull Frog Given Status of Fish

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon Senate has voted to put the bull frog back in the pond along with other game fish after a slip in the Oregon revised statutes inadvertently ousted him.

Sen. Donald R. Husband of Eugene explained that when the Oregon compiled laws annotated were switched over to Oregon revised statutes in 1953, the bull frog was left out of the section describing game fish, where formerly he was included.

But further than that Sen. Husband declined to elaborate, confessing to fellow senators that he had never gone fishing himself for any game fish including bull frogs.

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North Carolina Voted College Champions of Year by Coaches

By NORMAN MILLER
United Press Sport Writer
New York — (U.P.) — North Carolina's "Yankee Tar Heels," who carry a spotless 27-0 record into the NCAA tournament this week, were voted the national college basketball champions for the 1956-57 regular season today by the United Press Board of Coaches.

In their final ballot of the season, the 35 outstanding coaches whose ratings generally have become accepted as the most authoritative in the game selected North Carolina for the honor over twice-beaten Kansas.

Twenty-six members of the United Press rating board voted the Tar Heels tops in the country, eight picked them second and one fourth. That gave coach-of-the-year Frank McGuire's men 339 out of a possible 350 points.

Award on TV
McGuire will receive the United Press championship trophy for his team on Ed Sullivan's nationally-televised (CBS) program next Sunday night.

Tarheels Picked Over Yale Tonight

By UNITED PRESS
Unbeaten North Carolina, the nation's No. 1 team riding a 27-game winning streak, is favored to beat Yale tonight when the NCAA basketball tournaments whirl into action with a total of six games in three different cities.

Idaho State officially opened the court carnival Monday night by beating Hardin-Simmons, 68-57, in a first-rounder at Pocatello, Idaho.

Tar Heels Favored
Here is tonight's lineup:
At New York City: North Carolina (27-0) a 13-point choice over Yale (16-7); Syracuse (16-6) favored by five over Connecticut (17-7); and West Virginia (25-5) even money against Canisius (20-5).

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Single Vote Prevented PCC Agreement on Athletic Aid

Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregon Journal says that only a single vote prevented the Pacific Coast Conference from reaching agreement on an aid to athletes program at its meeting a week ago.

In an article by Hal Laman, executive sports editor, the Journal said Monday the PCC faculty representatives agreed in principle to an aid program based on a sliding scale of living costs.

The Journal said the plan that missed gaining approval by a lone vote called for maximum aid of \$110 a month at UCLA, USC, Stanford and California; \$95 at Washington; \$90 at Oregon State, Oregon and Washington State; and \$85 at Idaho.

Under the present system, an athlete can receive a maximum of \$100 a month at all nine schools for 50 hours of work.

"The biggest objection centered around the \$110 figure for California and Stanford," Laman's article said. "A general feeling indicated that these two schools should not be allowed quite as much as their southern neighbors."

Laman said indications were the scale for California and Stanford would be trimmed.

Meanwhile, Al Masters, athletic director at Stanford, denied that objections to the California and Stanford aid scale were the reason the aid program failed to pass.

"We had a vote on the athletic aid program," Masters said, "but the rates figured for California and Stanford were not the reasons it failed to carry."

He declined to say what the reasons were.

Greg Engelhard, athletic director for California, refused to discuss the matter in detail.

Midgets, Giants In Tag Scuffle

Grants Pass — A battle of midgets and goliaths is billed for the Grants Pass wrestling arena at the county fairgrounds this week.

Midgets Tom Thumb and Irish Jackie will team with 210-pound Martino Angelo in a tag team go with midgets Lord Littlebrook and Brown Panther and 205-pound Tito Carreon.

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Pacific Team Meets Elon

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — Top-seeded Pacific Lutheran of Parkland, Wash., meets Elon, N.C., College today in a featured game in the first round of the NAIA basketball tournament.

In one of seven other games carded today, second-seeded Youngstown Ohio College meets Westmont of Santa Barbara, Calif. at 6 p.m.

After today's program in the week-long championship, which opened Monday, the 32-team field will have been cut to 16 for Wednesday's second round.

Texas Southern of Houston, last year's runnerup and seeded eighth in this event, provided the thrills in Monday's eight-game play, nipping New Haven Conn. State Teachers, 67-66, on a tip-in by Wellie Taylor in the final minute. A scrappy team of Kentuckians, Villa Madonna of Covington, scored the only upset, a 93-91 win over third-seeded West Virginia Tech, highest scoring team in college basketball this season with a 104-point average.

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Madras Set For Dayton

Salem — (U.P.) — Favored Madras meets Dayton and Scappoose plays Molalla tonight in semi-final games of the second annual class A-2 high school basketball tournament here.

Madras, unbeaten this year, proved it was the team to beat for the title in opening round action yesterday by walloping Glide 77-45 as Paul Stine scored 22 points and Dick Weiser 16. Allen Smith of Glide hit 28 points to become the first day's leading scorer.

Dayton, led by 24 points from Paul Budke, took Reedsport 54-45.

Molalla pulled away from Drain late in the game for a 57-50 victory. Drain was the third Douglas county entry to taste defeat in the first round. The others were Glide and Reedsport. Frank Jacobs of Drain and Dave Brock of Molalla each had 18 points.

Scappoose, another strong club, had too much for Cascade and took a 64-35 win after leading only 32-31 at the half. Sheldon Berg of Scappoose hit 18 points.

State Republicans To Meet on March 30

Portland — (U.P.) — The Republican State Central Committee will meet here March 30 to act on the resignation of State Chairman Wendell Wyatt of Astoria and to consider a successor.

Wyatt announced his resignation yesterday effective that date. He said the resignation was a result of a previously announced intention to resign after last November's election.

Service stations in the U.S. have about 1,400,000 gasoline pumps in operation.

Rooting Section—Billy Pierce, top White Sox pitcher, chats with his wife and children during workout at Al Lopez Field in Tampa, Fla. Mrs. Pierce holds Patti (left) and Billy Jr. as Daddy points out where he works.



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Olympic Champ Now Is Pro

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Olympic champion Paul Anderson, a 330-pound modern day Hercules who holds virtually every heavy weight lifting record, has turned professional, it was announced today.

The 24-year-old giant from Toccoa, Ga., who won the heavy-weight division in the last two Olympic, said he will perform under the direction of Howard Cantonwine, a former wrestler who lives in Los Angeles. Anderson topped the Russians with world mark hoists in winning the 1956 Olympic in Australia.

BRUNS LOSE PLAYER

Boston — (U.P.) — Defenseman Allan Stanley will be lost to the Boston Bruins for the remainder of the National Hockey League season and the Stanley Cup playoffs because of torn ligaments in his left leg. Stanley suffered the injury in a collision with Toronto's Gerry James on Sunday night.



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