

Woman Referee Handles Boxing Chores Efficiently

Stockholm, Sweden — A shapely blonde, who handles herself perfectly in the clinches, is winning a unanimous decision today over all those boxing skeptics who feel a woman's place is in the home and not in the prize ring.

As Europe's first female boxing referee, Mrs. Margareta Sjoelin, 25-year-old mother of three children, is just as much at home in the ring as she is in her living room at nearby Varnamo.

"Since I was a girl, I have been fascinated by boxing," she explained in the dressing room after officiating a bout. "My brothers are fighters and my husband, Stig, used to be European middleweight amateur champion. So it was natural that I picked the only activity in boxing open to women—refereeing."

Fight fans who have seen the efficient, business-like manner with which the good-looking Mrs. Sjoelin works in the ring, agree that she is a better referee than many men who have performed the job.

So far she has refereed only amateur bouts at the local boxing club of Varnamo where she lives.

She applied for a national

referee's license a few months ago but boxing officials protested that the granting of such a license would cause Swedish boxing to "lose face" internationally.

In Milwaukee, Wis., secretary Fred Saddy said the National Boxing Association has no written rule against women referees but added it is more or less of an unwritten rule.

Mrs. Sjoelin's application for a national license was heartily endorsed, however, by the provincial Smaalund boxing section, which put her through extensive tests and granted her permission to referee locally.

"Sweden is a country where women's emancipation is more advanced than in most countries," said one local boxing official, "so it's only natural that we would have a female referee sooner or later."

Due to the controversy she caused by seeking a national license, Mrs. Sjoelin has made up her mind to referee only in her own home town where the fight crowd is used to her. In bouts outside Varnamo, she acts as a judge.

Sweden's new glamour referee takes exception with those who feel she should be

home with her two daughters, Birgitta, seven, and Arbor, two-and-a-half, and her five year old son, Bjorn, instead of being at the fights.

"When I am away boxing, I have to get someone to look after my children," she says, "but I don't think I'm neglecting them because of boxing."

Her husband, Stig, who works as a butcher, has no objections to her refereeing, either.

This could be because he won the Swedish and Nordic amateur middleweight titles more times than he can remember and now serves as a part-time coach for the Swedish Amateur Boxing Federation. He plans to become a fulltime boxing coach next year.

Unlike many women who are convinced boxing is a brutal sport, Mrs. Sjoelin insists that properly executed, it is no more dangerous than any other contact sport.

Her big ambition is to referee in the 1960 Olympics in Rome.

Meanwhile, she continues to work in her home-town ring.

And when they say "Keep your eyes on the referee" they're never kidding around here.



ONE, TWO, THREE, HIKE—Pro football stars Tobin Rota (left) of the Detroit Lions and Elroy Hirsch of the Los Angeles Rams keep in form with an assist from Pan American Airways stewardess Sue Nave on Honolulu's Waikiki Beach. The pros will meet a selection of college all-stars in the Hula Bowl Jan. 8.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

16 Grid Deaths Listed for 1957 Claims Survey

Los Angeles — Sixteen players 13 of them high school youths, suffered fatal injuries on the nation's football playing fields in 1957, a survey revealed today.

There were no deaths among college players, while two occurred in sandlot games and one in semi-pro football, the survey said.

In addition, there were five player deaths which were only "indirectly" attributable to football because they involved heart attacks and infections.

The report was prepared under the chairmanship of Dr. Floyd Eastwood of Los Angeles State College for the American Football Coaches Assn. and the National Collegiate Athletic Assn.

Football fatalities have averaged 17.38 per cent per year during the 26 years of the survey, Eastwood reported. The 1957 figure represented a decrease of 2 or 20 per cent less than 1956.

Eastwood's report declared that the chances of death attributed to football "are extremely less than the chances of death attributed to motor vehicles, drownings, firearms and fireburns."

According to the survey's 26-year records, more than 72 per cent of fatal injuries are due to blows on the head and the 16 last season followed this finding.

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Braves have signed a working agreement with the Yakima, Wash., club in the Class B Northwestern League for 1958. The Braves said manager Herb Kittle of Yakima approached them during the winter league meetings at Colorado Springs and asked for an agreement.

"THINKING" SIGNAL

Suracuse, N. Y. — Police Chief Harold F. Kelly said he intends to put up a "thinking" traffic signal light to slow down speeding automobiles. He said pads will be laid down on the approaches to the light. If a car speeds over the limit, the signal will flash red. If the vehicle obeys the speed limit, the "thinking" signal will light the green light.

Army Club Drops OTI

Klamath Falls — Oregon Tech suffered its first basketball defeat of the season here Monday night by dropping a 78-62 decision to the San Francisco Presidio's Army team.

Tony Psaltis, former Southern California star, led the Presidio with 16 points while Charley Bogle of Oregon Tech hit 29.

OSC Court Club Takes Time Off

Corvallis — Coach Slats Gill gave his Oregon State basketball team today off and said the players also could take Thursday off from practice.

The Beavers have won 10 out of 11 including two straight PCC games, for their best early season mark since 1947. Oregon State's next game is not until Jan. 18 against California at Berkeley.

SIEVERS WINS TROPHY

Washington — Outfielder Roy Sievers of the Washington Senators, who led the American League last season with 42 home runs and 114 runs batted in, has been named winner of the Washington Touchdown Club's Clark Griffith Memorial Trophy. He will receive the award next Saturday at the club's annual banquet.

BASKETBALL

COLLEGE RESULTS
By United Press
East
Columbia 60, Cornell 56
Niagara 55, Villanova 44
Brown 76, Harvard 70
Lehigh 73, Albright 69
South
Davidson 84, Wash. & Lee 63
George Washington 72, Citadel 67
Loyola (La.) 79, Florida State 67
Memphis St. 53, Okla. City 50
Tulane 67, Georgia 59
Florida 81, Louisiana State 57
Mississippi State 46, Alabama 42
Tenn. Tech 53, Eastern Ky. 52
Auburn 71, Mississippi 51
Kentucky 86, Vanderbilt 81
Midwest
Michigan 70, Wisconsin 49
Purdue, Indiana 66
Notre Dame 83, Butler 72
Kansas State 72, Minnesota 71
Iowa 70, Illinois 65
Xavier (O.) 78, Miami (O.) 65
Montana State 62, Iowa State 61
Missouri 55, Nebraska 54
Wash. (Mo.) U 66, Carleton 48
Southwest
Tulsa 59, Drake 57
East Tex. St. 61, Texas A&I 35
Oklahoma St. 61, Cincinnati 57
Arkansas 68, Baylor 53
Bradley 75, Houston 73
Tex. West. 73, Ariz. Tempe 72
West
Southern Cal 60, Washington 54

Oklahoma St. Lists 2nd Upset

By MILTON RICHMAN

Oklahoma State, a non-respecter of basketball reputations, shaped up as the nation's No. 1 giant killer today by adding sixth-ranked Cincinnati to a list of upset victims which already included mighty Kansas.

There were upsets galore all over the basketball map

Monday night but possibly the biggest one was Oklahoma State's 61-57 victory over Cincinnati which came only four nights after the Cowpokes' stunning 52-50 triumph over Kansas. The victory was Oklahoma State's ninth in a row.

Other Monday night upsets included Montana State's 62-61 win over Iowa State; Io-

wa's 70-68 victory over Illinois, and Columbia's 60-56 conquest of Cornell.

Fifth-ranked Kansas State and seventh-ranked Bradley barely averted defeat at the hands of lesser-regarded rivals, too.

Kansas State had to come from behind in the final three minutes to nip Minnesota, 72-71. Bradley was forced into overtime before beating Houston, 75-73.

Unbeaten Mississippi State rolled to its 11th consecutive triumph by licking Alabama, 48-42. Tulsa overcame an 11-point halftime deficit to squeeze by Drake, 59-57, while Purdue defeated Indiana 68-66. Notre Dame used only five players in beating the Butler, 83-72.

In other games Michigan walloped Wisconsin, 70-49; Arkansas defeated Baylor, 68-53; Auburn topped Mississippi 71-51; Xavier, Ohio, defeated Miami, Ohio, 78-65; Tulane licked Georgia, 67-59; Tulane downed Villanova, 55-44; Memphis State edged Oklahoma City, 53-50, and Southern California beat Washington, 60-54.

Shoot Won By Gifford

Herb Gifford, Medford, with a 465 score, headed a field of 59 bowmen Sunday in the Rogue Archers' indoor tourney at the range in Central Point.

Ray Biles, Grants Pass, was second with 460 and Ed Badley, Rogue River, third with 454.

Jerry Williamson, Central Point, won the women's division with 398. A 309 by Carmen Sanders, Brookings, took second, and Susie Palmer, Jacksonville, was third with 301.

Taking top boys' honors were Jack Jones, Grants Pass, 312. Howard Misner, Grants Pass, 280 and Wally Struble, Crescent City, Calif., 247.

Karen Thompson, Crescent City, took girls' with 112.

Waterbury, Conn. — Silas Bronson Library announced a "fine-free day" and got back 400 overdue books—including one gone for 50 years.

Sport Parade
By OSCAR FRALEY
Sports Writer
United Press

Blackbourn Out For Green Bay In Shakeups

Green Bay, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers' board of directors Monday night voted to fire head coach Lisle Blackbourn and to replace him with backfield coach Ray Scooter McLean on a one-year contract.

Blackbourn had one year remaining on a five-year pact, calling for \$25,000 per year. The board said it would pay Blackbourn the full amount for next season.

The board action came after unanimous recommendation of the executive committee which met Monday noon. The ouster of Blackbourn and McLean's promotion were both recommended to the executive committee by its three-man contract committee.

A board statement said "it was to the best interests of the Packers that a change be made." It was "advisable to hire McLean instead of a coach from the college ranks because McLean had seven years with the Packers as backfield coach, the board said.

Salary terms of McLean's contract were not disclosed, but board spokesmen said he was given free choice in selection of his assistants. McLean said he was "very satisfied" with the one year agreement because it was "a real challenge. I know I can do the job," he said. "If I don't... the board of directors is free to find somebody else."

McLean said he would sign the contract "in the near future."

Hoop Referees Will Convene

Rogue Valley Basketball Referees association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Medford Senior High school. Commissioner C. A. Meyer said that game assignments will be made through Tuesday, Jan. 21.

ton Celtics stands out in my mind as the best all-around player I've ever seen."

The 62-year-old coach isn't one to dwell in the past and thinks that the players of the modern era are much more skillful than those of the long ago. Yet he refuses to compare the ancient original Celtics with a team such as the current pro champions, the Boston Celtics.

Different Type of Game

"It's a different type of game these days," he explained. "If the old Celtics had played the type of firehouse game we do today, they probably would have been even more skillful than they were."

"The old Celtics had enough height, and guys like Johnny Beckman and Nat Holman certainly had as many skills as any of your modern players," he added. "You have to remember it was a different game and those exhibitions played by the old Celtics did not mean too much."

"If they had played in a league, it would have been different," he said firmly. "And those old Celtics could have played in the pro league of today."

Cann is stepping out under a cloud. He has been involved in a family brawl at NYU, and blames a poor season in which his team has won only two games on the loss of morale because he was "fired."

Can't Win Recruiting Battle

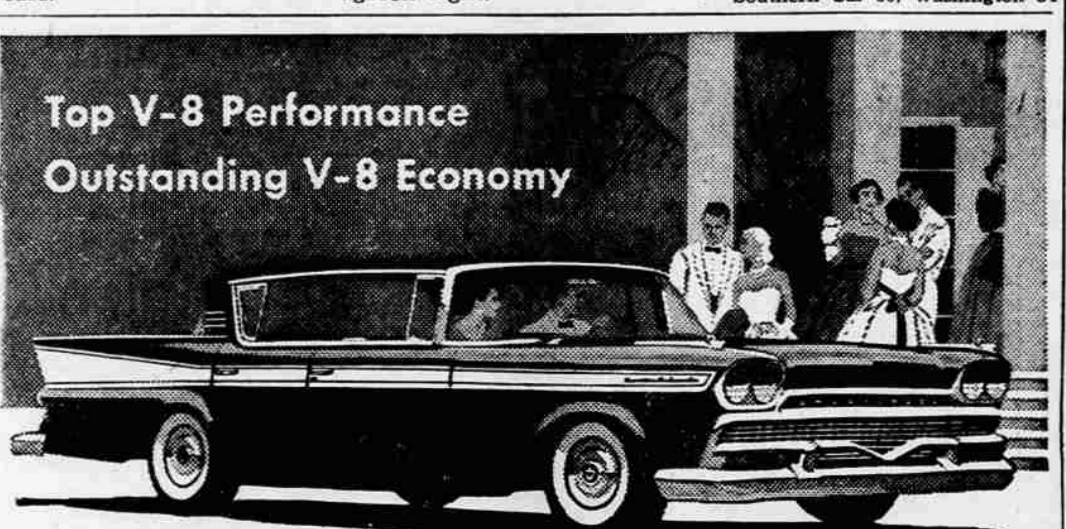
Enumerating his woes, he charges that:
NYU does not give athletic scholarships; city colleges can not win the recruiting battle against schools which have a scenic campus life, and NYU ruined its other sports in an abortive attempt 10 years ago to become "football's Notre Dame of the East."

"Let's face it," he barked, "recruiting is 90 per cent of the battle. Personally, I can't blame a boy who wants to go to school, let's say, at a beautiful campus school such as North Carolina."

"I went after a boy who now is in the Ivy League," he added.

"But, while I knew his family well, his mother told me outright that she wouldn't let him go to school in New York City because there was so much crime and so little campus life."

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