

Pro Football Drops Bonus Choice Plan

Philadelphia — The National Football League's bonus plan which gave each team a free pick of the best college talent once during the past 12 years was a thing of the past today following its abolishment at the league's annual meeting.

The bonus pick was kicked out of the window Wednesday night in a drastic move after the owners could not agree on a substitute for the draw-from-the-hat plan which Congress intimidated was a lottery at Washington hearings last spring.

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Crater Lions Sports Fair Scheduled for April 12-13

The 1958 Crater Lions Sports Fair is scheduled April 12 and 13 at the Medford National Guard Armory.

About 17 sports clubs will have exhibitions or demonstrations at the fair, according to club officials. The event will be the largest of its kind in southern Oregon, according to Frank Wilson, president of Crater Lions.

EP, Phoenix In Crucial Rogue Tilts

Eagle Point and Phoenix high, just a game back of the leaders, will attempt to fight to the front of the pack in games this week end but one can spoil the hopes of the other.

On Friday Eagle Point is host to Brookings and Phoenix meets Illinois Valley at Cave Junction. Then on Saturday Eagle Point goes to Phoenix.

Glendale is at Rogue River for a Friday scrap and other Saturday games are Brookings at Glendale and Illinois Valley at Rogue River.

Phoenix is favored over IV, having downed that club three times, twice outside the circuit. Eagle Point, previous 10-point loser at Brookings, is expected to make it tougher on the Bruin on the EP floor. The up and coming Eagles have a league triumph over the Phoenix after dropping two pre-conference frays to the Pirates.

Glendale is the choice to whip Rogue River and faces a real crucial when it meets Brookings since it is tied for the lead with the Bruins. Brookings handed Glendale a trouncing last time out but the Douglas county team is expected to provide stiffer opposition Saturday.

Pilots Eye Cage Upset

By UNITED PRESS

The University of Portland Pilots hope to pick up tonight where they left off last week against Bradley when they meet Elgin Baylor and company at Seattle.

The Pilots scored a stunning upset when they dropped the Braves, 10th-ranked nationally at that time, on their barnstorming tour of the Midwest after barely losing an overtime decision to strong Depaul.

Although Portland has already been battered twice this season by Seattle — with Baylor pouring through 48 points in one contest — coach Al Negratti figures his Pilots have finally "jelled" and are ready to give anyone a tussle.

Whether they have jelled enough to stop the Baylor-led Chieftains is another question. But the Pilots' defeat of Bradley on the Braves' home ground and the fact that Portland and Seattle are "traditional" rivals would seem to indicate that this one won't be another march to the slaughter house.

FOUR MISTAKES — Augusta, Me. — The "deer kill" during Maine's 1957 hunting season included two cows, a prize bull and a bull calf, all mistaken by hunters for deer.

Hunting & Fishing Southern Oregon

By MEL REES

The official opening for the 1958 trout season on the coast has been set for May 24 despite the vigorous protests by a number of coastal organizations. This follows the usual procedure by most game commissions in adopting the recommendations of their biologists and disregarding the wishes and arguments of the sportsmen.

It would seem that the open meetings before the tentative regulations are set, are somewhat of a farce because in most instances these hearings are only opportunities for the sportsman to blow off steam—then be ignored.

ADMITTED WRONG

Two years ago a California biologist who was born, reared and educated in the East, recommended a either-sex deer season in the northern counties at a time when the resident sportsmen knew and pointed out, that he deer would all be down from the high country and therefore very vulnerable.

No amount of pleading veered the commission from accepting the recommendation of this man who may have known the habits of eastern deer but decidedly knew very little of our Pacific coast. Thousands of gunners hauled them out by the fender load—does, fawns and some old bucks who had survived many normal hunting seasons.

With a decimated deer herd, this biologist finally admits that he was wrong, but this admission can't correct the damage that has been done.

CLAIMED OUT OF KILTER

Two or three years ago a biologist in the Steen mountain area recommended a doe season after his survey of the ratio of bucks to does in the fields adjacent to the rough country convinced him that this ratio was out of balance.

SEEMS STRANGE

Very recently biologists recommended an extended pheasant season and a raised bag limit when all reports from the major pheasant hunting sections of the state indicated that due to a very wet spring there had been a poor hatch and consequently many less birds than normal.

COUSY ROLLS UP 39 FOR CELTICS

By UNITED PRESS

The opposition still hasn't found a way to stop "little" Bob Cousy and as a result, the Boston Celtics are shoo-in favorites to win their second straight Eastern division title in the National Basketball association.

The six-one Cousy, one of only four players ever to score more than 10,000 points in the NBA, tossed in 39 Wednesday night as the Celtics rolled to a 111-101 win over the St. Louis Hawks, whom they'll probably meet in the play-offs at the end of the season. The win widened Boston's lead over second-place Syracuse to six and one-half games.

QUESTIONS PREMISE

I lived in this Willamette valley, spent my boyhood and youth there. I saw it rain from September to May, snow two feet on the level—and the birds survived. I hunted pheasants in the Walla Walla country where the thermometer dropped to 20° below zero—and the pheasants were thick. I have heard of the low temperatures in the Dakotas but they have the finest pheasant shooting in the world.

I don't know what the book says—but every veteran hunter knows that the above premise is wrong.

EXPERIENCE HELPS

It is of general knowledge that when a person finishes college, it takes some time for him to gather enough experience to properly correlate his "book knowledge." Now if this is true in the ordinary walks of life such as business and science why doesn't this also hold true for game management.

It seems that a biologist would welcome the advantage he could have by utilizing the experience of the thousands of sportsmen who are happy to help preserve fish and game.

Just a few years back, in a committee meeting in Salem, a game management official stated that the department depended for its decisions on 90 per cent of

2 Welters To Ignore Ring Draw

New York — A split in the welterweight title was threatened today as the National Boxing association and contenders Isaac Logart and Vince Martinez prepared to ignore next Monday's draw, ordered by the world championship committee.

Virgil Atkins, the other surviving contender in the world committee's tournament for the vacant welterweight crown, said he would abide by Monday's draw and fight either Logart or Martinez, "or both," for the title.

Thus, Atkins, of St. Louis—the top-ranked contender—might claim the 147-pound title, at least, as the final survivor in the world committee's tournament. Meanwhile, Logart of Cuba and Martinez of Patterson, N.J., are negotiating for a "world title fight."

Muddy Water In Rogue River Hurts Fishing

Portland — The weekly report on fishing conditions prepared by the State Game Commission:

Southwest: Steelheading in North Umpqua only fair; main Umpqua below Cleveland rapids fair to good; Umpqua system streams high and muddy due to recent rains; striped bass fishing fair to good for boat anglers in Isthmus slough.

Rogue, Applegate and Illinois rivers high and muddy.

sanctioned by the NBA. Julius Helfand, president of the world committee and chairman of the New York state athletic commission, ordered the draw Wednesday to be staged at New York offices of the Ring magazine at noon Monday.

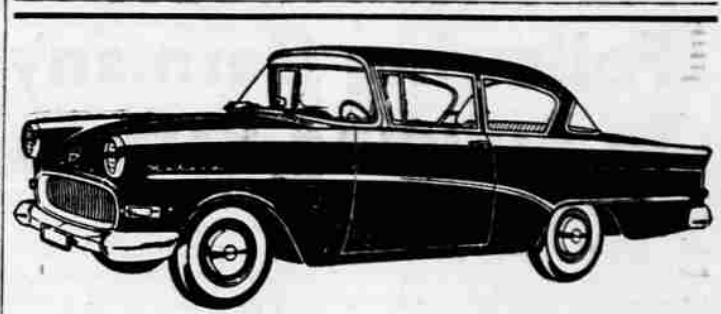
B Schools Vie Friday

Jacksonville challenges the unblemished status of Talent high and St. Mary's attempts to gain ground on second place Butte Falls in Jackson County B Basketball league games on Friday night.

Scenes of action will be at Talent and Butte Falls. St. Mary's on Saturday will make its second jaunt of the week to Prospect.

Talent has won two games from Jacksonville, trimming the Redskins 44 to 31 and 26 to 23. Butte Falls on its home court edged the Crusaders 44 to 40 but SM later downed the

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