

Vote of Confidence Given Football League's Bert Bell; Rams Get Nine Draft Choices

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Bell, aroused by what he termed the "internal bickering-squawking and squabbles by coaches and owners," said Monday the league could have back his contract unless he was given a free hand to run it.

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Cincinnati Royals Get Youngest Player-Coach

New York—UPI—The Cincinnati Royals will be led by the youngest player-coach in the history of the National Basketball association when they play the St. Louis Hawks tonight in the opener of a Madison Square Garden doubleheader.

The New York Knickerbockers will entertain the Boston Celtics in the feature.

Coast Teams Hit Hoops For Openers

United Press International Most of the college basketball teams on the Pacific Coast got their feet wet on Monday night—but nothing serious developed.

The best games involved Pacific Coast conference teams. Oregon State trimmed the University of Oregon, 68-60; Stanford downed San Jose State, 57-40; the California Bears edged their alumni, 58-55; and Idaho defeated Montana 71-51.

Bowl Gets Cowboys, Seminoles

Louisville, Ky.—UPI—Oklahoma State and Florida State, two teams with identical records but widely varying backgrounds, were matched today to meet in the first Blue Grass bowl football game here Dec. 13.

Oklahoma State, a "novice" member of the Big Eight conference, and Florida State, a brass but fast-climbing Southern independent, each completed the season with seven victories and three defeats to earn the bowl bid—the third for the Cowboys but the first for the Seminoles.

Hunter Safety Teachers Picked

J. D. Evans, 4 Glen Oak Ct., and Lester Hutchinson, 858 Stewart, have been certified as instructors for the hunter safety course sponsored by the National Rifle Association of America.

The new instructors will conduct a four-hour course in gun operation, safe gun-handling, techniques of shooting in the field and the safety responsibilities of all hunters.

Willamette Sets Opener

Spokane—UPI—Willamette opened its 1958-59 basketball season here Monday night and ran into big Jean LeFebvre and a strong Gonzaga team. Gonzaga won handily 86-61.

LeFebvre, the seven-foot-three-inch giant from France, was effective on defense and scored nine points. Frank Burgess hit 26 for Gonzaga while Tom Weston and Merlin Marsh led the Bearcats with 10 each.

FIGHTS

United Press International New York—UPI—Larry Zernitz, 199 1/2 Springfield, Mass., outpointed Roland LaStanza, 196 1/2, New York (10).

Providence, R. I.—UPI—Attilio Tondo, 182 1/2, Naples, Italy, outpointed Julio Neves, 183, Lisbon, Portugal (10).

Bernard Adams Next

Benton Harbor, Mich.—UPI—A female vicuna born recently at a private zoo owned by Cecil Potts of Benton Harbor has been named Sherman Goldfine.

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Baylor Tops Score List 2nd Week

New York—UPI—Elgin Baylor, the All-American from Seattle U. playing in his rookie season with the Minneapolis Lakers, held the National Basketball association's individual scoring lead for the second straight week today—but he probably will lose it in the next five days.

SPORTS

Akins Will Defend Ring Title Friday

New York—UPI—Virgil Akins' first defense of the welterweight title will feature this week in boxing.

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BOWLING

JUNIOR TRAVELING LEAGUE

The junior traveling teams of Medford and Ashland met Saturday afternoon at the Medford Bowling Lanes, with the Medford juniors taking four straight from their opponents to remain undefeated.

WOMEN'S MAJOR LEAGUE

Standings: W. L. Keglers 44 1/2 11 1/2 High series: H. Clark 541, v. Knox 536, A. Bohannon 523, 5. Daigle 51, M. Clark 514, D. Christian 501.

Portland U. Rates High On Coast

Portland—UPI—Coach Al Negratti again will have one of the West Coast's strongest independent basketball teams at University of Portland this season.

CLASSIC LEAGUE

Standings: W. L. Sporting Goods 33 1/2 Edith & Henry Drive 37 Sewing Machine Center 30 28

SENIOR JUNIOR LEAGUE

Standings: W. L. Women of the Moose 16 4 Richmond 18 4 Medford Point 11 4

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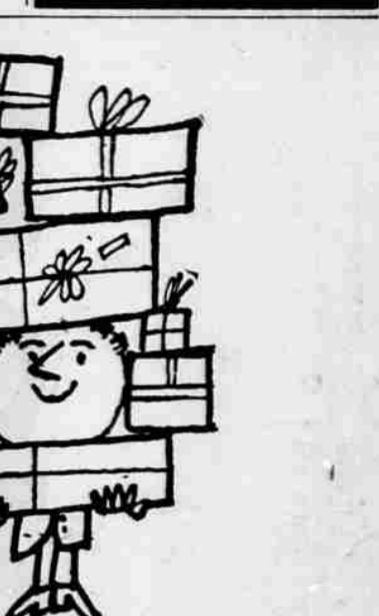
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OPENS BUSINESS Boston—UPI—Jimmy Piersall, fleet Boston Red Sox outfielder, has opened a food brokerage business just as he can have something to do during the off-season. Associated with him in the firm, known as Jimmy Piersall Inc., are Clark S. Quinlan of Wakefield, Mass., and Charles F. Sweny of Arlington, Mass.

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