

White Sox Get Back Old Hand

By MILTON RICHMAN
Miami Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — Minnie Minoso came back to the White Sox Monday and promptly made them the No. 1 choice to win the pennant again among a majority of baseball men.

Minoso was one of 11 players traded within a matter of minutes Sunday night when the White Sox completed a seven-man deal with the Indians and then, while both clubs still were congratulating themselves, the Reds and Cubs followed with a four-man swap revolving around big Frank Thomas.

Here's how the flurry wound up:

The White Sox got back Minoso, their old leftfielder whom they traded to Cleveland two years ago, plus catcher Dick Brown and lefthanded pitchers Don Ferrarese and Jack Striker in exchange for third baseman-outfielder Bubba Phillips, catcher John Romano and first baseman-outfielder Norm Cash.

Thomas To Cubs
Cincinnati sent Thomas to the Cubs for southpaw reliever Bill Henry and outfielders Lee Walls and Lou Jackson. The deal for the 37-year-old Minoso caused some eyebrow lifting among those who recalled the White Sox let him go to the Indians for Early Wynn and Al Smith on Dec. 4, 1957, because they felt he was "slowing up."

St. Louis — (UPI) — Jack McMahon, St. Louis Hawks' guard, has been named assistant coach and director of player personnel of the National Basketball association club. McMahon, an eight-year veteran in the NBA, will remain on the active player list until Dec. 15 and then will be assigned to the Hawks' farm out list.

Meschery Star At St. Mary's

San Francisco — (UPI) — In the words of an old torch song, "He's not much to look at, nothin' to see" during a basketball game but St. Mary's is strictly red hot with Tom Meschery snagging the rebounds and getting the big points.

"No, he's not the flashy type that fans notice," coach Jim Weaver of the Gaels says. "If you're looking for somebody with finesse or the graceful movement, you're watching the wrong guy in Meschery. But if you want a player who gets the job done—somebody who can go up there and get the muscle shot—Meschery is your man. Sorry, I mean he's ours."

Weaver figures that the lantern-jawed junior operated at only 75 per cent of efficiency last year after sustaining an injured thigh. During the three games he was sidelined early in the season, the enemy cracked Gael defenses for an average of 16 points more per contest than when Meschery was in working condition.

Once he was back, St. Mary's won the West Coast Athletic Conference title and finished with a season mark of 19-6.

Meschery, who stands 6-6 and weighs 215, played center most of last season. This year he is a forward and has averaged 18 points per game for three contests.

Howie Dallmar, the former Philadelphia Warrior who returned to Stanford as head coach, foresees a good future for Meschery if he joins the pros.

"He's a great player," Dallmar says. "And he is one of the strongest 6-6 kids we've ever faced. The pros will like

him because of that great strength. He has fine control and timing. Few of his shots are ever blocked and he almost can fire them right through a defender."

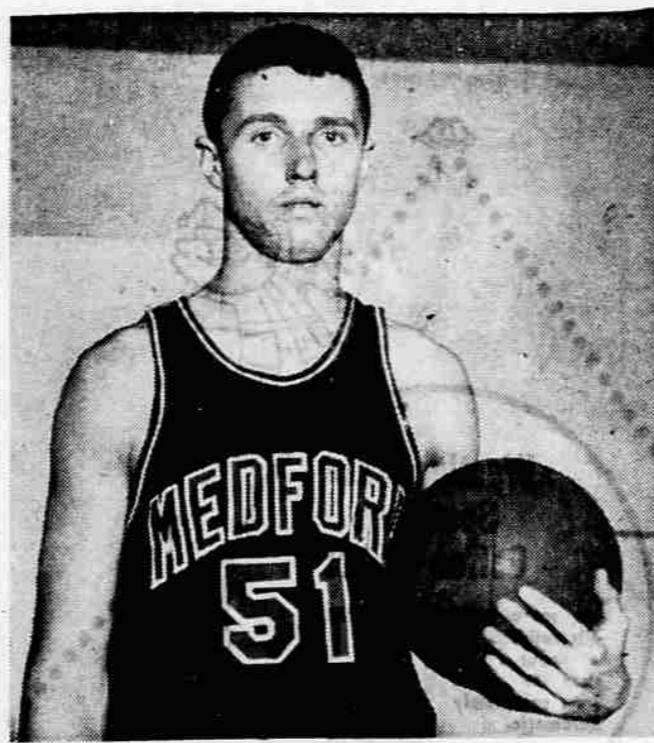
Tom's background is somewhat different from most cagers. He was born in Manchuria 21 years ago during the Japanese occupation. A group of Christian Brothers helped raise him and this was a key reason why he entered St. Mary's. He is studying to go into foreign service.

Much of Meschery's power was sapped last December after he sustained the thigh injury during a game with Redlands. The big guy aggravated the condition by crouching in a whirlpool bath and by the time the Gaels had reached Utah to launch a tough road trip, Meschery was suffering from a blood clot.

He stayed in a Salt Lake hospital while the Gaels split a pair with the Utes, then were racked up by Brigham Young, Utah State and Tennessee Tech.

With his weight far down, Meschery finally made it into the lineup against Loyola of Los Angeles on Jan. 10 and obviously was rusty. So rusty, in fact, that Weaver kept him out of the starting lineup the following night against Pepperdine. But then Meschery eventually went in, scored 17 points and grabbed 17 rebounds.

"But he never got back to normal all year," Weaver says. St. Mary's fervid supporters feel that now Meschery is ripe to live up to that oft-mentioned "potential." And so far he seems headed thataway.



MEDFORD HOOP ALL-STAR—Jerry Anderson, above, is among seven lettermen on the Medford high school basketball varsity which opens its season this week end. Anderson was named to the all-state second team at the Oregon Class A-1 basketball tournament last March. He paced the Black Tornado with 468 points and 235 rebounds in the 1958-1959 season. In the state meet he was second high scorer with 88 points and tied for single game high with his 33 markers against McMinnville. Medford plays Marshfield at Coos Bay on Friday and North Bend there on Saturday.

Experienced Hands On Black Tornado Maplecourt Squad

"We should have a pretty good ball club. We'll know in a month or so."

That's head coach Frank Roelandt's current appraisal of his Medford High school basketball contingent.

Quite a bit of experience, good overall height but no great altitude are other descriptions which fit the new edition of the Black Tornado.

There are seven lettermen on the 12-man squad, headed by Jerry Anderson who was named to the Oregon A-1 state tournament all-star second team. Two-year lettermen along with the all-stater are Lowell and Calvin Dean and Jerry Shults. Booth Deakins, Ken Durkee and Henry Olson earned first hoop varsity monograms last year.

Mostly Seniors
Up from last season's javees are Jim Barry, Ken Jensen, Darrell Miller, Bob Quinney and Dick Ragsdale. Not out is one other letterman, John Frohnmayer.

The squad is predominately seniors. Barry, Ragsdale and Quinney are the only juniors. Anderson is tallest at 6-3 1/2. Anderson, Lowell Dean and Miller list heights at 6-3 and Deakins and Shults at 6-2. Olson and Cal Dean are even six feet. Barry, Jensen and

Ragsdale are 5-10 and Durkee 5-8 1/2.

Opens at Coos Bay
Medford's advancement to the state A-1 football championship delayed Black Tornado efforts to ready for the maplecourt sport. Jensen, Miller, Olson and Shults are the only non-gridders on the hoop squad.

Roelandt said that the cage crew has all been together only since last Thursday. Preparations for the basketball campaign got into full swing that day.

The Black Tornado opens its slate on Friday against Marshfield at Coos Bay and plays at North Bend on Saturday night. First home court play will be on Dec. 18 and 19 against South Eugene. Medford plays its home conflicts at Hedrick Junior high.

Tittle Set For Q. B. For Sunday

San Francisco — (UPI) — Coach Red Hickey today announced that Y. A. Tittle would open at quarterback when the San Francisco Forty Niners meet tough Green Bay here Sunday.

Tittle has seen limited service since injuring his knee Nov. 22 against Baltimore. He directed a second half scoring march last Sunday in the club's losing effort in a rematch with the Colts.

Hickey viewed films of Sunday's 34-14 slaughter and morosely commented that "the pictures showed we played a terrible ball game both offensively and defensively."

"We must improve if we hope to beat the Packers," he added. The team was to resume practice today.

Woes Compounded
The Forty Niners' woes were compounded when offensive guard Bruce Bosley came up lame with a pulled muscle. "We don't know how badly he's hurt until later in the week," Hickey said. Five Forty Niner linemen were at least partially crippled with injuries today.

The Packers checked into Palo Alto Monday with coach Vince Lombardi still praising his team's effort in its 38-20 conquest of Los Angeles last Sunday.

The Forty Niners must down Green Bay while Los Angeles upsets Baltimore this Sunday if the San Franciscans are to get a share of the Western Division title.

Entries In Car Race Set

Sebring, Fla. — (UPI) — Twenty-five small cars, American and European, have entered the compact car race that will precede the first Grand Prix of the United States here Saturday.

Included in the entries are the new U.S. Corvairs and Valiants. The new Falcon was not entered, but could be later as more than 40 cars are expected to round out the field.

The two hour race begins Saturday morning, three hours before the start of the Grand Prix, a top international race for formula-1 cars which will decide the world's champion driver.

Liston Rival Of Besmanoff On Wednesday

New York — (UPI) — Heavyweight contender Sonny Liston of Philadelphia seeks his 19th straight victory Wednesday night in a TV 10-rounder with Germany's Willie Besmanoff of Milwaukee at the Cleveland arena.

Because of his skill and punch, Liston is favored at 3-1. Each is 27 but Liston is rated third among contenders. Besmanoff is not ranked among the top 10.

Their bout will be televised nationally by ABC. There's no Friday night TV fight this week.

In his latest bout, Besmanoff dropped a decision to Eddie Machen, Sept. 16. However, he won his other three starts this year on decisions over Al Williams, Mike DeJohn and Marty Marshall.

Liston registered three straight knockouts this year: Over Mike DeJohn 6, Cleveland Williams 3 and Nino Valdes 3.

Virgil Akins, ex-welterweight champion, meets contender Denny Meyer of Portland, Ore., at Portland in a 10-rounder Thursday night.

The week's boxing schedule includes:

Tuesday: Los Angeles — Danny Valdez vs. Tano Serna, Fresno, Calif.; Tony Lopez vs. Ben Medina, Richmond, Calif.; Benque Casing vs. Chuck Wiggins, Sacramento, Calif.; Donny Ustua vs. Ray Pacheco, Tampa, Fla.; Roy Harris vs. Paul Andrews.

Wednesday: Cleveland — Sonny Liston vs. Willie Besmanoff (TV). Thursday: Los Angeles — Paulie Aronoff vs. Baby Vasquez, Philadelphia; Georgia Benton vs. Gene Washington, Portland, Ore.; Denny Meyer vs. Virgil Akins, Calgary, Alberta; Leroy Fiammond vs. Jimmy McCoy.

Pros Fight For Gridder

San Francisco — (UPI) — The West Coast scout for the Cleveland Browns has conceded in the club's battle to win star Stanford end Chris Burford away from the Dallas team of the newly-formed American Football league.

Sarge McKenzie said Monday that the "bidding had got out of hand."

Burford, contacted in Palo Alto indicated that he hadn't signed with anybody. "I think it will be Dallas," he said, "but until I put it in writing I'm reserving the right to change my mind."

McKenzie said that a "no cut" clause in the contract offered Burford had been the deciding factor. "Burford would have been willing to sign with us," McKenzie said, "but we couldn't guarantee that he'd make the team."

Dallas was believed to have offered Burford around \$12,000. Burford is slated to perform in the East-West game Jan. 2. During the regular season he won all-American mention by catching 61 passes for 757 yards. Both figures led the nation. He was a ninth round draft choice of the Browns.

D'Amato To Get New Hearing

New York — (UPI) — Cus D'Amato, whose fight manager's license was revoked by the New York State Athletic Commission, has been granted a motion for a hearing before the state Supreme Court Dec. 12.

D'Amato lost his license after an inquiry into alleged irregularities in the promotion of the Ingemar Johansson-Floyd Patterson heavyweight title fight last June. D'Amato is Patterson's manager.

In papers filed through his attorney, D'Amato claimed that he had not received a fair hearing by the Athletic Commission.

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Cincinnati Tightens Grip On Top Spot in Cage Poll

New York — (UPI) — Cincinnati, the pre-season choice for the national championship, took an even tighter grip today on first place weekly ratings of the 1959-60 college basketball season released by the United Press International Board of Coaches.

With All-American Oscar Robertson firing 45 points in his first game and 43 in the second, during the past week, Cincinnati received the first-place votes of 25 of the 35 famous coaches who comprise the board, compared to 16 in the pre-season ratings.

California, last season's champion, was second, just as it was in the pre-season poll. But Cincinnati, which had a 63-point lead in the pre-season balloting on a points basis, boosted that margin over California to 102 points this week.

West Virginia, fourth in the pre-season ratings, jumped to third while Ohio State and sophomore ace Jerry Lucas jumped from sixth to fourth. North Carolina remained in the No. 5 slot.

Kentucky, third in the pre-season ratings but upset by Southern California Saturday night, dropped down to sixth. St. Louis bounced all the way from 14th place to seventh with three impressive victories. Indiana was eighth, Kansas ninth, and Utah 10th. Of the 10 first-place votes

missed by Cincinnati, five went to California, two to St. Louis, and one each to West Virginia, Ohio State, and Kentucky.

Billikens Head Newcomers
Each of the 35 coaches rates the top 10 teams in the nation each week. Their ballots are computed on a points basis, with 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 points allotted for votes from first place through 10th, to arrive at a consensus.

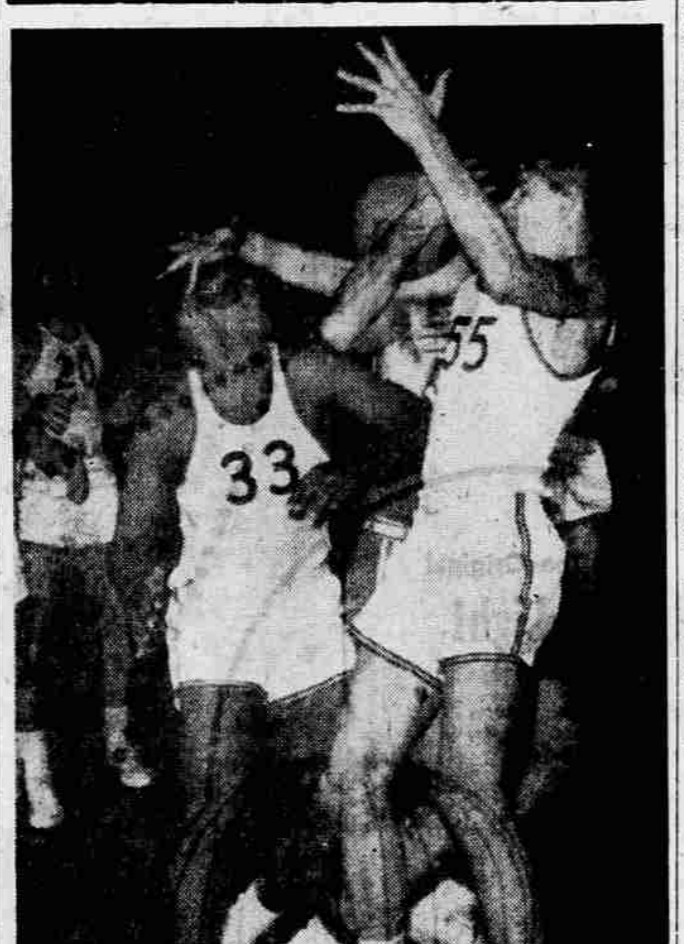
Newcomers in this week's top 10 were St. Louis, Kansas, and Utah. Dropping out of the select circle were Louisville, St. Joseph's, and Kansas State.

St. Joseph's heads the "second 10" this week, with Bradley 12th, Louisville 13th,

Kansas State 14th, Southern California and Georgia Tech, tied for 15th, Wake Forest 17th, Villanova and St. John's tied for 18th, and UCLA and North Carolina State tied for 20th.

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MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



SLAPS AT BALL—Missouri's Charley Henke (55) slaps at the ball and teammate Jackie Gilbert (33) as he fights Indiana's Frank Hadovich for rebound during game at Columbia Monday. IU got the ball, but Tigers pulled major upset and won, 79-76 over seventh ranked Hoosiers. —(UPI Telephoto)

Branch Rickey To Blast League

Miami Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — Branch Rickey, that familiar old battle blint back in his eye, promised to let loose a blockbuster today against the American league which he feels is trying to sabotage the Continental league.

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Conjecture as to what the ingenious Rickey possibly could have up his sleeve ranged from a guess that he will announce his prompt intention of going to Congress, to still another guess that he may dramatically produce three franchises needed to round out his proposed eight-team league.

Without intending to do so, President Joe Cronin of the American league practically forced Rickey's hand with Monday's announcement that "no definite decision has been reached regarding expansion of the American league."

prised," Rickey said calmly. The National league's announcement that it has "no present plans for expansion" was more to the liking of Continental league officials, who insist the only reason the American league keeps talking expansion is to hamper the new circuit's efforts to obtain its last three franchises.

Commissioner Ford Frick viewed Monday's announcements by the two major leagues as a green light for the Continental league to go ahead with its plans.

"Now that the National and American leagues have restated their positions as announced last May, the Continental league continues to have the opportunity of proceeding with its announced program," Frick declared. "The commissioner looks forward to such positive action as will permit them to qualify for major league status."

So far, the Continental league has five major cities in the fold. They are New York, Denver, Toronto, Houston and Minneapolis-St. Paul. Among the other cities said to be interested in securing a franchise are Buffalo, Montreal and San Diego.

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