

NY Baseball Stadium Proposal Fails

California Uses High Hoops

By SCOTT BAILLIE
United Press International
Berkeley, Calif.—(UPI)—California, an erstwhile powerhouse in college basketball circles has ended the season with high hoops after starting it with high hopes.

While athletic director Pete Newell munched a cigar instead of his usual towel on the sidelines Wednesday, the Bear varsity played an intrasquad game in which the players shot at baskets elevated 12 feet above the floor instead of the conventional 10.

And after the Blues, consisting of sophomores and juniors, had turned back the white-clad seniors 64-62, Newell said that he was satisfied by the experiment.

"I liked what I saw," said the former Cal and U.S. Olympic coach who has come out in favor of the higher basket. "There was not so much congestion on the rebounds which often results in fouls being called. Play around the baskets was clean and a greater variety of shots was brought out."

Newell said that he would present the statistics to the forthcoming meeting of the rules-makers "for what they are worth."

"We aren't going to plug for a change right now," Newell added. "We still must do a lot of experimenting. But our game showed that the little player has more of a chance against the big man. The smaller guy can shoot at more of an arc and get a basket. I didn't see a blocked shot all day. And the tip-ins were well organized things—a recognized, well co-ordinated play instead of mere dunk shots. A player's agility

counted more. The game was not so stereotyped as now is the case."

Rene Herreras, Newell's

Syracuse Leads NBA Playoffs

By United Press International
The National Basketball association playoff spotlight travels east to Syracuse tonight where the Philadelphia Warriors take on the Nationals in the second game of the Eastern Division playoffs.

Syracuse, which won over the Warriors Tuesday night, now leads, 1-0, in the best-of-five series.

In Western Division action, the Los Angeles Lakers and the Detroit Pistons are idle tonight, resting up for their third encounter at Detroit Friday.

The Lakers Wednesday night trimmed the Pistons 127-118, at the Los Angeles Sports Arena to lead Detroit, 2-0, in their best-of-five series.

Springfield Tops Barons Club

By United Press International
Fred Glover, sidelined last week with a knee injury, was back in the Cleveland Barons' lineup Wednesday night for an American Hockey league game.

The Springfield Indians would just as soon have had Fred stay home, though, because it was his goal in the last 10 seconds of the third period that sank the Indians, 3-2.

In the other AHL contest, the Hershey Bears whipped the Providence Reds, 5-2.

former star at the University of San Francisco and now the Cal coach, went along with his boss.

"Twelve foot hoops will bring back the set shot," Herreras said. "There were no gifts in this game, no dunking."

Statistics showed that the victorious Blues, led by six foot, four inch Jim Smith who had 16 points, hit on 36 per cent of their field goal attempts and 42 per cent of their free throws.

The defeated Whites, remnants of two great NCAA teams, connected 31 per cent of the time from the floor and clicked on 29 per cent of their free shots during the informal and breezy contest.

The game's highest scorer was Dave Stafford who had 18 points for the Whites. He stands six feet three. How about the little guys? Dave Williams, 5-9, had six points and John Wible, 5-10, another six. But both players said they liked the innovation.

Stan Morrison, the regular center who is the big man on the team at 6-7½, meshed seven points while hitting on only three of 12 field goal attempts.

"This game minimizes the effectiveness of the big man," Morrison said. "The little player has more time to recover on the boards."

"The value of the outside shot would be greatly increased if the baskets were higher," added Stafford.

"And the set shot would come back, all right."

At the last report, however, Herreras expected to have his men shooting for the little, old 10-foot basket when practice starts again next fall.

SPORTS

Baseballers Hampered By Weather

Hampered by bad weather and a muddy outfield area and with half the lettermen still missing, the Medford high baseball squad has been drilling since mid-February under the supervision of Head Coach John Kovenz.

What is the outlook for the diamond Black Tornado in the wake of the Class A-1 prep championship it captured in 1960.

Kovenz first pointed out that the Tornado lost "so many good kids" by graduation from last year's great aggregation. He then brought out that there is a group of players on hand for this season with a good potential but that it is hard to tell at this stage what they can do.

There is not the depth or versatility, however, that the Medford aggregation of last year possessed. Yet, Kovenz said that he is certain that, despite lack of experience, his baseballers will give a good account of themselves.

Works With 15-20
The coach said that he is working with 15 to 20 aspirants, who along with players reporting after the basketball season, will make up the varsity. Lettermen now on hand are Herb Wheeler, pitcher, and Craig Laurence and Ray Stewart, infielders. Laurence is primarily a third baseman. Diamond lettermen still out for the hoop sport are Bob Quinney, pitcher, outfielder and first baseman; Dick Ragdale, infielder and outfielder and Jim Barry, catcher and outfielder.

A prospect also still with the basketball team is Bob Schroeder, a junior varsity second baseman last year.

Others from the Jayvees are Dan Miles, shortstop, only ninth grader with that squad last spring; Art Ruhl, catcher and infielder, and Tim White, first baseman, who were varsity reserves, and Steve Ray, pitcher.

Sophs Plentiful
Senior non-lettermen are Sam Knudsen, outfielder, ineligible last year, and Jim Finnell, catcher transfer from Florida.

Pleasing Kovenz is a plentiful crop of promising sophomores. These include Miles; Dick Deffley, infielder outfielder; Mike Neathamer, outfielder; Stewart Young, pitcher; Wayne Couch, catcher; Gary Miller, first baseman, and Eddie Bowman, who has returned to school here, after going elsewhere for a time.

Miles, Neathamer, Deffley, Young, Couch and Miller were in Medford junior baseball actively last summer—American Legion or the city-school sponsored program or both.

Kovenz reported a starting turnout of 55 to 60 aspirants.

Muddy Top Soil
The baseballers have been hampered by lack of adequate place to work-out. Outfield area of the ball field is muddy because a layer of topsoil spread there. The coach said his club has been hitting "on pieces of grass."

Batting machine has been used on four occasions and the crew has been on the infield a couple of times.

Medford is scheduled to open its home season on Saturday, March 25, in a double-header against Roseburg. Kovenz said that it may be necessary to use Cheney field—if it is in shape. The squad may meet a Southern Oregon college junior varsity team at Ashland on Wednesday, March 22.

Mayor Says Stadium Bill Still Alive

By FRED DOWN
United Press International
New York—(UPI)—Mayor Robert F. Wagner told a stunned baseball world today that approval "can still be obtained" of a New York state bill essential to the National League's plans to expand to 10 clubs in 1962.

The bill, empowering New York City to construct an \$18 million stadium for a new National league club, failed to achieve the necessary two-thirds majority in the New York State Assembly Wednesday and was tabled by Assemblyman Anthony P. Savarese Jr. (R-Queens), the sponsor.

"It is important to realize that the resolution was not killed," said Wagner, who was caught completely by surprise along with baseball officials by the assembly's action. "I am confident that next time there will be enough votes favoring it to pass it."

Has Stunning Effect
But the stunning effect of the assembly's action was evident in the reaction of Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick, president George Weiss of the new NL club and even co-owner Dan Topping of the New York Yankees who has bitterly opposed the construction of the stadium for the new club.

"This certainly makes things difficult for the new club," said Frick in Phoenix, Ariz. "I'm hoping they can get a recommendation for a new vote."

"This is a situation carried on by the club prior to my joining it," said George Weiss, who was appointed president of the new club on Tuesday. "I don't know enough about it to make an intelligent evaluation of the situation."

Topping's only comment was that he was "astounded" but a Yankee spokesman added that the Yankees "are on record as agreeing only to the new club using the Polo Grounds."

This was a warning that the Yankees might refuse to lease Yankee stadium to the new club and thus leave it without a park of big league standards. Ebbets Field, former home of the Dodgers, already has been torn down and the Polo Grounds, former home of the Giants, is scheduled to be razed so that a housing project can be built on the site.

The state assembly's vote on the measure was 80-58, the majority falling 20 votes short of the necessary two-thirds, and crossed party lines with 25 Democrats and 33 Republicans opposed. The tabular measure can be brought to another vote during this session but still would require 100 votes for approval.

The opposition said that the stadium would not be self-supporting and that the city would be "left holding the bag."

Club Winning Local Hassle
Vero Beach, Fla.—(UPI)—The Los Angeles Dodgers, while losing an exhibition game against the Milwaukee Braves Wednesday, appeared today to be winning a legal hassle regarding the validity of the Dodgers' lease on 116 acres of municipal airport property.

Dodger public relations director Arthur E. Patterson said Vero Beach City Councilman Tate Simpson now has in his possession two letters from the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) which clears up the confusion regarding the Dodger lease.

Patterson said one letter of Jan. 25, 1955 from the CAA fixes Jan. 24, 1955, as the date the Dodger lease was approved by the CAA.

Smoking Called Drug Addiction

London, (Science Service)—Doctors should help people overcome the tobacco habit, a British surgeon said, charging that smoking is a severe form of drug addiction and related to cancer of the lung.

Dr. Ronald W. Raven, Royal Marsden Hospital and Institute of Cancer Research, London, said that the serious rise in the occurrence of lung cancer in Great Britain and other countries "is a tremendous challenge to preventive medicine."

He said that although lung cancer is "now the greatest menace of all varieties of cancer and the harbinger of death to increasing thousands of people who will die in their prime," the solution of this problem is well known.

Raven said the extensive evidence "associating tobacco smoking and lung cancer is clear for all to study," and added that the effects of nicotine on the tissues in relation to cancer should be investigated.

Man Finds Humane Way To Kill Crabs

Washington, (Science Service)—Yes, it does hurt the live crab or lobster when he is dunked in a pot of boiling water.

Yes, there is a kinder way to kill the tasty crustaceans. And no, it will not affect the taste of the meat.

Dr. Gordon Gunter of the Texas Fish and Game commission sharply criticized the present methods of scalding live crabs and lobsters to death, and suggested a painless process as a more civilized substitute.

Place the live crab or lobster in a pot of cool, fresh water and slowly heat it to a lukewarm 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

The fresh water has an anesthetizing effect because it leaches salt from the body fluids. The crustacean will die "quickly and easily without showing distress" as the water is warmed, he said.

As a further kindness, Gunter reports, the crab can be placed in a wire basket submerged in the water. This keeps him from burning his legs on the bottom of the pot.

"Anyone who watches the violent reactions of crabs being scalded to death can see that they suffer extreme pain," he said, "and fishery marketing agents have pointed out that thousands of American housewives will not cook fresh lobsters or crabs because of that fact."

Doctors Oppose 'Quickie' Hypnosis
Washington, (Science Service)—Psychiatrists are worried about use of hypnosis by medically untrained individuals to treat patients with mental illness. They oppose "quickie" courses by persons with no medical training who teach only how to put a person into a trance.

To the public and to the 12,000 members of the American Psychiatric Association, a committee of the APA has sent a warning against these dangers.

Whoever makes use of hypnosis, they warn, should know enough about psychiatry to know when hypnosis would be actually dangerous to the patient. Although every physician faces certain dangers if he uses any kind of treatment improperly, the nature of hypnosis makes the improper use of this technique particularly hazardous.

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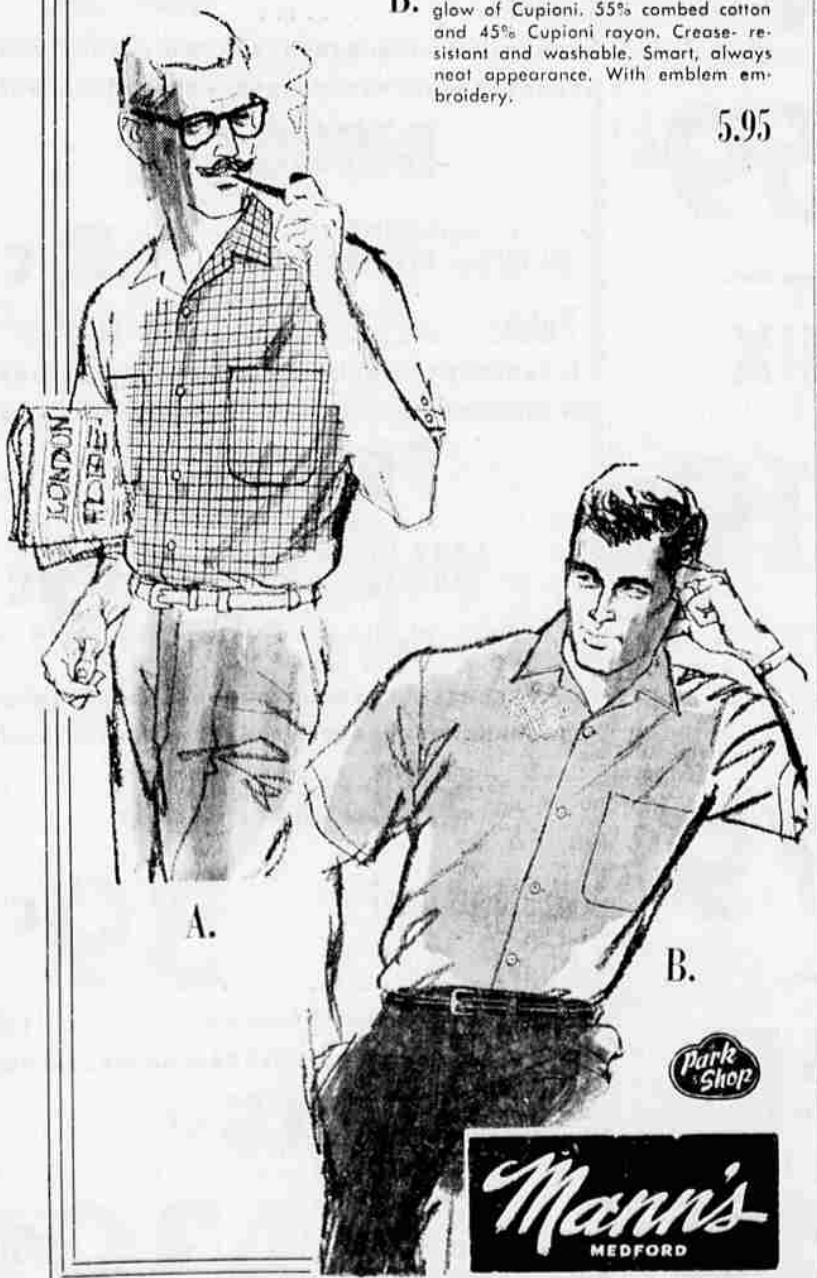
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