

Measure Proposes Ring Commissioner

Washington—UPI—Branding No. 1 heavyweight contender Sonny Liston "mob controlled," Sen. Estes Kefauver has introduced legislation to create a national professional boxing commissioner.

The Tennessee Democrat told the senate Wednesday that the commissioner should be given enough federal power to deliver a knockout blow against "underworld control of boxing."

He singled out Liston as an example of a fighter controlled by racketeers, listing Frank Blinky Palermo, John Vitale and Frank Carbo. He termed them "three powerful racketeers" operating through a "front manager," Joseph Pep Barone.

Kefauver warned that if Liston should be matched against world champion Floyd Patterson, and win, "we face the ugly prospect of having the heavyweight championship revert to mob control."

Five-Year Cleanup
The boxing control bill would empower the national commissioner to conduct a five-year cleanup drive.

Kefauver, chairman of the Senate antitrust and monopoly subcommittee, said his aim was to "aid the states in

their efforts to drive the racketeers out of boxing."

The bill would empower the commissioner to license professional boxers, managers, promoters, and matchmakers. The new federal boxing czar would operate within the Department of Justice.

To strengthen the clean-up role, the bill calls for stiff criminal penalties for violations, and permits the commissioner to use the FBI for investigations.

Hamm's Takes Classic Lead

Detroit—UPI—The Hamm's team of Chicago, deprived of at least a share of the 1960 American Bowling Congress team title by a single pin, put on a great clutch performance here Wednesday night to take the classic division lead in the 1961 tournament.

After an opening 2034 block, the Hamm's club totaled 2976 Wednesday night in its second series for a 5910 six-game total. They took the lead away from the pick-up Continental Plastics of Roseville, Mich., who had led with 5903.

SPORTS HOCKEY

WESTERN LEAGUE

By United Press International. Calgary clinched the Western Hockey league championship and Portland snared second place with 3-2 victories Wednesday night. The Stampede edged last-place Winnipeg at Winnipeg and the Buckaroos nipped third-place Seattle at Portland.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

United Press International. Any thoughts that the Springfield Indians might have developed some rust spots following their early clinching of first place in the American Hockey league are being quietly dismissed today.

The Indians loosed all cylinders in swamping the Cleveland Barons, 4-1, in the opening game of their best-of-seven semifinal play off series Wednesday night while in the other playoff Hershey got off to a good start by beating the Buffalo Bisons, 6-1.

MAY COACH BEAVERTON

Portland—UPI—Jim Souza, who coached St. Francis of Eugene to the state A-2 prep basketball title in 1960, is expected to be named new head coach of the Beaverton High, the Oregonian said today.

Reasonable Wager Chicago Cubs Will Avoid Loop Cellar

(This is the 8th of 18 dispatches on the 1961 prospects of major league clubs.)

By NORMAN MILLER

United Press International. Mesa, Ariz. — As long as the Chicago Cubs have slugging Ernie Banks and a few promising young pitchers, it's a reasonable bet they'll avoid the National league cellar, no matter how many coaches or managers are assigned to guide them this season.

In fact, with a solid infield to support their pitching and three good rookie prospects, there's a chance the Cubs will boost their standing one notch to sixth place.

More than that, however, seems too much to expect this season, with all due regard for owner Phil Wrigley's coaching setup.

It is questionable whether the widely discussed multi-coach system will have much bearing on where the Cubs finish. By the time the season starts, they are expected to have the conventional leadership of a "head coach" and three aides. The boss probably will be Harry Craft, Elvin Tappe or Bobby Adams.

To get back to the players, who are more important anyway, there is always Banks, who shows no signs of slowing down his remarkable iron-man pace. He will start the season with a string of 654 consecutive games.

And having serious injury, he can undoubtedly be counted on for his 40-plus home runs and more than 100 runs batted in.

Has Help

Banks should get some added long-ball support this season from first baseman Ed Bouchee and third baseman Ron Santo. Bouchee, who hit a jack-lustre .242 in 1960 when he was traded from the Phils to the Cubs, reported to camp this spring 42 pounds less than last year. He has hit the ball well in exhibition games.

Santo, at 21, is tabbed for stardom by Adams, the Cubs' infield coach. He is a good fielder and the Cubs expect him to contribute about 20 homers.

Keystone of the infield is scrappy Don Zimmer, who says he has discarded the big swing and is having marked success in punching the ball to right field. Zimmer revels in his new role as a hit-and-run batter. He is not a polished fielder but gets the job done with his strong arm.

Leading off in front of these is slash-hitting Richie Ashburn, who combined his hits and walks to get on base more than 200 times last season. He batted .201, if he repeats, he should get plenty of base-running exercise this summer.

Coaches' Size-Up

So much for the brunt of the Cubs' offense. How do they shape up at various other departments? The answers

were supplied in a canvass of the coaches responsible for pitching, catching, infield and outfield.

Here's how they sized up matters:

Adams — "We are very well fixed in the infield. This is not strictly an offensive infield. Everyone can play his position well."

Frank Thomas can fill in for Bouchee at first base, as well as play third and the outfield. Jerry Kindall, Sammy Drake and Jim McKnight are spares at the other infield spots, with one due to be cut.

Craft — "We have six or eight good outfielders in camp, but most of them are left fielders." Meaning that only a few of them can throw well.

Ashburn should start in left. The best defensive outfielder in the Cubs' camp is Al Hest, who hit .290 at Sacramento. He is battling for the center field job with Lou Johnson .289 at Houston and George Altman .266 for the Cubs.

Billy Williams, another rookie who batted .323 at Houston, heads the right field candidates. Bob will probably stay on as a spare, but Danny Murphy, the 18-year-old \$100,000 bonus boy, is expected to be farmed out for more experience.

Names Starters

Vedie Himsl, the pitching coach said the Cubs' four starters will be Glen Hobbie (16-20), Bob Anderson (9-11), Dick Ellsworth (7-13) and Don Cardwell (8-14).

Lefty Jim Brewer and rookie Jack Curtis are competing for the No. 5 starting role, with Joe Shaffer, the middle-inning reliever and rubber-armed Don Elston and reclaimed Mel Wright the late-inning firemen. Elston has appeared in a total of 194 games during the past three seasons.

Dick Drott and Moe Drabowsky, who in 1957 won 28 games combined, are making comebacks from arm miseries. Drott looks the better of the two at present. One may be cut from the staff.

Tappe stressed there are four good catchers in camp and all may be kept until the season opens. Sammy Taylor is the best hitter and the most experienced of the four. But the one who is getting the closest scrutiny is rookie Dick Bertell.

"He'll either be one-two on the staff or he'll be sent out again," Tappe said. "He's an excellent prospect, but there's no sense keeping him on the bench."

Tappe rates Moe Thacker the best thrower among the receivers while rookie Cuno Barragan, obtained in last winter's draft, "has been a pleasant surprise the way he's handled the pitchers."

The Cubs' catching, it seems, is like the coaching. No one seems to know who'll be No. 1 on opening day.

Arizona State University Rising in West Athletics

San Francisco—UPI—The word is out:

Arizona State university will be the athletic power of the West within the next decade.

On the basis of a well-rounded athletic program, the Sun Devils are taking over where some of the old, well-established so-called "major league" colleges have held court for many years.

There was a time when California, Stanford and Southern California, with an occasional butt-in by Washington, were kings of everything in intercollegiate circles west of the Mississippi.

They dominated football, track and field, baseball, bas-

ketball and tiddly-winks.

But those days may be gone forever. The boys from the land of the permanent sun slowly, but surely, appear to be taking over.

True, the boys from Tempe have had a bit of trouble now and again with recruiting irregularities. But what school with growing pains hasn't?

Look at Record

But take a look at the athletic record:

For a decade the Sun Devil football team has been powerful enough to meet the best collegiate clubs in the land on even terms.

The ASU basketball team, never powerful in the past, rated as one of the top eight in the country this year by NCAA standards on the basis of beating Seattle university and Southern California in play-off games before losing to Utah in the quarter-finals.

The baseball team, rated seventh in the nation last year, currently is on a win binge with 20 in a row.

The track and field team rates with some of the better squads in the West.

So maybe it's just a passing phase?

Not according to plans. The school has a new 35,000 seat stadium. It has a current enrollment of 12,000—which is not small by any standards, and much bigger than either USC or Stanford.

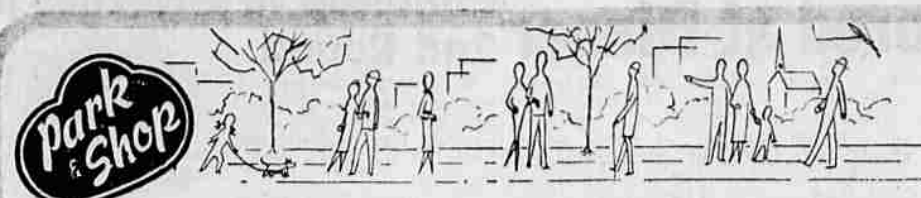
COACH RESIGNS

Worcester, Mass. —UPI—Roy H. Leenig, who unexpectedly resigned as Holy Cross basketball coach on Wednesday night, will consider "several offers" before announcing his future plans. Leenig, 41-year-old Englewood, N.J., native, guided the Crusaders this season to a 22-5 record, including third place in the National Invitational Tournament last week.

Middle Section Of Rogue Slow

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

Southwest: Main Umpqua water conditions improving but fishing outlook poor; middle section of Rogue slow for salmon.



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