

IN THE REALM OF SPORT

PULLMAN AND OREGON STATE LOOM STRONG

Early Season Prediction Places Them High in Northern Division.

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SEATTLE, Dec. 27, (AP)—Although the 1929 championship University of Washington basketball team is considered a strong favorite to repeat in the northern division Pacific Coast conference race, which opens January 10, much is expected of the Washington State and Oregon State college aggregations.

The Washington Huskies marched triumphantly through the northern schedule last winter. They won ten straight games, and were only defeated by the University of California quarter in the coast conference championship playoff.

Washington State and Oregon State finished third and fourth, respectively, last year, but are considered strong candidates for the 1930 title.

Idaho Pessimistic
The University of Idaho won six titles last year, to wind up in second place, but Coach Rich Fox of the Vandal team predicts the cellar for his combination this winter. Other coaches do not agree with the Vandal mentor, however, pointing out that Fox has his eagle eye forward. Frank McMillan and Harold Stowell, back for action again. McMillan was the leading scorer of the northern section, with 123 points, last season, while Stowell was third, with 96.

Graduation and Ineligibility has cut deeply into the 1929 Idaho team, however, leaving only three returners. Captain Darwin Burger, center, was graduated, while Robert Drummond and Harold Thorndill, regular guards, are ineligible this season. The third letterman is Harold Carlson, a reserve center and guard.

Not much is being said about the chances of the University of Oregon. At the start of the season last year the Webfooters virtually considered themselves a clinch to win the consolation, but got off on the wrong foot, and finished next to last. This season Coach Bill Reinhardt is quietly moulding together a combination with which to surprise the Oregon opponents. Only two lettermen, Jean Eberhart, center, and Cliff Horner, guard, are available from last year's line-up, but Reinhardt has some fast coming Sophomores to work with.

Montana Dropped
The University of Montana was dropped from the schedule this season because of the distance separating the Grizzly school from other conference members. Montana finished in last place in 1929, winning two and losing eight.

Coach Hec Edmundson of Washington lost three of his mainstays from his championship aggregation, but has some flashy 1929 second string men and Sophomores to take their places. "Stork" McClary, elongated center of the Husky team, and "Jiggs" Jaloff, diminutive forward, are back for duty. Hank Swanson, substitute last season, and Ralph Cairney, graduate from the Freshman team have taken over the vacant guard positions. Art Peterson, second string forward last year, has filled the flashy Monte Silber's empty shoes. Silber's loss by graduation was keenly felt until Peterson started on a stormy rampage in practice games.

Alters Offense
Coach Pack Friel has altered his offense a little at Washington State. Friel has built his scoring attack around the center, with four men taking the ball from him with fast breaks and speedy passing. The system brings the team close to the opponent's basket and permits shorter shots than the Cougars used last year.

What Would You Say Was Wrong With Stafford?
BOSWORTH, Mo., Dec. 27, (AP)—Beside the niches of the hall of fame occupied by Roy Riegels and Fred Merkle, place Wes Stafford, hardware dealer. Stafford drew a perfect bridge hand in hearts—and bid diamonds. His hand was "all red" so Stafford, the dealer, bid one diamond without inspecting his cards closely. "Just to get the game started." The other three players passed. When Stafford looked again at his hand he found 13 hearts. He did the unplayed hand on the table. Comment of Mrs. Stafford, his partner, is not of record.

No Straightening These Curves



JOE MCGINITY

By AL DEMAREE
(Former Pitcher N. Y. Giants)
The late "Iron Man" Joe McGinity was a great believer in pitching his own game and giving his signs to his catcher instead of the usual procedure of taking signs from the receiver. "Truck" Hannah was catching him one day in the Coast League. McGinity told "Truck" that when he caught his return throw in his glove hand it was a sign that his next pitch would be a curve ball and if he caught it with both hands it would be a fast ball. Lining after lining went by and McGinity kept catching Hannah's return throws with his glove hand and throwing curve balls. "Truck" wanted a fast ball thrown once in a while and tried by throwing at Joe's feet and over his head to make him catch the ball with both hands. Finally in desperation he lined one over the "Iron Man's" head into center field. The outfielder ran after it but McGinity yelled at him not to touch the ball and walked out to the outfield and picked it up with his glove hand. "Truck" Hannah then gave up and let Joe pitch his own game which meant a succession of "round house" curves.

Newspapermen See Army Squad Take Signal Practice

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Dec. 27, (AP)—The veil of secrecy that has shrouded the West Point Army's football workouts all week was lifted today as the military academy officials threw open the gates of the Stanford stadium to newspapermen.

Army took light workout in its final session, while Coach Pop Warner ordered the Stanford practice to be absolutely secret. Seen for the first time in practice by local sports writers, the Cadets flashed through their signal drill, passed, punted, and place kicked, generally limbering up for the climactic game tomorrow. All of the men in both camps are reported to be in condition for the fray, with the exception of Walter Helmecke, star Stanford center, who is in the hospital with bronchitis and will be obliged to see the game from the bench. The tentative starting lineup will be:

Bucks Only Point And Half Behind Seattle Eskimos

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27, (AP)—Portland today stood with in striking distance of the Seattle Eskimos, who hold the second rung of the ladder in the Pacific coast ice hockey league standings, as the result of a thrilling last minute 3 to 2 victory over the homeless Victoria Cubs here last night.

Only a game and a half separate the Eskimos from the Bucks. Jack Pratt, Portland defense man, saved last night's game for the locals. With the score 2 to 1 against the Bucks and only two minutes 45 seconds to go in the third and last period, Pratt picked the puck up near center ice, threaded his way through virtually the entire Victoria defense and whanged the rubber disc past the astonished goalie Robertson. The score was tied and Portland seemed to take on new life. Joe McGoldrick, grand old man of ice hockey in these parts, came through with Portland's winning goal five minutes 39 seconds after the overtime period opened. The shot was sensational to say the least, McGoldrick taking the puck in center ice, dodging two Cub defense men and smashing it at the net, only to have it rebound from one of the iron support posts. McGoldrick picked it up, however, and sent it home for keeps. The game was the best seen on local ice this season.

STATE BEAVER POPULATION IN RAPID DECLINE

Legislature Must Act Soon to Prevent Extinction.

Unless, through legislative action, more adequate protection is given beaver, there will soon be little justification for calling Oregon "The Beaver State."

This is the opinion of Harold Clifford, state game warden, who points out that the law now on the statute books intended to protect beaver, in reality does not protect them. Since the trapping season on December 1 at least two hundred requests from private property owners to trap beaver have been received by the state game commission. The mail of one recent day carried fourteen such requests. Many of them have been granted through the issuance of licenses, for the law provides that any property owner or lessee who complains to the department that beaver are destructive to his property must be given a license to trap.

Some Requests Justified
There is no doubt but what some of these requests are justified, for in some cases they are necessary," declared Mr. Clifford this week. "But the strange thing is that no such requests come to us during the season when the fur of the beaver is not prime. The land owner who wants to take advantage of the open season and reap the profits that the pelts of beaver on his land will give him has now but to write to the commission and complain that the animals are destroying his property. We must agree to his contention and authorize issuance of a license, for which he pays the sum of two dollars. I know of many cases where beaver have done immense damage to farmers, but think that the law should be changed so as to give the little animals better protection than that which can now be avoided by the complaints of property owners.

Beaver Conserves Water
"Up to a few years ago the law was much more strict in the protection of beaver. Had this same law been in effect I am certain that there would have been less water shortage in many sections of the state than there was during the recent long dry period. Beaver, by their work on the higher reaches of the state would have, by their construction of dams, held back a big water supply and been of material benefit in our fish protection and propagation work, as well as an aid to the farmer and stock raiser."

Virginia Quail
Contrary to the contention of many, the Virginia variety of Bob White quail are no larger than those of Oregon stock. This has been proven by the state game commission at its Corvallis farm. Last spring a setting of Bob White quail eggs were received from Virginia. Six of them have been raised to maturity, and while they are beautiful, according to Gene M. Simpson, game farm superintendent, they are no larger or stronger than Oregon birds of the same type.

Enemies of Wire Worm
Chinese pheasants are the enemies of the wire worm, a parasite that now invites the attention of congress through a bill asking for the expenditure of \$25,000 for its investigation. In a recent investigation conducted by the Oregon State college and the state game commission to determine the damage done to crops by Chinese pheasants it was found that in sections where the wire worm thrives the stomach of the pheasant.

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ants were found to contain large numbers of the parasites.

Salmon Run Toward Ocean
Gales creek and Clear creek, in Washington county, stand in a class of their own in comparison of other Oregon streams. In them salmon, in contrast to their natural habits, move west toward the ocean. When there is a run of salmon in the Willamette river the fish, with one exception will move into the streams that flow from the east and south. This exception is the Tualatin, into which Gales creek flows. Twelve years ago salmon eggs were hatched in Gales creek. There is now a run of silverside salmon in Gales creek that extends into its tributary, Clear creek. This is the only case on record where salmon have been known to make their run west towards the ocean.

A writer in a woman's magazine says feminine clothing these days is nothing if not sensible. Perhaps she should have said "next to nothing."

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Panthers Confident Of Beating Trojans
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27, (AP)—If confidence means anything, the Golden Panthers of the University of Pittsburgh will win over the Trojans of Southern California in their tournament of roses football battle at Pasadena, New Year's day, in the opinion of Coach Jack Sutherland. Sutherland expressed himself as highly pleased with the team's prospects as the untamed Panthers sped toward Dallas, Texas, today on the second leg of their westward flight. The boys will have a workout this afternoon in Dallas. Every man on the squad is in good condition, and the reserves showed well in yesterday's drill here, Dr. Sutherland said. He added the warm weather in California held no terrors for his powerful eleven.

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FIGHTS OF LAST NIGHT

McKEESPORT, Pa. — Joe Trippie, Rochester, N. Y., outpointed Larry Madge, Cleveland, (10).
Chicago—Oscar "Moon" Baker, Los Angeles, knocked out Eddie O'Day, Scranton, Pa., (1); King Levinsky, Chicago, outpointed Tom Jones, Atlanta, Ga., (8).

TO BROADCAST GAME
NEW YORK, Dec. 27, (AP)—Football fans will have the last chance to tune in this year on a major game when Army tackles Stanford at Palo Alto, Calif., on Saturday. Description of the contest will be broadcast over the National Broadcasting company chain, starting at 1:45, Pacific Coast time.

CRUSHED UNDER TREE
HOLLISTER, Calif., Dec. 27 (AP)—Attracted by the frantic barking of a dog, neighbors found the body of Charles ("Pat") Smith, 48, pioneer Hernandez rancher, crushed under a fallen branch.

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