

Pelicans Drop Star Team

High School Will Play Safe On Mikulak's Team to Avoid Danger of Professionalism. Waldorf Five May Substitute. French Announces Arrangements for Elephant - Multnomah Club Contests.

All-American Mike Mikulak, the star of the 1933 coast football season, will have to look elsewhere for an opponent in Klamath Falls. The Pelicans of Klamath high school "would play if they could, but they can't."

The situation lies in exactly with the warning sent out late last week by the Oregon State High School Athletic Association. All players and schools belonging to this inter-scholastic organization were told to beware of professionalism. Mikulak's team can be described as a professional outfit. The association didn't go out of its way to deliberately rule on this always annoying question. It merely wanted to be sure, so a check was made with the Portland office of the Amateur Athletic Union. The union, through Aaron Frank, cautioned the high schools to avoid the possibility of future ineffectiveness by not scheduling teams with a professional flavor or permitting players to compete with professionals. Should a youth go on to college, the issue of his amateur standing might be brought to the front.

Johnny Kitzmiller, of the famous Flying Dutchman of Capitan McEwan's Oregon backfield, has joined Mikulak's team, and is a professional. Johnny played one season of money football at New York and then became a paid member of the University of Oregon's coaching staff.

The amateur standing of all other players on this basketball team—Chuck Wishard, Rennie Hughes, Mark Temple, Leighton Ges and Bree Coppolletti, is uncertain. The team organized for profit, and under the stringent and often absurd rules of the A. A. U. they probably are out and out professionals.

The Waldorf team of Klamath Falls, strong independent organization, may meet the stars in place of the Pelicans here February 3.

Dwight French, director of the high school's athletic program, announced Thursday arrangements had been definitely arranged to bring the Southern Oregon Elephants back to Klamath Falls. The Elephants will meet the fast Multnomah club of Portland in a two-game series at the high school, January 26 and 27.

Hobson's team and the club will have the whole show on Friday, January 26, but on Saturday an attractive double-header will be played between Ashland and Klamath Falls will share one end and the Elephants and the club will share the other.

French was enthusiastic over the possibilities of this series. Multnomah club has some outstanding former college stars and the Elephants are listed among the strongest teams in the state. It will give the Pelicans an excellent opportunity to see some major competition.

Hubbell Signs New Contract With New York

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (AP)—Carl Hubbell, currently the greatest major league pitcher, today returned his signed 1934 player contract to the New York Giants. Jim Tierney, secretary of the Giants, would not divulge Hubbell's salary but baseball men believed he had been increased from the \$13,000 of 1933 to \$18,000.

Hubbell's pitching prowess was the main factor in the Giants' National league championship, and in the winning of the world series with the Washington Senators. During the season he won 23 games and lost 12. He led National league pitchers in having the lowest average of 1.66 runs earned per nine innings. This was the lowest since Grover Cleveland Alexander of Philadelphia led National toppers with 1.55 in 1916. Hubbell also pitched the most innings, 309; pitched most shutouts, 10, and his 23 victories topped all contemporaries.

He was the only 1933 world series pitcher to pitch two complete games. He won both. He also pitched the most series innings, 20; had the most strikeouts, 15, and most bases on balls, six.

Mikulak Arrives for Football Game

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18. (AP)—Aaron Rosenberg, Southern California's all-American guard, and Mike Mikulak, University of Oregon fullback mentioned by many for national mythical honors, arrived today to strengthen the western all-star team that will engage the world's champion Chicago Bears Sunday.

Two Yale professors report cases of a rare disease in which persons are very slow to remember things. Rare, that is, except among the professors' students.



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BOXING BASKETBALL HUNTING COLF FOOTBALL FISHING WRESTLING

FRENCH SHIFTS PELICAN FIVE

Scroggin Not to Start Against Medford; Perry to Play.

Dwight French, coach of the undefeated Klamath Pelicans, Thursday completely readjusted his combination for the clash with Medford here Friday night. Klamath's chances of maintaining its excellent record for the season were diminished when the coach announced that Howard Scroggin, guard, was out of the game.

Scroggin, who has been ill with tonsillitis for several weeks, reported for practice Monday. He was out of the series with Head and French expected he would be ready to resume competition in the important Tiger contest.

It appeared Thursday, however, that the high scoring guard would not be sufficiently strong to enter the battle against Medford.

Wayne Perry, guard, who was expected to be ineligible, will be qualified to meet Medford. Perry will complete his high school competition at the close of this semester. He will start at guard position along with Nello Giovanini.

Johnny Pastega and Carl Eglerhoff are listed for the forward position. This will mean the elimination of Ed Wakeman from the first string, temporarily at least. French expected Wakeman would see considerable action before the contest was over.

Dorris will meet the Klamath Wildcats in a preliminary at 7:15 o'clock.

Husky Forward Leads Northern Hoop Scorers

SEATTLE, Jan. 18. (AP)—Bob Galer of Seattle, sensational forward on the University of Washington basketball team, with a six-game total of 69 points, was far out in front today in the northern division Pacific Coast conference individual scoring race.

The Husky star sank 24 field goals and 21 free throws for his total, putting himself 21 points ahead of Ken Willis, Washington State guard from Walla Walla, who had 21 field goals and 4 free throws for a total of 48. Hal Lee, Husky captain and guard, was pressing Willis with 45, and Huntley McPhee, Cougar forward, was a close fourth with 43. Lee is from Bremerton and McPhee from Naches, Wash. Harold Klumb, a guard, and Howard Grenier, center, both of Idaho, were tied for fifth place with 29 apiece.

East and West Clash Sunday in Golf Match

LONG BEACH, Calif., Jan. 18. (AP)—Ten instead of eight players will represent the East and West in singles and Scotch four-some golf matches scheduled to be held over the Lakewood course Sunday, for \$1,000 prize money, tournament officials said today.

Tom Crecy, Albany, N. Y., and Harry Cooper, Chicago, were added to the eastern team. They will be paired in the singles events against John Rogers, Denver, and John Perelli, Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Los Angeles Plans Old-Time Opener

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18. (AP)—Possibly, believes Oscar Retchow, business manager of the Los Angeles, the trouble with baseball's declining gate receipts may be that some of the boys have become too high hat.

In any event, the Los Angeles club, he said today, is going back to some of the old-time stuff. Retchow plans to get off to a good start by having a real old-style season opener, including a parade, a downtown luncheon, with hizzoner, the mayor, and celebrities tossing out the first balls, et cetera.

Klamath Boxers Will Seek To Repel Invasion Tonight

The defense of Klamath county boxing prestige will occur tonight at Merrill when five fighters, working under the promotion of Frank Miles, attempt to repel the invasion of an equal number of pugilists from the San Francisco districts. The curtain raiser will start at 8:45 o'clock at the Merrill Community hall.

The program will open the new boxing season in Klamath county. Miles' plans call for semi-weekly cards with the best fighting talent available. The bouts tonight will be presented under the sponsorship of the American Legion Post of Merrill.

Wolfe, DeVora Confident Of Legion Hall Victory

Les Wolfe and Dr. DeVora, main event wrestling stars, were alike only in two things as they neared the end of their training for a Legion hall battle Friday night. The athletes were able to match each other in confidence and weight.

Both DeVora, undefeated in Klamath Falls, and Wolfe will enter the arena around 1:30 p.m. Each was willing to wager his share of the purse on a victory.

Physically, however, the wrestlers offer a distinct contrast. DeVora is shorter, more muscular

and certainly more experienced than his rival from Texas. The man from the southwest stands well of six feet, has exceptionally long legs, and is as wiry and slender as a wolf.

Wolfe will rely upon his leg scissors to bring him a win over popular Dr. DeVora, and the doctor will count most particularly on his headlocks.

Neither Leo Jensen of Seattle nor Bob Myers of Tillamook had any exceptional advantage in the lineup. Mack Lillard, promoter, looked for an exciting bout in the one-hour preliminary.

Ex-Champion Dies Wednesday at Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 18. (AP)—John S. "Johnny" Johnson, former world's champion bicycle racer and speed skating title holder of more than a quarter of a century ago, many of whose records still stand, died from a heart attack at his home last night. He was 60 years old.

Johnson, from 1894 to 1899, held every world's bicycle record from standing and flying starts from 100 yards to five miles. He visited Europe in 1887 and defeated the leading riders of England, France, Italy, Germany, Belgium and the Scandinavian countries.

Johnson won the world's speed skating championship from Joe Donoghue of Canada in a series of races at Red Bank, N. J., in 1894.

He held this title for six years, and retired undefeated after defending the crown against every foreign skater matching strokes with him.

"Cracked Ice" Aid to Annual Snow Carnival

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 18. (AP)—Shaved ice, it appears, has other uses besides cocktails. The Spokane annual ski tournament committee, faced with postponement of their meet this Sunday unless it snows, accepted an offer of a local skating rink for sheet ice.

Carloads of Cascade mountain snow brought here by railroads had failed to cover the slide, which is surrounded by budding trees and green grass. Weather is spring-like.

So the officials decided to shave the ice and pack it into the slide so more than 30 of the northwest's finest ski jumpers can cavort here next week-end.

Triplet Retires From Race Track

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18. (AP)—Ernie Triplett, two time Pacific coast auto racing champion, announced today that he has retired from circular track events.

The driver, known as the "Blonde Terror" of the tracks, said he planned to confine his activities in the future to the Memorial day event at Indianapolis and road racing. His last appearance will be at the gold cup race at Mines field here Feb. 19.

Contract Trouble Follows Max Baer

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18. (AP)—A monkey-wrench was thrown into negotiations for a title fight between Max Baer and champion Primo Carnera today when the state supreme court held that J. Ham Lorimer, Baer's former manager, is entitled to a 25 per cent cut in the Livermore larper's earnings.

GRID OFFICIAL DEFENDS RULES

Secretary of National Committee Points to Safety.

(Note: In connection with widespread agitation for college football rule changes, an official rebuttal is presented herewith on behalf of the national rules committee, answering in particular those who advocate a return to regulations now in vogue in professional football.)

By William S. Langford (Secretary, National Football Rules Committee)

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (AP)—Now is the "open season for shooting" the football rules and the firing is quite general and from all directions.

With so many shots being taken it is altogether likely that some may find their way into the hearts of the rules committee, but the indications are that that body will adopt no radical changes and will confine itself to simplifying the code as much as is possible.

Hazards Feared. Suggestions for changes to "make the game more interesting from the standpoint of the spectators" almost invariably would bring back hazards to players which have already been eliminated from the game, and it is predicted that the committee will accord these but scanty considerations.

One suggestion is to abolish the dead ball rule, another is to move the goal posts back from the end lines to the goal lines, either or both of which, if adopted, would increase the chances of injury without any proportionate compensating benefit.

The present dead ball rule was adopted in 1922 and provides that when any part (except hands or feet) of the player in possession of the ball touches the ground, the ball at once becomes dead and play ceases automatically.

Crawling Eliminated. This rule has almost entirely eliminated "crawling," i.e., attempts by a player to advance the ball further after he has been downed, and "piling-up" or falling upon the player with the ball after it has become dead.

"Crawling" and "piling-up" used to be prolific sources of injury and it is unthinkable that any lover of the game would wish to gamble on the welfare of hundreds of thousands of football players for the sake of providing an occasional "thrill" to comparatively few spectators.

Professional Stated. Some critics have argued that the rules committee should give more thought to the general public who support football and by so doing make possible the whole athletic program of the colleges, by giving them more "thrills." These people ask that we adopt the rules under which the professional game is played, so as to give the spectators a "real run for their money."

The main difference between the rules of the N. C. A. A. and the professional code lies in the fact that the latter failed to follow the safety measures adopted by the professional code in 1922, including the dead ball rule mentioned above, and the prohibition of the flying block and flying tackle.

Ideals Opposed. It may or may not be true that the followers of the professional game demand the retention of features which the rules committee felt it wise to eliminate from college and school games, but that is no reason for asking that these hazardous features be re-introduced into the amateur game which is played for vastly different reasons than the professional game.

It must always be remembered that whereas professional exhibitions are arranged solely to attract paying patrons, amateur sports are primarily for the benefit and enjoyment of the players themselves and the functions of the rule makers of the two are almost as wide apart as the poles.

Half-Million Players. The rules of the N. C. A. A. are framed primarily for the use of the colleges in its membership—after that for secondary and preparatory schools who care to use them in training their students to participate later in the college games after their graduation from school.

These rules are designed to meet the requirements (A) of college players ranging from 17-23 years of age, and (B) (with modifications) of school players ranging from 15-19 years of age. The number of those playing under these rules has been variously estimated but it is conservative to place them in excess of 500,000.

When we contrast this with possibly 1,000 professional players, ranging from 23-27 years of age, most of whom have had the benefit of years of school and college training and experience, we must see that there is no common ground and no reason whatsoever for uniformity in the playing rules.

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HUSKIES HEAD TOWARD TITLE

Nine-Day Rest May Boost Washington Strength for Webfoots.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18. (AP)—University of Washington seems headed for its sixth basketball title in seven seasons. The Huskies lead the northern division coast conference parade with six straight victories, and have a nine-day rest before going into action again at home with Oregon.

Beavers Meet Webfoots. And while the Huskies rest, the other four contenders will be bent on some serious throat-cutting in an effort to get somewhere in the race.

Friday night the two Oregon rivals, Oregon and Oregon State, resume activities on the floor at Corvallis.

Saturday night the rivals from over the Washington-Idaho line—Washington State and Idaho, clash for the first time this season at Pullman.

Oregon Looks Good. All four clubs need victories, and badly. Oregon is best situated of the quarter. The Ducks have won two out of three, including a victory over their Friday night foe—Oregon State.

Coach Billy Reinhart's youngsters, the dark horses of the race, will be hard to stop if they come through with many more surprise victories.

Oregon State underwent a shakup last week, with Carl Lenchitsky, guard, being dropped to second team rating as Coach Amory "Slate" Gill revived his attack. Fred Hill, letterman center, and Jimmy Heartwell, two-year reserve, are alternating at the job. Firebrand Red McDonald still holds forth at the other guard position.

Vandals Start Slowly. Washington State seems to be the trial horse of the circuit. Other teams are wearing their opponents, by how they fared against the Cougars.

Idaho, meanwhile, seems off to another slow start such as ruined its chances last season.

"B" Basketball Teams Compete in Five Games

The "B" basketball teams of Klamath county and northern Klamath will swing into action again Friday and Saturday. Four contests will be played in the empire region Friday and one on Saturday.

Henley high school will move over to Bonanza to tackle the high school there. Bonanza, runner-up for the championship last year, will be favored to win. Butte Valley high school of Dorris will come to Klamath Falls to meet the Klamath Wildcats and Tulelake, enjoying its first season of competition, will go up to Chiloquin.

On Saturday the week-end of play will come to a close with Klamath Falls Wildcats battling Henley at Henley.

WINNERS TWO MATCHES. MONTREAL, Jan. 18. (AP)—Francis X. Shields of New York, the United States ranking tennis player and defending champion, arrived from Florida and caught up with the rest of the field in the Canadian indoor championships by winning two matches.

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