

Trojans Favored For Coast Title

BEAVERS LOOK IMPRESSIVE IN WARMUP FOR TONIGHT

LOS ANGELES, March 8 (AP)—University of Southern California officials said the 7000-seat Shrine auditorium probably would be sold out tonight and tomorrow night as Oregon State and USC clash for the basketball title of the Pacific Coast conference. A third game, if necessary, will be played Monday.

Oregon State's team, arriving yesterday, looked impressive in a final workout, but the Trojans remained slight favorites to take the championship.

Coach Sam Barry of USC said his star forward, Ralph Vaughn, had recovered from an ankle injury and would be in good condition.

UO Mermen Will Enter Yale Race

EUGENE, March 8 (AP)—Three University of Oregon swimming stars will compete in the national intercollegiate championships in the Yale pool, New Haven, Conn., March 30, the university athletic board decided.

The three mermen, star members of Coach Russ Cutler's undefeated dual-meet squad, will be Sherman Wetmore, backstroke; Jack Dallas, breaststroke; and Jerry MacDonald, freestyle. Wetmore and Dallas were all-American prep school stars at Long Beach, Cal., high before coming to the university and both are present holders of Pacific Coast conference records in their pet events.

Cutler predicts that the trio will be a leading contender for the 300-meter medley relay title.

Texas Swim Team Drowns California

BERKELEY, Calif., March 8 (UP)—The University of Texas swimming team, unbeaten in four years of dual meets, Thursday defeated University of California, 4 1/2 to 3 1/2.

The half points in the score were caused by a dead heat in the four-man relay.

California took an early lead with heavy scoring in the freestyle dashes, but Texas tied the score at 25-25 and went ahead on Steve Sojja's victory in the 200-yard breast stroke and a sweep in the diving.

Texas beat Stanford, 45-29, Wednesday.

Heap Big Indian Wrestler



Since his last appearance here Chief Little Wolf, Indian wrestler, has become one of the heap big chiefs in American wrestling. Rated among the top 10 in the country, his appearance here next Tuesday night in the main event against Pete Belcastro is expected to pack the armory.

Two Chick Brothers Will Appear on Armory Program

The two Chick brothers, Cowboy Dude and Bobby, both of whom have appeared in many main events on the Pacific coast, will hold spots on the wrestling extravaganza next Tuesday night. Dude has been signed for a semi-windup berth against an opponent not yet selected, and Bobby has been billed in the opener. His opponent will be Ernie Piluso, popular Italian from the Multnomah club at Portland.

As a special feature Clara Mortensen, world's woman champ, will appear in a return

HEC Uses Husky Quint for Test of 12-Foot Baskets

By GAIL FOWLER

SEATTLE, March 8 (AP)—University of Washington basketball players raised their sights to a basket 12 feet high this week. They concluded it was a pain in the neck. The altitude, that is, not the idea.

The idea for the experiment came from Coach Clarence S. "Hec" Edmundson. Hec is a member of the national basketball rules committee which meets in Kansas City March 31

to consider rules changes. One of the suggestions to come before the hoop rule makers will be to raise the baskets from the 10 to the 12-foot level. This is to take the premium off tall players who camp under the hoop and make life miserable for pint-sized guards. So Hec, in the interests of basketball science, decided to hold a casaba clinic, and used his varsity as guinea pigs. Sure enough, the stratospheric baskets took some of the premium off the tall fellows. The rebound area under the hoop was materially widened, and the shortsies had a better chance to check the storks.

Even the tall fellows came away rubbing their necks after craning back all afternoon and taking aim. Now they know how the little fellows have felt all along.

"It's interesting, but I'm not too sold on it," Edmundson said after the "clinic."

"The big men are not too effective under the higher basket, but they still hold an advantage over the shorter men. And it seems to be easier to make the long shots."

"I'd like to try an 11-foot basket sometime, but because of exams we won't be able to do it this year. Maybe 11-footers would be the answer."

Stanford Alumni Meet New Coach

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8 (UP)—Coach Clark Shaughnessy, whose football team was demoralized out from under him at University of Chicago, Thursday made his bow to students, alumni and newspapermen at his new coaching job for Stanford university.

In one whirlwind day, Shaughnessy knocked off his diplomatic introductions to the Stanford crowd which is considered the most blood-thirsty bunch of football kibitzers on the Pacific coast.

His plain-speaking manner and affable grin charmed successively a campus student assembly, a press luncheon in San Francisco and an alumni dinner. Tomorrow he will round up the alumni in Los Angeles for more introductions.

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HOLDOUTS HIT ALSO-RANS IN BIG LEAGUE SIGNING RACE

By JUDSON BAILEY

NEW YORK, March 8 (AP)—The baseball holdout situation today sought to wipe out that old but erroneous belief that championship clubs have the most trouble in signing their players.

With all clubs well into their training programs and the grapefruit league season getting underway, the New York Yankees and Cincinnati Reds are two big happy families getting ready to renew their leases on first place. But the also-rans in both the National and American leagues are honeycombed with holdouts.

The No. 1 dissenter at the moment, of course, is Outfielder Joe Medwick of the St. Louis Cardinals. Ducky Wucky used to make \$20,000 back in 1938, but took a \$2000 cut last season. Now he wants it back.

The Cardinals also have to cope with a holdout by Catcher Don Padgett, the fabulous hitter whom they expect to drum-major the parade to the pennant. He was paid about \$7500 last year.

The Brooklyn Dodgers have one of the most humorous tiffs, as might be expected. At the close of the 1939 season President Larry MacPhail offered First Baseman Dolph Camilli a \$100 raise to \$15,000 if he would sign immediately. Camilli postponed signing and now MacPhail says he will pay Dolph only the \$14,000 he received last year.

Camilli has made all kinds of threats and counter proposals, but MacPhail won't budge.

The New York Giants aren't any closer in agreement today with their first baseman, Zeke Bonura, than they were when the contracts were sent out. The Chicago Cubs are at long odds with their celebrated Dizzy Dean and the more useful Hank Leiber, while even the lowly Phillies haven't been able to sign Infielders Roy Hughes and Gus Suhr.

In the American league the Cleveland Indians are having the most troubles. Pitcher Johnny Allen, who got \$8000 last year for doing very little, was affronted by a cut to \$600 and has stoutly refused any bonus agreements. Pitcher Willis Hudlin and Catcher Frank Pytlak are also dissidents.

The Chicago White Sox can't lure Pitcher Clint Brown into the fold and the St. Louis Browns are still dickering with Catcher Joe Glenn and the Philadelphia Athletics with Catcher Frank Hayes.

In Hayes' case, at least, a deal may go through. Connie Mack doesn't like holdout squabbles, even from his stars, and makes no bones about getting rid of them.

Jury Absolves Wrestler in Seattle Death

SEATTLE, March 8 (UP)—A coroner's jury Thursday night absolved Wrestler La Verne Baxter of blame for death of Referee Jack Stevens during a bout March 1.

A heart attack was found to be the sole cause. Baxter had scuffled with the official before the attack.

The verdict read: "In view of expert testimony, we absolve La Verne Baxter of any and all responsibility for the death of Stevens. . . . We are of the opinion that wrestling as conducted in this state is a rough and somewhat dangerous spectacle, and, as such, every safeguard should be provided the public and participants."

Louis, Paychek Start Practice

NEW YORK, March 8 (UP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and Challenger Johnny Paychek of Chicago were scheduled to arrive in New York Friday to begin training for their title fight at Madison Square Garden on March 29.

BOXING

By The Associated Press
BALTIMORE—Joe Ghnoully, 136, St. Louis, outpointed Woody Board, 136, Uniontown, Pa., (10).

NEW HAVEN—Julie Kogan, 134 1/2, New Haven, outpointed Ambrose Logan, 135, New Haven, (8).

PHILADELPHIA—Salvatore Rugirello, 205, New York, outpointed Joe Soffi, 185, Philadelphia, (8).

Sport Briefs

BY EDDIE BRIETZ

NEW YORK, March 8 (AP)—Hot Stove league: Detroit is using the "dead" ball exclusively in training and the Tigers are pounding the daylight out of it. . . . The Athletics were flattered no end when a delegation of White Sox drove 40 miles from Pasadena just to watch them practice. . . . Boston writers in the south like what little they've seen of young York-for-Cecil Travis deal isn't Dom DiMaggio. . . . If that Rudy hot again, why are they betting Hank Greenberg will be back on first 30 days after the season opens? . . . Wes Ferrell is showing the boys a much more impressive hook than he had with the Yankees last year. . . . Somebody had better get in line for Joe Medwick is packing up to go back to St. Louis.

ONE ACT PLAY

Tony Galento visited Norfolk and was introduced to the Rev. Ralph Kyle, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance church.

The Rev. Kyle: See this little book, Tony? It says your body is worth only 84 cents.

Galento: Whaddaya mean, 84 cents? (He pulled a huge roll of bills from his pocket and flashed it in Mr. Kyle's face) . . . "That don't look like no 84 cents to me."

(It didn't to the minister either.)

Rue De Sockerue: Max Waxman, manager of Red Burman, charges Mike Jacobs and Jimmy Johnston are trying to freeze Burman out of the heavyweight picture and claims the white heavyweight title for Red. . . . Maxie Rosenbloom has been signed for the comedy role in Rudy Vallee's new air show. . . . Roxy Fargione, the Philadelphia middle, will return to the wars as soon as they have grafted a piece of skin from his leg to the bone over the eye that sent him to the sidelines. . . . Peter Kane, former flyweight boxing champ, has signed with the royal air force. . . . New Jersey will O. K. an outside referee for Max Baer and Galento if they want it.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR

The Times, Seattle Times: "The San Francisco Seals, unable to do their training outdoors because of rain, have been practicing in an empty swimming pool. . . . That seems to be the only dry place in the neighborhood."

NEW YORK, March 8 (AP)—If Taisto Maki busts a lot of track records as he swings east, don't be surprised. . . . The Finn did three miles on a slow San Francisco track in 14:15.3. . . . Joe McCluskey, veteran distance runner, had predicted that if Taisto could do 14:20 out there he'd be a riot when he hit the faster eastern courses. . . . Chester Aubuchon of Gary, Ind., is so good the Michigan State cagers already have elected him captain of the 1940-41 team. . . . Old Arturo Godoy is pretty swift on the comeback. . . . When a coast reporter asked Mrs. G. (who is a knockout) how she came to "marry a guy like that," Arturo stopped him with, "didn't you ever hear of beauty and the beast?"

Today's Guest Star
C. M. Gibbs, Baltimore Sun: "It is suspected Larry MacPhail is trying to introduce secret practice for his Dodgers. . . . His method was simple. . . . He put a charge of 40 cents on camp intrasquad games."

One of the papers reports Jack Dempsey and Mike Jacobs have a mad on because Mike won't let 'em introduce Jack at the Garden fights. . . . If you think you're running in hard luck, how about H. J. Clements, a horse trainer. . . . He missed cashing in on \$18,640.80 daily double at Tropic by less than a length. . . . He had the only ticket on the combination of Sabulus (which won) and his own Myrna Lee, which just missed. . . . The Indians have added a course in sliding with Prof. Ben Chapman in charge.

One-Minute Interview
Asked to play a game for the Finnish relief fund, Coach Cleo Clements of the Paris (Tex.) cagers said: "We plan to play for our own benefit. . . . My sympathy is with the Finns, definitely. . . . But after all the Finns are winning. . . . We're losing."

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KLAMATH TO MEET CHICO BOWLERS IN GAMES HERE

Two bowling teams from Chico, Calif., will invade Klamath Falls Saturday to compete against local bowlers on the Bowlers' Garden alleys. The invaders will meet the Poole's Rollodrome, and Hickman's Cafe teams of the Classic league Saturday night and Sunday tangle with the Klamath Lumber and Box and the Ewauna Lumber company teams of the Industrial league.

The teams will start play at 8 p. m. Saturday evening and 12 o'clock noon Sunday. The public is invited.

In This Corner

By GEORGE KIRKSEY

U. P. Staff Correspondent
CLEARWATER, Fla., March 8 (UP)—Anything can happen at Ebbets field and some day in the not too distant future the wild-eyed, leather-lunged Brooklyn fans may hold a mock court and make Sam Nahem plead his own defense when the Dodgers have lost a heart-breaking game.

You probably never heard of Sam Nahem, but he is one of the most unique characters trying to win a job this spring in the major league training camps. One of the unusual things about the tall, scholarly-looking Nahem is that he's a Brooklyn boy trying to win a place on his home town club, a rare feat indeed if he does it.

But the thing that sets Nahem apart from the baseball mob is that he's an attorney-at-law and a budding intellectual. He is walking and talking example of the modern ball player who can see beyond the horizon of the deep center field fence.

Sam wanted to be a ball player when he was a kid but he didn't want to be a baseball bum so he went to college, studied law at night and received his law degree from St. John's college, Brooklyn, this winter. He and his brother Joe are going to hang out their shingle as soon as he gets back to Brooklyn in April.

Because Sam has gone to school until June each year and reported late he never made an impressive record in the minors. Last year at Nashville he won eight games and lost six but he was a tantalizing slider that may yet win him a regular pitching berth, the scarcity of pitchers being what they are.

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Balsiger's Issue

Pin Challenge

To Turner Five

Oak Myers, who has a dark horse Balsiger bowling team, has issued a challenge to the Turner Chevrolet players to a special match game on the Bowlers' Garden alleys which was immediately accepted by Sub Ebiner of the Chevrolets.

In all probability the games will be scheduled for next Friday evening and will be for the Klamath Automotive championship.

Beavers Select Two Oregon Men

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 8 (AP)—The champion Oregon State college squad selected two players from its arch-rival, Oregon, on a northern division basketball all-star team. The Beavers, who open the coast conference title series against Southern California tonight, placed John Mandie, Oregon State, and John Dick, Oregon, at forwards; Jack Jennings, Washington State, center; Vic Townsend, Oregon, and Al Hunter, Oregon State, guards.

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