

# From Midfield

By WES GUDERIAN

Now that the grid season is over locally, the physical education boys are getting all hepped about B league basketball—which may or may not be held this year according to the whims of the gas rationing boards.

Gas rationing has just about put the ol' Fritz on county B league aspirations. Teams can't get around to play other teams without gas in the engines. So far the only games that have been played that have any semblance to last year's hoop season have been the Chillicothe-Gilchrist games played before December 1.

According to Harold Hendrickson, unofficial czar of B league play, the only remedy to the situation is a tournament play sometime in February.

"It seems the government, that wants to keep the physical education program going, should give them gas to play games with," he said. "Some of these close teams, like Merrill and Malin, might get some play, but you can't expect teams like Chillicothe to travel to Bonanza for a game—not on an 'A' card."

So no B league games have been scheduled. There is no dearth of material or spirit, but unless the gas board relents there won't be any games.

Basket throwers take another slump with the abandonment of the commercial league hoop season in the city. Dave Bridge, local recreation officer, is trying to concentrate on church league ball which will give the younger high school players, who may be army, navy, marine material, the most physical education advantages.

Matty Matthews who spoke at the annual Lions club banquet for the state champion Pelicans the other night, emphasized one of my pet peeves of college football—commercialism. There are too many bartenders, truck drivers, and service station operators now who ended their three years of college competition with a JC—junior certificate—instead of a BA. Not that there is anything wrong with bartending or truck-driving or station operating. We need them, and they're without exception, good fellows; but a lot of ambitious fellows are hampered by half-baked education, sacrificed to the god of commercial football.

We agree with Matty that good football teams can be developed without ruining the gridders' chances of after-school success, that the primary purpose of going to college is to gain an education, not to play football.

A typographical error crept into Frank Ramsey's excellent story on his all-opponent team in Saturday's paper. Frank's story said nine of the all-opponent first squad would make outstanding college football players, but when the type came out the word "college" was left out. It was no error of Frank's, and we apologize.

## Oregon Basketeers Drop Boiler-makers In 54-26 Upset

EUGENE, Dec. 7 (AP)—Four sophomores injected life into the University of Oregon basketball team Saturday night and engineered a 54-26 upset over the tall Portland Boiler-makers.

The Webfoots fell far behind in the opening minutes, but the sophomores came into the game midway through the first period. By halftime the score was deadlocked, 22-22.

## Luckman Takes His Time



Chicago Bears show why their ace ball-handler, Sid Luckman, is able to take his time and complete so many passes. Tackle Joe Lydshar is the blocker.

## Football's 'Most Proficient Three'



The most proficient yardage producers in the 1942 football season in collegiate ranks were Frankie Sinkwich of Georgia (left); Rudolph Mobley of Hardin-Simmons (center), and Ray Evans of Kansas (right).

## Cross Town Win Makes Bowl Team

Georgia's Rose Bowl Rival Selected When Trojans, UCLA Get Through Pushing

By FRANK FRAWLEY  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7 (AP)—Georgia's opponent in the Rose Bowl New Year's day will be selected here Saturday after Southern California and UCLA get through pushing each other around.

UCLA never has beaten its cross-town rival, but it may never have a better opportunity. There is considerable doubt of Norm Verry, Trojan tackle, getting into the game. He has an ankle-bone chip, sustained in the opening minutes of the Notre Dame battle. The cast comes off today. Even if he starts he may not be able to finish.

The Trojans need Verry almost as much as UCLA needs its star quarterback, Bob Waterfield. Verry has been gouging big holes for the Trojan ball carriers and playing great defensive football.

Waterfield is the main hope of the Bruins for their first Rose Bowl bid. He is a one-man show, handling the ball on every play, doing all the passing, punting and signal calling, intercepting enemy passes and seldom missing a tackle. The more rabid of the UCLA boosters think he's the best quarterback in the land and are itching for a chance to see him match his prowess against Georgia's Frankie Sinkwich.

The assumption is that UCLA will get the Pasadena bid if it beats or ties USC. All 10 schools in the Pacific Coast conference will vote by telephone as soon as the Los Angeles game is finished, and they have the full say. They don't recognize a conference championship.

If Troy does beat the Bruins it will find itself tied in the final standing with Washington State, five wins, one defeat and one tie, but it beat Washington State earlier in the season, 26 to 12. The Cougars don't have an impressive record, since they didn't play California or UCLA, and their loss to five-times-beaten Texas Aggies last Saturday didn't enhance their bowl chance.

## Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

## Amos Rusie -- Baseball's First Great Pitcher Dies

SEATTLE, Dec. 7 (AP)—Sports leaders of the northwest will gather here tomorrow afternoon to say a last farewell to Amos Rusie, first and one of the greatest of the big league "fast ball," baseball pitchers.

Rusie, who was 71, died in a hospital here yesterday. He had never fully recovered from an automobile accident 10 years ago, but until the last few months had lived in retirement on a small ranch at Auburn, south of here. His wife died about two months ago.

At the height of his career with the New York Giants, Rusie earned his most famous tribute from John McGraw, then a Baltimore oriole player, who said "You can't hit 'em if you can't see 'em."

Rusie struck out 345 batters in the single season of 1890. Three years later the pitcher's box was moved back 101 feet to its present position and the following year, 1894, he pitched the Giants to the world's championship.

At the peak of his career, Lillian Russel, then the toast of Broadway, asked to be introduced to Rusie. Cocktails were named after him. He finished his

## McSpaden Wins First Wartime Golf Tourney

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 7 (AP)—A thousand dollars in war bonds was Harold McSpaden's reward for a hard-earned victory in what may have been the last golf tournament for the duration to bear a reasonable resemblance to peacetime resort events.

McSpaden fired a four under par 66 yesterday to total a 72-hole card of 272—four strokes ahead of Johnny Revolva of Evanston, Ill.

Revolva, the 36-hole leader, needed a final round of 68 and lost his opportunity to nab the biggest cash prize of the winter, but got \$700 for second money.

A stranger to Miami galleries, young Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind., turned in a 67 to pocket the \$500 third prize for 277.

## New Players, New Manager For Beavers

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7 (AP)—The Portland Beavers will train again next year at San Jose, Calif., but that's about the only thing that will be the same for the tail-end Pacific coast league baseball club.

There will be a new manager, Mervyn Shea of Detroit, and a flock of new players. Shea, who handled Detroit's pitchers last year, will be catcher.

W. H. Klepper, the club's new business manager, announced Saturday that he had signed these new players:

Catchers Jack Redmond, Buffalo, and Roy Easterwood, Fort Worth; Second Baseman Arnel Hale, Milwaukee; Shortstop John O'Neil, Buffalo, who played for Pittsfield of the Canadian-American League last year; Shortstop Leslie Floyd, Dallas; Pitchers George Barley, Buffalo, and Earl Cook, Beaumont.

Klepper also said he expected to sign another pitcher and an outfielder soon.

## Play the Freshmen—Bar the Seniors, Says Josh Cody

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7 (AP)—A suggestion that freshmen be admitted to, and seniors barred from, intercollegiate athletics came today from Josh Cody, assistant football coach at Temple University.

"Seniors started slipping back in the depression years," he said. "They were worried about jobs then; not careers, jobs. They say college courses may be cut to three and a half years after the war. If so, seniors will be out of most sports and freshmen should be in."

## St. Mary's Gridders Celebrate 2-0 Win Over Detroit Titans

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7 (AP)—St. Mary's college football fans celebrated a slim 2-3 victory over the University of Detroit Titans today.

Tackle Jim Powers of the Gaels nailed Halfback John Lowther behind the goal line for a safety yesterday in a game played on a muddy field.

Although the Titans outplayed the Gaels most of the way, they failed to capitalize on their efforts and missed field goal tries in the third and fourth periods.

## Pelicans Name Mast as Captain at Grid Feed

Schortgen, Selby, Mayfield, Foster Honored; Matty Flays Commercialism

By WES GUDERIAN  
Sports Editor, Herald and News

Don Mast—termed by Pelican Coach Frank Ramsey, "the toughest guy in town"—was named by his teammates as the most valuable player and honorary captain at the annual Lions club awards banquet Saturday night at the Willard hotel for the state champion Pelican football squad.

Other honors bestowed by the team on their mates included Henry Schortgen as the man the graduating seniors expect the most from next year, Arnold Selby as the player showing the most improvement during the season, Neal Mayfield as the best defensive player, and Ralph Foster named the best offensive player.

In a hilarious forerunner of a talk by Coach R. L. (Matty) Matthews of the University of Portland, Bill Constans acted as master of ceremonies in bestowal of the order of the Yellow ball on Lee Smith of the Quarterback club, Rex Young, Bill Peake, Keith Coddington, Fred Flock, Lynn Roycroft, Gordon McKay, Frank Ramsey, and Phil Blohm.

Matty Matthews, who has spent 42 years in football—31 of them as coach—and who is now coaching the Portland university gridders, spoke sincerely of the "god-given right" of people—football players—to determine what they wish to do.

Under the leadership of Frank Ramsey, he said, the Pelican football players have developed the two great qualities of football, loyalty and unselfishness, because Ramsey—whom he met for the first time that afternoon—has sincerity and a great love of the game.

Football, he continued, has a great influence on community life by drawing the business men of the community and the citizens together in a common interest. However, there are also football evils with which players and citizens alike must contend.

The greatest of football evils, he said, is commercialism, which is responsible for the great number of truck drivers and bartenders turned out by the colleges of today from their football players. The reason for this is that coaches and graduate managers place the greatest emphasis on producing a winning football team and not upon education of the players attending their school.

To remedy these conditions, he proposed two rules insisting on grid men taking a full course of study, and prohibiting all solicitation of funds from alumni.

These remedies will work, he insists, for he has used them in the University of Portland, and though they have graduated 56 football players in the past four years—28 of them with honors—they have had only one grid loss in those same four years. He ended his talk with an appeal to the Pelican gridders to "be smart" and think of football only as a game.

Frank Ramsey declined any responsibility for the successful season of the Pelicans, blaming most of it on the boys themselves.

"I was fortunate to work with them," he said. "And if next year's team is good it will be because the sophomores and juniors of this year have the stuff. We lose 15 men of this year's squad in graduation, eight of these are first line men."

Following the speeches, each member of the entire squad received jackets with the words "state champions" emblazoned on their side as loans until graduation from the football awards committee. Upon graduation the jacket will become the property of the player.

John Houston made an award

## Statistics Favor Bears In Playoff

Chicago Bears Have Edge Over Washington Redskins For Sunday Title Playoff

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN  
CHICAGO, Dec. 7 (AP)—The tale of statistics, which may or may not tell the true story of a team's ability, greatly favors the Chicago Bears over the Washington Redskins in their championship playoff Sunday at the nation's capital.

The figures were gathered during a season whose theme song was the broken record which repeated itself right down to the end of the regular National Football league campaign yesterday.

The Bears, who trimmed the Chicago Cardinals 21 to 7—allowing a freak touchdown in the last quarter to spoil chances for the best defensive scoring record in 15 years—hold these statistical advantages over the Redskins for the 11-game season:

155 first downs to 149; 3879 yards gained to 3121; 1898 yards by rushing to 227; 84 points given up to opponents to 102; 319 yards gained against them by rushing to 848.

Washington's margin: 257 attempted forwards to 192; 137 completions to 94 (completion percentage is lower, however); 17 of their passes intercepted to 28; 45-yard punting average to 39; 610 yards lost by penalties to 905; 1093 yards gained against them by passing to 1179.

The Green Bay Packers edged the Pittsburgh Steelers 24 to 21 on Don Hutson's 28-yard, angled field goal. Cecil Isbell tossed three touchdown passes, none to Hutson.

The Giant's great center, Mel Hein, ended a 13 year career of pro ball as his team whipped Brooklyn 10 to 0.

## Milk Bowl Teams Tie

PORTLAND, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Franklin high school city champions and a Portland high school all-star team played to a scoreless tie Saturday in the annual milk fund football game.

to Charles Stanfield for his direction of between-avalves performances, Ken Klahn awarded Joe Peake with a traveling bag for his coaching aid, Frank Ramsey received a table at the hands of Verne Owens for coaching the championship Pelicans, and Percy Murray could make no award for "boners" pulled this year.

## Portland Names Air Force Men All-Opponents

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7 (AP)—The second air force bombers dominate the all-opponent football team named by University of Portland players.

Five of the airmen were selected by the Portlanders. Idaho, Western Washington and Willamette placed two men each.

The team:

Bodney, second air force, left end; Monroe, Western Washington, left tackle; Calveili, second air force, left guard; White, Willamette, center; Lewis, Idaho, right guard; Connelly, second air force, right tackle; Munizza, Western Washington, right end; Spadecinni, second air force, quarterback; Van Every, second air force, left halfback; Dykeman, Idaho, right halfback; Qgdahl, Willamette, fullback.

## Jack Is Thoroughbred

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 7 (AP)—Jack, the skillful pointer which helps Charles Green bring in the quail, is a thoroughbred.

Peppered with about 50 bird shot and blinded in one eye by Green's hunting companion who fired too low into a covey of quail, Jack wouldn't leave the field. After a little first aid, he was on point again.

## One Year From Pearl Harbor -- Sports Are Still Going Strong Much to Japs' Disgust

By HAROLD CLAASSEN  
NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—A year ago today... Pearl Harbor.

Despite the early-death rumors for sports immediately after the Japs' unannounced visit to Hawaii, the nation-wide interest in athletics continues today and the sports world—remodeled in spots and revamped in others—goes on in its three-fold war purpose of (1) furnishing entertainment and bolstering morale, (2) raising relief funds and (3) conditioning prospective fighters.

So let's make a brief check to see what has happened to sports and what sports has made happen in the past 12 months.

Boxing—One of the most maligned peace time sports contributed spectacularly... Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis twice put his title on the line for war relief without charge... In all, boxing has given approximately \$500,000 to relief... Louis, Challenger Billy Conn, Light Heavyweight King Gus

Lesnevich, Middleweight Champion Tony Zale and Welterweight Champion Fred (Red) Cochrane, among others, in the service... But, despite all that, interest and attendance has kept up.

Barney Ross, former welterweight and lightweight champion, is the sport's newest hero... Only last week he was recommended for an award. He guarded three wounded marines in a Guadalcanal foxhole all night, firing an estimated 450 shots and killing at least seven Japs.

Racing—A nother often discredited sport in times of peace... Made cash contribution of \$2,500,000 to war relief... Furnished such star jockeys as Basil James to the army and such a topflight owner, breeder and official as Al Vanderbilt to the navy.

Baseball—Received now famous "green-light" letter from President Roosevelt last January and its sturdy determination last spring probably carried en-

tire sports program in early months of war... Major league service list now numbers 150, that of minor leagues more than 2000... Its cash gifts near half million... Also provided free tickets for service men at home and endless debates for those over seas.

Football—Contributed hundreds of coaches to the services "physical developments" departments, untold thousands of athletic young men to the ranks and an unestimated sum of cash to relief... Maj. Thomas J. H. Trappell, once a West Point footballer, carried his gridiron tactics to the Philippines where he won him distinguished service cross...

Golf—Ruling body gave up its national championship program but sent its professionals out for relief exhibitions and its amateurs to digging divots for same cause... Relinquished such players as Bob Jones and Bud Ward to the air force, Sam Snead to the navy, Dick Chipman, Pat Abbott, Ed Oliver and Jim Turnesa to the army.

All the other branches of sport contributed—both in cash and manpower—in proportion.

Virtually the only outright casualties were the Pan American games, automobiles and boat racing. And they were dropped only because they consumed gasoline which Uncle Sam needs for his fighting nephews.

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