

From MIDFIELD

By WES GUDERIAN

With the basketball season already on the way with an opening game scheduled for the Klamath Pelicans with Weed on Friday night, little remains for us grid fans but to kick the pot-bellied stove and worry over all-oppoent teams.

Eugene places seven Klamath players on their all-oppoent eleven and give state champion pretenders — Marshfield — only four spots. They selected: Jerry Ford, Marshfield, as left end. Pat Patzke, Klamath, left tackle. Arlie Butten, Marshfield, left guard. Phil Blohm, Klamath, center. Marvin Watson, Klamath, right guard. Wayne Yancy, Klamath, right tackle. Neil Mayfield, Klamath, right end. Ken Maine, Marshfield, quarterback. Ralph Foster, Klamath, left half. Jim O'Neale, Marshfield, right half. Don Mast, Klamath, fullback.

Evidently Eugene believes the Pelicans have the stronger team and claim to the title.

In Siskiyou county, northern California, they select an all-county eleven. None of the teams involved were played by the Pelicans, but the members of that team are interesting all the same. Players selected were:

Left end, Charley Guenther, Yreka; left tackle, Silvio Salvestrin, Weed; left guard, Marlon Hull, Dunsuir; center, Jerry Bianconi, Weed; right guard, Bob Giovanetti, Yreka; right tackle, Cordes Smith, Dunsuir; right end, Vincent Padilla, Dunsuir; quarterback, Robert Wheeler, Dunsuir; left half, Don True, Yreka; right half, Bill Slingsby, Yreka; fullback, Ivan Shaffer, Weed.

Football enthusiast Phil Blodgett, who came up with a plan to end all arguments concerning state high school football titles, has also figured out a method to make his alma mater — Michigan — the champion of the Big Ten conference. Working backward from Michigan's record, he had them beating all the teams in the conference through a process of elimination. Of course, he admits, you can work this any way you want, depending upon where you start.

I agree with Mr. Blodgett. It was the dizziest football season in many years.

Dave Bridge, city recreation director, who meets with the basketballers again this Friday evening in the city council chambers, is longing for some way to outfit his boys with both clothes and managers.

"Several teams are composed of young boys who need the advantages of a basketball season to further their physical education for army uses," he said, "but we need older men to manage these boys so the schools will okay the use of the gymnasiums to them."

Dave looks longingly at the suits the commercial league players will not be using this year — there is no commercial league.

"I wish these players would let us use the equipment for these younger boys," he sighs. "The commercial players can't use it, and we can."

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Ben Hogan, Nelson Hit Best Golf

Concoran Names Nelson's Hole-in-One, Hogan's Long Iron as Best Tourney Shot

By JOHN WILDS

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 9 (AP) — Belling Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson get credit for hitting golf shots of the year in Fred Concoran's roundup of highlights on the professional tournament tour for 1942.

Concoran, on leave from his job as tournament director for the Professional Golfers' association, made his annual roll call of superlatives while he awaited orders to go abroad on an assignment for the American Red Cross.

His nominations: Best Shot—Hogan's long iron to the green on the par five 18th hole at the Hillcrest course. The ball hit three feet from the pin and rolled 15 feet past, enabling Hogan to get down his second putt for the birdie which gave him a tie in the Los Angeles open with Jimmy Thompson, whom he defeated in the playoff.

Most Spectacular Shot—Nelson's hole in one at the 11th green in the Tam O'Shanter open at Chicago.

Hardest Luck Player—Ed Dudley, who lost to Sam Snead in the quarter finals of the PGA championship at Atlantic City when his tee shot on the last hole hit a spectator and bounced into the woods for an unplayable lie.

Biggest Upsets—Jim Turnesa's defeat of Hogan and Nelson in successive rounds to enter the finals of the PGA tournament, only to lose to Snead.

Most Popular Victory — That of Craig Wood, 41-year-old United States open champion, in the Canadian open.

Biggest Blow-Up—Jimmy Demaree's in the Tam O'Shanter, when he was leading the field after 68 holes, but finished 6-5-5-3 to tie for second.

Best 18-Hole Round — Dudley's 66 in qualifying for the PGA event over a course rated among the toughest.

Best 72-Hole Performance — Over a Championship Course—Hogan's card of 271—17 under par—in winning the north and south open at Pinehurst.

Longest Drive — Thomson's 325-yarder to win the driving contest at the Tam O'Shanter open.

Big Ten Chiefs Debate Playing Frosh Gridders

CHICAGO, Dec. 9 (AP)—The Big Ten's athletic chiefs debated today the question of whether to allow freshmen to participate on varsity teams to alleviate a threatened shortage of manpower this winter and next spring.

While some schools hesitated to back the proposed move too heartily, lest they be charged with seeking to profit by the use of outstanding first-year athletes now enrolled in their institutions, the general sentiment was that abandonment of the freshman rule would be for the good of the conference as a whole, assuring the continuation of the Big Ten's sports program.

The conference left no doubt of its intention to carry on athletics to the fullest extent possible.

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Pelican Hoopsters Open Season With Weed Tilt

Wayne Scott Puts Pelicans on Floor Against Weed Friday for First Time

The Pelican hoopsters working their first year with Wayne Scott as coach will meet the Weed, Calif., five on the local floor Friday, December 11, at 8 p. m., according to an announcement made by the high school today.

The original schedule called for the opening game with Grants Pass on December 18, but Scott, wishing to give his boys some play before meeting the Cavemen—considered the strongest team in the Southern Oregon conference—scheduled this Friday night struggle as a non-conference tilt.

The tentative lineup for the Pelicans places Rex Young and Wilbur Welch as forwards, tall Jim Cox at center, and Jim Bocchi and Ralph (Baldy) Foster at guard. Rushing these men hard for first line positions are Angelo Giovanni, Charles Metz, James Conroy, Aldo Bellotti, and Don Baker.

Of Scott's first line, Bocchi and Foster are lettermen returning from last year, and Young and Welch return to Scott's tutelage after play on last year's Wildcats. The squad consists now of 19 players, but will be whittled down to 15 within the next few weeks.

The Pelicans employ the fast break system used extensively by Howard Hobson of the University of Oregon under whom Scott played several seasons. It consists mainly of high speed ball with spectacular shots which delight the fans, but played under a system of working down the court to sink the counters.

This system of play will be varied with a quick-acting defense play which sets each player to a certain job. In line with Scott's record of only seven fouls per game in last year's Wildcat ball, this year's Pelicans will be coached in neat, clean basketball.

According to Scott, the state basketball tourney will be held as usual unless other arrangements are made later. Grants Pass, he says, is the strongest team of the conference with last year lettermen returning from last year. Medford has a new coach—Arnold—but is probably weaker than Ashland. Ashland has good material and the same coach they have had for the past three years.

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Alas, War-Torn Phillies Lose Burich to War

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9 (AP)—The Philadelphia Phillies, already hard hit by war manpower drains, have discovered to their disgust that another of their promising players has been called to war.

Checking over the already depleted player list, the Phils' management couldn't find what had become of William Max Burich, brought up from the eastern league last season and after a fine season rated by some as one of the best shortstop prospects brought by the Phils since 1914.

After a personal research campaign, the missing player was located as a military policeman at Camp White, Oregon.

USC, UCLA Gridders Drill for Rose Bowl Deciding Contest

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9 (AP)—Here's what the opposing coaches had to say as the UCLA and USC grid teams went through hard drills yesterday for their Rose Bowl-deciding contest Saturday.

Jeff Cravath, USC: "This is the best UCLA team that Southern California has ever gone up against."

Babe Horrell, UCLA: "S. C. has speed to burn. Our problem will be to catch up with them if we ever let them get a good start."

Both coaches conceded a passing offensive will play a strong part in the battle.

Turkey Thompson to Box Ernie Nordman in Portland Battle

PORTLAND, Dec. 9 (AP)—Matchmaker Joe Waterman today disclosed matching of Ernie Nordman of Kansas with Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles negro heavyweight, for the 10-round main event of a boxing show here December 18.

Thompson, a ranking heavyweight of the nation, has been signed for a week.

TIDRICK NOW ENSIGN

PULLMAN, Dec. 8 (AP)—Andrew Tidrick, boxing coach at Washington State college, has been commissioned an ensign in the United States navy and left last weekend for the Pre-Flight training school at North Carolina university. Athletic Director J. Fred Bohler said today.

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Cecil Isbell Defends Pass Champ Honor

CHICAGO, Dec. 9 (AP)—Cecil Isbell of Green Bay today became the National league's first forward passing champion ever to successfully defend his honor.

Final tabulations today showed Isbell and Washington's Sammy Baugh tied for first place on the basis of the league's rating system. Isbell had the most completions (146), and Baugh the best percentage of completions (.587). However, the Packer ace got the title not because of his edge in completions as well as total yardage (2021) and touchdowns (24)—all three of which established league records.

Other individual titles went to Bill Dudley, Pittsburgh rookie, who won ground gaining honors with 696 yards; Bill Daddio, Chicago Cardinal veteran who led the field goal kickers with five, and Don Hutson of Green Bay, who set seven records in retaining his scoring and pass receiving honors. His 138 points and his 74 passes received were both new marks.

BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST	
Pastor 55, Jersey City Teachers 46.	
New York University 47, Ursula 46.	
Long Island University 67, Rider 57.	
St. Johns 56, Montclair Teachers 22.	
MIDWEST	
Xavier 55, Georgetown (Ky.) 38.	
Ashland 54, Findlay 41.	
York 53, Concordia 33.	
Ohio State 41, Ohio Wesleyan 29.	
Youngstown 56, Kent State 45.	
Kansas Wesleyan 56, Washburn 42.	
Northwest Teachers 41, North Dakota State 32.	
MacAlester 61, Mankato Teachers 49.	
St. Olaf 54, Augsburg 21.	
Great Lakes 75, St. Norbert 24.	
Elmhurst 47, Aurora 32.	
Marquette 49, Carleton 28.	
Nebraska Wesleyan 51, Luther 17.	
Wittenberg 56, Dayton 33.	
De Paul 47, Ripon College 32.	
Central 41, Lawrence Tech 34.	
Calvin 65, Kalamazoo 37.	
White University 47, Sterling 12.	
Northwestern 55, Friends University 26.	
St. Cloud Teachers 34, St. Johns 31.	
Conver-Stockton 45, Carthage 40.	
Kearney Teachers 63, Hastings 27.	
St. Louis University 22, Jefferson Barracks 22.	
WEST	
Whittman 53, Pendleton Air Base 31.	
Conestoga 29, San Jose State 23.	
Santa Clara 41, U. S. Navy Air Base 26.	
SOUTHWEST	
University of Texas 54, Southwest Texas State 47.	
HIGH SCHOOL	
Dayton 29, Walla Walla 26.	
Bellingham 21, Burlington 26.	
FIGHTS	
By The Associated Press	
NEW YORK—Liz Costantino, 1934, New York outpointed Johnny Dell, 1952, New York, (8).	
AKRON, O.—Dan Merritt, 297, Cleveland, stopped Mike Alfano, 302, Bridgeport, Conn., (2).	
JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Billy Grant, 170, Orange, outpointed Vincent Pimpanova, 1716, New York, (6).	
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.—Phil Terranova, 1254, New York, outpointed Aaron Seltzer, 1252, New York, (3).	
HARTFORD, Conn.—Freddie Cabral, 153, Cambridge, Mass., knocked out Manuel Rosa, 159, Baltimore, (1).	

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The Ground Was Soft and Muddy



The weather was of the hush-hush variety at Kansas City, Mo., but Iowa and Missouri played their scheduled football game with Missouri getting the decision, 7 to 0. Here Jim Langhurst of Iowa, right half, feels out the right side of Missouri's line and finds it a bit on the tough side in this first period play. He only gained a yard.

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—Did you ever see anything fall flat faster (or flatter) than the late football season? ... One week 95,100 customers turned out for the USC-Notre Dame "Little Stalingrad" affair; the next week there were 300 on hand for Mississippi State-San Francisco and 500 for St. Mary's-Detroit. ... There may be a last gasp, however, when USC plays UCLA Saturday; they're supposed to be battling for the Rose Bowl bid though some west coast writers claim Stanford is the best team in the league now. ... At least it ought to be interesting for their coaches.

HIGH (SCHOOL) JINKS

To Sports Ed, Harvey L. Southard of the Lynn (Mass.) Item goes credit for expressing what a good many football scribes have thought. ... Toward the end of a high school game between Lynn and Waltham, the visiting coach began sending in a stream of substitutes. Southard just shoved his hands into his pockets: "I'll be damned if I'm going to take the Waltham team," he remarked.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR

John Mooney, Salt Lake Telegram: "War Slogan Dept.: Romantic Alta! one of the west's leading winter sports resorts, popularized the slogan, 'Come up and ski me sometime.' Now with gas rationing, we suggest they change this to, 'Long time no ski!'"

SERVICE DEPT.

Monte Rudolph, civilian director of athletics at Fort Sheridan, Ill., until he was called for induction, was sent right back there to watch some of the athletic activities he helped to establish. ... Ensign Jean Witter Jr., who was killed in action on the cruiser San Francisco, is remembered at the University of California as a guard on last year's football team. ... Chanute Field, Ill., basketball scorers are looking for an adding machine to keep track of the feats of Pvt. Everett Hall in intersquad games. He rang up 91 points in his first four contests.

FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

GREAT LAKES—Opponents averaged only 80 yards per game by rushing against the Great Lakes football team in 11 games.

Where's Elmer?

MATHER FIELD, Calif.—Myrl Hoag, White Sox outfielder, enlisted in the Army Air Corps at Mather Field.

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Casey Jones Gets Second Little All-America Spot

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—Jimmy (Casey) Jones, ace back from Tennessee's Union university, has been selected for the second successive year as the Little All-America football team, named today for the ninth time by the Associated Press.

Jones, for two years recognized as one of the south's leading backs regardless of the size of the school, is the only repeater on an eleven made up of four representatives from the mid-west, two each from the south, east and far west and one from the southwest.

However, one other back, Virgil Wanger of James Millikin (Illinois), was on the second team last year. Main spring of an eleven that rolled up a string of 26 victories in taking the Illinois College conference the last two seasons, Wanger's play improved so much he was placed in the backfield along with Jones Rudolph (Little Doel Moberly of Hardin-Simmons and Vince Pacewic of California's Loyola.

The quartet forms a high-scoring combination, the most interesting figure of which probably is the 255-pound Hardin-Simmons ball carrier. Rejected by Southwest conference schools because of his small size, Moberly this season set a national ball-carrying record of more than 1200 yards and also established a new standard for average ground gained per game. Moberly is the only sophomore on

Camp Adair Wolves Edge Out Monmouth Basketeers, 39-37

CORVALLIS, Dec. 9 (AP)—Timber Wolves of the 104th division, Camp Adair, played a team from the Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, in Corvallis Monday night to win by the slim margin of 39 to 37.

Never more than three points separated the teams through the entire game and the Oregon MN men went ahead in the final two minutes. Sgt. Brown of the Timber Wolves evened the score and Lieutenant Brown made the basket for the two winning points.

Lieutenant Brown was high man with 17 ducats.

WILSON IS TIED UP

HARTFORD—Because Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson is tied up to box in Providence, Lulu Costantino or Pedro Hernandez probably will get first shot at Willie Pep's featherweight title.

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NBA Swings Hatchet at New York

Once Buried Hatchet Swung Again as Result of Sammy Angott's Title Retirement

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—The hatchet which the New York state athletic commission and the National Boxing association buried two years ago has been dug up again, and the fight game's two leading governing bodies apparently are going to start swinging it at each other's skulls once more.

The boys aren't quite at each other's throats yet about the current lightweight championship scramble which was occasioned by Sammy Angott's retirement. But with the New York fight fathers deciding to name the winner of the December 18 Beau Jack-Tippy Larkin tussle as champion, and the NBA insisting no titleholder would be sanctioned until a nation-wide tournament is completed, you could hardly call the situation between the two outfits all sweetness and light.

But now Abe Greene, NBA president, accuses the New York commission of "breaking faith" by giving its title blessing to the Jack-Larkin winner, Commission Chairman John J. Phelan and his two co-workers also decreed a tournament "under the supervision of the New York commission" with the winner getting first crack at the "title" won by either Jack or Larkin.

However, Greene declares this is an about face from what the New York moguls agreed to at a conference with him. This agreement, he said, was that Jack and Larkin would tangle for recognition as No. 1 contender, and that the winner would have to meet the survivor of a tournament before anyone is given NBA championship recognition.

"The New York commission announces a tournament will be held among the contenders to determine an opponent to the champion, who will be appointed as of December 14. We feel many of the lightweights involved already are convinced by the strange political gyrations that the program is cut and dried for a small clique. The National Boxing association will stand by its promise to see that the next lightweight champion is crowned in the ring and not in a private office," Greene said.

Sinkwich Gets Scroll; Trophy Has No Priority

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—Frankie Sinkwich, who received the greatest number of votes in the eight years of the John W. Heisman trophy, came all the way from the University of Georgia for the award but is going home without it.

That's because of the war. The committee was unable to get priority rights on the 25-pounds of bronze needed to cast the figure so Sinkwich was handed a scroll last night before some 300 spectators. After the war, he can turn in the paper for a trophy similar to the one given Bruce Smith, Minnesota's great halfback, last year.

In accepting the award Sinkwich said that he felt it impossible to win such an honor in a single season and for that reason thanked his teammates of 1940, 1941 and 1942 for helping him gain the distinction.

LOU NOVA READY

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y., Dec. 9 (AP)—Lou Nova has completed training for his Friday night bout with Tami Mauerello in Madison Square Garden and weighs 205 pounds. The Californian is a 5 to 2 underdog.

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