

From Midfield

By WES GUDERIAN

Fearless Frank Calise, the Merrill manager of fighter Ursal Snapp, who whipped home from the University of Oregon this week with a new nom de plume, The Ace, also had a lot of information concerning former Klamath athletes now in college.

Gordon McKay, who played on Frank Ramsey's championship Pelican team this year has a brother, Dean, who played ball with him at the Henley proving grounds. Dean is now a 200-pound tackle on the University of Oregon frosh squad, and played good college ball in the Army-Frosh struggle in Eugene. Due partly to Dean's playing, the Frosh won 19-0.

Ursal Snapp who fought for Mack Lillard in the amateur bouts held last year at the armory, will be back from the University of Idaho for the Christmas vacation. Frank Calise says that in a recent letter received from "Urgent" Ursal, Snapp mentioned that he whipped the Pacific coast light-heavy champion. A fight is scheduled for the champion of the Logan Marines in Utah soon.

Amongst his other accomplishments, Snapp is also a football player. He played on the Southern Branch (Idaho) football team which was one of the few unbeaten, unscored on teams in the nation. Snapp is almost as good a fullback as he is a fighter.

Calise reveals that B league basketball players are coming in for their due. Jack Fleck, one of the best hoop men developed by the county B league is back home from Oregon where he plans to go out for frosh basketball next term, if the Navy reserves are not called before then.

According to Joe Peake, the gas rationing jinx that was supposed to have such a dire influence on the coming basketball season, has just about been whipped. School buses that carry teams to and from major games are given emergency gas rations by their local boards sufficient to meet their needs.

This system takes care of the beef a Bonanza man had concerning the differences between California and Oregon school transportation systems. In a recent hoop tilt between Bonanza and Tulelake — in California — the Tulelake team came up on a bus. Down there the buses are owned by private individuals and leased to the schools. When the individual applied for gas they included in their application the mileage for sports events. Thus they got gas, while the school-owned buses in Oregon didn't. Emergency rations by the local boards now take care

Government Ceiling Cuts Bowling Cost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson today ordered a general cut in the cost of bowling to the 16 million Americans who make it their regular or occasional recreation.

He also fixed a ceiling on charges for billiards and pool at March, 1942 levels. Soldiers, sailors and war workers by the thousands play the games, Henderson said, and the price order "will insure they are not overcharged for this recreation."

The bowling ceilings are based on September, 1941 charges, plus an allowance for increases in the cost of balls and pins and in the pay of pin boys.

The legal maximum represents an average reduction over the country of one cent for every three games of league bowling, OPA said, and one-half cent a game for "open," or regular bowling.

The highest price for league bowling shall be the highest charged in September, 1941, in each price class, plus 10 cents in the case of duck pins and candle pins, and seven cents in the case of ten pins, for each group of three games.

BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST
Pennsylvania 46, Philadelphia Coast Guard 36.
Massachusetts State 49, Clark 25.
Michigan 44, Bucknell 43.
Lehigh 73, Utopia 47.
N. Y. U. 79, Newark 35.
Niagara 50, Cornell 35.
Villanova 45, Albright 42.
George Washington 35, Oklahoma A. & M. 14.
Syracuse University 52, Western Reserve 14.
Williams 61, Wesleyan 42.
MIDWEST
Great Lakes 67, St. Thomas (St. Paul) 44.
Arkansas 40, Camp Crowder 29.
Oklahoma 42, Glendale Naval Air Base 39.
Oberlin 54, Penn 27.
Ohio 48, Marietta 22.
Nebraska Wesleyan 54, Dana 50.
Clemson 42, Franklin 22.
Mississippi 35, Florida 32.
SOUTHWEST
Texas 41, San Antonio Aviation Cadet 37.
Southern California 58, Pepperdine 28.
Oregon State 41, Camp Adair 31.
Linfield 46, Lewis & Clark 31.
Portland Rollmakers 45, Oregon 43.

of this, for the armed services are anxious to see sports as a conditioner encouraged. Whether or not, the local boards will give B league teams gas is another question, but the situation has been improved.

We were sad last week when word came that Walt Salsbery had been killed in a Colorado plane crash. We remembered him as a halfback and blocking quarterback for the Pelicans under Snowy Gustafson two years ago.

He played football for three years here, then went to Moffett field for his air training and played on the grid team there as halfback. Along with him were several outstanding players — some all-Americans — of 1941, and it is safe to say that Walt rated as good or better than them all.

In his passing, we pay tribute to a fine athlete, a good sportsman, and a good soldier.

Larkin to Meet Jack For Title

Tippy Larkin Gets Chance To Keep Garfield Promise To Get Light-Heavy Title

By JOE SULLIVAN
GARFIELD, N. J., Dec. 17 (AP) In New York's Madison Square garden tomorrow night, Tippy Larkin gets a chance to keep the promise he made to his Garfield pals more than two years ago.

On that occasion, Tippy stood before 150 of his friends at a testimonial dinner and, not knowing exactly how to thank them, finally declared with considerable determination: "I promise you that before I'm through fighting I'll bring the lightweight championship of the world to Garfield."

The promise seemed a little empty at the time, for Larkin had just suffered the only two knockout defeats in his seven-year career — one at the hands of Al (Bummy) Davis and the other by Lew Jenkins, who won the 135-pound title in his next start.

But the declaration was exactly what his friends wanted to hear. Their cheers were long and loud and they gave him a silver-and-blue boxing robe which he has worn in every ring appearance since.

And tomorrow night, Larkin steps into the garden ring to go 15 rounds or less with Beau Jack, the Georgia whirlwind, for the New York-New Jersey version of the world lightweight championship. The winner will be recognized in those two states as the successor to Sammy Angott, now retired.

Larkin never has seen Beau Jack in action and his only prediction on tomorrow night's fight is:

"I always try my best to keep a promise. I'll try my best and that is usually enough for me to win."

STRIKES to SPARE

Fitzsimmons Had All Faults of Bowling Beginner, Including Too Much English



Fred Fitzsimmons—the first step.

Pelicans Ready for Tough Battle With Grants Pass Hoopmen Friday Night

Cavemen Meet Pelicans In Double-Header Tilt

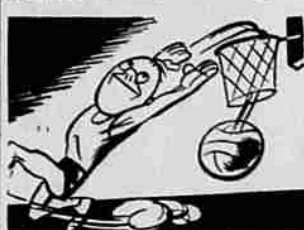
Bocchi, Foster, Cox, Welch, Conroy Start in First Conference Struggle

Fresh from a 52-24 victory last weekend over Weed, the Klamath Pelicans take the floor Friday night for their first conference hoop struggle against the Grants Pass Cavemen. The tilt will be the first of a double-header series with the second game held the following night.

Starting lineups include Welch and Conroy as forwards, tall Jim Cox as center, and Bocchi and Foster as guards, according to Wayne Scott, Pelican coach. Against Weed Bocchi garnered high point honors with 21 tallies.

On the bench will be Young, Bellotti, Patzke, Giovanini and Metz, whom Coach Wayne Scott will probably freely substitute with his starting lineup as he did last week. Other reserves are Hunter, Pope, Morris, Bigger and Smith.

Coach Paul Davis of the Cavemen will probably start Chet Lathrop, Dick Martindale as forwards, Neale Schrimpf, Johnny Gray as guards, and Rusty Martindale as center. The remaining members of the traveling squad will include Aretom Colie, Evan Pruitt, Dick Skow, Gaylord (Snuffy) Smith and Bill Davis. Making the trip with the Grants Pass hoopsters will probably be Jim Keith and Everett Gettmann who have been acting as assistant coaches.



Friday night's tilt will be the second game of the season for the Grants Pass team. Wednesday night they met the tough little Jacksonville team on the Cavemen's floor.

In practice session the Grants Pass team, consisting of nine last year's lettermen and eight new players, has been divided by Coach Davis into three squads — "Army," "Navy," and "Marines" to stimulate rivalry for positions on the traveling squad. With the nine returning lettermen and a new coach, the Cavemen are expected to be one of the toughest games on the Pelican schedule.

Though no score was kept, the Pelicans made a good showing in a practice scrimmage against the Chiloquin team on the local floor last night. Coach Wayne Scott said today, and should be in top shape for the double-header series.

On Friday night the Wildcats will play a preliminary game with the Dorris five starting at 7 p. m. Saturday's preliminary struggle will match the Wildcats with Keno. The Pelican tilts will start immediately after the preliminaries — approximately 8 p. m.

Callen Tops In Women's Sport World

Experts Show They Have An Eye for Beauty If Not for Feminine Sport Figures

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—The experts taking part in the Associated Press poll may not know their women athletes very well, but nobody can accuse them of not having an eye for pulchritude.

Asked to name their first, second and third choices of the outstanding women athletes of the year, the experts by an overwhelming vote selected beautiful Gloria Callen, the Nyack, N. Y., school girl swimmer, as No. 1, but from there on they were confused, to say the least.

Some were stumped after the lone first-place vote, and 15 who cast ballots on other outstanding athletes and teams of the year passed up the vote on the women completely. Eleven failed to make a second choice and 25 in all failed to cast a third-place vote.

Miss Callen, who holds 31 national swimming records, polled 135 points from the 67 sports writers who voted. She was named for first place in 38 of the ballots, with eight second-place votes and five votes for third.

In second place with a total of 67 points, and six first-place votes, was Pauline Betz, national women's tennis champion. Betty Jameson, golf star, placed third with 58 points. Miss Jameson gained 13 first-place votes.

Totals Show Drop in Team Bat Averages

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—Batting averages in the National league are shrinking toward the vanishing point, the official figures showed today.

The 1942 records just released by League President Ford Frick disclosed that the combined hitting of all the 265 players who took part in the senior circuit's games last season was .249, a decline of nine points from 1941 and a drop of 23 points in the last three years.

Ernie Lombardi of the Boston Braves, who bagged the batting title for the second time in his career, finished with a .330 mark, 13 points less than the championship pace of Brooklyn's Pete Reiser in 1941.

Similarly, the St. Louis Cardinals, who had the best club average in the league, had to be content with .268, four points less than the Dodgers of the year before.

The continued decline has become such a problem that Warren Giles, general manager of the Cincinnati Reds, asked the major leagues at the recent meetings in Chicago to provide for the manufacture of a livelier ball. He didn't get an endorsement of his proposal, but he did get named to a committee along with Commissioner Landis and William Harridge, president of the American league, to determine the specifications for next season's official ball.

Girls should be careful about reading a man like a book—they may be left on the shelf.

YOU CAN DEPEND ON CENTURY CLUB

90 YEARS OLD

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—In keeping with that recently-revived idea of splitting the major baseball leagues into eastern and western groups, this corner offers a simple (and no cracks, now) solution to the manpower shortage in sports... It's merely to use fewer players on a side... Before you start giggling, remember that football started out with 25 men on a side, eventually was reduced to 11 and they say this six-man football played by schools that can't muster full teams isn't bad at all... Basketball tried seven, eight and nine-man teams before settling on five... Of course, there might be a question as to how many fans would shell out \$3.30 to see six-man football or a buck for baseball without shortstops, but, heck, ain't this wartime?

CONFUSION CORNER
Last weekend, Terry Reardon played a professional hockey game Saturday afternoon, an amateur game that night and another pro game Sunday... And two of his appearances were for Montreal clubs visiting Boston, although Terry is the property of the Boston Bruins... Explanation is that Terry had been "loaned" to the Canadians because he couldn't get permission to leave Canada... Then, when he was about to enter the army, he was allowed a final fling across the border and to show his appreciation asked permission to play with the Montreal army team against the Boston Olympics.

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3. "It gives the other boys a chance to show their wares and they usually show plenty."
The two-team plan was altered but slightly this year, usually with two backfield men entering the game just before the first period ended to scatter instructions.

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Max Baer and Buddy Join the Army Air Corps



Max Baer (left), former heavyweight boxing champion, gave some "Baer" facts to an army air corps doctor at Sacramento, Calif., as he and his brother, Buddy (center), enlisted in the army air corps as privates. Their enlistments were accepted because their applications were made one day before President Roosevelt suspended voluntary enlistments.

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Keg Congress Abandons Meet In Northwest

SEATTLE, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Northwest-International Bowling congress announced today abandonment of its tournament—the northwest's biggest—for the duration.

George Kosmos, secretary-treasurer, said more than 40 city associations recommended the action, in view of taxed transportation facilities and other problems.

Next spring's tourney was slated for Spokane.

Bowling circles heard the Washington State Bowling association, which has been with holding action on its scheduled tournament in Tacoma, also may cancel the event.

Three Ex-Beavers Start for Stork-Size Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 17 (AP)—Three members of the 1942 northern division basketball champion Oregon State Beavers—John Madic, Sam Dement and Jack Mulder—will start for Vancouver's stork-size Ramblers here Friday against the University of Washington varsity.

Other Rambler regulars are Worley Ellis, all-state flash in 1938, and Bob Mulder, high scorer of last season's Southern Oregon Normal quintet.

NO FRESHMEN ATHLETES

SEATTLE, Dec. 17 (AP)—In respect of the conference ruling, University of Washington freshmen will have no chance to participate in varsity athletics before next spring. Basketball Coach Hec Edmundson said last night the training season was "too well advanced to allow freshmen to cut in."

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