

# From Midfield

By WES GUDERIAN

Friday night's hoop struggle between Grants Pass and the Pelicans which, incidentally, the Pelicans won after a fierce battle by a score of 42-36, saw a remarkable and seldom duplicated feat performed by tall Jim Cox, Pelican center.

It happened in the early second half. Referee Bob Glennon tossed up the ball between Cox and a Caveman at the foul line. With great nonchalance Cox flipped the ball over the opposing jumpers head into the basket for two more Pelican points.

At one time, when the rules allowed jumping for the ball wherever the struggle for its possession took place, this was a common occurrence. Now that the jump must take place at the foul line, the feat is not so easy. Cox's basket from tip-off is tough to duplicate.

Cox played another good game in the second double-header, Saturday night. During the first half he didn't click so well, but he deserves great credit in the second half for getting that ball off the backboard.

Today we have a guest star in the form of Fearless Frank—The Ace—Calise, the Merrill Walter Winchell. Frank writes:

In 1940 a championship team was shipped out of Merrill high school over the mountain to Ashland for the official "B" league tournament. After the tournament the Huskies brought several trophies and a few individual honors home.

Today that very same team will get together in the Merrill high school gym for a little re-union before separation and off to the armed forces. They will challenge any local team within reasonable distance.

Jack Fleck, one of the outstanding forwards is back from the University of Oregon where he is studying pre-med. He will take his position opposite Tom Chaburn, the other veteran forward.

Urgent Ursel Snapp will be back from the University of Idaho to take his spot on the maple wood at the guard position. Ursel has proven himself worthy of strenuous athletics by football on the college gridiron and boxing in the outstanding rings of the nation. An unbeatable chap.

Joe Fotheringham, a slim six-footer, will have the pivot position.

Leo McKoen, a handsome looking eager with plenty of fire, will add the local color to the other guard spot.

It's been a long time since all five have gotten together and it will be some time before another reunion is to be had.

Ursel Snapp is talking about the air corps, and might even be called before his boxing season is over.

Joe Fotheringham will probably never see action because of taking his father's place on the ranch and that's more than a one man's job.

Leo McKoen talks as if the army will be calling him and his plans are still a question mark.

Tom Chaburn thinks that he will leave some time in February with his draft board directing.

Jack Fleck is in the naval reserve and the navy will say the word when he is to leave.

So this year will end the Southern Oregon 1940 B league champions reunion until a further date.

All challenges are open...

## Sinkwich Packs for Rose Bowl



## Americans Elect Top Pitchers

Ted Lyons, Ernie Bonham, Tex Hughson Rated Best American League Pitchers

By ARNOLD DERLITZKI  
CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (AP)—A 41-year-old veteran, Ted Lyons, and two youngsters—Ernie Bonham and Tex Hughson—were the American league's most effective pitchers during the 1942 baseball season.

Lyons, for the first time in his 20 year old Major league career, came up with the best earned run average among the regulars. Official figures released today showed that the veteran, who has spent all of his big league time with Chicago's White Sox, and now is a first lieutenant in the marine corps, had a 2.10 earned run average for 180 innings. Cleveland's Tom Ferrick bettered this with a mark of 2.00, but Ferrick participated in only 81 innings and his three victories and two defeats did not compare with the season's record of the White Sox hurler.

Lyons, operating with a sixth place ball club, finished all of the 20 games he started and wound up with a record of 14 triumphs and six defeats.

Hughson of the Boston Red Sox and Bonham of the New York Yankees were the league's only 20 game winners, the former with 22 and Bonham with 21. They tied for the most completed games, each with 22.

Bonham also was the leader in shutout victories with six and trailed Lyons in earned runs with 2.27 for 226 innings of toil. Hughson lost six games and ended with a .786 percentage. He tied Buck Newsom of Washington for the most strikeouts, 113.

## Beat St. Louis For Pennant, Says Connie

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22 (AP)—Connie Mack, who will be 80 tomorrow, believes the St. Louis Browns are the team to beat for the American League baseball championship next year.

"Mind you," says Connie, who recently announced a rejuvenation program for his Philadelphia Athletics next season, "I'm not predicting the Browns will win, but I like them very much."

"They have a good infield and a good outfield," he continued, "that makes them dangerous. Considering how they came from nowhere to finish third last summer, and the fact that the draft hasn't hit them hard as yet, they look very good."

## Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—Dear Santa Claus: Here it is almost Christmas and I haven't decided yet what to ask for sports presents this year. . . . Of course, we all might ask for more scrappers like Barney Ross, but I believe that we already have a lot of them. . . . Our American athletes, in fact, all our American boys, can do all right when they have to fight. . . . I only hope that they never get into the kind of jams where heroes are made. . . . Well, Santa, maybe the best idea would be to go down the list and think what gifts I might reasonably ask for in each sport.

**BASEBALL**  
Baseball's still our national game so maybe it's okay to ask for a little in 1943. . . . Not baseball as usual, of course, but enough so the folks at home can see a game now and then and the boys overseas can get the results and argue about who's going to win the pennants. . . . And would it be unreasonable to ask that the guys who run the clubs should be more open minded than usual where a new idea is advanced. . . . I'm not saying they're all good ideas, but in times like these folks ought to be willing to listen instead of hollering "It would be better to quit" when anybody comes up with a suggestion for a radical change in their ordinary way of doing things.

**BOXING**  
It would be swell to get more

good fights between the boxers and few fights between the governing bodies. . . . Wish you could read a letter I just got from Marine Col. Heine Miller, in which he points out that "no box office, no promoter, no fighter, no one state, is as big as boxing as a national sport." . . . But I'm afraid that would be too big an order for even you, Santa.

**FOOTBALL**  
We just had a tremendous war-time football season and I don't suppose anybody is looking for another soon. . . . All I can ask is for the army and the colleges to reach an understanding soon on how they'll handle the physical training of the service men who will be sent to campuses, and maybe next fall enough players to round out some fair teams and nice, tight schedules so they can play their neighbors without overloading any trains or burning up rubber.

**GOLF AND TENNIS**  
These sports seem to have taken pretty good care of their own affairs, but I'd still like to toward open tournaments. . . . The racquet rulers have a good chance now to clear out the "shamateurs," but I'm afraid they'll come back unless some way is provided for a kid who has worked up to the top of the amateur heap to cash in without cutting himself off from all his old associations.

**MANUEL ORTIZ SIGNS**  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22 (AP)—Tommy Farmer, manager of Manuel Ortiz, the NBA bantam champ, announced today that the Angeleno had signed for a New Year's day title test in Portland, Ore., with Kenny Lindsay of Vancouver, B. C.

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## Georgians Work Out for UCLA Rose Bowl Battle

Wally Butts Whips Team Into Shape For New Year's Struggle With Bruins

By FRANK FRAWLEY

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 22 (AP)—Hard, tedious and painstaking work set in today for the Georgia football team as Coach Wallace Butts began whipping it into condition for the Rose bowl game New Year's day against the UCLA Bruins.

"These boys looked good against Georgia Tech," Butts admitted just before he called them into action, "but they have been crumming for exams and have had only one scrimmage since then."

Butts said his squad of 43, which arrived yesterday, was train-weary after four days en route and might be glad to get its feet on firm ground again, even if in hostile, but yet friendly territory.

Someone asked if the Georgians weren't going to have a fling at Hollywood.

"I don't know," Butts answered smilingly, "maybe we will, but you have my word that we came out here to play football and that's the first, and right now the only thing in our minds. Nobody is going to interfere with our plans, either. We're away behind in our work and I only hope we can catch up by New Year's."

Frankie Sinkwich, the nation's No. 1 athlete, who contributed 2176 of the 3704 yards the Bulldogs gained this year, was in a serious mood, too.

"We heard these Bruins were big and strong," said Frankie. "We figured we'd be outwitted but it's not so good to hear they also are as fast as all get out."

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22 (AP)—Big George Phillips, UCLA's star fullback last year, has had little but hard luck this season and apparently that's all he's going to have.

In pre-season scrimmages, large George banged up a knee and was out of action all the regular season. He showed positive signs of mending, however, and Coach Babe Horrell kept him out of the USC game so he would be certain to be available in the Rose bowl against Georgia.

But George, it was learned yesterday, stepped into a hole over the weekend, aggravating the knee injury, and now he's almost a cinch to hold down a bench position New Year's day.

## BASKETBALL SCORES

**EAST**  
Manhattan 45, Syracuse 42.  
Villanova 35, Philadelphia Coast Guard 35.

**MIDWEST**  
North Dakota Argyle 35, Valley City Teachers 32.  
Loyola (Chicago) 82, Chicago 30.  
Olathe Naval Air Base 49, Kansas State 34.

**WEST**  
Camp Grant 41, Illinois 37.  
Omaha 55, Midland 45.  
Wisconsin 44, Oklahoma 37.  
Purdue 45, Washington (St. Louis) 42.

**TEXAS A. & M.** 42, 50th Division 39.  
Corpus Christi Naval Air Station 54, Texas Christian 34.

**TEXAS** Wesleyan 60, Stephen F. Austin 54.  
California 59, Santa Clara 51.  
Washington 62, Gonzaga 51.

**IDAHO** 49, Montana State 40.  
Idaho University 56, College of Idaho 26.  
Vancouver Ramblers 49, Oregon 47.  
Pendleton Air Base 48, Eastern Oregon 44.

**FIGHTS**  
By The Associated Press

CHICAGO—Al Deamer, 154, Chicago, and Al Gomez, 134, Chicago, drew (5).

BALTIMORE, Md.—Alfred (Big Boy) Brown, 250, Detroit, outpointed Pat Conkley, 225, Patterson, N. J. (10).

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Willie Pep, 125, Hartford, Conn., scored technical knockout over Mexican Joe Silva, 120½, New York (8).

BOSTON, Mass.—Henry Vasquez, 137, New York, outpointed Johnny Compe, 130, New Haven, (10).

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## Barney Ross, the Fighting Marine, Wins Neil Trophy

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—Barney Ross, who won three world championships in the ring but now does his fighting in far-off Guadalcanal as a corporal in the United States marines, is the winner of the Edward J. Neil memorial trophy as boxing's "man of the year."

Although he hasn't pulled on the padded gloves in many months, the little Chicagoan was the unanimous choice of members of the New York Boxing Writers association to receive the award given each year in memory of the former Associated Press sports writer who was killed in 1938 while serving as a war correspondent in Spain.

The writers considered no other candidate than Corporal Barney, who only last month stood off a detachment of Japs and protected three wounded comrades all night until help arrived the next day.

Ross, wounded and suffering from shock and fever, refused to be evacuated when his marine unit was ordered to the rear after being isolated in dangerously located underbrush.

Instead, he stood guard over

his wounded pals in a fox hole exposed to a hidden machine gun nest. He fired more than 450 rounds of ammunition, pitched hand grenades and prayed. He killed at least seven Japs and his rescuers said he probably got ten more.

His commanding officer recommended him for either the navy cross or the army's distinguished service cross.

The Neil plaque, awarded to the man who did the most for boxing during the year, will be presented at the association's annual dinner early in 1943. Members hope Barney will be on hand to accept the award in person.

**BRONCOS EDGE EOC**

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—The Pendleton air base Broncos defeated the Eastern Oregon College of Education basketball team 48 to 44 here last night. Jackson, Bronco center, scored 25 points and Andrews, EOC guard, clicked for 20.

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## Klamath Men Have Tough Sleddin' But Lotsa Skiing at Mountain Training Camp

By JIM MORRISON

Bitter cold (24 degrees below zero), and not a place to buy even a sandwich; no service clubs, theatres or recreation halls, only one miniature PX (post exchange) which sells beer and cigarettes and little else. But promise of skiing!

Those are the thoughts of Klamath Falls men in the tough 87th Infantry at Camp Hale, Colo., where the parade grounds rest 9200 feet above sea level!

These men—Haarby Bechen, Jimmy Coonan, Embert Fossum, Clarence Hill and Bob Morrison—all seasoned veterans of years of skiing at Crater lake and other west coast snowy slopes, are being trained at Camp Hale for service anywhere in the world where allied mountain troops may be needed.

PFC Morrison this week wrote an interesting account of conditions the ex-Klamath skiers

found at the mountain troops' training station:

"This town of Pando is really a tarpaper town, built up from a railroad station to house the workmen who are still building our camp. They say that there have been 70,000 workmen on the job who have stuck it out somewhat less than two weeks on the average per man. The wages are as high as \$125 a week for anyone who can drive a nail and \$75 a week for common labor, but even this won't hold them.

"We soldiers get a Class A and Class B ration card which gets us eight gallons of gas a week, ample if you are careful." (Soldiers are allowed to operate their own automobiles after completing basic training.)

"I stayed in camp last week-end and skied on our hill at Tennessee pass—10,240 feet at the foot of the lift, or 11,500 at the top. This lift is a T-bar type, 6000 feet long. T-bar means that a bar hangs from a cable with a wooden bar on each end which extends on each side of the vert-

ical bar. The skier merely leans against this lower horizontal bar and slides up the hill with little or no exertion. Each bar takes two men, one on each side. The snow was so thin that I almost ruined a new pair of G. I. skis on the rocks which stuck up through the snow.

"The government has issued us ski pants, parka, mittens, gloves, six pairs of heavy woolen socks, overshoes, the finest down sleeping bag with a full length zipper, ski caps, headbands, mountaineer's knife. Besides all that, a complete white outfit, ski pants and gaiters. The parka is reversible, white on one side and army green on the other, and knee-length.

"So you see they intend to keep us warm up here. It is surprising how little clothing you

need to keep warm if you are moving around, but if you stand still a few minutes you find out how cold it really is.

"You should see the trains go up the grade alongside camp. The passenger trains use three of the biggest engines I've seen, on a train of from 15 to 17 cars to the engine. They still don't make more than three or four miles an hour on the start out of Pando. Just above at Tennessee pass is the highest point in the United States railroad system."

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