

From Midfield

By WES GUDERIAN

When the bells tolled at midnight last Thursday, it behooved us sportscribes to cast a reflective eye over the past sport season and comment thereon. Gloomy was our retrospect, for with but one shining exception, the local athletic season was filled with reverses.

Track, basketball, golf, softball and tennis held none of former year's excitement and promise, but the one shining triumph—the capture by the high school Pelicans of the mythical state gridiron title—made the entire year seem a success.

Though engaging in a statewide dispute over the Oregon gridiron title after dropping a post season tilt to Vancouver by a 20 to 6 landslide, the Klamath high school Pelicans stand out as the only undefeated, untied team in the class A school conference, which record entitled them unquestionably to the honor of holding the mythical state title.

Starting the season with a 13 to 0 victory over the much-vaunted Grant eleven from Portland, the Pelicans romped through seven remaining games to rack up a total of 239 points to their opponents 18, beating Redding 27-0, Eureka 34-0, Astoria 26-0, Medford 32-0, Eugene 34-6, Grants Pass 31-0, and Bend 40-0.

Highlight of the season was the 32-0 victory over the Medford Tigers—the third Pelican victory in 29 years of rivalry. Led by Ralph Foster, twinkling halfback, who experienced a personal sorrow the evening before when his stepfather died, the Pelicans ripped the Tiger line to shreds for a total of 178 yards gain to 29, and piled up 12 first downs to their opponents 6 to inflict upon them the worst defeat of their season.

Besides holding the greatest triumph, the local grid season also held the greatest disappointment—the overwhelming defeat by the Vancouver Trappers of the Pelican gridriders in the one and only post-season game scheduled this year.

The day following the scheduling of the game, the Pelicans awoke to a snow filled field that belied any promise of practice. For ten days this condition continued, and the day of the game dawned with the local team soft from lack of outdoor practice, and butterfingers because of the cold, while the Vancouver squad with days of outdoor work behind them, walloped the Pelicans 20 to 6 and started contention among inferior Oregon teams about the state title.

Despite this walloping by a non-conference, non-state squad, the Pelicans remain the top team in Oregon, and thus ended the most successful gridiron season ever experienced by the Klamath Union high school. The Lions club combined with the Quarterbacks held the annual awards banquet to pay tribute to the state champion boys and their coach, Frank Ramsey. We join with them in thanks for the only light dry spot in the dark morass of 1942 local sports.

STRIKES to SPARE

Bowling Hook Is Like Curve in Baseball; Sensitive Fingers Assure Good Control



Fred Fitzsimmons... find out how much spin you must apply to bring the ball into the 1-3 pocket.

By FRED FITZSIMMONS
A Big League Bowler, Too
Wrist and finger action puts the hook on the ball, determines its path.

As a baseball curves from the spinning motion applied by the pitcher, so does the ball on the alley.

Bowlers using the three-finger grip, and most do, can apply this spin almost with the fingers alone. Two-finger grippers utilize the wrist more. I find that better control comes from the more sensitive fingers.

You must find out how much hook to put on your ball, depending on where you lay the ball in relation to the sides of the alley. Ascertain how much spin you must apply to bring the ball into the 1-3 pocket.

This will come with practice.

All Oregon Staters Have Hand In It



Oregon State's basketball team made annual Madison Square Garden visit success by defeating City College of New York, 45-34, as half of double-header played before capacity crowd of 18,334 persons. From left to right, the players are Bob Harvey, Don Cecil, Capt. Don Durand and football fame, Glen Warren and Lewis Beck.

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—The answers to two guessing games that have puzzled sports fans for some time are due before very long. Tomorrow Judge Landis will tell the baseball bigwigs what he learned in Washington last week and they'll decide how far they can go with the 1943 season. And as soon as he disposes of a few more important matters, New York's new governor, Tom Dewey, will settle the \$64 question for fight liberals—what about the commission? That \$64 doesn't refer to the price of ringside seats this year. The New York commission always has enjoyed (and that's just the word) a unique position because the best fights and biggest dough came under its control. So if Dewey should toss out the present incumbents and put in a more co-operative group, it should have a decided effect upon boxing everywhere.

AGED ON CANVAS

Another question that has caused as much talk along Jacobs' beach as a good thing in the fourth at Tropical, is whether the law should be changed to allow 16-year-olds to fight professionally. Al Weill, who has only four or five boxers left in his stable, shoves for the change so he can get somebody to work with and develop. "They're not too young to fight if they're not over-matched," Weill argues, "and you can over-match a man no matter how old he is."

TODAY'S GUEST STAR

Charlie Landolf, New Castle, Pa. News: The Athletics and Phillies, smart enough to avoid playing each other for not enough seasons, are going to unfurl their technique before the '43 campaign starts. Could it be that they want to show fans the exact meaning of the adjective "futile"?

SERVICE DEPT.

Maybe you wouldn't believe it, but combat fliers "generally lead a sedentary life" according to Jim Pixlee, head of the army air force physical training. That's why they're required to get in an hour of athletics daily to keep in condition. "There's no more activity in flying a plane than sitting at a desk," Pixlee explains. Ensign Gar Griffith, who coached the Manhattan beach coastguard football team last fall, is trying to line up games against eastern colleges for 1943 and so far Villanova has been the only taker.

Landis Calls Baseball Men to Emergency Meet

American League Proxy Believes Meet Will Definitely Straighten Out Year

CHICAGO, Jan. 4 (AP)—Baseball officials began gathering in Chicago today for Commissioner K. M. Landis' emergency session at the Palmer house tomorrow, which President William Harridge of the American league believes "will definitely straighten out the 1943 season."

"We'll know the where and when of spring training," he said. "And after we find this out we can map a definite schedule."

"I'm not sure what Judge Landis has in mind. He hasn't mentioned his conference with ODT Director Eastman with anyone. All baseball men can do until tomorrow is speculate." Harridge believes if the regular 154 game schedule is continued it easily could be fitted into a shortened season by making "doubleheader days" common attractions just like double features at theatres.

The main questions for the mileage conservation parley center on inaugurating the season April 13 or about the 27th, trimming schedules from 154 to 140 games, reducing traveling squads from 25 to about 20 players by leaving utility men at home, and whether to open spring training within a radius of home or actually at home.

At least three major league teams, the Philadelphia Athletics and Phils and the New York Yankees, have indicated their willingness to train at home.

Eastern Washington Drops Ephrata Air Base Cagers, 55-42.

CHENEY, Jan. 4 (AP)—Eastern Washington college defeated the Ephrata air base basketball team 55 to 42 here Saturday night, but showed little of the power and smoothness that has made the club a threat to top conference teams during the season.

After a swift start the EWC lads found themselves in a ding-dong battle and led by a single point, 25-24 at the half. Lieut. Carl Walker, former University of Georgia star, was the high scorer of the evening with 15 points, followed by Forward Bob Leifer of EWC with 14.

STICKLE JOINS MARINES

SEATTLE, Jan. 4 (AP)—Ned Stickle, Seattle Rainiers shortstop, a former Whitman college and International league baseball star, has notified the Rainiers management that he has joined the marine corps reserve while attending dental college in Portland. A number of major league scouts were watching Stickle's work.

Cougar Cagemen Beat Alpine Dairy For Sixth Victory

SEATTLE, Jan. 4 (AP)—The University of Washington basketball team defeated the strong Alpine Dairy team of the northwest independent league, 33 to 22, here Saturday night, to give themselves a record of six victories and one loss in the husky pre-conference play.

Guard Bill Morris led the Washington scorers with 10 points while Bob Graf topped the Dairy men with 7.

BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST
Fordham 44, Rhode Island State 74.
N. Y. City College 61, Geneva 16.
V. T. L. 32, Emory and Henry 15.
Cleveland 21, Long Island U. 28.
MIDWEST
Arkansas 40, Pittsburgh 38.
Iowa 40, Ripon 25.
Loyola 31, Illinois Wesleyan 18.
Northwestern 29, Great Lakes 47.
Ohio 48, Cincinnati 33.
University of Detroit 34, Harvard 19.
Minnesota 62, South Dakota State 62.
Illinois 25, Stanford 24.
Ohio State 45, Kentucky 40.
WEST
UCLA 44, Santa Ana Air Base 37.
Coast Guard 30, St. Mary's 33.
Texas A. and M. 20, Duquesne Field Flyers 20.
Fort Warren All-Stars 40, Greeley State 41.
Utah State 47, Montana State 38.
Southern Methodist 45, East Texas Teachers 36.
Idaho 42, Montana 37.
NORTHWEST
Washington State 55, Wayne University 31.
Oregon State 40, Washington University 32.
Washington 30, Alpine Dairy (NW League) 22.
Eastern Washington 45, Ephrata Air Base 42.
HIGH SCHOOL
Astoria 18, Longview 22.

Henry Eyes 15th Battle In Comeback

Hammerin' Hank Armstrong to Fight McDaniel Along the Comeback Trail

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4 (AP)—Flatiana's former kingpin of three divisions, Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, climbs into the ring here tomorrow night for his 15th fight in an amazing comeback campaign.

Hurricane Hank's opponent will be Jimmy McDaniel, who obtained a release from a fight he had scheduled at Hollywood January 15 against Cecil Hudson in order to get a crack at the little negro, McDaniel will not be getting any more money for the Armstrong 10-rounder. He simply thinks he can stop Hank's march toward regaining the lightweight crown.

Seven months ago Armstrong began his comeback. An operation on sensitive scar tissue around his eyes was pronounced a success and the California Boxing commission gave him the go ahead signal. He has won 13 of 14 fights, most of them by technical knockouts, and along the way evened the score against Fritz Zivic, who lifted Armstrong's welterweight title.

After tomorrow night's battle Armstrong will head east for two bouts, the first January 18 in Philadelphia against Al Tribuni, and other January 29 against New York's lightweight ace, Beau Jack.

Army Fliers Tounce Pro Grid Champs

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 4 (AP)—Just to prove they could do it all will the March field army fliers from Riverside, Calif., soundly tounded San Diego's Coast league professional football champions again yesterday.

The point margin was not quite as great yesterday in the victory bowl game—28 to 14—but the action was equally as decisive as earlier. The two teams met first last November with the score 33 to 12 for the fliers.

March field pushed over two touchdowns in the first period, a third in the second quarter and another in the third. The San Diego bombers belatedly crossed the line twice in the final period.

Frank Emmons, fullback and former Oregon star, did a lot of the heavy work for the fliers. He made four after-touchdown conversions and ran 15 yards for his team's final touchdown. San Diego intercepted a pair of the army's passes for its two touchdowns.

Touring Beavers Hand Washington U Second Loss, 40-32

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4 (AP)—The touring Oregon State basketball team recovered from a slow start to hand Washington university its second straight defeat, 40 to 32, here Saturday night.

The Oregonians, having difficulty locating the basket, trailed 3 to 9 in the early minutes, but recovered to lead 19 to 13 at the half and never were threatened in the second period. Jack Darnton, all-Missouri conference forward, was high scorer of the evening, rolling in 14 points for Washington. Howard, Oregon State forward led his squad with 11, followed by Beck and Durand with 9 each.

She'll Also Serve



Lieut. (jg) Elwood Cooke makes friends with daughter at Pensacola. Little Miss Cooke scarcely can miss being tennis star. Her mother, the former Sarah Palfrey Fabyan, won national women's singles in 1941. Her father once was nation's No. 2 amateur.

WSC Basketeers Tromp Over Wayne University, 55-31

DETROIT, Jan. 4 (AP)—Sparkled by high scoring forward Gail Bishop the Washington State college basketball team romped over Wayne university here Saturday night to the tune of 55 to 31.

The westerners early in the game led by a 22 to 4 margin and at the halftime held an edge of 33-15.

Bishop, the only one in the game to break into the double column with his scoring, racked up 21 points, looping in six field goals in the first half and then adding four more and a free throw in the second. The Cougars used 10 men, all but one of whom scored. They will meet Bardley Tech tonight at Astoria.

Wartime Horse Racing Season Over the Hump

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 4 (AP)—Tropical park officials counted their racing season over the hump today as far as war-created doubts were concerned and looked for brighter conditions in the last eight days of their present meet.

Attendance was down 40 per cent in the first two weeks of winter racing and waging slumped \$807,000 under last year, but the 43,480 attendance and \$2,199,871 betting figures were very near the blue ink stage.

"With the holiday season and football behind us, we should pick up steadily now," said Thomas J. Lyons, comptroller of the Gables Racing association.

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