



Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP)—When this business of trying to train baseball clubs in the frigid north first came up, we asked Hugh Fullerton, Sr., about it, since pop's baseball experience goes back to when southern trips were something of a novelty. . . . "I remember listening to Anson, Ryan, Burns and Mike Kelly tell about training in the snow banks on the Lake Front park at Chicago," pop writes, "and how Mike shoveled snow and practiced hook slides into the snow at second. . . . One spring Chicago went to West Baden, Ind., for ten days then at the University of Illinois and was in fine shape when it started barn storming. . . . The best-conditioned club I ever saw trained at Hudson, N. M., and hardly saw a baseball until a week before the season started, merely rode horses, climbed mountains and ran around the desert. They were eager to play ball when the season started. . . . Maybe this will cure a lot of bunk."

A COOL CUSTOMER

One guy who (like Joe DiMaggio) didn't have to worry about spring training, pop reports, was a big pitcher named Roy Denzer, who lived in Minnesota when the Cubs bought him. . . . Roy didn't report for training and didn't answer letters so a scout was sent after him, arriving on a sub-zero day. . . . After nearly freezing on the way to Denzer's farm because the liveryman thought it was too cold to take a horse out, the scout was directed to the barn. . . . There he found Roy, in his undershirt, pitching at a sack of bran and cutting loose with all his speed. . . . "In July of that year," pop adds, "Roy complained that he was a hot weather pitcher and couldn't work well on chilly days."

SPRING BRAINING

Another idea from the same source is that most of the feuds within baseball clubs start from spring boredom. . . . "Most of the players are sick of ball before the season starts, sick of exhibitions and anxious to start real play. When they have too much time on their hands, they form factions that break up clubs. . . . The fights that occur during the playing season are flareups of anger; those of spring training are active hates."

MONDAY MATINEE

The bowlers victory legion, which has raised \$61,368 for USO and over \$120,000 for the Red Cross, starts its third war charity collection a week from today. This led Bill Kuster of Kansas City to express this sentiment: "We've got to give. The beautiful thing about it all is that we don't have to give until it hurts because it doesn't hurt a bowler to give."

TODAY'S GUEST STAR

Bill Reddy, Syracuse N. Y., Post-Standard: "Bill Terry had a chance to invest some money in the Phillies, but bought some rows instead. . . . Indicating that Terry not only knows which side his bread is buttered on, but also knows where to get the butter."

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Oregon Hoop Squad Opens Season Play

Traveling Webfoot Cagers Start for Idaho Openers To Northern Division Race

EUGENE, Jan. 11 (AP)—A University of Oregon basketball squad of ten men—as limited by the new Pacific Coast conference rules—entrained here today for the inland empire and the opening games in the 1943 northern division basketball race.

The Webfoots, who finished in fourth place in the five-team circuit last year, were without the services of five lettermen who graduated last June, but Coach Howard Hobson has hopes of flooring a creditable quintet—with the aid of one transfer, two freshmen (made eligible January 1 by new coast regulations), and a pair of sophomore members of last year's great duckling quintet.

The "suicide" jaunt into the Palouse hills, that calls for four games in five days, is a dreaded trip for Willamette valley quintets, but this Oregon squad has no fears—They don't know any better. The 1941-42 squad dropped three of four games at Moscow and Pullman last year—splitting with Idaho.

Hobson was accompanied by five of the squad's six lettermen, namely, Warren Taylor, Roy Seeborg, forward or guard, and Al Popick, guard.

The Oregonians will open against Babe Brown's Idaho Vandals at Moscow Tuesday and will complete the first two games of the four-game series Wednesday. Games against Washington State college will be played at Pullman Friday and Saturday nights.

Because of Oregon's unimpressive pre-season record of only seven victories in eleven games, and the fine reputations built up by the Vandals and the Cougars, the Webfoots go into the four games as underdogs.

Klamath Gets Late Trout Season Again

PORTLAND, Jan. 11 (AP)—The Oregon trout season will open April 17 this year, except in Eastern Oregon where it will be delayed until May 1.

Closing date will be October 31 in all sections of the state, The Oregon game commission said Saturday.

Eastern Oregon counties affected by the later opening date are Baker, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Lake, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wheeler and Malheur.

Trout bag limit is 15 fish or 15 pounds and one fish in any one day and not more than 30 fish or 30 pounds and two fish in seven consecutive days.

Five fish each day and not more than ten in possession at any time is the limit for salmon and steelhead over 20 inches. Jack salmon limit is six fish each day. The season is open year around on those fish.

A special coastal season for trout over ten inches was established for November 16 to April 16 with the limit three fish a day and six a week.

HIALEAH BOXES SOLD

HIALEAH—A waiting list for boxes is an encouraging sign for the 46-day Hialeah race meeting, January 13-March 6.

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Full Weekend Opens High School Hoop Title Chase

Four Squads Outstanding in First Full Weekend of District Hoop Play

By MATT KRAMER Associated Press Staff Writer

Four outstanding teams emerged after the first full weekend of play in the annual Oregon high school basketball championship chase.

One was Astoria, the defending champion, winner of five straight games. The undefeated fishermen, again presenting a tireless, smooth-working team, trimmed their perennial rivals, Salem, 26-17 and 26-21, in week-end contests.

Another undefeated quintet, Oregon City, chalked up its seventh and eighth victories, downing Gresham, 42-28, and Vancouver, Wash., 37-39.

Eugene, winner in nine of ten games, opened district No. 6 play with a 34-19 victory over Cottage Grove.

Baker won its eleventh straight game by defeating La Grande, 37-32, Friday, then dropped its first tilt of the season on Saturday to La Grande, 32-31. The loss threw the Blue Mountain league race into a four-way tie, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater also splitting a pair of games. Mac hit won Friday, 23-19, and Pendleton edged out Saturday, 29-28.

In district play Klamath Falls came in with its usual strong team, defeating Redmond, 48-17.

Roseburg showed unsuspected strength, nosing out Medford twice, 32-31 and 27-26, although it took a last-second shot by Guard Ward Cummings to produce the victory Saturday.

Corvallis walloped Lebanon, 40-18, in an opener in district 7 with Forward Allen Anderson of Corvallis equaling his own district scoring record of 21 points in a single game.

In southwestern Oregon North Bend trimmed Myrtle Point, 34-19, and Marshfield downed Coquille, 33-20.

Other scores: Newberg 29, Sherwood 19; Forest Grove 20, Beaverton 17; Tigard 38, West Linn 27; McMinnville 34, Hillsboro 15; Woodburn 28, Silverton 29; St. Helens 22, Scappoose 14; Tillamook 34, Central Catholic (Portland) 30; Columbia Prep (Portland) 29, Milwaukie 18; Oregon Frosh 38, Eugene 27; Oregon Frosh 57, University 32.

Second Air Force Gridders Didn't Play Just for Fun

SPOKANE, Jan. 11 (AP)—The unbeaten second air force football team didn't play football just for fun this last fall, Maj. Gen. Robert A. Olds, commanding general of the second air force indicated today. He announced that "important assignments" were in prospect for members of the team in the physical education program of the air force. The players will work under their coach, Capt. W. G. (Red) Reese, director of the program.

ASTORIA BEATS SALEM

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—The Astoria Fishermen, undefeated independent basketball team, Saturday night turned in their second straight victory over the Salem Vikings, 28 to 21. The Fishermen led 18-8 at the half. The game between the traditional rivals was rough all the way.

Quarterback Club Directors to Hold Basketball Meeting

The Quarterback club—once the Monday morning football get-together club, but now devoted to basketball—will hold a directors meeting Tuesday noon at the Pelican grill. Lee Smith, president, announced Monday. Lack of attendance at high school basketball games and the schedule will be discussed at the meeting.

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BURGE IN ARMY

NEW YORK—Les Burge, first baseman of the Brooklyn club's Montreal farm team, was inducted by the army.

Hein Makes Professorial Grid Speech

Mel Hein, Now Associate Professor at Little Union College, Talks on Football

By HERB SCHULTZ SCHNECTADY, N. Y., Jan. 11 (AP)—The new associate professor, seated at his desk in room 201, believes professional football is out for the war's duration.

He makes a strange looking faculty member, this six-foot, three-inch 230-pounder attired in running pants and a grey sweat shirt, but on the subject of pro football he's as erudite as they come.

The big guy is Mel Hein, 33, fresh from 12 years with the New York Giants, now head football coach and associate professor of physical education at Little Union college in upstate New York.

Professional football's wartime future "looks very doubtful," Mel asserts, mainly because the present caliber of play could not be maintained with so many stars in the armed service.

"They might go ahead with a regular schedule next fall," the pro league lineman, who played his last game only last month, explained in an interview, "but it will hurt the prestige of the game if they do. They'd be forced to play a lot of men who ordinarily wouldn't make the grade."

"I think they'll be smart to drop it altogether and pick up again after the war where they left off."

Baseball Men Find Greener Grass Nearby

CHICAGO, Jan. 11 (AP)—This may be a blow to the California chamber of commerce, but the Chicago White Sox and Cubs have found the grass just as green in their own backyard—considering that their own backyard is a little matter of 278 miles away in French Lick, Ind., where the boys will train in the spring.

A special arrangement committee of Bob Dorr, superintendent of grounds for the Cubs, and traveling secretaries Joe Barry of the White Sox and Bob Lewis of the Cubs have just returned to Chicago after going over the land at French Lick.

They were jubilant, and nearly at a loss of words. Lewis, of course, found them and boomed: "I like the place so well I'm going to take my vacation there. The hotel is so big the boys can get in shape walking from the cigar stand to their rooms."

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He said travel restrictions might hold some college teams at home, leaving the others in sufficient numbers to stage their own tournament.

ILLINOIS WHIZ KIDS CHAMPAIGN—Andy Phillip and Ken Menke, forwards; Capt. Art Mathsen, center; and Jack Smiley and Gene Vance, guards, compose Illinois' Whip Kid lineup. The Illini defeated Stanford's U. S. champions, 38-26.

Puts Punch in Game



Joe Loisel of Creighton takes punch at Frank Cucarino of Long Island university basketball team, 31-30, in last 45 seconds before record crowd of 18,394 at Madison Square Garden. Cucarino was ejected by Referee Gerry Molloy, the peacemaker.

Death of Bob Feller's Father Ends Partnership

VAN METER, Ia., Jan. 11 (AP)—One of the finest father-and-son partnerships in the world of sports was at an end today.

William Feller, 46, father, boyhood coach and counselor of baseball's Bob Feller died yesterday after a long illness.

Death came in the \$25,000 farm home which Bob built for his parents with his income from the pitching arm which was developed during years of patient guidance from his dad.

When Bob was eight his father began giving him regular practice in hurling, playing catch long hours with the youngster when the day's chores were done and sometimes at night in the barn. As his son's skill increased, Bill Feller laid out a baseball diamond on his farm and organized a team so his boy might gain further experience.

To Bill Feller came the joy of seeing that son join the Cleveland Indians at the age of 17 and go on to great accomplishments including a no-hit game against the Chicago White Sox in 1939.

Bob who left the Indians to join the navy is believed to be at his gunnery station somewhere at sea. He last visited his parents and sister, Marguerite, early last December.

Victory League Opens City Cage Season Tonight

With so many teams entered that division into two separate groups was necessary to handle all the games in the season, the city Victory hoop league opens its play tonight when the Tik-Tok cagemen meet the First National Bank team at 7 p. m., and the Gorillas meet the Future Craftsmen at 8 p. m. on the high school floor, according to Dave Bridge, city recreation director.

Though the schedule is still not complete, other games scheduled for this week as announced by Bridge are:

Jan. 13 at Fairview school gymnasium, the Southern Pacific will meet the Junior Pelicans at 7 p. m. and the DeMolays will meet the Baptists at 8 p. m.

Jan. 14 at the high school gym, the Signal Oilers will meet the Sacred Heart Academy at 7 p. m. and the Latter Day Saints team will meet the Great Northern squad at 8 p. m.

The complete schedule will be announced later.

STADIUM DROPS PREP

SEATTLE, Jan. 11 (AP)—Stadium high of Tacoma romped over the Seattle Prep basketball team, 58-30, here Saturday night to hang up stadium's second straight victory in the cross-state league. Stadium led 30-19 at the half under the sparking of Bobby Fincham, who collected most of his 17 points in that period.

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Dorais Seen As Good Pro Grid Coach

Professional Football Is A Passing Game; So Dorais Should Be Great Pro Coach

By WATSON SPOELSTRA DETROIT, Jan. 11 (AP)—Professional football is essentially a passing game, and that's why the many followers of Charles E. (Gus) Dorais are convinced that he will make good in the National league as new coach of the Detroit Lions.

Dorais was football's first great forward passer three decades ago while pitching aerials at Notre Dame to his roommate, End Knute Rockne, and his university of Detroit elevens for 18 seasons have used the air-planes for nearly a .700 winning average.

"You know, we can't do any worse than the 1942 Lions," Dorais remarked dryly as he signed a contract over the weekend as head coach and part owner of the pro club. Last fall the Lions dropped all 11 games for a record unmatched in league history.

While Owner Fred L. Mandel Jr., disclosed no terms, Dorais is believed to have signed for five years at \$12,000 annually, with a minimum of \$7,500 a year if the league folds for the duration. In addition, he may continue to hold, at the pleasure of voters, his \$5000 city council seat.

The finances involved make it quite clear why Dorais gave up a college job he presumably could have held for life. He thus follows recent moves of Elmer Layden, Jock Sutherland, Greasy Neale and Jimmy Conzelmann from the campus to the postgraduate game.

Tournament Will Select B League Cage Champions

Klamath county's B school basketball champions for 1943 will be selected by tournament instead of the usual league schedule. League officials voted this plan unanimously as a method of saving on transportation, in a meeting held last week.

The tournament is to be under the direction of Max Marvin, Henley high school coach, and will be held at the Altamont school on February 19-20. All Klamath county B schools participating must be members of the state association, in order to make the winner of the tournament the county's official representative in the district playoff.

Some schools have arranged practice tilts where travel difficulties can be ironed out, but play has been curtailed in nearly all schools.

Those who will be represented in the tournament are Bonanza, Bly, Chiloquin, Henley, Keno, Malin, Merrill and Sprague River. Gilchrist may also send a team which would bring the number of schools participating to nine.

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Basketball Rides High as Northwest King of Sports; Teams Click Over Fine Weekend

Basketball was the undeniable king of sports in the northwest over the weekend, with college, high school and independent teams all clicking along at full blast.

Only the Pacific coast conference teams are not already playing regular winter schedules and they will get under way with their race this week, with Oregon and Idaho opening the schedule at Moscow Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Friday and Saturday, the Oregonians will move to Pullman for two games with Washington State. The following week, January 19-20, Washington and Oregon State will open their schedules at Corvallis.

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SEATTLE, Jan. 11 (AP)—Racing away with six field goals in their first seven shots, the University of Washington basketball team ran over Central Washington college to the tune of 58 to 30 here Saturday night.

The victory, in which the halftime score was Washington 27, CWC 15, evened the score for Washington, whose only loss of the season so far was suffered at the hands of the teachers before Christmas at Ellensburg.

BELLINGHAM, Jan. 11 (AP)—Western Washington college completed a clean sweep of its first two game series of the Washington intercollegiate conference basketball race Saturday night, defeating Pacific Lutheran 46 to 30. The halftime score was WWC 22, Lutheran 12.

The Bellingham boys took their first game 60-37.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—In the first start under Earl Saunders, the new freshman basketball coach at the University of Oregon, the frosh won a double header 38 to 27 and 57-32 from Eugene and University (Eugene)

second to put the Missionaries ahead.

ASHLAND, Jan. 11 (AP)—Southern Oregon College of Education retained undefeated status in the Oregon intercollegiate conference Saturday by downing Lewis and Clark, 51-24.

George Bray, Sons' center, scored 20 points.

It extended the winners' string of victories to nine in ten games, the lone loss being to Humboldt State.

CORVALLIS, Jan. 11 (AP)—Oregon State will wind up its pre-season basketball schedule this week with games against the Vancouver Ramblers and Willamette university.

The Beavers will meet the Ramblers here Tuesday and Friday nights and the Willamette team in Salem Saturday night.

YAKIMA, Jan. 11 (AP)—Russ Miller, Whitman guard, went on a 24-point scoring spree Saturday night to lead his mates to a 51 to 33 victory over the Yakima junior college basketball team. The junior college made a fight of it in the first half, trailing only 14 to 19 at the intermission, but Miller went to work in the

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