



Sports Briefs By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

Northern Cagers Open Big Weekend; Huskies to Meet Oregon, Beavers vs. Idaho

By The Associated Press Northern division basketball will head into its fullest weekend schedule to date tomorrow night, with a controversy over playing tactics to add a dash of spice to the competition. Oregon will travel to Seattle for a Friday-Saturday night reverse series against Washington's Huskies, who nosed out the Webfoots twice last week at Eugene, to take over the division lead. On the same nights, the strong Oregon State quintet, defending champion, will play Idaho at Moscow.

Should Washington falter against Oregon, the OSC Beavers would have a good chance to take over the division lead by sweeping its series with the three-beaten Idahoans. Oregon State will be weakened, however, by the loss of its veteran ace, Don Durdan, who is confined with chicken pox at Corvallis. The team physician ruled yesterday that he wouldn't be able to play in the Washington State series Monday and Tuesday, either.

The controversy over the legality of playing tactics bobbed out of the Oregon-Washington opening series and will come back to roost in the university pavilion as Oregon and Washington wind up their competition against each other as the season lead is just getting well under way. Coach Hec Edmundson of Washington has asked Rich Fox, the northern division basketball commissioner, for a ruling on the backboard play of Roger Wiley, Oregon's 6 foot 7 inch freshman from Bremerton. Edmundson expressed the belief that Wiley capitalized on his altitude to illegally bat the ball away after it was over the basket. Coach Howard Hobson responded with a long distance shot from Eugene that there was no shadow of legal doubt about Wiley's play.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP)—The business of covering the New York baseball "beat" starts about 2 p. m., in Eddie Brannick's office and usually winds up several hours later four blocks down 42nd street in the hotel where the writers are rehearsing the show for their dinner next month. The scribes drift into the Giants' headquarters, make themselves comfortable, toss out routine queries whether there's any news and then discuss anything from baseball to Bizerte. In ordinary years there'd be a daily announcement that Joe Soerarm had signed his contract and promised to win 20 games, but this season the Giants are the only club that has mailed out contracts, because of uncertainties about salary regulations. They haven't reported any replies, but Brannick doesn't think it's funny when someone asks if the Giants are the only club with a holdout problem.

Occasionally someone has an idea and springs a question about the ball club, and if the discussions aren't too noisy he can hear the answer. The two phones on Brannick's desk buzz at intervals and between calls someone uses one to call Brooklyn to see if the Dodgers have any news. They usually don't, reserving their best tidbits for Branch Rickey's weekly press conferences.

Eventually someone asks "going across the street?" and the group departs for the Yankee offices. The chairs aren't padded in the square office where drum-beater Jack Slocum holds forth and two big leather settees are beginning to show their age. Slocum gives out routine announcements, such as yesterday's news that the batterymen will begin training before the rest of the squad, but if there's any important information, President Ed Barrow does the thinking for the club. Eventually the crowd winds up in Barrow's sanctum anyway while Ed makes pungent replies to questions. "Was it your idea or Joe McCarthy's to have the pitchers come in early?" he is asked. "I'm not manager of this club," sputters Barrow. "I thought of it and called McCarthy and he agreed."

Andy Coakley, the veteran Columbia coach, is visiting around and stops to air some views on training in the north. He's been doing it long enough that he ought to know something on the subject. Andy is opposed to heavy gym work but he favors running "or anything for the legs" and suggests that swinging light Indian clubs is a help to pitchers. "I don't know just how good that is," he admits, "but I did it one winter and the next spring I had a fast ball I never had before. I have a boy at Columbia now who will really work at that kind of stuff and I'm going to see what happens."

Eventually this confab breaks up, too, as the scribes head for their offices to write what news they've collected. It takes a lot of time for what you get. But, after all, what's time when there's no news anyway?

Medford Scores Over Ashland in Tuesday Night Win

ASHLAND, Jan. 28 (AP)—Medford high school scored its second Southern Oregon conference basketball victory over Ashland Tuesday, 24-18. Wier led the Tigers with nine points while Samuelson was high for Ashland with eight.

Explorer Rickey Inspects Bear Mountain for Dodgers

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP)—With as much fanfare as a Byrd expedition sailing for the south pole, a group of intrepid explorers led by Branch (Christopher Columbus) Rickey headed up the Hudson river today to find a place called Bear Mountain where the Brooklyn Dodgers will establish a mailing address in March. Bear Mountain is a well known ski resort, but underneath that while stuff skiers glide over and sit down in Rickey has been told can be found no fewer than five baseball diamonds where the daffy Dodgers can practice

Americans Battle With Baseballs

League Proxy Gets Letter Of Thanks for Baseball Gift to Pacific Forces

CHICAGO, Jan. 28 (AP)—Americans are battling with baseballs as well as bullets in the Pacific.

To the offices of Will Harridge, president of the American league came a letter from Elmer W. Heindl, a chaplain with the armed forces "somewhere on a Pacific island." It said, in part: "We have received the three dozen baseballs, sent to us by Harry Grabiner, vice president of the Chicago White Sox, at your request, and were very happy to get them. The primary issue of baseballs from the government was exhausted. Baseball is one of the strongest bonds that we have here in foreign service to tie us with home. As you know, we never feel more like Americans than when batting the old ball around."

The men all agree that one of our anticipated pleasures, in the near future, will be to root again and again in the stadiums back home for our favorite teams. Harridge called the letter and similar ones he had received "one of the best reasons I can give for keeping big league baseball rolling during this war."

Salem Senators Sell Petersen To Frisco Seals

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—The Salem Senators of the Western International Baseball league announced yesterday the sale of Manager Charlie Petersen to the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast league.

Petersen, considered one of the International's finest outfielders, batted .275 last year while leading his team, slated for the league cellar, into third place. Price was not disclosed. Petersen, married with one child, has a selective service classification of 3-A. He is working with his brother-in-law, Pitcher Jack Wilson of the Detroit Tigers, in a Portland war plant.

By The Associated Press ELIZABETH, N. J.—Billy Morris, 1514 Philadelphia, outpointed Buddy Farrell, 1022, Newark (O). OAKLAND, Calif.—Manual Ortiz, 1174, El Centro, Calif., world bantamweight champion, knocked out George Freitas, 1173, San Jose, (10).

Willie Pep Leery About Allie Who Can Read, Write

By SID FEDER NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP)—It is neither polite nor true to say Allie Stolz is a mental case, because everyone knows Allie can read and write and operate his mental machinery with the best of 'em.

As a matter of fact, Willie Pep, with whom Allie collides in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, admits that the one thing he's a little leery about is that Allie is "one of those smart fellas, and I'd rather fight a slugger who doesn't know too much than one of those smart guys."

But it is obvious that as Stolz nears his punch party with the New York version of the world featherweight champion, the wise guys want to know much more about what he says and does—and thinks—than in just what condition he's in.

For there's no doubt the curly-haired Newark stylist is one of those "think" fighters, whose performances in the ring depend on just how they feel "inside their heads" on any given evening. Jack Sharkey was one, so was Max Baer. Depending on their mental attitude, this variety of wallpapers can take tanks apart one night. And the next night, they might just as well have "stood in bed."

Well, it's a pleasure to report that for Friday's fuss in Madison Square Garden, Allie is thinking pretty good, thank you. For no one realizes better than Stolz that in taking on the package of pep from Connecticut in this non-title ten-rounder, he is on a spot no bigger than a dime, and there's a choice location waiting for him behind the eight ball. Either Allie does it this time, or his hopes of ever landing the lightweight championship are worth a dime a dozen on the hoof.

Kenno Gets Close Win Over Malin in Rough Hoop Game

In a rough and tumble hoop battle on the Kenno floor Tuesday night, Kenno dropped the Malin cagers, 14-11, after a close fight throughout the game. Halftime score was 9-7. Summary: Kenno (14) (11) Malin Pritchard, 5 Duncan McKee, 2 Crazil Grimes, 3 Irving R. Zarosinski, 2 Ottoman J. Zarosinski, 4 Stolek Woodley, 2

Don Durdan to Miss Both Idaho, Washington Games

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—Don Durdan, keystone of the Oregon State basketball attack, will miss both the Idaho and Washington State series, according to Dr. Waldo Ball, team physician. Durdan is in the college infirmary with chickenpox. Earlier the physician had forbidden his play in the Idaho series at Moscow Friday and Saturday nights and a fresh edict yesterday barred the Beavers' chief scoring threat from contests with the Cougars Monday and Tuesday.

La Grande Turns Early Lead Into Win From Pendleton

LA GRANDE, Jan. 28 (AP)—La Grande high seized an early lead and defended it against a late Pendleton high rally last night to win a Blue Mountain conference basketball game, 35-34. La Grande had a 25-14 margin at the half. In a preliminary game the La Grande Wildcats defeated the Pendleton B squad, 27-15.

BRONCOS BEAT AIRMEN

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—Held to a 25-24 lead at the half, the Pendleton field Broncos came out strong in the second session last night to defeat a rapidly tiring Walla Walla Air Base basketball team 40-33. Zimmerman, Walla Walla center, led scorers with 17 points. Flick paced the Broncos with 12.

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Lester Krell, the only manager who carries his theories into the ring, takes right to jaw from Joey Peralta, as Mexican-born lightweight prepares at Stillman's gymnasium, New York, for Madison Square Garden match with Chalky Wright.

Ashland to Try Pelican Five Friday

Teams on Even Terms for Battle on Local Court; Both Lose Medford Tilts

With both teams fresh from lickings at the experienced hands of Medford, Klamath's Pelicans and the Ashland cagers meet on the Klamath floor Friday night in what promises to be a tight tough basketball battle. The Ashland team, which has had the advantage of fighting tougher battles throughout their season, is composed of veteran players under the tutelage of Coach Gastineau. In their Grants Pass battle, Ashland lost by but a three point margin after a nip and tuck game.

After a blank weekend, the Pelicans are getting into shape in nightly practices. Bocchi, high scoring guard, is out with a cold, but Wayne Scott expects him to be in shape to start Friday night's tilt. Starting lineups for the Pelicans will be composed of the usual five—Bocchi, Cox, Foster, Welch, and Conroy. It was this combination that dropped Grants Pass in a close battle on the local floor last month. The Pelicans meet Ashland on even terms. Both teams took a six point beating from the Medford five.

RECORD ON BLOCK

LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—Eastern Oregon will put its unmarred record on the line against Oregon College of Education in Oregon Intercollegiate conference basketball games here tonight and Friday night.

Chief Offers Daughter to Barney Ross After Kayoe

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 28 (AP)—The story of how Barney Ross, US marines hero and former boxing champion, kayoeed a native "champ" in Samoa and was offered when a native chief offered him his daughter in marriage as a reward, was disclosed here today. Bel Malamude, former Pittsburgh basketball player serving as a pharmacist second class, related the incident in a letter. Referring to Ross as "one of my patients," Malamude wrote: "Incidentally, in Samoa, the marines made Barney get into the ring with a colored native French soldier, who was giving our army and navy heavyweights a going over. This guy weighed 215 pounds, and was the idol of all the natives. Everyone wanted Barney (former welter, junior welter and lightweight titlist), to fight him, but Ross didn't care for the idea. The prestige of the marines was at stake, however, and the match was finally made. They used 16-ounce gloves, but Barney had the Samoan on the deck 11 times before putting him away in the sixth round. Ross became the big hero then, and one of the native chiefs offered him his daughter in marriage and wanted him to share his crown."

BASKETBALL Results

EAST Princeton 47, Army 41; Carnegie Tech 46, Westminster 33; Coast Guard 52, Yale 46 (overtime); Dartmouth 75, Holy Cross 37. SOUTH North Carolina Pre-Flight 34, North Carolina State 37; Alabama 37, Columbus (Miss.) Air Base 26. SOUTHWEST Texas A&M 47, Blackland Flyers 25; Southwest Texas State 64, Sam Houston State 44. WEST College of Idaho 30, Lewiston Normal 37; Coast Guard 41, Presidents of Monterey 21; Hiram Globe Teachers 41, Camp Roberts 32; College of Pacific 81, Fresno State 45 (overtime).

Victory League Sees Baptists, Bankers Win

Victory league play Wednesday night saw the Baptists gain a one-point win over the Future Craftsmen and the First National bank hoopmen romp gleefully over the Southern Pacific on the Fairview school floor. The Baptists won from the Craftsmen 42-41, and the Bankers took the SP 45-20.

Evening's high point man was Frank Michaelson who garnered 21 points for the Baptists. Second high man was Mayfield who tallied 16 for the bankers.

Summaries: Baptists (42) (41) F. Craftsmen Robinson, 11 Dirschl Proctor, 5 Shipman Fletcher, 2 Taylor Michaelson, 21 Hutchins J. Fletcher, 3 King

F. National (45) (20) S. Pacific Hunter, 3 Stivers Mast, 9 Long Mayfield, 16 Wisner Bishop, 5 Woody Marshall, 9 Ramsey Cline, 3 Smith

Boxing Pupils Lose But Prof. Louis Is Proud

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 28 (AP)—Boxing Teacher Joe Louis insists he's proud of his Fort Riley army pupils, although they won only one of eight bouts last night.

Sergeant Louis was in the corner with each of his fighters, and the series of defeats didn't appear to embarrass the world's heavyweight champion in the least. He did seem a bit more cheerful, though, when Fort Riley's



Holbrook's Hoopers May Be Southern Cal's Best

1943 Basketball Squad Loses One of Fifteen Starts; That by One Point

By FRANK FRAWLEY LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28 (AP)—Southern California has had some great basketball players and a few outstanding teams, but it may be that the 1943 five under the direction of Ernie Holbrook is the greatest of them all. Holbrook was one of the best of the Trojans of yesteryear. His service was from 1933 to 1935. As a coach he is doing splendidly. His boys have won 14 of 15 games. Their only defeat was to De Paul of Chicago by one point. Apparently nobody is going to stop the Trojans in the southern division race of the Pacific Coast conference. They have beaten California twice. They smothered Stanford once, and last week they beat back the valiant challenge of UCLA's Bruins, who have dropped 41 straight games to the Trojans in the last 11 years.

Cubs Rely On Right Hand Men

Chicago Baseball Club Gets Paul Derringer as Step in Right Direction for Title

By ARNOLD DERLITZKI CHICAGO, Jan. 28 (AP)—The Chicago Cubs, who believe they "have a chance to go places this season," may have taken a step in the right direction last night in acquiring Paul Derringer, veteran Cincinnati pitcher.

Certainly they had the right-handed pitchers — an entire starting staff as a result of the cash deal — and there was every indication that it would be strictly righthanders the Cubs would rely on in their 1943 title bid.

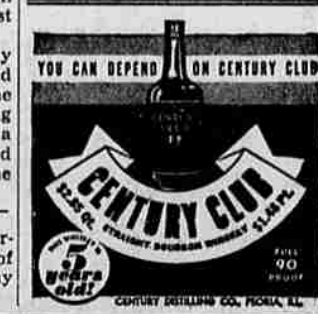
Any southpaw regular must be developed from this year's recruits. Last year's lefties, Vern Olsen, Johnny Schmitz and Russ Meers, have entered military service. The 36-year-old Derringer, who has spent 12 years in the majors — the last 10 with Cincinnati — will team up with such likely righthand starters as Claude Passeau, Bill Lee, Lon Warneke, Les Fleming, Tot Pressnell and possibly Dick Barrett, 34-year-old veteran of the minors obtained from Seattle.

In announcing the purchase yesterday, James A. Gallagher, general manager, said, "We believe we have a chance to go places this season and we need another pitcher." The purchase price was not disclosed, but some sources put it at \$15,000.

Derringer, although bothered by an old injury, appeared in 29 games last season, winning 10, losing 11 and finishing with an earned run average of 3.06. Before the transaction was completed Manager Jimmy Wilson, a former Cincinnati teammate of Derringer's, said he was convinced the veteran would turn out high class work for at least another season.

Derringer himself recently asked to be traded or sold and the Red management agreed he had been in one place long enough. Derringer indicated a preference for the Cubs and that was all right with the Cubs.

Joe Prodosky, 180, drew a terrific right from the depths of his weariness and floored Ray Spurlock for the count



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