

Western Conference Head Dies

Major John L. Griffith, 67-Year-Old Commissioner, Succumbs to Heart Attack

By JIMMY JORDAN
CHICAGO, Dec. 8 (AP)—Intercollegiate athletics in general and the western conference in particular today had lost by death one of their best known sports figures and staunchest supporters—Major John L. Griffith.

Maj. Griffith, 67 years old and for 22 years commissioner of the western conference, died suddenly last night in his office in the Sherman hotel, a few hours after conference athletic directors had re-elected him to a five-year term.

A heart attack was given by physicians as the cause of death. He had been identified with intercollegiate athletics as coach, athletic director, organizer and authority on rules interpretations since he graduated in 1902 from Beloit, Wis. college. He was the first commissioner of any intercollegiate conference. His judicious handling of intra-conference problems and his judgment in affairs concerning associations between intercollegiate and amateur athletics groups were used as models by numerous sports groups all over the nation.

W. St. John, athletic director at Ohio State university, and K. L. (Tug) Wilson, Northwestern's athletic director, were the first to know of Griffith's death. They discovered his body, half-slumped over a chair in his office. They had been waiting for him in the hotel lobby.

His death did not come as a surprise to his closest friends. The commissioner had confided to several conference officials that his heart condition might cause death at any time.

How soon the conference would name a successor was problematical. Under conference rules, the athletic directors elect the commissioner, subject to approval of the faculty committee. The directors were scheduled to meet again today.

"We probably will do nothing until later, until the shock of Maj. Griffith's death has subsided," said St. John.

Griffith's associations in amateur athletics were not confined to the western conference alone. He was secretary-treasurer of the national intercollegiate athletic association, and a past president of the body.

He was active in correlating rules affecting both the NCAA and the amateur athletic union, and was a leader in the fight to obtain a greater voice for colleges and universities in the administrative councils of the American Olympic committee, of which he was a member. He also had sought for years to bring about an agreement between major league baseball and collegiate athletic authorities that would eliminate raiding of campuses by big league scouts.

Volleyball Bee Starts Saturday

The annual interschool volleyball tournament will start Saturday morning at the Fairview school gymnasium. This tournament is under the supervision of Joe Peake, athletic director of schools. Fremont is the defending champion in "A" league while Mills copped high honors last year in "B" league.

Schedule: A league, Saturday morning, 9:15 Roosevelt vs. Mills, 9:45 Pelicans vs. Fairview, and 10:15 Riverside vs. Fremont; 10:45 first round consolation and 11:15 second round championship. The finals will be played Tuesday.

B league, Saturday afternoon, 1:15 Riverside vs. Fremont, 1:45 Roosevelt vs. Pelicans, and 2:15 Mills vs. Fairview. 2:45 first round consolation and 3:15 second round championship. The finals will be played Monday at 4:30 p. m.



Pelicans Battle Marines Tonight on KUHS Court

Tonight at 8 p. m., the Pelicans will meet the Leathernecks from the Barracks on the high school students' home court. The Pelicans, recent winners over the Weed high cagers, are out to pull a David-Goliath stunt, as the Pelicans are a fighting team and may surprise the marines.

Smoothie "Red" Gilbert, Leatherneck pivotman, will be on hand to give the young Pelicans and the fans a demonstration in ball handling. Last Saturday night against the Bend boxing quintet Red was prancing around in dismay as he flipped the ball to openings at all angles.

Everybody who has seen Joe Domitrovich, marine back-courtman, is waiting for the night when the southpaw will begin hitting with his left-handed push shot. Joe has proved that he can sink swishers consistently.

In the inter-company post league, he sparked his company's drive to the championship. Gilbert and Domitrovich are regular marine starters with John Cox as Domitrovich's running mate. Leonard Burkland and Bill Mills do most of the Leatherneck work as far as forwards are concerned.

Harold Money has relieved both forwards and can handle the position almost as well as the regulars. Burkland got hot last Saturday against the Bend five and racked 18 points. He makes most of his points on lay-ins and is fairly adept in shaking off his guard.

Mills has been handicapped in the last couple of games because of a slightly injured ankle. The ankle still bothers him a little but not enough to keep him off the floor.

In an effort to pave the way for Domitrovich, Coach Israel has been grooming him for forward. In case this works out, Ed Meath will take over the back court duties with Cox.

A workhorse and a good guard, Meath has looked good during the past week. The Klamath Pelicans underwent an intensive workout Thursday under the tutelage of Coach Marble Cook in preparation for their hoop tilt with the Leatherneck five tonight.

The game will be preceded by a tussle between Tulelake and Paul Angstadt's Wildcats commencing at 7 p. m. Cook announced that he would start Alexander and Mason at forwards, Berry at center and Biehn and Noel at the guard slots. The K-men will be expended to the utmost in this game and are decided underdogs for the contest.

For added entertainment, the marine judo team will put on an exhibition between the halves of the feature tilt.

IRISH SET NEW RECORD
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 8 (AP)—Notre Dame used 16 players in its season's opening basketball game Wednesday night and they poured in 89 points against Kellogg Field of Battle Creek, Mich., to set a new Irish scoring record and win by 61 tallies. The previous record of 78 points was set by the 1908 team.

Ace Chicago Kegler Sets Bowling Pace

CHICAGO, Dec. 8 (AP)—Johnny Small, Chicago's business man marathon bowler, topped the field today as the fourth annual all-star match game bowling tournament, with a national title and \$2000 in cash for the winner, headed into its second day of round robin competition.

Small had a Petersen point total of 75.36 for his first day of battling with ten other survivors of the original field of 120 keggers from 20 states, and five seeded players. But close behind him was Adam Plunge of Chicago, with a Petersen point total of 75.33.

Small won 11 of his 16 games to record a total of 3236 pins and take the lead. Plunge, with 10 wins and six losses, rolled 3283 to better Small's total score. The latter had the tournament's highest single game, however, a rousing 279.

In third place, with nine wins and seven losses and a total of 3308—high for the day—was Therman Gibson of Detroit whose Petersen point total was 75.45. Joe Sinke, Chicago, was fourth with a pin-total of 3248 with nine wins and seven losses, and 74.48 points.

Ned Day, West Allis, Wis., last year's champion, won 12 games and lost four yesterday, getting fifth place with 75.45 points and a 3145 total.

FOULS AFTER 11 STRIKES
CHICAGO, Dec. 8—Joe Flieger, one of Chicago's better bowlers, fouled following 11 successive strikes. He took eight pins on the ball, but slip made it a 290 game instead of a 298.

Slammin' Sam Sneed of Hot Springs, Va., winner of the recent Portland Open and two time former National Open winner Ralph Guldehl. Each carded 38-35—71.

Sgt. Jim Ferrier of Camp Roberts, Calif., sensation of the San Francisco tournament when he was barely nosed out by Nelson by a single stroke, flubbed through the last half of his round yesterday for a 73. Bob Hamilton, Evansville, Ind., holder of the national PGA title, had a 74 and Mike Turnesa, White Plains, N. Y., 78.

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Double Main Event Slated On Crunch Card Tonight

On Saturday either Bulldog Jackson or "Blood and Guts" Davidson may be seen riding in state down Main in a wheelbarrow. There is a wager between the two that means that whoever loses the re-match bout tonight at the armory must wheel the other down the main drag in a one-wheeler chariot.

Bulldog snarls that he will make his opponent sorry he was ever born when they tangle in the local bleep bin tonight while "Blood and Guts" retorts that he will make the Bulldog mighty hard to catch.

This "natural" is one of two main events on the crunch card with the other bringing together Gust Johnson, junior light-heavy king, and meany Billy McEuin. Johnson put the blocks to Herbie Parks last Friday and will be out to flop Billy the Kid in the same manner. McEuin has been enjoying success in Salem of late and will go to any lengths at all to gain a decision. Gust can get tough too when the occasion arises, which it no doubt will tonight, and is well able to take care of himself against all kinds of tactics.

In the curtain-raiser at 8:30 p. m. Tough Tony Ross will slug it out with Herb Parks. Parks is about due for a win but whether his clean methods will survive the test against the foul measures employed by Ross is a debatable question.

Wally Moss will referee the clambake as of yore and three exceptionally classy crumch classes are on deck for local grappling fans.

Minor League Convention Ends Friday

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 8 (AP)—Postwar planning, with special emphasis on the encouragement of schoolboy baseball, promised to highlight today's activities as the minors would up their 43rd annual convention, after adopting seven of 13 proposed amendments yesterday.

A report of the major-minor committee on postwar planning, formed last February at the request of the late Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis, will come up for action.

The committee recommended appointment of touring talent teams to spread the diamond gospel and circulation of rule books and movies on the game's fundamentals. If this idea is agreed upon by the majors, it will be operated in conjunction with the state high school athletic associations.

A \$500 fine on clubs signing boys still eligible for high school ball was also recommended. Among other ideas were the formation of clinic for improvement of umpiring, elimination of payment of bonuses to free agents with substitution of a payment of ten per cent of the sales price to players assigned to a higher club, establishment of a promotional department with a full time director, and redefining the playing rules.

Also coming up was a resolution of J. Kemp Bartlett, secretary of Baltimore's International league club, that a committee be formed to meet with football owners to erase overlapping schedules of the two sports.

Most important of the amendments adopted, all of which must be concurred in by the major leagues, dealt with the draft and territorial problems. The agreement on \$10,000 for a class AA player, an increase of only 33 1/3 per cent instead of the original 100 per cent, was felt by observers to be a conciliatory gesture to the minors. However, passing of an amendment giving the minors the right to buy the franchise of any invading major league club clearly stated the minor leagues' intention to protect their territory.

WALL TIMBER
CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 8—Oregon State's starting basketball team averages six feet two, with forward Ted Henningsen towering six feet six and center Hal Puddy six feet four.

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Tony Penna Leads Miami Golf Tourney by One Shot

By WILBUR JENNINGS
MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 8 (AP)—Tony Penna still seemed a bit surprised today as he started the second round of the \$10,000 Miami Open golf tournament after shooting a sub par 68 yesterday to lead the field of 193 participants by one stroke. The 36-year-old Dayton, O., professional frequently money but seldom readily declared that his hope to do on this course.

From MIDFIELD
By PAUL HAINES
OH, HAPPY DAY!
Yesterday we received a letter from Lee Jacobs with the Medford-La Grande clambake enclosed. We thank Lee kindly for the prompt delivery, but the letter is what interested us most.

We feel sure Lee would not mind if we quote a bit from it, so here goes. He says, "I will say La Grande is the finest high school football team I ever saw on any gridiron anywhere, anytime. That means Medford must have a wonder team."

Now, we don't feel that way at all about the situation. We think Medford had a good, big football team that simply overpowered the La Grande lads. Indeed, Lee goes on to say, "I am afraid that it was a case of a good small team against a good big one and power won out in the end."

At the risk of being called slightly balmy we still think that that prep grid eleven in the state of Oregon this year and would have defeated either Medford or La Grande if the Generals had become overconfident and lost to the Roosevelt Roughriders. We mean to take no credit away from the swell win of the Black Tornado, but that's the way we feel about it.

Lee also says, "I wasn't surprised to have Medford score because I thought they would, but I expected La Grande to score a lot because their passing attack has been deadly all year and beyond a doubt the heavy field plus stiffer competition threw it out of gear."

We agree with Lee on that statement to some extent as the heavy field probably did hinder the La Grande eleven, but we honestly do not expect La Grande to score. The only thing we feared was the weakness of the Medford pass defense and that was apparently well taken care of by Coach Al Simpson by game time. We based our prediction on the fact that we didn't see how the Tigers could get to first base around, through or over the gigantic Medford line.

Lee concluded by saying, "This La Grande outfit would have been Ken Klahn's ideal team. They passed from any place at any time and had a wonderful aerial attack, but Ken's ideas to the contrary, it is always nice to have some power to fall back on when field conditions, or some other condition, bogs it down."

LEAVE MONDAY
The Pelicans will leave on their scheduled road trip Monday and will return the following Sunday. The boys will play Oregon City, Milwaukie, Albany and Salem starting on Tuesday, December 12 and finishing December 16.

Coach Marble Cook has made a change in his traveling squad which now includes Jim Noren, Bob Perkins, Jerry Thorne, Jim Pope, Jim Palmer, Rollie Berry, Joe Zarosinski, Bus Bussman, Bud Biehn and possibly Don Noel.

SHAMROCKS WIN, 8-5
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 (AP)—Vancouver's Vancouver Shamrocks won the Pacific Coast Hockey League game Wednesday night and tied an 8 to 5 decision in the Pacific Coast Hockey League.

Glenn Smith and Leonard scored twice for Vancouver. Fry MacGibbon got three points, assist, for the Shamrocks.

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