

# Major-Minor Baseball Meet Opens at New York

### Rumor Rife That Major Leagues Will Reject Approved Proposals of Minors

By JOE REICHLER  
NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (AP)—The major-minor league annual meeting opened today at the Hotel New Yorker and the news was passed by word of mouth that the big leagues probably will reject the minor leagues' approved boost in draft and waiver prices.

No official would permit himself to be quoted, but an authoritative source indicated that the amendment to increase the waiver price by 33 1/3 per cent would be turned down by the majors as well as the amendment to add territorial protection for the minors from threats of invasion by major league clubs.

Without exception each of the magnates interviewed agreed this would be the best solution until after the war, or at least for a period of one year.

Clark Griffith, on the other hand, stated that he favored the choosing of a successor to Landis immediately. The Washington owner sprang a surprise when he intimated that he would ask for only 35 night games for 1945 instead of an unlimited arched schedule. This is seen as a sort of compromise with night ball opponents who appear determined to limit each club to 14 night games this season.

The majors also were expected to discuss the post war problems involving high school baseball and promotional work with emphasis on the improvement of unfair standards.

Although the new ruling increasing the induction of the 26-37 age group may lessen the trading desires of some of the club-owners, at least four deals are more than in the rumor stage, with the four-man swap involving Pitcher Bill Deitrich and Outfielder Guy Curtright of the Chicago White Sox and Pitcher Jim Bagby and Outfielders Oris Hockett of the Cleveland Indians looming as the most important. The tribe would also like Catcher Ike Tresh.

The Chicago Cubs may trade Outfielder Andy Pafko to the Boston Braves for Pitcher Alva Javery and have been offered Third Baseman Hugh Luby by the New York Giants for Outfielder Lou Novikoff.

Cincinnati's Reds are stocked with outfielders with Frank Kelleher, Tony Criscola and Gerald Walker as trading bait for a third baseman.

The Detroit Tigers and St. Louis Browns are knee-deep in conversation with the names of Outfielders Chet Laabs, Mill Byrnes, Mike Chartak, Shortstop Joe Oringo, and Pitchers Forrest Orrell and Bob Gillespie mentioned often.

## Headed for the Rose Bowl



These University of Tennessee players talk over at Knoxville their coming trip to the Rose Bowl to meet Southern California. Seated are (left to right): E. J. Asbury, Bob Dobelstein, Casey Stephenson, Jack Redding, Roy Cross (in bed), Trainer Elmer Hill. Standing are: Leonard Bellis, John Martin, Gene Huff, Jack Edmonds and Russ Dobelstein. (AP Wirephoto).

## Jim Ferrier Wins Oakland Open in Last Round Spurt

By RUSS NEWLAND  
OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 11 (AP)—The golfing soldier from Camp Roberts, Calif., Sgt. Jim Ferrier, hit a major tournament jackpot on his second try and pocketed \$1800 in war bonds and the title of 1944 Oakland Open champion today.

Outstripping an imposing field of links stars, showing the biggest names in golf how it is done, the big blond non-com tacked up a four-round 277 over the Sequoyah course yesterday to grab the major prize.

One week ago in the San Francisco Open he lost out to Byron Nelson, Toledo, O., by a single stroke. Nelson, top money winner of the year, was the favorite to win the Oakland event. Harold McSpaden, Philadelphia, and Sam Snead, Hot Springs, Va., rated next.

Sgt. Ferrier hurdled the lot in a last round spurt that saw him overtake the pace-setting McSpaden on the first nine. He knocked in a 33-35-68, two under par for the course, to turn the trick. McSpaden and Snead saw him do it. They were in the same threesome.

Overlooked in the rush, swarthy Ky Lafoon, Chicago, slipped in with a final 33-35-68 for a second place 278. He picked up \$1000 in war bonds. McSpaden's last round letdown

resulted in a 72 and third place with 279—worth \$733.34 in bonds.

Sam Byrd, Detroit, finished fourth with an even 280, good for \$600 in bonds, and George Schneider, Salt Lake City, took fifth place prize of \$466.67 in bonds with a 282.

Nelson, the big favorite, three-putted himself out of contention. He needed three putts on 11 greens during the four rounds and tied at 283 with Craig Wood, U. S. Open champion from Mamaronek, N. Y.

Snead, winner of the Portland Open two weeks ago, flopped to a 74 on his last round to tie Jimmy Hines, Amsterdam, N. Y., and Leonard Dodson, Kansas City, Mo., at 285.

Sgt. Ferrier, hottest golfer on the winter tournament swing, will be ranked as one of those to beat when the nearby Richmond Open, a 72-hole \$7500 war bonds event, gets under way next Thursday. Most of the touring pros will be there, two exceptions being Sam Byrd and Bob Hamilton, Evansville, Ind. Byrd left for home today while Hamilton, PGA champion, quit the Oakland tournament after taking a first round 74.

## Gorgeous George On Crunch Card For Friday Night

Again two main events will head the crunch card at the armory Friday night with the great Gorgeous George Wagner, the toast of the coast, slated to meet tough old Bulldog Jackson in a bout that should ring the bell. Gorgeous is reported to have added 5000 smackeroos worth of new bathrobes to his already extensive collection and this will be his first appearance in the Klamath biceps bin in many months.

George was to rattle on the crunch card in Salem last week but he was not given top billing so George wouldn't play. "No sir," said Gorgeous, "it's the main go or nothing with me."

The dapper dandy is one of the most colorful mat maulers in the business in more ways than one and George can also get very, very tough when the occasion arises as Pete Belcastro and numerous others know to their sorrow.

The "toast of the coast" has been rassing down Hollywood way since taking a powder from the northwest crunch arenas and along with flopping all comers is reported to have had an offer from the mooovies — Woolworth!

## Volleyball Bee Gets Underway

In the grade school volleyball tournament now underway at Fairview gymnasium, Mills and Fremont will fight it out for the championship of A league Tuesday at 4:30 p. m. Roosevelt won the consolation toga in A league by blasting Riverside 15-9, 15-6 after having won over the Pelicans on a forfeit.

In first round championship tilts played Saturday in A league Mills beat Roosevelt 15-11, 10-13, 15-8 and Fairview tumbled the Pelicans, 15-9, 15-9. In the final encounter Fremont dumped Riverside 15-6, 15-2. Mills plastered Fairview 15-7, 15-13 in a second round tussle. Fremont battles Fairview for the B league crown tonight at 5 p. m. and Riverside tangles with Mills in the consolation bracket at 4:30 p. m. Fremont ran over Riverside 15-7, 15-10 in the opening game of the first round of the B championships and Roosevelt nudged the Pelicans 9-15, 15-7, 15-13. In the other fracas Fairview won over Mills 15-5, 15-8.

In the second round title bracket Fremont swamped Roosevelt 15-3, 15-9 and Riverside need out the Pelicans in the consolation round 15-3, 7-15, 15-11.

## BASKETBALL Results

OREGON PREP  
By The Associated Press  
Vancouver, Wash. 27, Washington (Portland) 18, University High (Eugene) 26, Roosevelt (Portland) 26, Hood River 24, Jefferson (Portland) 44, Oregon City 34.

## Leathernecks To Play Post All-Star Five

The pick of the marine inter-company basketball league will form the opposition for the post cagers tonight at 8 p. m. on the Barracks court.

This is a challenge fray, and admission will be free to Leathernecks and their civilian guests. Many of the men on the All-Star squad were at one time candidates for positions on the post team and some would have probably made the grade if Coach Les Israel had not been limited to a 15-man roster. So a grudge game may be in prospect tonight.

The starting five for the All-Stars will be Biggers, C company center, and Ballow, I company center, at the forward posts; Semsky, H. & S. center, the pivotman; and Schreiber, A company, and McCluskey, D company, in the back court. These men will have reserve strength in Copeland, Ellis, Halliday, Winstrom and Digillo.

Coach Israel will probably use his starting quintet of Meath and Cox at guard; Gilbert, center, and in the front court, Burkland and Mills. His team will also be at full strength on Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16, the post team will travel to Eugene to play the University of Oregon Webfoots. The marines are confident that they have a surprise in store for the Webfoots. Coach Israel has had the men working on a defense that he believes should hold down the fast high-scoring cagers from the university.

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## Dutch Harrison Wins Miami Open

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 11 (AP)—Staff Sgt. E. J. (Dutch) Harrison today thanked the army for its "training" and the \$2500 first prize money he won in yesterday's Miami Open. He carded a 69 for a 72-hole total of 274.

Harrison before leaving for his post at Wright Field, Dayton, O., declared his victory was the first \$10,000 golf event to be won by a serviceman. He also won the Charlotte Open last March.

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NEW YORK—Miami, Fla., granted franchise in All-America pro football conference that hopes to operate next season.

NEW YORK—The late commissioner of baseball, K. M. Landis, elected to membership in game's Hall of Fame.

## Eleven Pelican Hoopsters Start on Road Trip Today

Coach Marble Cook and 11 Pelican hoopsters left at 8 o'clock Monday morning on a road trip that will see the K-men play five consecutive cage tilts. The Pelicans open with Oregon City December 12, take on Milwaukee December 13, Albany December 14 and wind up with two tussles against the Salem Vikings December 15-16.

Five seniors, three juniors and three sophomores compose the Klamath traveling squad. Bob Perkins, Dean Mason, Rolie Berry, Bud Biehn and Don Noel are seniors; Jim Palmer, Jim Noreen and Jim Pope are juniors and Jerry Thorne, Joe Zarosinski and Bus Bussman are the sophomores making the jaunt. The aggregation will return to Klamath Falls Sunday.

The Pelicans displayed some real basketball Friday night against the marines and Cook feels that the boys should have a successful trip if they show the spirit and fight they did against the Leathernecks. In

this tilt the K-men found one range for the first time this season and were especially deadly in the second canto when they rolled up 11 points while holding their more experienced opponents to five.

Larry White, sharpshooting forward, did not make the trip due to scholastic difficulties, but Cook has capable reserves at that position in Mason, Pope and Zarosinski.

The starting lineup against Oregon City, first opponent of the Pelicans, will probably be Bob Perkins and Jim Noreen in the guard slots, rangy Jerry Thorne at the pivot post and Jim Palmer and Jim Pope at forwards.

In a statement made Sunday, Cook said he would feel well satisfied if the Klamath quintet took three of the five forthcoming games and that he hoped the boys would play the same calibre of basketball that they did against the marine cagers.

## Randolph Field Notches Tenth Straight Grid Win

By TED MEIER  
NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (AP)—The first of the various post-season football games will be held at the Polo Grounds on Saturday where undefeated, undefeated Randolph Field tangles with the Second Air Force in a "Treasury Bond Bowl" fray expected to net some \$30,000, 000 in war bonds.

Randolph Field yesterday chalked up its 10th victory in a row by clubbing the Fourth Air Force (March Field) 20 to 7, before 50,000 at Los Angeles, mainly through yeoman work by Bill Dudley and Pete Layden.

The 2AF Superbombers, however, stubbed their toes down at Atlanta where the Third Air Force Gremfins, sparked by Charlie Trippi, came from behind to beat the Colorado eleven, 14 to 7, before 8000. An interception of a Glenn Dobbs aerial set up the winning touchdown in the last four minutes of play.

With the exception of the Oil Bowl at Houston and the Sun Bowl at El Paso, the New Year Day's attractions are set.

Southern California and Tennessee clash in the Rose bowl at Pasadena; Tulsa and Georgia Tech meet in the Orange Bowl

at Miami; Duke and Alabama appear in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, and Texas and Ohio are paired in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas. The east-west bowl at San Francisco also is in the air. Officials are awaiting decisions from the war department. Randolph Field was expected to play the Oil Bowl, but if the war department refuses permission the game would be called off. The Second Air Force was tentatively picked for the Bowl, but pending word from Washington, everybody's eyes

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## Beavers Tumble Navycats, 33-27

By The Associated Press  
Oregon State college's basketball squad proved one point Saturday night to the satisfaction of the fans who are counting on it to top the northwest's collegiate cage ranks this winter. It can come from behind.

The Beavers, trailing 18-14 at halftime in the game with Willamette, did just that to pull out a 33-27 victory. The game was played at Salem.

In the only other game of the night, Washington State college came out with a pivot man of offense against Gonzaga. The winners moved out to a 29-18 halftime lead and never were less than nine points ahead throughout the second half.

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