

Pelican Grid Squad Honored at Banquet

Fine Attendance Present At Seventh Annual Dinner; Warren Main Speaker

By PAUL HAINES

"The courage and friendships you gain through football will stay with you all your lives," said John Warren, head coach of the University of Oregon and principal speaker at the seventh annual Pelican football banquet sponsored by the Lions club last night at the Willard hotel.

Warren stated briefly some of the actual experiences he had encountered as a football coach and reminisced on the past history of American football.

Beginning with Walter Camp as the "father of football," Warren told an interested audience of the various changes in the gridiron game from the first contest in 1869 up to the present time.

He recounted that in 1869 a touchdown counted only two points and the extra point, four, with a field goal good for five points, and it was not until 1910 that the present scoring system was adopted.

The first system used in football was the much discussed T formation, Warren stated, and the positions of players were de-



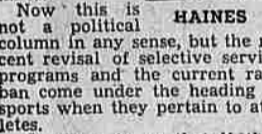
from MIDFIELD

By PAUL HAINES

THIN ICE

In a recent AP dispatch, President Roosevelt stated that if it were possible to continue baseball without hindering the employment people or with efforts to build up the army, he would like to see it.

He added, however, that he did not believe a perfectly healthy man should play baseball in these times.



Now this is HAINES not a political issue, but the recent revision of selective service programs and the current race ban come under the heading of sports when they pertain to athletes.

It seems to us that if the curtailment of sports will actually benefit the war effort to an appreciable extent, it should be done, but we feel that abolishing athletics will not make a great deal of difference in the length of the struggle.

When the problem is examined closely there are comparatively few professional athletes eligible for military service in any case. We feel genuinely sorry for some of the pro athletes who get the fighting word "slacker" thrown in their faces every time they turn around. After all, these men have been examined by military doctors and it is not their fault if they are classified as 4-F.

The other day we read a letter from an irate father who has three sons in the service demanding to know why these "slackers" should be deferred. He obviously didn't know what he was talking about or hadn't taken the time to examine the situation.

So our sentiments on the question are this—if after proper consideration by qualified men, the end is thought to justify the means, by all means abolish sports for the duration. But do it only after careful deliberation and not in the harum-scarum manner in which the race tracks of the nation were closed.

Johnson Tangles With Belcastro In Semi-Windup

Running second to the Kiser "Coy Mask" frazes Friday night at the Klamath bleep bin, will be a red-hot tussle between Gloomy Gus Johnson, junior heavy-weight king of the Pacific coast, and Pete Belcastro, the Weed assassin.

This scuffle will be rivaled only by the great main event booked by Promoter Mack Lillard. In a previous bout here, Belcastro and Johnson crunched craniums to a draw in a very classy clambake.

Johnson is a hard man to throw in any league, but Pete is just tough enough to cut the mustard and guzzle the junior champ. Both muscle men refuse to throw in the towel and are capable of taking plenty of punishment.

Another interesting feature of the scuffle will be the fact that both biceps boys are exponents of the dangerous and exorbitating "surfboard" hold. Pete has taken many a fray in the Klamath Punch plaza with this hold and Johnson has had great success with it, too.

In fact, both muscles took their respective matches last week with this same hold, Pete downing Mill Olsen and Gust taking the measure of Lou Bellevue.

So each body bender will be seeking to pour it on his opponent with this same "surfboard" Friday night in the semi-windup brawl. If either grappler gets to be much more of an expert, he will be able to skid over the surf at Cypress Gardens, Florida.

Double Time



Pelican Grid Squad Gets Some Pointers



Coach John Warren of the University of Oregon poses with the 1944 Klamath Pelican football squad at the annual grid banquet sponsored by the Lions club held last night at the Willard hotel. Warren was the principal speaker of the evening and gave an interesting account of the past history of football. It was the seventh annual banquet held in Klamath Falls for the Pelican gridgers.

K-Men Clash With Tornado This Weekend

Friday and Saturday nights the roaring Black Tornado from Medford will strike Klamath Falls when the Medford cagers swap buckets with the Klamath Pelicans for the first time this season.

With the news that Bob Perkins will definitely be available for this series, the Pelican stock went up and the boys showed lots of drive and fire in a rough scrimmage Tuesday night with Paul Angstead's Wildcats.

At present Medford leads the Southern Oregon conference with three wins against no losses, while the K-men follow in the second slot with one victory and one set-back for an even-Steven average.

The Tornado has several returning regulars from last year's squad and Coach Marble Cook anticipates no easy time with the Medford quintet, but feels that if the Pelicans play the brand of ball they have demonstrated themselves capable of at least twice this season, they will let the Medford five know it has been in a ball game.

Jerry Thorne, lanky Pelican center, is a doubtful starter Friday night, due to an ankle injury received in the first Ashland tilt. If Thorne is unable to take the floor, Bus Bussman will handle the pivot slot.

The K-men are rarin' to go and basketball fans should see two classy cage frays Friday and Saturday nights.

Coast Conference May Resume Track, Baseball in Spring

SEATTLE, Jan. 17 (AP)—The possibility that both track and baseball competition in the northern division, Pacific Coast conference, may be resumed this spring appeared last night with a report from Percy Lacey of Oregon State college that division members have been polled on the idea.

He did not state how the sentiment leaned in replies received to date. Washington and Idaho have indicated they will field baseball teams this year.

Ducks Have No Use For Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 17 (AP)—Thirty-five million wild ducks are supposed to be in Louisiana but they aren't.

The state Wildlife and Fisheries department, mystified, wants to find out why.

Maj. James Brown, director, says an effort will be made to determine just what's happened.

Experts figure 140,000,000 ducks left Canadian breeding grounds in October and November and that about 25 percent should come to Louisiana.

Not five per cent of the ducks remained in Louisiana long enough for the hunter to oil his gun, Brown says.

NCA President Says No Drastic Changes Planned

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 17 (AP)—Athletic Director Wilbur C. Smith of Tulane university, newly elected president of the National Collegiate association, plans no "revolutionary" change in the association's operation.

"I have no thought of suggesting any revolutionary plan, believing that the association's framework is broad enough, as it has been for years, to consider and deal with any problems that may arise," he said in a statement.

He added that the NCAA would continue to be receptive to any "suggestions, complaints or proposals of its members."

ON OTHER FIELDS...

ANN ARBOR—Two former Michigan grid greats are fighting the war on aircraft carriers—Benny Friedman, All-American quarter in 1926, and Paul Gobel, captain-end in 1922.

President Roosevelt OK's Continuation of Baseball

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Oldsters, youngsters, rejected and returned players may carry on the professional baseball tradition this season with the blessing of President Roosevelt.

The chief executive gave the nod yesterday to a continuation of the sport during 1945 with the proviso that it must not interfere with the war.

Short of many of its top stars by the armed services, the profession faces the loss of additional men under War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes' edict calling for re-examination of professional athletes.

And Mr. Roosevelt, in giving an O. K. to baseball at his news conference, pointed out that he does not think any perfectly healthy young man should be playing baseball in these times.

All this means, commented Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, that the caliber of this year's clubs will "depend on the rejected and returned players that we get."

Most of the teams, he said, have a few men above the draft age limit plus a handful of "kids about 17 who will have a wonderful opportunity to play in the big leagues."

Sports authorities in other fields, who have demonstrated some apprehension that other spectator events might follow horse racing into wartime eclipse, took heart from the baseball attitude of the president.

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"Sugar" Ray Blasts Bell In 10-Rounder

By LARRY SMITH

CLEVELAND, Jan. 17 (AP)—Another challenger to Ray (Sugar) Robinson's rating as unofficial ruler of the welterweights was relegated to the list of also rans today.

The latest aspirant to digest an unhealthy amount of sugar is Tommy Bell, the Youngstown, O., sharpshooter who missed fire at the arena last night and had his string of 28 straight triumphs snapped by Robinson.

A crowd of 19,966 witnessed near mayhem in the final heat of the 10-rounder as Bell went down for a count of eight only to rise and be punched all over the ring by Robinson intent on a knockout. Bell somehow survived the onslaught but at the finish he was bloody and groggy.

Several times after the knock-down the force of Robinson's blows drove the almost defenseless Bell into the ropes but he failed to go down again.

The first four rounds packed little action but then on Robinson increased the tempo of an attack that led to the furious climax in the final stanza.

Bell made his best showing in the seventh and eighth rounds when he engaged in some hard exchanges but Robinson's punches were harder and more frequent.

The Associated Press score sheet awarded Robinson seven rounds. Referee Jackie Davis gave Bell the third and ninth for low blows by Robinson while the first was called even.

Robinson weighed 145 1/2, one pound more than Bell.

The triumph was Sugar's 12th straight and his 52nd in 53 professional bouts.

Governor's Cup Player Awards May Be Doubled

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17 (AP)—Player awards in the Governor's Cup series would be doubled under terms of a recommendation submitted yesterday by the Pacific Coast league executive committee. Players on the pennant winning club would get \$5000. The four playoff teams would split \$10,000 to the winners, \$5000 to runners up and \$2500 each to the two teams eliminated in the preliminaries. The plan has been submitted to league directors.

WYOMING MAKES BOW

LARAMIE—Wyoming's basketballers were booked by Michigan and Ohio State this season, making the first time that a cowboy athletic squad has engaged Big Ten teams.

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Victory Fails to Effect Conference Standings; Teams Meet Again Tonight

By The Associated Press

Oregon State's Beavers, hailed at the season's start as the team most likely to sweep the University of Washington out of the northern division, Pacific Coast conference basketball throne room, got its first taste of triumph last night with a 54 to 32 victory over the Cougars of Washington State college.

The decision failed to affect the standings, leaving Washington State in third place behind Washington and Oregon with one victory and two defeats, and Oregon State in fourth with one and three. Winless Idaho retained the cellar spot.

Tonight, however, when the teams again collide at Corvallis, WSC will be fighting to hold its show position, as a win for the host quintet would force the two to swap rungs on the division ladder.

Washington State made a race of the game through the first half and into the early minutes of the second, but then the Beavers went ahead on three points by Hal Puddy and steadily increased their 25-23 margin for the rest of the distance.

Halftime score favored OSC, 21 to 19, but the Cougars had led at one point in the opening stanza by 15-10, largely by virtue of five field goals and one free loss by towering Vince Hansen. The Beavers stopped him by shifting from a man-to-man to a zone defense. Right after the halftime Hansen and Bobby Rennie hit the target to put WSC back in front, 23-21, but Puddy's outburst corrected the situation for OSC.

Red Rocha and Bob Labhart took it from there, piling the OSC lead to 37 points while the visitors were collecting one free throw. It was a breeze from there to the final gun. Rocha and Hansen shared scoring honors with 14 points each.

Summary:

Oregon State (54)				
Puddy, F	5	2	2	12
Labhart, F	7	0	1	14
Eldridge, F	1	0	0	2
Moore, F	1	1	0	3
Rocha, C	5	1	4	11
Staggs, C	1	0	0	2
West, G	1	2	0	4
McGrath, G	1	1	1	3
Henningson, G	0	3	0	3
Totals	22	10	8	54
Washington State (32)				
Jarrison, F	1	0	5	2
Gregg, F	1	0	2	2
Noteboom, F	0	0	1	0
Kellinger, F	0	0	1	0
Hansen, C	6	2	2	14
Waller, C	1	0	1	2
Rennie, G	3	0	1	6
Hamilton, G	2	0	2	4
Gebrett, G	1	0	0	2
Johnson, G	0	0	2	0
Totals	15	2	17	32

Halftime score: Oregon State 21, Washington State 19.

Free throws missed: Puddy 2, West 2, McGrath 3, Henningson 2, Gregg, Hansen 2, Waller, Rennie.

Officials: Emil Piluso, Phil Warren.

BASKETBALL Results

By The Associated Press

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Eugene 53, Salem 20.

University (Eugene) 41, Springfield 33.

Central Catholic (Portland) 38, Camas (Wash.) 21.

Washington (Portland) 39, Jefferson (Portland) 20.

Grant (Portland) 34, Commerce (Portland) 28.

Benson (Portland) 37, Franklin (Portland) 39.

Roosevelt (Portland) 36, Lincoln (Portland) 33.

Columbia Prep (Portland) 48, Parkrose 25.

West Linn 26, Newberg 21.

COLLEGE

Oregon State 54, Washington State 32.

Denver 51, Colorado college, 41.

Southern California 42, California Tech 38.

College of Pacific 59, Mare Island Shipbuilders 24.

Eastern Washington 70, Whitworth 26.

AIR TEC FIVE WINS

SPOKANE, Jan. 17 (AP)—Wright field's Air Tec's trounced the Geiger field basketball team last night, 65 to 37. The Air Tec's are westward bound for a meeting with the Fort Lewis Warriors.

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Fighting Marine



Shown above in a typical fighting stance is Mike Alfano of the Marine Barracks, who lost a decision to Sailor Al Burkhardt last night in a series of matches fought at the naval air station. The sailors got the nod in four bouts, while the marines took two.

Sailors Outbox Marines

Sailor Al Burkhardt Gets Decision Over Mike Alfano

The navy boxers outpointed the marines, four decisions to two, before a capacity crowd at the naval air station last night.

In the main event, Mike Alfano put up a brilliant fight against the navy's polished fighter, Al Burkhardt. It was a clean, hard-fought battle all the way through, and Alfano used all the tricks of the fistic trade in keeping away from Burkhardt's dynamite.

Once in the first round again in the third, Alfano got through to land telling blows the heavier, more aggressive sailor, but the colored boy kept points all the way.

The marines uncovered a stellar fighter in 155-pound Perez. Using a crouching, weaving style, Perez outpointed or Thomas Bryant, knocking stocky navy boy to the canvas each round.

In the opener, Marine George Cox took a close decision to Robert Hiltson, for the only leatherneck win of the evening.

In the second go, 156-pound Bruce Cragham barely edged PFC Johnnie Wingham, a slugfest that saw both bell-tired out at the final bell.

Frank Romano, 162-pounder, or, decided Frank Dalagan in a slow-starting bout mounted in fury as the fight progressed. This was a return match for the leather-throver, both were out to win.

Rudy Salazar lost another close one to Sailor Harold Weller. The fight was feverish with neither fighter getting many solid blows.

Sid Herbert, familiar short-trotman from the air station, refereed the bouts, with Clyde C. Roberts and L.J. P. gram as judges.

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