From Midfield

By PAUL HAINES

Oliver Will Return To Oregon

"Tex" Oliver will return to Eugene to coach the University of Oregon grid eleven this fall. According to reports, Oliver is getting out of the navy next month and is a cinch to return to mentor the Webfoots.

Lon Stiner will guide the gridiron destiny of Oregon State and finds himself the granddaddy of all northern division coaches this year now that Babe Hollingbery is out at Washington State. Stiner attended a football pow-wow at Spokane recently in which northern division, Pacific Coast conference schools instigated a number of new rules that didn't make the headlines.

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One regulation states that member schools of the conference would be set back $1000 if caught proselyting athletic prospects, but that's only half of it. If a school is caught twice committing the same unpardonable sin of making it possible for a financially destitute youngster to attend college, then the school is automatically expelled from the conference. Now isn't that the nuts! What are we going to have in the northwest—a junior league for young women or an honest-to-gosh football conference?

Here's another little gem the conference bigwigs thunk up. Should a star high school athlete accidentally meet one of the member coaches on the street, the coach must look the other way, even though he might know him personally, else the coach be accused of influencing the boy in favor of his school. We assume that if this self-same coach does address the lad as civility demands, that he will be required to commit hari-kari by conference officials. We have heard of some unfair and unreasonable rules in our day, but these tidbits lead the pack by 22 lengths.

Member coaches cannot so much as pass through a city in which a prospect lives but what the coach in question must then report to the grand-exalted commissioner exactly what he did while passing through that said city and why he passed through it in the first place! These rules are absolutely asinine and everybody must know that they are, including the men that made them. Why, then, do the people stand for them? The answer is that they have nothing to say about it.

Oregon sports fans were overjoyed when it was learned that football would return to the northwest this fall, but with rules such as these controlling the conference, everyone is more than likely to be disappointed.

To get back to the coaching prospects, Phil Sorboe will head Washington State and "Babe" Brown will mentor Idaho. "Jiggs" Dahlberg and his Montana Grizzlies have dropped out and "Pest" Welch at Washington and Oliver at Oregon are holdovers. Whitman and Willamette will not compete because of lack of material.

So that's the way things stand now. We're going to have football all right, but it will be football so bound by red tape and regulations that the opposing players will be required to bow to each other before coming up to the line of scrimmage!

Nation's Top Shotmakers Ready For Chicago Tourney

CHICAGO, June 26 (AP)—Golf's Gold Trail Travelers move to Chicago this week for the third annual Chicago victory national championships and $12,300 in cash set aside for winners of the 72-hole medal play event for pros and some minor competition at the Calumet Country club.

Most of the nation's top shotmakers, including many of those who competed in the big fore invitational tournament at Detroit's Plum Hollow course the past week, are entered.

Harold (Jug) McSpaden of Hanford, Me., will be back to defend his title, but he'll face a formidable field which includes such names as Lt. Ben Hogan of the army air force, beaten in a playoff by McSpaden in 1944; Byron Nelson and Sam Snead, winter money-winner leaders; Jimmy Thomson of Los Angeles; Johnny Revolta of Evanston, Ill.; Ky Laffoon, St. Andrews; Craig Wood of Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Mike Turnesa of Elmsford, N. Y.; Sammy Byrd of Detroit, winner of the big fore meet yesterday; Jimmy Hines of Chicago; Denny Shute of Akron, O., and Tony Penna of Dayton, O.

The Victory Open gets underway Friday with 18 holes, an additional 18 Saturday and 36 Sunday.

But before that the entrants have a little minor competition to get out of the way. These are the pro-woman, pro-amateur and pro-senior tournaments Wednesday and Thursday. In these meets, one of the professionals will be matched in a foursome with an amateur, a woman golfer and a senior golfer.

Betz, Talbert Enter Tennis Tournament

CINCINNATI, June 26 (AP)—Miss Pauline Betz of Los Angeles, national women's singles champion, and Bill Talbert of Wilmington, Del., the nation's No. 2 player, entered competition in the tri-state tennis tournament today for crowns that eluded them in the finals last year.

Miss Betz, who lost to Dorothy May Bundy, of Los Angeles, 7-5, 6-4 in 1944, meets Isable Lindsay, of Winnetka, Ill., and Talbert, victim of Francisco Segura, Ecuador, in last year's title event, plays Lou Belmont of Cincinnati.

EX-GI'S SET PACE

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—Ex-servicemen captained the baseball, boxing and wrestling teams at Penn State in 1945.

Mauriello Kayoes Nova In 1st Heat

By BILL KING

BOSTON, June 26 (AP)—Ironfisted Tami Mauriello, young New York heavyweight, appeared assured of doing some post-war battling with the U. S. army's Billy Conn or Champion Joe Louis today on the strength of his one-round knockout of Lou Nova, the Los Angeles veteran.

Nova, who had put together an impressive winning streak in recent months, lasted only two minutes, 47 seconds with the hard-slugging New Yorker when they put on their second clash last night before a disappointing paid crowd of 7334 at Fenway park.

Nova Hurt

During the first minute of their scheduled 10-rounder, Mauriello landed a terrific right that opened a cut over Nova's left eye while bruising that side of his face. The Californian then made a feeble effort to get going, only to stumble and go down on one knee for a nine-count under a left hook to the head.

After taking a heavy two-fisted battering about the head, Nova came off the ropes with his guard down and was met with another bone-crushing right near the jaw that dropped him face-down for the full-count. Mauriello weighed 197, six pounds less than his hapless rival, who was the victim of a six-round technical knockout decision in their first bout in New York about three years ago.

DROUGHT HITS DUCKS

WINNIPEG—Ducks Unlimited estimates place the loss from sickness at 200 times less than the death rate caused by drought.

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PCL Derby Still Two Horse Race

Portland Beavers Lead Pack By 4½ Lengths; Suds Four Games Ahead of Seals

By PAUL WELLS
Associated Press Sports Writer

The Pacific Coast league derby, still a two-horse affair, will round the halfway post this week, the 15th of the 1945 season.

Portland's front-running Beavers will lead the pack by four and a half lengths, followed by the Seattle Rainiers who are four games ahead of San Francisco's Seals. Tightly bunched behind the O'Douls in the battle for third are four California clubs only two notches apart.

Bevos Meet Sacs

The Beavers, after a two-week home stand in which they won nine out of 14 games, move to Sacramento to resume last week's abbreviated feud which the Solons took 2-1.

Manager Earl Sheely's Sacramento club, tied for fourth spot with Oakland nine and a half games behind the loop-leaders, has been alternately hot and cold since the first of May, having won four series, lost three and tied one in that period.

Seals Move Up

San Francisco, which has moved from sixth to third in the last three weeks, will play host tonight to Los Angeles, the second time the teams have met this year. The Angels edged out the Seals 3-2 in the first week of the season, but have been batting around in the second division for weeks and currently repose in sixth. This evening's opener will see the Seals' Bob Joyce, the league's leading moundsman and winner of 15 games, pitted against Righthander Charley Cuellar, who has won nine and lost eight.

Oaks Play Stars

Oakland transfers to Hollywood to meet the Stars, whose resurgence this month was rudely checked by San Francisco which won five out of eight games from the cellar-dwellers last week.

Seattle's invasion of San Diego for an encounter with the seventh-place Padres will be delayed a day while the two clubs travel southward, no game being scheduled for tonight. Since taking the road two weeks ago, Manager Pepper Martin's San Diegans have played .500 ball and on their home lot may prove troublesome for the Rainiers.

Buckeyes Take Honors In Golf Bee

By HAROLD HARRISON

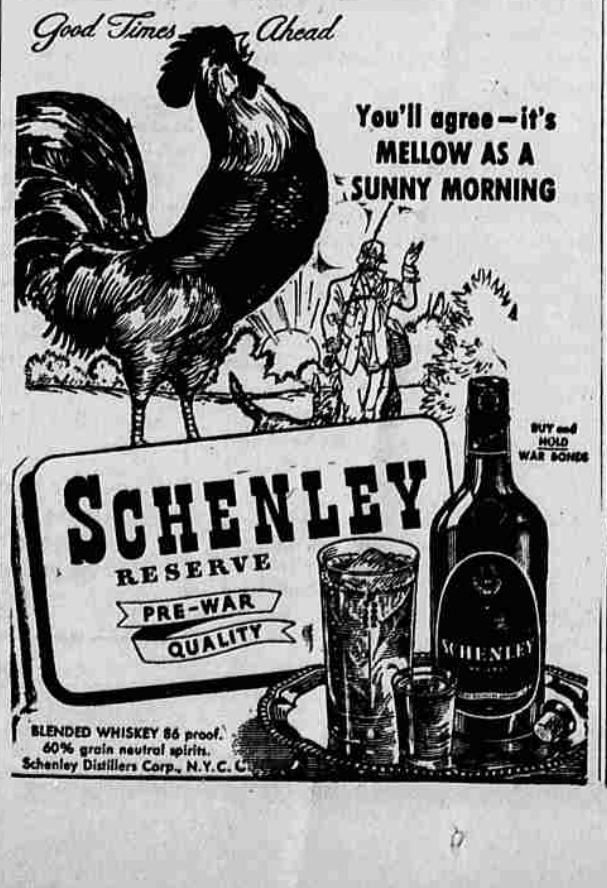
COLUMBUS, O., June 26 (AP) Were it not for a young lieutenant from the U. S. military academy, the middle west would be assured today of its second straight clean sweep of honors in the National Collegiate Athletic association golf tournament.

Lt. De Witt Nunn of West Point was the only player from outside the corn belt who qualified yesterday for the start of match play which will decide the NCAA's individual champion. But he was no mild threat. He nipped a stroke off par in the first round of qualifying yesterday but suffered severely from the effects of a terrific rain and windstorm in the afternoon and finished with 71-81—152.

Buckeyes Win Awards

All of the first day's awards went to Ohio State's Buckeyes, the Big Ten champions. They won the team title by 19 strokes and Howard Baker, who plays par-shattering golf despite the handicap of a crippled leg, was the qualifying medalist.

Last year, Notre Dame won the team title; James Jackson of Washington of St. Louis was the qualifying medalist and Louis Lick of Minnesota captured the individual championship.



Holmes, Cuccinello Hold Batting Leads

NEW YORK, June 26 (AP)—Consistency seems to be paying off for the Braves' Tommy Holmes and the White Sox' Tony Cuccinello in the major league batting races.

These two continued to head the parade in their respective leagues through Sunday's games with averages virtually unchanged from the previous week, but a new set of challengers had come along.

Holmes, with 10 hits in 25 times at bat, raised his average one point to .386 last week while Cuccinello's mark dropped five points to .342 with only seven blows in 23 at bats. Neither had a rival within shouting distance, however.

The leading batsmen (based on 150 or more times at bat).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Holmes, Boston	58	246	60	95	.386
Rosen, Brooklyn	53	213	48	78	.366
Kurowski, St. Louis	54	190	30	71	.357
Cavarretta, Chicago	55	207	41	73	.353
Ott, New York	61	226	41	77	.341
Olmo, Brooklyn	59	239	39	80	.335

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Cuccinello, Chicago	56	199	29	68	.342
Case, Washington	51	205	28	67	.327
Etten, New York	56	200	33	64	.320
R. Johnson, Boston	58	223	31	70	.314
Peck, Philadelphia	37	150	17	47	.313
Stephens, St. Louis	50	190	36	62	.312

Robertson Shoots 71 In Tourney

Vancouver City Golf King Bests Favorites In First 18 Holes of PNGA Tourney

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 26 (AP)—Slim Jim Robertson, Vancouver city golf champion, bested the favorites yesterday in the first 18 holes of the 36-hole qualifying round in the Pacific Northwest Golf association's 44th annual tournament, with a par 71—the only par of the day at the Point Grey Golf and Country club here.

Givan Shoots 74

Harry Givan of Seattle, and Kenny Black of Vancouver, favorites in the tournament finished with a 74 apiece, three over par. Chuck Hunter, 11 times Tacoma city champion and J. Ellis of Vancouver, also carded 74s and Bill Welch of Spokane, U. S. public links champion, and H. W. Andrews of Tacoma, took 75s. Two hundred golfers played in the qualifying rounds.

The final 18 holes of the qualifying round for men was to be played today.

Rucker Leads Women

In the PNGA women's division, Betty Jean Rucker, 20, Spokane city champion the past three years, took medalist honors with an 83 over the Shaughnessy Height Golf and Country club course in the 18-hole women's qualifying round.

Dykes Proud Of 3rd-Place Chicago Club

By JIMMY JORDAN

CHICAGO, June 26 (AP)—The Chicago White Sox, who haven't won an American league pennant since 1919, may not win another this year, but Manager Jimmy Dykes says they're going to make it plenty tough on the other teams of the league before next October.

Dykes was pretty proud of his club as he came back home today for a two-week stand, after winning 11 and losing four in the last two weeks.

Pitching Good

"We've got good pitching and our hitting is better than fair," Dykes said as he prepared for tomorrow's invasion of the Boston Red Sox in a three-game series in a fight for third place. "We're not up there now, and maybe we won't get up there. But we'll cause some of them a lot of trouble along the way."

Dykes will have his team at home for two weeks and the White Sox had more than ordinary success on their home grounds this year.

Joltin' Jack Meets Ackles On Bicep Bill

Jack "Buck" Lipscomb, who was disqualified in his match with Kenny Ackles here last week, will slug it out with clever Milt Olsen in the semi-windup tussle on the crunch card Friday night.

Promoter Mack Lillard said this morning that he had signed Paavo Katonen, the durable Finn, for the curtain-raiser and his opponent will be announced tomorrow.

The Lipscomb-Ackles fray supports a "grudge" bout as the main event between Antone Leone and George Wagner. Wagner has vowed that he will make burly Leone pay through the nose for the incident last week when Leone brained Wagner with a ring stool.

Leone has made the remark that Wagner is no match for him and this has also infuriated the dapper dandy. Ring stools and water bottles will be cleared from the ring, Lillard stated, in order to protect both the rasslers and the customers from serious injury.

Harmon Sets Pace In Golf Tourney

CHICAGO, June 26 (AP)—Claude Harmon, a former Chicago professional now of Detroit, shot a 33-35—68, four under par, today to lead professionals from Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin in a four-state special qualifying round for the all-American Open golf tournament at Tam O'Shanter Country club.

Another special meet will be held July 25 for professionals from other states not exempt from qualification for the $60,000 tournament, which opens July 26 and runs through Sunday, July 29.

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Walters No Longer Night King

Bucky Wins Two Out Of 6 Under Lights This Season; Reynolds Rings Up 4 Wins

By TED MEIER
Associated Press Sports Writer

Bucky Walters of the Cincinnati Reds no longer is "king" of night game pitchers in the major leagues.

An off-day study of this year's box scores, as the big league teams spent yesterday traveling, revealed that the third baseman-turned-twirler, undisputed after-dark master in 1944, has won only two of six starts under the lights this season.

Reynolds at Top

Replacing him at the top is Allie Reynolds, fireball right-hander of the Cleveland Indians, who is unbeaten in four starts.

Closely bunched behind Reynolds are Sig Jakucki, of the St. Louis Browns; Van Lingle Mungo of the New York Giants; and Jack Creel of the St. Louis Cardinals. Each are undefeated in three starts.

Two of Reynolds' victories were against the Browns. He beat the American league champions, 2 to 1, on May 2 with a neat 13-inning four-hitter. He beat the Browns again on June 15, 5 to 2. He whipped Washington, 3 to 2, on May 23; and only last Friday turned back the Chicago White Sox, 2 to 1, with a masterful three-hitter.

These are the leading 11 night game pitchers in the majors, based on win-lost percentages for 2 or more games:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Reynolds, Indians	4	0	1.000
Jakucki, Browns	3	0	1.000
Mungo, Giants	3	0	1.000
Creel, Cardinals	3	0	1.000
King, Dodgers	2	0	1.000
Chapman, Dodgers-Phils	2	0	1.000
Overmire, Tigers	2	0	1.000
Caldwell, White Sox	2	0	1.000
C. Barrett, Cardinals	4	1	.800
Burkhart, Cardinals	3	1	.750
Gregg, Dodgers	3	1	.750

Seals Nudge Fresno In Exhibition Tilt

FRESNO, Calif., June 26 (AP) The San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast Baseball league last night defeated the Fresno Vinthers of the California State league 11-8 in a free hitting 11-inning exhibition game.

Segura Will Defend Net Crown Today

EVANSTON, Ill., June 26 (AP) Pancho Segura, the transplanted Equadorian with the unorthodox two-handed swing, goes to work today in defense of his national collegiate tennis championship with George Ratterman of Notre Dame his first opponent.

Segura, seeded No. 1 drew a bye in the first round. His match with Ratterman will be his first appearance in his quest for a third straight crown. Pancho suffered a blood blister on his right hand in an exhibition match at Wilmington, Del., Sunday, but it apparently was not bothering his two-handed play.

Favorites Come Through

Meanwhile, all of the favorites came through their first round matches yesterday with no trouble. Charles Samson of Notre Dame, beaten by Segura last year, advanced to the second round of the singles by defeating Phil Glotzer of the University of Chicago, 6-4, 6-0. Samson was seeded No. 2 for this tournament.

Frank Willett of Georgia Tech, breezed past Brenden Macken, William and Mary, 6-3, 6-3. Nick Buzolich of George Pepperdine college, Los Angeles, eliminated Richard Shapiro, Chicago, 6-0, 6-3.

Capt. Buddy Lewis May Be Discharged

WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP) The Washington Post said today it had learned authoritatively that Capt. John J. "Buddy" Lewis, former Washington Senators star, will be released from the army "next month."

A dispatch from Detroit by Shirley Povich, Post sports-writer, said Lewis, now stationed at a field near Indianapolis, Ind., after service as an army transport pilot in the China-Burma-India theater, will be given an honorable discharge within 30 days and will return to the Senators immediately. Lewis joined the air force in 1941.

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