

Zero Hour Approaches For Prep Grid Titles

Grant Against Jefferson, Hood River Versus The Dalles Crucial Contests

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The battle for district prep gridiron titles approaches the zero hour this weekend, with a pair of crucial contests and another pair of crucial decisions.

No Miracles Expected By Southworth

Poor Way Of Getting In Condition For Bout With Heavyweight King

BOSTON, Nov. 8 (AP)—The Boston Braves needed a baseball miracle to win their last National league pennant in 1914 but Billy Southworth, their new manager, vows they'll be able to thank hard work for their next one.

The district 2 picture shouldn't change much, with Medford's powerful Black Tornado due to roll up another victory against Ashland, and perfect-record North Bend expected to stay that way over weak Marshfield. The title, barring an upset this weekend, will be decided by playoff next week.

Crucial decisions are coming up in district 3—but by ballots, not piskin. In that northwestern Oregon region—so thickly populated it's split into two divisions—the titlists of the north-

Schools from the northern division will convene at Forest Grove Monday to ballot on the crown. McMinnville, idle this weekend, is the only unbeaten, untied team in the section.

Ballots on the tangled southern division race are due to be counted in Salem Sunday. Two squads boast perfect records—Cottage Grove, which entertains Springfield tomorrow and hasn't lost a game for two years; and Woodburn, which goes to Silverton tomorrow heading for its third straight year without a loss in district league play.

Corvallis claims a perfect record in that region for district play, but has lost one out of district game and was held last Friday to a tie with weak Redmond. The Redmond squad had previously been defeated by Lebanon, another southern division contender which lost its first within-district game last week.

Weekend prep games—scattered from Friday to Monday because of the Armistice holiday—will end two upstate loop seasons. Ashland's trip to Medford winds up the Southern Oregon conference.

The sea-sawing championship of the Blue Mountain conference will also be settled, with holiday clashes of Baker at La Grande and Mac Hi at Pendleton.

Swede Larson, Naval Academy Coach, Dies

ATLANTA, Nov. 8 (AP)—Colonel Emery Ellsworth "Swede" Larson, famous football figure and veteran of two wars, is dead.

The passing of the 46-year-old colonel of marines here yesterday stunned grid fans who had followed his career, first as a player and later as coach of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

The end came after the third of a series of heart attacks. He was first stricken about two weeks ago and removed to the U. S. Naval Air Station hospital. Mrs. Larson, the former Margaret Ross of Long Beach, Calif., was with him.

SUPERMEN
SANTA MONICA, Calif., Nov. 8 (AP)—Surveying six grave stones overturned by vandals, J. C. Browder, superintendent of the municipal Woodlawn cemetery, said "This must have been a contest to see who could upset the largest stone."

The smallest weighed 600 pounds, the largest 3000.

Brace Of Ducks Per Hunter



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Maynard Hunter seems to be having his own troubles trying to stay aboard wildly bucking Eagle in 20th annual world's championship rodeo at Madison Square Garden. A second after picture was snapped Maynard had GONE.

Pel Reserves Replace Bonanza In Jamboree

Now that the Bonanza grid team has pulled out of Saturday's football jamboree, the Pelicans are going to have to rush back from Bend early Saturday morning to be here in time to make up the eighth team in the afternoon community scrap on Modoc field.

Pelican reserves will be used in place of the Bonanza outfit, which decided against the trip following yesterday's snow storm.

The Lava Bears game tomorrow night under the floodlights at Bend finishes off the KUIS varsity schedule and also ends the high school playing careers of seniors Chuck Thurman, Rog Vanderhoff, Scott Reed, Jim Pope, Bill Sari, Dee Nelson, Harold Wirth and others.

Thirty Pels will make the Bend journey, going up by bus tomorrow morning.

Diek Foust who hurt his knee in the Axemen game last week and still is getting about with a limp, won't go along, and neither will Herb Barker, who has been out since the Eureka tilt with a leg injury.

Fred Gerbino, reserve center, failed to make passing grades in school and is put on the ineligible list.

The past couple of evenings have been almost too cold for practice, but slightly better weather has been reported from Bend. At least there was no snow on the field up there Wednesday.

Klamath holds a slight edge over the Lava Bears going in, based mainly on the season's records—two wins and five losses for us, one win and five losses for Bend—and on what Medford did to each team—51-0 here and 78-0 at Bend.

Our starting lineup will probably be about the same as last week, with Redkey, Sari, Edwards and Coleman in the backfield, Selby, Wirth, Reed, Vanderhoff, Eastman, Pope in the line and Rose in at tackle replacing Foust.

No lineup of Pelicans has been announced for the football Jamboree Saturday, but reserves will probably be used throughout their quarter. The other seven outfits scheduled to participate include Henley, Sacred Heart, the Wildcats, Dorris, Tulalake, Merrill and Malin.

L. A. Pug May Fight Lighthweight Winner

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 8 (AP)—Hilton (Fitzy) Fitzpatrick has been offered a scrap with the winner of the lighthweight title match between Champion Gus Lesnevich and Joe Kahut in Portland next January, Joe Waterman, Portland promoter said yesterday.

Kahut recently outpointed Fitzpatrick in a Portland bout.

BATHTUB NIGHTMARE
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 7 (AP)—Vincent Totta, aged two and a half, was an interested spectator at the Shrine circus here.

Someone previously had given him a box of soap, each cake shaped like a miniature elephant. When real elephants paraded into the arena, Vincent's grandmother, Mrs. W. E. Urquhart, said: look, Vincent, what is that?

Vincent took one glance and answered seriously: "Soap."

There is no hope of constructing world peace without the cordial and confident cooperation of Russia, particularly without a sincere understanding between the British and Russian governments.—Leon Blum, former premier of France.

Conn Beefs On Fighting Exhibitions

New Manager Confident Braves Will Finally Become Pennant Winner

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 8 (AP)—Billy Conn, the fancy boxing Irishman from Pittsburgh, says he is convinced that exhibition fighting is a "heck of a poor way" to get in condition for his championship bout with Heavyweight King Joe Louis next June.

That's why, he said after a 3-round appearance here last night, he is quitting "show off" stuff in favor of serious training for a return engagement with the Brown Bomber.

"You can tell the world I'm through with exhibitions," the handsome ex-army corporal declared. He had just trudded through a slow practice session with Bearcat Jones, a sparring specialist from Pittsburgh.

"Fans don't realize it's only an exhibition," Conn explained. "They expect me to show the same boxing skill I used that night in 1941 when I boxed rings around Louis for twelve rounds before I got careless."

Overweight and not up to his usual speed, Conn threw a few fast hooks at the Bearcat in the last minute of the exhibition, but he admitted that he had a "long way to go" before he's ready for Louis.

"I'm going to spend some time on road work at Hot Springs, Ark.," Conn said, "then I'm going to return to Pittsburgh and start mixing it with good sparring partners. I'm certain I can lick Louis this time—I don't plan to spoil my chances running around the country showing off."

Should Kahut Win, New York Re-Match Set

PORTLAND, Nov. 8 (AP)—Promoter Joe Waterman, who contracted the Joe Kahut-Gus Lesnevich bout in New York last month arrived here today, and said that everything was in the bag.

"All details have been agreed upon," he said. "The contract to be signed here about December 15 merely is a protective one giving Lesnevich a return bout with Kahut in Madison Square Garden within 90 days after the Portland fight, should Kahut win."

The bout will be the first light heavyweight championship match ever staged here. It will give a Woodburn, Ore., farmer his chance at the crown.

Navy Mentor Gets Pro Coaching Bid

BALTIMORE, Nov. 8 (AP)—Edgar E. "Rip" Miller, former Notre Dame football great and long a fixture on the Navy coaching staff, is the owner's choice to be head coach of the Baltimore team in the All-America Football conference, a new professional football league, scheduled to start operations in 1946.

R. Bruce Livie, Baltimore industrialist and owner of the Bobanet stable of race horses, said last night that Miller, now Navy's line coach, was his selection for the job.

Miller said: "I have not talked about this position with the franchise owner. Until I do, I have no statement to make."

Sheriff's Posse To Hold Meeting

The Sheriff's Posse will have a meeting and dinner at the Willard hotel Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

All members of the posse are urged to attend.

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From Midfield

Huskies May Be Champs, But Not Best

Right about now the yearly beeps from back east are coming in regarding the way the Pacific Coast conference operates the Rose Bowl, claiming that not every year is the coast champ one of the best grid teams in the country or even the best team on the coast.

And this year the registered howls have plenty of basis in fact. The Huskies will probably be the best eleven at the Tournament of Roses, but Washington's primary claim to conference leadership is based on a win over Southern Cal.

But there are plenty of people, including myself, who will insist that St. Mary's, El Toro Marines, Fleet City Bluejackets, possibly Santa Clara and a few other assorted coast elevens can whip both Washington and Southern Cal. Someone has suggested over my shoulder that Medford be added to the list.

However, regardless of who plays what brand of football at Pasadena January 1, the joint will be sold out. We hope Alabama gets Washington's bid, but look for the Huskies to grab a tartar no matter which of the eligible and willing eastern teams they invite out.

Unsung Hero Of Wildcats

A youngster you've probably never heard about has been helping Joe LaClair coach the Wildcats all season. He is PFC Glen Mallette of the Marine Barracks, who has been coming down to the field every afternoon, dressing out with the team and taking part in scrimmages and drills. He gets right into the fray, showing the boys how to put into practice Coach LaClair's devices.

Mallette is 20 years old, a resident of Elmira, N. Y., and will be heading back there as soon as the Wildcats finish their part of the football Jamboree Saturday. He gets discharged today. Glen played halfback two seasons in high school before joining the marines, and now plans to go on to college, majoring in physical education with an eye to a general coaching career.

Soldiers Should Get By Notre Dame

In my book undefeated Army figures to still be undefeated through Saturday afternoon at Yankee stadium, though Notre Dame, unbeaten but once tied, is getting a huge play from eastern sportswriters. One expert places the odds at 6 to 5 and take your choice, while others are spotting the soldiers up to three touchdowns.

Army and the Irish are one-two among the nation's top teams. Alabama, third-ranking outfit, takes a vacation Saturday, the idea being to allow Harry Gilmer and company time out to attend a few classes and possibly take an exam or so. An Alabama custom quaint in the Southern conference.

- Other piskin selections:
RICE over Arkansas . . . AUBURN over Southwestern . . . TEXAS over Baylor . . . YALE over Brown . . . SOUTHERN CAL over California . . . HOLY CROSS over Coast Guard . . . CORNELL over Colgate . . . PENN over Columbia . . . PRINCETON over Dartmouth . . . DUKE over North Carolina State . . . GEORGIA over Florida . . . GEORGIA TECH over Tulane . . . OKLAHOMA over Iowa State . . . INDIANA over Minnesota . . . OKLAHOMA over Iowa State . . . NEBRASKA over Kansas State . . . KENTUCKY over West Virginia . . . LSU over Mississippi State . . . MIAMI over South Carolina . . . NAVY over Michigan . . . TENNESSEE over Mississippi . . . NORTHWESTERN over Wisconsin . . . OHIO STATE over Pitt . . . OKLAHOMA A&M over Tulsa . . . PURDUE over Iowa Pre-Flight . . . ST. MARY'S over Fresno State . . . TEXAS A&M over Southern Methodist . . . TCU over Texas Tech . . . OREGON over Washington State and WASHINGTON over Oregon State.

17-Year-Old Leading Huskies Into Pasadena

SEATTLE, Nov. 8 (AP)—A streak of purple football lightning quarterbacked by a 17-year-old is lashing at the gates of the Rose Bowl and the man who keeps the battery charged confided around the back of his hand today it was about 50 per cent luck and the other half pure sided dog determination.

Coach Ralph "Pest" Welch admitted, however, "that isn't quite the whole story" behind the surge of his University of Washington Huskies to the top spot in the Pacific Coast conference scramble.

Right now the affable coach, who spends six days each week recuperating from Saturday's tortures (he said "We've kicked away at least 10 touchdowns"), refuses to talk about the Rose Bowl or listen to all the happy clamor of fans and alumni. He has three games ahead, and Welch is a warrior.

This week the menu is daily practice in secret to prepare for the homecoming brush Saturday with Oregon State, a 13 to 0 Husky victim earlier in the year.

The team has lost just one game in six starts, a 27 to 14 defeat by California, and the thought that such a nightmare could happen again keeps the coach in a dither. The boys, he recalled sadly, could do nothing right that afternoon.

Joe Stone, 17, quarterback of the club. It's a tough job, especially so due to Welch's strategy of switching back and forth between T formation and the Notre Dame box. Joe is far from being the only freshman in the lineup—Welch started seven first year men in each of his last two games.

Army Dentist Takes Spot In Golf Meet

PINEHURST, N. C., Nov. 8 (AP) Rotund Fred Corcoran, tournament manager for the Professional Golfers association, wore a broad smile today. It was a smile fostered by an unheralded 24-year-old amateur from Memphis, Tenn., who was in the driver's seat as the final 36 holes of the \$5000 North and South Open tournament began.

Scoring a dazzling 69 in which he needed only 11 putts on each nine, Lt. Cary Middlecoff, army dentist and a recent eye patient at Valley Forge, Pa., hospital, brought his 36-hole total yesterday to 139 in the 44th annual Carolina Classic to lead the field by a stroke.

Corcoran, envisioning welcomed competition from his standpoint, at least for the professional stars from an unexpected source, was awaiting the results of today's two rounds with a weather eye on Middlecoff.

The erstwhile leaders, Denny Shute of Akron, Ohio, and Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., although dropping off eight strokes from their initial 66s to 74s yesterday were hot on Middlecoff's trail, only a stroke behind, with the real pressure turned on today.

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