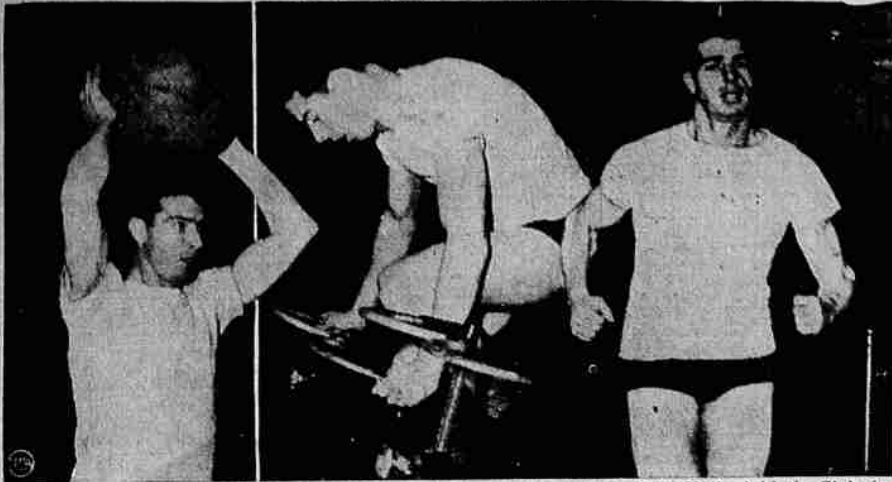




Following three years in Army, Joe DiMaggio obtains early start at New York Athletic Club in preparation for return to Yankees next spring. Juggling medicine ball takes off excess poundage. Bicycle and track put legs in shape for shagging flies and running bases.

Wide-Open Race Predicted For North Division Cage

Huskies Start Drive With Cougars; OSC Takes On Dark Horse Of Conference

By The Associated Press
Undaunted by lack of information about their opponents, and well supplied with chewing gum via his naval trainees, newspaperless Hee Edmundson enters his 27th season as basketball coach at the University of Washington tonight with the prediction the "race will be wide open."

Hee's Huskies, 24-strong, if hee be, face their arch-rivals from the Palouse, the Washington State Cougars, in the first of a two-game northern division series at Seattle.

At Corvallis, meanwhile, Oregon State's Beavers open a series with the dark-horse Idaho Vandals.

"I don't know as much about the other teams this year, what with the newspaper strike, but from what I gather from the grapevine it looks like Oregon State, Oregon and Idaho should show the most improvement."

Shifts In Wrestling Bill Made

Several last-minute changes have been made in the wrestling lineup for next Tuesday night previously announced since Rough Rufus Jones and Army Joe Smolinsky have notified Promoter Mack Lillard that they will be unable to keep their Klamath Falls dates.

So Lillard hastily shuffled the contracts he already has, cast about for another pair of grapplers and decided to throw a battle royal and let the pairing work itself out.

In the gang fight will be Pete Belcastro, Brutal Jack Lipscomb, Earl Malone, Gust Johnson, Herb Parks and Angelo Martinielli. Old Pete and Malone were called in to sub for Jones and Smolinsky.

The two grapplers tossed out first will come back for a third round opener at curtain-raiser pay; the next two will be matched for three rounds at semi-final prices and the two most durable come back to clutch three cantos at main event stakes.

All the fights after the group tussle will be two falls out of three. Wally Moss will probably be the referee.

Beau Jack Heavy Favorite Over Reif

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—Beau Jack is a top heavy 1 to 5 favorite to whip Morris Reif tonight in the first boxing show of the new year at Madison Square Garden.

Jack, of Augusta, Ga., former lightweight champion (New York version), won a disputed decision over Willie Joyce several weeks ago in his first scrap after being discharged from the army.

A crowd of around 15,000 is expected to watch the fray.

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Prelim Lined Up Pits Wildcats Against Matt's

Opener Starts At 7 Tonight; Pelicans Meet Bend Lava Bears In Main Event

Before the Bend game tonight on the KUHS basketball floor a preliminary tilt will be played between the Wildcats and Matt Finnigan's Victory league quintet, one of the strongest in the high school loop.

The game takes the court at 7 o'clock and will be immediately followed by the varsity match with the Bend Lava Bears, beginning about 8:15.

The 'Cats have also slated a tangle with the Malin Mustangs to prelude the second Pelican-Bend game tomorrow night.

Members of the Lions club and their wives will be special guests of the Pels tonight. The Lions have been very active this season in promoting sale of season basketball tickets, advancing interest in the cage sport here, and also sponsored the Pelican football banquet last month.

The Pels finished pre-series scrimmaging yesterday ironing out rough spots in ball-handling and shooting and tonight's game is expected to be a free-scoring affair with the K-men tossing for the basket at every slight opportunity.

Particular emphasis in practice has been put on free throws, the angle of the game the Pels were weakest on during the Longview tilt.

Coach Dutch French has talent to spare to throw against the Lava Bears, aside from his smooth-working starting five of Hoyer, Palmer, Thorne, Coleman and Craig.

Forwards John Linman, Clarence Bussman, Bill Crawford and Joe Zarozinsky, Centers Bill McLean and Joe Farrell, and Guards Bob Redkey and Tommy Edwards will all be standing by to provide relief for the first-stringers.

Flyers Scoot Into YMCA Cage Finals

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—The Walla Walla air base team scooted into the finals of the Central YMCA invitational cage tourney with a 64-42 defeat of Northwest Insulators last night.

The Flyers grabbed an early lead, maintaining it 36-24 at the half, and had no difficulty thru-out the game. Bob Watkins with 17 points and G. E. Bourland with 14 paced the Walla Walla five.

The Airmen will meet the powerful Fee's Rollerdoms tonight for the championship.

Big Hank Returns To First Base

DETROIT, Jan. 4 (AP)—Hank Greenberg, the Detroit Tigers' story-book slugger, is due to be back at his old first base stand for the world champions in 1946.

Rudy York, 32-year-old Tiger first baseman whose fielding flaws forced Greenberg to move into the outfield in 1940 to give York a position he could play, was sent to the Boston Red Sox yesterday in a straight player swap for Shortstop Eddie Lake.

Thus York ends a colorful nine-year Tiger career in which he spent three seasons learning he couldn't catch, play third base or the outfield before finally catching on at first.

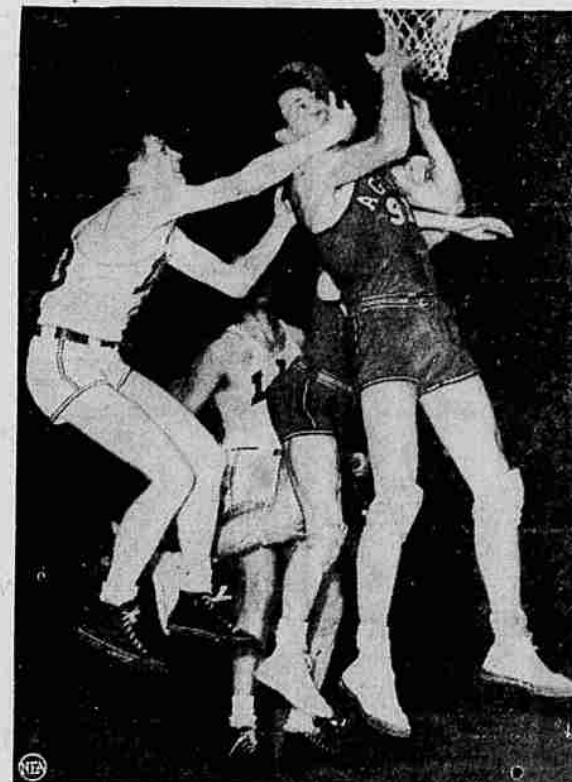
Greenberg volunteered to shift from first base to the outfield in the 1940 season to give York a chance for a regular berth at first. On his return from the army last summer Greenberg went back to the outfield, where he helped the Tigers to the American league pennant and a world championship over the Chicago Cubs.

Lake, 28-year-old right-hand hitter who clubbed out 11 home runs and compiled a .279 batting average with the Red Sox last year, gives the Tigers added infield strength with which to open defense of their American league championship. York batted .264 last summer and hit 18 homers.

"It's a good trade for both clubs—the kind of a deal that helps baseball," Tiger Manager Steve O'Neill said last night.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
By The Associated Press
NEW YORK—Lee Q. Murray, 21½, South Norwalk, Conn., knocked out Henry Jones, 21½, New York (AP). Frank Poreda, 19½, TKO Jimmy Crawford, 19½, Cliffside, N. J., (2).

Ju Jitsu Basketball



Carl Meingold, LIU forward, left, takes to the air to put jaw-hold on lanky Joe Halpert of Oklahoma Aggies and spoil bucket shot in closing moments of game which Aggies won, 49-33.

Buckeyes Have Chance To Break Tie For Lead

CHICAGO, Jan. 4 — Ohio State's basketball team, sharing the Big Ten lead with defending champion Iowa and Indiana, gets a chance to better its 2-0 rating tomorrow when the Buckeyes play host to Purdue. The Boilermakers will be making their first conference start.

Three other conference contests are scheduled. Chicago, after a year's absence, makes its conference bow at home against Indiana; last place (0-2) Michigan takes on fourth place (1-2) Illinois; and Minnesota opens its Big Ten campaign at Madison against Wisconsin.

Northwestern, which last night defeated Brigham Young university 61-41, and Iowa, are idle tomorrow.

Brigham Young tonight plays at Chicago against Loyola university.

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New Pro League Parleys

CHICAGO, Jan. 4 (AP)—Club-owners and other officials of the new All-America football conference planned a meeting today in Chicago, headquarters of the 25-year-old National Football league which has not formally recognized the organization as a major league grid rival.

Chief business before the conference during a three-day meeting included selection of a 10th member and adoption of a playing schedule for the league's opening next fall.

James H. (Jimmy) Crowley, All-America commissioner, said the 10th member's geographical location is likely to figure in the setup of the playing dates. He named Kansas City, Dallas, New Orleans and Philadelphia among

the leading bidders for the 10th franchise. Present members include New York, Brooklyn, Chicago, Buffalo, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Baltimore, San Francisco and Miami, Fla.

In drafting an inaugural schedule it is expected that play will swing to the south and the west coast for late season games and New Orleans and Dallas were rated favorites over other applicants.

Earlier, the All-America proposed a working agreement with the National league on a player selection system, similar to that between the major baseball leagues. Any acceptance of peace overtures from the new league, however, was denied yesterday at the National league office.

The attitude of Elmer Layden,

National football league commissioner, a former backfield running mate of Crowley's at Notre Dame, has been that the All-America should not be recognized until it actually starts playing.

Just how much of a shooting war between the two leagues may develop from the present meeting, is conjectural, however, since Crowley declined to say whether the new circuit will conduct a player draft of college seniors at the current session. The National league holds its annual draft in New York next week.

Most of the All-America entries have already signed college players, in addition to several acquired in "raids" on established National league stars.

Golfdom's Money Boys Off After Los Angeles Dough

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4 (AP)—Byron Nelson, the Midas man of golf, was off today in pursuit of one of the few major links plums that have escaped him—the Los Angeles Open.

And in pursuit of Lord Byron will be 127 other pros and amateurs—including Sammy Snead, winner of the 1945 Los Angeles Open.

Harold (Jug) McSpaden, a money runner-up to Nelson; Sam Byrd, Ben Hogan, Jim DeMaret, Vic Chizzi and other leading shotmakers.

This year's Open returns to the Riviera Country club and the 72 hole tournament will be spread over four days, ending Monday. Snead toured the Riviera layout in 1933—just one shot ahead of Nelson and McSpaden—last year.

Nelson figures this may be his year. He's been coming steadily closer. In 1937 and 1939 he placed 10th, in 1942, he was

Uclans Open Defense Of Court Crown

BERKELEY, Calif., Jan. 4 (AP)—Tough enough to go bear hunting with a bass fiddle, UCLA opens defense of its Pacific Coast conference cage crown tonight against University of California while Stanford meets Southern California in Los Angeles in another season starter.

The contest in Berkeley finds Coach Wilbur Johns of UCLA loaded with plenty of ammunition for the Bears—four lettermen from the 1945 championship squad, including All-Coast Bob Arnold, guard. Others are Forward Hal Michaels, Center Dick Hough and Guard Chuck Stewart.

Stanford will be playing its first conference game since it withdrew from intercollegiate athletics in 1943.

Cage Results

By The Associated Press

EAST
Loyola (Baltimore) 62, Army War College 34.
Wyoming 53, Long Island 42.
SOUTH
Duke 52, South Carolina 35.
Murray (Ky.) 63, Marshall 40.
MIDWEST
Northwestern 61, Brigham Young 41.
Great Lakes 52, Bowling Green 50.
Iowa Seahawks 53, South Dakota 44.
Puerto Rico 54, Valparaiso 51.
Camp Grant (Ill.) 36, St. Louis U 33.
Harlem Globe Trotters 53, Iowa Wesleyan 41.
FAR WEST
U. of British Columbia 62, Oregon 60.
Farragut Naval Center 40, Coeur D'Alene Independents 37.

Ski Equipment Placed On Sale

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—The office of surplus property is offering more than 100,000 pairs of skis and 240,000 ski poles for sale.

There are 97,165 pairs of new skis included in the \$3,000,000 worth of skis and ski equipment in the nation-wide sale now being conducted by the consumer goods division of the office, which is under the reconstruction finance corporation.

Waterfield Named Most Valued Pro

CHICAGO, Jan. 4 (AP)—Rookie Bob Waterfield, brilliant quarterback of the championship Cleveland Rams, today was named the most valuable player in the National Football league last season.

Waterfield, triple-threat star from UCLA, received 65 of a possible 85 points in a ballot of 17 sports writers to become the seventh recipient of the league's Joe F. Carr award. Five points were awarded for first place and two for second.

Second in the poll with 27 points was Halfback Steve Van Buren of Philadelphia, the league's ground-gaining champion. Four other players received votes. Veteran End Don Hutson of Green Bay, only two-time winner of the award, was third with 14 points, followed by Quarterback Sammy Baugh of Washington with nine, and Halfback Steve Bargarus, also of Washington, and Guard Riley Matheson of Cleveland each with two points.

Waterfield, who polled 11 first-place and five second-place votes, was the second rookie to win the Carr award. Halfback Parker Hall, also a Cleveland star, was the first freshman winner (1939).

Larry McPhail Fined On Disorderly Rap

BEL AIR, Md., Jan. 4 (AP)—Larry McPhail, president of the New York Yankees, was found guilty on one charge of disorderly conduct and innocent on two charges of assault by Judge Frederick Lee Coburn in Harford county circuit court yesterday.

McPhail was fined \$50 and costs by Judge Coburn. The three charges against McPhail grew out of a disturbance at the Bel Air Telephone Exchange last Oct. 5.

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