

From MIDFIELD

By HALE SCARBROUGH



Working Basis

In a report to the Klamath County Sportsmen's association Tuesday night, Frank McCornack stated that he believes the Oregon game commission and the California commission are finally working out a compatible basis from which to carry on studies of the migratory deer problem involving the Klamath lake and Modoc forest areas.

He met with delegations from both commissions in Alturas recently and says that the California sportsmen are willing to go along with the Oregon commission in all business pertaining to the migratory deer.

Right now the California body has men in the field counting the deer that winter in Modoc forest and studying browse conditions down there, and McCornack with several men from the Klamath Sportsmen's association will go down in February to actually drive count areas that have previously only been strip counted.

The idea is to find out how many deer are wintering in Modoc forest and how many of them actually are Oregon deer that drift down during the cold weather.

A check on the Oregon herd coming into California will give both states a basis of comparison from which to work to alleviate the strain on browse down there.

For the first time, McCornack says, the California body is recognizing that deer herds from Pit river and Glass mountain in California are drifting in from the south and west to winter around Alturas and the number of deer in those herds is believed to be very large.

The Oregon wanderers may not be as numerous as has been contended. A 1943 report placed the migratory figure from this state at 10,000 and the total number of deer in the Modoc area during the winter at 40,000.

With the cooperation agreed upon at the Alturas meeting it will be possible to determine just how much of the damage to winter feeding grounds down there can be laid to Oregon deer. Representatives of both states are to get together twice a year at Alturas to compare notes of the work being done by each organization.

Gale Bishop Steps Into WSC Cage Uniform

PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 25 (AP)—Gale Bishop, last year's national scoring basketball champion, last night joined the Washington State college hoop squad after three years in the army. The "human scoring machine" arrived Sunday on a 30-day furlough.

"I don't know whether I'll be any help to the coach and the team," he said. "I've let myself get in bad condition and I've only played half a dozen games this season, none recently."

Bishop will spend this week trying to take off six extra pounds and work back into Coach Jack Friel's system. Next Monday he will register as a student for the second semester, expecting to receive his army discharge before his furlough expires.

That night he will play his first collegiate basketball in three years against the Oregon State Beavers.

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Major Baseball Salaries Are Climbing

By JOE REICHLER

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (AP)—Major league baseball salaries in the postwar era, starting this year, promise generally to reach lofty heights, although Babe Ruth's record \$80,000 stipend in 1930 and '31 seems safe—at least for a few more years.

In sharp contrast to the days when Iron Man Ed Walsh was refused a \$500 raise after receiving \$2500 for winning 40 games for the Chicago White Sox in 1908, an Associated Press survey showed today that at least 15 big league performers probably will be paid 1946 salaries ranging from \$55,000 down to \$20,000.

Heading this group is Hank Greenberg, the former army air

force captain now back with the Detroit Tigers, who was paid at the rate of \$55,000 for his half-season work last year, and has been offered the same contract this year.

Others reported in this higher bracket include Joe DiMaggio, New York Yankees, \$42,500; Bob Feller, Cleveland, \$40,000; Mel Ott, New York Giants, \$35,000; Joe Cronin and Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox; Lou Boudreau, Cleveland, and Dick Wakefield, Tigers, each \$25,000; Dixie Walker, Brooklyn, \$22,500; and Alf Newhouser, Tigers; Hank Borowy, Chicago Cubs; Red Ruffing, Spud Chandler, Bill Dickey and Joe Gordon, Yankees, each \$20,000.

Of these, Ott, Cronin and

Boudreau are playing managers, although Cronin may be confined to a pinch hitting role this year. Other pilots, non-active, past the 20-grand figure include Joe McCarthy, Yankees; Connie Mack, Philadelphia Athletics; Leo Durocher, Dodgers; Billy Southworth, Boston Braves, and Bill McKechnie, Cincinnati.

Feller's \$40,000 for '46 is the highest sum ever paid to a pitcher for one year's work, surpassing the salaries commanded by Buck Newsom, Lefty Grove, Walter Johnson, Lefty Gomez, Dazy Vance, Dizzy Dean and Carl Hubbell at the height of their careers. Newsom was paid \$35,000 for 1941. Grove got \$30,000 in 1932. Johnson reached the \$25,000 mark in 1925 after

19 years of valiant toiling for Washington's Senators. Gomez, with the Yankees, and Vance, with the Dodgers, each drew \$25,000, the latter holding the National league record for pitchers. Dean, with the Cards and Hubbell, with the Giants, never went beyond \$22,500.

Prior to the advent of Babe Ruth and his home run bat in 1920 stipends of more than \$10,000 were unheard of. Ty Cobb, generally regarded as the greatest player of all time, had to wait until his declining days to receive his top salary of \$50,000 from the Athletics for the 1927 season. Lou Gehrig, with the 1938 Yankees; Rogers Hornsby, with the 1930 Cubs; and Bill Terry with the Giants in the late '30's drew \$40,000 each.

Marines, Pels Play Tonight

K-Men Take On Cavemen; Willamette Bearcats Meet Leathernecks

Klamath's Pelicans and Marines, both riding high on sensational season's records, have games scheduled for tonight and tomorrow night on the KUHS court and out at the Barracks gym. The Pelicans play the Grants Pass Cavemen and the Leathernecks take on Willamette university's Bearcats.

The Pels have won 14 games and dropped but two this basketball season, the losses to Medford and Salem. The Marines have won 13 and lost three and the last 11 wins have been strung in a row. Only the Oregon Webtoots and the Astoria Navy Flyers have beaten the Leathernecks.

Wednesday night the boys on the hill added to the eleventh scalp to their belt by beating Tulelake's Flying A, 38-30, at the Barracks.

The Marines already hold two decisions over Willamette, garnered on a trip north earlier in the season. The Pelicans also have a previous win over their opponent for tonight, having set the Cavemen down 50-21 in the final game in the Rogue River cage tourney at Grants Pass last month.

Couch Dutch French will probably start his high-scoring combination of Jim Palmer, Gene Hoover, Jerry Thorne, Leroy Coleman and Ray Craig against the Cavemen. In a preliminary tilt Ed Ryan's Freshmen play the Ashland B's tonight at 7 o'clock. The main game will start at 8:15.

Ashley's Chevrolet meets the Tulelake Merchants in a Basin loop scrap on the Barracks floor at 7:30, and the Marine-Willamette tilt will start about 8:30.

All cage fans are invited to come out to the Marine Barracks to see the games this weekend free of charge.

AI Schacht Voted Baseball Award

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (AP)—All Schacht, the clown prince of baseball, has been voted the Bill Slocum Memorial award for high contribution to baseball by the New York chapter of the Baseball Writers association.

The baseball comedian, who pitched for Washington in 1919, 1920 and 1921 and later coached with Washington and the Boston Red Sox, made three overseas trips, appearing before almost 2,000,000 troops.

Schacht will be presented the award, which this year carries the added citation "With stress on his work during the war," at the 23rd annual dinner of the association February 3.

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Lee Hunt Decisions Hoffman



HOQUIAM, Jan. 25 (AP)—Lee Hunt, outweighed 13 pounds, took a six-round decision over Buddy Hoffman, 149, of Seattle last night in Hoquiam's first professional fight card in six years.

Ralph (Red) Garrison of Hoquiam, 145, knocked out Morris Gorham, 147, New Orleans, in the second round of the other top match of the double-main-event bill.

Milo Savage, 155, Dayton, Ohio, knocked out Mickey McPherson, 147, Tacoma, in the third round of one preliminary. In another, Bobby Jackson, 188, Seattle, knocked out Al Fields, 190, Seattle, in the second stanza.

Jim Thorpe Will Teach Sports To Florida Kids

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 25 (AP)—Big Jim Thorpe, with "knobs all over my head from living in a trailer," is in Florida hoping to establish a school to teach youngsters the sports that made him famous.

The big Indian with an Irish pan—"I'm 5/8th Indian, 2/8th Irish and 1/8th French," he explains—hopes to set up a sports arena with a summer school where he can train coaches as well as players.

And you can name your sport—Thorpe was All-American football star at Carlisle Indian Institute, he played baseball with the New York Giants for six years, at golf he shoots in the medium 70's, and he has played expertly at practically all remaining games.

Now 57 and tipping the scales at 215 pounds, he looked back on his career, which included winning the pentathlon and eathlon awards in the Olympics in Sweden, and found it good.

"I've had a lot of fun," he said, glancing around a trailer full of fishing gear, hunting equipment, bow and arrows and golf clubs. "Now I'd like to teach."

His favorite sport, announced with a hearty chuckle, is fishing. Next comes squirrel hunting. And he can still bring down a rabbit with a bow and arrow.

Girl Grapplers May Return For Tuesday's Card

There is a fifty-fifty chance that the two girls who grappled to a draw here last Tuesday night will be back for more action before Klamath Falls mat fans next week though the card has not yet been worked out.

Blonde Clara Mortensen and Brunette Rita Martinez put on a three-round exhibition last time that was sometimes stylistic, sometimes a wild scramble and at all times crowd-pleasing.

Rita was clearly the fans' favorite but the diminutive Mexican was not hefty enough to keep Clara down for the count after each gal had one fall.

Another woman grappler now sporadically appearing on the coast, Betty McCoy, has also been mentioned for a bout here. Betty hails from somewhere in the mid-west and is something of an artist in her line of work.

Ben Hogan Favored On Links



PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 25 (AP) Little Benny Hogan of Hershey, Pa., will pit his long-distance tee shots against the near-magic putting ability to Big Jim Ferrier, an Australian transplanted to Chicago, in the \$7500 Phoenix Open golf tournament which starts today.

Hogan, already popular with the pre-tournament experts, qualified for whatever psychological advantage accrues to the favorite's slot yesterday when he shot a four-under-par 67 in the preliminary pro-amateur round on the Phoenix Country Club course. He was out in 35 and home in 32 compared with par 36-35.

But Ferrier, entering his seventh tournament since his discharge from the armed forces, also carded a 67 to tie Hogan for individual honors and claim a berth beside him in the favorite's position. Ferrier's card was 34-33.

Lynam Will Bop Beaks With 'Buck'

Gentleman Joe Lynam, the GI wonder boy, who recently lifted the Pacific coast junior heavyweight crown from the head of Brutal Buck Lipscomb, has been booked by Promoter Mack Lillard to bop beaks with the former champ in the top tussle on Tuesday night's crunch card at the armory.

Brutal Buck is bent on revenge and hopes to force Lynam into a rematch for the coveted belt. Last Tuesday, Lipscomb pulverized Leo Mortensen and Lynam went to a draw with a rejuvenated Pete Belcastro.

The Weed assassin will also appear on the bill in the semi-windup against a standout opponent.

Willamette Diamond Entries To Meet

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP) Representatives of teams who want to join the Willamette Valley Baseball league will meet at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Mount Angel city hall, Loop Secretary Ray Brooks said today.

Roseburg and Albany teams may enter this year, since it is doubtful the Oregon State league will be resumed, he stated.

Boxing Returns to Oregon CORVALLIS, Jan. 25 (AP)—Another war casualty returns to the sports event list this spring. Oregon State announced renewal of the all-school boxing tournament here March 7-8.

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OSC Stakes Lead On Idaho Tilt

By The Associated Press

A blast of double-barreled action that should scorch the frost off the Palouse and dry Seattle puddles is on the basketball menu for tonight when Oregon State stakes its first place status against Idaho at Moscow and Washington defends its second notch grip against Oregon in Seattle.

The same opponents renew the wrangle tomorrow night and upset triumphs by Oregon and Idaho could be a long handled spoon and stir the northern division, Pacific coast conference standings into a country stew.

Washington, always brilliant on its home floor, will be strongly favored to grab both ends of the Oregon series, but at Moscow Oregon State is expected to run into stiff opposition. The Idaho Vandals have taken two out of three starts since returning to the Palouse country after a disastrous opening jaunt into Oregon.

The teams are well matched in heights, with Jack Phoenix towering to 6 feet 9 for Idaho and Red Rocha of OSC looking up at him from a mere 6 feet 8. Oregon will be remembering its upset win over OSC—only defeat suffered to date by the Beavers—in its Seattle invasion.

Jake Leicht Spikes Rumor He's Quitting

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP) Jake Leicht, the University of Oregon's great triple-threat back, said last night he plans "at least one more year of college football at Oregon."

Leicht's statement was made to quiet persistent rumors he had decided to turn professional.

He admitted he had been approached by every club in the National Pro Grid league and all clubs in the All-American circuit, except Brooklyn.

Leicht, 27, is an ex-serviceman and has two more years of eligibility at Oregon.

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarbrough, Sports Editor

Yankees Back In Farming, Talent Scouting Competition

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (AP)—After four years of comparative inactivity, the New York Yankees are going back into the farming business on a 14-club scale with nine scouts to ferret out future DiMaggios, Gordons and Ruthings.

The farm system that had dwindled to five clubs during the war has been reorganized on a two-division basis, spreading into new territory at Beaumont in the Texas league and Quincy in the Three-eye among others.

President Larry MacPhail said the eastern clubs, under Eugene J. Martin, would operate independently of the western unit under the supervision of Frank Lane. In other words there will be no player-swapping in the middle of a hot pennant race between, say, Newark in the International league and Kansas City of the American association, the top western club.

Martin will make headquarters at Newark and will direct the operations of Newark, Birmingham in the eastern, Augusta in the south Atlantic, Norfolk in the Piedmont, Sunbury, Pa., in the Interstate, Amsterdam, N. Y., in the Canadian-American,

Wellsville, N. Y., in the Pony and Easton, Md., in the eastern show.

The western division, with main offices at Kansas City, will include Kansas City, Beaumont, Quincy, Twin Falls, Idaho, in the Pioneer, Joplin, Mo., in the western association and Fond Du Lac, Wis., in the Wisconsin state.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT PORTLAND, Me. — Johnny Mars, 152, Boston, and Eddie LeTourneau, 146, Sanford, Me., drew, 10.

PHILADELPHIA — Eddie Giosa, 139, Philadelphia, out-pointed Cleo Shans, 137, Los Angeles; B. Tom Collins, 150, Philadelphia, knocked out Jimmy Willis, 152, Wilmington, Del., 2.

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