

National Grid Loop Seeks Bribery Laws

From Midfield

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Spread Out Eggs, Add Powdered Borax—
 Things We Couldn't Have Figured Out For Ourselves Dept.: Bert Rohu, a great guy and fine sportsman, says that the way to prepare salmon eggs for steelhead fishing is to take fresh eggs, right from the fish, spread them out on a board or table in a layer, then add a layer of borax powder, probably 20-Mule Team, getting the powder over, around and between the eggs.

Leave them over night to toughen. Next morning you can pick them up in gobs that will stay on your hook. The borax also gives them a lasting cherry-red color.

Bert says that the steelhead fishing is great over on the Rogue. He recommends a No. 3 Mustad hook with two No. 4 shots placed about eight inches up the line. Use a 15-pound test leader and a heavy line.

People lose steelies, Bert says, by relying on a light leader that is easily broken, and by being unable to differentiate between the steelhead's first exploratory nibble and the action or pull of the line caused by the hook bumping over rocks on the bottom. Fish all the way on the bottom.

The winter steelhead season on the Rogue closes January 15, so it's probably later than you think. The Rogue will be open again in June for fly-fishing.



Ruling Asked In Each State

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—The National Football league, moving to prevent a recurrence of the attempt to rig its 1946 championship playoff, intends to seek laws making bribery of athletes a criminal offense in every state in which the loop operates.

Following the speedy conviction of Alvin J. Paris on charges of offering bribes to two New York Giants players, League Commissioner Bert Bell said today he already had asked the Detroit Lions to press for action in Michigan, and would ask all other clubs in the loop to seek such legislation.

Bell announced his new move after suspending the Giants' Frank Filchock and Merle Hapes pending disposition of their case sometime next week. They face possible lifetime banishment for failure to report bribe offers.

In Washington yesterday, Filchock said he didn't tell the club of Paris' approach on the ground "my life wouldn't have been worth a nickel if I had." He said he feared physical harm from mobsters if he told anyone.

New Jersey authorities entered the continuing investigation after New York Assistant District Attorney George P. Monaghan said he believed Paris was an agent of a gambling syndicate.

In the league's drive for anti-bribe legislation, Bell disclosed that he had asked his brother, Governor John C. Bell of Pennsylvania, to urge legislation in that state, home of two NFL teams, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

New York state has had anti-bribe legislation on its books since the Chicago Black Sox baseball scandal of 1919. The New York statute covers not only actual bribery, but holds that even an attempt to bribe or a promise of a bribe are criminal offenses.

The league commissioner said he is cooperating also with officials in Washington regarding possible federal legislation.

Fred Gay May Play Baseball in Klamath

Fred Gay, lefthanded former Coast league pitcher and at one time chucker for the local navy air base's baseball team (1944), is now living in Klamath Falls, working for Ewauna, and is very likely to become a candidate for the city recreation spot being vacated by E. E. Hambrick.

Gay is 32 years old and is virtually retired from professional baseball. He has a lawsuit going in Los Angeles for some back pay due him from the Hollywood Stars under the GI bill of rights provision which assures a veteran a year's work at his pre-war job.

Gay played for Hollywood in 1941 and '42, then spent a while with the Seattle Rainiers. Coming back from the service last year, he reported to Hollywood for spring training and was on the Stars' payroll for about two weeks after the season opened.

Then he was released and so has a GI claim for several months' salary.

Fred says that he has been contacted about playing for Portland next season, but doesn't know whether he'll try it or not. He said that in all probability if he played any baseball next summer it would be right here in Klamath Falls.

Coast Pro Basketball Loop Will Fold

The Pacific Coast Professional Basketball league, which has in a manner pioneered the play-for-pay cage sport in the northwest this season, will probably fold at the end of the schedule, if not before.

Backers of the several clubs have been seeing a lot of money go in and not much come out. Portland and Vancouver clubs have shown a small profit, but the others haven't done so well.

Reasons are many—stadium troubles, too high costs, too small crowds, etc. Professional basketball is a good game, but there is the fact that in basketball there are just too many games. There are more games played each week than there are spectators willing to pay to see them.

Klamath Falls was thought of for a league franchise last fall, but the arena facilities and cash customers aren't numerous enough for the professional game as a regular diet yet.

Ex-Cowboy Beats Lipscomb In Armory Mainline Bout

Billy Weidner, the Arizona ex-cowpoke, took two straight falls from Jack Lipscomb last night to win the armory main event, atop what was a slow card all the way around.

Lipscomb's extra-bad tactics of biting, kicking and rope work lost him the first fall in the opening round on a foul, but Weidner put the clincher on for himself.

The winning fall was an intricate affair, with Weidner on top of a hodgepodge of limbs and torsos.

The best, speediest bout of the evening was the one in the middle of the card between Billy Goetz and Billy Fox. The action went full blast for two rounds until Fox used his just-

ly famous dropkick and a following body press for the initial tumble in the third round. Goetz made it a draw in the fourth with a straight body press after taking Fox off the ropes.

Norval Stockstill of Ashland was called in to pitch for Bulldog Jackson in the opener, and lost two falls to Sammie Cohen. Jackson failed to arrive in town for the show.

Cohen took the first fall with a stamping toe hold and followed up at the start of the next round with the same clutch which was too much for Stockstill.

Oregon Soldiers Enter Jap Ski

YOKOHAMA, Jan. 10 (AP)—Thirty-two members of U. S. occupation forces today entered the eighth army's all-Japan ski meet at Shiga heights in the Japanese Alps next Friday and Saturday.

Cross country, downhill, slalom and jumping events are scheduled.

Entrants include: Pvt. Edward Brownlee, Portland, Ore., who holds a Dartmouth trophy; downhill and slalom.

Pvt. Matt V. Vranizan, Portland, Ore., who competed in a Dartmouth high school tourney, Cascade ski club open and Portland chamber of commerce trial race; downhill and slalom.

Cpl. Robert A. Moffitt, Eugene, Ore., all except jumping.

Signs Contract

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10 (AP)—Shortstop Roy Nicely has signed his contract for next season, the San Francisco Seals announced today. Terms were not disclosed. He was with the team in 1945 and 1946, and hit .220 last season.

Aqua-Maids In Winter Action



This picture was not taken on Upper Klamath lake. It happens to have come in a batch of literature advertising the seasonal advantages of a place called Cypress Gardens, Fla., and the aqua-maids are a couple of kids identified as Nance Stillely and Martha Cray. They're on water skis, being towed by a motorboat.

GIANTS CLAIM ROOKIE HITTER

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—Clint Hartung, 25-year-old New York Giant rookie with less than a half dozen games of triple-A baseball under his belt, appears certain to become one of the most publicized newcomers to the big leagues in the 1947 spring training season.

Even if the big, raw-boned native of Hondo, Tex., for whom the Giants parted with \$25,000 in cash in addition to four players, fails to come anywhere near his terrific build-up, he should prove a bargain buy. If nothing else, he is sure to bring the Giants close to a million dollars worth of publicity.

"He sounds too good to believe," said Mel Ott, Giants' manager. "I've never heard such raves about a kid ball player. The first thing I'll do when he reports to Phoenix, Ariz., next month will be to put a bat into his hands and see if he is real. I don't know where he fits into my plans simply because I don't know whether he is a pitcher or a hitter. If he is half as good as they say he is I may use him three days in the outfield and the fourth day on the mound."

Hartung's biggest booster is Eddie Dyer, manager of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals.

"The Giants came up with the best looking youngster in the last 10 years when they obtained the kid," enthused Dyer. "He's a natural. He can't miss becoming one of the greatest right-handed hitters in baseball."

Hartung, who went into the army air forces in the winter of 1941 and re-enlisted for a one-year term after the Giants purchased him from Minneapolis in the winter of 1945, is expected to be discharged next week.

Dyer saw him play army baseball in Houston and vows he hits balls out of sight beyond fences that no one else can reach. Dyer tells about a game in which Hartung played first base and accounted for the only run of the game with a tremendous homer. Along about the sixth inning, the pitcher tired, and Hartung relieved him. He faced 13 men, walked the first, made the second batter foul out and fanned the other 11.

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Accident Insurance Talked For High School Athletes

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Jan. 10 (AP)—The practice of accident insurance for high school athletes through benefit plans sponsored by state athletic associations is growing rapidly.

C. E. Forsythe of Lansing, Mich., director of high school athletics for the state of Michigan, in an interview expanded on a report he presented to the annual meeting of the National Federation of High School Athletics associations here.

More than 20 states now have some form of the accident protection plan for school athletes. Michigan has 800 of its 700 high schools enrolled in the plan, with 25,000 students covered and last year paid out approximately \$100,000 in 6200 claims, Forsythe said.

"It is one of the best public relations programs we have ever had," Forsythe said. "It helps mom and dad if their boy is hurt and lets them know they won't have to stand the cost if he engages in some sport."

"Best of all it insures that a boy who is insured is going to have at least the minimum care he needs."

Forsythe said that 70 per cent of claims are for football, 15 per cent for basketball, and about 7 or 8 per cent each for baseball and physical training.

The most serious injuries in football result in open play, especially to pass and punt receivers, Forsythe reported. Line play, regardless of how smashing, even in the goal line stands, rarely results in severe injury, he said.

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Study The Record... Difficult To Make Big Stadiums Pay

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—With all the talk of building or enlarging athletic stadiums soon as materials are available, cities planning such projects should study financial records of the larger municipal plants already in operation.

A survey conducted by the Associated Press pointed up today at least one lesson to be noted with caution: to operate a municipal stadium at a profit you must have attractions sufficient in quality and quantity to keep the turnstiles clicking.

In the west, where weather conditions are more favorable for outdoor spectacles the year around, the big bowls make money, this survey showed, but those in the east generally do not.

Philadelphia's municipal stadium, for instance, was used only eight times last year and brought in a total of \$35,870. Operating costs were \$39,449, leaving a deficit of \$3,579.

By contrast, the Los Angeles municipal stadium was used about 75 times last year with net profit estimated at \$250,000. Attendance for the year exceeded 1,600,000, including some 1,200,000 at 28 football games.

The Rose Bowl at Pasadena, built in 1922 for \$900,000, was used about 40 times last year and drew 180,000 persons, half of them for the New Year's Day football game. It seats 86,500, with enough bleachers added on January 1 to bring it to 89,083. City officials declined to estimate the profits, but said these were higher than ever.

Baltimore's municipal stadium was used 101 times last year with total attendance of 1,246,500 and a net profit of \$7365, but Baltimore's International league baseball club, which moved in after losing its own park in a fire, contributed heavily to these figures.

Chicago's Soldier field, an \$8,000,000 structure built in 1924, just breaks even from year to year.

Ruth Allowed No Visitors

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—Babe Ruth has had no callers except his wife since he underwent a serious operation on his neck last Monday.

While French hospital reported early today that the former home run king's condition was still "satisfactory and unchanged," it was reported that he had been suffering considerable pain since the operation and had been quite restless.

Ted Gullic Signs To Coach Beavers

PORTLAND, Jan. 10 (AP)—Ted Gullic, last season's manager of the Salem Senators in the Western International league, signed with the parent Portland Beavers yesterday as a coach.

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