

Coast League Will Not Be Major; Louis Liked Over Walcott By 10-1

Ballot Fails To Hoist Loop Into Top Class

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 5 (AP)—The Pacific Coast league, rebuffed in its fight to become a third major baseball circuit, may yet receive the blessing of the National Association of Minor Leagues as it resumes its all-out effort for higher classification today with a modified resolution for big league status.

Although minor league presidents voted 32 to 17 in favor of the coast loop's request yesterday, it failed to pass since it did not get the necessary three-fourths vote.

National Association President George Trautman, who presided over the executive session which highlighted the three-day convention, put the clamps on the coast circuit when he ruled that the resolution affected a change in the major-minor agreement.

"Any change in the major-minor agreement requires a three-fourths majority for passage," Trautman said.

"The resolution, therefore, was declared lost. A simple resolution not affecting major-minor rule needs only a majority vote."

The Pacific Coast announced it would redraft its resolution, eliminating any reference to clauses which would affect the major-minor agreement, and present it again at the executive session which winds up the convention today.

Regardless of what the minors do today, final decision rests with the major leagues who meet next week in New York.

Four PCL executives, Charles Graham of San Francisco, Victor Collins of Hollywood, William Star of San Diego, and Jack Torrance of Seattle, as well as Loop President Clarence Rowland, spearheaded the drive.

Player transactions continued to dominate announcements coming out of the minor league baseball meeting as the sessions went into the final stages.

The New York Yankees announced that Bert Niehoff, veteran minor league manager who has just completed three years as Chattanooga, will serve as their chief southern scout succeeding Jimmy Hamilton; that Vernon (Lefty) Gomez will be in charge of the eastern camp unit; that Burley Grimes will serve as minor league pitcher coach; and that George Selkirk will serve as minor league supervisor and instructor.

Gadsden of the Southeastern league swapped Pitcher Walt Deming and Outfielder Bob Miley to Seattle for Outfielder Louis York and cash.

Skinner Newson, ex-Philadelphia Phillie, signed with Seattle.

Mullis Chosen Reames Prexy

Moon Mullis was named president of Reames Golf and Country club this week by the newly elected board of directors. Mullis succeeds Dick Miller, who takes a three-year term as club trustee.

Other officers for the calendar year 1948 are: Earl Weimar, vice president, and Howard Zern, secretary. They, with Gus Anderson and Carl Woods, comprise the club's board of directors.

Beavers Oppose Split Proposal

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5 (AP)—Any proposal to split the Pacific Coast league will be fought in the courts, Andy Cook, vice president of the Portland Beavers, said today.

"I know that George Norgan, president of the Portland club, and Emil Sick, owner of the Seattle franchise, would fight to the last ditch in order to save their franchises in the league," he added.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
Chicago—Anton Radzik, 161, Estonia, outpointed Al "Red" Priest, 164½, Cambridge, Mass., 10.

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East-West Tilt Is Most Worthy Of Bowl Games

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (NEA)—Nothing will be announced until after Notre Dame completes its schedule against Southern California in Los Angeles' spacious Memorial Coliseum Saturday. But you can bet that Johnny Lujack, Ziggy Csarolski and probably another remarkable member of the Irish and the country's seniors not otherwise engaged will line up with the East-West teams in the 23rd annual all-star engagement for the benefit of the Shriners' hospital for crippled children at Kezar stadium, San Francisco, January 1.

For 22 years strong legs have run so that weak legs might walk, and to date Managing Editor William M. Coffman has handed over \$1,062,000 to the fund. Another \$37,000 went to army-navy relief in 1943. Bill Coffman, for 30 years a typewriter distributor, is in New York rounding up name players and completing arrangements. Coffman, a compactly-built, blue-eyed, ruddy-faced, silver-thatched little man who carries 65 years lightly, is a story unto himself. Before landing on his feet in his present occupation, this life-beat of the annual Shrine show was a roustabout on both coasts, sailor, shepherd and prize fighter.

Grew Out Of Baseball Game

Coffman recalls the Shrine game growing out of an old-timers' baseball game which netted the crippled children's fund \$5,000. That sterling contest brought out many famous baseball players back in '24.

Coffman and others sought an attraction which would give the spectators something better in the way of competition and raise more money.

It was the late coach, Navy Bill Ingram, who suggested the all-star affair and who drilled and played with the first East-West team in a contest that attracted 25,000 people to San Francisco's Ewing field, December 28, 1925.

The attendance dropped to 15,000 when the game was moved to Kezar stadium the next season, then went to something over 27,000 the next year. Patronage hit 55,000 on December 29, 1938, and the most worthwhile of all post-season performances was on its way.

All 62,000 Ducats Taken Up

Kezar stadium has been jammed nine of the past 10 years; the only exception being when the military band forced the game to New Orleans, where it ran into a downpour of rain January 3, 1942. This trip, all 62,000 seats going on the market were sold last summer.

Down through the years more famous players have appeared in the East-West game than any other, because it puts together not just two good teams but the best of many good teams. Participation in the Shrine game has been the crowning point of many a college gridiron career.

IRISH HOLD 13-POINT BULGE OVER TROJANS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5 (AP)—Notre Dame's famous Irish, unbeaten in 17 games and determined to clinch the 1947 mythical national collegiate football crown, roll into town today heavily favored to blast Southern California's Trojans out of the undefeated-once tied ranks in their annual classic tomorrow.

Geared for a powerful windup of the season's campaign, Frank Leahy's big warrior band from South Bend is a solid 13-point favorite to knock off the Rose Bowl bound Trojans in this 18th renewal and 19th game of a series that began back in the days of Rockne and Howard Jones in 1928.

Los Angeles' vast Memorial coliseum has long since been sold out for the game and tickets inside the 40-yard stripes have sold for as high as \$75 a pair.

Unless rain dampens the enthusiasm of rain-shy Californians, upwards of 102,000 will sit in on the contest. Two weeks ago 102,938 watched the Trojans defeat UCLA, 6-0, and saw up the Pacific Coast conference title and the Rose Bowl bid.

The game tomorrow will complete a torrid nine-game schedule for the Irish, while the Trojans will have played nine and still have the January 1 tilt to go. Notre Dame does not participate in post-season games.

THE PELS JAUNT TO REDDING
Coach Wayne Scott and some 16 members of this year's Pelican basketball squads left this morning for Redding, Calif., for a pair of season-opening hoop contests tonight in the California city.

The Pels play both varsity and junior varsity games tonight and the same Saturday, their first game action of the current season. Klamath high's cage team will not make its home debut until next Thursday in a four-team invitational tourney.

For tonight's two games Scott said he would probably play every man on the squad, but he is expected to start an all-senior line-up of Don Zarosinski, Tom Edwards, Jack Kennett, Bud Stringham and Bob Barnes.

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Champ Talks Of Ending It In One Round

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AP)—Joe Louis risks his heavyweight championship for the 24th time in ten years tonight, but if Jersey Joe Walcott can take it away from him it will be one of the ring's greatest upsets.

Louis has nevertheless told intimate friends he wants to make the fight as short as possible, "maybe even one round."

His public prediction is a dignified "I will win."

A crowd of approximately 18,000, paying \$225,000 is expected at Madison Square Garden for Louis' only fight of the year, with the main bout starting at 10 p.m. EST, and scheduled for 15 rounds.

The record indoor gate is \$201,613 drawn by Jack Delaney and Jim Malone February 2, 1927.

Public interest in the fight, top seats for which cost \$30.00, seems more from the feeling that this may be one of Louis' last appearances.

Louis and Walcott each is 33 and each is a negro. There the comparison ends.

Louis has one of the most brilliant of all fighting records. Walcott has been up and down through the years, and so doubtful was his claim to be matched with the champion that originally tonight's encounter was called an exhibition, until it was pointed out Louis' title was at stake no matter what it was called.

Betting has been light. Officially the odds favoring Louis are one to 10. Anyone can put up \$6 for a chance of winning \$5 on whether or not Walcott comes out for the fifth round, with the bookmakers taking the advantage either way.

Assuming Louis is still the champion after tonight, he will go to England for a series of exhibitions for which he will be paid \$80,000 and then return to prepare for a big summer outdoor fight—if the right challenger comes along.

Louis, at 212 pounds, heaviest of his career by a few ounces, has about an 18-pound advantage over Walcott. He is two inches taller than Walcott's six feet, and has two inches more of reach.

Win or lose, Louis gets 45 per cent of the gate, or probably \$100,000, and Walcott gets 15 per cent.

Ducks Roar Back

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5 (AP)—Held to a 47-45 victory two days before, the University of Oregon cage squad roared back last night to blast out a 76-30 win over the University of Portland Pilots. It was the fifth straight pre-season triumph for the Ducks. Oregon Forward Jim Bartlett paced the scoring with 14.

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Hornets Slightly Heavier

As a matter of Oregon history, the town of Amity in Yamhill county came by its amiable name back in 1849 as the result of an amicable settlement of a school dispute.

Well, that's what Amity and Henley will be attempting to do again, 93 years later, tomorrow afternoon on Modoc field—reach an amicable settlement of a school dispute.

The dispute concerns which of the contestants will be able to call itself the small school (grade B) champions of the state of Oregon for 1947.

A toss-up, anything-can-happen game is the prediction for the game which is scheduled to open at 1:30 p.m. The Hornets of Henley, coasting along on a six-year record of wins and at present holding the state B class gridiron title, are the defenders and the Amity Warriors, titans of Western Oregon, are cast in the role of challengers.

Both outfits have won all their games of this season. Amity 10 and Henley nine. They have played no common opponents.

The Warriors are fairly heavy in the line and light in the backfield. They work from the old-style double-wing and toss in lots of reverses to confuse the issue. Johnny Nauman, left half, and Marv De Rueve, full, are the ball-packers.

Henley operates from a T, with many variations, and stays strictly on the ground in its attack. Clarence Adams running outside and Cal Noble inside pack the threat. Henley boasts a team somewhat heavier than that of Amity, and will be further bolstered by the return to the lineup of Dale Newsum, who will play tackle on defense and do the kicking.

The game will be the first state championship contest ever played in Klamath Falls.

Snapp Decisions Reed At Tacoma

TACOMA, Dec. 5 (AP)—Jack Snapp, flashy Klamath Falls middleweight, stretched his victory string last night with a 10-round decision over Eddie Reed of Los Angeles. Snapp weighed 164, Reed 167.

Preliminaries: Jimmy Fitzpatrick, 150, Tacoma, and George Maddox, 146, San Francisco, drew, 6; Billy Corbett, 160, Tacoma, knocked out George Cote, 158, Vancouver, B. C., 1; Joe Vanderveer, 131, Yakima, decisioned Dick Miller, 131, Bellingham, 6; Dick Evans, 150, McChord field, TKO'd Happy Woods, 156, Los Angeles, 4.

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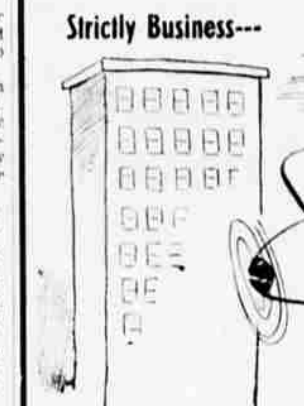
PORTLAND, Dec. 5 (AP)—With The Dalles and Hillsboro announcing they would turn out in force, interest mounted here today in the state high school championship football game Saturday.

Unbeaten The Dalles remained the favorite for the 1:30 p.m. clash in Multnomah stadium, although the small, fast Hillsboro team was picking up supporters.

A special train will carry The Dalles fans here, arriving at 10:15 a.m. for a parade through town to be led by The Dalles girls' drum and bugle corps and the high school band.

Mayor E. A. Griffith proclaimed Hillsboro a closed city from noon until 4:30 p.m. that day and business firms were expected to close as the city moves in an automobile caravan to Portland.

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