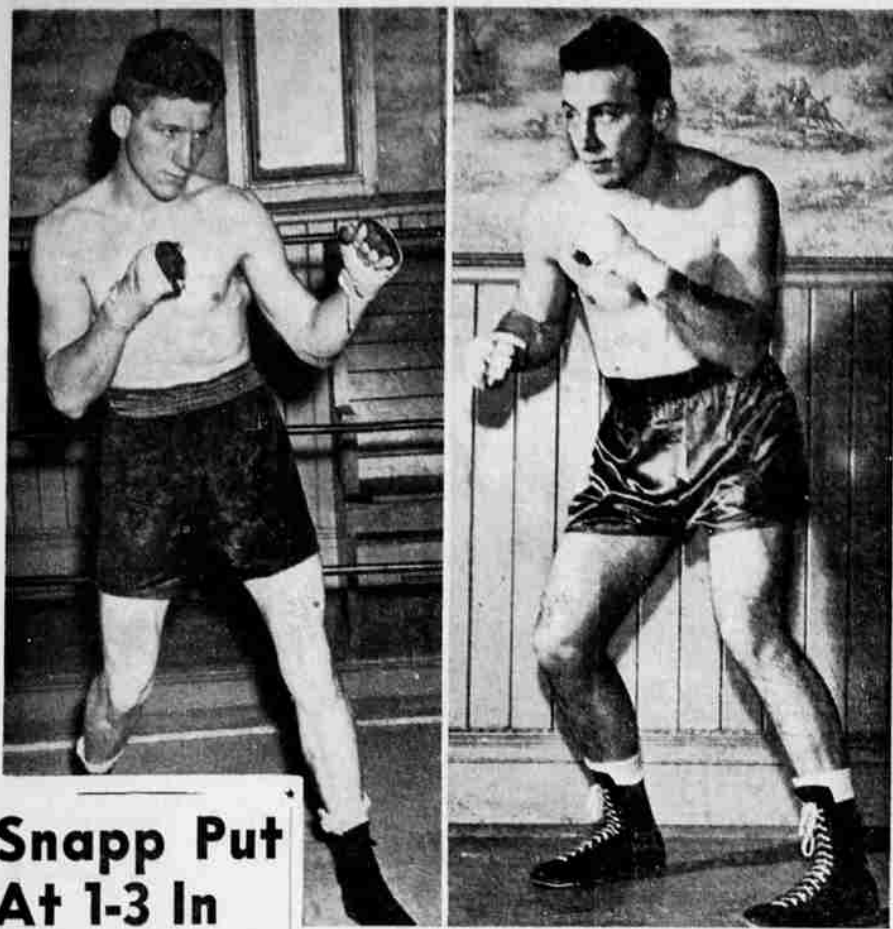


Principals In Portland Bout



Snapp Put At 1-3 In Volk Book

Jack Snapp, the Merrill middleweight with titular aspirations, has been installed at the bottom of 3 to 1 odds in his coming fight with Bobby Volk. The fight, billed for the Pacific Northwest 160-pound title, will be held January 1 at the Portland Civic auditorium.

The heavy-armed Volk is a Portland boy, hence the odds being put on him up there. However, he is a capable puncher and a knockout is expected to end the bout long before the scheduled 15 heats.

In fact, Portland fight reporters insist that a few bets are already down that the Snapper doesn't answer the bell for the third round. But that's purely partisan and fight enthusiasts are looking at the angle of a Snapp knockout in about six.

The odds probably will narrow to something not far from even money just before the battle.

Volk is now training at the PAL gym in Portland and Snapp will do his near Salem. He has secured the services of Joe Albini, also a creditable middleweight, as a sparring partner.

Snapp may also spar with Leo Turner, the husky negro veteran he defeated some time ago.

Laddie Gale Ruled A Pro

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 24 (AP)—Loss of their ace pointmaker, Lauren "Laddie" Gale, left the Oakland Bitterns of the American Basketball league noticeably weakened today.

Gale was ruled a professional at the annual AAU meeting in Omaha early this month. He was dropped from the Bittern roster when confirmation arrived yesterday.

The star of the 1939 NCAA champion University of Oregon team was declared ineligible because of 22 days employment with the now defunct professional Detroit Eagles in 1940.

Gale said he received only living expenses.

He came to the Bitterns this year after playing the 1946-47 season as an amateur with the Salt Lake City Deserets in the ABL.

Without Gale in the lineup, the Bitterns last night dropped a 57-52 decision to Baylor university of Waco, Texas.

Late Cage Scores

HIGH SCHOOL
Klamath Falls 45, Lakeview 32.
Medford 30, University High 28.
Central Catholic 48, Rainier 37.
Newberg 30, Oregon City 28.
Cottage Grove 49, Coquille 29.
St. Helens 48, La Grande 39.
Lewis-Clark Freshman 48, West Linn 31.
McMinnville 43, Scappoose 42.
Silverton 47, Woodburn 41.
Sandy 46, Canby 36.

COLLEGE
By The Associated Press
Purdue 69, Washington 50.
Illinois 69, Washington State 42.
Willamette 56, San Jose State 55.
Montana 59, Eastern Washington 37.
Portland 61, Lewis & Clark 49.
Gonzaga 34, Whitworth 32.
Sacramento (AAU) 59, Oregon State 51.
Kentucky 52, St. Johns (BKN) 40.
New York U. 61, Cornell 48.
Duquesne 65, Utah State 43.
Notre Dame 51, Kansas 49.
Michigan State 64, Indiana 60.

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TOURING COAST CAGE QUINTS BEATEN AGAIN

By The Associated Press
Northern Division Coast conference basketball teams squirmed today from their second straight application of whitewash in inter-sectional cage play.

Washington State went down before Illinois, 59-42, for the second

Glenn Davis Would Shed Army Wraps

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24 (AP)—The next move in the case of 2nd Lt. Glenn Davis apparently must come from the army.

Davis, who spent four years as a key cog in West Point's great football teams during the war, has asked to be released from the army.

In a prepared statement given out after the army in Washington had divulged his application for permission to resign, Davis merely said it had been filed through regular army channels, "in the same manner as any other officer who desires to be separated from the service."

And sidestepping any discussion of future plans, such as playing professional football in the event his request is granted, Davis noted: "I am not at liberty to discuss (the petition) further."

Illinois Drivers Warned To Look For Wild Ducks

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 24 (AP)—The meanderings of wild ducks that have grounded themselves for the winter along the Fox river have posed a tough problem for some municipalities in the River valley.

On the outskirts of St. Charles a sign warns motorists "drive carefully, Wild ducks crossing."

But, reports Mayor Walter E. Miller of Elgin, chairman of the Fox Valley Mayors' association, the ducks are paying no attention to the sign and crossing the highway at several points down river where there are no warnings.

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Pel Alumni Top Current Five 48-45

Lakeview Scores Klamath Before Retiring, 45-32

In the most eye-filling contest of the current infant high school basketball season at Pelican court, a star-studded section of Klamath Alumni topped the Pelican varsity 48 to 45 as the top of a three-game bill last night.

The Alumni squad, knee-deep in talent, was composed of players of Coach Wayne Scott's 1942-43 and 1946-47 outfits, and the five starters were of last season's state championship runner-up team.

The game was merely a practice affair, but Coach Scott said that scrimmaging against the graduates, most of whom now are playing college or independent ball, is the best drill in the world for his present crop of youngsters.

And the youngsters almost upset the veterans, coming up fast in the last quarter.

NO EARLY SCORE

The game went scoreless for five minutes and five seconds—a basketball rarity—but LeRoy Coleman, Joe Zarosinski and Bob Redkey had forced the Alumni ahead 6-2 by quarter-time. A string composed of 1943 players—Don Biggers, Dick Vaillancour, Dick Pope, Rex Young and Don Noel took over for the fast-scoring second period and by half-time the count was 21-15 for the grads.

Everybody scored in rapid-fire order in that third period, which ended with the Alumni ahead 39-33, and at one time the Pelicans were just a point behind. Perry Thorn erased the threat with a tip-in, followed by Biggers' side shot.

The current Pelicans made a fight of it all through the last quarter, but the Alumni managed to keep about a four-point margin. With one minute to go Jack Kennett and Don Zarosinski connected with ringers to 47-45, and the Alumni went into a stall.

MISSING CHANCES

LeRoy Coleman drew a foul shot and sank it neatly to finish the scoring. But the Pelicans weren't beaten quite. Only 15 seconds remained to go when Gary Daves missed a free toss. Don Zarosinski bobbed a lay-in and Daves didn't have the range on a long one as the bell sounded.

The game proved that the current Pelicans are good and are improving every day, because the Alumni squad was undeniably good. LeRoy Coleman and Joe Zarosinski were the best on the floor, but they didn't have much edge on Don Biggers, Rex Young and some others.

Don Zarosinski scored 14 points for the Pels, while Biggers had nine for the Alumni.

In another contest last night the second string Pelicans defeated the Lakeview Honkers 45-32, after spotting the Honkers a 9-0 lead. But the score was 10-10 at the quarter and 20-12 for Klamath at the half.

In the third quarter Lakeview started a rise and were scoring the pants off the Pels early in the fourth. About that time Lakeview's Red Cooper was shoving them through the hoop from all angles.

When Cooper fouled out the Honkers were held scoreless the rest of the way.

Wilbur Elliott, who is getting good, scored 14 points in that game.

The preliminary game between the Pel junior varsity and Lakeview B squad was a walkaway in favor of Klamath, 53-14.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

LOS ANGELES — Harold Dade, 124, Los Angeles, outpointed Manuel Ortega, 124, El Paso, 10.



By
Hale Scarbrough
Contest To Pick Name For Baseball Entrant Beginning Next Monday

This sports column and Don Neal's Sports Lineup radio show over KFLW will put on a "name the baseball club" contest starting next Monday, the big idea being to pick out a monicker for the class D professional ball team which is projected for Klamath Falls next season.

We plan to have some prizes for the name chosen, but all the details have not been ironed out as yet. The person who thinks up the name chosen probably will get a first prize of \$100.

Because there are only so many names you can have for a ball club, we'll probably have to have another angle to count on in choosing the winner—maybe complete the sentence "I think professional baseball has a place in Klamath Falls because . . . in 50 words or less. Like the radio contests. We'll have to work it on some basis other than just straight name picking, since the prize money won't stretch enough to cover 50 ties in case that many persons pick the same name.

But by Monday we'll have the thing thought out and start the contest.

Don and I will not be the judges, but I'd like to insist that the name finally chosen not be "Pelicans" or "Wildcats" or "Loggers" or "Hornets" or "Honkers." The number of athletic teams bearing those names in this area have the situation cloudy enough as it is. No use overdoing it. So be original in your entry.

Someone Should Be Burning

The Pelican football players didn't get their varsity letters last week, as they were supposed to, and the reason was pretty small. Small on someone's part, that is.

The reason was that some equipment, a couple of blankets, a parka or two issued to the players turned up missing at the end of the season. So the boys didn't get their letters. One of the players whom I believe to be truthful told me that the members of the football team absolutely did not have the missing equipment and do not know where it is.

You can't condone theft of the equipment, but you can't condone depriving the athletes of their hard-earned letters for so petty a reason, either. It probably won't make any great ripple with the fellows who have earned six or eight athletic emblems in their time at school, but the deprivation is really pressing on a few of the boys who were to get their first and only high school letter. And didn't.

Rose Bowl Ducats Went Fast

Rose Bowl tickets—only 6500 of them for the general public—went on sale this morning at Pasadena, but the line started forming 24 hours early. First in the row was 15-year-old Bob Roulette, Pasadena high school youngster, who picks Michigan by 14 points, according to an Associated Press news release.

Cassill Scrouges For Coach

Harve Cassill, University of Washington's athletics director, is doing some nation-hopping in his effort to find a replacement for Pest Welch as head football coach of the Huskies. He's reported to now be in San Francisco for a now-say with Don Faurot of Missouri and Howard Odell of Yale. Both Faurot and Odell are in Frisco for the East-West game. They're on opposite sides.

Oregon Hunter Gets The Kick

It would have been a public-spirited gesture if the state game commission had declared a moratorium on hunting licenses for the split duck season—allowed 47 permits to be recognized as valid for the five days the waterfowl season laps over into 1948. But the commission didn't. California licenses and federal duck stamps are still good, and Oregon sportsmen get penalized again.

ILLNESS HITS QUARTET OF WEST SHRINE STARS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Four West stars were in Stanford hospital today with diarrhea and fever but there was little doubt that they would be hale and hearty for the Shrine East-West football game here New Year's Day.

The four were Amiee Bell, Stanford quarterback; George Quist, Stanford right halfback; Paul Briggs, Colorado tackle; and Ed Ryan, St. Mary's end. They missed practice yesterday as the West squad, drilling at Stanford university, settled down to hard work for the charity classic.

Head Coach Don Faurot established his Missouri T formation as the basic offensive formation. He hopes this will spring Herm Wedemeyer, St. Mary's halfback, free to display his broken field running abilities.

Open Season Placed On College Coaches

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—It's open season again on college football coaches and the tally sheet today showed 10 top tacticians already displaced and several others fidgeting under the heat of alumni pressure. Institutions which already have experienced coaching turnovers are University of Washington, Auburn, Kansas State, West Virginia, Holy Cross, St. Louis university, New Mexico A. and M., Texas A. and M., Davidson and Furman.

Three of these schools have filled vacancies from their staffs while the others are reported still looking around.

Harry Stiteler, backfield mentor, was elevated to the No. 1 post at Texas A. and M., where alumni bought up Homer Norton's contract, which had two more years to run.

End Coach Charley Jamerson has replaced Bill Story at Davidson. Furman has named Line Coach H. E. (Red) Smith to succeed Robert W. (Bob) Smith, who resigned.

Washington is seeking a top tutor to succeed Ralph (Pest) Welch, who severed a 17-year tie with the university, the last five years as head coach. The latest report has the job going back to Clark Shaughnessy, the Maryland coach, but Washington's athletic director, Harve Cassill, insists "no commitments" have been made.

No replacement has been found for Carl Voyles, whose contract at Auburn was terminated by mutual consent. Reported in the picture are Vanderbilt Head Coach Red Sanders and his aide, Norman Cooper, Wake Forest's Peabody Walker and J. B. (Ears) Whitworth, Georgia line mentor.

SAM FRANCISCO OUT

Kansas State, on an extended losing streak, is shopping around for a pilot who can break the jinx. Sam Francis, former Nebraska star, resigned after trying a year without success.

At West Virginia, Bill Kern resigned after his team went into a mid-season nosedive.

Holy Cross is beating around for someone to replace John (Ox) DaGrosa, who quit before his team's last game, and the Chicago Bears' veteran Bill Osmanski is rumored to be the No. 1 pick.

St. Louis university must get a fill-in for W. J. (Dukes) Duford, who walked out with his entire staff after the team dropped six of ten games. New Mexico A. and M. is trying to fill the shoes of Raymond (Labe) Curfman, who left the helm after two years.

BROOKLYN (Broadway arena)—Herbie Kronowitz, 158, New York, outpointed Jimmy Mangia, 156, New York, 8.



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