

More Liberal Code Drawn Enforcement NCAA Worry

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (AP)—The National Collegiate Athletic association's revised "purity" code for athletes is expected to receive an official okay when placed before the NCAA convention later this week—but the main question today is the degree of enforcement the new rules will get.

The much-discussed purity, or sanity, code was adopted in principle a year ago, but referred to a special committee for revision, and the proposed amendments will come up for final consideration at the concluding NCAA meeting here Saturday.

Concerning enforcement, strongest comment was this statement from one Southeastern conference athletic director: "I don't think they really want to enforce it."

This delegate said that his group undoubtedly would string along with the majority inasmuch as the code permitted aid to athletes under certain conditions, placed no check on assistance given by alumni, and provided no iron-clad means of enforcement.

Under the original NCAA code, college athletic department members were not permitted to approach prospective students beyond confines of their own campuses. The revised code would allow them to approach athletes as long as definite financial offers were not made.

GRID RULES SESSION
The NCAA executive committee opens its phase of the annual convention today, while the American Football Coaches association gets its sessions under way with a rules meeting, and track and baseball coaches continue their confabs.

Track coaches voted yesterday to recommend to the NCAA the addition of three, and preferably six events to the annual NCAA outdoor championship meet in Minneapolis June 18-19. This meet is to serve as a preliminary Olympic tryout, with winners qualifying for the final trials at Evanston, Ill., July 9-10.

Events considered almost certain to be added are the 400 meters hurdles, 5000 meters run and the running hop, step and jump. Final consideration was withheld on whether or not to recommend addition of the 10,000 meters run, hammer throw and the 3000 meters steeplechase. The coaches voted that all other events should be measured in yards, as usual, rather than in meters.

PRO BASEBALL TALK
Baseball coaches, who affiliated with the NCAA a year ago, passed a resolution requesting the parent body to further negotiations with professional baseball concerning pre-contractual relations with college players.

The baseball coaches also recommended a change in the setup for their national championship playoffs, calling for regional tournaments involving four teams in a double elimination. They also favored establishment of tournaments in each of the eight NCAA districts to determine district representatives for the two regional playoffs.

Rickey Takes Ailing Squad As Grid Gift
NEW YORK, Jan. 7—The National league baseball champion Brooklyn Dodgers went into the football business yesterday by taking over operation of the Brooklyn Dodgers of the All-America professional gridiron conference under circumstances indicating the franchise was an outright gift from the circuit.

Branch Rickey, president of the baseball club, carefully avoided the word "bought" when he announced acquisition of the financially-ailing football team. Rickey is one of the shrewdest traders in the sports business.

He merely said he was "taking over operation" of the Dodgers, free of the previous administration personnel. This left him apparently without connection with Bill Cox and Gerald Smith, the partners who operated the club in the red the past two seasons.

The deal was apparently that the league gave the club to Rickey outright on a one-year-trial basis. If it's a success he has a football team. If not, he can unload.

Beavers Have Home Until '51
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7 (AP)—Portland's Beavers apparently still have a home.

At an informal meeting with the city council yesterday, Manager William Mulligan said President George Norcross is willing to start construction of a new park this year with completion in 1951.

He said the present Coast league baseball park—condemned as a fire hazard—would be improved to meet fire regulations if the council quashes the condemnation order.

The commissioners suggested that the city could wait that long.

Fish Catch Cold, Thousands Die
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 7 (AP)—A marine biologist of the state fish and game commission said today the thousands of fish that died in Lake Osborne in the last two weeks "simply caught a cold."

John F. Dequine identified the fish as gizzard shad. He said they are vulnerable to sudden changes in temperature and when the recent cold spell sent the water temperature down 10 degrees they "died like flies."

"There is nothing to be alarmed about," Dequine added. "The best fish in the lake are as healthy as they can be."

City Council Members Ask Ring Reforms

Appointments To Commission Held Up During Study
Two members of the city council, Wendell Smith and A. F. Condry, are making the rounds this week talking with fight fans to get some ideas for suggestions to the Klamath Falls boxing commission about the conduct of fights here in the future.

The boxing commission, appointed on a yearly basis, came up for re-appointment Monday night but the job was held up pending a survey and possible recommendations from the councilmen interested.

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Both Condry and Smith said that no blame could be placed on the boxing commission or the promoter for those fights, because Dixon and Taylor were sent in here by outside matchmakers—Dixon from Portland, Taylor from San Francisco. They want to try to draft some rules to prevent outside matchmakers from taking advantage of Klamath Falls, which is a good fight town.

Once a town gets a "tank" reputation, there is nothing in the world which will improve the boxing situation in that town. Good boys quit going to that town to fight and the customers quit buying tickets.

Smith suggested a good check into the background of imported boxers before they are allowed to fight here, and also seemed to think well of a suggestion that punches be held up automatically for 12 hours after a fight in case of a protest or bad reaction. That would give the boxing commission some power over the fighters and might discourage unscrupulous boxers from putting on a bad exhibition.

Members of the city council will meet Thursday to talk over suggested remedies before carrying through with the commission appointments.

Redskins Hire Ace Thrower

NEW YORK, Jan. 7—Harry Gilmer, much sought-after backfield star who passed Alabama into the Sugar Bowl, has reportedly signed a five-year professional football contract with the Washington Redskins of the National league for an estimated \$80,000.

Gilmer originally demanded \$100,000 for the five years, and admitted that Redskins owner George Marshall nearly fainted at the sound of the figure. However, it was learned that Washington coach Turk Edwards got together with Gilmer right after the Sugar Bowl game and signed him.

Gilmer did not shine as brightly as expected against the Texas Longhorns at New Orleans, when Alabama lost 37-7, and that may be one reason for the salary scale-down.

The Brooklyn Dodgers of the All-America conference held draft rights in that league to the Birmingham flash, but Gilmer signed with Washington before a Dodger representative talked terms with him.

The Redskins have also transferred their draft rights to Mississippi's Charles Conerly, another great passer, to the New York Giants for an undisclosed sum. The Giants also have a tag on Barney Poole, who caught passes thrown by Conerly frequently enough this past season to form the nation's best collegiate passing team.

Basin Students Have High Grades
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 7 (Special)—Two Klamath Falls students, Mary E. Griffiths, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffiths, and Ruth L. Landry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Landry, were among the 227 undergraduate students at the University of Oregon making an average grade of 3.5 or better for the fall term.

The grade point average is based on at least 12 term hours or more of study. Nineteen students made a perfect grade of 4.0, all "A's."

Versatility Proven
MERRILL, Jan. 7—Jack Snapp, prominent Merrill professional middleweight fighter, proved his versatility Monday night when he scored 18 points for high honors in a basketball game between the Merrill VFW and Bly.

Snapp plays on the Veterans of Foreign Wars team.

The background of a photograph can be made hazy by opening the camera lens to a wider stop, focusing on the object, and using fast shutter speed—Sports Afield.

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Ice-Skating Queen



Barbara Ann Scott, the Ottawa, Canada, figure skating champion, executes a spin glide during practice for defense of the world and European titles she won last year. She will compete in the Olympics.

Boston Imagination

BOSTON, Jan. 7—Fried clams for the customers and neon-lighted foul lines for night games were innovations at Braves field last season, along with a team which finished in the first division of the National league, but more are in the wind for next summer.

Field Superintendent Al Oliver has promised a whole new set of innovations for 1948. First, he said, there will be an illuminated home plate for night games—a light bulb under a plastic platter to provide fans a clearer view. Also the pitchers. And umpires.

Then Oliver will install white rubberized baselines. But the masterpiece will be the scoreboard, which will tell everything you want to know about the game in progress, as well as flash late news. Eventually it may include a television screen.

NORTHERN HOOP TEAMS COMPLETE PRE-SEASON

By The Associated Press
Washington State college cagers trounced Whitman 71-33 but the Idaho Vandals fell six-point victims to the Gonzaga Bulldogs last night as northern division, Pacific Coast conference, basketball entries concluded their final pre-season tune-ups and pointed toward this Friday's opening contests.

The State Cougars, bouncing back from their Saturday night defeat by Gonzaga, took over the lead at 6-5 on Ed Gayda's side-court shot and ran the Missionary quintet into the ground for a 35-13 halftime margin. Vince Hanson, towering Cougar center, entered the game for the first time in the second half, played six minutes and tied with Gayda for scoring honors, each with 11 points.

Gonzaga snatched its second straight win from the Idaho Vandals by a 61-55 score, notwithstanding the two points donated by the Zags' Curran in a moment of confusion. Evans paced the Gonzagans with 24 points, followed by Curran's 18. Jack Phoenix and John Evans headed Idaho with 11 each.

Trojans Die Hard
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7 (AP)—All the returns weren't in yet, but to Southern California's battered Trojans—who should know—Notre Dame rates the nod over Michigan as the nation's top college club.

Incomplete tabulation of a Trojan poll showed Notre Dame nearly a 3-1 choice despite the sportswriters' poll giving Michigan a 2-1 edge.

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Baseball Park Location Deal Nears Finish

Scale Model Field Designed After Stadium Of Seals
A deal for sufficient property for the erection of a baseball stadium and playing field is virtually clinched, real estate dealer Bogue Dale told officers of the Klamath Baseball, Inc. at a meeting last night.

The property is located outside the city limits between South Sixth and Shasta way and is level enough to be readily adaptable to baseball purposes without too much work.

A scale model of the proposed baseball grandstand was displayed last night by Mel Carpenter, one of the backers of the venture. Carpenter's plans call for a seating capacity of some 2200 under covered stands, with room for additional bleachers in the future.

The scale model is to be presented to an architect for drawings.

ERISCO DESIGN
The model is designed after the Seals stadium in San Francisco, with a semi-circle grandstand containing box seats, reserved section and general admission section.

Because the land cannot be purchased or any building started until the state corporation commissioner releases the money, it is necessary that the sale of stock in Klamath Baseball, Inc., be pushed forward as rapidly as possible to get an early start on the project.

Backers and officials of the corporation are confident that money will be raised to put a team into action in the Far West league this summer. The matter has progressed to a point where a spring training camp in Losi, Calif., is under discussion.

A meeting of stockholders will be held at the office of William Spangler January 12 at 8 p. m. for election of permanent officers and board of directors for 1948. The present officers are temporary.

AGREEMENT FAULTY
Attorney Paul Farrens received a sample working agreement from the Philadelphia Phillies but is sending it back for some written revisions to bind the major league club to furnish ample players for the Klamath Falls team. A Philadelphia field agent has verbally promised to furnish players and not to take them away until after the close of the Far West season.

Mel Carpenter announced last night that Vallejo is also having its baseball field troubles. There the city has a park with a short right field wall, and is trying to buy two lots to make an extension. But the owner of the lots has jacked up the price.

The Vallejo franchise is owned by the Cleveland Indians.

Yale's Odell Best Guess
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 7 (AP)—Orin "Babe" Hollingbery, former Washington State college coach, labels Howard Odell of Yale as the "best guess" for the University of Washington's new head football coach.

"It definitely will not be me, but I think you can tab Odell," Hollingbery told the Touchdown club yesterday.

He made no further qualification of his opinion, but as a member of the Shrine's western player selection committee for the East-West game, he had occasion to talk with Odell, one of the coaches for the East team.

Riggs Evens Match
ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 7 (AP)—Bobby Riggs, national professional tennis champion, evened his transcontinental series with Jack Kramer last night in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3.

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Jim Aiken Speaker At Gridiron Fete

Jim Aiken, the frog-voiced and popular head football coach of the University of Oregon Webfoots, is slated to be the guest speaker at the annual Lions club gridiron banquet at the Willard hotel January 14.

Aiken was first choice of the Lions several weeks ago but couldn't get away from a myriad of other after-dinner engagements until now.

The Lions club dinner usually is held soon after the close of football season and was originally scheduled for December 14, with Marchmont Schwartz of Stanford as speaker. But when Schwartz was unable to fill the engagement, the banquet was postponed until the Oregon coach would be available.

The banquet will honor members of the Klamath Union high school Pelicans and the Hensley Hornets, two local teams which were among the powers of the state in their respective divisions the season just past.

The Pelicans were taken out by The Dalles in the state class A quarter-finals and The Dalles won the title, while Hensley was edged by Amity in the class D finals.

Jim Aiken, who arrived on the Oregon campus less than a year ago from the University of Nevada, took over the very ill football fortunes of the Webfoots to rebuild and place the Ducks in a tie for second place in the coast conference last season, and he is expected to do as well or possibly better next.

Tickets for the banquet will be placed on sale at the Willard hotel and Hal's Sport shop at \$2 a copy.

Change Due At Pitt U.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 7 (AP)—Rumors were flying today that R. N. "Butter" McCray, football coach at William and Mary, will replace Walter S. Milligan as head of the University of Pittsburgh gridiron strategy board—but all concerned denied a change was being planned.

A usually reliable source at Richmond, Va., declared last night that McCray had been "highly recommended" to Pitt officials by John B. (Jack) Sutherland, former Pitt mentor and present coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Football league.

McCray, who became head football coach at William and Mary in 1944 when he succeeded Carl (Dutch) Voyles, recently has been mentioned as under consideration for the top grid post at the University of West Virginia.

KU Grapplers Hold Matches For Mat Title

Klamath Union high school wrestlers resumed practice in the armory yesterday and the rest of this week will be going through a non-lettermen tourney preparatory to matches with lettermen wrestlers next week.

The latter bouts will determine what boys will represent KUHS January 16 against Springfield High grapplers.

Coach Dutch Simons has 52 boys on his mat squad, the largest number ever, and may make a cut after next week.

Pairings for the 1948 school championships made thus far are: 85-pound class: Bill Tolley vs. Billy Benson.

95-pound class: Gerald Barker vs. Don Hensley.

105-pound class: Bennie Shepherd vs. Gary Rose.

112-pound class: Bruce Dingler vs. Bob Shirley.

118-pound class: Dean Coates vs. Leonard Reynolds.

125-pound class: Leo Ferroni vs. Leo Olson.

Pairings in these brackets have not been determined: 132-pound: Melvin Brown, Delbert Cummings and Neil Hollnbeck.

138-pound: Dion Davey, Larry Simmons and Don Stucky.

145-pound: Gilbert Joyce and Don Selby.

155-pound: Don Taylor, Ray Wilson, Joe Long, Glenn Guyer and James Riggs.

165-pound: LaMont Wilson, Milford Schortgen, Gordon Anderson and Charles Shell.

175-pound: Tom Abner and Stanley McClellan.

Heavyweight: Leonard Heston, John Witte, Art Bliss, Bill Evans, Stuart Oliver and James Fehlen.

Winners of wrestling letters previously at the high school are ruled out of this competition, and there are several at the school.

LOS ANGELES—Harold Dade, 124½, Los Angeles, TKO Bobby Jackson, 127, Los Angeles, 7.

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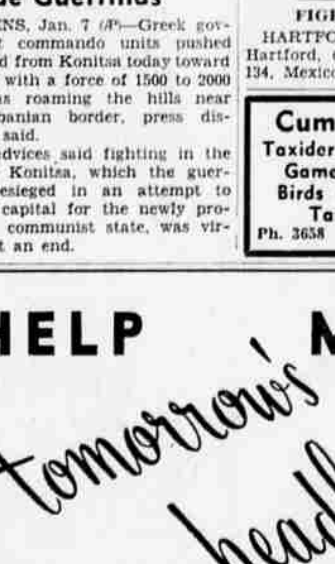
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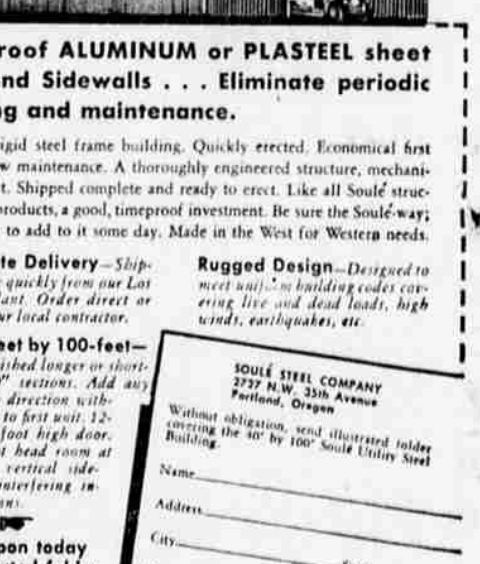
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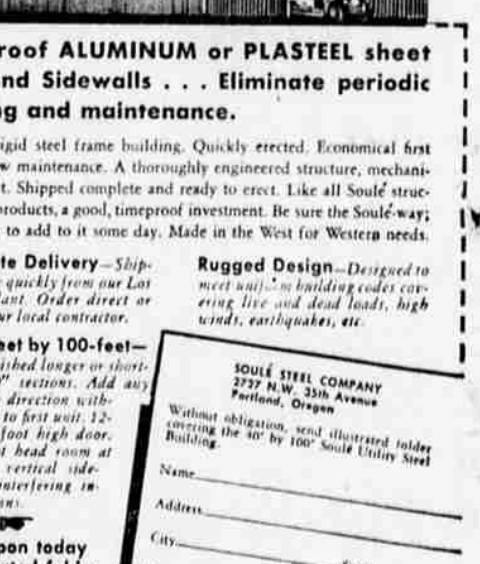
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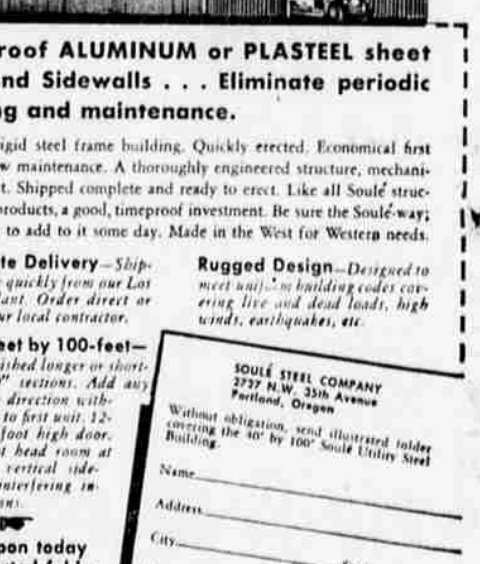
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