

USF Refutes Claims That Players Paid

Ed McKeever Says Many Footballers Get High Salary

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12 (AP)—The University of San Francisco declared today that 22 of its football players whose eligibility was questioned by former Coach Ed McKeever "are absolutely in the clear."

In a letter made public yesterday, McKeever challenged the eligibility of many players who came to USF last season . . . his only year as coach here.

McKeever also asserted the boys were paid "the usual \$75, \$50 and \$40 a month, plus, in some cases, a substantial amount over that figure."

The letter was dated January 31, the day McKeever resigned to become coach of the professional Chicago Rockets of the All-America conference. Copies were sent to Commissioner Victor O. Schmidt of the Pacific Coast conference and officials of several colleges on the USF 1948 football schedule.

TEMPEST ON CAMPUS

McKeever's charges stirred a tempest on the campus.

Charles Harney, chairman of the board of athletic control, said: "We had made a mistake in hiring McKeever and we were just beginning to realize it. He had made the situation—and we were stuck with it."

The Rev. Jerome J. Sullivan, athletic moderator, said 18 of the players cited by McKeever are eligible and that "in only one case is the ineligible positive."

"That was in the case of a boy who completed his eligibility," Father Sullivan said. He declined to name him.

Although USF is an independent, Father Sullivan said, "We observe all Pacific Coast conference and NCAA rules and do nothing that others schools do not do."

He conceded athletes were paid for work on the campus but denied McKeever's charge that some were paid "a substantial amount" over the \$40-\$50-\$75 monthly rate.

"If McKeever paid some of the boys out of his own pocket I wouldn't know about that," he added.

Joe Kuharich, one of three USF assistant coaches who feuded with McKeever last year and who succeeded him as head coach, termed his former boss' action "vindictive and spiteful."

He said the letter was directed mainly at "boys McKeever brought out here when he became head coach."

Kuharich said some of the players told him they discussed eligibility questions with McKeever last year and McKeever told them "not to bother about it."

WILL BE ELIGIBLE

Calling McKeever's letter "a smear on the kids, me and the school," Kuharich asserted: "Every boy who plays football for us will be eligible—rest assured."

McKeever listed other colleges at which he said the 22 players he cited had played before coming to USF. The list named some of USF's outstanding players, including Don Panchera, whose transfer from Boston college created a stir last year.

McKeever, who formerly coached at Boston college, Notre Dame and Cornell, declined in Chicago to comment on the ruckus his letter stirred.

Average Of 23.1 Paces Hoop Stars

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (AP)—Jim McIntyre, of Minnesota, finally has crashed through to the top of the nation's major college individual basketball scorers.

The weekly statistics compiled by the National Collegiate Athletic bureau showed today that McIntyre has ousted Norm Hankins, of Lawrence (Mich.) Tech, by one-tenth of a point in the per-game averages. Hankins has led for the last month.

The latest figures for games through February 7 give McIntyre 300 points in 13 games for a 23.1 average. Hankins has 483 points in 21 games for an even 23.0 average.

Jim Lane, of Kentucky, took over leadership in the foul shooting department with 39 of 39 for a percentage of 846. Al Peterman, of Oregon State, retained first place as the best field goal shot. He has made 66 of 123 shots for a percentage of 537.

Wildlife Group Meets On Campus

The Oregon Wildlife Federation will go into its 12th annual session tomorrow at the Union Memorial hall, OSC in Corvallis, starting with an evening dinner.

Regular sessions begin Friday morning and continue through Saturday afternoon.

Speakers will include several state sporting group officers, state game commission men and forest service representatives and other persons interested in wildlife.

The Active Life



Life of a professional wrestler is an active one, demonstrated here by Grappler Frankie Hart playing leap-frog over Grappler Joe Lynam. This picture was snapped during a recent contest in the armory.

Jewels Clip Woolens To Assume Top Spot

Leadership of the City Basin league basketball division was no longer disputed after last night's games at Altamont gym. Rickys Jewels handed the vaunted Oregon Woolen quintet a 57-34 shellacking to take over the top spot. The Jewels are undefeated in division play and probably will go into the championship tournament that way in a couple of weeks.

Joe Zarosinski led the Jewels attack with 18 points. The Jewels opened scoring early in the initial period, but were outdistanced for a time by the Woolens, who pushed into a 6-3 lead before the Rickys five renewed sharpshooting. Paul McCall tied Rickys back into the game at seven-all with a looper from behind the key, and the Jewels were in the lead to stay.

The Jewels mounted from a 13-9 first period score to a 30-17 halftime reading.

Then, with Zarosinski leading the way, the Rickys outfit climbed to 46-23 by the third period buzzer, and coasted through the final canto, sinking 10 points.

Zarosinski was followed by his teammate, Wilbur Welch, with 13 counters, while McCall of the Jewels and Bob Erlandson of the Woolens followed with 12.

The evening's opener saw the Oregon Vocational school Owls dump the Link Motors five, 50-32, in a drawn-out tilt lasting nearly two hours.

The Owls took over right from the start, and controlled play for most of the struggle. Joe McGaughey of Link Motors took scoring honors, however, with 10 tallies, followed by Joe Garner of Link Motors and a Payer Savell of the Owls with eight each.

Summaries:

Rickys Pos. Ore. Woolen
Zarosinski (18) P (7) Reginald Welch (13) F (2) S. Anderson Kelstrom (5) C (12) Erlandson McCall (12) G (1) Giovanni Redkey G (3) H. Eltreim

Rickys reserves: Jones, Knitzer (4), Bishop (4), Scott (1). Oregon Woolen reserves: Hayes (6), Archie Anderson (2), M. Eltreim (1).

Owls Pos. Link Motors
Irwin (6) P (7) Mayfield Kuntz (6) F (1) Adrian Dilley (6) C (8) Garner Sani (6) G (1) Shipman Savell (8) G (10) McGaughey

Owls reserves: Floetke (4), Pickett (2), Demetras (5), Newman (7), Hawkins. Link reserves: Eltreim, Carlson (2), Ballantyne (3).

Red Raiders End Conference Play

ASHLAND, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—The Red Raiders of Southern Oregon college, with the Far Western basketball conference title clinched, close their league play this week-end against Humboldt State.

The Raiders have annexed 13 victories in league clashes to date, have dropped but one game, and hope to collect the final games as a clean sweep at Arcata, Calif.

SOCE won both of the previous contests with the Lumberjacks.

La Grande Hoopers To Defend Title

LA GRANDE, Feb. 12 (AP)—An eighth grade La Grande basketball team will go to Portland March 11 to defend its title in the Hill Military grade school tournament, school officials announced here today.

The La Grande Kittens—undefeated in 16 games this year—will be shooting for a third straight victory in state competition.

SON BORN

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP)—A 6½-pound son was born today to Mrs. Christopher Soames, the former Mary Churchill. The boy is Winston Churchill's fifth grandchild.

Soames, a captain in the Coldstreams Guards, and Miss Churchill were married a year ago yesterday.

Anti-Cagers Shout:

Down With Basketball!

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AP Newsfeatures Sports Writer

NEW YORK—The Society for the Extermination of Basketball is gaining new members daily in this section of the country.

Members of the society, who want to do away with the whole thing, have joined their voices to the rumble from newspapers, coaches, officials and fans who are screaming that the game has more bugs than an entomologist's laboratory.

The minor dissidents want the game slowed down, they want the goons removed, they want the officials to cease making a whistle-blowing orgy of the game—but the exterminators will have none of this. They want the sport banished from the scene.

Unlike baseball, which hasn't had a rule change since they eliminated the handlebar mustache, basketball rules constantly are being shifted around, but they still don't seem to please anyone. At least not around here.

The weekly Baachanalian feasts known as the Basketball Writers' luncheons have been featured for weeks by charges of "too much whistle blowing" by the officials. The scribes were especially critical of the job performed by Art Meinhold in the NYU-Colgate game. But the officials charged right back that it wasn't their fault that they blew the whistle on the game. They were stuck with a set of archaic rules, they contended.

Matty Begovich, about as good a basketball referee as there is anywhere in the country, came up with some suggestions for slowing down the game. He felt that the excessive speed at which the game is being played is the root of the troubles.

"To put 10 men, at least three of whom are ungainly six foot, sixers, on a tiny floor only 90 by 40 feet, run them up and down as fast as they can go, and then decree that there shall be no bodily contact, is ridiculous," one coach said.

Begovich's four suggestions are:

1. A delayed whistle on a foul until the play is completed.
2. Retention of the ball by the offensive team after a made or missed foul.
3. Scoring only one point for a tip-in basket.
4. Handling of the ball by the official after each score.

Begovich feels that the delayed whistle on a foul, such as in hockey, would allow plays to finish before a whistle is interpreted. His theory behind retention of the ball by the offensive team is that it will reduce fouling, for possession of the ball is important in basketball.

The one-point tip-in is designed to eliminate some of the furious scrambling that goes on under the basket. And if the official were required to handle the ball after each goal it would eliminate the wild breaks and race horse style that has turned the game into what Begovich terms a "rat race."

Of course, the Society for the Extermination of Basketball has some members who feel that Dr. James Naismith should have found another use for his peach baskets. They claim that the game is "poorly conceived." One such member, Fred Downs of the New York Sun, says "The object of the game is too simple. It is impossible to avoid bodily contact when all the players are striving to be in one place—under the basket—at the same time."

Downs adds that the last few minutes of a close basketball game become downright hysterical. The team in front freezes the ball. The team trailing fouls its opponents in an effort to get the ball. A last second rally becomes impossible.

But now that most interested parties in this locale have become convinced that something must be done, none of them can agree on what should be done. Begovich's suggestions have received replies that range from "great" to "awful," after a demonstration game.

Then there is the complacent citizen who snorts: "Why bother changing the game? The fans like it, don't they? It outdraws all other sports, doesn't it?"

The latter statement is an unproved one that has been loosely tossed about for years to assure us that all is right with the cagers. But it is based on slightly phony reasoning. The fact is that basketball has a long way to go before it develops into the game that baseball is.

Meanwhile, the members of the Extermination Society are rallying behind Red Smith of the New York Herald Tribune, who says: "Slowing down the game is a step in the right direction. Slow it down enough and it'll creak to a full stop."

Last Minute Flips Thrill Casaba Fans

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (AP)—Last minute finishes thrilled thousands of fans at last night's collegiate basketball games throughout the country.

For example:

At Princeton, N. J. Bernie Adams sank a free throw after regulation time was over to give Princeton a 53-52 victory over Yale.

At Washington, D. C. a tip-in by Milt Simon in the last 15 seconds gave Penn State a 42-40 triumph over Georgetown university.

At Annapolis, Md. Ed Beach's field goal in the last minute gave West Virginia a 38-37 decision over Navy.

At Baltimore, George Mitchell tapped in three straight rebounds in the final minute to provide Johns Hopkins a 46-44 victory over Catholic university in a Mason-Dixon conference fray.

At Boulder, Colo. the Oklahoma Aggies had to go an extra period to beat Colorado, 32-30, scoring the winning points on free throws by J. Parks and Jack Shelton.

Four Boxers Ousted For Snub To Code

SPOKANE, Feb. 12 (AP)—Four fighters and a manager have been suspended by the Washington state athletic commission for what Chairman Les Francis said were violations of the state boxing code.

Francis identified the suspended men as John Scott, Seattle welterweight; Joe Vander Veer, Tacoma lightweight; Red Garrison, Spokane lightweight; and Ted Peach, Seattle, manager of Scott and Vander Veer.

Both Scott and Vander Veer were suspended, Francis said, for failing to take a physical examination and "making other misrepresentations to the commission" before a January 27 card here. Both were knocked out on that card.

Peach was suspended for failing to obtain a manager's license.

The commission said Garrison failed to wait the required time between fights and Davis "did not comply with all the commission rules."

PAIR OF EXTRA GAMES ON PELICAN SCHEDULE

Two off-the-cuff basketball games are on the slate for the Klamath Union high school Pelicans this week-end before they get back around to finishing the Southern Oregon (district 4) conference schedule.

Friday night at Pelican court the Klamath quintet meets the Southern Oregon college junior varsity in a return game to one played at Ashland three weeks ago. On that former occasion, the Southern Oregon bunch won easily, 56 to 35.

In the preliminary tilt, starting at 7 p. m., the KUHS freshmen play Medford junior high.

Saturday night the Pelicans face another tough proposition in the touring Oregon State college Rooks, a team which may have a couple of former Klamath Falls boys in the lineup. Jerry Thorn and Clarence Bussman, both of whom played basketball with the Pel last season, are out for basketball at OSC.

The Rooks are playing at Medford Friday night and Medford tangles with Central Point Saturday. Grants Pass is playing Central Point tonight and the Oregon Frosh at Eugene Saturday.

Next week the district goes back to the job of finishing the playing schedule and determining its representative in the state basketball tournament. The representative cannot help but be the Pelicans since Klamath is four full games ahead of the league with but four games left to play.

Dates already set include: Yakima at Pasco, April 6; Bremerton at Pasco, April 10; Tacoma at Pasco, April 13; and at Walla Walla April 14; Yakima at Yakima, April 15. Other games are being arranged with Vancouver, B. C.

Slides In 32

BELLINGHAM, Feb. 12 (AP)—Allen Mail of Bremerton poured 32 points through the hoop last night to lead the Bellingham Firecrackers to an 81-66 exhibition victory over Vancouver's Hornets. Both teams are of the Pacific Coast Professional Basketball league.

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Gienger's Takes Second Place

KENO, Feb. 14—Glenger's Store of Chilquin topped second place in the county division of the Basin Basketball league last night, overrunning the Dorris town team 66 to 43 in a tilt played on the neutral Keno court. Wayne Hatcher scored 27 points for Chilquin.

Glenger's have finished their season with 11 wins and two defeats, following behind the Tulalake Associated Flyers who have not been beaten.

The Chilquin team has an exhibition with the colored Harlem Taps outfit, Tuesday night, February 17, at Chilquin.

Salmon Ruling Still Puzzles

Is March - April Closure On?

The state game commission, with its bulldog tenacity, which some would call bull-headedness, continues to issue "warnings" to fishermen that "coastal waters are closed to salmon and steelhead fishing in March and April."

And anglers in this area continue to make reservations and arrangements for trips to the Rogue and Umpqua those two months. Guides and resort owners on those streams are taking reservations, but before the 1948 rules were adopted the commission advertised that no change in the salmon and steelhead season was being made in the Umpqua, Siuslaw and Rogue rivers.

Now the commission comes out every few days with a sweeping warning that salmon and steelhead fishing is closed down in March and April in "all lakes and streams south of the Columbia river that are tributary to the Pacific ocean and streams below St. Helens that are tributary to the Columbia."

Obviously something is wrong and it is up to the game commission to come forward with an explanation of what the ruling is.

If the ruling closes Southern Oregon coastal rivers, then resort operators probably have a 100 per cent right to go to court and get a restraining order preventing the game commission from carrying through its closure.

They have the right because the full draft of proposed regulations which the commission was to adopt January 26—and did—said:

SEASONS FOR SALMON AND STEELHEAD OVER 20 INCHES: Entire year, except as follows: May 1 to October 31 in all waters including lakes directly or indirectly tributary to the Pacific ocean or tidewater thereof south of the Columbia (EXCEPT the Umpqua, Rogue and Siuslaw rivers) and all waters directly or indirectly tributary to the Columbia river or its sloughs below the northern city limits of St. Helens.

November 1 to March 1 in all coastal lakes and streams whose mouths empty directly into the Pacific ocean or tidewater thereof (EXCEPT the Umpqua, Rogue and Siuslaw rivers).

In other words, salmon fishing in those rivers would remain substantially the same as for last year with the exception of the cut in bag limit from six to four fish per week.

The game commission office in Portland, closed for Lincoln's birthday, could not be reached for comment today.

If there was any change made January 26 from the previously announced "tentative" salmon and steelhead regulations as quoted above, the game commission has not made the change public other than its "warnings."

Ducks-Michigan

PORTLAND, Feb. 12 (AP)—Negotiations are underway for a football clash between University of Oregon Ducks and the University of Michigan, Coach Jim Aiken of Oregon said today.

Talks are in the preliminary stage, however, he added, and are "far from complete."

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