

REHEARD

Tigers In — By a Squeak

It took the antiquated Statue of Liberty play and a Marshfield miscue to shove the La Grande Tigers into the state football finals next Saturday in Portland's Multnomah stadium.

The 7-6 La Grande squeak over Marshfield now has grid prognosticators more perplexed than ever about Don Mabec's Union county grid machine.

The AP report on the La Grande-Marshfield game has it that some were of the opinion that the Tigers were under wraps.

This I doubt. The state playoffs is a shooting match with all the blue chips down. It's true the Tigers didn't turn to the air and it could be they're saving a surprise for Grant come Saturday.

If so, it will be an aerial battle not soon forgotten, with George Shaw pitching them for the Generals.

Another report said the Tigers were as good "as they needed to be." In view of the score and the first down statistics, this stands out as a superfluous statement. It couldn't have been closer.

After the Tigers tied it up with a 30-yard gallop by Chuck Brackett on the Statue of Liberty play, La Grande missed the extra point. Marshfield was offside and Wayne Berry was given the job of bucking over the extra point.

Had the game ended in a tie, La Grande would have gained the finals by the slim margin of 9-8 on first downs.

Grant In — By a Rout

Meanwhile, Grant was splashing to a 33-0 victory over Hillsboro. La Grande's tight squeak and Grant's rout will probably serve to make the Generals at least a two-touchdown favorite to win the state crown.

Sports readers, always on the alert for a chance to hand a sports scribe a Bronx cheer, won't likely forget that this corner picked the Tigers to beat Grant if the two teams reached the final act.

The results of the semi-finals hasn't changed my mind. I look for both teams to pull all stops in a touchdown-trading affair but the district 1 champs to ring the TD bell one more time than Grant.

As long as this is limb-testing day, I'll go all the way and predict a score. La Grande 19, Grant 14.

Terrapins in 'Gator Bowl

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 29 (AP) — The University of Maryland will play in the Gator Bowl football game here January 2, Selection Chairman J. B. Darby announced today.

The Terrapins' opponent will be chosen within the next day or two. In naming Maryland, Darby picked a team that has won seven of their eight games this season and has one game remaining.

Maryland played Georgia in the Gator Bowl two years ago, the tilt ending in a 20-20 tie.

Newark, N. J. — Tony Janiro, 150½, Youngstown, O., outpointed Vic Costa, 150, New York (8).

Sellout Seen For Snapp-Gimbel Go

Knockout Predicted

A sell-out is virtually assured for Friday night's 28-round — or less — boxing show scheduled for the armory ring, the first fight card arranged here in many months.

The main event, a return go between two lethal punchers, Merrill's Jack "Ginger" Snapp and Spokane's Frankie Gimbel, is scheduled for ten heats, but there are few who expect the brawl to go the full route.

Generally, local boxing fans want to see Snapp make his first comeback by a successful one but odds will probably favor Gimbel turning in his second kayo trick against Snapp.

Interest high. The match has the fight bugs buzzing and ticket sales at Matt Finnigan's sporting goods store is indicative of the interest in the bout.

Snapp and Gimbel fought in Tacoma May 27 of this year in a wrangle described by sportswriters as a "Pier 6 brawl." Both middleweights were on the floor, Gimbel once early in the fight and Snapp three times. Gimbel's dynamite punches and a cut eye suffered by Ginger combined to result in a five-round TKO for Gimbel.

Outrid. Tacoma was outbid for the return match by Klamath Promoter Mack Lillard. Snapp wanted to make an appearance in the basin in his first return to the ring.

Snapp, now attending Southern Oregon college, majoring in physical education and teaching boxing, is in good shape. It is felt his six-months rest from ring wars will be beneficial. Making the middleweight limit hampered the Snapper in his last few bouts and he'll go into the ring Friday night a lightweight, probably outscaling Gimbel a few pounds.

Arrive Thursday. Gimbel, finishing his training legs in the north, is expected to arrive in Klamath Falls Thursday.

Lillard also has an attractive supporting card to supplement the Snapp-Gimbel feature.

Johnny Bruce, Medford welterweight who just recently turned pro after a stalling amateur career, will meet Puppy Jackson in the six-round semi-windup.

Preliminaries. Three four-rounders are being lined up. One, already settled, will show Bob Easterman, local lightweight, against Willie Jackson.

Merrill's George Price will appear in another four-framer against an opponent yet to be named. There will be one other four-rounder.

The armory doors will open at 7:30. The first bout will open at 8:30.

Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press. Today a Year Ago — Michigan and Notre Dame ranked 1-2 in the Associated Press football poll.

Three Years Ago — Illinois formally accepted a bid to play in the Rose Bowl football game.

Five Years Ago — Gunder Haegg of Sweden accepted an invitation of the AAU to compete on U. S. tracks in 1945.

Ten Years Ago — Commissioner of Baseball K. M. Landis fined the Dodgers and Tigers for concealing player contracts.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

New Orleans — Keith Hamilton, 135, New Orleans, drew with Richie Collura, 153½, Pittsburgh (10).



KO ARTIST

Frankie Gimbel, hard-hitting Spokane middleweight, will meet Jack "Ginger" Snapp Friday night at the armory. Gimbel is favored, at least unofficially, to repeat his five-round knockout win over Snapp, turned in May 27 of this year, in Snapp's last fight.

GREAT ATLAS MAY BE DEGLAMORIZED

If you have high blood pressure, stay away from the armory Wednesday night. All stops will probably be pulled when two meanies from big cities go against two popular grapplers in a no-limit tag team match.

The meanies are The Great Atlas from New York City, who hits high for egotism, and Pete Bartu, Chicago's contribution to the mayhem department.

However, Atlas, who claims to be the strongest man in the ring today, and Bartu have a real chore carved out for them. They'll meet Georges Dusette and Buck Davidson.

It will come as a great surprise to wrestling fans if the battle stays within the confines of the roped square.

The fans want to see The Great Atlas splattered on the armory ring. A match between Dusette and The Great One fell through but Promoter Mack Lillard arranged the team soiree as the next best thing.

George Strickland, who has been packing them in in Denver, will make his first appearance in the Klamath ring against Finnish Paavo Katonen. This bout is billed for one hour—or less.

The armory doors open at 7:30; the Strickland-Katonen bout goes on at 8:30.

Joe Hasn't Lost Bombs

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 29 (AP) — Joe Louis, heavy around the middle and rather slow on his feet, still retains a potent pair of fists.

The retired heavyweight champion showed 4100 fight fans last night that he still carries a knockdown punch. He went through a 10-round exhibition bout with Johnny Flynn of Rochester, N. Y.

For the most part, he merely kept Flynn at a safe distance. But in the ninth round, the 35-year-old brown bomber uncoiled a short left hook that put Flynn down for an eight count.

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Referee - Fooling Eddie LeBaron Lands On Little All-America Grid Team Third Time

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (AP)—Eddie LeBaron of College of Pacific, gains his third little All-America berth on the 1949 team announced today, the only player in the history of the minor college all-star eleven to be so honored.

LeBaron made it as a freshman and again last year as a junior. His Stockton, Calif., team-mates are unbeaten in ten games.

Polished with the Pacific coast T-formation wizard in the little All-America backfield are Brad Rowland, the backfield genius of the McMurry college team; William Young of Hillsdale college, the nation's leading scorer, and Conrad Callahan of Morningside college in Sioux City, Ia.

Until the final week of the season Rowland was the leading scorer, only to be overtaken by Young, who counted 24 points in his school's 48 to 0 route of Indiana State. Rowland, only junior in the first string backfield, finished the campaign with 108 points compared to Young's 121.

This point producing foursome, as great a quartet ever to be honored in the little All-America selections, would operate behind an all-star line is spear-headed by Elbert Hammett, ace tackle of the equally unbeaten Wofford team. Wofford won all 11 of its games this season, counting 347 points as compared to 67 for its combined opponents.

Player, College
E—Claude Radtke, Lawrence.
T—Herbert McKinney, Missouri Valley.

G—Vincent Sarratore, Chattanooga.
C—Robert Numbers, Lehigh.
G—Art Byrd, West Carolina Teachers.

T—Elbert Hammett, Wofford.
E—Charles Williams, Sam Houston.
B—Eddie LeBaron, Coll. of Pacific.
B—Brad Rowland, McMurry.
B—William Young, Hillsdale.
B—Conrad Callahan, Morningside.

The pride of the 1949 little All-America is Lebanon. It was he, as a 16-year-old freshman in 1946, who brazenly intercepted a Northwestern pass behind his own goal line, lateralled to an end and threw the key block that sent the wingman away on a 102-yard touchdown run.

The youngster, one of the most sought after pro prospects, has become a coast football figure that a recent account of his exploits by a newspaper was headlined "Is LeBaron human?" It was LeBaron "ball carrier" and blew his whistle who faked so perfectly on a play when the player was downed.

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