

# SNAPP, GIMBEL READY FOR "PIER SIX BRAWL"



## Eugene Eyed For Far West

From the sports grapevine to the sports desk comes the information—reportedly reliable—that Art Hadler, one of the angels of the Far West baseball league who operated the Pittsburg club in 1948 and the Santa Rosa club in 1949, is reported to be dickering heavily in Eugene to build a baseball park there and bring Eugene into the Far West.

The reason Eugene did not go into the Western International league recently was that no one would put up money for a park. Hadler, being an outsider and apparently well-muscled around the pocketbook, may have a better chance.

Whether Eugene would go for class D baseball is open for argument. Quite possibly large numbers of citizens in the Willamette valley metropolitan would consider class D beneath their dignity. But they used to go overboard for semi-pro ball.

Hadler, a swell guy from all reports, has had a lot of trouble with his clubs. The Pittsburg team of 1948 didn't draw and finished the season as a road club.

The 1948 Santa Rosa team disbanded in mid-season. Hadler took it on the chin in both places. He deserves better.

Reno's entry into the FW league is virtually certain. The Silver Sox have been given an official release by the class C Sunset league. All now necessary is for Far West moguls to give the Sox their blessing and they're in. This action is expected sometime in December.

If Reno comes in, the league will be full with eight teams, three from Oregon (Klamath Falls, Medford and Eugene), four from California (Redding, Marysville, Pittsburg and Willows) and one from Nevada (Reno).

## This Is It

Oregon's two major undefeated, untied high school class A eleven clash at Multnomah stadium Saturday to decide the title.

Your writer is probably the only sports scribe in the state picking La Grande to win, unless Union county scribes' loyalty overshadows "common sense."

Statistically, the edge goes to Grant. But feeling pessimistic that the Tigers had to get a bad game out of their system and the 7-6 squeak over Marshfield was it.

Both teams should be high for the final showdown. Both have crushing fullbacks in Al Hansen (Grant) and Wayne Berry (La Grande). Both have smart field generals in George Shaw (Grant) and Fritz Haun (La Grande). Shaw and Haun are both sharp passers and the game may go to the air if ground efforts fail. Halfbacks Dale Duff and Duane Seibert of Grant are capable running mates for Hansen. The same can be said for Charley Brackett and Bill West for the Tigers.

The lines are both strong. A better final couldn't have been arranged. The script has been followed all the way through and the state's best teams will tell it with touchdowns.

Looking Up

Look for a healthy city set-up in basketball this year with the all-important change already made—that of splitting into two leagues.

New President Sam Neelin says if the city is to keep basketball, this year will tell the tale.

"You can be sure, the cage sport will come back into its own this year," Sam tells us.

There'll be more on this later.

Lambeau's Pact Renewed 2 Years

GREEN BAY, Wis., Dec. 1 (AP)—Earl L. (Curly) Lambeau, who founded the Green Bay Packers on a city sandlot, will remain at the National Football league team's helm another two years.

Lambeau's contract was renewed at a long board of directors meeting last night. The board also authorized issuance of another \$200,000 worth of stock.

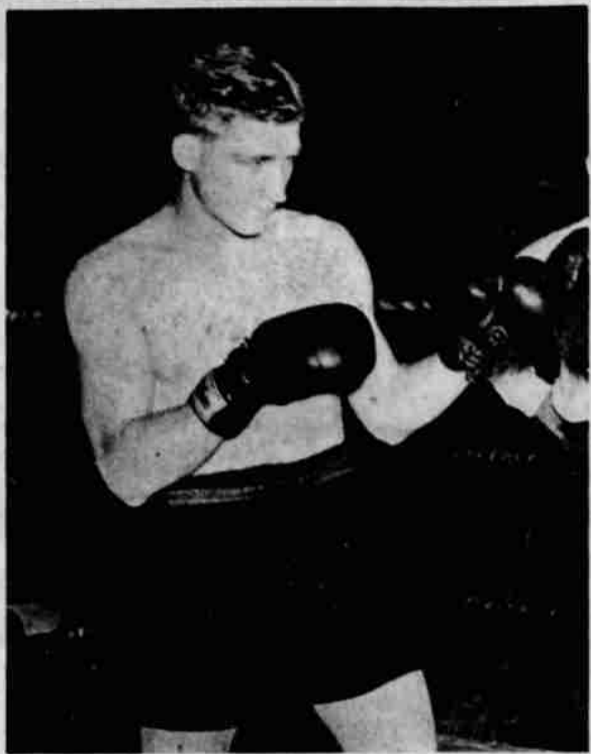
Directors declined to comment on terms of the contract, but indicated it was similar to his current one which expires December 31. This one called for \$25,000 a year for serving as head coach and general manager.

Outsider Gains Beaver Cage Spot

PORTLAND, Dec. 1 (AP)—One outsider—Bob Payne—moved into the starting lineup of Oregon State's defending coast conference basketball title today as the Beavers awaited tonight's opening tilt against the Portland University Pilots.

Payne, a transfer from San Francisco Junior college, was named to a starting forward berth by Coach Slat Gill. With him at the opening tip-off will be four veterans—Forward Glen Kinney, Center Len Rimserson and Bill Harper, Dick Hallentyne or Tommy Holman at the guards.

The starters move out on an east-road trip after tonight's clash.



Ursal "Ginger" Snapp comeback attempt

## Blaik, Little Defend Two-Platoon Football

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (AP)—After half a century of rules juggling, has college football reached a state of near perfection?

Earl (Red) Blaik, the Army coach, joins Columbia's Lou Little in saying that it has.

"We have the greatest football right now the country can possibly have," West Point's head tactician declared yesterday in leveling a blast at both of the two-platoon systems.

"We would be downright nuts to go back to thinking in terms of 1934 and 1935. Only the old guard is against the two-platoon."

Blaik's remarks came at luncheon meeting at which he was presented the Lambert trophy, honoring his unbeaten team as the outstanding college eleven in the East.

"The two-platoon game as we play it has much more speed than the old game, and it is safer," he declared. "We had only five timeouts due to injury all this season and only one man did not return to the game."

That would have been impossible in the days of "iron man" football, the Army mentor said. Yesterday's iron men wouldn't have stood a chance against today's constantly refreshed specialists, he added.

Blaik's remarks re-echoed some sentiments expressed by wily Lou Little during the recent furore over the unlimited substitution rule.

"I'll tell you frankly I think our football today is just about perfect," the Columbia coach said. "It is at its zenith as far as the spectator and player are concerned."

"I don't see how we could change it to make it much better."

Little is chairman of the rules committee of the Football Coaches association. He polls the coaches on ideas for changes and then with the committee makes recommendations to the rules making body.

The Columbia coach said it was natural that football should reach a point of stability as has baseball so that major changes year-in and year-out would be unnecessary.

"We have about reached that point now," he said. "Every change is designed to make the game a more attractive one to play and watch and a safer one for the competitors."

"We couldn't improve much on what we have now with our specialization, wide open play and mass substitutions."

Blaik, Little and other proponents of the unlimited substitution rule, which permits use of offensive and defensive units, declare the rule has made the game faster, more interesting and safer.

Opponents of the two-platoon system argue the unlimited substitution rule favors the rich schools and works extra hardship on those poor in material.

The preliminary game of the Owl-Red Raider game Friday night features the Oregon Tech Junior varsity against Weyerhaeuser's town team. The lumber five was one of the stickout teams in the city league last season.

The preliminary starts at 6:15 with the main event on the Tech court due for an 8:15 opening.

The Klamath Jayvees will play the preliminary skirmish to the Pels against the Redding Jayvees.

McCall will bring about 18 players south.

Secret O'Connell's crew will face a fast SOCE team, spearheaded by Baldy Foster, noted for football feats, and Bill O'Neal.

O'Connell's starting five will probably be intact from last year. Bob Montgomery, rubber-legged trickster, and Al Bellotti will open at the forward berths. Guards are Chuck Warren and Paul Heins. Center is Gene Hilficker.

Many of the Pels are having trouble unkninking football knots. A tentative starting five for Klamath which McCall said is subject to change, will show Ronnie Lowell and Jerry Overton at forwards; Bill Toole and Bob Yarnell at guards and Dick Doege at center.

Sox' Wives Can Tag Along

CHICAGO, Nov. 30 (AP)—As a reward for vacating the American league cellar last season, Chicago White Sox players will be permitted to take their wives to spring training in Pasadena, Calif., next March.

Wives were banned from the 1949 camp, but General Manager Frank Lane announced yesterday that the door is now open to them. However, they will not be allowed to accompany the team to the San Francisco area for a week of exhibition games, nor follow it on the homeward tour. Automobiles still will be barred.

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## '49ers Halt Strike Because "Obligation is to Grid Fans"

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1 (AP)—The San Francisco 49ers pro football squad called off a threatened strike today.

A team spokesman said the 32 players decided their obligation to fans who want to see them play the New York Yankees here Sunday was more important than their demand for a \$500 bonus per player for the game. Sunday's affair is a semi-final playoff in the All-America conference.

Earlier Team Captain Norman Standlee, 245 pound fullback and onetime Stanford great, and Halfback Len Eshmont, former Fordham flash, speaking as "elder spokesmen" said the men wouldn't show up for the game unless they were promised the bonus.

Tony Morabito, one of the club owners, said nothing doing. He told the 49ers to turn out for practice this morning or the season would be over, as far as they were concerned.

The squad of 32 went into a huddle last night. They came out of it at midnight with the announcement there would be no strike. Their spokesman handed out a statement saying:

"It is the unanimous decision of the team that our first and most important loyalty is to the fans who have supported us so loyally. We feel the same obligation to the coaching staff."

"The business principle which brought about the difference is secondary in the hearts of the team as compared to our obligation to our fans."

"We therefore have decided to enter next Sunday's contest with a most determined will to win. We still feel our principle involved in requesting remuneration for next Sunday's game was most fair and sound, since all of us were under the impression at the time we signed our 1949 contracts that compensation for this game would be forthcoming."

The 49ers won second place last Sunday in final All America conference standings by beating the Yankees 35-14 in a bruising game. The Yankees wound up third and the two teams are scheduled to open the playoff here.

Tony Morabito met the strike threat yesterday by saying if the team did not report for today's practice, the Sunday game would be forfeited to the Yankees and the squad disbanded.

Morabito said player contracts specifically called for appearances in all exhibition, training camp, conference and playoff games without additional compensation and that conference rules prohibit player bonuses for playoffs.

Cancellation of Sundays game would have meant refunding an estimated \$75,000 in advance ticket sales and the 49ers owners would have had to meet the Yankees' guarantee of \$15,000.

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## Punchers Trade Dynamite Friday In Armory Ring

Two great middleweights who carry lethal bombs in the brown leather gloves occupy the spotlight at the armory tomorrow (Friday) night in a scheduled ten-round brawl before an expected capacity mob.

The principals are Ursal "Ginger" Snapp, blonde bomber from Merrill, and Frankie Gimbel, black-thatched Spokane, Wash., blaster.

The end is expected to come suddenly, far short of the billed ten heats. It is generally felt that the fighter who gets there "fustiest with the mostest" will have his hand hoisted in victory.

Snapp was win to even matters while Gimbel will be throwing his best shots chinward to prove that his five-round knockout over Snapp last May was no fluke.

The odds, although strictly unofficial, favor the Spokane blaster to repeat the kayo win registered in a Tacoma fight that had the fans talking for months afterwards.

Gimbel will be favored not only because of his first victory, but also the fact that he has been active in the ring while Snapp's loss to Gimbel was the Merrill Mauler's last appearance in the ring. The Snapper has been on the inactive list for over six months.

However, arguments in favor of Snapp hinge on the fact that he needed the layoff to scrap a stale edge from too much battling. In the interim, Snapp has kept in good shape by sparring with any and all comers at Southern Oregon College in Ashland where he is now attending school.

Another factor in favor of Ginger, although not enough argument to make him the favorite tomorrow night, is the fact that he no longer has weight worries.

Snapp had considerable trouble making the middleweight limit in his last few fights prior to temporarily shoving the gloves. He'll not try to make the limit for this engagement.

As a consequence, Merrill's pride and joy will probably enter the ring

a few pounds heavier than Gimbel, who expects to hit the 160-pound mark.

The fight, a natural for Klamath basin where Snapp wants to show before his backers, will be the first in many months staged here by Promoter Mack Lillard who wrested the fistic plum from Tacoma impresarios.

One six-round semi-windup and three four-round preliminaries will set the stage for the headline Snapp-Gimbel feature.

Johnny Bruce, sensational Medford lightweight, just recently turned pro after copping several amateur honors, will scrap in the semi-windup with Puppy Jackson.

Bruce's latest conquest is a six-round decision over Idaho's Jack Smith in Portland Tuesday night.

Bob Eastman and Willie Jackson will mix in a four-round special. Two other bouts will complete the card.

The first preliminary goes on at 8:30 p.m. The armory doors open at 7:30.

Wally Moss will referee.

## Gordon "Thinks It Over"

CLEVELAND, Dec. 1 (AP)—The Cleveland Indians acted pretty confident today that Joe "Flash" Gordon will be back at second base for them in the spring.

General Manager Hank Greenberg says: "I'm convinced Gordon will be back."

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Frankie Gimbel seeks repeat

## Football Feed Ends Local Grid Season

Football season, locally, isn't over yet—not quite.

There's the annual Lions club football banquet honoring Pelican footballers scheduled for Tuesday, 6:30 p. m., in the Willard hotel.

Three awards will be made this year, one more than previously. Presentations will be made to the most "inspirational" player, to the outstanding lineman and the third, an added feature, to the boy who compiled the best gridiron notebook of the year.

Keeping a notebook was one of the requisites of the Pelican grid-ders this season.

An outstanding sports fiure has been landed for the main speaking spot. He is L. H. Gregory, sports editor of the Oregonian.

Gregory has been calling sports shots for the Oregonian for decades and is considered an authority on football.

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SEATTLE, Dec. 1 (AP)—Two Western International league graduates figure strongly in the rebuilding plans of the Seattle Pacific coast league Rainiers, according to Torchy Torrance, vice president of the Seattle club.

Torrance identified the pair as Len Tran, second baseman, and Dick Sinovic, an outfielder. Both were with Vancouver, B. C., last season.

The club executive said the two rookies will be given every chance to break into the starting lineup.

The banquet, a turkey feed, is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased at Hal's sport shop.

Radio Station KPJI will make a tape broadcast of the affair.

Chuck Bonney, Lions club school activities committee chairman, announced that the University of California will send an action film of a top flight grid game for the occasion.

Votes for the player awards are made by secret ballot by the players themselves.

Soph Changes Warren's Mind

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 1 (AP)—A sophomore hot-shot has changed Coach John Warren's plans to install a two-platoon system for the University of Oregon basketball team.

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## Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press

Today a Year Ago—The Columbia Broadcasting system and Music Corporation of America bought into the Tournament of Champions boxing organization.

Three Years Ago — Harry Todd, Dallas, Tex., won the \$10,000 Orlando, Fla., golf open with a score of 275.

Five Years Ago — Les Horvath, Ohio State, was voted the Heisman football trophy as the outstanding collegiate player of 1944.

Ten Years Ago — Pete Scalzo knocked out Allie Stolz in the fourth round at New York.

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