

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh Fullerton

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—Slate Gill, who brought his Oregon State basketball team here to tackle New York U. last night, figures that basketball fans have one weakness—they don't understand the defensive strategy of the game. "In basketball everyone knows the strategy of pulling the infield in for a sacrifice, or the Williams shift," Slate explains. "In basketball the basic defense is one man against one man, but it doesn't work out that way. Someone always is dropping off to double team a player, or you drop your defense back, and the fans don't know what it's all about... but they're learning. Basketball still is a very young game as compared to the others." Come to think of it, the same thing might be said of the fans in almost any game... Who really sees a 6-2-2-1 or a 7-diamond defense in football or would recognize a looping line if he saw one? Mostly it's get some points and the heck with the rest.

Jim Coleman, the Toronto sports scribe, recently typed this comment: "When a coach is losing, the only people who have any love for him are his family."... Dick Irvin, the Montreal Canadiens' coach, was reading that line when the postman brought him a note from his son in Regina. It said: "I just read Jimmy Coleman's column and don't be too sure of that part about only the coach's family loving him. Mother is quite pined at you since the club has been losing a few."

While nobody in the south was greatly surprised when Florida's Bear Wolf got the ax, word is that other southeastern conference football coaches will keep their jobs—unless they get better offers.... The U. of Miami is making a strong bid to join the SEC at this week's meeting, but the others are worried about the distances minor teams would have to travel... Cleveland's new owners would like to get Bob Dillinger, but not at the Browns' asking price of \$220,000 plus players... The Hockey Rangers figure they'll beat the baseball Yankees' 1949 injury record in a breeze. With a third of the season gone, they've listed 36.

The Williams called in newspapermen to tell them about that "fix" phone call, but he and Manager Blinky Palermo didn't think enough of it to report it to the Pennsylvania boxing commission.... Wonder if they remembered what happened to Rocky Graziano?

Stere Oracko, Notre Dame's extra-point specialist, booted only five during his high school career at Lansford, Pa.... Bill Mack of Michigan State is the only cross-country runner who ever was a member of four NCAA championship teams. He helped win for Drake in 1945-46 and Michigan State in 48-49... Midweight Champ Jake Lamotta, an earnest all-around athlete, recently has taken up golf and tennis... Ben Chapman, ex-Phillies manager, is shopping around for a coaching job.

GILMAN, WEISER SIGNED

A main event with sock appeal is signed, sealed and delivered for the armory's ring Friday night, December 16.

Promoter Mack Lillard announced early Wednesday that Buddy Gilman, Washington lightweight champion, had agreed to meet Rough Ralph Weiser, Beatty Indian socker.

Weiser's most recent appearances in the local ring resulted in kayo wins over Rudy Carlson and Bobby Russell, the latter an Oakland Negro.

Gilman's current claim to fame is a win over Joey Ortega, who holds the Oregon lightweight bauble and a kayo victory over well-known Monty Montgomery.

The pair will go 10 rounds—or less.

Georgie Price, who gained a dead-lock with the highly-rated Johnny Bruce of Medford last week, is linked for the six-round semi-windup. His opponent is yet to be chosen.

Bob Eastman, local lightweight, will appear in the special. His foe will be named within the next few days.

Three other bouts will complete the card, Lillard said.

Tickets go on sale at Matt Finnigan's sporting goods store Friday. The same prices will prevail.

AAU May Oust 'Furriners'

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 (AP)—The 61st annual convention of the amateur athletic union opened today with red-hot debate expected on whether to bar foreign athletes from AAU competition.

The 250 delegates also will consider opening amateur events to professionals of other sports.

The four-day meeting will be presided over by James A. Rhodes, mayor of Columbus, O., and president of the AAU.

The Iowa and Middle Atlantic association have advocated barring foreigners from AAU competition; Rhodes is against the ban.

The whole issue came to a head in Los Angeles this summer. Japanese swimmers walked off with the lion's share of the titles and records in National AAU swimming championships.

The convention will select sites for 1950 championship events.

Fresno—Rudy Vasquez, 133, Los Angeles, outpointed Jackie Blair, 129½, Dallas, 10.

Going to Rose Bowl? Optimist!

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 8 (AP)—It's tougher than ever today to get tickets to the Rose Bowl game January 2 in Pasadena, Calif.

Ohio State University Ticket Director Wade Kraner said yesterday he'll only get 10,700 tickets—800 fewer than he expected.

The Rose Bowl ticket committee in California told him it had over-estimated the number of tickets available for distributing here for the OSU-California game.

So, says Kraner, there will be none for the general public from his batch.



BRIGHT-EYED—Harry Lumley keeps his eyes on the puck as it flies off his stick after making a save on a shot by Leo Gravelle in the second period at the Detroit Olympia.

The Red Wings' goalie couldn't stop 'em all, however, and the Montreal Canadiens won, 6-2.

Coast Hockey

Los Angeles 4, Oakland 1, San Francisco 3, Fresno 2, Tacoma 5, New Westminster 5. (tie).

Mexican 5 Wins

MANILA, Dec. 8 (AP)—High ranking Mapua Tech's basketball team fell tonight before a crack Mexican quintet 66 to 39.

It was the Mexicans' fifth victory in six Philippines' starts.

Trophies Melt in Flames

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP)—Ted (Kid) Lewis, former world welterweight champion, bemoaned today the loss of some of his old time boxing trophies.

Lewis and his wife returned from a theatre to find firemen extinguishing a blaze in the apartment house where they live.

Lewis discovered the loss of photographs, trophies and other souvenirs of his ring career. He said the damage was small but "some of my cups were melted right down."

It Pays to Use the Want-Ads!

Joe Cools Valentino In 8th

CHICAGO, Dec. 8 (AP)—Joe Louis will continue boxing, but "strictly on an exhibition basis," he said last night after knocking out Pat Valentino, of San Francisco, in the eighth round at Chicago stadium.

The retired heavyweight champion, reclining in his dressing room with an ice bag over his slightly-bruised left eye, held court for newsmen after the finish of his scheduled 10-round exhibition with Valentino.

"I'm fighting an exhibition with Lee Oma in Detroit next Wednesday night and another with Al Goodman in Oakland, Calif., on December 19. After the first of the year I'm planning an exhibition tour in South America. I've never boxed there."

Valentino, outweighed 39 pounds, was no match for the Brown Bomber. Even at the age of 35 Louis convinced a small crowd of 5726 that he is the tops among the current crop of battlers.

The gate amounted to \$28,933 including taxes. Valentino received a flat \$6000 guarantee with Louis taking 35 per cent of the net.

After 2:56 of the eighth round Louis rocked the Californian with two hard rights and then flattened Valentino for the full count with a left hook to the chin and a chopping right to the jaw.

After the exhibition Louis said: "Valentino is a rough and game fighter but he doesn't have too much of a punch."

Valentino, in his dressing room, told newsmen: "Louis is a much better fighter than Charles."

Ezzard Charles, the NBA heavyweight champion, knocked out Valentino in the eighth round of their match in San Francisco last October 14.

Suds Buy Two Players

SEATTLE, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Seattle Rainiers had two new players today, but the Pacific Coast league baseball club also had three less old ones.

General Manager Earl Sheeley, reporting from the minor league meeting in Baltimore, said straight cash transactions had sent southpaw Herman Besse to Los Angeles, Outfielder Neil Sheridan to San Francisco and Outfielder Tom Neill to Nashville of the Southern association.

On the incoming side of the ledger were Pitcher James Wilton, 28, purchased from Buffalo of the International League, and Catcher Dewey Williams, drafted from Tulsa of the Texas league.

The amount of cash involved was not disclosed.

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Sanders Will Stay at UCLA

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8 (AP)—UCLA has won a cross-country tug-of-war with the University of Florida for the football coaching talents of Henry (Red) Sanders.

University of California at Los Angeles officials announced last night that the humorous, likeable coach has decided to remain at the Bruin institution and implied that he has received a new contract.

The announcement, following a meeting of the school's board of control, ended a week of speculation stemming from reports that Sanders had received a juicy offer to move to Florida.

The UCLA statement quoted no figures. But persons close to the situation said the pact would run for 10 years and the stipend would be \$15,000 per year, plus a substantial expense account.

Sanders himself was not available for comment.

But Eli Fink of Florida's state board of control was. He said at Jacksonville that Sanders' decision was no surprise.

"It is true we had made Sanders an offer," said Fink. "But his attitude long ago had led us to believe that he was merely using our offer to better his position at UCLA."

"He told us the other day that he had been promised a 10-year contract at \$15,000 a year plus a healthy

expense account. This is better than the deal we had proposed and which he accepted, apparently in good faith."

Sanders said earlier this week that he had discussed the matter with a member of the Florida board of control but had received no official offer.

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WOLFE, BALL DRAW

EUGENE, Dec. 8 (AP)—Dick Wolfe, 131, Klamath Falls, and Davey Ball, 137, Bakersfield, Calif., fought to a 10-round draw here last night in the main event of a boxing card.

Mel Eagleman, 132, Chemawa, won over Larry Reagan, 130, Hermiston, by a technical knockout. Reagan failed to answer the bell for their final sixth round.

Two knockouts figured in the preliminaries. Whitley Kirsch, 160, Eugene, put Harry Hughes, 160, Eugene, on the canvas for the count in 1:13 minutes of the fourth round. Bobby Henry, 130, Dexter, knocked out Tony Dacci, 132, just before the bell sounded for the end of the second round.

Bobcats Keep Winning Ways

UNION, Dec. 8 (AP)—The class B school that holds high school crowns in football, basketball and track seems primed for another good season.

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Three Years Ago—The New York Giants won the eastern division title in the National Football league.

Five Years Ago—Two army plebes, Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard were named to the Associated Press All-America backfield.

Ten Years Ago—Ray Flaherty signed a five-year contract to coach the Washington Redskins.

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