

HEARD

by Red Hurd

The Case Of Double Identity

Wally Meyers, the wire editor, and I were perplexed Thursday morning when a report came over the wire concerning a basketball game between Oregon College of Education and Clark Junior college.

The AP report gave the name of the Clark coach as Skeet O'Connell.

What's this? has O'Connell's Skeet switched affections?

Quick-like, Wally sent a query to Associated Press in Portland, asking them to unscramble the mystery.

The answer came back speedily, to wit: "Believe Skeet goes with O'Connell like Buck with Weaver or ham with eggs. Proper name is Claude."

Well, that's straightened out. Except, what is Skeet's proper name? "Skeet" is all I've ever known.

Guinea Pigs

Sports is always a field for experimentation and the mentioned story brings out another.

Seems that OCE and Clark are trying a new twist in basketball. Halftime will be called when one side has 30 points and the game will be over when one team reaches 60 points.

Seems to me that in many instances this would make for some maddening games.

Coaches Bob Knox of OCE and O'Connell of Clark explain "We want to see what happens when the players maneuver their plays without a time limit."

Colossal Brush

Every year Associated Press conducts a poll of sportswriters, sportscasters, coaches and others in the sports field to determine the Number One flop of the year, the most surprising football team, the outstanding sports oddity and other features of the pinkish sport.

Our vote for the top brush-off of the year is, without a doubt, the colossal snub being given College of Pacific.

Seems that Baylor was all set for a game with the Tigers in the Lodi stadium in a brand new bowl, the Press Bowl.

But Baylor replies curtly, "We're not interested."

The reason, apparently, is a financial one. The Lodi grid arena doesn't hold enough patrons, they argue, thus not enough mazzola would be forthcoming.

The Pacifics will remain a gridiron mystery. They're good — 10 straight wins and 500 points prove that — but how good?

Unless they meet a major football team, we'll never know.

The Tigers squeezed by SFU, 7-6, in the season's opener but from there on piled up adding machine scores.

My guess would be, despite the glowing reports of "Now-You-See-Now-You-Don't" Eddie LeBaron, the Pacifics would bite off too much with Baylor—that would be a lot of Bear meat to masticate.

"Thirty"

This column will mark "30" for a couple of weeks. A two week's vacation will take me into Southern California.

The best part of the trip will be coming home.

Until shortly after Christmas, this to Paul McCall and Skeet O'Connell: May all your games be winning ones.

Hasta la vista.

Track Team May Go to Finland

CHICAGO, Dec. 9 (AP)—A track and field team selected by the Western conference may go to Finland next August for a series of dual track meets.

The proposal to send a 16-man Big Ten unit was made to the Big Ten athletic directors yesterday through the Finnish Federation of Athletics of Helsinki.

Lillard Seeks Rematch of Bruce, Price

Armory Main Event
Dec. 16 Will Pair Gilman, Weiser

Efforts are being made by Promoter Mack Lillard to stage a rematch of the Johnny Bruce-George Price go as a semiwindup to the main event next Friday night at the armory.

Price, who scored a surprising draw over the ballyhooed Bruce on the last armory card, is already on the dotted line. Bruce may be landed "within the next few days," Lillard said.

The main event will show Beatty's Ralph Weiser, a crowd-pleasing fighter, against Buddy Gilman, Washington lightweight champion.

The semi is billed for six rounds while the main event will go ten rounds, or less.

EASTMAN WILL FIGHT

Bob Eastman, Klamath Falls lightweight with dynamite in his left hand, will appear in the special event against a foe yet to be named.

Eastman scored a three-frame TKO over Willie Jackson of Whiskey Creek, Ore., in his last outing December 2.

Three other fights will complete the six-bout card.

FAVORED

Early unofficial odds will probably establish Gilman as favorite over Weiser. But the Beatty Indian is a club fighter, a crowd-pleaser who can end the fight with a dynamite blast.

Weiser faced Bobby Russell of Oakland, Calif., in his last armory appearance, May 3 of this year.

Recent wins also include a kayo over Rudy Carlson in a waterfront brawl.

ICED MONTY

Gilman holds a recent knockout victory over Monty Montgomery and also dethroned Joey Ortega, Oregon lightweight king.

Tickets went on sale today at Matt Finnigan's sporting goods store.

Popular prices will prevail.

LaMotta Pick Over Villemain

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—Middleweight Champion Jake LaMotta is the betting favorite to win and the fans' choice to lose in his non-title ten round bout with France's Robert Villemain tonight.

The two clash for the second time in Madison Square Garden and the stout-hearted little swinger from Paris will have most of the anticipated 12,000 customers rooting for him.

Anvil-chinned Jake never has been any too popular in his hometown and the rank decision he received over Villemain last March 25 didn't boost his fan mail.

The busy little Parisian swarmed all over the Bronx Bull and won handily in the opinion of 19 of 20 boxing writers at the ringside. But two of the officials—Referee Harry Ebbetts and Judge Harold Barnes—saw things differently and voted for LaMotta. Judge Charley Shortell had stocky Robert in front.

Villemain will be an underdog at about 12 to 5. He has to weigh at least 161 pounds so Jake's 160-pound diadem won't be at stake and he may be too slow at the weight. LaMotta has to come within 166 pounds by contract terms.

Little Rose Bowl Goes on Saturday

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 9 (AP)—The fourth annual Little Rose Bowl football game unfolds in Pasadena's famed sunken battle pit tomorrow, with Little Rock Junior college favored to trim Santa Ana Junior college before 50,000 or more patrons.

Rival stars appear to be Little Rock's Harold (Tiger) Waggoner, described as the nation's top scorer with 28 touchdowns and 168 points, a 180-pound speedster who averaged 16 yards per carry; and Santa Ana's Al (Hoagy) Carmichael, whom Coach calls "the darndest guy to break up a ball game I've had in 23 years of coaching at Santa Ana."

Both lines average around 202, the backs around 180.

PREP Basketball

Salem 36, La Grande 27.
Klamath Falls 45, Tigard 33.
Scappoose 41, Tillamook 36.



CLEAN-UP MAN—Outfielder Roy Sievers, who walked away with rookie-of-the-year honors in the American league, cleans up around the house for his pretty wife Joan. The St. Louis sandlot product batted .306, knocked out 28 doubles and 16 home runs for seventh place Browns.

Exhibitions? Louis "Throwing Bombs," Snorts Sullivan

DETROIT, Dec. 9 (AP)—Joe Louis, a terror of the prize ring for 14 years, is finding his retirement a problem.

The former heavyweight champion's exhibition tour evidently has gotten away from him.

He says—emphatically—he's not interested in a comeback, but the "big money" proposals again are being waved at him.

The management of Lee Oma, who withdrew from a scheduled exhibition go with the Brown Bomber here next Wednesday, offers \$35,000 for a "real fight."

And Jake Mintz, co-manager of NBA Champion Ezzard Charles, wants a match next summer between his man and Louis. He sees a "million dollar gate."

It's all somewhat confused.

Louis says: "I'm enjoying my retirement. I definitely have no plans for a comeback."

But Tex Sullivan, OMA's manager, observes: "That guy is in there throwing bombs. They're not exhibitions. They're real wars. Take it from me, he's already come back."

This stems from Wednesday night in Chicago when Louis knocked out Pat Valentino in the eighth round of their exhibition match. Valentino lasted just eight rounds against NBA Champion Charles.

Sullivan, after one look at a newspaper picture of Valentino's face, wired Matchmaker Nick London in Detroit that OMA was "pulling out."

He suggested instead a "real fight" in Buffalo, N. Y.

At this the Michigan boxing commission threatened to suspend Oma and ask his suspension in other states.

Louis talked it over here last night. He expressed surprise that Oma had withdrawn since Lee "knows how to take care of himself."

Then he denied any intentions of a comeback. His exhibitions, he said, are "simply because of my interest in boxing."

He described his financial condition as "good." A \$57,000 tax lien was filed against him recently by the federal government, he disclosed.

"Just a legal thing," he said, adding he expects it to be settled.

Joe has earned \$3,600,000 in the ring.

OSAA Rules Against Grant's Shrine Trip

PORTLAND, Dec. 9 (AP)—The Oregon School Activities association will not allow the Grant high school football team to take in the East-West Shrine game at San Francisco as a reward for winning the state championship.

The Grant Dad's club dropped a proposal to send the team to the game when informed by Tom Pigott, secretary of the OSAA, that the trip would violate state rules.

The OSAA rules prohibit athletes from being rewarded with medals, trophies or donations from any source outside the OSAA, Pigott said.

Grant recently won the state title, defeating La Grande in the finals, 24-0.

The Dad's club had obtained 35 tickets to the December 31 Shrine game for the players. The trip was called off, however, after Pigott said the players "could lose their eligibility."

Boxing Decision Changed to Draw

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 9 (AP)—Decision in a boxing match staged here three weeks ago between a Los Angeles, Calif., fighter and one from Portland, Ore., was changed to a draw here today.

The Phoenix athletic commission withdrew the former victory awarded to Middleweight Bobby Volk of Portland, over Nap Howard.

Volk had previously won on a split decision. Howard's manager, Ben Marcus, appealed to the commission, contending his boxer lost because officials misunderstood scoring rules.

20-30 TOURNNEY OPENS Pels Trip Tigard, 45 to 33; Salem Drubs La Grande

Klamath Falls and Salem jumped out ahead in first night's play of the 20-30 club's invitational hoop jamboree last night at Pelican court. The Pelicans rapped Tigard 45-33 after the Vikings had slammed La Grande 36-27 in the opener.

Tonight's matches put Salem against Tigard at 7 o'clock and the Pels against La Grande about an hour and 15 minutes later. The tourney, fourth of the annual series, winds up Saturday night.

La Grande got the jump on the Vikings in their game and led 15-11 after the rather slow first half. The Tigers got their margin by picking up seven of ten free throws coming their way.

But the more advantageous size of the Willamette valley team began to have its effect in the third period, during which Salem rammed in 15 points while the Tigers were getting only three.

Salem led 28-19 at the three-quarter mark and the final period was played almost point-for-point to the final 36-27 tally.

Jim Rock and Doug Rogers lent the height and drive to the Viking attack and Rogers was high point man with 12. Captain Daryl Girod followed with 7. Burt Green tallied 7 for La Grande and Bob Gilbert had 5, all on free throws.

The Pelicans staged a daring drive to slip ahead of the smaller Tigers in last night's second game, but did it way back in the first quarter. Tigard hopped off to a 10-3 lead midway of the first period only to have Dick Doege, Bill Toole and Jerry Overton take over and run the score to a 14-10 Pelican bulge at the end of the quarter.

The spree continued into the second period, the Pels pouring in 22 points while Tigard stood still. Halftime score was 28-16.

But the third period was a lot different. The Tigers—Toby Lewis and Dick Stevens—leading—broke through for five straight baskets and narrowed the count to 32-30 before the Pels took over again. A bucket and a foul shot by Lou Holzgang stopped the rally and Tigard didn't threaten again.

The Pelicans substituted freely in the second half and showed first and second string combinations that have prospects of coming up to the 1947 two-platoon team that reached the state championship finals.

Wayne Scott and Skeets O'Connell officiated the first game, Lyle Kellstrom and Ernie Bishop the second.

Lineups and scoring:

Salem	Pos.	La Grande
Davis, 2	F	3, West
Rock, 5	F	3, Ball
Rogers, 12	G	2, Brackett
Girod, 7	G	2, Zimmerman
McKenzie, 3	G	2, Haun
Salem reserves		Chamberlain,

Garver, Paulus 2, Deen, Walling 8. La Grande reserves—Gilbert 8, Carroll 2, Patton 2, Green 7, Berry.

Klamath	Pos.	Tigard
Schubert, 9	F	10, Lewis
Overton, 6	F	4, Zwingli
Doege, 8	G	6, Fowler
Petoldt, 2	G	8, Sterns
Toole, 6	G	4, Peterson

Klamath reserves—Van Lue 2, Meier 2, Yarnell 3, Zarosinski 4, Holzgang 2, Carr, Carlson, Olson. Tigard reserves—Stephenson, Nelson, Bowers, Cagle, Akers.

College Basketball

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Oregon State 49, Wisconsin 36.
Pacific Lutheran 68, Linfield 38.
Pasadena 64, Southern Oregon 63.
San Francisco 70, Nevada 51.
Utah 57, Colorado State 46.
Denver 60, Utah State State 39.
Brigham Young 53, Regis 37.
Wyoming 49, Colorado A and M 42.
Phillips Oilers 50, Idaho 39.
CCNY 67, Southern Methodist 53.
Kansas State 58, Long Island 51.
Harvard 86, Boston U. 60.
Sienna 60, Champlain 23.
Western Ky. 78, Bowling Green (O.) 57.
McCrory Eagles 60, Duke 54.
N. C. State 74, George Washington 52.
Alabama 56, Mississippi 38.
Virginia 60, Roanoke 45.
Notre Dame 57, Creighton 50.
Bradley 56, Iowa State 48.
Illinois 67, Toledo 51.
Oklahoma City 49, Emporia (Kas.) 47, (two overtimes).
Tulsa 40, Southwestern (Kas.) 26.
Texas Christian 65, Abilene Christian 57.
Baylor 58, Texas Tech 37.
Texas Wesleyan 59, Mardin 53.
Southeastern Oklahoma 53, St. Mary's (Tex.) 41.

Blake Will Work Rose Bowl Game

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 9 (AP)—A Big Ten official, Referee William A. Blake of Chicago, Ill., heads the Rose Bowl whistle tooters January 2.

Others selected by the Pacific Coast conference and the Big Ten to work the California-Ohio State game are Alan F. Williams (Cornell) of Pasadena, umpire; E. C. (Ted) Curtiss (University of Chicago), Chicago, head linesman, and Louis G. Conlan (St. Mary's), San Francisco, field judge.

Referee Blake is a Loras college, Dubuque, Ia., grad. James Cain of the coast conference refereed last New Year's Day.

Shoot, It's Hunting

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP)—You go hunting for deer or elk. But when it's duck or pheasant you're after, you're going shooting, not hunting. So says Mrs. J. C. Clevenger, whose husband, dean of students at Colorado A & M college, is an authority on guns and hunting.

"A person hunts big game, but shoots small game," said Mrs. Clevenger.

Old Rivals

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)—Purdue is the oldest rival on the current Notre Dame football schedule, with Michigan State second by only a year. The Irish began playing Purdue in 1896 while the Spartans came on the Notre Dame slate one year later.

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Good Duck Season

VALLEJO, Calif. (AP)—Ed Case's son skipped school a day to go duck hunting with Ed. They took a couple of dressed ducks over to the boy's teacher and on the way back something hit the car.

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