

SPORTS  
ROUNDUP

By Hugh Fullerton, JR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—Did you know there's even going to be a "Soccer Bowl" game New Year's Day? . . . It will be Penn State, representing the East, and San Francisco from the West meeting in St. Louis. . . . And just to show the difference between this kind of football and the more popular "throwball," Billy Jeffrey, Penn State coach, plans to take only 14 players to St. Louis. . . . "Why take a big squad?" Bill asks. "Only eleven men can play—and barring an injury, there'll be no substitutions." . . . Further report on the proposal to shift the Poughkeepsie regatta is "there's nothing wrong at Poughkeepsie that an observation train can't overcome." . . . For the absent-minded championship of 1949 who nominated the guy in Louisiana who counterfeited a batch of Sugar Bowl tickets but left out two sections in the bowl diagram on his pasteboards.

Clair Bee, Long Island U. basketball coach: "I keep trying to persuade Herb Scherer (this tallest player) to try more shots, but he won't do it. I think he must be saving them for the pros."

Freddie Hutchinson, who hails from Seattle, and Hoot Evers of Collinsville, Ill., have taken up winter residence at Bradenton, Fla., where they'll have to drive only 70 miles to start spring training with the Detroit Tigers. . . . Coach Buck Starbeck's Iowa State teachers think they have a record of some sort in winning or sharing the North Central conference football championship title seven years in a row (war years don't count). . . . Southern football followers are getting a quiet chuckle about Wyoming emissaries combing the canyons in Tennessee for talent. . . . That's Wyoming Coach Bowden Wyatt's home state, you know. . . . Yankee Scout Tom Greenwald recalls that when he was working for the Dodgers he signed Bob Morgan for \$500 under protest. He wasn't interested in the lad who became the International league's most valuable player but his "good" prospects, Cal McElish and Al Jarvis, insisted on a package deal.

The Cotton Bowl folks are accepting mail orders for programs from radio and television fans. . . . Pro golfers figure the recent realignment of prize lists for open tournaments, adding as many as 15 winning places in \$15,000 events, will encourage more young players to hit the tournament trail. . . . Happiest guy after the recent minor league draft was Keith Williams of the Vicksburg, Miss., club. . . . When Rochester drafted Pitcher Joe Montalvo for \$4000, Keith exclaimed: "I just bought the fellow yesterday for \$100." . . . Norm Shepard, Harvard basketball coach, handled the Chinese entry in the Far Eastern Olympics a few years ago. Likely he'll find things tougher down East than in the Far East.

## Stingy Rebs

UNIVERSITY, Miss. (AP)—Ole Miss' football teams are stingy defensively. Among the Southeastern Conference all-time records are averages of 3.5 yards for opponent's punt returns, set in 1939, and 12.7 yards of kickoff returns, posted last season. The Rebs claim both marks. The punt return average stands as a national college record.



HUBBY HOVERS NEAR—French actress Jacqueline Pierreux, above, has such a provocative role in a Paris stage play that her husband has become a "Stage-door Johnnie." He keeps the wolves from the stage door by waiting there every night and taking Jacqueline right, straight home. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Rene Henry.)

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## PRO FOOTBALL LOOPS END COSTLY WAR

## Thirteen Outfits Survive

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—With the four-year professional football war over—a conflict that took its toll in dollars and teams—the 13 surviving organizations today looked to solving the problems of a new league.

The combination of the venerable National football league and the upstart All-America conference came with startling suddenness in Philadelphia yesterday, after a 48-hour conference.

The two loops merged into the National-American football league. Here is how the new setup will look:

Philadelphia  
Cleveland (combined with Buffalo)

Los Angeles (Los Angeles Dons and Los Angeles Rams combined)

New York Giants

New York Bulldogs (six New York Yankee players go to the Giants, remainder to the Bulldogs)

Baltimore

San Francisco

Pittsburgh

Chicago Bears

Chicago Cardinals

Chicago Hornets (eliminated)

Green Bay

Detroit

Washington

The merger is more or less a victory for the NFL, which for several years has refused flatly to recognize the younger circuit. All members of the NFL are in the new league. Only three teams of the AAC—San Francisco, Cleveland and Baltimore—survived.

**TWO DIVISIONS**

The 13 teams will be formed into American and National divisions, and by next year football will have what it lacked for the past four seasons—a real world's champion. The winners of the two divisions will meet for the title.

Bell, the NFL commissioner, takes over that job in the new circuit with the AAC's chief executive, O. G. Kessing, bowing out of the picture. Emil R. Fischer of the Green Bay Packers becomes president of the National division and Daniel Sherby of the Cleveland Browns head of the American division.

The immediate problems dealt with these questions: What should be done with the players on the three teams liquidated by the move? What about the college players already chosen in the draft for next season?

No sooner was the announcement made that there would be 13 teams, than rumors began circulating that Houston, Tex., would obtain a franchise before long.

**SURPLUS PLAYERS**

As for the surplus players, both college and pro, they all will be thrown into a giant pool. This will include the collegians already drafted by the two loops.

Draft meetings of the two leagues have been called off. The new circuit will hold a draft session probably in January, to pluck the surplus players from a giant pool.

Bert Bell, signed to a 10-year contract as majordomo of the NFL, said that it would require approval of 11 of the 13 teams to have a player transferred to a new club. This could lead to fireworks among the owners.

It cost Ted Collins, owner of the Bulldogs, who bought out the Yankees, \$1,000,000, by his own admission. He had a losing team this year, and attendance sometimes dipped below 5000.

**Big Picture**

BALTIMORE (AP)—Al Sidork, 250-pound Baltimore Colts' lineman, is married to a portrait painter. His bride recently executed a fine head-and-shoulders picture of her hefty husband with the remark, "I wanted to do a full-length picture, but didn't have enough canvas."

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## Chief Casualty of Merger Will Be Prices to Players

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—The price of passing T-quarterbacks and sure-fingered ends took a sharp dip today on the professional football market.

Fat bonus clauses and \$100,000 long-term contracts were the chief casualty of the surprise merger of the two big pro circuits—the National Football league and All-America conference.

While the two leagues were engaged in their multimillion-dollar "red ink" war, glittering college athletes were able to name their own price—and often get it.

The NFL's Chicago Cardinals and AAC's New York Yankees wrangled a few years ago over Georgia's Charlie Trippi, with the Cards getting him for a reported \$100,000 for four years.

The NFL's Chicago Bears nailed Johnny Lujack of Notre Dame for \$18,000 a year and the New York Giants landed Chuckie Charlie Conery of Mississippi after the Mississippians turned down, according to Branch Rickey, a \$100,000 offer from the Brooklyn Football Dodgers.

This is the type of high finance that gifted young men enjoyed in the four years of the pro feuding and that they may never enjoy again.

Leon Hart, the Giant Notre Dame end who was rated the outstanding college player of the past season, indicated this week that he would demand plenty of that folding stuff—say, \$25,000 as a starter—to line up with the mercenaries.

Under the new setup, he may be lucky to get \$10,000 a year.

The NFL's Detroit Lions and AAC's Baltimore Colts had the Irish All-America star in their respective drafts, which now have been cancelled by the mauling of the two leagues into one happy family of 13.

Hart's name—along with that of other drafted collegians and surplus pro talent—goes into one big pool from which members will pluck again in January.

**City Cage Huddle**

A meeting of extreme importance to the city basketball league will be held in the city hall council chambers Tuesday night at 7:30, League President Sam Neslin announced today.

All sponsors and managers of basketball teams entered in the city league are asked to be present.

**Tulelake Loses League Opener**

TULELAKE — In opening conference play of the Siskiyou county class "B" basketball league last night, Yreka downed Tulelake on the Honkers home court, 35-19.

Leading all the way, Yreka built up a 17-10 halftime edge after a slow first quarter of play.

Scoring honors were tied with L. Foster of Yreka and Olen Lesh of the Honkers each tallying eight points.

In a preliminary fray Yreka frosh downed the Tulelake club 44-11.

**Grand Rapids**—Joey Maxim, 193, Cleveland, outpointed Bill Peterson, 212, Portland, Ore., 10.



**DIDN'T SEE THE SHAH**—Two great American athletes got something of a royal snub this week when they cooled their heels in a Los Angeles hotel lobby, waiting to see the Shah of Iran. Bob Mathias (left) and Lt. Glen Davis had been asked by a wealthy Pennsylvania sports fan to present a large sports scroll to the shah, but the Iranian ruler's aides said he was busy swimming and had no appointment with Mathias and Davis. They left. (AP wirephoto.)

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## AAU Glances Over Track Marks Submitted for Inclusion in Book

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10 (AP)—Some 39 national track and field records are up for approval today at the 61st annual convention of the Amateur Athletic union of the United States.

The delegates also will decide between three candidates for the AAU presidency.

The long list of track and field performances submitted for recognition embraced men's American outdoor and indoor marks; senior men's indoor and outdoor records; junior men's outdoor and practically the same category in the women's division.

One record, the 800 meter relay time of 1:24 set last May 20 by the University of Southern California team, was recommended for acceptance yesterday by the track and field committee. Such a recommendation is tantamount to acceptance, with formal approval to come from the national records board of the AAU.

Action on the application for a new record of 20.2 seconds for both

the 200-meter and 220-yard dashes in behalf of Mel Patton of USC, was held up yesterday to permit further check on the wind velocity which prevailed at the time it was made last spring. Application for a 200-meter record of 20.2 seconds in the same race. The AAU does not recognize alternate times for intermediate distances in events which are less than one-eighth of a mile.

Sharp arguments took place last night and today in various caucuses as the 256 delegates tried to agree upon a candidate to succeed Mayor James A. Rhodes of Columbus, Ohio, retiring president. The term is for two years.

Reports first had Al Whittle of Baltimore leading in the verbal battles for delegation votes. Judge Harry McDewitt of Philadelphia also had strong support. John A. (Tam) Sheehan of LaMotta, first vice president of the AAU, was highly favored in some quarters.

## Bob Villemain Wins Nod Over LaMotta

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—Rapid Robert Villemain officially has evened his score with Jake LaMotta. Now the scrappy little Frenchman wants the middleweight championship to put his title on the line. He may get his wish.

Robert, a 5-foot, 6½-inch bundle of perpetual motion, poured it on the slowed-up Bronx Bull last night to win a unanimous 10-round decision in Madison Square Garden. It was a big win for Villemain, a 3 to 1 underdog in the betting.

That squared accounts for the 26-year-old Parisian who licked Jake in the garden last March but lost the decision. The verdict, one of the rankest in years, resulted in the suspension of the two officials who voted for LaMotta.

"I want LaMotta to fight me for the championship now," said the smiling Villemain after his victory. "I won the last time, too, but this time I get the decision. I am very happy to win. I will bring back the championship for my country and Marcel Cerdan."

If Eddie Egan, chairman of the New York state athletic commission, has his way, Villemain will get the next shot at LaMotta.

Before the fight, Egan, a fluent speaker of French, told the gladiators: "This isn't a championship fight. Whether there will be a return bout for the title depends on the outcome of this fight."

And there's no doubt that Egan feels that a Frenchman should get the first chance because of Cerdan. It was from Cerdan that LaMotta won the crown in Detroit last June. Cerdan was to have met the stocky New Yorker for the title December 2 but went to a tragic death in a plane crash while en route to this country in October.

His June fight was the last one LaMotta had before yesterday. Jake showed the lack of work. He was rusty with his swings, slow and tired quickly.

**Young Line**

BOSTON (AP)—The youngest forward line operating in the National hockey league is composed of Ed Sandford, Dave Creighton and Zelig Topazinski, who are known as the Boston Bruins' "high line." The nickname comes from the height of the players, six feet, one inch for Sandford, and six feet even for Creighton and Topazinski.

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