

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh Fullerton

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—If you have ever wondered why hockey never fulfilled its promise of becoming a real big-league sport, Frank Boucher reluctantly admits it is because there aren't enough good players to go around. . . that's not exactly the way Frank puts it, but he can pick out three to five players on each national league team he terms outstanding stars ("and no quotes, please; the other teams might get mad at me"). . . and each team is carrying four or five players just good enough to hang on, who would be replaced if better players could be found. . . If the league tried to expand, it would mean each team would have to carry more of these ineffective. . . "I've been out west looking at amateurs, and the boys who are playing junior hockey look like juveniles," Boucher adds. "Even with 28 clubs to draw from, the minor league prospects aren't any better than the ones we have." . . Frank blames the war for retarding the development of talent, but we're not so sure. . . even in the old days there was just about enough material to give each club two good forward lines and four good defense men. But that was all they needed then.

Danny Zawadzki, who came from Germany to Watertown, S. D., as a displaced person, reported to high school coach Cletus Clinker for basketball practice. . . being a soccer player, he sometimes kicked the ball instead of dribbling it, but he tried hard and Clinker was sorry to put his name on the list of candidates to be dropped. . . but Danny couldn't read enough English to know what the list meant and Clinker couldn't speak enough German to tell him. . . he continued to report and when the first game came, Danny was given a uniform. . . now Clinker says he could make a basketball player out of the kid if he only could talk to him.

Adolph Rupp, Kentucky basketball coach, is telling folks his NCAA championship team grossed \$182,000 for the university last season. . . not a gross exaggeration, either. . . local baseball fans are having a big time trying to guess the names to all those trades the Giants have discussed. . . Columbia's basketball team will visit Denver, Seattle and Eugene, Ore., on its Christmas trip. First time the Lions have visited the West coast since their 1934 Rose Bowl tour. . . headline: "Harvard going to drop big time football" . . . going to?

When Oklahoma's footballers whipped Missouri, 27-7, the Mexico, Mo., quarterback club attended. . . a few days later Sooner Coach Bud Wilkinson received this letter from the club president. . . "Dear Mr. Wilkinson: We understand you have been offered the coaching job at the University of Minnesota. After careful consideration our club has endorsed this movement 100 per cent."

Mat Card Outlined

For the feature attraction of tomorrow night's armory wrestling card, Promoter Mack Lillard has lined up a tag team set involving four arch rivals, Buck Davidson and George Dusette against The Great Atlas and Jack Lipscomb. . . It won't be the first time this quartet had occupied the mayhem square together; last time, Atlas and Lipscomb won the mauling match from the Davidson-Dusette combine.

The fracas is billed as a two out of three, no time limit affair. . . The preliminary opener at 8:30 pits young George Strickland, the Ohio Adonis, against veteran Billy McEvin of Texas. . . This one is to be a two out of three with a one-hour limit.

Coalton Nears Annual Honors

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13 (AP)—Coalton, beaten by Capot twice on the race track, is running head-and-head with his rival in the mythical race for "Horse of the Year" honors. The 4-year-old Calumet colt pulled even yesterday by winning the 14th annual poll conducted by the Turf and Sport Digest. Capot, the famed Greenree stable 3-year-old, was accorded the honor by the Daily Racing Form in an earlier poll. . . In the Digest balloting Coalton received 102 of the 203 votes cast by newspaper, radio and television reporters. Capot drew 71 votes.

SAMMY BAUGH SNARES PRO PASSING HONORS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13 (AP)—By the narrow margin of two points, Sammy Baugh of the Washington Redskins won the National Football League passing title for the sixth time in his 13 years as a professional. . . Under the inverse grading system in which the number of completions, per cent of completions touchdown passes, yards gained and per cent of interceptions are all taken into account, Baugh finished with 16 points according to the league's final statistics released today. . . Second place with 18 points went to the Chicago Bears' Johnny Lutzack. Tommy Thompson of the Philadelphia Eagles, last year's winner, was third with 23 points. . . Baugh attempted 255 passes, completed 146 for a gain of 1903 yards and 18 touchdowns. He had a per cent of completions of 56.8 and had only 8.5 per cent intercepted.

Prelim Looms as Fight Co-Feature

That Weiser-Gilman go at the armory Friday night is going to have a co-feature—a tussle with too much promise to be billed as a mere preliminary event. . . This second feature, announced last this morning by Matchmaker Mack Lillard is a rematch of lightweights Johnny Bruce, Medford, and George Price, Merrill, who are signed to square off in a six-round semi-final. . . These two highly pugnacious young battlers fought to a draw in the semi to the Ginger Snapp-Frank Gimble attraction here December 2.

Coaches Favor Platoon

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—College football's much maligned two-platoon system received support from new quarters today. . . A newspaper nationwide survey showed more college football coaches for it than against it, with the main boom coming—surprisingly enough—from mentors of smaller institutions. . . Coach Lou Little of Columbia, chairman of the football rules committee, issued a strong statement in favor of the free substitution rule. . . Pacific coast football coaches last night voted 7 to 6 in favor of keeping the rule that permits 11-man units to be thrown into a game at a time. . . The New York Herald Tribune said it sent questionnaires to more than 300 coaches of big and small colleges throughout the country, asking: "Do you believe in the two-platoon system and has it helped or hurt football?" . . . The paper said 48 per cent of the coaches replied that they thought the two platoon system had helped the sport and only 31 said it hurt the game. . . Another 7.5 per cent answered that the rule helped the big schools and worked a hardship on the small. The remaining 13.5 per cent was on the fence. . . The paper said the survey showed the small college coaches liked the system better than did the big-time tutors. Fifty per cent of the small college coaches who answered thought the two platoon played helped football. The bigger college coaches polled only 40 per cent in support of it with 38 against and the others doubtful.

Snead Has High Hand

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 13 (AP)—Slammin' Sammy Snead, the gallery-drawing professional golfer from White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., scored up the 1949 season as the top-ranking money winner with \$33,073.83 in tournament prize money. . . Snead won six major tournaments to top the list. . . In the annual list of golfing "superlatives" issued each year by the Professional Golfing Association, Gary Middlecott of Ormond Beach, Fla., was listed as the most improved golfer. . . Middlecott this year won the U. S. Open championship and four other events. He tied in the Motor City Open with Lloyd Mangrum and was runner-up in four other events. . . Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., was listed as the unluckiest pro. Hogan was forced to quit golf following an automobile accident.

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Sports Mirror

Today a Year Ago—The major leagues agreed to increase the number of night baseball games. . . **Three Years Ago**—Welterweight Charlie Puarsi scored his 47th straight victory by knocking out Charlie Taylor. . . **Five Years Ago**—Oklahoma A. and M. defeated New York university in basketball, 44-41. . . **Ten Years Ago**—The New York Baseball Yankees were voted the No. 1 team in sports in the year-end Associated Press poll. . . **Basin Casaba Talks Called** . . . Both county and city independent basketball teams are asked to be represented tonight in meetings at the Klamath Falls city hall council chambers. The sessions are called for 7:30. . . Details of operation of the basketball league are to be ironed out, and a schedule drawn up. . . Managers and sponsors of all teams are asked to be at the meeting.

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BLUE RIBBON GIRL—Marie Jo DeWitt, astride Midnight Sensation, won the American saddle breed award in the town and country class at Chicago's International Livestock exposition. Marie is an habitual winner. A resident of Grand Rapids, Mich., and just 14 years old, she has collected 365 blue ribbons in events of this type.

Video Problem Disturbs PCC Bigwigs at Carmel Conclave

CARMEL, Calif., Dec. 13 (AP)—The impact of television on the sports world today disturbed the annual winter meeting of the Pacific Coast conference. . . Its influence on PCC football was a major factor as faculty representatives, athletic directors and other delegates resumed deliberations. At issue was what future financial arrangements would be made with visual radio. . . All agreed something must be done about the relationships between video and football played in stadiums. . . Frankly worried were the delegates from Southern California—not all the schools—but those representing the two major colleges. In the Los Angeles area there are now 302,000 television sets—a potential of 500,000 video viewers. . . Both schools noted a drop in attendance. . . Other important business before the conference heads today included the problem of alumni recruiting. . . Conference Commissioner Victor O. Schmidt said abatement proceedings had been started against an unspecified number of colleges. Schmidt declared the conference would consider voting on the proposition that if alumni were considered guilty of repeated offenses in recruiting athletes that such schools would be subject to abatement proceedings under the conference regulations. . . "Repeated violations will make the offending college liable directly to the conference," Schmidt said. . . Gossip in conference circles was that Ted Shipkey, head football coach at the University of Montana, had been offered the same job at Washington State college last night. He was offered the head coaching job at University of New Mexico. Shipkey was one of Stanford's great ends. . . Conference circles also heard that Navy was withdrawing from top drawer competition and had dropped negotiations with Stanford for games in 1951 and 1952.

Fred Haas Triumphs

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 13 (AP)—Freddy Haas Jr., a comparative newcomer to the professional golfing ranks, won first money in Miami's 26th annual Open golf tournament yesterday by defeating Bob Hamilton in a dramatic 18-hole playoff by two strokes. . . It was the 33-year-old former national intercollegiate champion's second major triumph since he turned professional in 1946. . . His first victory also was won in a playoff when he defeated Johnny Palmer and Ben Hogan in an extraordinary for the Portland, Ore., Open in 1948. . . Haas, tall and good humored New Orleans pro, carded a one-under par 35-34—69 against the veteran Hamilton's one over par 35-36—71. . . Hamilton, pro from Landover, Md., suffered a bad case of putting jitters in the nerve-racking playoff and lost all his holes by missing short putts. . . Haas received \$2000 and Hamilton \$1400 plus \$127 each as their share of the gate receipts from the playoff round.

Reagan Scouts

Danny Reagan, playing manager for last season's Medford Nuggets of the Far West league, has been released by the Nuggets to become a talent scout for the Philadelphia Phillies. . . Business Manager Mel Carpenter said no replacement had been decided upon. Reagan will represent the Phillies on the West Coast and probably will deal largely with the Klamath Falls Gems, the Phils' affiliate in the Far West wheel.

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Owls Visit Raider Lair

The third meeting between Southern Oregon college and Oregon Tech this basketball season comes off tonight at Ashland. . . In two previous clashes, the Owls and Red Raiders split, Oregon Tech winning the first 82-2 on their home mountain-top court and losing 45-39 at Pelican court. . . The two teams are fast becoming top rivals in small college athletic competition.

Grade Tourney Nears Finale

Fremont and Riverside are meeting this afternoon for the right to square off against Fairview tomorrow in the city grade school B volleyball tournament. . . Fairview is undefeated and reached its finals of the double elimination round by scoring wins over Roosevelt and Riverside. . . Yesterday Fremont beat Mills 15-15, 15-7, 15-12, while Riverside eliminated Roosevelt 15-2 and 15-5.

Klamath Jayvees Facing Hornets

The Klamath Union high basketball junior varsity will take over Pelican court tonight while the varsity will play the Henley Hornets of the county high circuit. . . Game time is 8 o'clock. . . A preliminary starting at 6:45 puts the KU freshmen against the Henley B squad.

Pennant Playoff To Boss

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—A. B. Chaudler, commissioner of baseball, is reported ready to string along with the National league in the major's squabble over pennant playoffs. . . The National league voted yesterday to keep its present system of playing best-two-out-of-three in the event the race ends in a tie. The American decided to continue its "sudden death" one-game elimination. . . Because of the deadlock, the final decision now goes to the commissioner who is expected to make known his viewpoint at the combined meeting tomorrow.

DEALS EXPECTED All Clubs Waiting For Yanks to Lead

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—George Styrweiss of the New York Yankees and Eddie Robinson of the Washington Senators are the road-blocks to an expected deluge of player deals here at the major league meetings. . . According to President Bill DeWitt of the St. Louis Browns, every American league club except the Boston Red Sox is waiting for New York and Washington to close trade talks before making their own moves. . . "The Yankees and Washington hold the key to all player deals," DeWitt said, as the meetings entered their second session today. "At least three clubs would like to have Styrweiss for second base. Just as many are interested in getting Robinson for first." . . When Manager Casey Stengel was informed that the rest of the circuit was waiting for his Yankees to make the first move, he did not act surprised. . . "I wouldn't doubt that a bit," he grinned. "They all need second basemen and we have three good ones. Why any one of our second sackers—Jerry Coleman, George Styrweiss or Al Martin, whom we bought from Oakland—would be a regular with any other club. Yes, I'd trade Styrweiss but I'd have to get a front line pitcher for him." . . Trade rumors involving the National league, continued to float about, but nothing concrete was announced. Just as the American loop was waiting for the Yankees and Senators, so were the National leaguers waiting for the Boston Braves.

LEAGUE BERTH LANDED

PORTLAND, Dec. 13 (AP)—The long-discussed league for Oregon's smaller state colleges is now a reality—the Oregon collegiate athletic conference, a five-school circuit. . . The three colleges of education, Vanport of Portland and Oregon Technical institution of Klamath Falls, are the members. . . It came into being here yesterday in a previously unannounced meeting of college officials. They agreed they wanted to start at once. So they brushed off the technicalities involved and decided to let previously scheduled games with each other count toward the basketball title this season. . . Baseball and football are to be discussed at a later meeting, probably in March. At that time some of the technicalities may be expected to bob up, such as the controversy over round robin play and the finer points of eligibility. . . For the time being eligibility is similar to the coast conference in event one team has not played enough opponents to warrant a championship, or in case of a tie, coaches will meet to decide on the winner. Officials agreed a playoff would be best in case of a tie. . . The colleges of education are Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande, Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland and Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. . . Southern Oregon already was a member of another circuit—the Far West conference. A spokesman said that for the time being Southern Oregon would compete in both conferences. . . Dr. Henry M. Gunn, president of OCE, was named secretary-treasurer. . . Others at the meeting were: Dr. Ruben J. Maaske, Eastern Oregon president; Dr. Stephen Keler, director at Vanport; Elmo Stevenson, of Southern Oregon; Skeets O'Connell of Oregon Tech; J. F. Cramer, dean of the general extension division; Winston Purvine, Oregon Tech director, and Joe Holland, Vanport football coach.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

St. Louis—Willie Pep, 130, Hartford, Conn., outpointed Harold Dade, 126 1/2, Chicago (10). . . Salt Lake City—Rex Layne, 196, Utah, knocked out Joe Asndel, 205, Los Angeles (3). . . New Orleans—Mimmae Adraque, 130, Pittsburgh, drew with Augie Lapara, 135, New Orleans (10).

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Better Weather Info Sought

PORTLAND, Dec. 13 (AP)—Forecasters want better weather forecasts during the seasons when timber slashings are being burned. . . The Western Forestry and Conservation association delegates were told the timber slashings as commercial airlines and farmers. L. T. Webster, assistant state forester for Washington, suggested a specialized fire weather report. . . Earl B. Tanner, Portland, chairman of the board of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, Springfield, was elected president at the convention here Saturday. . . Some animal experts contend that a good dog makes a far better mousetrap than the cat.

Racing Wire Service Cut

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 13 (AP)—Western Union wires carrying racing information to 120 spots in four Southeast Florida counties were idle today, on orders of the state railroad and public utilities commission. . . The wires were unplugged yesterday afternoon and caused some confusion just at post time but bookmakers reportedly hastily improvised a telephone relay system. . . Gambling sources predicted a telephone substitute would be "running something like normal in a couple of days." . . The commission charged the information was used for gambling purposes.

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