

Troy Almost Missed Coach in Own Back Yard

By HARRY GRAYSON
 NEW YORK (NEA) — Southern California searched the breadth of the land for a crack engineer and found one in its own pilot house. Jesse Terrill Hill's smashing success with the Trojans recalls Bill Hunter shopping for a head football coach at the Dallas football meetings two winters back. Director of Athletics Hunter offered the post to practically everybody but Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and

Adlai Stevenson, and they no doubt would have been propositioned had they been around. The Southern California wolves demanded a name coach who could beat California, which, under Poppy Waldorf, had edged Troy three years in a row, each time by no more than six points. Jeff Cravath produced four Rose Bowl teams in five years, but that wasn't enough, even though the one-time center upset Notre Dame just before being given the old sack. Not as long as California was getting away

with anything. Howard Harding Jones built so well that he spoiled the Old Blues, real and synthetic, the Trojans having been either champions or co-champions of the Pacific Coast Conference for 12 of the 21 years between 1927 and '47. So the rooters dug up \$37,000 to pay Cravath for the remaining two years of his contract. There was a movement against Cravath the previous campaign, when a group blocked the appointment of Bill Brown of the Browns. Hunter encountered a sellers'

market in Texas. Ohio State, Minnesota, Duke and Stanford were similarly engaged. Big-Gen, Bob Neyland didn't care to leave Tennessee. Charlie Caldwell said Princeton was a mighty nice place. After being impressed by the Minnesota set-up, Bear Bryant took a slight raise and a long-term contract at Kentucky. Hunter finally settled on Ray Eliot. The Illinois coach went to Los Angeles, accepted the post provisionally, but backed out when he discovered an alumni clique

dead against him. Wyoming's Bowden Wyatt and Missouri's Don Faurot were next approached, but other pastures looked no greener to them. The Brown men were still at work, but the brakes and others remembered the controversy the little man of Massillon created at Ohio State. Jesse Hill could be faulted only because he had never coached a major-league team. But he played considerable fullback for Howard Jones and had coached with fine results at Corona, Calif., High and

Riverside Junior College and Long Beach City College. Bob Zuppke, Andy Kerr, Paul Brown, Jordan Oliver, Art Rameo and numerous others had no more experience when they hit the top. Having coached the freshmen, Hill, who broad-jumped a record 25 feet 1/2 inch and put in four years as an American League outfielder, was well acquainted with the personnel. Hill went back to Jones' tactics with a corkscrew staff. When he returned to strictly the

single wing this Fall, he explained: "I know more about the single wing, and other things being equal, a team can operate more effectively off a single wing with variations." After having scraped the bottom of the Grade A barrel, and found no one whom he considered worthy of such a tremendous task, Bill Hunter is thankful he suddenly recalled that J. T. Hill, Southern California's mild-mannered track and freshman football coach, had quietly asked to be considered.

Siamese Boxing Show Should Turn 'em Away



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Klamath Falls sports fans have seen everything from badminton to Oklahoma hopscotch, but tonight at the Armory they'll see something brand new to this city, Siamese boxing.

Matchmaker Mack Lillard has signed Woradeth, Banchoh and Kou Kait, now making a tour of Northwest rings, for the special event on tonight's wrestling card. Actually, the only similarity between boxing under Marquis of Queensbury rules and the Siamese type is the gloves worn on the hands.

USE FEET
 But the Siamese boxers are not limited to doing out punishment with their fists alone. They can use their feet, elbows and knees. It's a vicious sport and for all practical purposes an alley brawl moved inside a ring. The Siamese boxers have drawn capacity crowds in every city they've shown in the Northwest the past several weeks.

Klamath Falls should be no exception and Lillard is preparing for an SRO response.

MAT ROOTS
 The bout is sandwiched in between two one-hour wrestling bouts, bringing back the nefarious Japs, Mr. Sakata and Tor Yamato, Jack (Hatchman) Terry faces Sakata in the main event. Bey Sheerens, an outstanding performer and ex-amateur champion, meets Yamato in the opener at 8:30. The box-office opens one hour earlier.

SPORTS

Gayle Talbot Amazing Basque May Have to Will Crown

By GAYLE TALBOT
 NEW YORK (AP)—Every fall at about this time some youngster who ought to know better tries to win the world court tennis championship from Pierre Etchebaster, a spry little Dervish who will be 59 on his next birthday in December.

Nothing ever comes of it, or at least nothing has come of it in the past 24 years, the period during which the amazing Basque has been undisputed ruler of the world's most complicated game. It begins to look as though Pierre will eventually have to will the title to somebody.

At the moment a brash young American of 40, named Alastair Bradley Martin, is giving Etchebaster the annual testing to see what holds him up, and is getting plastered all over the austere premises of the Racquet and Tennis Club here. It is the only joint in town, we believe, which owns a court tennis layout.

BEATING
 Martin, the four-time American amateur champion, already has taken a bad beating in the first of the three-match series, and it was taken for granted that Pierre would complete the treatment today.

A yellowed clipping tells us that Etchebaster, who looks to weigh around 130, won his crown in 1928 by first defeating Jack Soutar of Philadelphia, the American profes-

sional champion, and then trouncing George Covey of England, the world's open champ, in London. Since then they're all taken cracks at the wonderful little man hardbitten pros and wealthy young amateurs usually named Ogden Phillips, but none of them has ever come really close to matching Pierre's wizardry.

AGILITY
 Until someone starts an argument, we wouldn't be surprised if Etchebaster has been champion of a sport which requires physical agility and stamina longer than any man who ever lived. Willie Hoppe, the ageless billiard wonder, gives him a run in some respects, but nobody ever got a Charlie-horse walking around a table. Court tennis is a pretty tough game, calling for a lot of wind and a wrist which can stand the gaff. We know at least that much about it, having watched Etchebaster and a number of others less gifted sweat the hard little ball around the nooks and crannies of the fun house in which the game is conducted.



FOOTBALL TACTICS—With professional basketball conflicting with football, the Minneapolis Lakers pose like ball-carriers poised to strike. The starting line-up is (l to r) Pop Saul, Vern Mikkelsen, George Mikan, Jim Pollard and Slater Martin.

Munn Had More Where They Came From

By HARRY GRAYSON

NEW YORK (NEA)—Michigan State graduated its entire starting offensive line, plus the All-America quarterback, Al Dorow. Included in 15 lettermen who completed their tour of duty at East Lansing were three defensive regulars.

But no school on the Michigan State slate was tricked into the slightest feeling of security. They all knew Biggie Munn had millions of them left, and more coming in. Michigan State College is a beautiful place. Superior high-school football players just naturally drift to a winner. Perhaps they feed 'em better at Michigan State. They also must like the color of Coach Munn's eyes.

Anyway, coaches who have scouted the Spartans this season call them the finest college squad they have ever seen. Roy Simmons, who has been with Syracuse since his quarter-backing days—1922-23-24—says the splendid Illinois defense units of last Fall might have been comparable to those of the present Michigan State variety, but not the offensive platoons.

He suggests the saliva test. "There may be more formidable individuals on other college teams," says Head Coach Ben Schwartzwalder of the Orange, "but as a combination the Michigan State outfit can't go wrong. I have never set eyes on a stronger college group."

"This Michigan State team may be Munn's best," asserts Al Michaels, who has scouted the Spartans for two years for Penn State.

Michaels and Jim O'Hara, the Nittany Lions' other private eye on Munn's mighty men, were absolutely shocked by the ease with which they handled Syracuse. Among the "problems" he had with 70 hand-picked hands at the outset, Munn listed:

"Locate and develop a quarterback capable of handling the Munn system, perhaps the most complex played in college today." What impressed Michaels most in recent weeks was the emergence of Tommy Yewic, a Conemaugh, Pa., junior, as a first-rate quarterback.

"Most scouts agree that Yewic

already has caught up to Dorow, and is perhaps a little better than his predecessor," he reports. "He does most of the passing and kicking, and must add running to his repertoire before the season ends."

Young Yewic did the punting for the all-conquering array of last Autumn.

Michigan State isn't going to be softened up any when it attacks full Big Ten stature a year hence.

"Our boys ate with the Michigan State players after our game," says Schwartzwalder, "and their seniors admitted that the sophomores were better because they had more speed. The only difference between the three offensive and defensive platoons is game experience."

"Don McAuliffe is a powerhouse left halfback, but LeRoy Bolden, who is right behind him, is faster. As a sophomore, Billy Wells displaced veteran Vince Pisano as the starting right halfback."

Ellis Duckett moved from wing-back to end.

Munn has 22 backs and they all run and bang back of interference until they see daylight.

"The ends and linemen were backs in high school, so run right along with them," Schwartzwalder points out. Biggie Munn explains his most complex system thusly: "The team lines up in an unbalanced T. The play can go off from there, or the team may shift into the single wing, left or right. The system incorporates the split T, double wing, winged T, the buck

lateral and other formations." Basically, the blocking assignments don't change with the varied backfield patterns, but that only adds to the other side's confusion.

Gallardo Whips Luis Castillo

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dave Gallardo has eyed the score with Mexico City featherweight Luis Castillo. The Los Angeles boxer scored his tenth straight win last night by winning the unanimous verdict in 10 rounds at Olympic auditorium. Gallardo weighed 128, Castillo 124.

SPORTS DEATHS

By The Associated Press
 CHICAGO — Nate Lewis, 72, famous as a matchmaker and fight manager.

WASHINGTON — Arthur "Ole" Zahn, 40, former basketball and baseball coach, at George Washington University.

Nags Pay Off Racing Hits Billion Ninth Straight Year

By JOHN CHANDLER

NEW YORK (AP)—The onetime "sport of kings," thoroughbred racing, is a billion-dollar business in the United States for the ninth straight year and will hit a record all-time high in 1953, an Associated Press survey showed today.

Unofficial and incomplete figures from the 24 states where horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering is legal also shows revenue to the commonwealths will go over the 100-million-dollar mark for the first time. The figures are for flat racing only, with additional millions accruing from harness racing tracks.

Figures from the 24 states, with some still racing and estimated on the basis of present attendance and betting, shows a record attendance of 27,361,601 this season.

RECORD
 The customers shovled a record \$130,162,662 through the mutual windows, surpassing the high post-war year of 1946, when \$1,839,267,455 was wagered.

Revenue to the states, the compilation disclosed, will hit \$120,234,570, compared with the previous record of \$99,227,423 in 1951.

Revenue to the 19 states having racing in 1942 was a mere \$22,005,278. New York State alone surpassed that figure this year, when the state's share was \$25,526,711. Total betting in 1942 was \$536,379,895.

UPWARD

The upward trend, following declines after World War II years, began an upward spiral midway in 1950. It's been spiraling upward since.

Several reasons have been given, chiefly Uncle Sam's crackdown on bookmakers following the Kefauver committee hearings in late 1950 and early 1951, plus efforts of the Thoroughbred Racing Pro-

ductive Bureau. The TRPB is the "FBI" of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations, the major league of U.S. racing, with 37 of the country's biggest tracks as members.

ATTENDANCE

The TRA estimated its tracks alone would have an attendance of 20,656,629 and total wagering of \$1,515,778,306 for 1952.

The great betting boom shown: Betting in the 24 states up 19.02 per cent as compared with 1951; attendance up 12.17 per cent; revenue to states up 20.32 per cent.

Attendance in 1952 compared with 24,302,020 in 1951, while betting last year was \$1,629,239,777.

U.S. Ski Star Plans Divorce

RENO, (AP)—Katy Rondolph, U.S. Olympic ski star, is working as a Reno waitress and, friends say, plans to divorce her ski-jumping husband, Paul Wegman, also an Olympic team member. The friends reported Katy may marry Stein Erikson, Norwegian world ski champ now in this country. They were often seen together at the Oslo winter games.



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PORTLAND (AP)—Rocky Marciano, world heavyweight champion, will referee a scheduled 10-round boxing match here Friday between Harold Kottre and Dick Wolfe.

TACOMA (AP)—Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano will referee a boxing show here Nov. 26, promoter Pavo Ketonen said Tuesday.

Ketonen said names of the boxers will be announced later. Marciano is on a nationwide tour.

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