Torgeson Rumored on Block

New York Officials Deny Talk

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — First baseman Earl Torgeson of the Philadelphia Phillies was reported on the trading block Wednesday as part of a club move to accentuate defense.

The Philadelphia Inquirer said the Phillies are trying to swap Torgeson for either:

1. Don Mueller, an outfielder, and reserve infielder Bob Hofman of the New York Giants; or

2. Outfielder Hal Price or infielder Dick Groat of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

In Phoenix, Ariz., President Horace Stoneham of the Giants said the report was "absolutely untrue" and added "we have plenty of first basemen." Manager Leo Durocher said he knew nothing about such

EARL TORGESON
. . . center of swap talk

a swap and was not interested.

Phillies Manager Steve O'Neill and president Robert M. Carpenter Jr., refused to confirm or deny the report. There was no immediate comment from Pirates officials.

In its report from the Clearwater, Fla., training camp of the Phils, the Inquirer said a decision by O'Neill to concentrate on defense was the reason behind the trade move.

That decision, the paper said, was motivated by the club's failure to secure hitting strength in off-season trades.

Torgeson, who came to the Phillies last winter in a three-way trade involving the then Boston Braves and the Brooklyn Dodgers, hit .274 in 111 games with the Phillies.

Par Shaky At Houston

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Par and a 72-hole course record of 277 appear headed for trouble in the $30,000 Houston Open unless threatening weather takes command.

About 160 players were taking final practice rounds Wednesday on the sprawling Memorial Park course for Thursday's opening of winter golf's richest tournament.

Five players posted 69's Tuesday for the 7,122-yard, par 72 course while sharing medalist honors among the 58 non exempt golfers who qualified for the first round.

Loddie Kempa, Kansas City, Mo., Buster Reed, Camp Hood, Tex., and Don Shock, Columbus, Ohio, finished early Tuesday and posted their 69's before a cold wave hit town with a bit of rain.

Scores began to climb in the damp, cold wind and only Billy Capps, Greenville, S. C., and Earl Jacobson, Victoria, Tex., managed to match the early 69's. Frank Clark, Atlanta, Ga., was the lone man with a 70.

Eriksen In Slalom Win

ARE, Sweden (AP) —Stein Eriksen of Norway won the world giant slalom ski championship for men on the basis of unofficial times Wednesday, giving him his second title within a week.

Eriksen's unofficial time for the twisting 2,000 meter course was 1 minute 52.5 seconds.

Although 15 of the field of 69 still had to come down the hill when Eriksen completed his run, the public address system acknowledged Eriksen's big time margin and asked for "a big cheer for the new world champion." None of the remaining 15 was able to beat Eriksen's time.

Eriksen won the slalom event Sunday and is expected to take the combined title unless he encounters serious difficulty in the downhill event next Sunday.

The leading United States slalom performer, Brooks Dodge of Pinkham Notch, N. H., dropped into a disappointing tie for 13th place. Dodge's time of 1:57.7 put him in a tie with Canada's Ernie McCulloch.

Verne Goodwin of Pittsfield, Mass., tied with Ake Nilsson of Sweden for 20th place with a time of 1:59.0. Buddy Werner of Steamboat Springs, Colo., who sprained an ankle in practice Tuesday, withdrew from the giant slalom and Goodwin was substituted for him. Werner said he will compete in the downhill race.

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BOWLING SCORES

FRATERNAL LEAGUE

	W	L
Sons of Italy	71	29
Eagles Two	62	38
Grems Roofing	59	41
Elks	58	42
Eagles One	56½	43½
20-30 Club	54½	45½
U. S. National	50	50
Sears Roebuck	50	50
Moose	46	54
Morning Fresh Bread	41	59
K Amusement	28	72
Municipal Airport	26	74

Scores Last Night
20-30 Club 2 Sears 2
Airport 3 U. S. National 1
K Amusement 3 Moose 1
Elks 2 Grems 2
Eagles Two 3 Eagles One 1
Sons of Italy 4 Morning Fresh 0

The Sons of Italy, the runaway team in the Fraternal Bowling League, did it again last night with a 4-0 win over Morning Fresh Bread, at the same time adding up the high team series, a 2741.

The team's 986 was the high line, followed by Grems Roofing with 959. The 20-30 Club was next for series with a 2694.

Individually, Cecil Finney of Sears had a neat 252 line, ahead of Gino Rosterolla of the Sons with 234, but not ahead of Gino for series; he added 198 and 171 for a 603. Bob Clammer of the 20-30 Club put together games of 204, 218 and 175 for a 597.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

	W	L
VFW	64	36
Griggs Food	59	41
Pepsi-Cola	59	41
Rickys	55½	44½
Superior-Troy Clnrs	53	47
Weyerhaeuser	51½	48½
Calhoun's	47	53
First National	46	54
Paymasters	45	55
Carl's Meats	42	58
Stukel Rustlers	42	58
Ellingson Lumber	36	64

Scores Last Night
Calhoun's 4 Ellingson 0
Weyerhaeuser 4 First National 0
Pepsi-Cola 3 Carl's Meats 1
Superior-Troy 3 Paymasters 1
Rickys 3 Griggs 2
VFW 2 Stukel 2

Laron Griggs of the Griggs bowling team rolled a 241 line in the Commercial Bowling League last night but fell to second in series play when Carl Stolpe of Paymasters put together games of 234, 164 and 176 for a 584. Griggs ended with 578 on added games of 183 and 154.

Calhoun's was high for team play with a 1057 game and 2902 series; Superior-Troy Cleaners rolled a 1036 and 2865.

TEN PINETTS

	W	L
Griggs Three	62	38
Sears Roebuck	60	40
Singer Sewing Mach	60	40
Pelican Drive In	56½	43½
Richfield Oil	45½	54½
Troy Cook Co	16	84

Scores Last Night
Richfield 4 Troy Cook 0
Singer 3 Griggs Three 1
Sears 3 Pelican 1

The Ten Pinetts Bowling League race is tighter than a violin string after last night's session that saw Sears Roebuck and Singer Sewing Machine notch 3-1 wins to climb within two points of league-leading Griggs Three, loser to Singer. Sears whipped Pelican Drive In.

Elaine Pickerall of the basement Troy Cook team rolled a 201 line, added 126 and 138 for a 465, second high series behind Beth Griggs of Richfield Oil with a 176-161-149-486 string.

Erva Brooks of Pelican also rolled a 176 game.

Richfield's 810 game and 2359 series led the field in team scoring; Sears and Singer each registered an 808 game, while Singer added 776 and 74? for a 2324 three-game score, second to Richfield.

Four Sign With Stars

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Outfielder Ted Beard, shortstop Jack Phillips, outfielder Frank Kelleher and pitcher Mel Queen have signed their Hollywood contracts for 1954.

Catcher Joe Rossi, obtained from Pittsburgh, remains a holdout, and the Stars' management is allowing him to make a deal for himself.

Eddie Malone probably will not return as a catcher, having an automobile firm executive job offer, so Manager Bobby Bragan may have to don the tools of ignorance again this season.

CAGE SCORES

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Tuesday's Results

FAR WEST
Lewis & Clark 109, Portland State 87

EAST
Holy Cross 85, Temple 73
Yale 89, Rhode Island 83
St. Bonaventure 89, St Vincent (Pa.) 61
Niagara 65, Colgate 57

SOUTH
George Washington 79, Georgetown (DC) 67

MIDWEST
Oklahoma A&M 77, Tulsa 46
South Dakota 63, Augustana (SD) 51
North Dakota 96, North Dakota State 65

SOUTHWEST
Rice 90, Southern Methodist 64
Texas 68, Texas Christian 59
Texas Tech 84, West Texas 71
Arizona State (Flagstaff) 86, Eastern New Mexico 66
New Mexico Aggies 58, New Mexico 51
Arizona State (Tempe) 92, Texas Western 71

NAIA PLAYOFFS
District 1
Whitworth 69, Pacific Lutheran 50 (final)

District 5
Montana State 81, Carroll (Mont) 71 (final)
Ricks 75, College of Idaho 74 (consolation)

District 2
Eastern Oregon 71, Southern Oregon 62 (semi-final)
Portland 70, Pacific 63 (semi-final)

Indiana
Indiana State 83, Manchester 69
Anderson 99, Evansville 70

Arkansas
Arkansas Tech 86, Arkansas State Tchrs 69 (final)

District 16
Springfield (Mo) 93, Central (Mo) 78 (Springfield leads best-of-3 series, 1-0)

Nebraska
Neb. Wesleyan 74, Chadron 62 (final)

District 26
(First Round)
East Carolina 80, Presbyterian 71
Erskine 80, Lenoir Rhyne 78

District 19
Miss. Southern 70, Troy (Ala.) 61 (final)
Miss. College 65, Delta (Miss.) 65 (consolation tie, no overtime by mutual consent)

District 29
North Carolina College 81, Texas Southern 80 (semi-final)
Tenn. State 91, Southern (La.) 84 (semi-final)

West Virginia
Morris Harvey 84, West Va. Tech 72 (semi-final)
Alderson Broaddus 78, Concord 71 (semi-final)

District 30
Geneva 102, Gannon (Pa.) 73 (semi-final)

HIGH SCHOOL
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District 2 Playoff
Pendleton 68, The Dalles 65

District 9 Tournament
Beaverton 50, Forest Grove 42
Hillsboro 58, Tigard 50

District 10 Tournament
Neahkahnie 52, Nestucca 41
Seaside 19, Astoria 36

District 11 Tournament
Salem 71, Stayton 59
Silverton 39, Mt. Angel 37

District 13 Tournament
Estacada 52, Concordia 46
Gresham 63, Columbia Prep 44
Central Catholic 68, Parkrose 38

District 14
Clatskanie 74, Vernonia 54 (championship)

Portland League
Cleveland 74, Franklin 61
Benson 57, Lincoln 54
Roosevelt 56, Grant 45
Jefferson 61, Washington 52

District 1-B Tournament
Star of the Sea (Astoria) 35, Verboort 32
Knappa 47, Nehalem 23

District 8-B Tournament
Harper 52, Elgin 51 (overtime)

Subdistrict 7 Playoff
Toledo 52, Waldport 30

PRO BASKETBALL
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Tuesday's Results
New York 86, Boston 71
Rochester 71, Fort Wayne 64
Minneapolis 91, Syracuse 87

This Would Stop 'Goons'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sax Elliott, Los Angeles State basketball coach who has come up with numerous suggestions on reforms in the game, has tried out his private recipe for minimizing the importance of tall players.

His L.A. State team beat an alumni group Tuesday, 123-109.

The reason for the high score is found in the players being allowed to shoot for either basket. The only restriction was that they cross the center line 10 seconds after getting the ball.

A 5 foot, 7 inch player, Emilio Gonzales, scored 33 points. There were only 14 fouls called.

Elliott says this reform would spell the doom of the "goons," the towering giants who are fed the ball for setup shots, and would curtail the activities of the whistle blowing officials.

JIMMY CARTER
. . . 3-1 favorite

DeMarco Predicts Victory

By MURRAY ROSE

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y. (AP)—Paddy DeMarco, a confident challenger, is just hoping that lightweight champion Jimmy Carter will try to run up his knockout record in title fights.

Carter has won his last three championship contests by knockouts and is a 3-1 favorite to whip DeMarco in Madison Square Garden Friday night in their 15-round title fight.

SLOW

"He's slow moving and he aims to knock you out with his right," said the 26-year-old Brooklyn battler as he finished his hard drills for the title scrap. "I like those guys who are out to get you with rights. I can get in there and bang to the body.

"He'll get hit by right hands, straight jabs, rights to the body, left hooks—every kind of a punch. You know what this chance means to me. You know I've been looking forward to it a long time.

"I can beat him. I've seen him."

It was pointed out that Paddy had scored only seven knockouts in 80 fights and never had gone more than 10 rounds. Did he think he could go the 15 and outpoint the champ?

SLIM

"I know the chances are slim that I'll knock him out," he replied, "and that I'll have to go 15. Okay, I'll go 15. What's so hard about that? Many a time I've gone 10 and felt real fresh. I knew I could have gone 15 just as easily."

Paddy realizes that this is probably his last chance for a title shot. A real demon for work, he's trained harder than ever for the title fight. He's been here more than a month and can run the hills around here blindfolded.

HOCKEY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Tuesday's Results
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Johnstown 9, Grand Rapids 3
Cincinnati 4, Ft Wayne 1
Troy 6, Milwaukee 6 (overtime tie)

NIGHT DEMONS

BOSTON (AP) — The Red Sox compiled a remarkable night game record in 1953, especially on the road. They won 20 out of 27 arc contests in enemy parks. Their over-all night record of 28 won and 14 lost was tops in the American League.

Talbot

Fox Said Throwing Too Late

By GAYLE TALBOT

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Paul Richards and his new infield coach, Marty Marion, were deep in conversation during a sandwich break at the new training grounds of the Chicago White Sox on this city's outskirts. Their topic was Nellie Fox, the club's standout young second baseman.

"I've found out what it is he's doing wrong," said Marion happily. "On the double play he's going clear across the bag before he starts to get rid of the ball. I've explained to him that he's waiting, start throwing before he even gets to the bag. It'll be an easy job to straighten him out.

The Sox manager chewed moodily for some moments before commenting on Marion's discovery.

"I hope you're right," he said finally. "He sure needs to get the ball away quicker, because he hasn't got the best arm in the world. It's your job to teach him."

STRANGE

In view of Fox's high standing among big league second basemen, this reporter found it strange to learn that he had achieved stardom despite such a weakness.

"He hasn't had it all the time," Richards said. "Sometimes ballplayers just forget how to do things and get into bad habits, the same as a golfer does. Our biggest job is to see what he's doing wrong and correct it before any damage is done.

"As a matter of fact, Fox had to be taught an awful lot after he came up. He was one of the worst looking ball players I ever saw. I didn't think he ever would make it up here, but when you look at him now you're seeing one of the best."

PROBLEM

Richards was asked what he expected to do about his third-base problem—the one that his rival manager, Casey Stengel of the Yanks, kept mentioning during the off-season. Richards looked glum, as usual.

"Well," he said, "my third baseman probably will be either Cass Michaels or Minnie Minoso, or maybe Fox. I think Michaels played only second for the Athletics last year, but I'm sure he can play third."

From this one gathered that the White Sox third-base situation still is very fluid. This is not a happy circumstance when a club is trying to overhaul the Yanks. Did Richards see any real hope of adding batting power?

MIGHT HELP

"This Bill Wilson might help us," the manager said. "He hit 34 home runs for Memphis last year. He got in only 112 games after coming out of the service. He takes a good cut at the ball."

Very interesting, and did Richards have a feeling that the Yankees might have given away entirely too much when they let pitcher Vic Raschi go to the St. Louis Cardinals? Richards gave it a good, long thought.

"I sure hope so," he said. "I sure hope they did."

TUESDAY'S FIGHTS
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Hein Ten Hoffl 218, Washington, stopped Ralph Schneider, 227, Miami, 5

SACRAMENTO, Calif — Ramon Fuentes, 147, Los Angeles, outpointed Art Soto, 147, Oakland, Calif, 12

MIAMI BEACH, Fla — Walter Cartier, 163, New York, outpointed Billy Kilgore, 163½, Miami, 10

LOS ANGELES — Willie Bean, 210, Los Angeles, outpointed Frankie Daniels, 176½, Bakersfield, Calif, 10

LONDON — Lew Lazar, 148, Great Britain, outpointed Jacques Prigent, 144½, France, 8

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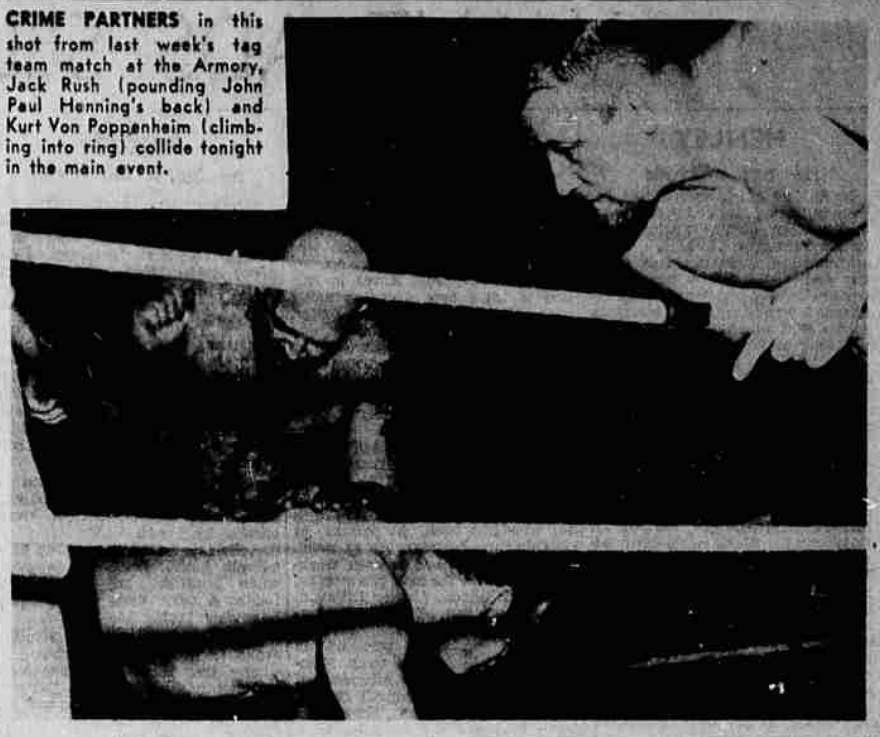

CRIME PARTNERS in this shot from last week's tag team match at the Armory, Jack Rush (pounding John Paul Henning's back) and Kurt Von Poppenheim (climbing into ring) collide tonight in the main event.

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Pop, Rush In Scrap Tonight

Kurt Von Poppenheim and Jack Rush will leave the wrestling book of hoyle in the dressing room tonight when they clash in the main event at the Armory, a bout that has all the earmarks of a barroom brawl.

The Proud Prussian rattled knuckles off Rush's bald head last week at the tag end of a bout that started with the two in the same corner as partners against Georges Dusette and John Paul Henning.

But the Swastika Swatter makes no secret of the fact that he's saved his big bombs for tonight's squabble and the Oklahoma Ogre isn't one to take Von Pop's abuse without retaliation.

It has all the ingredients of a Pier Sixer that won't disappoint the fans. The match is down for one hour or the best two of three falls.

Dusette and Henning are back against two foes who could give the popular pair fits somewhere along the route.

Dusette faces Bill Fletcher of Boise and Henning meets Montreal's Roy Wolf. Both are timed for a half hour or the best of three falls.

The Armory ticket-office opens for business at 7:30, one hour before the main event.

Mims 7-5 Choice Over Moses Ward

DETROIT (AP) — Quick-hitting Holly Mims of Washington, D.C., idle for three months, returns to ring warfare Wednesday night and is a 7 to 5 favorite to beat Detroiter Moses Ward in a middleweight 10-rounder in Olympia Stadium.

The bout will be televast.

Grace Faces Maureen Riley

ORMOND BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Mrs. Grace DeMoss Smith of Miami, the medalist, faced Maureen Riley of McKeesport, Pa., in the first round Wednesday of the 25th annual women's South Atlantic Amateur Golf Tournament.

Mrs. Smith qualified with 73 Tuesday on the oceanfront Ellinor Village Country Club course where men's par is 71 and women's 77. Miss Riley had 81.

Virginia Dennehy, Northwestern University sophomore from Lake Forest, Ill., was runnerup for medal honors with 73.

Pat Lesser of Seattle, and Joyce Sizke of Waterford, Wis., tied for third in the qualifying with 74 each. Barbara Romack of Sacramento, Calif., the 1952 and 1953 winner of this tournament, made it in 76.

Billiards Champ May Lose Title

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Willie Mosconi's right to the world pocket billiards championship was under dispute Wednesday by a group of former champions and challengers who plan to hold an 11-day tournament in this city starting March 15 to determine a new champ.

The group said Thursday the Haddon Heights, N. J., champion is being "read out of the title because he has consistently refused to defend (his title) against worthy challengers."

Mosconi won the title from Jimmy Caras of Philadelphia in 1950.

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Sanford Balks At Pay Slice

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — Pitcher John Tierney reported at the Portland Beavers' Pacific Coast League spring baseball training camp Tuesday leaving Fred Sanford as the Beavers' only unsigned moundsmen.

Tierney, who pitched for Salem in the Western International League before joining the Army, was given a drill along with Dick Waibel, Red Adams and Glenn Elliott.

Sanford also was in camp but not in uniform. General Manager Bill Garbarino said he is balking at a salary cut.

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