

PCC Directors To Study Knox Case

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The widely publicized Ronnie Knox football case continued to simmer Friday and directors of the Pacific Coast Conference will get a full report on the matter at their spring meeting May 22 at Portland.

The winter sessions ended late Thursday with the confirmation by the conference that the status of Knox, a sensational pass-throwing grid hope for UCLA next fall, is under investigation.

It has been under inquiry, said

conference spokesman H. P. Everest of the University of Washington, since all the hullabaloo began when Knox abruptly transferred from the University of California at Berkeley to UCLA.

"The commissioner (Victor O. Schmidt) has been instructed to complete his investigation with diligence and bring all the facts to the conference at its spring meeting," Everest said.

The Knox furor was touched off by Ronnie's stepfather, Harvey Knox, last June when he charged that promises made to the boy regarding a job and outside television writing had not been fulfilled once he enrolled at California.

There was no elaboration from the conference, but it appeared that the university officials at Berkeley, young Knox and, indirectly, a California alumni organization, the Southern Seas, were the main subjects of the probe.

UCLA, to all intents, is not involved. Reconsideration of a rule to ban spring football practice in 1956 was postponed until the Portland meeting.

Injury on a high block thrown by tackle Ed Fouch of Southern California on Doug Leliste, Washington State guard, this season, led to another order.

Frank McCormick, supervisor of conference officials, was instructed to seek a change in rules to reduce the danger of such a play. The conference voted to study a suggestion that the commissioner's office and staff be transferred to the San Francisco Bay area, a more central location.

Varsity baseball game schedules were revised to allow 35 games instead of 30.

Diamond World Grieves Loss Of Famed Umpire

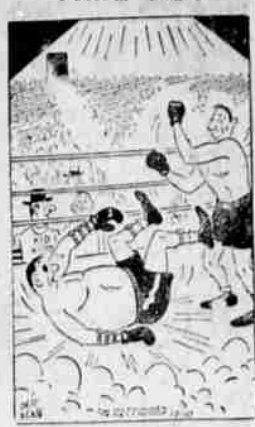
WASHINGTON (AP) — Baseball "No. 1" vineyard Umpire Bill McGowan of the American League, died Thursday at his home in suburban Silver Spring, Md., after his second heart attack in less than a week.

The crusty little Irishman with the flamboyant strike-calling gestures had spent 30 years in the American League.

McGowan began umpiring in Wilmington, Del., his home town, at the age of 17. Coming up to the American League in 1925, he officiated in 2,541 consecutive games, almost 400 more than the endurance record Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees set for players.

He appeared in eight World Series and four all-star games.

TIME OUT



"A watch company made him a nice offer to show people how good their shockproof watches are!"

Al Andrews Points For Win Tonight

NEW YORK (AP) — Al Andrews scoffed at the 2-1 odds favoring Vince Martinez and predicted he would break the welterweight contender's victory streak in Madison Square Garden tonight.

NBC will broadcast and telecast the 10-rounder at 10 p.m., EST. "His style is made for me," said Andrews, 25. "The way to beat Martinez is to keep the pressure on him and throw punches. He likes to lay back and call his shots."

Martinez's long-range style of fighting has carried him to 12 straight victories, a 39-3 record, and a No. 5 ranking among the welterweight contenders. The Paterson, N. J., picture puncher has won seven this year, four by knockouts.

But in Andrews he meets the most formidable opponent of his career. The ex-GI from the West will have about a six-pound weight edge—155 to 149—and he expects to throw the weight around if he forces Vince to a close-quarter battle.

A full-fledged middleweight now, and ranked as the No. 10 contender in the 160-pound class, Andrews has been facing heavier and tougher opposition than Martinez. In 11 fights this year he won six, lost four and drew one with Joe Miceli. Three of the defeats were to middleweights—Ted Olla, Bubi Scholz and Gil Turner. He kayaked Turner in the third round of a return. The other loss was to Carmen Basilio, No. 1 welter contender.

PRO BASKETBALL
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Thursday's Results
Syracuse 120, Boston 107
New York 98, Philadelphia 96

Bannister Steps Off Track

LONDON (AP) — Robert Bannister, one of the two men who have run the mile under four minutes, has stepped off the cinder track at the peak of his great athletic career.

The London Physician announced his retirement last night at the annual banquet of the sports writers of Great Britain.

At the same time, in Australia, his friend and nearest rival, John Landy, talked glumly of quitting competitive running.

So 1954 nears an end with a vast void looming in the track and field world.

It was a year that saw Bannister, then Landy, crack the four-minute mile barrier. Then in a memorable race at Vancouver, Canada, Bannister vanquished his Australian rival in a race in which both were clocked under four minutes.

Bannister first lowered the mile mark to 3:59.4 at Oxford, England, May 6. A little over a month later in Finland Landy dropped the record to 3:58. At Vancouver, in the British Empire Games, Bannister won in 3:58.3 with Landy second in 3:59.6.

Bannister, who'll be 26 next March, hinted quite clearly after his European 1500-meter championship victory at Bern in August that he had run his last race. He said last night:

"I have to refer to something which contains a very sad note; namely, I shall now be compelled to give up international athletics."

He explained that his medical career has made training increasingly difficult.

Reservation Basketball Gets Underway

KLAMATH AGENCY — Basketball throughout the reservation is now underway. Several independent teams have been formed which will be entered in either city or county leagues.

An inquiry has been received from Frank Backbone, manager of a basketball team on the Crow reservation in Montana, suggesting that a team be entered from the Crow reservation in the annual Klamath reservation All-Indian invitational tournament to be held in Chiloquin in March.

Frank Backbone played at Chemawa and in his last season there averaged 24 points a game, his letter stated. The Crows have had several teams entered in the AAU tournament at Denver.

BOWLING SCORES

CITY LEAGUE		
	W	L
KC Points	31	17
Griggs Foods	31	17
Underwood's	29 1/2	18 1/2
Lucas Cafe	29	23
Safeway Stores	24	24
Wieners	23	26
Mar's Store	22	26
Coca Cola	22	26
Crater Lake Machinery	18	30
KF Creamery	13 1/2	21 1/2

Last night's results:
Underwood's 2, Lucas 2
KF Creamery 1, KC Points 3
Coca Cola 1, Wieners 3
Safeway 2, Griggs 2
Crater Lake 3, Mar's 1

KC Points captured both the team scoring honors in last night's City League action at Lucky Lanes by rolling a game of 1917 and a series of 2808 pins.

Klamath Falls Creamery rolled a second place series of 2862 pins, while Coca Cola had the runnerup game honors along with the Creamery five as both teams had a total of 1001 pins.

Ugo Magier with a 556 series and J. A. McDonald with a 551 series ran one-two in the individual scoring honors, while McDonald had a high 223 game. John Bailey Jr., had the runnerup game of 218 pins.

Marie Fields shattered the season's league game mark last night by rolling a 241 line, while LaRayne Harris was leader of the series scoring with her 555 three line score.

Runnerup in the individual scoring went to Dorothy Bowen with a 205 game and Opal McDonald with a 241 series. Other high series included Fields with a 533 and Clara Beard with a 524 pin score.

Griggs topped all team scoring with their 905 game and a 2592 series. Milani's had a 2577 pin series while their game tally of 892 was good enough for second high laurels.

Splits were picked up by Vita Carson the 6-7-10, Sally Hitchcock the 4-7-9 and Dena Backes the 4-5-7 combination.

TRACK
LONDON — Roger Bannister, first man to break the four minute mile, announced his retirement from international competition.

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Unhappy Situation Faces Major League Ballplayers

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK (AP) — One of the weirdest things you ever heard tell of has happened to big league baseball this winter.

To state the facts briefly, major league clubs find themselves bound not to do a lick of training next spring until March 1, a full week later than they began their labors last year. And they hate it. So do the players. No one connected with the game will say that he approves of the mystery measure, much less admit he had anything to do with its passage.

The club executives, breaking displeasure at being forced to postpone their lucrative exhibition schedules for a week, claim the rule was forced down their throats by the players. The latter, through their official representatives, swear they didn't do any such thing. They say the sooner they can start getting free bed and board and \$25 per week spending money, the better. You begin to see?

SEQUENCE
As best we have been able to piece together the strange sequence of events leading up to the present unhappy situation, the script went something like this:

When the player representatives of the various clubs met during last summer's All-Star Game at Cleveland, one or more of them did propose that training not start before March 1. It is reported now that these players (whoever they were) were acting as shills for "cheaper" clubs which wished to cut down their training expenses, save perhaps \$5,000.

At any rate, the proposal somehow was brought before the magnates at a meeting here last September and, apparently in a

huff, they adopted it. Perhaps understandably, many of the game's head men still are not too happy about the players' organization.

AWAKENED
As the time approached the joint league meeting here this week, word went around that the players, having awakened belatedly to the fact they were going to have to spend their own money for an extra week or 10 days, were going to try hard to have the rule rescinded. Some owners, too, realized they had acted hastily and hoped the situation could yet be saved.

But the majority didn't feel that way. The players' request to forget all about the March 1 deadline was voted down resoundingly, and Commissioner Ford Frick announced that the edict would be "rigidly enforced." In other words,

no preliminary reporting for batters, no cheating at all.

"It's what those guys asked for," said a club spokesman. "Now they've got it and they can like it." The players continued to insist they had not asked for it. It would have been impossible, we are told, to have dropped the rule at this late date. New exhibition schedules have long since been drawn up and approved, putting off openers until around March 12, and to try to change them now would bring chaos.

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