OREGON TECHNICAL INSTITUTE'S football season was officially closed Monday evening at Harold's Restaurant when the coaching staff made the presentations of the outstanding player awards. Left, head coach Rex Hunsaker presented Harry Juul, freshman halfback from Salem, with the season's Most Inspirational Player trophy. Center, Corky Van Loo, Owl backfield mentor, congratulates Frank Dunn upon being named the season's outstanding back. Right, Dr. George Miller, line tutor, awards the Outstanding Lineman trophy to guard Olen Ragan. Juul is the first freshman footballer to win the inspirational player award.

Portland Mentioned As Future Hoop Site

By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UP)—Pro basketball definitely has "arrived," NBA President Maurice Podoloff asserted today, and he envisions the day when there will be 20 teams in two nation-wide divisions with a national playoff "for a real world championship."

Franchise interest has reached a new high, said the rotund little man who tells the Giants what to do, and the "hot cities" are Washington, Pittsburgh, Baltimore Los Angeles and Portland, Ore.

"Other possibilities include Dallas, Houston and Cincinnati," Podoloff revealed, "while such cities as Charlotte, Des Moines and Denver all have new buildings with a capacity large enough to handle our games."

The next step for what is currently an eight-team league will be to expand to a 10 to 12 team setup, predicts the loquacious midget. The 12-team league seems to be his favorite because in that manner there could be two divisions in which travel costs could be cut considerably.

PERIOD

But over a period of time, Podoloff sees "ten teams east of the Mississippi and 10 teams west of the Mississippi."

Podoloff and the NBA are cognizant of the fact that pro basketball interest is mounting at such a rapid rate that if they don't concentrate on expansion they may run into competition. They did a few years back and solved it by merging with the National Basketball League in 1950.

"If we ignore these facts there possibly could be a separate league within four years," he admitted. "Naturally we want to maintain control."

Indicative of the interest in pro basketball, as of the same number of games last year the league's attendance is up 57 per cent this season. Two years ago, only 25 TV stations were carrying the pro games. When the telecasts start Saturday at Boston with the Minneapolis game there will be 130 stations in 40 states carrying the games.

STRIKE

Whispers are that the Boston players, seeking a share of that $5,000 a game television loot, are planning a "sit down" strike. There, too, the management intends to retain control with Podoloff warning "they'll sit down the rest of their lives as far as basketball is concerned."

A total of 12 seasonal games and three playoff games will be videoed. The home club retains the entire fee because the games are not blacked out locally. But the clubs consider it worthwhile as "a prestige buildup."

Considering the clamor for franchises, you wonder how high the buildup can get. But, if you're in the market, all you need is population, seating capacity, finances and "know how." Podoloff will take it from there.

Saxton, Loi Advance Up Ring Ladder

NEW YORK (AP)—Johnny Saxton of New York, Duilio Loi of Italy and Fred Galiana of Spain were elevated today to top ranking in their divisions in the latest boxing ratings of Ring magazine.

Saxton, an ex-champion, replaced another deposed welterweight king, Tony DeMarco of Boston, in the No. 1 contender's berth in the 147-pound class. DeMarco, who was stopped last Wednesday for the second time by champion Carmen Basilio, dropped to third. Basilio was named "Fighter of the Month," by Editor Nat Fleischer.

Loi, who recently defended his European lightweight title and has a long victory streak alive, was made the leading challenger for champion Wallace (Bud) Smith. Jimmy Carter, the ex-champ, was demoted to second.

Galiana, who captured the European featherweight crown from France's Ray Famechon, jumped from eighth to first among the challengers of 126-pound ruler Sandy Saddler.

France's Charley Humez moved back from third to second among the middleweights while Argentina's slugging 160-pounder, Eduardo (KO) Lausse, climbed from fourth to third.

The retirement of Toronto's Earl Walls and the defeat of Germany's Heinz Neuhaus by light heavyweight Gerhard Hecht created two vacancies in the heavyweight class. They were filled by Johnny Summerlin, Detroit, in seventh place, and Harold Carter, Linden, N. J., in the ninth spot. Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight king, was dropped to eighth.

Other heavyweight ratings behind champion Rocky Marciano were (1) Archie Moore, (2) Bob Baker, (3) Nino Valdes, (4) Tommy Jackson, (5) Jimmy Slade, (6) Johnny Holman and (10) Franco Cavicchi.

Ball Fare

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At Fremont Jr. High

7:00 YMCA vs. Lions Boys gym
7:00 National Guard vs. Kiwanis Girls gym
8:00 Nubs vs. Air Force Boys gym

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At Altamont Jr. High

6:30 Klamath Jets vs. Nat'l Guard No. 2
8:00 Nat'l Guard No. 1 vs Bowers No Sponsor

Basketball SCORES

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
(Monday's Results)
Far West

Colorado 68, Oregon 49
Whitworth 71, Washington State 66
Minot (ND) State Teachers 80, Northern Montana 53
Central Washington 96, Whitman 74
Southern Oregon 93, Linfield 62

EAST

Nigara 66, Toledo 59
Duquesne 61, Carnegie Tech 25
Connecticut 8, New Hampshire 63
Hofstra 80, Roanoke 43
Boston College 89, Suffolk 73

SOUTH

Tulane 94, Louisiana College 61
Florida State 101, Rollins 65
Louisiana State 72, Southwestern Memphis 59
Florida 85, Wofford 66
Maryland 75, Alumni 61

MIDWEST

Vanderbilt 76, Ohio State 67
Kansas 91, Northwestern 70
Loyola Chicago 74, South Dakota 68
Wisconsin 70, Notre Dame 66
Drake 89, Omaha 80

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma A&M 51, Texas Western 40
Oklahoma 65, Baylor 55
Oklahoma City 84, Texas Christian 56
Memphis State 84, Texas A&M 71
New Mexico A&M 66, New Mexico 53.

SPORTS IN BRIEF
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
FOOTBALL

ATLANTA —The Georgia regents gave Georgia Tech a green light to play Pittsburgh in the Sugar Bowl game Jan. 2.

WACO, Tex. — George Sauer was named athletic director of Baylor University and Sam Boyd, who has been an assistant coach, was picked to replace him as head coach.

BASEBALL

CHICAGO — Tom Yawkey, president of the Boston Red Sox, was elected vice president of the American League succeeding the late Clark Griffith; Phil Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs, was re-elected vice president of the National League.

RACING

MIAMI, Fla. — Jockey Willie Hartack put on sensational riding performance at Tropical Park, upping his total to 404 with four winners before starting a 10-day suspension.

SAN BRUNO, Calif. — Home Town Hero ($14.50) won the feature at Tanforan.

MIAMI, Fla. — Nasrina was selected as the champion 2-year old filly for 1955 by the Throughbred Racing Assn. and Nail was crowned the champion 2-year old colt.

Frick Admits Radio, Video Problem Acute

CHICAGO (AP) — Commissioner Ford Frick admitted Tuesday that baseballs radio and television dilemma was as acute as ever following a rebuff by the Department of Justice of a plan that would have given the sport "ground work" to follow in formulating a definite policy on radio and TV.

Fricks' remarks highlighted the opening activities of the major league baseball meetings during which the club owners elected annual officers, discussed the proposed amendments and were informed of the results of a fact-finding survey on baseball.

The commissioner's announcement, made Monday at a press conference called for the purpose of distributing a nine-page summary of the survey by the Stephen Fitzgerald Company, completely overshadowed the survey's findings.

"We talked with the Department of Justice and proposed a test case which would have given baseball ground rules to follow in dissemination of games by radio and television," Frick said.

"We said 'Why don't we pass a rule which we think is reasonable and fair and you (Justice Department) will sue us immediately and get an injunction that will stop the rule from operating and thus avoid any possibility of triple damage suits by individual stations. Then, by mutual agreement, whoever loses will carry the case to the Supreme Court for a final decision.'

"At first they were agreeable to the proposal but a week ago last Friday (Nov. 25) they said they had reconsidered and were opposed to it."

Frick did not go into details regarding the majors' proposal to the government but it was believed the plan called for restriction of telecasts and broadcasts of big league games outside a club's home territory limit of 50 miles.

The majors had planned to offset that by telecasting a "Game of the Week" over a national channel. This plan, if consummated, would have brought in $3,000,000, half of which was to have been ticketed to the minors.

That proposal, too, reportedly was rejected by the Justice Department.

For years, the minors have been urging the commissioner to undertake a test case on radio and TV but fear of the Justice Department's interpretation of "conspiracy and collusion" has held Frick back.

Boyd Named To Grid Post

WACO, Tex. (AP)—Sam Boyd, who said "I'm the luckiest son-of-a-gun that ever lived to get this job," took over as head football coach of Baylor University, his alma mater, today.

He succeeded George Sauer, who retired from coaching but will continue as athletic director. Boyd was given a three-year contract at an undisclosed salary.

In a move so sudden it left Boyd virtually speechless, the Athletic Committee of the university yesterday voted unanimously to elevate Boyd from end coach to head coach and to meet Sauer's request that he be relieved of part of his dual job as coach and athletic director.

Honus Wagner Succumbs

PITTSBURGH (AP) — John (Honus) Wagner, 81, all-time great shortstop who became a legend in his lifetime, died in his sleep today.

Members of the family were at the bedside when he passed away at his suburban Carnegie home, only a few miles from Forbes Field, where he achieved lasting fame with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"He just slept away," a member of the family said.

Wagner had been in poor health several years. Two months ago he slipped and fell in his home. He had been bedfast since and went into a coma about 10 days ago. The family said his death was the result of complications from the infirmities of old age.

Wagner, sometimes called the greatest player in baseball history, was a bandy-legged barrel-chested Dutchman. He finished a 21-year major league career in 1917 with a lifetime batting average of .329. His final public appearance was last April 30 at Schenley Park, outside Forbes Field, for the unveiling of a bronze statue in his memory. All he could say, as he wiped a tear from his cheek, was:

"How about that!"

That was a typical remark. Honus would brush aside praise for his records. And those records are legendary. They go like this:

He played more games than any other National leaguer in history -2,785. And he held many other National League records. He had the most total hits-3,430. He made the most one-base hits-2,431, the most doubles-643, the most triples -250. He batted .300 or better for 17 consecutive years and led the league in hitting for eight years.

He stole six bases in a World Series — another record.

Wagner was one of the first players elected to Baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y.

He was a coal miner at 12 and later he joined an older brother in the barbering business.

He began his baseball career when another brother, Al Wagner, got him an offer of $35 monthly to play for a Steubenville, Ohio, ball club.

Wagner's agility in the field and sharp batting eye soon became known throughout the baseball world. He was with a Paterson, N.J., club in 1897 when Barney Dreyfuss, owner of the Louisville (Ky.) Colonels purchased his contract for $2,200. Three years later Dreyfuss moved his National franchise to Pittsburgh and Wagner went with him.

After his retirement as a player, Wagner operated a sporting goods store in Pittsburgh for several years. In the '30s he returned to the Pirates as a coach and served until the club put him on pension in the winter of 1951.

His widow, the former Bessie Smith, and two daughters survive.

TRA Names Nashau

MIAMI (AP) — Not that it was any great surprise, but mighty Nashua was chosen 3-year old champion race horse Tuesday by the Thoroughbred Racing Assn's. board of selectors with an overwhelming vote.

Sports World Shorts

NEW YORK (UP)—Iona College announced today that a total of 2,000 tickets for each of its six home basketball games this season will be sold at cut-rate prices to patrons who buy specified amounts of groceries at a chain of neighboring super-markets. The plan is similar to one used successfully by Villanova during the 1954 football season.

LANCASTER, Pa. (UP)—Organized baseball seemed doomed here today when the Kansas City Athletics announced they were withdrawing all affiliation with the Lancaster club of the Piedmont League. Kansas City farm director Henry Peters said the move was made because of the "doubtful operation of the Piedmont League next year."

LOS ANGELES (UP)—Twenty regional tryout tournaments in addition to four in the armed forces will be held to select the make-up of the Greco-Roman and freestyle wrestling teams which will represent the United States in the 1956 Olympic games. Finalists in eight weight classes will be chosen in the national finals starting at Los Angeles on May 1.

CHICOPEE, Mass. (UP) — Bill Moge, coach of Chicopee High School, blamed some of the problems facing today's teen-agers on "adult drinking" at football games but conceded it was a small minority which was responsible for "this shameful practice."

Buffalos Top UO Webfoots

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Colorado moved in front early and stayed there Monday night to defeat Oregon, 68-49, in a non-conference basketball game.

The Ducks tied the game at 4-4 when the game was little over a minute old but Mel Coffman's basket at the 4-minute mark put the Buffaloes ahead and Oregon never caught up. The visitors led 40-21 at the nail.

Oregon's Max Anderson was high scorer with 13 points. Bill Peterson and Bob Helzer had 11 each for Colorado.

The win gave Colorado a sweep of its visit to Oregon. The Buffaloes beat Oregon State, 63-53, at Corvallis Saturday night.

Alabama, Vandy Top Cage Foes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Well whaddaya know! Kentucky isn't the only college basketball team in Dixie afterall—there's Alabama and Vanderbilt, too.

'Bama, with the 6-8 Jerry Harper back to help, picked up quite a bit of pre-season backing as a possible challenger to the stranglehold held on the Southeastern Conference title by mighty Kentucky, which four times in the last seven years has been top-ranked in the nation.

But now Vandy, which showed signs of stirring last season, has burst upon the scene with a masterful 76-67 victory over Ohio State Monday night in the Buckeye lair at Columbus, Ohio.

The Commodores, rugged and tall, made off with a 7-point lead in the first quarter and never trailed—hitting 50 per cent of their shots from the floor and sinking 76 per cent of their free throw attempts. Vandy showed excellent balance in ringing up its third victory in three starts, with four of the five starters scoring in double figures. Guard Al Rochelle was tops with 23 points.

All the Buckeyes, now 1-1, had was Robin Freeman, and the All-America ace almost was enough. He hit on 60 per cent of his shots and wound up with 40 points.

Freeman was just one of a fistfull of individual stars as the collegians opened their first full week of the season Monday night.

Si Green, who has to have it if Duquesne is to stay among the nation's leaders this season after the graduation of All-America Dick Ricketts, rammed in 22 points—all from the field—as the Dukes opened impressively with a 61-25 decision over Carnegie Tech.

Norm Stewart set a Missouri record with 35 points as the once-beaten Tigers whomped Texas Tech 92-60; Bob Emrick canned 27 to lead Florida's 85-66 assault against Wofford; Lloyd Aubrey hit 35 for Notre Dame although the Irish were clubbed again, this time 70-66 by Wisconsin; and Texas Christian's Dick O'Neail totaled 25 as Oklahoma City—with Hubert Reed also scoring 25—tagged the Horned Frogs 84-56.

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