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Fleischer Has Eyes Cocked On Patterson-Johansson Title Bout

NEW YORK (NEA)—It is typical of Nat Fleischer that he worked overtime to help a German heavyweight, Max Schmeling, reach this country in 1928.

"Herr Nat," as Schmeling called the boxing historian, was given a contract assuring him of 10 percent in return for warding off American hustlers.

It is typical, because Schmeling went on to draw \$4 million in gate receipts in the United States and Fleischer, who had \$220,000 coming but would have refused it if offered, was far more interested in keeping the contract paper in good condition. He still has it displayed in one of his Ring Magazine trophy cases.

It is also typical of this sprightly 71-year-old boxing man that he should look upon the prospects for a Floyd Patterson-Ingemar Johansson heavyweight championship outdoor match in New York next June with a slanted eye.

He frowns upon the way the match is being made.

Johansson is the dashing Swede who knocked out Eddie Machen, the top American challenger, in one round to establish himself as the chief contender for Patterson's title. On the face of it, a big international match would put life back in boxing—and help Editor Fleischer's Ring Magazine. But that doesn't faze Nat.

"Johansson came here," he barks, "and hid for four days from American newspapermen."

Rookie Baylor Leads Mediocre Lakers Bid

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI)—It's tough to make the grade as a rookie in the National Basketball Association, basketball's big league, but it's doubly tough if you're expected to star on a mediocre team.

Elgin Baylor, rookie forward of the Minneapolis Lakers, seems destined to do just that. Minneapolis fans call him the "greatest" since George Mikan.

The cat-like former All-American from Seattle University earned this praise by battling for the NBA scoring leadership against such stalwarts as George Yardley of Detroit and Bob Pettit of St. Louis. He also ranks close to the best in the league in rebounds and assists.

Baylor got off to a fast start with a 25-point performance against Cincinnati and has not

Elliott Seeks Education Aid

MELBOURNE, Australia (UPI)—Herb Elliott, Australia's wonder miler, today revealed he has applied for a scholarship to attend Cambridge University in England and may not do any competitive running until the 1960 Olympics in Rome.

"What with study, work, cooking and washing in a flat, I have really little time left for training," said the lanky Aussie who recently turned down a \$238,000 offer to turn professional.

Elliott also disclosed he plans to marry Anne Dudley, his school-girl sweetheart, next year.

"The date of our marriage will depend on whether I get the scholarship and leave for England," Herb said, adding he probably would remain at Cambridge four or five years.

"I may not even be able to return to Perth for the 1962 Empire Games," he said. "I must concentrate on my studies . . . but I should be able to take part in the Rome Olympics."

TAKE TO AIRLINES

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (UPI)—The air-minded Milwaukee Braves will make all road trips next year by plane, except for the short jaunt between Milwaukee and Chicago, which will be made by train. The team will cover 25,104 air miles during the season.

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Gardere Gaels' Top Prize

MORAGA, Calif. (UPI)—That little guy with the barrel chest and hefty legs who upsets defenses the way Ty Cobb used to upset infielders is Joe Gardere and he may play a mighty role in St. Mary's drive toward the basketball heights.

Gardere, a sophomore guard, is big as average persons go. He stands five-foot nine and you'd hesitate to start an argument if he stepped on your foot during the rush hour. But down on the basketball court he looks like somebody's kid brother as he darts in and out of the "tail timber" stealing the ball and hitting with clutch baskets from inside and out.

"Gardere will become a tremendous player," beamed Coach Jim Weaver today, still glowing from watching his Gaels win two games in solid fashion a week ago. "He has the desire, can shoot and is good on defense."

SOME BALLET

Weaver also divulged that jumping Joe, now 19, took some ballet lessons at the age of 11.

"It's a cinch they didn't hurt him any," Weaver said. "He's a boy with springs in his legs."

And he showed it recently when he raced out onto the Cow Palace floor during the late stages of a wild game with UCLA when the Bruins were on top, 54-50. Gardere hit for one field goal to pull the Gaels up closer and Dick Sigaty's shot sent things into overtime.

Now Joe climbed aboard his scooter in earnest and netted two more fielders, passed neatly for another and stole the ball from a UCLA sortie to insure St. Mary's its 62-59 win.

NICE TRY

"Did you see the way he went up on the boards to try and stop a shot by Brian Kniff of UCLA?" Weaver asked. "It was a tremendous leap. Joe almost pinned the ball against the board but not enough and it squirted into the basket for a goal."

Little athletes are supposed to be the peepers of ball team but Weaver says that Joe uses the "soft sell" rather than the hard one.

"He's a quiet sort of guy," the optimistic coach said. "He talks it up but not very loudly. Usually the only ones who hear him are the players nearest to him."

Weaver hopes that the officials will get used to some of Gardere's downcourt dashes pretty early this season.

"He has a deceptive run that makes him look as if he were traveling but he isn't," Weaver said.

Rangers Blank Red Wings 2-0

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

They said it probably would take a shutout from goalie Gump Worsley for the New York Rangers to beat the Detroit Red Wings this season. So Worsley did it.

The tiny New York goal-tender made 38 saves, many of them difficult, and the Rangers, regaining fourth place in the National Hockey League, beat the Wings for the first time in six meetings, 2-0 Thursday night.

The loss was a costly one for the second place Red Wings, who slipped six points behind the league-leading Montreal Canadiens after Montreal whipped Toronto 4-1.

Green May Rejoin Royals

CINCINNATI, Ohio (UPI)—Si-hugo (Si) Green, may return to action with the Cincinnati Royals after Jan. 1, doctors who diagnosed his ailment as a brain contusion said Thursday.

Exhaustive tests made on the former Duquesne University All-American basketball star at Christ Hospital here revealed Thursday that he was suffering from a brain contusion and not a blood clot as believed. However, he must remain in the hospital another week.

Had the tests indicated a cerebral blood clot, Green would have had to undergo immediate surgery, Dr. Frank Mayfield, who headed the team of surgeons examining Green, said. Dr. Mayfield said a brain contusion did not necessitate an operation.

Washington Team Tabbed Squad To Beat In PCC Race

By JACK HEWINS

SEATTLE (AP)—Any one of five teams could carry off the last basketball pennant of the Pacific Coast Conference and four of them are located in the land of grapes and grapefruit, Washington appears to be the only northern club with a chance to crack the California cartel.

Several southern coaches have tabbed Washington as the team to beat and plan to do it. This is in line with an old coaching strategy of fattening up an enemy for the kill. If you can talk everyone into believing somebody else's team is the favorite, all of them will shoot the works at the chosen club and you will escape the pressure.

While UCLA, Southern Cal, Stanford and California are putting the finger on Tippy Dye of Washington, each one is secretly dreaming pennant dreams. And each of the four is good enough to take the title. The other Northwest teams are not expected to be in the picture, although Idaho could be the season's dusky pony.

That great finger-pointer, Johnny Wooden, probably will bring UCLA home in first place. He'll get his most serious argument from Forry Twoogood at Southern Cal. We look for Washington to finish third or fourth, scrapping

HOCKEY Scores

National Hockey League
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thursday Results
New York 2, Detroit 0
Montreal 4, Toronto 1
Friday Games
No games scheduled



ELK HUNT SUCCESS — Ivan Doak, Chiloquin, stands by a fine trophy rack of horns taken from a 9-point bull elk he shot this season. Doak shot the animal near Elgin.

Modoc '5' Hosts Eight Team Meet

ALTURAS—Eight Northern California and Southern Oregon basketball teams are entered in the second annual Modoc Invitational Tourney which got under way here at 2 o'clock this afternoon, scheduled to be concluded on Saturday. Saturday games begin at 8 a.m.

The elimination meet, which was won by the host Alturas Modocs, begins last year, includes entries from Malin, Dunsmuir, Tulelake, Fall River, Big Valley, Surprise Valley, Trinity and Alturas.

Class B squads are registered from all of the schools except Malin and Trinity.

Reservation JC To Sponsor Shoot

KLAMATH AGENCY—A turkey and ham shoot sponsored by the Klamath Reservation Jaycees is scheduled for Sunday, December 21, on the range one mile east of Chiloquin on the Copco right of way.

Special events for rifles, shotguns, pistols and bow and arrows are slated with a trapshooting event to be held separately. Shooting will start at noon and continue until dusk.

Lunch and refreshments will be served on the range.

Oscar Paces Scorers

NEW YORK (UPI)—Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati jumped off to one of the fastest scoring starts in major college basketball history with a record average of 42.7 points in the Bearcats' first three games this season.

Robertson, defending national basketball scoring champion, tallied 120 points in the first two weeks of the new campaign as he sought to drop a sophomore standard that brought him All-America honors.

Robertson scored more points (894) at a faster pace (35.1) than any first-year varsity player in college history last season.

Through Saturday, Dec. 13, Robertson outgunned all rivals with his 42.7 percentage. Bailey Howell of Mississippi State was the Bearcat star's closest competitor with a 38.0 average. Bob Boozer of Kansas State was third with 36.5 and Pittsburgh's Don Hennon followed with 34.5.

Jon Cincex of Syracuse topped the list in field goal percentage, with 64.4 on 38 of 59 attempts. John's George Carter was second with 33 of 53 for .623.

Hank Stern, who helped lead Xavier of Ohio to the National Invitational Tournament championship last season, was off to a fine start at the free throw line as he sank 25 of 26 attempts for a .962 percentage.

In the rebounds department, Clarence Red of Loyola of Chicago dominated the backboards as he grabbed 80 of 326 caroms to become the only sophomore among the early-season leaders. Don Jones of Niagara made 47 of 213 recoveries for second place.

Ohio University scored 305 points in three games for a leading average of 101.7. Cincinnati was second with 95.7 and Miami of Florida close by at 95.6. Oklahoma State allowed only 119 points (39.7 per game) to top the major teams in defense. Santa Clara was next with a 42.0 mark.

FEATURE LECTURER

COLUMBIA, S.C. (UPI)—Football Coach Darrell Royal of the University of Texas will be a feature lecturer at the annual South Carolina Coaches Association clinic next August.

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