

Top District 23 Quints Face Initial Tests

OTTER, LAKE CAGE TEAMS PLAY FIRST GAMES ON FRIDAY

MOORHEAD-FARGO HIGH SCHOOL GAME HOLDS MAIN INTEREST LOCALLY.

Dragons Go To Valley City; Cobbers At Billings; Blson Face Pipers, Macs.

While the Moorhead-Fargo high school game in the Spud Junior high school gym will corral the biggest attention of local cage fans Friday, District 23 basketball followers will be watching with interest the results of opening games for other leaders in the district.

Fergus Falls and Detroit Lakes, rated the two top teams in the district at present, make their initial starts Friday. A scrappy Battle Lake team invades Fergus to give the Otters their first test while the Lakers, who have had several skirmishes against alumni and independent quints, will take on Mahanomen high school.

Only Local Contest. The Moorhead-Fargo game Friday is the only tilt slated for a local floor this week but several other teams are scheduled to go into action. Moorhead State Teachers college goes to Valley City Friday in quest of its first victory with Valley City Teachers as an opponent. The NDAC Blson, still without the services of their pivot ace, Swede Johnson, head for St. Paul where they face Hamline Friday and Macalester Saturday.

Concordia, which takes on Billings Polytechnic at Billings tonight, runs up against Montana State at Bozeman Saturday. Sacred Heart academy travels to St. Cloud for a tilt with St. Cloud Cathedral Friday.

Other Games on Tap. Several other District 23 contests are on the schedule Friday. The undefeated Hawley quint, victorious in five straight games—Fulton was the latest victim to fall Wednesday night—goes to Hilderdal. Dilworth high school, which chalked up its first district victory over Pelican Rapids Tuesday, goes to Lake Park for a game Friday. In other district games Barnesville plays at Glyndon. Audubon goes to Perham. Felton plays at Hilderdal and Pelican Rapids tackles Frazee.

Other games slated in this vicinity are Borup at Waubun, Twin Valley at Ulen and Ada at Fosston.

Next week Detroit Lakes and Fergus Falls are slated for severe tests. The Lakers face an invading Minneapolis South high team next Saturday while the Otters go on the road, playing at Wadena and Bemidji.

REDS SWAP FOR TURNER, BOSTON

RED SOX RELEASE FABIAN GAFFKE TO MILL CITY FOR BUTLAND, HASH.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 7 (UP)—The first "big" big league deal of the annual winter baseball meetings was made Wednesday when the National league champions Cincinnati Reds traded first baseman Leslie Scarcella and cash to the Boston Bees for Jim Turner, veteran right-handed pitcher. After swinging the deal with the Bees, Warren C. Giles, Cincinnati business manager, went into a conference with Larry MacPhail, Brooklyn president.

The Red Sox announced the outright release of outfielder Fabian Gaffke to the Minneapolis club, where he played last season on option, in part payment for Bill Butland and Herb Hash who were sent up to Boston this season. W. C. Tuttle, Pacific Coast league president, made a complaint at the minor league session today against the Brooklyn club for invading west coast territory to conduct baseball schools.

Pittsburgh announced the appointment of D'Arcy (Jake) Flowers, who managed the Pocomoke, Md., eastern shore league club last season as coach. The Pirates' coaching staff is now complete, having already signed Bernard (Mike) Kelly and Hans Wagner.

River Falls Teachers Beat Macalester, 52-51

St. Paul, Dec. 7 (UP)—Two free throws in the last 12 seconds of play gave River Falls (Wis.) teachers a 52 to 51 victory over Macalester in a whirlwind see-saw scoring battle here last night.

The Falcons trailed through the first half, then staged a series of spurts, bringing the score to a 50 tie in the final minute. Gramith netted a penalty shot for the Macmen, putting them again in the lead. Then, in a flurry of action under the basket less than 15 seconds before the final gong, Schwartz, Falcon center, was fouled. He netted both shots.

Winona Teachers Down St. Olaf By 44-40 Score

Winona, Dec. 7 (UP)—Trailing St. Olaf in the fourth period opening, Winona Teachers college basketball team staged a last minute spurt to win 44 to 40 here last night.

Basketball Scores

COLLEGE
Notre Dame 54, Cincinnati 17
Winona Teachers 44, St. Olaf 40
Illinois 37, Monmouth 19
Illinois 60, Wabash 21
Globe Trotters 63, Nashville 61
Syracuse 54, Toronto 52
River Falls Teachers 56, Macalester 51
St. Thomas 45, St. Ambrose 26
HIGH SCHOOL
Alumni 39, MSTC high 32
Hawley 22, Felton 13
West Fargo 30, Horace 3
New York Mills 26, Perham 15
Warren 46, Cllmax 15

ALUMNI WIN OVER MSTC HIGH, 39-22

SIG STUSIAK, BUTCH HEGLAND LEAD FORMER STARS TO VICTORY.

MSTC high school's Baby Dragons, coached by Ed Hammer, made their season debut Wednesday, losing to an alumni team, 39 to 22. The alumni led all the way. At the end of the first quarter they led, 14 to 10, at the half, 21 to 19, at the end of the third period, 33 to 26.

Jack Nemzek, Gordon Rehder and Richard Hilden were high point men for the Baby Dragons. Sig Stusiak and Butch Hegland led the alumni with 11 and 8 points each.

MSTC high	fg	pf	ft
Scott, f	1	0	1
Nemzek, f	4	1	1
Hilden, c	3	3	2
Thompson, g	0	1	0
Rehder, g	4	2	0
Schramm, f	1	0	1
Morgan, g	0	0	0
St. Olaf	1	0	0
Totals	14	7	4
Alumni	fg	pf	ft
Saddler, f	3	2	0
Benson, f	2	1	0
Hegland, c	4	1	0
Zuehlendorf, g	3	0	0
Sig Stusiak, g	1	1	0
Sig Stusiak, g	5	1	0
Berglund, f	0	1	0
Phillip, c	0	1	0
Hegland, f	1	0	0
Euren, g	0	1	0
Nelson, g	0	1	0
Totals	19	9	1

MARKS LEADER IN B AND B LEAGUE

ROLLS 532 SERIES, 187 SINGLE GAME; COCA COLA STAYS IN FRONT.

W. L. Pct.			
Coca Cola	17	13	.563
Brownlee	16	14	.533
Hamm's	14	16	.467
Western Bottling	13	17	.433

Bob Marks, with a 532 series and a 187 single game, led the Bottlers and Bakers bowling league, Wednesday night.

The summary:
Team Results
Crownlee Bread 3, Hamm's 0
Coca Cola 2, Western Bottling 1
Team Leaders
Brownlee—Marks 532, 197
Hamm's—B. Kimm 456, 163
Western Bottling—C. Christian 463; G. Adams 149
Coca Cola—A. Steinke 496, 177

Moorhead Spud Keglers Win Two Over Fairmont

The Moorhead Spuds took two games from the Fargo Forum in the Commercial Bowling league Wednesday night as Kiewel's scored the only clean sweep, winning three from City Club. Fargo Forum and Y-B cagers also won two each. George Bryant had high scores for the evening with a 602 series and a 224 single game.



ROGELL TRADED TO CHICAGO BY TIGERS FOR DICK BARTELL

COMMISSIONER LANDIS ARRIVES BUT REFUSES TO CLARIFY RUMORS.

Dodgers, Cincinnati Two Of Most Eager Clubs Dickering For More Players.

By GEORGE KIRKSEY
Cincinnati, Dec. 7 (UP)—One of those rarest of baseball deals, an inter-circuit trade between the National and American leagues, ushered in the annual winter major league meetings today. The minor leaguers headed for home after holding the stage for three days.

"Rowdy Dick" Bartell, who cost the New York Giants \$90,000 a few years ago, was shipped to the Detroit Tigers by Chicago for Bill Rogell. Both are veteran shortstops who were "washed up" with their respective clubs. Waivers were obtained on each before the intra-league deal could be made.

Although the deal wasn't confirmed until nearly midnight last night by Walter O. Briggs, Detroit owner, it actually was made on Monday. Neither player is likely to be a regular but if either should break into a steady job it may be Bartell, who is a whoop and holler guy who insists he is far from through.

Landis Arrives
Arrival here last night of Commissioner K. M. Landis caused new rumors about what "the judge" may be up to, but a visit to the grey-haired baseball czar was unproductive of any official news. "I never talk about these things," Landis said. "If I have anything to say, I'll say it at the joint-meeting Saturday."

Clark Griffith, the "old fox" of Washington, has gained at least one supporter for his personal to prohibit pennant winners from acquiring a player in its own league, except by waivers, as long as it holds the title. Alva Bradley of Cleveland said he would vote for Griffith's proposal.

With Bill Terry finding no takers for Zeke Bonura, Washington is willing to take the Gants' first baseman back for the waiver price of \$7,500. If the Senators don't get Bonura he is doomed to go to the Giants' Jersey City farm club.

Rejs, Dodgers Talk Trade
Conversation between Brooklyn and Cincinnati over a trade involving Ernie Lombardi failed to make any headway. The Dodgers and Reds are two of the clubs most eager to make trades and are quite likely to put over something with somebody before the meeting closes.

With clubs almost trampling on each other in an effort to get outfielder Max West, the Bees have just about decided to keep him. Leo Durocher, Dodger manager, cracked that the Bees wanted more for West than the Cards did for Joe Medwick. When Casey Stengel, Bees' pilot, heard about Durocher's remark, he said: "Well, tell Durocher to get Medwick and we'll trade him West for Medwick even up."

Ex-Dodger Manager Burrell Grimes, who plotted Montreal last season, has been given his release but will be paid his salary of \$10,000 under terms of a contract which still has a year to run unless he gets another job. If he lands a job, he'll be paid the difference between \$10,000 and his salary.

Eddie's Quint Defeats Crary Cagers, 30 To 24

Eddie's Coffee Shop basketball team, composed of former Moorhead State Teachers college and NDAC stars, won its first start in the Commercial league Wednesday, downing the A. W. Crary agency, 30-24. In other games Grand Recreation defeated National Tea, 21-11; Powers won over Interstate Business college, 32-23; and Family Finance trounced Fargo Business college, 40-21.

Giants Prepare For Title Game With Packers



New York Giants professional football team as they prepared in practice session for their title game with the Green Bay Packers. Here Kink Richards, Giants back, carries ball through line.

STEELE TEMPERED TO GO AGAINST KASHEY TONIGHT

Abe Kashey, better known as "King Kong," the "New Jersey Nightmare," and various other uncomplimentary titles, is in for a tough evening tonight if previous performances are any indication. Kashey will run up against Ray Steele tonight in the headliner of the Fargo auditorium mat card and Steele held none other than "Dirty Dick" Raines to a draw at Minneapolis Thursday night. Raines in a previous match here handed the New Jersey Syrian a sound shelling, but Abe claimed that he was off his feed at the time.

TODAY'S SPORT PARADE



By HENRY MCLEMORE
Daytona Beach, Fla., Dec. 7 (UP)—If you've ever watched the horse of your choice standing wrong way around with a far away glint in his eyes while his rivals bounced out of their starting stalls like frightened gazelles, then listen to the news given me today by one of the world's outstanding turf experts.

The gentleman's name is Morphine McGinnity and I know he is an expert because he wears a checked coat, speaks out of the side of his mouth and refers to Herbert Bayard Swope as "me buddy, Hoib." McGinnity says the starting gate Corrigan has been cured for good.

Electricity Conquers.
He goes farther than that. McGinnity says a horse no longer can start a race on a tangent, no longer can beat the gate and no longer can keep upward of 25,000 people stamping their feet impatiently while the assistant starters pull and tug at him for 15 minutes while he is brought into position. For electricity, like love, has conquered even the most stubborn of the bad post actors. The electricity has been injected into the old wooden gates. Bomb releases, trap doors and enough other gadgets have been added to outfit each individual stall as cozily as a one-room apartment with kitchenette. Steam heat and frigidaires can be added according to the season.

Engineers Make Gate.
There have been many men watch their horses nap at the barrier, including ourselves, but not until Claude Puett watched one was the matter taken seriously in hand. Puett and several engineers from a Los Angeles airplane factory pooled their cash and their ingenuity in two years developed what was known as the Puett gate.

The principle is a simple one. Each stall is equipped with a wire mesh door and a V-shaped back. Once a horse is backed into the stall, the door is snapped shut and the horse can neither rear nor charge. The V back keeps him in perfect alignment until the starter presses a button which swings open all the doors simultaneously and gives every horse an even break. The doors are synchronized and are released by bomb locks when the current is turned on.

Device Frowned Upon.
Despite its obvious advantages, the Puett device was greeted by American turfmen with all the warmth usually shown a rattle-snake. The race track operators stared at it so icily that the inventors took the hint and the gate to Canada. They experimented with it on half mile tracks at Vancouver until they were sure of their product, then went to Longacres in Seattle.

The gate established itself as the greatest turf invention since the introduction of the totalizator. Post times were cut down to a minute and almost a flat 100 per cent of all starts were good. Next it was taken to Bay Meadows and then to Pimlico in Baltimore where Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt adopted it wholeheartedly.

Gate's Worth Proved.
Vanderbilt proved the gate's worth. In his stable he has the two most turbulent horses in America—Heelly and Airframe. Both long have been regarded as terror by assistant starters. But once they were backed into the Puett device they developed manners seldom found outside of drawing rooms. And both of them promptly began winning.

The gate idea is spreading now. A similar device, known as the Westinghouse gate, was introduced at Santa Anita and will be used during the coming meeting. Most prominent turfmen predict that within two years one gate or the other will be standard equipment at every American race track. But the entire project makes my friend Morphine very sad. Morphine, you see, is of an older school. He believes electricity, instead of the gate, should be administered the horse.

ROOKIES BREAK 3 PRO RECORDS

O'BRIEN COMPLETES MOST PASSES IN GAME, MAKES MOST YARDS BY AIR.

New York, Dec. 7 (UP)—Football, toughest of the professional sports for freshmen to crack, was split wide open by a pair of first-year halfbacks during the past season, final individual averages showed today.

Led by newcomers Davey O'Brien of the Philadelphia Eagles and Parker Hall of the Cleveland Rams, eight players smashed 13 records—seven in passing, three in pass-receiving, one in ground-gaining and two in scoring.

O'Brien, a unanimous all-American at T. C. U. a year ago, shattered two passing marks. He gained 1,324 yards on aeriels, cracking the old record of 1,127 for 11 games set by Sammy Baugh, Washington, in 1937 and broke the old mark of most completed passes in one game when he tossed 21 against the Chicago Bears. The old mark of 15 was set by Pat Coffee in the Cards-Bears game in 1937.

Hall, fresh out of Mississippi, broke only one record, completing the most passes—106—during the season against Baugh's 81 in '37. He led the passers with 106 in 203 attempts for 1,227 yards. O'Brien was second with 99 in 201 tries for 1,324 yards.

Don Hutson, Green Bay Packers' end, was the only veteran to keep pace with the rookies. He led two divisions—yards gained on passes received, 846, and most passes caught, 34. He boosted two of his life-time marks to record-breaking totals—passes caught to 159 in five seasons and yards gained on passes to 2,890, both totals bettering marks hung up by John Blood, three-team hero in 14 seasons.

Jack Manders, Bears, brought his lifetime total of points scored to 345 to smash the old mark of 321 held by Ken Strong, Giants. Andy Farkas, Washington, scored 11 touchdowns to break the record of nine set by Hutson in 1936 and added two conversions to lead the scorers with 68 points.

N. Y. HONORS IOWA COACH, HALFBACK

ANDERSON NAMED FOOTBALL COACH OF YEAR, KINNICK LEADING PLAYER.

New York, Dec. 7 (UP)—The City of New York, and its 7,000,000 inhabitants, who rarely go overboard about anything, surrendered completely today to those two midwestern titans: Nile Kinnick and Dr. Eddie Anderson.

Young Kinnick was recognized last night as America's outstanding football player at the Downtown Athletic club's annual dinner, and today, Eddie Anderson was proclaimed the football coach of the year by the New York World-Telegram.

What captivated the metropolis was this: Both Kinnick and Anderson represent the same university—Iowa. Never before has one institution provided these two national pigskin champions. That's why they were singing today—from the Battery to the Bronx—"That's Where the Tall Corn Grows."

Chicago Bruins Win
Chicago, Dec. 7 (UP)—The Chicago Bruins won their opening game in the National professional basketball league last night, defeating the Oskosh All-Stars, 27 to 29.

GIANTS TO ENTER CHAIN STORE BALL

TERRY APPOINTS JACK COOK AS ASSISTANT; TO ADD SIXTH CLUB.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 7 (UP)—The New York Giants announced today that they intend to go into chain store baseball on a broad scale to develop ball players in an effort to rebuild the ebbing fortunes of the Polo grounders.

Bill Terry, general manager of the Giants' farm system, announced the appointment of Jack Cook, hitherto secretary of the Jersey City International league club, as his assistant.

The Giants now own five clubs outright: Jersey City, Clinton, Pa.; Ft. Smith, Ark.; Salisbury, Md.; New Milford, Del., and have a working agreement with Knoxville, Tenn. One more Class D club will be added.

The Giants have deals pending with the Boston Bees and St. Louis Cardinals, and Terry said he expects one or both to go through.

The Syracuse International league club purchased first baseman Mervyn Connors from the Chicago White Sox.

Track and Field Dates Are Announced By AAU

New York, Dec. 7 (UP)—The American Athletic union announced dates for the coming indoor track and field season today.

The season begins January 6 with the K. of C. meet in Brooklyn, N. Y., followed by the senior men's championships on the same site January 27.

Madison Square garden will house the following events: February 3, Millrose A. A. G. meet; February 17, N. Y. A. C. meet; November 24, National A. A. U. championships; March 2, I. C. 4A. championships; March 9, New York chapter K. of C. games.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars games will be held at Boston January 13 and the Penn. A. C. meet at Philadelphia, February 9.

Oklahoma Accepts Bid By Cotton Bowl Chief

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 7 (UP)—J. Curtis Sanford, youthful oil magnate, had one team—Oklahoma—for his Cotton Bowl game New Year's day and was "hot on the trail" of another today.

"I've sent feelers to Boston college, Clemson, Mississippi State, Duquesne, North Carolina and several others," Sanford said, "but I'm not going to announce Oklahoma's opponent 'till the game is in the bag'."

Prescribes Ball, Chain For Failing To Support 680 Taken In October For Breaking Game Law

Wellsburg, W. Va., Dec. 7 (UP)—A ball and chain were available today to be shackled to the first man sentenced to do street work for failing to support his wife and family.

Sheriff Herbert Traubert obtained the implements of punishment at the order yesterday of Circuit Judge J. J. O'Brien, who said he wanted to give a "few non-supporters a taste of street work shackled" as he had threatened recently to do.

Net Star to Wed

London, Dec. 7 (UP)—Announcement of the engagement of Kay Stammers, pretty Wightman cup tennis star, to marry Stock Broker Michael Menzies is expected soon, it was understood today.

Baby Is Strong Whistler

Ft. Myers, Fla. (UP)—The parents of 16-month-old David Matthes claim he is the baby whistling champion of the world.

1940 Leap Year Ignored In County Calendar

Centerville, Mich. (UP)—St. Joseph county officials have overlooked President Roosevelt in preparing the county's official 1940 calendar. Inadvertently, February was given only 28 days.

"I was only trying to protect the bachelors from the leap year proposal," Joe Cox, the printer, explained jocularly. County Clerk Marvin likewise appeared unperturbed. His only comment on the error was that it "comes pretty close to putting everybody a day ahead."

COUGHLIN ASKS CURB FOR LABOR

SEEKS BAN ON STRIKES UNLESS VOTED BY TWO-THIRDS OF UNIONISTS.

Detroit, Dec. 7 (UP)—The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin appealed here for "legal protection to save the vast masses of workingmen not only from the greed of capitalists but from the radicalism of labor leaders."

He urged that a code of unfair labor practices be inserted in the Wagner labor act paralleling the code already written for industry. The Syracuse also advocated regulation of the monetary system by congress, maintaining a price level without which "labor is still in the hands of the international bankers and the gold manipulators."

"What is needed today is that which was well thought out in 1934," Father Coughlin said. "Namely, the protection of the rights of labor to organize, to bargain collectively by representatives of its own choosing, yet, nevertheless, qualified in its action by a just code of fair practices."

"If labor has rights, it must have duties, else the rights will vanish." He said labor needed a code of arbitration established by the federal government to eliminate "unnecessary strikes."

"This code should insist that no strike can be called by officers of a union until two-thirds of the members of the union actually vote in favor of a strike. In this manner the laboring classes, having escaped the Scylla of industrial slavery, will avoid falling into the Charybdis of union dictatorship," he said.

Father Coughlin said workers lost \$297 each in the recent Chrysler corporation dispute, gaining as a result only "a maximum of \$60 a year."

Regulation of the value of money by congress is needed, the radio priest said, "so that the laborer's pay check will enjoy a steady purchasing power, and so that the purchasing power of the nation will not be depleted and exhausted by intolerable debts, taxation and manipulation."