

Pacific Coast's Bid For Major Status Is Turned Down

Higher Loop Classification Was Aim Of Club Owners

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The Pacific Coast's bid for conditional Major league status was rejected today by a joint meeting of the American and National leagues in a resolution that recognized the probability of eventual expansion.

Skirting the subject artfully in a carefully phrased statement by Walter Mulbry, secretary to Commissioner A. B. Chandler, the Majors said there appears to be no minor league which is entitled to such classification at present.

After recognizing the probability that increasing population should make advisable such expansion, the two Big Leagues drew up rigid requirements in the event of future application by leagues or individual teams.

The applicant must assume responsibility for any adjustments of territorial rights, must have adequate population, income and park facilities and must establish that operation on a Major league status is practical and justified.

Thus in about 100 words, the big boys brushed off the ingenious proposal by president Cleveland Rowland and his Coast league committee which asked for provisional acceptance as a third Major. While they waited for a final decision they wanted the draft price on their players increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and asked that their players not

be subject for draft until they had been playing six years, instead of the customary four.

When informed of the decision, Rowland said, "We'll keep on battling this thing. We are sorry they couldn't see things our way a little bit, especially as regards the draft. But we'll be back."

Although it was not mentioned in the official report of the meeting, there was reason to believe that the 10-club The National League proposition was a subject of ardent discussion, is believed to have favored unanimously such a plan as the eventual solution of the Coast problem and the American League was in opposition by a 5-2 vote with one member not voting. Chandler is reported in favor of the 10-club idea. None would comment.

Any move in such a direction would, of necessity, be a long term operation, involving an agreement on territorial rights. Other coast league teams definitely would oppose any move by the so-called "big four" of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hollywood.

Mulbry said the explosive high school rule did not come up for consideration. A violation of this interpretation by Chandler resulted in the suspension and \$500 fine of Leslie M. O'Connor finally relented and paid the fine but it was reported that an attempt would be made to bring the matter into the open at the winter sessions that ended today.

Chandler's ruling that no player may be invited or encouraged to report for spring training before March 1 resulted in considerable discussion and opposition but it still stands.

For the first time, the Majors decided to allow some of their players to play winter ball in Cuba during the 1948-49 season. Those who have not played more than 45 days in the Majors are eligible, but no more than two from any one team. This should be a terrific boon to the Cubans who recently were granted permission to take their pick from the Minor leagues.

Prohibition against signing a boy with American Legion eligibility was finally written into the rules although it has been in effect for many years on an "honor" basis. The Legion program was voted an appropriation of \$50,000, as compared to the usual \$20,000.

A proposal by the American Association of College Baseball Coaches to ban signing of college players until their class graduates, except in hardship cases, was tabled as was proposed legislation to regulate television.



BRIGADE BOYS MAKE POSTERS to display in Santa Claus parade this afternoon. Shown above is a group of the boys with the posters they made for the parade, James Copeland, executive director and Harold Culler, physical director, said prizes for the best poster in each class was to be awarded the boys tonight. The parade starts at 4:15 this afternoon. (Staff Photo by Ben Maynard)

Jim Gibson And Jimmy Piner May Start For East In Saturday Tilt

Twenty-two Eastern Conference football all-stars, including the Wildcat fullback Jim Gibson and quarterback Jimmy Piner, ended a practice session yesterday afternoon in preparation for Saturday's first annual Optimist bowl game when the Eastern and Western all-stars clash on the gridiron of High Point's Albion-Millis stadium.

Raleigh's Jimmy Lesane was the only injured name inscribed on the nursing roster and the speedy quarterback is expected to be in the initial lineup although he sustained a sprained ankle in yesterday's session on the soggy High Point practice field.

Big Jim "Hoot" Gibson main defensive and the Wildcats greatest line-plunger, is listed on the probable starting lineup. Also Little Jim Piner who handled the signal calling duties for the "Cats" after Irving "Piggy" Gore was converted into a center, was listed on the probable starting eleven. The definite lineup was not released.

Piloting the Eastern conference all-stars are Wilmington's Head Coach Leon Brodgen and Raleigh's Coach Les Stone. Wilmington and Raleigh were the only cities in the East who placed two men on the All-star squad. Probable starter from Raleigh to serve with Lesane is Gig Lloyd, end.

Coaching the western gridgers are Greensboro's Bob Jamison and Tony Simeon of High Point.

Piner was transferred to the halfback slot from the signal calling hole after Lesane received the sprained ankle. The Mentors said that the chief cog of the Capitol's '47 squad would warm the bench on defense in order that he will not be further injured. On offense he is scheduled to be a mainstay in the Easterner's lineup.

Dwight Caren, Durham backfielder who played brilliant ball this season, has proven to be the number one man for Lesane's defensive slot.

The Western eleven placed nine class AA starters on the lineup while the Eastern conference has six.

Raleigh, Goldsboro, and Durham were the only class AA teams of the conference to place players on the Eastern All-star team. North Carolina champions, the Fayetteville Bulldogs, and Dickie Davis of Wilson, were sure players for the all-star team, before the lads were chosen.

Basing the work of Gibson as in past games. Coach Stone anticipated Gibson to be the star of both teams from the kickoff to the final whistle.

The head mentors also commented that a lot of hard work was going to fall on the shoulders of Raleigh's Lloyd and Henderson's George Em-scul at the end slots.

Jack Spivey will handle the halfback slot along with Gibson Piner, and Lesane, to complete the Easterns backfield.

Coach Brodgen's and Stone's players will run from the famed and tricky "T" formation while Coach Jamison's and Simeon's squad will revert to the slower double wing attack.

Probable starting lineup released last night by the coaches for tomorrow's game is:

East—ends, Gig Lloyd of Raleigh and George Insoce of Henderson; tackles, R. J. Scott of Wadesboro and Sam Lynch of Goldsboro; guards, Ed Sutton of New Bern and Tommy Morris of Raleigh Methodist Orphanage; center, Baxter Mangum of Durham; backs, Jim Lesane of Raleigh, Jim Piner of Wilmington and Jack Spivey of Sanford.

West—ends, Bill Hunsucker of High Point and Ed Ballard of Burlington; tackles, Pickard of Burlington and Blalock of Lexington; guards, Jerry Clapp of Greensboro and Don Kimmel of Winston-Salem; center, Everhart of Lexington; backs, Richard Kidd of Greensboro, Megginson of Shelby, Lewis Collins of Mt. Airy, and T. C. Isom of High Point.

Tommy Hughes Traded To Reds By Phillies For Haas And Player

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The Philadelphia Phillies traded pitcher Tommy Hughes to the Cincinnati Reds for outfielder Bert Haas and another player to be delivered by next spring, it was announced tonight.

Hughes, a 28-year-old right-hander, made 29 starts for the Phils last season and won only four games while losing 11. His best season was in 1940 when he won 14 and lost 11.

Haas, who can play first and third as well as the outfield, batted .286 in 135 games for the Reds last year and batted in 67 runs. He is 33 years old.

Williston To Battle Lexington Here Tonight For State Title

Kickoff Slated At 8 O'clock At American Legion Stadium

The North Carolina Negro high school football championship contest will get underway tonight at 8 o'clock at the American Legion Stadium when the Powerful Williston Tigers play the Dunbar high of Lexington.

The Tigers, champions of the Eastern conference, have completed preparations for the title clash. Coach Frank Robinson said last night that his team is in excellent physical condition.

Meanwhile, reports from the Lexington camp indicate the Dunbar gridders are also in good shape. The visitors are reported to have a powerful passing attack. With this in mind Coach Robinson has drilled his team constantly on aerial offense.

A special section of the stadium will be reserved for white fans. Tickets are on sale today at Foy-Roe and company or may be obtained from the Williston school.

The lineups have been announced as follows:

Pos. Williston Lexington
LT—Moore Glenn
LE—Boykins Mason
LG—Tindal Carter
C—Nixon Hargrave
RG—Ferguson Parris
RT—DeShields Barker
RE—Pittman Long
RH—Simon J. Hargrave
LB—C. Nixon Harriston
FB—Rutland Tate
QB—Hayes G. Glenn

FRED HAAS LEADS MIAMI GOLF MEET

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Fred Haas, Jr., of New Orleans, using his personally-designed goose-neck woods, grabbed a one stroke lead in the first 18 holes of play in the \$10,000 Miami Open Golf Tournament today when he whizzed through with a 5-under-par 65.

A stroke away with 66 was Ed Furgol, 28-year-old Detroit golfer who like Haas has never won a major professional tournament.

A downpour of rain in the early afternoon and again near the conclusion of the day's play slowed down the horde of 233 performers. The top 150 professionals and ties will play tomorrow.

Sammy Byrd, the ex-baseball player from Detroit, was two strokes back of Haas with a 67 and another stroke away at 68 were Jimmy Demaret of Ojai, Calif., the years leading money winner; Frank Stranahan, Toledo amateur; Walt Burkemo of Detroit; Glenn Teal of Jacksonville, Fla., and Jim Milward of Three Lakes, Wis.

Fifteen were tied at 60 including Ellsworth Vines of Los Angeles and veteran Willie Klien of Miami Beach, who won the Miami Open back in 1925 and was played the tournament ever since.

At even par 70 were defending champion Sammy Snead of Hot Springs, Va., National Open Champion Lew Worsham of Oakmont, Pa., Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., Henry Cotton, former British Open champion, and five others.

The death from a heart attack of Ed Brook, 34, popular pro from Winter Haven, Fla., saddened the first round. Brook, a member of a Florida Golfing family, practiced continuously for three hours yesterday and collapsed last night.

TEMPLE AND TRINITY UNDEFEATED SQUADS

Temple Baptist and Trinity Methodist edged out a couple of fast St. James Episcopal and Southport Baptist church teams, 46 to 36, and 33 to 26, respectively last night in the Jr. YMCA Sunday School Basketball League to remain undefeated.

Charles Nivens tallied 16 markers to lead the victorious Temple quintet while Clark, Glover, and Lynch tapered off with eight points each for scoring honors of the Episcopalians.

Ernest Stroughton, with six field goals and one foul shot, hustled a total of 13 points to lead the Trinity five in scoring and Foul McDowell captured 12 points for the Southportians for high honors.

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HANDKERCHIEF

CORSICANA, Tex., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Dan Roberts of Corsicana, head linesman, penalized a Hubbard football team five yards here last night in a post season football game when an unidentified Hubbard player blew his nose.

Roberts had dropped his red flag for both teams being off-side on a play. The player picked up the flag and casually used it as a handkerchief.

LELAND DEFEATS HALLSBORO, 56-20

LELAND, Dec. 11.—The Leland basketball team, sponsored by the Leland club, defeated the Hallsboro All-Stars, 56 to 20, here last night.

The Leland team, a member of the National Independent Basketball Association, jumped into the lead early in the game and held it until the final whistle. Aaron Ganey, forward, scored 16 points for the Brunswick county five.

The lineup for Leland were as follows: Aaron Ganey and Thomas Holmes, forwards; Billy Benton and Orrin Perry, guards; Dempsey Ganey played center.

The Hallsboro lineup included the following players: Thompson, Moore, and Williamson at forward; L. Creech, R. Creech, Hooks and Thomas at guards; Taylor at center.

The Leland Lions club is sponsoring the NIBBA tournament in this district which comprises Pender, Columbus, Brunswick and New Hanover counties. Officials said tonight that they are seeking more entries in the tourney. Teams interested in playing are urged to contact Harold Geedy, District commissioner, at Leland.

Carolina Alumni To See Movies Of W&M Grid Tilt

Movies of the North Carolina-William and Mary football game will be shown at the annual fall dinner meeting of the University of North Carolina Alumni association of New Hanover county, J. Fred Rippy, Jr., local president said last night.

The annual meeting will be held at the Friendly Monday Dec. 15 at 6:30 o'clock. O. K. Cornwell, UNC physical education head, and Alumni secretary J. Maryon "Spike" Saunders will be guests and speakers from Chapel Hill, local officers announce last night.

Rippy said that 382 former students of the University of North Carolina reside in New Hanover county and a large majority of them are expected to attend the meeting. Officers will be elected, he said.

A nominating committee consisting of W. A. Raney, E. A. Laney and Wallace

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MEMPHIS TEAM DROPS MISSISSIPPI CONERLY

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Mississippi's Conerly will be pitching for Memphis next season as a pro ball pitcher today.

Conerly told the Memphis Press-Scimitar that he is considering offers from the Washington Redskins of the National League and the Brooklyn Dodgers of the All-American Conference, who had neither made a sign any contract with him.

He said, however, that he will sign any contract which will keep him in Memphis for the baseball season. He said that he will be pitching for Ole Miss next year.

Conerly, who set a new pitching record last season by completing 133 innings, said he is interested in playing pro ball and has talked with representatives of the Detroit Tigers and Chicago Cubs.

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