

Rural Schools Will "De-Emphasize" Basketball Under Latest Plan

DIVIDE COUNTY INTO TWO ZONES FOR FIRST PLAY

Begin Dec. 11 With One Game Weekly By Boys, Girls

An embryonic "Graham plan" or certainly a plan for the de-emphasis of basketball in Cleveland county's rural schools was announced here today, following a meeting of the schoolmasters club.

The 24 boys and girls basketball teams each of which heretofore have played from two to three and some played four games of basketball per week will now play on a schedule of one game per week in a new setting for the county league, with possibly some outside games being arranged.

League play will begin on Friday night, December 11.

North and South
Instead of preliminary playing being county-wide in the first part of the season, the 12 schools with a boys and girls team each have been divided into a north zone and a south zone with six schools each. By playing in the zones the teams will not be forced to travel so widely.

At the end of the season a tournament will be played as usual.

Schools Divided
Schools in the north zone, as arbitrarily decided, are Polkville, Casar, Belwood, Piedmont, Fallston and Waco, and in the south, Latimore, Mooresboro, Bolling Springs, No. 3, Beth-Ware, and Grover.

Beth-Ware will enter into its first countywide competition. The school has no indoor gymnasium or basketball court, but will seek to make arrangements for play at other courts until a gym can be built.

O. W. Morris, coach of the Belwood high school is chairman of the committee in the north zone to work out a schedule in which each team would play the other teams twice. Lawton Blanton, principal of No. 3 school, is chairman of the southern zone committee.

Play Too Hard
Coaches and school principals were agreed at the meeting that the intensive playing schedule of previous years was too hard on players, both physically and scholastically, especially for the girls who now play every time the boys play.

They feel that the fewer games will not lessen the skill of the teams, but may aid in giving even better games and better athletic training to the students. Too, more time will be available for other school sports.

The county schools and persons expected to lead as coaches are: Latimore, Duke Steller; Mooresboro, Pop Simmons and G. L. Gann; Bolling Springs, Eddie Lawton; No. 3, H. P. Winchester and C. C. Good; Beth-Ware, R. E. Coon; Polkville, J. D. Taylor and Miss Ertle Dellinger; Casar, Richard McDuffey and O. R. Whitworth; Belwood, O. W. Morris and Foster Powell; Fallston, Fred Griggs; Piedmont, W. H. Dodd; Waco, Livingston Williams and W. N. Pope.

Shelby and Kings Mountain are included in this set-up. Their teams will play in Western conference competition.

Athletic Union To Air Troubles At Houston Meeting

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Friction which began even before United States athletes went to the Berlin Olympic games appeared headed today for a thorough accounting at the annual convention of the Amateur Athletic union starting here Friday.

Jack Rafferty, president of the Gulf Amateur Athletic association and outspoken critic of President Avery Brundage of Chicago, decried the accounting.

Brundage has announced he would not seek re-election. Possible candidates to succeed him were Major Patrick J. Walsh of New York, vice-president and probable administration choice; Rafferty and Jeremiah T. Mahoney, who stepped down from the presidency when he lost the Olympic boycott fight to Brundage's forces.

Mahoney has said he would be a candidate if Walsh sought the office.

It was problematic whether the department of Eleanor Holm Jarrett from the American swimming team enroute to Berlin would be brought before the convention.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By EDDIE BRIETZ

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—(AP)—At the six-day bike race: Ford C. Frick, president of the National League, taking off his overcoat for the third time . . . "Darn it, I just can't get away from this place," he says . . . Mike Jacobs has added Jack Torrence, former Louisiana State shot put star, to his collection of fighters . . . Jack was paid \$2,500 to sign up for five years . . . He makes his pro debut at New Orleans December 7.

John Henry Lewis, the light-heavyweight champion, is due for a Garden appearance soon . . . Man Mountain Dean is variously billed as being from Atlanta and Los Angeles . . . Truth of the matter is, he is from New York's west side, and his real name is Soldier Levitt . . . Once he was a fighter . . . Messrs. Cohen and O'Brien are teamed together in the Boks merrily-go-round . . . Casey Stengel is doing all right in Texas Oil (Eri to you Flatbushers) . . .

Jimmy Braddock fears Max Schmelling a lot more than he does Joe Louis . . . Says the German not only a smart fighter, but harder to hit . . . Old Jacques Fournier, quite a first sacker in his day, wants to do a baseball comeback as scout or coach . . . Gil Dobbie, after his first years at Boston College, says the football league he's in now is tougher than the Ivy league . . . George Preston Marshall runs a laundry in Washington, a football team in Boston and a speedway in New York.

Jimmy Braddock's radio debut last night rates four stars . . . They threw a party for Jim's friends after the broadcast, then topped off the evening by taking everybody to a Broadway hit . . . You're going to hear a lot about Gunnar Barlund, Finn heavy-weight, who goes to the post against Frankie Connelly tonight . . . Best speech at Lou Little's dinner to the Stanford coaches the other night was made by young Bobby Grayson.

DEACON CAGERS BEGIN DRILLING

WAKE FOREST, Dec. 2.—Coach Murray Greason has ordered all candidates for the Demon Deacon basketball squad to report for practice this week and drills are expected to get under way in all seriousness not later than Wednesday.

Although five letter men are in the fold for this year's team, prospects are not so bright for Coach Greason's charges. Four regulars—Jim Brunt, Skinny Byrd, forwards; Floyd Patton, center; and Captain Goat Hatcher, guard—are gone from the club of last season, and on top of this, it is doubtful that much help will come up from the sophomore ranks.

The lettermen returning are forwards—Deight Morris of Gastonia who is captain-elect, Preston Chappell of Hertford and Smutt Aderholt of Hopewell, Va.; guards—George Mauney of Lexington and Beamer Barnes of Churchland.

With Patton gone from the pivot spot it looks as if big Delight Morris will be switched from forward to fill this place. Morris stands 6 feet 3 inches and should be able to handle the center position in credible style.

Educators Condemn Molesting Players

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 2.—(AP)—College officials and alumni were under fire today by a group of southern educators for what they termed the "practice of some college authorities, or college alumni, of molesting high school players before graduation."

The southern association of colleges and secondary schools was asked to condemn the "practice" by a committee on inter-scholastic athletics in a report to the association last night. The committee did not amplify its recommendation.

Included in the 17 proposals contained in its report the committee said it believed "that the southern association should go on record as strongly condemning the all-too-prevalent practice of permitting high school pupils to drop subjects, or fall subjects, in order to extend their playing time."

Another recommendation was "that member schools should play no athletic contests on nights preceding a school day."

No Decision Yet

LEXINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Superior court Judge Wilson Warlick indicated today he would not rule on the legality of a \$3,171,750 bond issue authorized by the city of High Point for an electric power plant for several days yet.

SCORING FALLS BELOW AVERAGE IN GRID SEASON

Make 13.23 Points Per Game In Nation

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Appropriately enough in a football season notable for its surprises, an Associated Press compilation disclosed today that scoring fell off fractionally in 1936, despite the great number of games decided by "telephone number" scores.

Minnesota's 47-9 rout of Texas, North Carolina's 59-14 triumph over Virginia and dozen of other games in which the scoring was heavy on both sides, had indicated the offense held the upper hand.

As a matter of cold fact (however, the survey showed 168 leading teams scored an average of 13.23 points for the season, and that 1,438 games produced an average 13.23 points per game.

In 1935, 154 teams averaged 120.9 points per season and 1,407 games developed a per-game average of 13.24 points.

In the 15 years the Associated Press has made the annual survey, scoring had declined from a high mark of 19 points per game in 1922, to 12.19 points in 1934. This trend was partially off-set during the four-year span of 1927-30, but resumed with increased vigor thereafter until the low was reached two years ago.

Among major elevens, Louisiana State's contenders for a Rose Bowl nomination set the scoring pace this year with 281 points in ten games, 93 of them in a "breather" game with Southwestern of Louisiana. Army, Dartmouth, Drake and Georgia Tech all compiled creditable scoring records with 238 points each. Little Haverford of Pennsylvania, on the other hand, scored only eight points all season.

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Pasadena begs to report the Rose Bowl football situation unsettled today.

Guessers around the nation, trying to name the team that will be chosen to play University of Washington in the Bowl New Year's day still were traveling in a circle and getting nowhere but dizzy.

Action, if any, centered here today with the arrival of various dignitaries in control of the selection. Chief of these was Athletic Director Ray Eckmann of Washington, who was scheduled to do at least one of three things:

1. Name Washington's opponent.
2. Postpone naming Washington's opponent.
3. Repeat that the Huskies are seeking the strongest opponent available and will proceed with care and caution.

Popular McLain To Match Cowboy

MAYES McLain, perhaps the most popular wrestler to appear in this part of the country since the days of Joe Turner, will match his speed and skill against the hard-bolted tactics of Cowboy Luttrall at the Charlotte armory next Monday night, it was announced by Promoter Jim Crockett.

The setto, feature of a potentially colorful and exciting mat bill, will probably attract several auto leads of local fans, for both McLain and Luttrall are exceptionally strong drawing cards in Charlotte, McLain because of his speed, skill and pleasing personality and the Cowboy because fans flock to the arenas in large numbers in the hope of seeing him take a beating.

Generals Play Hard Schedule

LEXINGTON, Va., Dec. 2.—(AP)—Washington and Lee's basketball Generals, runners-up to North Carolina for the Southern conference championship last winter, will play a difficult schedule of sixteen contests this season.

The schedule: Jan. 6, Elon at Lexington; 8, Maryland at Lexington; 11, Virginia at Charlottesville; 12, William and Mary at Lexington; 15, Long Island university, at New York; 23, V. P. I. at Lexington; Feb. 5, N. C. State at Lexington; 6, V. P. I. at Blacksburg; 8, Duke at Durham; 11, Richmond at Lexington; 13, Virginia at Lexington; 15, Duke at Lexington; 18, Maryland at College Park; 20, North Carolina at Lynchburg; 22, Richmond at Richmond; 27, William and Mary at Williamsburg.

BASEBALL MART DIZZY AS SWAPS AFFECT PLAYERS

Dizzy Dean Reported Offered For \$200,000

By PAUL MICKELSON
MONTREAL, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The big baseball player market was dizzy today.

Dizzy Dean definitely was on the market and several clubs, outdistanced so far by the swashbuckling Cincinnati Reds who have made a flat offer of \$200,000 in cash for his contract, were hot in pursuit of the great Cardinal pitching star.

Behind the Reds came the New York Giants and the Pittsburgh Pirates, with the Brooklyn Dodgers reported in the market for a backwash swap as a result of a Dean deal—if made to the right parties.

Want Vaughan
Brooklyn was reported interested in the Ivory dealings because of a desire to obtain Arky Vaughan, hard-belted Pittsburgh infielder. The dope was that if the Pirates succeeded in getting Dizzy, they would give up a large bundle of greenbacks and players, including Vaughan, who then would go to Brooklyn with two other players for Pitcher Van Lingle Mungo.

The Chicago Cubs advised they "weren't interested" in Dean. They bought outfielder Joe Marty from San Francisco yesterday for three utility players and cash. The Cub players involved were outfielder Johnny Gill, first baseman Gene Lillaro, and Joe Vitter, a Cub farm hand from Portsmouth of the Piedmont League.

Diamond Dust
Diamond dust from the minor league gatherings:
The American Association and International Leagues have voted to abolish their "Little World Series."

Casey Stengel, deposed Brooklyn manager, has been approached with offers of a job.
The Piedmont League holds the noisiest meetings of all the minors. The Piedmonters are arguing about night baseball now. President Dan Hill says: "We do everything but throw knives at each other all week, then smoke the peace pipe and have a great time."

Says Rose Bowl Delay Inconvenient

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Bill Keefe, sports editor of the Times-Picayune, accused the Rose Bowl football committee today of trying to "inconvenience" the Sugar Bowl committee.

"For no reason at all the Rose Bowl is holding up its invitation to a visiting team because it knows it is causing the Sugar Bowl a lot of inconvenience," Keefe said in his sports column.

"The delay almost makes one believe the Washington Huskies (western representative in the Rose Bowl) would like Alabama but, knowing how public sentiment is, can't make up their minds to come out with it. Just the second Alabama is invited, why the Sugar Bowl will come out with the announcement of a game that will make the Rose Bowl game look decidedly weak."

BERSHAK AND LITTLE TO BE CO-CAPTAINS
CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Andy Bershak, junior end, and Crowell Little, junior quarterback, will be co-captains of the 1937 University of North Carolina football team.

They were elected by the squad last night. Bershak is a native of Clairton, Pa. Little is from Asheville. Bershak was voted the team's most valuable player in 1936.

REPUBLICAN THREAT TO LEADERSHIP SEEN
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A threat of revolt against the Republican leadership of the house of representatives was heard today.

Rep. Fish (R-NY) said he would confer next week with Rep. Snell (R-NY), veteran minority floor leader, and stress the need for more "liberal" policy.

City Raises Pay
ORANGEBURG, S. C., Dec. 2.—(AP)—The city of Orangeburg has ordered a ten per cent pay increase for its approximately 100 employees.

Dollars For Veterans
CHARLOTTE, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A new one dollar bill Christmas present from the North Carolina American Legion auxiliary will go to each ex-service man at the government hospital at Oteen this year.

SPORTS SLANTS

By 'PAP

A week after Harry Mendel makes the rounds with his bulging brief case the 6-day bike race is certain to start. Mendel may be able to talk on other subjects, but, if he can, we have never heard him. On the slightest bit of encouragement he will tell you all there is to know about the knights of the wheel. He'll reel off records by the yard; tell you about the habits and home life of the riders, and just about lay bare the private lives of the star performers.

Naturally, Harry thinks bike racing of the 6-day variety is the most fascinating sport in the world. We don't agree with him. But there must be plenty of others who do if attendance figures at Madison Square Garden mean anything. There is no such thing as a mildly interested 6-day fan. It's whole hog

or nothing. As a group, the folks who follow the bike races are the most rabid in the sports realm.

"Take this German pair, Gustav Killian and Helms Vopel," Mendel began "They won nine 6-day races in a row starting with their first triumph in September, 1935. They took the last two races held in the Garden."

"They are the most friendly duo in the bike world. But it wasn't always that way. When they started riding they hated the very sight of one another. Two years ago, in Germany, they were paired for a race. Both refused to ride until they were threatened with a long suspension if they failed to compete as paired. After much persuasion they went out on the track."

Now They Won't Part
"Throughout the entire week of riding they did not so much as say 'boo' to each other. They were so busily engaged in the job of riding that they easily won the grind. Their success brought them together immediately, and since that time they have never broken up and won't let any management split the combination."

"Physically they are ideally paired, both being about the same height and weight. They are the only two riders that I can recall who can ride each other's bike—so closely do they measure up and so similarly do they ride."

"They are a great pair," Mendel went on, "but Torchy Peden, the giant red-headed Canadian, can ride for my money. Peden has won more 6-day races than any cyclist competing at the present time. He has finished first in the long grinds 27 times, was second 12 times, third in 5 and fourth in 10 races."

"Torchy" has won most of his races in Madison Square Garden. He is only 27 years old but every now and then he talks of retiring. His one big ambition, before he is through with the steel-steeding business, is to ride a New York whirl with his brother Doug as his partner. And when they do the 235-pound Peden insists that they will see the race up in three nights."

Having piled our desk high with photographs and information on 6-day racers, Mendel wended his way out of the office in that peculiar waddle of his which closely resembles peddling along. He has been around bike riders so long that even his walk has been affected.

Indoor Skiing
Madison Square Garden has housed every kind of show imaginable, but it is coming up with a new one when the North American winter sports show is held in conjunction with the international ski meet. A ski meet indoors—no foolin'.

For four days and nights, starting December 9, more than 30,000 feet of the mammoth arena will be used in depicting an honest-to-goodness outdoor winter scene with real snow and ice utilized. A machine that grinds tons and tons of ice into soft, granular white flakes that make for good skiing conditions will enable the holding of the show in an Alpine atmosphere.

The elaborate program planned will cover all angles of skiing. There will be the dangerous ski jump, always the most thrilling spectacle of the winter world; tricky slalom, dangerous downhill and grueling cross-country ski contests. Besides, the carnival will include snow-shoeing, fancy skating, and dog sledding.

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