

# B League Championship Series Opens

## EIGHT TEAMS ON CARD FOR HONORS

Gardiner - Oakland Battle First; Riddle vs. Camas Valley to Follow.

**OPENING GAMES TODAY**  
At Senior High  
4 p. m.—Gardiner vs. Oakland.  
5 p. m.—Riddle vs. Camas Valley.  
7:30 p. m.—Drain vs. Myrtle Creek.  
8:45 p. m.—Wilbur vs. Reedsport.

By M. W. B.  
The eight best basketball teams of Douglas county, representing the winners and runners-up of the respective four divisions—northern, central, southern and coast—gathered today at the senior high school gymnasium for the opening round of the playoffs of the annual county B league championship to determine the champion quintet of Douglas county.

Gardiner high school, winner of the coast division race, opens the cascade activities at 4 p. m. against Camas Valley, second place holder of the central zone. Coach Leonard Hartner's Riddle eagles, currently mentioned as possible finalists because of their strong showing all season, will take a decided favorite over Camas Valley.

The second game of the afternoon pits the winner of the northern division title, Riddle, against Camas Valley, second place holder of the central zone. Coach Leonard Hartner's Riddle eagles, currently mentioned as possible finalists because of their strong showing all season, will take a decided favorite over Camas Valley.

**Evening Schedule**  
The evening games of the opening round will bring together four strong teams, all of whom rate more than an outside chance of becoming one of the two teams who will play for the championship. The first of the two games will see Drain and Myrtle Creek in action. Coach Ireland's players, county champions for the past two seasons, could do no better this year than squeeze into the playoffs by taking second place in the southern division, but will still probably rule the favorite over Drain, northern division winner, because of her splendid tournament record. The final game will see two of the strongest teams in the county, Wilbur and Reedsport, meeting in the feature attraction of the opening round. Many interested observers have said without reservation that the winner of this battle will be one of the finalists next Saturday evening. Coach Lee Weber's big team, having already recorded victories over the Reedsport five in a non-conference competition, will be on the long end of the odds.

Officiating duties will be handled by Hod Turner and Marshall Pongra.

**BRIETZ' BREEZY BITS**

By EDDIE BRIETZ  
NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Concentrated murder—that's Joe Louis... when the brawling champ wades in and starts swinging both fists like pistons, it's just too bad... Last night he looked like the same fellow who was bumping off Max Baer, Primo Carnera and a couple of years back... Nathan Mann is a good game kid—a little too game for his own good... He may have been dazed and groggy and likely was a good bit of both, but not so much that he forgot to congratulate Joe and shake his hand before leaving the ring... Mention of Tommy Farr's name got a terrific boogie... The railroad which did a rushing business hauling Mann's Connecticut pals to the jousting, sent 20 minutes state scribbles down in a private car... Free drinks, free food and everything... A fine old time was had by all.

Step right up to the head of the class and take a bow for yourself, Mr. "Terrible Terry"... Anytime you can sign up two such bull-headed gentles as Messrs. Harry Manning and Hankus Pankus Leiber in one afternoon it's a good week's work in any league... Mickey Cochran is keeping his fingers well crossed until he sees Schoonhey Litz get out there and chuck a few hard ones...

These Norwegian skaters in the Santa Henie troupe found the Florida southern tough going... La Henie won't be pecking 'em in at the Miami dog tracks, which can stand a little of some... Some of the know-it-alls around town are giving Tony Lazzeri until July 4th to show that Cub coaching job...

Retired army officer says national defense has become a political football. Budget observers say the team operates with an unbalanced line.

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## Hold Everything!



"Is Mr. Wallace in?"

## RIDDLE, REEDSPORT WIN GRADE TITLES

Zone Basketball Leaders Will Battle Saturday for County Crown.

The Riddle grade school basketball team won the South Douglas championship in the annual grade school tournament held Saturday at Riddle under sponsorship of the association of Douglas county principals and coaches. Riddle won over Camas Valley in the first round, defeated Myrtle Creek in the second round, and took the finals from Days Creek.

Riddle will meet Reedsport, northern division winner, for the county grade school championship, and Myrtle Creek will play Yoncalla for second place. The grade school games will be played Saturday afternoon in the Roseburg senior high school gymnasium.

The tournament at Riddle was directed by Principal Chester Cook, with schools from the central and south sections of the B league districts taking part.

Coaches met at 9:30 a. m. and drew for places, the first game starting at 10 a. m.

**Result of Games**  
In the first match Riddle took an easy game from Camas Valley 21 to 14. The Camas boys being unable to find themselves on the large floor of the new gymnasium at Riddle.

Days Creek lost an early lead to Glendale in the second game, but noosed out a one-point victory, 15 to 11.

Myrtle Creek outran Canyonville to win 24 to 16 in the final game of the first round.

In the consolation games Camas Valley won from Glendale 23 to 19, but lost to Canyonville 20 to 18.

The second round for championship found Riddle and Myrtle Creek in a wild overtime game, which Riddle won 14 to 13. Neither team was able to gain a material lead and Riddle only managed to squeeze through in the last few seconds of the overtime period.

In the finals Riddle won from Days Creek 23 to 19 to take the district title, while Myrtle Creek won from Canyonville, 19 to 4, for consolation.

All Stars Picked  
All star teams picked as a result of tournament play were:

First team—Hart and Gillespie, Riddle; forwards, Ward, Days Creek; center, Carey, Canyonville; and Rust, Myrtle Creek; guards, Second team: Ford, Canyonville; and Sellers, Myrtle Creek; forwards, Welch, Days Creek; center, McFall, Camas Valley; and Glen Gillespie, Riddle, guards.

**EX-OREGON COACHES CONSIDERED FOR JOB**

WHITTIER, Calif., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Paul Schissler, former football coach of Oregon State, is under consideration for a like post at Whittier college, it was learned today.

Wallace Newman resigned recently as Whittier coach in a dispute over salary with college authorities, and a number of local business men have been raising a fund to give him a wage boost if he reconsiders.

A Whittier official said Newman might stay, depending on whether the board of trustees permit the business men to contribute toward his salary.

Prince Callison and Mike Mikulak, formerly of Oregon, and Gil Kuhn, ex-U. S. C. football captain, have also been mentioned for the job.

**CROP INSURANCE CORP. HEAD NAMED**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—A former Missouri farm boy, Roy M. Green, was named today manager of the \$100,000,000 federal crop insurance corporation, the agency created under the new farm law to insure wheat growers against crop failures.

Green, 49, has been chief of the agriculture department's division of finance in the bureau of agricultural economics since 1925.

The corporation will offer growers in 1,200 wheat counties insurance on their 1929 crop. The coverage would pay for losses up to 75 per cent of normal yield caused by droughts, floods, frosts, insects and other natural causes.

Hybridizers are working constantly on new varieties of plants, included in the new array of fruits and vegetables are the garbanzo, a cross between garbanzo and onion; the topepino, a cross between tomatoes and peppers; and the each-erine, a combination of each and each.

The state of Montana has nine institutions of higher learning; one to every 60,000 of its population.

## LOUIS KNOCKS OUT MANN IN ROUND 3

Champ's Dynamite-Laden Fists Make Quick Work of Challenger.

By GAYLE TALBOT  
NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Standing up courageously and slugging it out like a basket of wildcats with Joe Louis still is one of the surest methods known of getting knocked all out of shape, as Natto Mann was telling his Connecticut friends between cut lips today.

Natto wanted to know, and he found out to the lasting satisfaction of himself and 19,499 paying fans in the garden last night, when the brown-skinned champion gave him a sickening beating and left him on the floor, with not a thought in his head, in 1:54 of the third round.

Making the second defense of the title he won only last June, the big negro looked like a composite of all those superlatives lavished on him two winters ago as he cut down and tore apart the former kid who thought he could slug it out with him. If the home ever went anywhere, he's back among us.

**Louis Unmarked**  
Unmarked, not even blowing from the brief workout, he sat later and said he would like one more tune-up before his monumental encounter with Max Schmeling in June. Promoter Mike Jacobs promised to pick an opponent for Joe today, and the betting was it would be Harry Thomas, at Chicago, with Jimmy Adamick an outside choice.

Whoever draws the assignment of giving Louis another test is not to be congratulated. There are easier ways of making money than being on the receiving end of the brutal lefts and rights that spilled Mann four times last night and left his brain addled for 20 minutes after he was counted out.

"If I had it to do over again, I'd never try to fight him like that," said Natto, sadly, as his four husky brothers tried to console him in his dressing room. "I guess he's a terrible hitter. I didn't know a thing after he tagged me the first time early in the second round."

**Out on His Feet**  
It was a left hook to Natto's jaw. He didn't go down, only drifted and neither Louis nor the testing crowd, including 6,000 extra-loud Connecticutans, knew Natto was out on his feet. He was knocked down for a nine count later in the round, and in the fatal third fought Louis all over the ring and down three times without having a glimmer of what was going on.

"I haven't the least idea what happened after that first lick," he insisted. "I don't even remember the rest period between rounds. If I did any fighting in the third round it must have been instinct alone. I came to a little bit as Arthur Donovan yelled 'ten' in my ear."

Which gives a hint, however hazy, of the lethal power in Louis' fists. Mann never had been knocked out before. The boxer who wants to bob and weave and play look less easily than he did last evening, no doubt, but no fighter could have stood up under the barrage that assailed Mann.

**Louis' Stock Rises**  
On the strength of his superb showing against a fighter who, admittedly, was made to his order, Louis' stock probably will rise sharply against Schmeling. The negro has regained the old fire that was sadly lacking when Max pinned his ears back two summers ago. It is highly probable, even, that he will enter the ring a favorite over the man who nailed him.

To Mann's credit, it can be said he was true to his word. Foolhardy as it looked to retrospect, he went after Louis and threw his right. He even made the opening round fairly close by banging Joe's jaw with a couple while the champ remained impassive behind his long left jab.

**Mann Makes Mistake**  
He made a mistake, though, when he kept it up in the second. Natto sailed in and put across some thumpers as his home town roared rapt. Suddenly, Louis began fighting back viciously, and in the first real mixup he planted the left hook that engulfed Mann's nose. A moment later he slugged him to the canvas for a slug, and only the bell saved Natto for another round.

Louis was without mercy when he came out again. Two lefts crashed his befogged rival to the floor for short counts before a final right, packing all of Joe's 200 pounds behind it, put the game kid down for good. He was counted out on one knee as he stared glassily at the referee.

Despite the abandon with which he threw punches, Louis' fists came out of it in perfect condition. His camp, secretly, had been a little worried about the knuckles he knocked down against Tommy Farr's head last summer.

Louis, at 200, outweighed Mann by six and one-half pounds.

## U. OF O. HOOPSTERS AGAIN DOWN IDAHO

Victors Regain Undisputed 2nd Place in Conference on 41-to-24 Score.

EUGENE, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The University of Oregon made it two straight over Idaho's Vandals last night, 41 to 24, to regain undisputed second place in the northern division Pacific coast conference basketball title race.

Washington State continued to lead the league with 11 victories and five losses, 62.1 percentage points ahead of Oregon, with 12 victories and six losses.

The Webfoots went to a 6-0 lead as the game opened. Idaho scored its first field goal nine minutes later. Sparked by Deiko, the Vandals pulled up to within three points of Oregon shortly before the half, which favored the Webfoots, 17 to 12.

**Webfoots Easily Score**  
In the second period, the Vandals attempted set offensive plays to pierce Oregon's zone defense, but the Webfoots scored almost at will in the final minutes of the game, stretching the lead to 17 points.

Sargola, Dick and Pavalunas, Oregon's sophomores, played more than half of the game as Coach Hobson withdrew his veterans.

Gale, Oregon forward and northern division holder of the scoring record, was high scorer with 12 points. His total for the season is 227.

SALEM, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Will-

## GIRLS CONTEST FOR VOLLEYBALL TITLE

Series for Douglas County Championship Opens at Junior High Gym.

**Opening Games Today at Junior High**  
4 p. m.—Myrtle Creek vs. Camas Valley.  
4:45 p. m.—Elkton vs. Drain.  
5:30 p. m.—Wilbur vs. Gardiner or Reedsport.  
6:15 p. m.—Yoncalla vs. Days Creek.

By M. W. B.  
The junior high school gymnasium today will be the scene of the opening round of the annual Douglas county B league volleyball tournament. In quest of the trophy emblematic of volleyball supremacy

mette university Bearcats came from behind last night to defeat Linfield college 44 to 39 in the first game of an Oregon intercollegiate basketball tournament.

Willamette won on foul shots, dropping 14 to five for Linfield.

**High School Scores**  
Myrtle Point 46, Marshfield 15.  
Hillaboro 22, Tigard 15.  
Sacred Heart (Salem) 23, Hubbard 18.  
Tillamook 28, Wheeler 21.  
Mac-Bell 23, Pendleton 18.

will come eight girls' teams, all winners and runners-up in their respective four zones, to battle it out on a common ground.

Myrtle Creek, defeated in the finals a year ago by Yoncalla, will open the first round of the first bracket at 4 p. m. against Camas Valley, runner up to Wilbur in the central division. Boasting another long combination, Myrtle Creek is given a decided edge over her opponent in the first game. Immediately following this tussle, Elkton high school, a "dark horse entry," winner of the coast division title, will take the floor against Drain, second place winner of the northern division. The Elkton entry is being groomed as a finalist, so must be given the edge over Drain.

**Wilbur vs Coast Quintet**  
The central division winner, Wilbur, will open the activities of the second bracket against either Reedsport or Gardiner. These two teams ended the regular season in a deadlock, and a playoff was scheduled for Monday evening, but the reports on the results were not forwarded to this office. Little is known about any of the teams in this match, so it must be labeled a toss-up. The final game of the late afternoon will bring Yoncalla, 1937 champion, against Days Creek. On their past season's record, Yoncalla should have little difficulty with the Days Creek entry, and if they can continue their fine play throughout the journey, should be a good host to repeat again this season.

In Town Yesterday—Mr. R. P. DeVore, of Oakland, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

## LADDIE GALE SETS FIRST SCORING PACE

SEATTLE, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Laddie Gale is setting a difficult mark for future basketball scorers of the northern division, Pacific coast conference to shoot at. The Oregon sharpshooter, with 18 of the schedule's 20 games behind him, has piled up a total of 225 points. This gives him an 81 point lead over his nearest competitor, a teammate, Slim Wintermute, who has 144.

Watsonville, Calif., jurors refused to accept fees in two trials and waived traveling expenses as a means of cutting public expenses.

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