

# SPORTS

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## Robertson-Davidson Armory Match Hints Thrilling Action

George Strickland, the hard-working and popular wrestler from Denver, has issued a challenge to Buck Davidson for a no-disqualification match with a \$100 side bet if the tough Texan would agree. Davidson, who lost on a technicality last week, accepted the match, but not the challenge, after one of the bloodiest brawls in local ring history. He wanted to pick his own referee, which was not agreeable and for that reason he has been matched with Cal Roberts, young Canadian.



Roberts and Davidson have been booked for the special three-fall opener, getting under way at 8:30 p. m., and the match may attract nearly as much attention as the "Battle of the Biceps," between The Great Atlas and Georges Dusette. The two exponents of the full-Nelson, with their amazing muscular development, will appear in the one-hour main event.

Strickland, Davidson and the referee were all covered with blood, and Roberts may give the villain from the Southwest as tough a tilt. Roberts, only 24 years of age and only a year out of the amateur ranks, is considered one of the finest young matmen ever to appear in Oregon. An experienced hand-balancer, Roberts is extremely agile. He uses a flying head scissors effectively.

Although Davidson uses both a headlock and surfboard, the Texan is certain to turn to fist-fights. "If you think I was rough with Strickland," Davidson said, "wait until you see what I do to this young upstart of a Roberts."

While the opener will probably be a donnybrook, interest is centered around that Atlas-Dusette skirmish in which the Fernch-Canadian hopes to even the score. But the former "Mr. America" from Hollywood says he will take Dusette in stride—that his powerful shoulders and arms will send his foe to the mat with ease. That, according to local ringbirds, they'd like to see, they challenge.

Dusette is determined to return the punishment he suffered in the last meeting—when he was underneath Atlas when the two men dropped into the ring-side and Dusette was unable to return for the third and decid-

**THE GREAT ATLAS, who will wrestle Georges Dusette in the headliner Saturday night at the armory.**

ing fall. Elton Owen will referee both bouts. Owen has been fortunate in securing the services of Gordon Hessel, talented New Mexico grappler, to meet Maurice LaChapelle, the aggressive Frenchman, for a semi-final engagement this week. This means a three-star card which automatically moves Davidson and Roberts into a curtain-raiser billing.

Hessel, a spectacular grappler who can use a flying scissors and wristlocks effectively, will have his hands full against LaChapelle, who recently battled tough Leo Wallack to a draw through the use of his deadly headsnapper hold.

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## OSC Hoopmen Win, 48-36, Over Badgers

By The Associated Press  
Breaking out in front midway in the first half, Oregon State college won its second straight basketball road game last night with Wisconsin's strong big 10 quintet, as a 48-36 victor.

Another northern division coast conference five was not so successful. Idaho fell 50-39 before the Phillips Oilers at Boise after pacing the AAU invaders for the first six minutes.

Oregon State broke away from Wisconsin at the 18-minute mark and held a 22-12 halftime lead. The Badgers were never closer than eight points during the second half.

Much of the difference between the two clubs came at the foul line where OSC hit 15 of 20 tries as contrasted to Wisconsin's poor 12 of 28 record. Dick Ballyntyne, OSC captain, paced the victors with 13 points.

Idaho lost to the Oilers at the backboards where the victors dominated play completely. Elsewhere in the Northwest, Pasadena college edges Southern Oregon in a 64-63 thriller. Activity picks up, of course, tonight with the first of the week-end encounters.

Three northern division clubs see action: Oregon moving into Eugene against the Blue & Gold Athletic club, Washington State pitting its undefeated mark against the strong Seattle university invaders, and Washington seeking continuation of its unblemished record and revenge for a beating last year at Tacoma against the College of Puget Sound.

## Oma's Manager Cancels Louis Fight, Says He's Already 'Come Back'

DETROIT, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Joe Louis, a terror of the prize ring for 14 years, is finding his retirement a problem. The former heavyweight champion's exhibition tour evidently has gotten away from him. He says—emphatically—he's not interested in a comeback, but the "big money" proposals again are being waved at him.

The management of Lee Oma, who withdrew from a scheduled exhibition go with the Brown Bomber here next Wednesday, offers \$35,000 for a "real fight." And Jake Mintz, co-manager of NBA Champion Ezard Charles, wants a match next summer between his man and Louis. He sees a "million dollar gate." It's all somewhat confused.

Louis says: "I'm enjoying my retirement. I definitely have no plans for a comeback." But Tex Sullivan, Oma's manager, observes: "That guy is in there throwing bombs. They're not exhibitions. They're real wars. Take it from me. He's already come back."

## One-Armed Boy Plays

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 9.—(AP)—When Northampton high school opens its basketball season tonight, one-armed Bobby Finn will be on the first team. Bobby has been playing basketball since he was able to hold one in his hand. His left arm was amputated when he was seven after an accident.

The 16-year-old 180-pound junior finished up the football season last month as a first string center.

Certain types of television interference which make themselves known visually are called "snow" because they look just like that on the screen.



**READY FOR OPENER**—Bill Van Horn, 18-year-old varsity Indian's forward, who plays his last season with the Roseburg quintet this year, is expected to carry a big share of the load during the coming season. One of three returning lettermen (Dale Blanck is still out with a lame limb), Van Horn played varsity reserve forward on the 1948 Indian squad. Tonight, the Indians open against Cottage Grove there. Both clubs wind up a two game series with Saturday night action at the Senior high gymnasium.—(Staff photo).

## Hoop Season Underway — Indians Will Vie At Cottage Grove Tonight

Thirty one Indian varsity and junior varsity players climbed aboard a Cottage Grove-bound bus this afternoon to start the basketball season off at that city. Coaches Jack Newby and Norm West accompanied the players.

A light practice session ended pre-season drills for the Indians at the senior high gymnasium Thursday evening. Tonight, the Indians put their learning to the initial test.

The Indians play their first foe untested and inexperienced, with the exception of two players back from last year. Dexter Garey may not start tonight, although he will accompany the team. Coach Newby said the diminutive starter from last year's first string Indian squad came down with a sudden attack of flu, but it is a mild case and all precautionary measures were taken to make certain the bug doesn't run amok.

Another touch of ill-luck hit the varsity when Larry Henninger, 16-year old senior, broke his hand Wednesday evening during practice. The break didn't show up until an x-ray was taken Thursday. He is expected to be out for some time.

That puts three men on the sick list and takes a lot of talent out of the varsity. Dale Blanck was benched earlier after a tussle with a power saw.

Coach Newby emphasized he had no starting lineup picked as of late Thursday night, but he said that if the game was to be played at the moment he was asked, he would pick the following: Forwards—Jerry Seance and Kee Briggs; center, Frank Olson; guards, Gordon Conley and Mickey Coen. Later he amended the lineup to read as follows: Bill Van Horn and Kee Briggs; forward, Frank Olson, center, Mickey Coen and Jerry Mathews, guards.

He then added that either group might start. Who the starters actually will be is anyone's guess, he concluded.

Norm West was equally mysterious about his starting lineup. To hear him tell it, it is the worst kind of luck to pick the starters at any time before five minutes to game time.

## 'B' Basketeers To Start Play In Jamborees

Riddle, Drain Courts Beckon County Fives; 5-Minute Games Set

'B' league basketball starts throughout Douglas county tonight in the form of jamborees, both at Riddle and Drain.

South-half schools, made up of Days Creek, Canyonville, Camas Valley, Riddle and Glendale will participate in a round-robin at Riddle, while north-half schools, made up of Oakland, Elkton, Yoncalla, Drain, and Gilde all play at Drain.

Each team will play every other team participating in its respective jamboree, with games consisting of one-five-minute quarters.

Regular league play between the 'B' schools will commence Dec. 13 in the south half and Dec. 16 in the north.

Only 10 players will be permitted to represent any one team at the jamboree, plus one manager and a scorekeeper.

Both jamborees are slated to start at 7:30 p. m. and League secretary Lee Roy Hansen reports a record crowd is anticipated at both places.

At the end of the basketball season, the north-half champions will meet the south-half champions to decide the district representative to the state 'B' school basketball tournament.

Tickets to the jamborees will be sold at the door, with prices set at 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students and children.

## Skiing Season At Hoodoo Bowl Now Officially Open

SANTIAM PASS, Sisters—The Santiam pass winter sports area, of which Hoodoo bowl is a part, now has sufficient snow for that most popular of winter sports, skiing. There is now 24 inches of snow and more is coming, according to the weather bureau forecast.

The rope tows in Hoodoo bowl are ready to operate, and it is expected that the big new double chair lift, rising to the top of famous Hoodoo butte, will be in operation by late January.

Santiam lodge, right on the highway at Santiam pass, is ready to give skiers as efficient service as last year. Many improvements have been made for the convenience and comfort of the skiing public.

A complete cafeteria style restaurant is in operation, serving high quality, yet low priced food. A rope tow is in operation every day right at Santiam lodge. It is situated on a slope which can be floodlighted for popular night skiing. Other evening entertainment consists of both modern and folk dancing, card playing, group singing, and just relaxing in front of the huge stone fireplace at one end of the lobby.

## Oregon High School Basketball Scores

(By The Associated Press)  
Salem 34, Astoria 27.  
Klamath Falls 45, Tigard 33.  
Scappoose 41, Tillamook 34.

## Grant Gridders Can't Attend Shrine Contest

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The Oregon School Activities association will not allow the Grant high school football team to take in the East-West Shrine game at San Francisco, as a reward for winning the state championship.

The Grant Dad's club dropped a proposal to send the team to the game when informed by Tom Pigott, secretary of the O.S.A.A., that the trip would violate state rules.

The O.S.A.A. rules prohibit athletes from being rewarded with medals, trophies or donations from any source outside the O.S.A.A., Pigott said.

Grant recently won the state title, defeating La Grande in the finals, 24-0.

The Dad's club had obtained 35 tickets at the Dec. 31 Shrine game for the players. The trip was called off, however, after Pigott said the players would lose their eligibility.

## OCE TEAM HONORED

MONMOUTH—(AP)—The undefeated, untied football team of Oregon College of Education will be honored at an associated students banquet tonight.

Seven regulars will be graduated next spring, although Robin Lee, high scorer on the Pacific Coast, will return.

Florida has a coastline longer than any other State.

## Bobby Volk's 'Victory' Is Changed To Draw

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Decision in a boxing match staged here three weeks ago between a Los Angeles, Calif., fighter and one from Portland, Ore., was changed to a draw here yesterday.

The Phoenix Athletic commission withdrew the former victory awarded to middleweight Bobby Volk of Portland, over Nap Howard.

Volk had previously won a split decision. Howard's manager, Ben Marcus, appealed to the commission, contending his boxer lost because officials misunderstood scoring rules.

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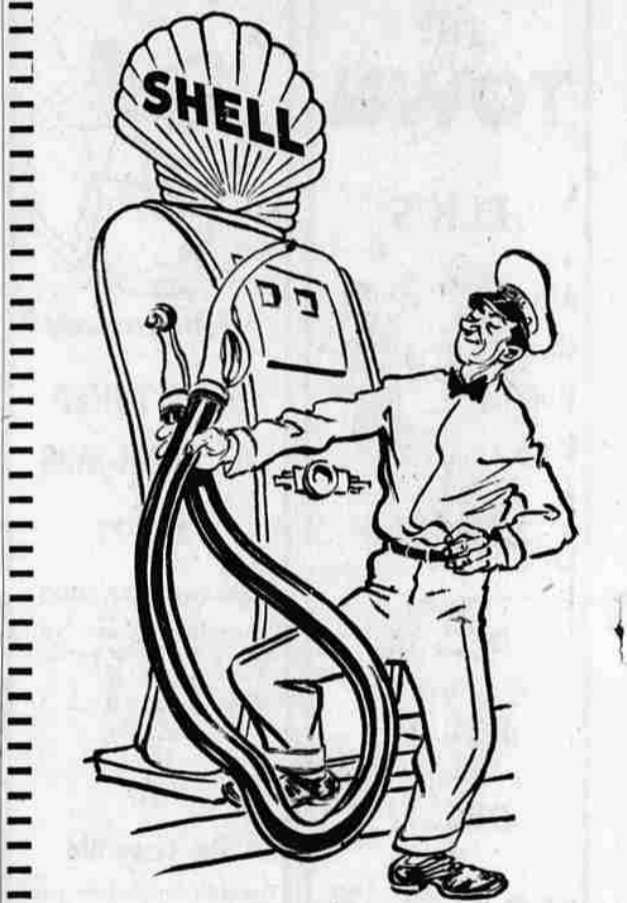
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