

Game, Fish Commissions On Record In Opposition To Fishing Derbies

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon State Fish and Game Commissions told the House Fish and Game Committee Thursday night that they oppose fishing derbies because they deplete the state's salmon population.

But representatives of the derbies argued that the two commissions have no evidence that derbies result in the catching of more fish than would be caught if there weren't derbies.

The public hearing was on a bill to outlaw derbies, and to make it illegal to offer prizes for the size of fish caught. Rep. Robert Elstrom, Salem, introduced the bill.

Phil Schneider, Portland, state game director, said "artificial incentives like derbies are undesirable. Offering a subsidy and the competitive aspect are not sound in principle."

M. T. Hoy, director of the Fish Commission, which regulates commercial fishing, said the commission opposes derbies in principle.

The representatives of the derbies came back with statements that Schneider and Hoy haven't made any studies of the problem.

George Fulton, of the Astoria Regatta Assn., which runs the state's biggest derby, said the bill wouldn't be effective unless Washington also bans derbies.

If the Astoria salmon derby were made illegal, he said, people would take the ferry to Megler, Wash., which has a derby at the same time as the one in Astoria.

Fulton suggested that if the bill is passed, it be made effective after next summer's derby.

Other witnesses appeared on behalf of derbies at Taft, Bandon,

St. Helens, and the Siletz River. All of them said that derbies help their communities get money from the sportsmen, and denied

Wrong Basket Means District Crown Loss

TEXARKANA, Tex. (AP) — When the ball came in from out-of-bounds, center Carroll Spencer took it, pivoted neatly and dropped in as pretty a goal as was made in Thursday night's game between Redwater and Maud, Tex., high schools.

Friday he was still regretting the shot. Spencer plays for Redwater, but he fired the ball through the Maud basket. And the two points turned out to be the winning margin as Maud took the game and the district championship 61-60.

SHRINE QUEEN PICKED

PENDELTON (AP) — Rosemary Powell, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell of Hermiston, will be queen of the fourth Shrine all-star high school football game here Aug. 27.

She will be crowned during pregame pageantry by Flavel Temple, potentate of Al Kader temple.



—NEA Telephone
COMEBACK—Maureen Connolly, former U. S. tennis champ and Wimbledon title holder, practices at San Diego, Calif., for her first comeback tourney next month. She injured her leg last year in a horseback riding accident.

that their derbies are against conservation principles.

Elstrom said that with more dams to be built and an expected population increase, it is important that there be no incentives to catch fish.

Stuart Couper, Gervais, said derbies are teaching the younger generation that conservation doesn't pay.

A legislative delegation from Washington attended the hearing. The committee also heard arguments on a bill to limit the speed of motorboats on Suttle Lake, Jefferson County, to 10 miles an hour.

The bill was supported by resort owners, who said it would stop water skiing, which they said threatens the lives of fishermen and swimmers. But the water skiers argued that they had no other place to go, and that policing the lake would be the answer.

Ticket Sales Boost Majors

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Major league baseball clubs can look forward to a prosperous 1955 on the basis of advance sale of tickets.

With only one or two exceptions, and one of those is the New York Yankees, the clubs reported an increase in advance sales over 1954 in a survey by The Associated Press.

The increase is in line with the over-all jump last year, when the attendance climbed 9.7 per cent over the preceding season on a turnout of 15,935,881.

The Yankees advance is in excess of \$900,000 but they are about 10 per cent off last year's figures. A week ago, the Pittsburgh Pirates had advance sales of \$328,811 compared with \$328,214.

Both the world champion New York Giants and the American League titleholders, the Cleveland Indians, are well satisfied. The Giants ticket sales have passed a record half-million dollars whereas the entire advance up to the opening day in 1954 was only \$322,000.

The Indians said they do not keep comparative records but that sales are running ahead of last year when the club did around a million dollars in advance sales.

The Brooklyn Dodgers, benefiting from clever promotions, are at the \$600,000 mark, almost 15 per cent higher than a year ago.

Requests are coming in so fast at the new home of the Athletics in Kansas City that the club has not had time to strike a total. But officials said the advance sale already has surpassed the 304,668 attendance for the entire season last year in Philadelphia.

Baltimore, where the transplanted Browns improved in attendance but not much in the standings last year, had \$550,000 in the till as of Feb. 13 compared with an estimated \$470,000 in 1954.

Milwaukee, which topped all clubs last year with an attendance in excess of two million, estimated its advance sale at or close to a million.

The Phillies reported about 200,000 tickets sold for a 10 per cent jump over last year at the same time.

Cincinnati officials said they are running about 18 per cent ahead of last year. The Boston Red Sox reported an estimated increase of 5 per cent, the Chicago Cubs 7 per cent in season tickets and 11 per cent in daily tickets and the Detroit Tigers 10 per cent.

The Chicago White Sox report sales of \$410,000 compared with \$349,000 last year. The St. Louis Cardinals also said their ticket sales are running slightly better than last year.

No specific figures were available from the Washington Senators but Business Manager Ed Eynon said, "Our requests for season tickets have been very favorable."

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IT FIGURES—Carol Heiss, 15-year-old Ozone Park, Long Island, skating star, has won awards galore since she started skating. With this, she is looking for the world championship of figure skating in Switzerland.

Coaches Watch As Teams Try Pro Rules Experiment

NEW YORK (AP) — College basketball garbed itself in pro rules at Madison Square Garden Thursday night and the few college coaches on hand thought the new look was fine.

The National Basketball Assn. rules were in force in the Manhattan-New York University game on a doubleheader offering. Manhattan, bound for NIT, defeated NYU as expected 78-61 as both teams—each partial to the run-and-shoot game anyway—worked fairly easily under the unfamiliar regulations.

Niagara, also headed for the NIT, defeated St. John's of Brooklyn 82-62 in the conventional nightcap.

Nat Holman, CCNY Coach, thought the pro rules "opened up the game." Columbia's Lou Rossini was pleased by the speed up in play and the discard of the collegians' bonus rule which "puts the field goal back in its proper place again."

Harry Litwack of Temple was most impressed by the widened foul lane which he said "prevents all those cheap goals on tip ins."

Holman wasn't in favor of outlawing the zone defense, but he did like the rest of the pro rules, particularly the 24-second rule and the widened lane.

"If we can open up the game," he said, "we can stand the zone defense and all its problems."

Rossini thought the combination of the 24-second limit and the elimination of the bonus rule "makes for a faster game. And that one-shot foul puts the field goal back in its proper place."

BACK AS COACH
ACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Dolph Camilli, who wore his first aramento baseball uniform in 1929, will suit up for the Solons again this year—this time as a coach.

General Manager Charles Graham signed the veteran ex-National Leaguer Wednesday to work with young players.

Sports Charles Favored Against Norkus

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK (AP) — If Ezzard Charles still has it, he should knock out 26-year-old Charley Norkus tonight at Madison Square Garden. If two beatings from Rocky Marciano took too heavy a toll on the former champion, Norkus has his "chance of a lifetime."

Although Charles, 33, has been inactive for five months since he was knocked out by Marciano last September, he is a 1-3 favorite. There is no comparison between the records of the two fighters.

Charles is far and away the superior boxer. Norkus, 26, has youth and a solid punch. In a few months, he has risen from obscurity to rank No. 9 among Marciano's contenders. A sensational knockout over Danny Nardico in Miami a year ago started the string but he slipped back near the shadows when he was stopped by Hurricane Jackson in May.

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Sutherland Legion Rifle Clubbers Due Medals

Members of the Sutherland American Legion Auxiliary Rifle & Pistol Club qualified for medals at its shoot this week.

Mrs. Pat Walling and Mrs. Frieda Pfander, both of Sutherland, earned marksmanship awards with rounds of 358 and 350 respectively.

Arville L. Koorer qualified as rifle marksmen with a 378 score and Francis J. Durkin and Menno Miller received NRA marksmanship certificates for pistol shooting.

COACH HIRED
TILLAMOOK (AP) — Tillamook High School Wednesday hired Don Rosbach, assistant coach at Camas, Wash., High School, to be a come football coach here next fall.

THE MILWAUKEE BRVES list 132 regular and farm team players in the armed forces. About 80 of these are expected to be discharged prior to or during the early stages of the season.

ASKS REINSTATEMENT

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Strikeout artist Ron Necciai, who retired from baseball because of ulcers in 1953 and who once struck out 27 batters in one game with Bluefield in the Appalachian League, has applied for re-instatement to the active list with the Hollywood baseball club of the Pacific Coast League.

The 192-pound, 6-foot-1 right-hander, now 24, stayed out of baseball last year. His application is being acted upon by the commissioner of minor leagues.

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