

# Many News, Radiomen On Hand for Tourney

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Oregon's prep basketball tourney has been compared to the national collegiate playoffs. To the young high school basketballers it is just as important. They have battled through the district tests to take the title and are now set for the big stakes.

Large contingents of newsmen and radiomen are always on hand for the finals in the national playoffs. The state play-off isn't going to be much different, judging by the roster of scribes and announcers that are scheduled to cover the big tourney.

Five announcers are set to describe play-by-play action of the prep play. It is too big a job for just one man and even this select group is going to be plenty busy and a bit hoarse when the winner hoists the victory flag.

There will be five announcers and at least eight newsmen representing the various papers throughout the state. During normal games between members of the Northern Division, Art Litchman's public relations office in McArthur court is always crowded with scribes beating out their stories and comparing notes of the games.

What the small office is going to look like now presses the imagination. There's going to be Dick Strite and Dewey Ray from the Eugene Register-Guard; David Card, Coos Bay Times; George Pasero, Oregon Journal; Al Lightner, Salem Statesman; and Bill Hulen, The Oregonian.

Hal Byers, reporting over KUGN, and Johnny Carpenter broadcasting over Portland stations, are slated to carry most of the load for the radio work. Backing them up are Earl Britton, Art Litchman, and Bernie Hammerbeck. The Eugene station, KUGN, has a special set of technicians oriented and ready for the beginning game in Bud Borin and Bill Stratton. Borin will handle the transmitting and Stratton will take care of the statistics for the KUGN crew.

About the only announcer familiar with the Igloo who will not be here is KOAC's Jimmy Morris, who handled all college games for that station. Morris just finished working the fast OSC-UCLA series and will not be down here for the tournament.

As many fans from the hometowns as possible are going to be in Eugene for these weeks, but many of them can not come. Nevertheless they will get a complete coverage either via the press or radio. Tournament officials have seen to it that everyone interested in the playoffs will know what is going on.

A lot of words are going to emanate from Eugene in the next few days and most of them will concern playoffs. Besides the reporters from the regular newspapers, there will be several high school reporters getting the real low down on the games.

If their team makes the grade, they want to have the information ready for the high school publication, and for many it will be their first test at reporting big league games.

It has been suggested that a trial count be made of approximately how many scribes will be in Eugene, but after a preliminary start when the ones who will be down here for sure were counted, the venture was junked. There are just too many to start counting.

## Recent Pledges

Recent additions to the sorority pledge list include the following three girls who have been pledged to Alpha Omicron Pi. They are Audrey Roselund, Marilyn Archibald, and Muriel Kehrli.

## Coaches' Meet Opens Activity Filled Week

Activities for the state tournament are set to roll with the opening coming this afternoon at 4 p. m., as a meeting of all the high school coaches who have teams in the tournament is slated for the Mirror Room of the Eugene hotel.

Wednesday at 9 a. m., there is a players and coaches' breakfast at the Eugene hotel, sponsored by the University. Thursday noon the Active Club of Eugene is sponsoring a luncheon and open to the coaches and officials of the tourney at the Eugene hotel.

Friday noon another coaches' luncheon, under the auspices of the Oregon High School association, will be given at the same hotel. Saturday's schedule includes two clinics, track and basketball.

### Track Clinic

The track clinic will be held at 10 a. m. on the field and under the direction of Oregon's thinclad mentor, Bill Hayward. Howard Hobson will conduct the cage clinic at McArthur court from 2-4 p. m. Saturday.

Sunday morning at the Eugene hotel is the farewell breakfast for all the players and coaches, closing the week's festivities. This will be sponsored by the Active club.

For the high school students who are journeying down for the tournament, plenty of things to keep them busy have been planned, including ice skating, roller skating, swimming (boys only), and dancing.

Games such as ping pong, checkers, etc., will be available to those all day throughout this week at the student entertainment headquarters at the Community Center, Almack building, 1060 Willamette street.

The hosts for these activities are the Teen-Age Canteen and the Eugene chapter of De-Molay.

**Swimming (boys) at the Men's Pool—1-3 p. m. Tuesday, 2-3 p. m. Wednesday, 1-3 p. m. Thursday, 2-3 p. m. Friday, 1-3 p. m. Saturday.**

**Roller skating at the Paramount Rink, 25 W. 7th—8-11 p. m. Tuesday through Saturday.**

**Ice skating at the Ice Arena, 1850 W. 6th—3:30-5:30 p. m. Tuesday through Thursday.**

**Dancing at the Community Center—10-11:45 p. m. Tuesday through Saturday.**

**Dancing at the Masonic Temple—10-11:45 p. m. Wednesday and Thursday.**

**Dancing at Gerlinger hall on the University campus—2-4 p. m. Saturday afternoon with Ted Hallock's orchestra.**

## Congregational Group To Attend Conference

Several members of the Congregational student group in Eugene will attend the State Congregational Student conference this weekend, which is being held at the Chapel-By-The-Sea in Nelscott, Oregon.

## Nine Teams Return from '46 Tourney

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Of the 16 teams advancing to the firing line today and tomorrow in the opening round of the state cage tourney at McArthur court, 9 are repeats from last year including the defending champs, Eugene, and runner-up Washington of Portland.

The other six quints back for a return fling at the coveted crown are Lebanon and Hillsboro, who finished fourth and fifth respectively last season; Coos Bay; Salem; Rainier; Astoria, and Roosevelt of Portland.

Hank Kuchera's Axemen gained sweet revenge in the final of the 1946 tournament at the outmoded Willamette gym, when they walloped Washington 52-27 for the toga. The Colonials had gained state honors in 1945 and twice earlier in the '46 season and trimmed Eugene 27-21 and 29-18.

After these earlier Washington setbacks, Eugene began clicking as their bunch of green aspirants gained much savvy and experience, with the passing of each game, to gain their first championship since 1927.

Opening with a burst of power in the tournament,

Kuchera's lads smacked Hillsboro 47-27, and followed this by conquering Marshfield 55-46 in a fast tilt. The semi-final contest for the Axemen was the toughest they played during the four-game swing, as they rallied in the last minute to nose Medford 33-32.

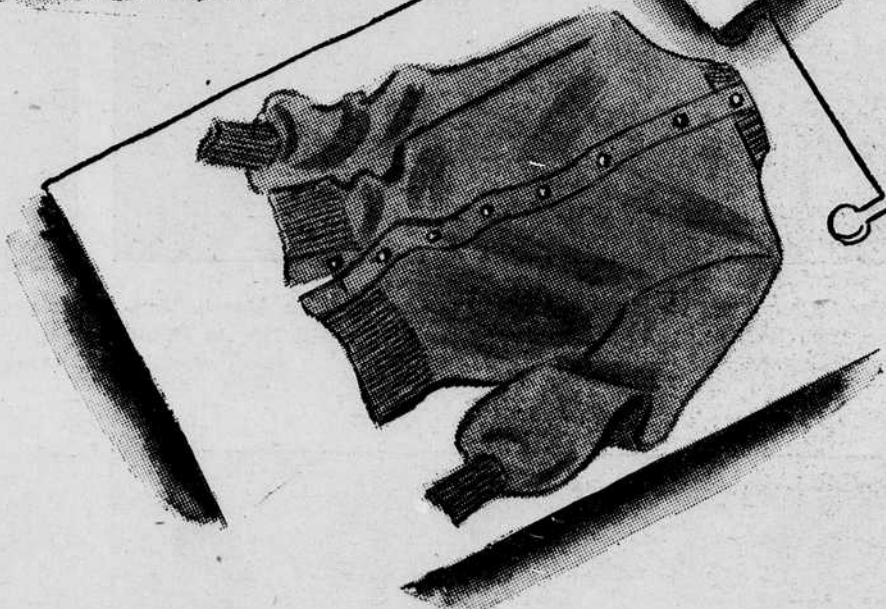
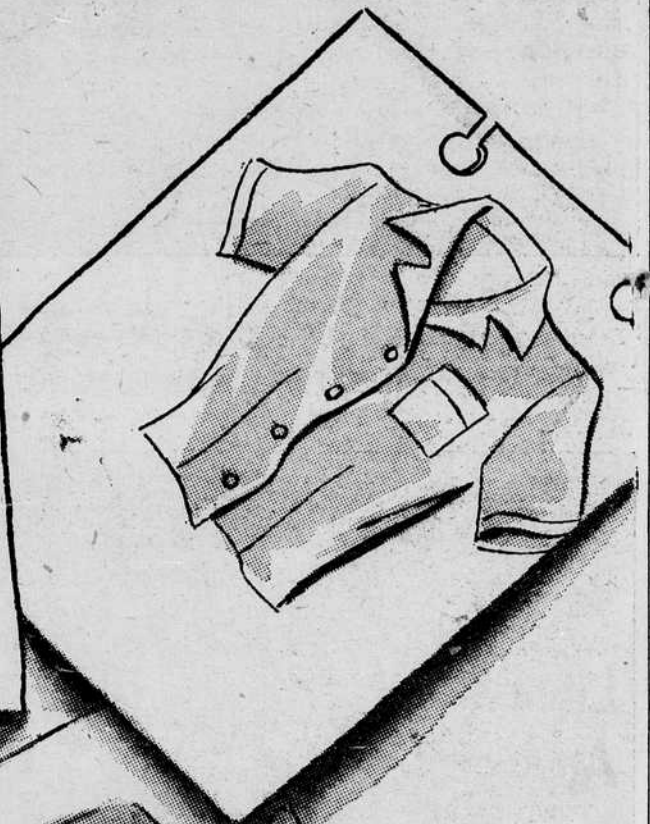
Closest fray of the tournament was the first-round clash between The Dalles and Washington. The Indians from Eastern Oregon surprised everyone with their power, leading the Colonials 37-28 early in the final quarter. But Bob Lavey, now an Oregon product, sparked a last-ditch rally for the Portlanders and tied the count at the end of regulation time 42-42.

In the three-minute overtime, Lavey countered again, making his total 22 points, as Washington won 45-42. The Colonials also had two hair-raisers in the following sessions, edging Lebanon 36-34, and Central of Portland 39-36.

Medford captured third slot by trimming Central 39-32; Lebanon nosed Rainier 35-31 for fourth; and Hillsboro dumped Astoria 44-39 for fifth. Scoring honors for the tournament went to Lebanon hot shot Lynn Hamilton with 63; Lavey of Washington and Ty Lovelace of Eugene hit 62.

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