

# SPORT NEWS

## Sports Need Many Changes

With the shouting all over and Joseph high school eliminated from the state basketball championship tourney, comes a time for retrospection. Not only a backward look at the basketball season but one might look even a little further—back at the football season.

The writer sees two or three points that came to light this year that should be disintegrated, reorganized and smoothed out, with the view of ironing out petty difficulties that have arisen in the past year of Eastern Oregon interscholastic athletic contests.

One point that has been the center of varied opinions, both pro and con—mostly con—is the referee. Another point is the difficulty that has been experienced in being sure that the best team is proclaimed champion. Another point is the arranging of schedules and still another one is the selection of an "all-star team."

**Propose Control Board.**

In the opinion of the writer, one thing that would accomplish more than all others would be an Eastern Oregon high school athletic board of control, the duties of said board to be the collective arranging of each team's schedule, to officially decide upon championships, to select, if one is selected, the "mythical" team, and to act upon all matters that might appear in the future relative to athletic contests. Such a board would be ideal if it consisted of the physical directors and superintendents or principals of each school in the district, to meet once or twice each season to decide upon all matters.

In brief, it would act similar to the executive board of the Pacific Coast conference. Matters would be arranged efficiently and satisfactorily in a meeting, that might be held in conjunction with the superintendents and principals' meetings that are now in vogue, that would permit each coach and each school to present its plan and its views to the others. This system of a board of control is now being used in many districts throughout the United States and, outside of minor difficulties that are occasionally encountered and which are practically always almost immediately worked out, is proving feasible, efficient and immensely successful.

**Referee Sore Point.**

One thing that could be attended to by the actions of such a board, would be to settle forever the long contended "referee" situation, that so often leaves a defeated, and often a winning team with the feeling that they were playing the referee as well as the opposing team. Why not name officially several referees in each county or district and permit only those named to officiate at each game, never allowing a home man or a man from the opposing team's town, to act in that capacity. With a neutral referee, neutral to both teams, always officiating, the referee question would soon fade and become only unpleasant memories.

**Hoop Tourney Suggested.**

And during the basketball season, much could be gained in District No. 1, consisting of Malheur, Grant and Harney, Union, Baker and Wallowa counties, if a final district title tournament be held, each county to send its best, or its two best teams to some central point, possibly the Union gymnasium, or to Baker, or some other adaptable floor, to compete for the trip to Salem. Two days, at the most, would be all the necessary time to play off the tourney. One heavy point in favor of the tourney is the fact that this year, and last year, and years before that, Malheur and Grant and Harney counties haven't had a chance to send a champion team from the district, due to the fact that their teams are unable to get a representative schedule with the Union, Wallowa and Baker county teams, and, with the tourney an established fact, this prevailing unfairness to the three counties would be wiped away, and every team in District No. 1 would have a fair chance.

**To Branch Idea.**

The idea of the district tourney plan will be brought to the superintendents and principals' meeting on Mar. 24. The plan is expected to meet with much favor if not with approval and in time it will work out, just as the suggested board of control will eventually work out. Both plans have not to come, for it is more noticeable each year that the Eastern Oregon teams are becoming stronger on the average, and with their growing strength, exigencies arise that never came up before, and new and centrally located authority is needed to combat and care for them, without injustice to one side or the other.

The geographical location of Eastern Oregon makes it almost mandatory that some such plan be adopted.

**PENDELTON CARD PLANNED**  
(By Associated Press)

PENDELTON, Mar. 19. — Mickey Rockson, of Boise, and Danny Neelham, of Spokane, will fight the main event of a card to be held here on March 26th. Mike Brotherton, of



WILLIE HOPPE

The latest picture of Willie Hoppe, who recently defended his title of world champion billiardist, winning from Jacob Schaefer, his challenger, after the first 500 black ball found Hoppe far in the rear.

Willie Walla, 102, and Walter Woodfin, of Baker, will meet in an eight round semi-windup and Kid Noreen, of Pendleton, and Harry Harris, of Phoenix, Arizona, will fight the six round final preliminary.

### Eugene High Wins State Hoop Honors; Athena Boy May Make All-Star Team

SALEM, Mar. 19.—The high school of Eugene Saturday night won the state interscholastic basketball championship, defeating Astoria high 28 to 25. Westergren, Astoria, a forward, was the star of the game, marking up 15 points.

The mythical all-state team has not yet been announced but is believed to include Westergren, Astoria; Riding, Bradley and Powers, Eugene; and Pretzer, Athena, forward.

### LA GRANDE SCOUTS DEFEAT BAKER FIVE

The La Grande Boy Scout basketball team added one more step up the ladder to the juvenile championship of Union and Baker counties when they defeated the Baker scouts in the Y gymnasium here Saturday night by the score of 48 to 35. The first half ended 22 to 20 in Baker's favor but a rally in the last half put the game safely in the win section of the local boys. The first half was close, both teams exchanging into the lead. La Grande won largely by superior basket shooting, Baker's teamwork being on a par with the locals.

Summary: La Grande, Fitzgerald (14), McCorle (24), Dull (8), Kelly, Robinson, Baker, Payne (9), Candiff (8), Moody (10), Moore (6), Manary.

## SPORT BRIEFS

**LENGLEN DEFEATED**  
NICE, France.—Unselfish in defeat Suzanne Lenglen Sunday threw her arms about Miss Elizabeth Ryan, when Lenglen, paired with Count Soumarokov-Klato, lost the final in the mixed doubles tennis championship to Miss Ryan and Randolph Lycett, 6-4, 7-5.

**TINGLE WINS TITLE**  
MANILA.—Billy Tingle, Australian, won the flyweight championship of the Far East Sunday by defeating Blasco Concepcion, Filipino. Tingle received the referee's decision at the end of a 15-round bout.

**EXHIBITION BASEBALL**  
NEW ORLEANS, La. R. H. E.  
New York Americans.....4 7 0  
New Orleans Southern.....2 5 1  
Batteries: Mays, Bush and Arthur; Benbough, Thomas, Walker and Wowie.

**LOS ANGELES** R. H. E.  
Chicago Nationals.....4 4 0  
Los Angeles Coast.....5 11 1  
Batteries: Alexander, Dumovich, Knoffman, Cheeves and Hartnett; Hughes, Jones, Hagna and Baldwin, Rego.

**FIGHTER'S WIFE DIES**  
PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Mrs. Harry Greb, wife of the former American light heavyweight champion, died at her home here.

**THE MARKET**  
PORTLAND, Mar. 19.—Steers steady to a quarter higher; cows, heifers a quarter higher; choice steers \$7.75 to \$8.35; hogs quarter lower, prime light \$9.00 to \$9.25; sheep steady, eggs weak, butter steady.

### A. J. Stange Wins Trap Shoot; Score 44 Birds

Yesterday's trap shoot, held at the Country club traps from noon until three o'clock, was well attended and with ideal weather, many good scores were made and everyone, not only enjoyed the shoot, but were convinced that a few more such shoots would bring the annual average to a much higher point.

A. J. Stange was high point man with 44 out of 50 and Roy Forrester and C. L. Machee tied for second honors, each dropping 43 clay pigeons out of 50.

**THE WEATHER**  
PORTLAND, Mar. 19.—Tonight, rain. Tuesday rain the west and cloudy in the east portion of the state. Fresh southwesterly gales.

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