

### BASKETBALL RACE IS ANYBODY'S NOW

Eight Teams to Meet Here in Sub-District Tournament Feb. 26-27.

By Nolan Skiff  
High school basketball teams in Eastern Oregon are going down the back stretch this week and next, preparatory to the spurt at the corner and the grueling dash down the home stretch.

And it is just as much anybody's race as it ever was!  
In Union and Willowa counties, exclusive of the city of Union, there are eight teams, all of which have a definite chance for qualifying at the sub-district tournament to be played here at the L. D. S. Recreational hall Feb. 26 and 27. Out of the eight three will go to Union, and five others will return to their homes to start thinking about what might have been and next year.

Several Upsets Occur  
During the last week, however, a number of upsets have occurred that put a slightly different complexion on the faces of the dopesters. First, Union took La Grande into camp last Tuesday. Second, Joseph humbled Union decisively at Union last Saturday night. Third, Baker fell before La Grande here last Friday afternoon when La Grande went down in a sluggish contest with Pendleton on Saturday, although it took the Bucks an overtime period to defeat a determined bunch of reserves who went into the game in the fourth quarter after it seemed hopelessly lost.

Not so long ago certain dopesters were predicting that La Grande, Cove and North Powder would go to Union, with Walla Walla county not represented. That does not promise to hold true now, although it still could happen.

The way the whole thing looks now is that the race for the three places in the Union tournament is likely to simmer down to a contest between La Grande, Cove, Joseph and North Powder, with the possibility that either Imbler, Elgin, Enterprise or Walla Walla might displace one or two of the first mentioned four teams. In other words, it is still a toss-up, with the first mentioned teams conceding a slight edge—and the word "slight" means exactly that and nothing more!

La Grande the Dark Horse  
Turning to La Grande, sports observers look upon the Tigers as the "dark horse" in the entire district. Coach Ira Woodie has a team that can rise to supreme heights in one night, yet the following may play barely mediocre basketball. They can win from Baker, a really strong team, yet lose to Pendleton, which cannot boast of a quitter of championship caliber this year. One night the Tigers can't miss, and the next the baskets look as little as doughnuts to them, and their shots fall to find the scoring hole.

Probably the reason for this, more than anything else, is the extreme youth of the La Grander. Torrence is the only seasoned player on the squad. Whether the Tigers can stand up under the rugged test of the tournaments is the question that looms as all-important so far as La Grande's chances are concerned.

As a matter of fact, the nearer the tournament season approaches, the more the matter of picking the strongest teams seems an impossible task.

It's anybody's race!

### OWLS WILL GO TO BAKER TO MEET ANTLERS

The Jack Allen Owls will go to Baker tomorrow night for a game with the Baker Antlers, an aggregation about on par with the Baker Blue-jays, which lost to the Owls earlier in the season in a fairly close game. The Antlers were defeated by the Eastern Oregon Normal school but this will be the first contest with the Owls.

Saturday the Owls defeated the Willowa team 38 to 23 at Willowa.

### Dempsey Chalks Up Two More Victories

CHICAGO, Feb. 16 (AP)—Jack Dempsey came back to Chicago today, with two more knockouts on his comeback tour list, and about \$500 richer, to finish preparation for his match Thursday night in the Chicago stadium with King Levinsky.

Dempsey last night spent two minutes at Flint, Mich., in knocking out George Kohler of Chicago, and one Pat McLaughlin of Wausau, Wis., before \$11,000 worth of trade, half of which went to the former heavy-weight champion.

If Thursday's crowd measures up to indications, Dempsey will make his first comeback appearance in Chicago before a record indoor crowd of around 22,000 spectators. Should the stadium draw a full house for the four-round exhibition with the former fishmonger, Dempsey will pick up another \$35,000.

CITY CLAIMS WIDEST STREET  
TULLAHOMA, Tenn. (AP)—What city has the widest street in the world? Tullahoma, residents of this city claim. Atlantic street, 330 feet wide, is broader than the Champs-Élysées, in Paris, 250 feet, or Canal street, in New Orleans, 200 feet. Tullahoma also has a public square containing 14 acres.

### Most Football Mentors Favor New Grid Rules

By Herbert W. Barker  
(Associated Press Sports Writer)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (AP)—Generally speaking, the official reaction to the changes made in the playing code by the national football rules committee has been favorable but there have been dissenters enough to make the debate interesting.

The new and liberalized substitutes rule and the move toward making equipment safer not only for the wearer but his opponents as well met with almost unanimous approval. But protests of varying degrees of emphasis greeted the other four changes—the alterations in the kickoff and dead ball rules and the committee's decision to forbid the use of the flying block and flying tackle, and the aggressive use of the hands on the defense.

Believe Game Is Safer  
Those who favored the changes took the position that the rules committee had made the game safer for the players without taking anything vital from it. Those opposed believed some spectacular features had been removed and that the new rules would handicap the smaller player severely.

Elmer Layden, of Duquesne, declared the rule which forbids a player on the defense to strike a rival on the head or face with his hands "will eliminate the use of small players," and called it "simply a protection for the big boys."  
He was joined by three former Notre Dame-trained coaches, Tommy Mills, of Georgetown, Rip Miller, of Navy, and Edward (Ship) Madigan, of St. Mary's of Oakland, and by Bill Ingram, of California, Harvey Harman, of Penn., thought the penalty for violation of this rule (disqualification of the player and loss of half the distance to the offending team's goal line) was so severe that officials would be chary of calling it.

Warner's Comment  
Glenn S. (Pop) Warner, of Stanford, favored all of the regulations except that calling for an automatic "dead" ball when any part of the carrier's body, except his hands or feet, touches the ground. To point out that a ball-carrier could go a distance all opposition in a dash to the goal line and still lose a touchdown should he slip and fall.

Bernie Bierman, who branded the rule changes "mostly a bunch of bunk," thought the "dead" ball rule was a good one. "It's one place," he said, "where they've got at the cause of accidents."  
Elimination of the flying block or flying tackle will handicap the little player, Dick Hanley, of Northwestern, thought, and J. J. Lipp, a Big Ten official, said it was "going to be hard to call" a violation of this rule.

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### BRUSHING UP SPORTS... RABBIT MARANVILLE



THEY ALL LAUGHED WHEN RABBIT MARANVILLE declared he would join the Navy, but the Rabbit surprised everybody, including himself, on short notice. The Rabbit was with the Braves in 1917. Besides being one of the best shortstops in baseball, Maranville had a flair for bright lights. While his team was in Philadelphia, the Rabbit and some hilarious friends were bending a festive elbow. Minute by minute the Rabbit waxed more patriotic. Suddenly he bolted for the nearest naval enlistment station, where he joined a long line of prospective recruits. Immediately he was recognized by an officer who happened to want a good shortstop for a service team. He considerably pushed the Rabbit to the head of the line. The Rabbit has confessed that if he could have kept his place in the line, his patriotism and inspiration would have worn off long before he could reach the recruiting desk and the Navy would have had to worry along without a nifty shortstop.

as announced Monday by the national rules committee.  
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### By Laufer Cougars Defeat Oregon Staters In Close Game

Conference Standings Northern Division

Washington State	9	3	750
Washington	8	4	867
Oregon State	6	6	900
Oregon	6	7	462
Idaho	2	11	181

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 16 (AP)—Washington State college, leaders of the northern division of the coast basketball conference, gained a more secure hold on their position last night by defeating Oregon State college, 28 to 24, after a stiff uphill battle.

The Cougars have won nine games and lost three and have only four more games to play, including another contest with Oregon State tonight. The University of Washington, defending champions and closest rivals of the Cougars, have won eight games and lost four. They have four more games to play, two with Idaho and two with Washington State.

The Cougars last night came through the first half at the short end of a 13 to 7 score. In the second half, however, they found their stride and drove well to the front before the Orangemen scored again. Oregon State had plenty of fight left and climbed to within one point of tying the score when Halston, Cougar forward, eluded his guard, dribbled the length of the floor and scored. Cross added the final score on a free throw.

### GOLF TOURNEY WILL BE HELD AT ALDERWOOD

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 16 (AP)—The Pacific Northwest golf association's annual championship tournament will be held at the Alderwood country club here June 27 to July 2. Paul F. Farrens, association president, announced Monday.  
Originally scheduled for June 20 to 25, the tournament was postponed by telegraphic vote of the directors. The original dates were fixed at the annual meeting of the directors in Seattle a week ago. President Farrens cited several reasons for the postponement.

Although the dates for the Oregon State golf tournament have not been named it usually is held early in June and Farrens said the officials of the Northwest association did not wish to have the two tournaments too close together.

### Puget Sound Loses To Albany College

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 16 (AP)—With the score tied and ten seconds to go Albany college basketball team defeated College of Puget Sound 32 to 31 here last night when Bob Buchanan, Albany center, dropped a field goal for the winning point. The game was close throughout and was tied at 15 to 15 at the halfway mark.

The American merchant-marine had a total of 25,471 steam, motor, and sailing vessels, canal boats, and barges at the close of 1931.

### IRISHMEN STALL AND WIN 31-27

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although he did go in during the last 15 minutes when Medical retired due to four personal fouls. But the Mountaineers were not playing the type of ball they have exhibited here in some other games this season.

McCarthy, Columbia forward, was easily the outstanding player on the floor and he topped the scorers with eight field goals for a total of 19 points. McCormick, Irish center, and Worthley, E. O. N. forward, each made six for second honors.

The game was preceded by a preliminary in which the faculty won from the E. O. N. seniors 29 to 10.

Summary:

Columbia (31):	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hunt, f.	0	2	1	2
McCarthy, f.	8	0	2	16
McCormick, c.	3	0	2	6
Piskol, g.	1	1	2	3
Leineweber, g.	0	0	2	0
Meyerthorlen, c.	1	0	2	2
Warren, g.	1	0	1	2
Totals:	14	3	12	31

E. O. N. (27):

Medical, f.	1	3	4	5
Worthley, f.	3	0	1	6
Belts, c.	2	1	2	5
Bredow, g.	2	0	2	4
Carden, g.	1	2	1	4
Baxtor, f.	1	1	0	3
Totals:	10	7	10	27

Officials: Goodbrod, referee; Peare, timer.

During the halftime period, a group of Normal school boys, part of them dressed as girls, engaged in a mock basketball game which caused a great deal of hilarity among the fans.

### Urge For More Speed Has Campbell Toying With Death Since Boyhood

RISKS NECK TO RAISE OWN MARK

By Edward Stanley  
LONDON (AP)—One swift, urgent life story—FASTER!  
It must be put in capitals, for he has roared down the sands faster than any machine before him—245.773 miles an hour.

If things go right he will go faster yet at Daytona Beach in February when he tries to beat his own mark—perhaps 300 miles an hour, five miles a minute!

Just how fast he may go Campbell won't say—he doesn't like to make predictions and not live up to them.

But last April he wrote that he might be able to go that fast in his revamped Bluebird.

More Power  
All he will say now is: "I've got some more power than I had last year and we've made some alterations in the stream-line. I'm sure the car will develop more speed—but wait and see!"

Actually, some changes have been made in the front of the machine—not major, but improvements. And the rebuilt Bluebird has a new motor developing 1500 horsepower, which is about 100 more than the one with which he set the present world record.

Sir Malcolm—he was knighted last year after his feat at Daytona—has felt this urge for speed all his life, and he will be 47 on March 11.

Where he gets it he can't explain, perhaps from some bold Scot ancestor. His own father was a diamond merchant and lived a moderate, temperate life.

Started On Bike  
But Malcolm started out with a bicycle, soon had a motor bike, then one of the early automobiles, one of the early airplanes, and in 1910 started serious racing.

In the meantime he had become a member of Lloyd's.

Since 1910 he had driven in scores of races, in England and abroad, and set eight world speed marks.

Now, at 46, when most racing drivers have left the track for good, he is just at the peak.

In Great Shape  
Some of the explanation, of course, is the superb physical trim he keeps. He doesn't drink, smokes a bit, but slows up before a race or test, and boxes a bit every day. He lives out in the country, but has his office in Old Bond street.

Slim, and always looking ready, he has something of the suggestion of steel springs about him. He has bright blue eyes, a good laugh and hard handshake, and like Americans, Canadians, New Zealanders, and "all those kind of people."  
He thinks the Americans are almost too good to him.

For the first time in nearly two years snow halted golfing activities in Seattle for a few days the middle of January.

### MILEPOSTS LEADING TO DAYTONA

LONDON (AP)—Life has been a writer of world records for Sir Malcolm Campbell, who will try to better his own speed mark at Daytona Beach in February.

- Here are the high spots:  
June 24, 1923: World record, 137 miles an hour, made at Fanoe Island, Copenhagen.  
Sept. 25, 1924: World record, 146.16 miles an hour, made at Pendine Sands.  
July 21, 1925: World record, 150.766 miles an hour, made at Pendine Sands.  
Feb. 4, 1927: World record, 174.224 miles an hour, made at Pendine Sands.  
Feb. 19, 1928: World record, 206.95 miles an hour, Daytona Beach.  
April 26, 1929: Double world record, five miles at 212 miles an hour, five kilometers at 211 miles per hour, made at Venousk Pan, South Africa.  
July 17, 1930: New lap speed 89.7 miles an hour, Phoenix Park, Dublin.  
Feb. 5, 1931: World record, 245.773 miles per hour, Daytona Beach.

### Sport Slants

By Alan J. Gould  
(Associated Press Sports Editor)

The Big Town gave Hack Wilson a pretty fair send-off, considering he came in as something of a second or third hand baseball "chattel," having been discarded by the Chicago Cubs and subsequently by the St. Louis Cardinals.

But the Hack has color. He is being given a fresh chance to deliver and the benefits of a lot of ballyhoo. If he gives his new employers in Brooklyn the same kind of a "break" it will be all O. K. in Flat-bush.

True, Wilson took a 50 per cent salary cut, the biggest of the year for any baseball star, but Hack is a fortunate young man with piano legs and a bull neck to be getting anything like \$15,000 for six months' work when you consider the way he squandered his resources last season.

Many a bank has been robbed for much less money than that and two such celebrated youngsters as Pepper Martin and Dizzy Dean won't find that much in their pay envelopes combined, all year.

So the Hack, one may well say, has been "staked" very generously for his come-back, which he seems quite confident of making. He mumbled something that sounded like "Hit 45 for yuh," in talking to Max Carey and referring, presumably, to home runs. It's a large size order with the jack-rabbit ball no longer available to knock around.

Hack will be lucky if he collects 30 home runs this year, considering the extra distances he must carry in the big Brooklyn park, plus the fact that pitchers will tackle him with considerable confidence this year.

Eyes O. K.  
Wilson ridicules the story that there has been or is anything the matter with his eyes, beyond a mild astigmatic condition that exists in virtually every set of human orbs.

"I can't use that as an alibi for last year or whatever happens to me this year," said Wilson. "I have had three specialists in as many different towns examine my eyes thoroughly and they can't find anything wrong; just a little astigmatism. I have always had that. I don't really know what caused my hitting slump last year but I'm sure it wasn't my eyes."

No doubt it wasn't. Right after that Wilson promised his new bosses he would stick to the straight and narrow path, avoid the lures of dissipation and get to bed earlier nights than he did with the Cubs last season.

### Scott, of Milton, Seeks Re-election

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 16 (AP)—James H. E. Scott of Milton, Umatilla county representative in the state legislature, has filed his candidacy for re-election on the Republican ticket.



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