

HUSKIES TO PLAY BEARS FOR TITLE

Washington Defeats Cougars Saturday, 44 to 38—Orangemen Win.

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PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 29—University of Washington and University of California again will meet for the Pacific coast conference basketball championship as a result of their victories Saturday in the season's finale.

The rise of the Bears was almost as spectacular. After a poor start they won four straight games, not counting the play-off.

Oregon State evoked its series with Oregon with a pair of victories last weekend. The Orangemen defeated the Webfoots, 37 to 31, and 26 to 20.

Spoke Her Mind A woman in Pennsylvania, after being mute for twenty years, recently recovered her speech when stung by a bumble bee.

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Lekang Winner Of Ski Jumping At Lake Tahoe

LAKE TAHOE, Cal., Feb. 29 (AP)—On the sturdy shoulders and sturdier legs of Anton Lekang, wingless flier of the snows, today rests the jumping championship of the National Ski association which he won at the twenty-eighth annual tournament here yesterday.

Lekang, representing the Norway Ski club, New York, outpointed a field of aces whose polished skills flashed in a bright California sun as they leaped from the trajectory overlooking the sparkling blue waters of Lake Tahoe.

On the two official jumps allowed each contestant, the judges awarded Lekang 213 points for distance and form.

The longest jump in the A division was made by John Eyrum, of the Cascade Ski club of Portland, Ore., who leaped 198 feet. He placed second to Lekang in standing with 209.1 points.

But one-tenth of a point behind him was Glenn Armstrong, of the Rocky Mountain Ski club, Estes Park, Colo., whose score was 209.1.

Other contestants included Olaf Tjellefson, Viking Ski club, Los Angeles, 181.5.

Today a two-mile "Dauerlauf" cross-country race over the snow pack of the Sierra crest will be the final event of the four-day tournament, the first ever held west of the Rocky mountains.

The championship in the B division jumping contest yesterday went to Hjalmar Hvam, of the Cascade Ski club of Portland, Ore., who Friday won the 19-kilometer cross country race. Hvam also was awarded the combined championship honors in 457.7 points.

Second place in the combined honors went to Magnus Satre, Sallaburg, Conn., and John Eyrum, of Portland, placed third.

In the B division jumping, O. Tverdal, of the Seattle Ski club, came second to Hvam in points, and his leap of 171 feet was the longest in the B division.

The tournament feminine contest was the three-mile cross-country honors go to Mrs. Sigrid Stromstad Lanning, former Norway champion, who represented the Aurora, Cal., Ski club. She covered the distance in 15 minutes and 45 seconds.

Five minutes behind her came Reina Calder, also of Auburn, and another Auburn woman star, Dolly DeFree, placed third.

Earl Edmonds of Truckee, Cal., won the class C jumping championship for youths not more than 15 years of age.

The decision of the new York Yankees to go into the ivory business on an expanded, chain-store basis, modeled after the famous of Astor's system, means that policy of both major leagues has been definitely altered, whether Commissioner Landis likes it or not.

It will be recalled that the commissioner not long ago sought united action against the expansion of the Cardinals, on the theory that it meant "predicament" baseball and was not for the best interests of the game. Its success, as well as its popularity, has convinced other magnates that it is very good business indeed.

Not only has the farm system benefited the minor league clubs concerned, especially in such difficult times as these, but it has paid big dividends to the parent outfit, in the conspicuous case of the Cardinals.

Of course major league clubs for years have had varied minor league systems, but it remained for the Cardinals under Branch Rickey's management to devise a system of graded, controlled "chain-stores" and to relate the player production.

Col. Jacob Ruppert of the Yankees has picked one of the smartest, best known minor league men in George Weiss to act as general manager of the new York "chain-store" organization. Weiss, like Rickey, is a college man, experienced and energetic.

TIGERS DEFEAT JOSEPH TEAM IN CLOSING CONTEST

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and a field goal and Stoddard made a free throw before the half ended.

In the third period the Normas again went in, after the Tiger seniors started the half, and then gave way in the last quarter once more.

After the second quarter, Joseph never held the lead and although within three points of the Tigers at one time in the last quarter, never really threatened La Grande victory.

Incidentally, Woodie's second team played to score a point, although it failed to score a quarter and a half. Joseph's first basket in the opening period came after five minutes and 52 seconds of scoreless basketball.

In the second game of the afternoon round Cove eliminated Imbler 31 to 23, although Imbler made things interesting in the third period when a determined rally brought the score from 19 to 9 up to 22 to 19.

A large crowd attended both the Saturday afternoon and evening games. In the evening, the Normas school tumbler staged a clever exhibition and the La Grande High school band played during intermissions.

Summaries of the four games Saturday follow: La Grande: FG FT PF TP Baxter, f 0 0 1 0 Knapper, f 0 0 0 0 Workman, f 0 0 0 0 Andrews, f 0 0 0 0 Munsell, g 0 0 2 0 Fox, f 2 0 0 4 Stoddard, f 2 3 0 7 Corey, c 1 0 0 0 Burnett, e 1 1 2 3 Torrance, g 1 2 1 4 Totals: 7 8 7 20

Cove Eliminated: FG FT PF TP Joseph, f 0 0 1 0 Russell, f 0 2 3 2 McCulley, f 1 0 1 2 Knapper, f 0 0 0 0 R. Louie, g 0 0 0 0 Sprague, f 1 0 4 2 Gray, f 0 1 0 1 Aleon, f 0 0 1 0 Totals: 5 5 12 13

Score by quarters: La Grande 0 8 8 4-20 Joseph 4 1 3 7-19

Imbler Eliminated: FG FT PF TP Cove, f 0 0 2 4 DeWeimer, f 1 0 0 0 Richards, c 0 0 0 0 Clark, g 1 0 1 2 DeBorde, f 0 2 0 2 Laird, c 0 0 0 0 Peterman, g 2 0 0 0 Totals: 2 0 0 0

North Powder: FG FT PF TP Williams, f 2 0 4 4 Walk, c 5 0 0 10 Simonis, g 5 0 3 10 Hobbs, g 0 0 3 0 Henderson, f 1 0 1 2 Totals: 14 0 11 29

Enterprise Eliminated: FG FT PF TP North Powder: Williams, f 3 0 1 6 Sloan, f 4 0 0 4 Walk, c 1 0 1 4 Simonis, g 1 5 4 7 Hobbs, g 0 0 3 0 Talley, f 0 0 0 0 Henderson, g 0 0 0 0 Gorham, f 0 0 0 0 Totals: 9 9 11 27

Enterprise: FG FT PF TP Forsythe, f 0 0 4 0 White, f 1 1 1 3 Bue, c 2 1 4 5 Hockett, g 1 0 0 2 Lanastig, g 2 2 1 6 Justice, f 2 1 0 3 Lines, f 1 0 3 6 Steel, g 0 0 4 0 Totals: 7 5 14 19

Officials: Folgate and Croxdale, of Whitman college, referees; J. W. Walloway, L. E. Enterick, referee and umpire; William Pearce, La Grande, timer; Nolan Skiff, La Grande, scorer.

Scores of all games played follow: La Grande 23, Imbler 20. Walloway 12, Enterprise 31. North Powder 35, Elgin 15. Cove 35, Joseph 42. Walloway 24, Imbler 41. La Grande 34, Enterprise 20. Cove 38, Imbler 16. Joseph 34, North Powder 29. North Powder 27, Enterprise 10. Cove 31, Imbler 23. North Powder 20, Cove 10. La Grande 20, Joseph 15.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29 (AP)—Two great fighters of a few years ago, Jack Delaney and Benny Leonard, hit the comeback trail this week.

Leonard, retired undefeated lightweight champion, meets Billy McMahon, tough New York welterweight, in a ten-round match at the St. Nicholas arena here tonight.

Delaney, once light-heavyweight champion, comes back after a long absence to fight Phil Johnson, Jersey City heavyweight, at Bridgeport, Conn., Thursday night. Delaney has done little fighting since Jack Sharkey knocked him out in a little more than a minute of fighting in April, 1929.

Wheat Markets Are Weakened by Heavy Receipts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29 (AP)—Domestic wheat markets declined slightly during the week ending Feb. 28, under the influence of heavy receipts recently shipped prior to the advance in freight rates Feb. 20, according to the weekly grain market review of the U. S. department of agriculture.

An improved European demand however, as a result of diminishing supplies of native wheat and some restriction in milling restrictions, gave the market a slight upward bias. The grain markets continued dull. Corn and oats declined 1/2c per bushel under very limited demand, but barley and about unchanged. Rye remained inactive but close to practically the same as a week ago. Flax was steady with receipts very light.

The increasing dependence of European countries on foreign wheat production is apparent in the recent market relaxation in milling restrictions. France has successively increased her milling quota from 3 per cent per month at the first of January to 25 per cent by the first of February.

Italy has again increased the percentage of bread wheat to 40 per cent in northern and western provinces and 60 per cent in the southern provinces, effective March 1, with a view of a further increase in the durum quota, for which details are lacking.

The German trade is reported anticipating further government intervention in wheat. The price of the wheat is possible reduction in the German duty to around \$1.20 per bushel for a specified quality of wheat.

The British wheat agitators have introduced a bill to hasten effect. Aug. 1 to secure a standard price, equivalent in U. S. currency at the present rate of exchange to around \$1.20 per bushel, with a view of a millable quality and to make a general ally effective a government wheat quota plan.

European importing countries are becoming more liberal purchasers of foreign wheat. The United States wheat is still of southern hemisphere wheat although export sales of U. S. winter wheat were reported during the week.

The estimate of the Australian crop being received is 177,000,000 bushels, and together with the Argentine crop, gives a combined output of 396,000,000 bushels. Australian crop being received this week totaled 900,000 bushels, but with a rapid disappearance of the surplus is causing a holding tendency on the part of growers, according to trade reports.

Black sea shipments were small, totalling only 344,000 bushels, of which 112,000 bushels was new wheat. At the close of the market Feb. 26, Argentine wheat at 26c was quoted at Liverpool at 59c, Australian wheat from New South Wales at 63c 3/4 per bushel. No. 2 Manitoba wheat from Vancouver sold at London at 42c 1/2. No. 1 Canadian wheat at 63c 1/4. No quotations were available on U. S. wheat, but exporters were bidding 61c for No. 1 hard winter at Liverpool. Prices of wheat in Europe were slightly higher, with good milling quality at Hamburg quoted at \$1.63 1/4, at Paris at \$1.72 and at Milan at \$1.74. American wheat at 62c 1/2, and C. F. Marseilles at 85c, and Naples at 82 1/4 per bushel.

Cash Wheat Declines Domestic cash wheat markets declined 1/2c per bushel, largely as a result of the sharp increase in receipts, reflecting the heavy receipts at Kansas City alone totaled 2,527 cars. The protein of the cars tested averaged 11.67 per cent. A large proportion of the cars at Kansas City were applied on previous sales or was shipped in for storage, so that cash offerings were not burdensome. Mill demand slackened however, since most mills had received their orders for the advance in freight rates. Elevator interests were active buyers and elevator stocks increased sharply and totaled over 35,000,000 bushels at the close of the week. Prices declined 1/2c per bushel, with about half of the reduction accounted for in the Hockett, g. No. 3 hard winter, ordinary protein, was quoted Feb. 28 at 57c 1/2, and 13 per cent protein at 57c 5/8 per bushel.

Pacific coast markets held fairly steady, although receipts at North-Haven were heavy. Receipts totaled 1,003 cars for the week, compared with 433 cars during the corresponding week last year. The increased arrivals were the result of the higher freight rates. With Australian, Canadian and Argentine wheat being offered at several cents per bushel below domestic grain in foreign markets, no export business in either wheat or flour was effected, but a steady although limited demand prevailed from domestic mills. Premiums on milling grades have been gradually lowered from about 15 cents above prices of soft white wheat at the first of February to 10c at the close of the market Feb. 28. B. bluestem of early Paart hard white was quoted at Portland at 72c 3/4, soft and western white at 61 1/2c and hard winter, northern spring and western red at 60c per bushel, sacked, basis No. 1. Western white wheat was quoted at Seattle at 82c, western red and hard winter at 89c and bluestem at 72c, sacked, basis No. 1. No. 1 dark northern spring from Montana, with 16 per cent protein, was quoted in bulk at 95c per bushel. The condition of winter wheat continued quite favorable with heavy snow over most of Eastern Washington and Oregon. Trading at Vancouver continued quite active, with about 6,000,000 bushels reported sold to move out during March, mostly to the United Kingdom. No. 1 Manitoba northern was quoted at the close of the market Feb. 28 at 70 1/2c in Canadian currency.

California wheat markets were rather quiet, with prices unchanged to slightly higher. Demand for feed wheat has slackened under the influence of lower barley prices and the poor purchasing power of the poultry industry. Mill demand was fairly active but buyers generally were purchasing only sufficient wheat to cover current flour sales. No round out milling mixtures. Offerings of local wheat remain of small volume and sales of California grown grain were confined largely to inland centers where wheat from outside areas was at a freight disadvantage.

Emperor's Perquisite Under the oldest Japanese law, when the emperor was the real as well as the nominal head of the country, all land was divided into nine squares, the central one which was cultivated by the holders of the other eight, for the use of the emperor.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

Table: CHICAGO WHEAT. Columns: Mar, May, July, Sept. Rows: Open, High, Low, Close.

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CLOSING TONE IS HEAVY IN WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Feb. 29 (AP)—Inability of the stock market to extend a morning rally today brought disappointed selling into the list in the last hour, early gains of 1 to 2 points in leading issues were mostly lost, and fractional net declines prevailed.

Bullish efforts to generate a rally in various parts of the list, notably in shares of companies serving the automobile industry, presumably based on the announcement last week of the Ford plans failed to attract a following.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK PORTLAND, Feb. 29 (AP)—Cattle 2125, 100 calves; 25c lower for steers and she-stuff. Steers 600-900 lbs. good \$5.50-\$6.00, medium \$4.75-\$5.50, common \$3.50-\$4.25. Cows, good \$4.00-\$5.50, common \$3.50-\$4.75, 900-1100 lbs. good \$5.00-\$5.50, medium \$4.25-\$5.00, common \$3.00-\$3.75. Hogs, common \$4.50-\$5.00, 180-200 lbs. good \$5.00-\$5.50, medium \$4.25-\$5.00, common \$3.50-\$4.25. Pigs, 100-120 lbs. good \$4.50-\$5.00, medium \$3.75-\$4.50, common \$3.00-\$3.75. Light lights 140-160 lbs. good \$3.75-\$4.50, medium \$3.00-\$3.75, common \$2.50-\$3.25. Heavyweights 250-300 lbs. good and choice \$3.50-\$4.25, 290-350 lbs. good and choice \$3.25-\$3.85; packing sows 275-300 lbs. medium and good \$3.00-\$3.75. Feeders-stockers 70-130 lbs. good and choice \$3.25-\$3.85.

Sheep and lambs 1200; steady. Lambs in lbs. own good and choice \$5.50-\$6.00, medium \$4.50-\$5.50, weights, common \$3.50-\$4.50. Yearling wethers 90-110 lbs. medium to choice \$3.50-\$4.50. Ewes 120 lbs. medium to choice \$2.00-\$3.00, 120-150 lbs. medium to choice \$1.50-\$2.00, all weights cull to common \$1.00-\$1.50.

BUTTERFAT SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29 (AP)—Butterfat f. o. b. San Francisco 25c.

ONION PRICE ADVANCES PORTLAND, Feb. 29 (AP)—A fresh advance in price of Oregon onions was announced here today. A new high mark for the current season has been reached with sales at a maximum around \$4.25 cental, with sacks and twine furnished by buyers of cartons.

The exact number of carloads purchased at the new record mark was undetermined today. The general idea of the trade is that about 100 to 150 carloads of Western Oregon onions are unsold. Of these, perhaps 20 carloads are held in cold storage.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT LIVERPOOL, Feb. 29 (AP)—Wheat closed: March 56 1/2; May 59 1/2; July 61 1/2; Oct. 64 1/2. Exchange 83.48.

100,000 RUSSIAN TROOPS STATIONED AT VLADIVOSTOK

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under way for several months and he cited the wreck of one troops train near Omak early in December.

The war office issued a categorical denial today that Japanese troops were concentrating near the Korean-Siberian border. An official spokesman said that although the Japanese authorities were anxious over disturbances in the Chientao region of southeastern Kiran, any Japanese troops which might be sent there would consist of a small garrison command, and not from the Korean garrison.

A Rongpo news agency dispatch from Harbin said General Ting Chiao met Hisi's representatives at Wukumpo and offered to submit to the new Kirin regime, agreeing to withdraw his troops from the Chinese eastern railway zone immediately and then to proceed to Harbin personally to give proof of his sincerity.

RUSSIA GIVES CONSENT MOSCOW, Feb. 29 (AP)—L. M. Karakhan, acting Soviet commissar for foreign affairs, has given Russia's consent for limited Japanese troop transportation on the Chinese eastern railway in North Manchuria on condition the Japanese promised to respect Soviet rights and interests in the area.

He also called again on Japan for an explanation of a report that Japanese troops were moving along the Russian frontier. He raised the point that use of the railway "for strategic objects would violate the provisions of the 1903 treaty and the Russo-Japanese war and asked Japan to state whether it intended to preserve the railroad's neutrality.

Japan's military command at Harbin, Manchuria, had requested 17 troop trains to move soldiers from Impenpo to Pogranichni.

M. Karakhan charged last week that the troops were expected to be sent to the Soviet border. M. Hirota denied this and reiterated that the troops were necessary for the protection of Japanese subjects in the eastern part of Manchuria, owing to a "chinese situation" there.

Butter Market Active; Eggs Are Stronger Today

PORTLAND, Feb. 29 (AP)—Activity is generally quite pronounced in the market for butter locally and along the Pacific slope prices are well held and undergrades continue to reflect best sentiment.

Strength in eggs continued in the market for eggs. No change was noted in local values for the week's offering. There was some talk of need of an advance here.

General trend of the cheese market continues to reflect more or less steadiness with practically no change reported in the price list at any leading marketing point.

Primary market of the country, as a rule, report steadiness for all offerings. The make is reasonable in spots although Wisconsin reported that the make was not showing the normal gain.

Tillamook continued to report steadiness in its price position with the movement somewhat better for recent weeks. Coos Bay reported a like condition.

Further efforts to depress the price of live chickens here in face of decreasing stocks due to the laying season, are making little headway. The chief barish operators are buying for California account but prices here appear firm.

Turkey Demand Good There continues to be very good demand for dressed turkeys with late advance in hens sustained. Toms are not finding much favor on account of lack of quality.

Owing to the flooded waters of the Cowlitz, only scant supplies of Columbia river smelt are reaching Portland. Sales continue mainly \$1.00-\$1.25 per 50 lb. box. Salmon and halibut are about steady.

While reports from the country indicate that spring lambs are ready for the market, there appears little disposition to offer them at this time despite the excellence of the demand. All lambs are in call, also ewes. Yearlings are weak with hogs just holding their own.

Slightly better potato call is shown locally but prices are held at the extreme low point. Owing to the condition of the roads shipments are now being made from Yakima mostly by rail.

Wholesale Notes Notes of wholesale trading: More Florida potatoes of the new crop arriving and price is lower at 10c @ 12c lb. Same for new California, which are better in quality.

Lettaico market supplies increasing from the south with prices showing slight declines.

Celery is again advanced here with higher costs in the south. Spinach market is well supplied with prices unchanged.

Another shipment of Mexican peas is due Tuesday and the price will be 20c lb.

PORTLAND PRODUCE PORTLAND, Feb. 29 (AP)—Butter—Prints 92 score or better 24 @ 27c; standards 24 @ 26c carton. Butterfat—Direct to shippers: standard 20c. Portland delivery prices 21c lb.

Eggs—Pacific poultry producers' selling prices: fresh extras 17c; standards 16c; mediums 15c.

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Live poultry - Net buying price: heavy hens colored 4 1/2 lbs. up 14 @ 15c; do mediums 11 @ 12c; light 8 @ 9c; broilers 17 @ 18c; colored roasters over 2 lbs. 16 @ 17c; springs 16 @ 17c; old roasters 8c; ducks pekín 15c; geese 12c; capons 18c. Country meats - Selling price to retailers: country killed hogs best butchers under 100 lbs. 6 1/2 @ 6c; vealers 80 to 120 lbs. 10 @ 11c; spring lambs 16 @ 18c; lambs yearlings 12c; heavy ewes 6c; canner cows 4c; bulls 6 @ 6 1/2c lb. Mohair - Nominal, buying price, 1921 clip long hair 10c; kid 15c lb. Onions - Selling price to retailers: Oregon \$4.75 @ \$5.00. New potatoes - Florida 12 @ 14c lb. California 10 @ 12c lb. Potatoes - Local 90c @ \$1.15; Parkdale, 81.25; Deschutes \$1.25 @ \$1.30; Eastern Washington 76c @ \$1.15. Seed potatoes (certified) - Earliest of all 1 1/2c; Early Rose 1 1/2c lb. Wood - 1931 crop nominal; Willamette valley 13 @ 15 1/2c; Eastern Oregon 11 @ 15c pound. Hay - Buying price from producer: Alfalfa \$14.00 @ \$15.00; clover \$10.00 @ \$12.00; Willamette valley timothy \$15.00; Eastern Oregon timothy \$18.50; oats and vetch \$12.00 @ \$12.50.

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