

Eastern Oregon Track and Field Stars to Meet Saturday

Athletes from 20 Schools Will Vie in 46th Annual Competition in La Grande

The cream of the Eastern Oregon prep school track and field crop will be assembled in La Grande Saturday for the 46th annual running of the Eastern Oregon track and field meet, in which La Grande high school is a 13-time winner, and in which La Grande athletes have set three of the 15 standing records.

Two Games Slated In Coast League

The Sacramento Solons entertain the San Francisco Seals and the San Diego Padres welcome the Los Angeles Angels in the only Pacific coast league games tonight.

Seattle and Oakland swing into action with a doubleheader at Emeryville tomorrow while Portland and Hollywood get together in the film capital.

Portland will have a chance to stretch its two-game leadership at the expense of the tailend Hollywood club, although the Twinks showed improvement last week when they took four out of six games from second-place Seattle.

The Rainiers and Oakland should provide the best series of the week. Now in fourth place four games from the top, the Acorns are set to make their stand in their home orchard a winning one.

State Income Tax Tallying Delayed

SALEM, Ore., May 1 (UP)—Earl Fisher, member of the state tax commission, said today final tallying of state income tax returns will be completed about a month from now.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 returns were received on or near the April 15 deadline, Fisher said, and the job of opening the envelopes should be finished this week.

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TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

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NEW YORK, May 1 (UP)—Capt. John F. Sullivan of the Fourth Corps headquarters in Italy might be called the outspoken link between quick personal up front fighting and entertainment for his service buddies.

Young Sullivan of Worcester, Mass.—with a chest full of American, British and French decorations—insists that (1) boxing is the best entertainment for service men at any front, and that (2) golf courses and baseball diamonds would provide the best recreation for wounded men in American hospitals.

The handsome, 27-year-old captain—big, brawny and brown-haired—says, "I guess everyone who has been at an actual fighting front knows the entertainment value of boxing bouts. They require practically no equipment, and they can be enjoyed by anyone from anywhere, even if they never saw leather tossed before. For most of the fighting men it's a grand spectator sport."

"But when you come home wounded to an American hospital, and you're trying to grope your way back to normal—easy golf and easy baseball are the sports in which you can participate to forget your handicaps—meanwhile rehabilitating body and mind."

Sullivan entered service in 1941. He got the purple heart and a trip to a hospital in '43 when blown out of the observer's post on a tank by an artillery shell during the battle of Mucknasey, when his outfit was trying to cut off Rommel's retreat in North Africa. He came back from the hospital to fight plenty more. He was lucky then and later. Only he and four other comrades survive of the 150 officers who went into Africa in his original outfit and fought up into Italy.

Sullivan, who boxed and played football at Boston U., was yanked away from the fighting front a couple of times to manage and coach boxing teams in war-theater championships. His boys were able and lucky. For example, they won the team title at Algiers before 60,000 spectators. Then they all went back to the Anzio beachhead in Italy.

Captain Sullivan returns soon to Italy. During his brief visit here he attended yesterday's luncheon of the Professional Golfers' Association Rehabilitation committee at the Chatham hotel. He told the P.G.A. committee-

"I want to congratulate you professionals on your good work during the war—while the amateurs—the USGA—were asleep. Your rehabilitation campaign is the first definite action taken by any sports group to help our wounded boys. Your campaign to provide a golf course for every service hospital in America will be a Godsend for thousands of handicapped fighting men."

"I only hope that baseball can keep pace with you by furnishing the hospitals with playing fields—for either soft ball or hard ball."

The P.G.A. committee announced a campaign to raise \$100,000 by nationwide play, featured by the challenge match between Byron Nelson and Sam Snead at two courses in the New York area on May 26 and 27. They open at the Fresh Meadow club, Flushing, N. Y., and finish at the Essex Country club, West Orange, N. J.

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Cochran Cuts Hoppe Billiard Margin

HOLLYWOOD, May 1 (UP)—Welker Cochran, world's champion three-cushion billiards champion, trailed by a slim 55-point margin today after winning two additional blocks in his cross-country tournament with Challenger Willie Hoppe. Hoppe now holds a 2,888 to 2,833 lead in the series.



Major Wallace A. Sorenson, formerly of La Grande, was presented the air medal during a colorful retreat ceremony at the Ontario army air field in California where he is a section commander.

The air medal was awarded for the destruction of an enemy aircraft, November 22, 1943.

Major Sorenson, who attended Eastern Oregon college, was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the air forces in December, 1941. He served in Alaska, England and Africa and wears the distinguished flying cross with two oak leaf clusters and the Asiatic campaign ribbon.

Mrs. Sorenson, the former Phyllis Simonson of La Grande is with her husband in Ontario. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Sorenson, live in Homedale, Idaho.

Cpl. Dave Leonard, U. S. marine corps, is in La Grande for a 15 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Leonard.

Cpl. Steve Svetich arrived in the United States Saturday and will arrive in La Grande next week. Cpl. Svetich, the son of Mrs. Joe Thomas, has been serving in the south Pacific area.

Award of the army's good conduct medal to Pfc. Ralph Carpenter, formerly of La Grande, is announced in a communication from headquarters of the 32nd infantry division on Luzon. Carpenter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Carpenter, and a mechanic with the field artillery of the "Red Arrow" division, entered the army in January, 1942, and went overseas in March, 1943. He attended school in La Grande.

In addition to the good conduct ribbon, he wears the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon, the Philippine liberation ribbon and a bronze arrowhead for his part in the division's initial landing on Saipan.

With training as a member of a Flying Fortress crew nearing completion, Flight Officer John H. McLean, navigator, is scheduled for assignment to an overseas combat area in the near future.

This information is imparted in an announcement from the army flying field at Alexandria, La.

McLean, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLean, of 1002 B avenue, was graduated from La Grande high school in 1943.

Seventh U. S. army headquarters in France has announced that among the thousands of doughboys who are taking part in the sweeping up of Germans is Pfc. Samuel G. Ambrose of La Grande. He has been assigned to the 396th Infantry regiment of the famous 100th "Century" division, which played an important part in breaking the German defensive line in the Vosges mountains, and bore the brunt of a German counter-offensive at Rimling and Bitch.

Aviation Cadet John W. Anderson, who has been at Minter Field, near Bakersfield, Calif., for several months, was transferred recently to the training center for potential pilots, navigators and bombardiers at San Antonio, Texas, where he will receive flight training.

Mrs. Anderson, the former Margaret Hall, has returned to La Grande to remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hall, while he is completing the 16-week course.

Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson of 1301 Ninth street. His brother, George Anderson, Jr., district attorney of Union county on service leave, is trial judge advocate at the army field at Ardmore, Okla.

Lower Standard Of Baseball Is Seen in Fielding

NEW YORK, May 1 (UP)—An off-day audit of the records confirmed today that many folks had feared—that the lowered standard of major league baseball this season would be reflected principally in the fielding.

The trend is definite in both leagues as compared with the same number of games from the start of the season a year ago. There have been 194 fielding misplays in the 82 major league games played to date as compared with 158 in the same number of games per team a year ago.

The National league, upholding its long-standing reputation as a smoother fielding outfit, has committed 91 errors in 43 games, an increase of 15 for the same number of games last year when the total was 76 errors. The American, with fewer games played, 39, has made 103 miscues as compared with 82 for 1944, an increase of 21.

The error average per team per game in the National is 1.06 as compared with .88 for the same period in 1944. In the American the team average is 1.32 errors per game compared with 1.06 per game a year ago.

Surprisingly, the worst offenders in either circuit are the usually sure-fielding New York Yankees, who have made 24 errors in 11 games as compared with 14 in their first 11 games last year.

At the other extreme are their neighbors at the Polo Grounds, the New York Giants, who have made only nine errors in 12 games, a decrease of six from 1944 when they made 15 in the first dozen starts.

Athletic Director Anse Cornell had no comment on rumors that Coach Oliver might get an overage discharge and return as head coach. But Cornell vowed Oregon will resume play "if and when material is available and the step seems practical." Increasing numbers of service men are reported enrolling at Eugene and Corvallis.

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NAB MOUTHPIECE—Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, above, Nazi military commentator on the Berlin radio and spokesman for the German high command, is reported captured by allied western armies.

Legion Groups to Meet at Dinner

The American Legion post and auxiliary will hold their district conference dinner at 7 o'clock tonight in the banquet room of the Stein Coffee Shop. Dinner music has been arranged and a dance will follow the dinner. A brief meeting was held this afternoon in the Sacajawea Inn.

V-E Day Fanfare Out—Salem Will Push Jap War

SALEM, Ore., May 1 (UP)—No parade, no band, no formal celebration will be held in Salem on V-E day.

This was the decision of the Salem Federation of Patriotic Societies, schools and civic groups yesterday.

A "rededication" to the task of completing the war and finishing off Japan was planned by the group.

Lapel cards, to be worn by citizens after V-E day were being prepared. They read: "This is to certify that I have wholeheartedly observed V-E day with a rededication to the unfinished tasks remaining before us—by personally contributing blood, buying more bonds, or aiding in vital salvage. On to Tokyo."

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