

SPORTS --- Here, There and Everywhere

ASHLAND TEAM IS STATE CHAMPION, PENDLETON BEATEN

Ashland won the state high school basketball championship last night in the finals of the state tournament, with a decisive score of 45 to 22 against Pendleton, the runners-up.

It was rather an upset in the prophetic "dope," for while Ashland had come with a formidable reputation, the Pendleton Buckaroos brought beef and blood and brawn and skill that had made them the general favorites for the pennant. They had played a slashing game in the semi-finals, crushing the Eugene team that had been supposed to be fairly a match for the Ashlanders, by a score of 35 to 21.

In the finals, the Ashland team opened up with a speed and accuracy that simply dazzled and bewildered the Bulldoggers. They danced over the floor light as fairies, swift as shadows, sure as fate. No such ball has been seen in any of the earlier games. Ashland simply opened up a new and inexhaustible bag of tricks and endurance, and from the first five minutes the game was sure.

Pendleton Is Fast
The Pendleton team has some fast, resourceful men; sturdy, muscular phenoms who seemed invincible. And they have been well coached; they did some of the cleverest picking up of the ball from the floor, and pivoting around an opponent, shown in the tournament. But for sheer speed the Ashlanders surpassed them; for shooting, the Ashlanders were like trained men to raw boys. Each team lost one man

through personal fouls.—Hobson of Ashland and F. Kramer of Pendleton, going to the side lines for over zeal.

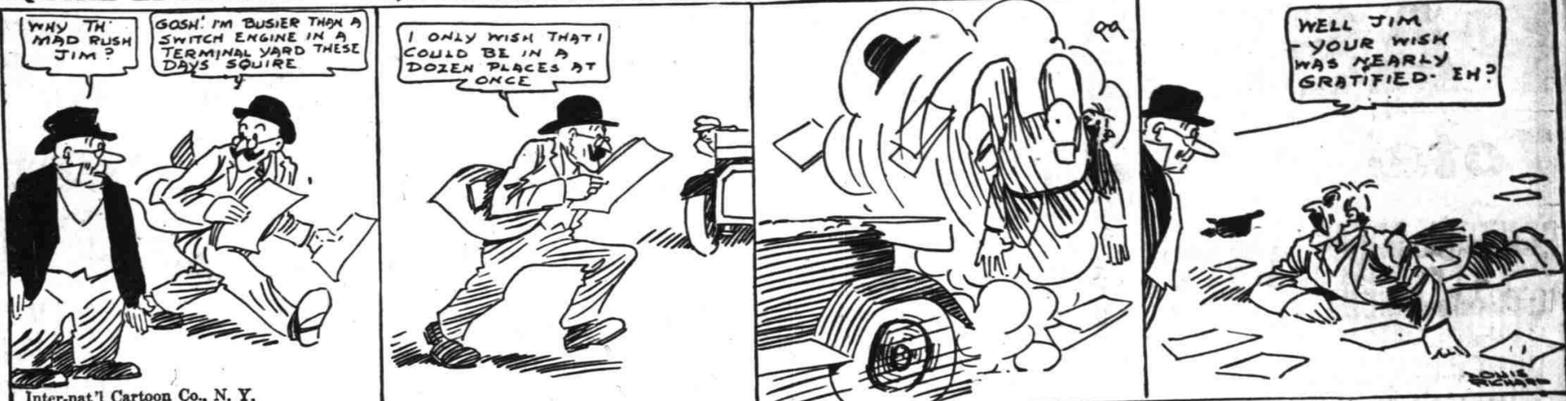
Heer of Ashland hardly lived up to his reputation as an infallible foul shooter, he being able to convert only five out of 11 tries. W. Kramer, however, for Pendleton, got only two out of seven. Neither approached the spectacular foul shooting of Sanderson of Astoria, in the first tournament game, when he made seven out of ten tries.

Eugene Paralyzed
The invincible man-to-man guarding with which Pendleton had swamped the Eugene team in the semi-finals, failed absolutely against the faster, tireless Ashlanders. It had paralyzed the Eugene players. It never feazed the Ashland plan, which slipped around it like a rabbit going around a stump. Herr and Guthrie, Ashland forwards, scored 19 and 22 points, respectively; they were guard-proof. Guthrie in particular is a star of collegiate class. He doesn't obtrude into the landscape, but he is making points with bewildering rapidity. W. Kramer of Pendleton, forward, is one of the most impressive floor players of the tournament. Most critics would place him as one of the stars of the series.

Ramsay of Ashland had a little the better of Lawrence, the Pendleton pivot man; though each scored four points. Cahill of Pendleton, who had gone out of the Eugene game for personal fouls, stayed through the final game, playing a star guard part and scoring four points. Only the two forged substitutions were made during the championship game.

Ashland Rooters Come
The Ashland team had a riotous team of 50 or more "rooters," many of them girls, who put on the cleverest yelling that has been shown in Salem this year. Their yell leader is a whole tournament in himself. The final verdict was probably one of secret if not expressed satisfaction. The Ashland team is certainly a bona fide high school team, and well within the interscholastic age of 21 years. A general doubt was expressed whether certain

SQUIRE EDGE GATE — Maybe That Auto Driver Overheard Him



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Cowboy players will ever see the age of 21 until their next reincarnation. That might be a cruel and unwarranted suspicion, but it was quite current, and explains some of the crowd's secret satisfaction at the verdict.

The players were: Ashland—Heer, Guthrie, forwards; Ramsey, center; Hobson, Young, guards. Substitutes, Weisenburg for Hobson.

Pendleton—W. Kramer, Holmgren, forwards; Lawrence, center; F. Kramer, Cahill, guards. Substitute: Nelson for F. Kramer.

Scoring—Ashland: Heer, 19; Guthrie, 22; Ramsey 4; Total, 45. Pendleton: W. Kramer, 8; Holmgren, 4; Lawrence, 4; Nelson, 2; Cahill, 4; total, 22.

Referees—Coleman and Faber. Between 1500 and 2000 people saw the final game. Following the close, a reception was held at Willamette university to all the visiting players and their friends. As most of the teams had stayed over to see the last of the series, it was a vast crowd that assembled at the University halls.

Pendleton 5; Eugene 21
In the semi-finals Saturday afternoon, Pendleton defeated Eugene by a score of 35 to 21. The Buckaroos were the faster, heavier, more resourceful. The Eugene team that had swamped the Redmond visitors Friday seemed curiously immature against the powerful easterners. The Pendleton team were shooting well, to boot. In every department of the game they were superior. Their guarding was of the air-tight kind. Seldom did a Eugene man get past for a good shot.

The speed shown by the Pendleton team made them look like the logical champions of the tournament. They played the kind of ball one would expect from powerful men of their build, though neither W. Kramer nor Holmgren, their star scorers forwards, had a single personal foul called against them. W. Kramer converted five out of seven foul throws, where Smith of Eugene made only five out of 12 tries. Cahill, guard for Pendleton, went out for four personal fouls.

The players were: Eugene—Kneeland, Smith, forwards; Cole, center; Taylor, Stein, guards. Substitute: Johnson, for Kneeland.

Pendleton—W. Kramer, Holmgren, forwards; Lawrence, center; F. Kramer, Cahill, guards. Substitute: Nelson, for Cahill.

Scoring—Eugene: Kneeland, 6; Smith, 11; Cole, 2; Taylor, 2; Pendleton: W. Kramer, 9; Holmgren, 14; Lawrence, 8; F. Kramer, 2; Nelson, 2.

Ashland 28; Astoria 27
What a little different drawing might have meant for the tournament, was curiously shown in the case of Astoria. This gallant team, after playing the heaviest schedule of the tournament, lost in the semi-finals to Ashland, by the narrowest score of 28 to 27; and they gave the Ashlanders the scare of their lives in holding the score so close. Indeed, there was at first a question whether the Astorians hadn't won a clean victory, for while the referee had whistled for a held ball, and officially stopped the play, Diamond, the Astoria center, did not recognize the signal in the babel of sound that filled the hall and threw a basket just as the gun signaled for the end of the game. As the ball had been officially dead before the throw was started, of course it could not count, so the score of 28 to 27 in favor of Ashland, stood instead of 29 to 28 for Astoria.

Had Ashland met Pendleton for the semi-finals, and cleaned them as they did in the finals; and had Astoria drawn Eugene for the semi-finals, there might easily have been a championship in Astoria instead of in the southern town, for the Astorians showed that they could meet on absolutely even terms the swift shooters of the south—and they might well enough have carried off the final game. But—they didn't.

Astoria Second Strongest
As it is, the showing of the Astoria team against the champion Ashlanders, seems to give them a good second place in the whole show. It was certainly a more impressive showing than that

made by Pendleton in the evening game.

Guthrie, the fleet forward of the Ashland team, led in the scoring for this game, with 18 points; though Westergren of Astoria ran him a close second with 12 points. The game was a whirlwind from the start. Ashland got a good lead, but this was being cut down in the second half.

Every Astoria player, except Captain Luoto, scored during the game—and at that, he was one of the most valuable men that any team has had during the series. He had one bad fall in the last half, that slowed him somewhat, but he stayed by his guns. Kiminki of Astoria and Heer of Ashland tied for scoring honors, with eight points each. More fouls were called on Astoria than on Ashland, though neither team made any substitutions during the game. The uncanny foul shooting of Anderson, for Astoria, couldn't be used, when there were no fouls to try; he got only three points in this game. Neither Hobson nor Young, of Ashland, scored in this or the final championship game.

Crowd Enthusiastic

The crowd fully went wild as the time drew near for the end of the game, and Astoria was crowding up to almost to the winning score. It was the wildest demonstration that the tournament had seen. It was the only game in the whole series that was even reasonably close. The Salem-Astoria game Friday night, with 24 to 18, was the nearest to an even break, most of the others having been ended with runaway scores for one team.

The team line-ups follow: Astoria—Westergren, Kiminki, forwards; Diamond, center; Luoto, Anderson, guards.

Ashland—Heer, Guthrie, forwards; Ramsey, center; Hobson, Young, guards.

Scoring—Astoria: Westergren, 12; Kiminki, 8; Diamond, 4; Anderson, 3; Ashland: Heer, 8; Guthrie, 14; Ramsay, 6.

NAMING ALL-STARS IS NOT EASY JOB

Bohler Not Ready to Announce Championship Selection at Once

There are many guesses for the All-Oregon championship team. Coach Roy Bohler of Willamette, reckoned a good authority, said Saturday afternoon.

"I haven't picked my championship team. I want to talk with the other coaches about it. Maybe we'll be able to vote a championship team out of the splendid array of talent that was shown. The tournament was a wonderful success in every way, in its bringing representatives from every district, and in the quality that they show."

Out of almost every team could be chosen one or two special stars. W. Kramer of Pendleton would probably be a choice of most good critics, for one forward. He was not quite so good a scorer as Heer of Ashland, but he was probably more active in floor work. Guthrie of Ashland would be a unanimous choice for one forward. It is doubtful whether if even the redoubtable Fox of Idaho, or "Slats" Gill of O. A. C., could have more than matched him. Westergren of Astoria was an exceptional player. Some might with reason give him a place.

Ramsay of Ashland, and Holmgren of Redmond, were perhaps the class of centers. Pendleton had a valuable man in Lawrence. Against North Bend, he scored 10 points—but Bolcom, the stalwart North Bend center, made 12, and he had been longer in the series. He might have stood up well for the all-star team. For aggressive fighting every second of the time "Pickles" Lennon of Salem would earn first before almost any other all-round team value though he could not quite equal some of

ARRANGEMENTS ALL MADE FOR HIGH WRESTLING AND BOXING

Full arrangements have been made for the big Salem high school Chemawa smoker to be held at the high school gymnasium Tuesday night. It looks like one of the most interesting athletic programs ever put on in Salem.

It starts with a "battle royal," with four Salem high athletes in the ring. This is staged with four huskies, the two Frazier brothers, John Caughill, and Don Ringle. All these boys have been boxing pretty steadily this winter, and the man who survives after putting the other three out of the ring is going to look like a world's champion. The curtain goes up promptly at 7:30.

Four wrestling matches are being put on with Chemawa. Bryson of Chemawa and Post of Salem will meet at 160 pounds. Bryson is unknown here in town, but he is claimed to be a whirlwind out at his home, and Post is one of the most consistent winners in the Salem squad.

H. Jackson of Chemawa will meet Blankenship at 140 pounds. This is another good promise, as Blankenship ranks well with his mates here in Salem, and they believe Jackson is a coming champion at Chemawa.

Hansen of Chemawa and "Bill" Wright will go at 136 pounds, and M. Jackson of the Indians will take on Noske of Salem at 135. The Indians have been working steadily for the past several weeks. At the time of their last meeting they did not show much science, but they have extraor-

high defeated Missoula, Mont., 41 to 28.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 18—The Yale relay swimming team broke the world's record in the 300-yard relay against Rutgers at Carnegie's pool here tonight by 5 and 4-5 seconds held by the New York Athletic club and was made at New Brunswick, N. J., March 10, 1915.

Boston Boxer Challenges Fred Hall for Match

William Maddox of Oregon City has written the Salem boxing commission of behalf of Frank McKean of Boston, 174 pounds, who wants to meet Fred Hall of Salem for a six or 10-round go in the near future, or anyone else at his weight.

McKean is instructor for the Oregon City Boxing club, and it is said he has whipped Travie Davis and several other good boys on the coast. He knocked out Billie Weeks in two rounds.

Hall, who lost Tuesday night to Eddie Richards of Portland, said yesterday that he probably would not want another match for some time, but would take McKean's proposal under consideration.

Maddox also claims to have a man at 130 pounds and another at 122, both of whom are looking for bouts. He says McKean would be ready to fight in two weeks.

WILLAMETTE-REDLANDS DEBATE MONDAY NIGHT

Redlands university comes with a squad that has been trained by a master of debate, Ebert Ray Nichols, author of "Intercollegiate Debate Briefs." He is also a writer of note on debate and argument. Douglas Gordon McPherson, leader of the Redlanders, has much debate work in southern California. He has had three years of varsity work. James W. Brougher, Jr., is a son of Rev. J. W. Brougher of the Temple Baptist church of Los Angeles. He has an enviable record. George G. Brown is debating for the first season on a college team, though he has had considerable high school experience. This is the team that will meet Willamette. Redlands university has de-

Growers Would Change Wheat Classification

SPOKANE, Wash., March 18—Recommendation of Secretary Wallace of the United States department of Agriculture for a change in classification of common white and club wheat, whereby it will be known as "white wheat," was adopted here today by a conference of wheat raisers, millers, and agents of Montana, Oregon, Idaho and eastern Washington.

The new classification, "white wheat," would be divided into three sub-classes: hard white, soft white and white western wheat. The application of hard white and soft white sub-classes will be as at present.

E. L. French, state director of agriculture, presided over the meeting.

JURY DEADLOCKED

LOS ANGELES, March 18—The jury in the case of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, charged with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, which went out at noon yesterday, had not reached a verdict late this afternoon and reports that it was hopelessly deadlocked were current about the county hall of justice. The jury up to this time had made no attempt to communicate with the court in any way.

LEWIS IS CAPTAIN

SEATTLE, Wash., March 18—Evan Lewis, a veteran of two years' experience on the University of Washington basketball team, has been selected to captain the Washington five next year. Lewis, a forward, was high point man of his team for the season. He lives in New Westminster, B. C., and is a junior in the college of forestry.

Spinal Bone Graft Made Upon Concord Youngster

PHILADELPHIA, March 18—An operation in which five inches of the spine bone were cut from the leg of a four-year-old boy to replace five inches of his spine bone, was performed in a hospital here today.

The patient, George Hawkinson, was brought from his home at Concord, Mass., by his parents. He is paralyzed from the hips down.

The operation took an hour and twenty minutes. The piece of backbone removed was diseased, and is said to have caused the paralysis. It was not necessary to put a plate in such a young boy's leg.

Unemployed Ex-Service Men Get Portland Aid

PORTLAND, Ore., March 14—To aid the American Legion in securing employment for ex-service men, Mayor George L. Baker issued a proclamation today to the effect that the week beginning Monday shall be known as "American Legion employment week." He urges all businessmen to cooperate with the Legion in giving employment in as many places as possible.

Monday has been described as "give the ex-soldier a job" day.

GIRL SMASHES WINDOW

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18—Miss Elizabeth Stinson, who smashed two plate glass windows with a poker in the home of S. F. Durkenheimer, when Durkenheimer discharged her from her position, was fined in the district court and cautioned by the court to be more careful in the future.

YOUTH PINKED

SILVERTON, Or., March 18—(Special to The Statesman.)—It is reported that several young boys have formed the habit of taking things from stores. Especially is this true in the hardware stores. One of the youngsters was recently caught and fined \$25.

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