

Falls City Explains Stand In Polk County Basketball Title Tangle

TARDY NOTICE HIT AS BAR TO CONTEST

Chairman of School Board Details Steps Leading Up to Controversy

Position taken by Falls City in the Polk county basketball championship controversy, is herewith set forth clearly by Robert L. Griswold, chairman of the Falls City school board, in a special article written for Statesman basketball fans:

"Falls City, Ore.,
"March 3, 1926.
"Editor, The Oregon Statesman:
"I read in Wednesday's Statesman the article about Independence-Falls City basketball controversy, and feel that a few words explaining matters is due, in justice to Falls City.

"There are six schools besides our own in the county who signified their intention of entering the county basketball league race. Falls City has met all six schools, winning ten games, and losing two, giving us a percent of 83.3.

"Independence has played but eight games in the county, winning six and losing two, giving her a percent of 75.

"There are two schools which Independence did not meet, nor, according to signed statements by the superintendent of each school, even try to get games scheduled with, preferring to travel outside the county and go after 'bigger fish'; but we should not be punished for their failure to meet all the teams in the league.

"Furthermore, Wednesday's article states that Falls City failed to show up for a game.
"In answer to this I will say that date was set for Monday, March 1, while Mr. Patton, the Falls City superintendent, was at



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Sixteen Cage Games Scheduled For State Tournament Here March 11

COLEMAN, OF OAC WILL BE OFFICIAL

Four Contests Thursday, Seven Friday, and Five on Saturday

By Bob Bishop
Final arrangements for the state hoop tournament, to be held at Willamette university next week, March 11-13, are being made and everything is ready for the drawing of the teams.

District tournaments throughout the state have not yet been completed, and the quints who will participate cannot be announced. However, the schedule has been made, and nothing remains but for the teams to draw and the show to start. Sixteen games will be played, four on Thursday, seven on Friday and five on Saturday, the closing day of the championship meet.

Tickets for the entire 16 games have been set at \$2.50 for students and \$3.50 for adults. In past years the big gym has been overcrowded, and this year, when Salem is conceded good chances for a second championship, the local fans are expected to flock to the contests.

Coleman of OAC will alternate as referee and umpire with another official. Coleman has a good reputation at handling games and will undoubtedly take care of all the teams in fine shape.

the coast with his team, and he knew nothing of the date set for the game until his return late Sunday night.

"Monday morning early he reported he would not play Monday night. Furthermore, no posters announcing the game reached Falls City until Tuesday, while the other towns Saturday or Monday morning, so we feel there was a try at buncoing us, so we are simply standing for our rights."
"Robert L. Griswold,
"Chrm. Falls City School Board"

WILL MEET BEAVERS

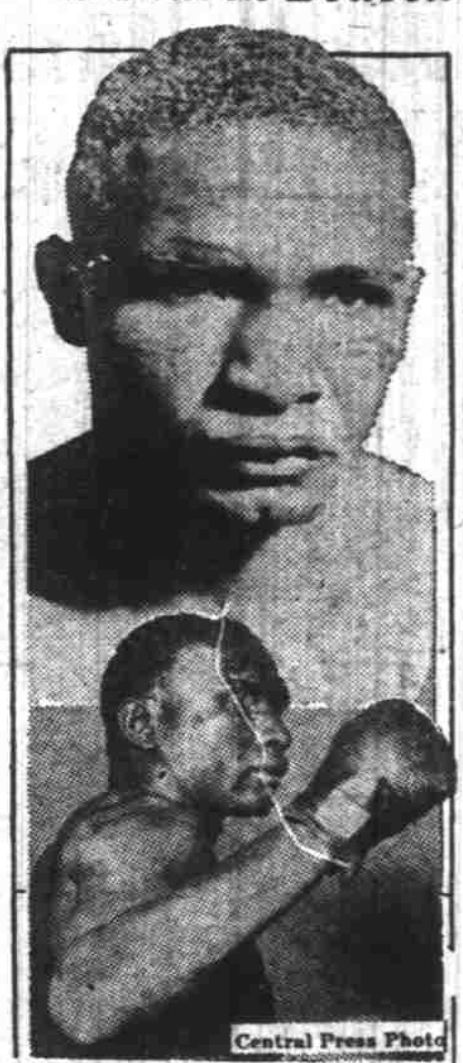
EUGENE, Or., March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—The University of Oregon baseball team will play the Portland Beavers of the Coast league here April 1, it was announced tonight by university sport officials. The Beavers, now in training in the south, will stop in Eugene en route to Portland, where they will open the season April 6. A squad of 17 men responded to Coach Billy Reinhardt's call for spring practice this afternoon.

HELEN WILLS WINS

MENTONE, France, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Miss Helen Wills won another victory today when she defeated Frau Neppach, the German champion, in the third round of the women's singles of the Mentone tennis tournament 6-0, 6-3. Frau Neppach was the only remaining player of prominence that Miss Wills had not yet met and defeated.

EVERETT, Wash., March 3.—(AP.)—Wildcat Carter, Everett negro bantamweight, was awarded a technical knockout over Demon Runyon of Los Angeles in the fifth round of a scheduled six round main event of a boxing card here tonight.

New Ring Champ a Church Deacon



Central Press Photo

Contrary to being anything like his sobriquet implies, "Tiger" Flowers, the new middleweight prize fight champion, is a Baptist deacon. He comes from Georgia, and he's the first negro ever to hold the middleweight championship, getting the decision over Harry Greb in New York in 15 rounds. His strong right is shown.

LATE FIGHT NEWS

HAVANA, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Hilario Martinez, Spanish lightweight champion, tonight received a judges' decision over Johnny Dundee of New York, former world's featherweight champion. Martinez weighed 133 and Dundee 131 1/2.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Leonardo Garcia, Manila featherweight, won a decision over George Lee of Sacramento after ten rounds at National hall tonight.

NEW YORK, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Georgie Levine of Brooklyn gained the judges' decision over the Scotch welterweight, Tommy Milligan, in a 12 round bout here tonight. Levine weighed 149 1/2 and Milligan 149 1/2.

LOS ANGELES, March 3.—Jimmy McLarnin, Oakland bantamweight, knocked out Joey Sangor of Milwaukee in the third round of a scheduled ten round fight here tonight.



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OREGON TOSSERS DOPING OUT GAME

Strong Players From This Year's Frosh Team, Await Next Season

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 3.—(Special.)—Oregon's basketball team is back from its unsuccessful invasion of California with all men free from injuries and the squad light-hearted.

Although the Oregonians lost in their championship series with California, they put up a good fight in the face of difficulties, according to sports authorities. Oregon played both games with-out the services of Algot Westergren, all-coast guard and although the substitutes, Edwards and Kiminki, played fine ball, they could not compensate for the loss of the doctory Astorian.

Captain Hobson was the only man to play in the first game up to the form displayed while the team was winning the northwestern championship with ten straight victories. The others were sadly off their game. Okerberg was ejected with four personals early in the game, which completely demoralized the northwesterners.

The second game was a hectic affair, according to Coach Reinhardt, with Oregon leading three minutes before the end 23 to 17. California staged a wild rally, however, which netted ten points, the game, the series and the championship.

Oregon loses but two men from this year's team—Capt. Howard Hobson of Portland and Charles Jost of Roseburg, sterling guard. Roy Okerberg of Salem, Al Westergren and Jerry Gunther of Portland, leading northwest scorers, will be back next winter, as will Arnie Kiminki of Astoria, and Ray Edwards of Portland, the first string subs. Pat Hughes, Howard Eberhart, Earl Chiles, Ray Murray, Fred Joy and Veri Flynn, promising second stringers, will also be back in the race.

Coach Leslie's frosh team will deliver Clare Scallon, Keith Emmons, Gordon Ridings and Mervyn Chaastain, forwards; Dave Epps and Bernard Hummel, centers; and Joe Rally, Scott Milligan and Ted Pope, guards, to the varsity squad. The freshmen had an exceptionally successful season this winter, losing but one game, and that by a one-basket margin.

PORTLAND TEAM LOSES

REGINA, Sask., March 3.—The Edmonton Eskimos more than doubled the score in a western hockey league game here tonight, defeating the Rosebuds by a score of 9 to 4. By their win the Eskimos again jumped into the league leadership.

REED-HARNDEN GO SET FOR FRIDAY

Welterweights to Grapple in Albany Armory Under Legion Care

ALBANY, Or., March 3.—After trying for nearly a year to get a match with Robin Reed, Milton Harnden of Ferndale, Wash., has at last been successful. Harnden, claimant of the coast welterweight wrestling championship, has challenged Reed on numerous occasions but circumstances had prevented their meeting until this week. They have been matched at Albany for next Friday night.

Reed, by virtue of having defeated Henry Jones in their last encounter, now claims the western welterweight title, and is now looking for new worlds to conquer, and has found one in the person of Harnden. The Ferndale grappler claims to have lost but one of 1200 matches during his mat career, and is reputed to be one of the fastest men in the game.

The match will be under the auspices of the American Legion.

KARASICK DEFEATS AUSTRALIAN CHAMP

Russian Lion Slams Meeske to Mat, Putting Him Out in 26 Minutes

PORTLAND, March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Al Karasick, light heavyweight wrestler of Oakland, Cal., made short work of Billy Meeske, Australian champion, here tonight. The match, scheduled to go two hours to a decision, or the best two out of three falls, ended after the grapplers had been on the mat 26 1/2 minutes.

There was only one fall in the contest, and Karasick won that when he picked Meeske off the floor with a crotch and half nelson hold and then pitched the Australian head first to the floor. Meeske's shoulder was so badly injured that he could not come back for the fall and had to default the match.

AGGIES WIN MEET

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 3.—(By Associated Press.)—University of Oregon's freshmen swim-

mers lost the relay and a chance to tie the Oregon Aggies here this afternoon. The score was 34 to 24 in favor of the Aggies. The relay counted 5 points to the winning team.

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