

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Don't know why it is, but probably it is for the same reason that caused us to label Carl Mays a southpaw pitcher when practically everyone in the world remembers him as one of the best right-side submariners of all times, but the state hooper yearly generates in us a desire to wax poetical.

A bunch of the boys, 125. Will be hooping it up. From early this aft until Saturday night quite late. And that for which they will be the OSHSAA's annual cup.

It's but an ordinary hooper. But, oh how intensely meaningful! This hardware hunk each team of lads is such a sizzling, ardent seeker. And it's thus these galling callahads won't stop enroute to toss-'em-balls.

No, the 128 kids who man the 16 clubs entered in this 21st annual scramble will leave all that to the sports spicers, slide-line supervisors and master mentors. The kids, you bet, will be all basketball business.

Gard Holds Record

A few of the records these prep pointsters have to shoot at include:

Individual scoring record—80 points, registered in four games by University high's Leonard Gard in 1938.

Team scoring record—190 points, set in 1937, by Astoria, the Fishermen beating the five-game record of 170 points set by Washington of Portland in 1929.

Single game record—27 points, scored by Astoria's Ted Sarpola in 1936, against Myrtle Creek.

Smallest score—5 points, by Pilot Rock against Independence in 1924.

As only two all-stars from last year return, and as both are seniors this year, the three-chosen record held jointly by Salem's Glen Sanford and Astoria's Ted Sarpola is in no danger. Sanford was chosen in 1930, 1931 and 1932, and Sarpola was named in 1934, 1935 and 1936.

Consistent against the Sanford and Sarpola failed to attain the brilliance in college they did in high school. Both attended the University of Oregon, both were number one reserves but seldom was either a starter.

Can Barlund Do It?

Never have we seen Leo Turner, the state middleweight champion who gives Sig Barlund a chance at his crown over the derby distance tomorrow night, in trouble. Neither is Ed Peterson, who was alleged to have beaten Turner the first time they fought here although we never could have scored it that way.

Peterson, of course, has been the only scrapper in name who has gone in against Turner in the Salem ring. The rest of the lot, including Jack Hibbard, who was given a one-handed going over by the dusky champ, were well over the side of the fight lineup known as peepers row.

The question is, will we see "The Lion" intimidated tomorrow night? Will we see the swift moving, trip hammer punching, bomb-groveling in resin of the armory ring—put there by the well-known shock of Barlund's bluff?

Or will Turner, as he has done against Peterson, Hibbard, Portland, Austin and the rest, succeed fully in his parry all those dynamic leather lodes that would spell kiao should they land?

All will agree that Barlund has the punch to powder Mistah Turner, but will he land it? And, if he doesn't land it, what will be happening to the "Fighting Finn" in the meantime?

Park Nears Completion

The Kleigs now in the installation stage in the home of the Salem Senators will provide the George E. Waters park with 30 per cent more light than is available in the well-lighted McGlinn park at Silverton. It is figured by the technicians employed. They are the very latest in athletic field lighting equipment.

Plumbing work is almost entirely completed at the mammoth park, and the cement floors under the stands for the offices, rest rooms and dressing rooms are now being poured.

Before the week is out trucks will be hauling river bottom silt in for top dressing of the field, which now boasts a beautiful stand of grass.

A month of halfway decent weather and the park George E. Waters is giving Salem will be in complete condition for the 10,000 people Biddy Bishop fully expects to pack in opening night, April 29.

Hunters, Anglers Banquet Tonight

Annual banquet of the Salem Hunters and Anglers club is set for 6:30 tonight at the Marion hotel, it was announced yesterday by Secretary E. J. Church.

The banquet is held yearly for the purpose of creating better understanding between Salem citizens and the club's objectives.

Guests include Governor Charles A. Sprague and members of the state game commission.

Yankees Begin Again

TAMPA, Fla., March 12.—(AP)—The New York Yankees started in Monday where they left off in the fourth game of the world series last fall and beat the Cincinnati Reds 8-7 in an exhibition game.

The Reds made a pretty good scrap of it, although they were ahead only in the first inning. It wasn't until the ninth that Joe Gordon singled home young Buddy Blair with the winning run.

21st Annual Hoop Fiesta on at 1 p.m.

Advance Ducat Sale Over 300

But Short of 500 Asked by OSHSAA; Keene Sees Keener Competition

Advance season ticket sale for the 21st annual Oregon State High School Athletic association basketball tournament went well over the 300 mark yesterday, but was still far below the 500 the association said Willamette university should dispose of to assure the big meet remaining in Salem another year.

Last year, financially one of the poorest in tournament history but 289 season tickets were sold. Best years produced 500 purchasers of week-long ducats.

Tournament Director R. S. "Spec" Keene said in going over the lists of former years he came upon several customers who no longer purchased season tickets. The veteran director was at a loss to explain the reason.

"Because Portland schools are no longer in?" he was asked. "I'd hate to think so, but that possibility has some bearing on the situation," he returned.

Keene, who watched Baker, Klamath, Clatsop, Butte Falls, North Bend, Helix, Ashland and Pendleton limber up on the Willamette boards yesterday afternoon, was convinced that the year's scramble for the big goboon would provide some of the most closely contested games in tournament annals.

And, with 11 of the 16 teams repeaters from last year, and with over 40 of the 128 hoopers who will take part returning for their second performance, Keene's observation should prove a correct one.

Senator Swing

Stay in rhythm with Salem's Senators via State-mania sports, first to you daily.

Howard to Retire Famous 'Biscuit'

LOS ANGELES, March 12.—(AP)—Owner Charles S. Howard announced today that the American turf's greatest money winner, Seabiscuit, will be retired to stud in northern California this spring.

Howard, who achieved a desire to win the title for his 7-year-old thoroughbred, said that he decided to announce the retirement of the famous son of Hard Tack in answer to questions which had poured in at the rate of almost 100 a day since Seabiscuit's victory in the \$100,000 a day Santa Anita handicap nine days ago.

This settled the question of whether Howard would send the one-time \$250,000 plater after the half-million-dollar mark, by pointing him for the \$50,000 Hollywood gold cup handicap this summer.

Bowling Scores

Commercial League Colyear Motor Sales

Handicap 1-3-9
Kiehn 163 206 118-487
Mapes 109 210 135-546
Eaton 127 192 135-546
McClary 179 170 158-507
Hauser 170 161 184-515
Totals 761 974 781 2516

Allen Hardware Co.
R. E. Ebner 136 159 155-450
Kiehn 132 138 140-436
Eaton 127 192 135-546
Zabare 168 195 213-574
Messer 209 198 155-563
Totals 800 787 788 2375

Willamette Wreckers
Handicap 2-4-33-99
Cherrington 214 176 168-558
Scott 139 147 140-436
Gustafson 118 176 135-519
English 178 197 152-529
Dalberg 163 155 141-461
Totals 746 787 769 2402

Nash Furniture Co.
Marr 192 184 148-515
Wood 128 144 148-504
Brown 173 144 168-485
Murdock 171 192 148-504
King 184 209 144-537
Totals 881 906 781 2568

Woodburn
Handicap 8-8-86-258
Slaw 123 161 120-404
Hick 106 147 160-413
Wilford 181 172 162-509
Kiehn 144 142 158-446
Smith 145 203 132-500
Totals 787 916 838 2541

Priesen Furniture Co.
Koch 139 177 189-505
Collinsworth 156 187 173-512
Wood 128 144 148-504
Patterson 212 160 130-502
Julian 200 182 184-546
Totals 668 856 867 2591

Western Paper Converting Co.
Handicap 7-7-21
Jennings 200 163 163-528
Wood 128 144 148-504
Wilke 97 99 139-335
Boelen 130 148 145-423
R. O. Ebner 128 147 138-484
Totals 747 728 772 2242

Bud's Place
Newman 171 152 116-439
Parker 138 137 196-512
Burch 155 130 171-456
Welf 161 188 150-479
Hart 161 189 192-542
Totals 607 796 825 2428

Keene Lunch
Gallagher 211 200 166-577
Lloyd 178 148 187-507
Garbarino 143 155 147-445
Puffer 206 149 128-483
Totals 905 861 774 2540

Pittsburgh Paints
Handicap 3-4-102
Peterson 84 103 168-331
Herdrick 106 130 138-424
Blackford 101 121 126-409
Carstenen 108 128 206-490
Linstrand 108 128 204-484
Totals 630 818 892 2540

Portland Gas & Coke
Handicap 10-10-30
Larson 231 164 174-569
Bergsiek 147 134 187-495
Majer 177 185 140-482
Bickett 174 181 206-563
Totals 871 770 819 2459

Coak's Office Boys
Barnson 158 185 161-483
Mohr 168 121 145-432
Barker 147 173 138-452
Priesen 159 175 191-525
Totals 791 772 778 2392

They'll Fling Tourney Towels



These four Salem youngsters will man the towel-and-lemon wagons that will service tournament teams all this week. From left, they are: Marshall Smith, Frank Ford, Don Phillips and Dwight Quisenberry.—Statesman photo.

SPORTS

RON GEMMELL—Editor

Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, March 13, 1940

Training Grind Over for Turner, Barlund

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Hopster Smoker Draws 300 Fans

INDEPENDENCE—Over 300 were in attendance at the annual lettermen's smoker at Independence high school Tuesday night. Silver medals are to be awarded to the winners in eight weight divisions of novices and gold medals for amateurs.

Novice division:
85 pounds—Wheeler declined Drasloff.
100 pounds—Wilson declined Covinsky.
110 pounds—Dickson declined Matsuda.
120 pounds—Bowen declined Gorsline.
130 pounds—R. Wells, TKO over J. Wells.
140 pounds—Boyce declined Fox.
150 pounds—Maret declined Grantham.
160 pounds—A. Peoples declined Conk.

Special—B. Peoples declined Agalzo.
Heavyweight—Jones KO'd Probst.

Trojan Hoopmen Receive NC Bid

LOS ANGELES, March 12.—(AP)—University of Southern California's basketball team, which won the Pacific coast championship last week from Oregon State college, was advised today it has been chosen as eighth district representative in the National Collegiate Athletic association tournament.

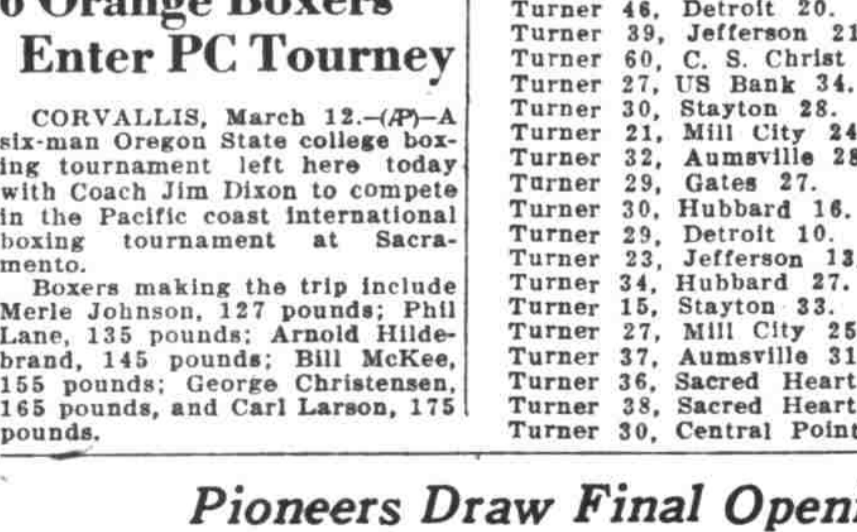
An 11-man squad will leave probably March 19 for Kansas City, where the western district teams will meet on March 22 and 23. The representatives of the four eastern districts meet at the same time in Philadelphia and the winners of the two tournaments will contest at Kansas City March 30 for the national championship.

6 Orange Boxers Enter PC Tourney

CORVALLIS, March 12.—(AP)—A six-man Oregon State college boxing tournament left here today with Coach Jim Dixon to compete in the Pacific coast international boxing tournament at Sacramento.

Boxers making the trip include Merle Johnson, 127 pounds; Phil Lane, 135 pounds; Arnold Hildebrand, 145 pounds; Bill McKee, 155 pounds; George Christensen, 165 pounds; and Carl Larson, 175 pounds.

Pioneers Draw Final Opening Round Tilt



Oregon City's Pioneer pointmen, who battle Astoria in today's finale, at 9:30 tonight. From left: Art Froehnow, Jack Jordan, Harold Barry, Ed Lavier, Ernest Gettell, Bob McKee, Bud Boyce, Wayne Streib and Lester Lebarberry.

Master of Hurdles To Try Grid Sport

By FELIX R. McKNIGHT DALLAS, Tex., March 12.—(AP)—Fleet Freddie Wolcott, dreamer of world hurdle mastery broken by abandonment of the Olympic games, has decided to play football next year.

The Rice institute blonde blur, one of the world's fastest humans, is no greenhorn at totting a football.

Back in his schoolboy days at Snyder, Texas, he was the district's leading scorer. But he sacrificed his grid future to mold one of the most amazing track careers of modern times.

Only eleven 120-yard high hurdle races have been run in 14 seconds or better—and Wolcott has run eight of them! Coach Emmett Brunson of Rice is the authority. All were run in recognized meets but various weather conditions prevented their establishment as records.

Wolcott, a natural competitor with a sturdy build, holds the world 220-yard low hurdle mark on a turning track, doing that event in 22.9 seconds at the national AAU meet in Lincoln, Neb. Track experts had predicted over the years that no one would ever better 23 seconds on a turn.

Dusky Jesse Owens holds the mark for a straightaway course, only three-tenths of a second better.

Wolcott has completed three years in varsity track competition, but southwest conference rules will permit him to play a year of football next season.

Jeff Loses but Wins

PORTLAND, March 12.—(AP)—Jefferson high school dropped a basketball game tonight but won the Portland Intercollegiate league pennant when Franklin defeated Grant, 42-38. The Jeffs lost, 21-25, to Roosevelt.

Picture Leader

Your sports page. It leads with local picture news. Face the facts in photo.

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Turner Has Good Hooping Season

TURNER—Coach Orvo Nikula's Turner Tigers finished one of their best basketball seasons this year. The Tigers won 17 out of 26 games and ended as champions in the south Marion county B league.

Bill Bones, Turner's little guard, scored 402 points while Gordon Kunkle split the hemp with 146.

Season's record:
Turner 28, Mormons 51.
Turner 25, Gervals 27.
Turner 21, Gervals 22.
Turner 23, Tigard 30.
Turner 38, US Bank 26.
Turner 20, Gates 30.
Turner 46, Detroit 20.
Turner 29, Hubbard 18.
Turner 60, C. S. Christ 13.
Turner 27, US Bank 34.
Turner 30, Stayton 28.
Turner 21, Mill City 24.
Turner 32, Amvillie 28.
Turner 29, Gates 27.
Turner 30, Hubbard 18.
Turner 29, Detroit 10.
Turner 23, Jefferson 13.
Turner 34, Hubbard 27.
Turner 15, Stayton 33.
Turner 27, Mill City 25.
Turner 37, Aumsville 31.
Turner 36, Sacred Heart 27.
Turner 38, Sacred Heart 17.
Turner 30, Central Point 48.

Salem Bowling 5 Enters ABC Meet

Karr's five-man bowling team, consisting of Mike Steinbock, Joe Cole, Fred Karr, Ken Smith and Harvey Pake, will leave Salem April 2 for the ABC tournament in Detroit, Michigan. It was announced from the Perfection alleys yesterday.

The Karr's team is scheduled to bowl in the team event April 8 and in the doubles and singles events April 10. It will be competing against 33,000 registered from all over the United States and possessions.

Seven Salem men's teams and four women's teams also expect to enter the NIBC bowling meet in Spokane April 27 and 28.

Viking Swimmers Meet Eugene Here

Salem high school's swim team will meet the Eugene high club in the YMCA pool here tonight at 7:30. It was announced last night by Viking Coach Herb Hoffman.

Viking splashes include Pete Hauser, Gordon Merriott, Everett Smith, Joe Law, Bob Schunke, Harold Holt, Carl Hunteburg, Ken Ruecker, Leonard Rush and Fred Andrews.

Detroit Gets Consolation Cup in Albany Tourney

DETROIT—The Detroit high school boys came home from Portland Saturday night with the consolation cup from the Albany college alumni coaches tournament. Bobby Jones and Dick Farrow both received honorable mention for their fine playing.

Falls City Takes Second In County Volleyball

FALLS CITY—Falls City placed second, Rickreall winning the coup, in the county B league volleyball tournament held here Friday.

Two of the local girls, Erma Teal and Helen Glover, placed on the county all-star team. Only one girl will be lost from this team for next year.

'Alma Mammy' Opens Tourney

Salem Plays North Bend at 4 P. M.; Eight Tilts Arrive on First Day Round

Well, the alma mammy gets to start off this 21st annual hoop-and-hemp show as it moves under way promptly at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The alma mammy, Griswold Union high school of Helix, the district 13 champion, meets Monroe, the district 16 champ.

Thereafter, upon the stroke of the hour, it's:

2 p. m.—Westport vs. Butte Falls.

3 p. m.—K. Falls vs. Baker.

4 p. m.—Salem vs. North Bend.

5 p. m.—Pendleton vs. Tillamook.

7:30 p. m.—Ashland vs. Chemawa.

8:30 p. m.—Uni high vs. Lebanon.

9:30 p. m.—Oregon City vs. Astoria.

By that time, somewhere around 11 p. m. tonight, there will remain but eight teams—half the starting field in the championship chase of this annual OSHSAA casaba classic.

And also by that time, folks will have weeded out their respective favorite to cop this basketball bunting that in past years has five times gone to Salem, four times to Astoria, twice to Medford and once each to Franklin of Portland, Washington of Portland, Ashland, University of Eugene, Eugene high, Pendleton, Corvallis, Bellfountain and Baker.

Five Favorites Named Teams that continued to demand the prognostication spotlight as pre-meet favorites yesterday were Klamath Falls and Salem in the upper bracket and Astoria, University high of Eugene and the winner of the Tillamook-Pendleton game in the lower bracket. Those given outside chances include Butte Falls, the mighty B champion from district 14; North Bend, considered one of the best teams ever to represent district eight; and Ashland, the district nine finalist.

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Training Camps

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 12.—(AP)—Helped along by 11 bases on balls, the Cincinnati Reds broke a four-game losing streak in the Grapefruit league today by defeating the St. Louis Cardinals, 8 to 2. Harry Craft hit a home run for the Reds.

ANAHEIM, Calif., March 12.—(AP)—Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics scored their eighth exhibition victory in nine starts today with a 6 to 4 decision over the Hollywood Stars.

Herman Besse, Ed Huesser and George Carter held the stars to three hits for eight innings. Then Carter loosened up, allowing a double, four singles and a base on balls to give the Californians their tallies.

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 12.—(AP)—Bert Haas, who may play

MIAMI, Fla., March 12.—(AP)—Denny Shute, former holder of the British open and American Professional Golfers association championships, underwent a wrist operation today and will not know for six months whether he ever can compete again.

A cyst was removed from the bone of his right forearm at the wrist joint and the defect was filled with bone grafted from his shin.

First base for the Brooklyn Dodgers this season if Dolf Camilli continues to hold out, belted two home runs and a single to drive in four runs today as the Dodgers whipped the Detroit Tigers 9 to 5. Blimp Phelps also contributed a homer, helping to bring about Buck Newson's downfall with a five-run rally in the third inning.

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