

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Fiddling around, and wondering if Mussolini has a violin? ... He may have to do a Nero any day now ... Note to Astoria: Don't count any state high school basketball championship before they're crowned ... If H. Haak's 1940-41 Vikes improve as much between the No Name jamboree and the state show as the 1939-40 band did, they're going to have a basket or two to say about that title.

That'd be sumpin, wouldn't it—three straight hoop titles in a row? ... Not only would it break all the records, but it also would break so many hearts that the state hoopsters most certainly would move out of Salem ... No, not predicting, but just surmising.

The No-Namers took 130 pokes at the pay-off circle in their four 12-minute quarters Friday night, connecting for but 19 buckets ... That's a firing average of .146, if our long division is adequate, and indicates usual early season shooting fitters ... McMinnville had the top shooting average, while Salem and Tillamook were about a standoff for the consolation prize.

Willamette coaches aren't going high hat, but they certainly are snazzily hatted ... First H. Maple buds forth with a delicate blue bonnet, ringed around with a duobonnet ribbon ... Days later, the same Maple shows up with lawn colored pale protector, very Esquiritish ... Then comes S. Keene, with a turquoise topper that puts Maple's headgear back in a class with the black fedoras.

Feminine News Bureau Chieftain Found

Found: The first (to my knowledge) college female news bureau chieftain ... She's Cecilia Brennan, head of the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth bureau, and a nice job she does in her edition of "Basketball Dope" on the OCE Wolves ... Incidentally, I believe it's the first sports prospectus ever turned out at the Wolves' den.

The Deuce certainly is getting the deuce—isn't he, though? ... It is to be wondered what will happen to all the medals he had manufactured to give soldiers as citations for bravery, along with the cheek-by-cheek kisses he has stored up for these occasions.

Ruby Robert Brown, the Vancouver owner, is reported to have sold Catcher Tommy Lloyd to Connie Mack during the baseball session at Atlanta ... Tommy, a cousin of our own Wild William Harris, led the WI in homers last season, 28, and looked like a prospect until he started to run ... Tommy had to hit 'em out of the park to get on base, he was that slow.

Happy Howard Maple, the new Senator business boss, was offered the skipper'ship of the Twin Falls club in the Pioneer wheel last year ... Ray Jacobs, to whom the job went when Maple declined, may move up to manage the Spokane Indians this season.

Billy Beard, now tootin' a basketball whistle hereabouts, is slated to report to Norfolk of the Piedmont, the Yankees' Class B club ... Billy had a good year with Idaho Falls in the Pioneer, and Joe Devine, the scout, thinks "Whiskers" may go places.

The \$50 Thing Smacks of Inconsistency

Just to get my oar in on this \$50-for-Rose-Bowl-pay affair while the stream still flows, my criticism isn't of the fact that the Coast conference voted for the pittance but of the inconsistency of the conference in voting for such right when it is supposed to be in the middle of a more holy than thou purge ... As far as the general public is concerned, the \$50 thing may undo all the evangelical work the conference faithfuls have accomplished in their year-old purity campaign.

While I heartily agree that the kids playing in the Rose Bowl deserve some share of the swag, the point is that the act is inconsistent with the general objective of the clean-up program ... If anyone can reconcile this move, no matter how altruistic its motive may seem, with the stringency of the anti-proselyting code, I'd like to see him.

Sure I know that only those players who give up holiday jobs are to receive the \$50 allowances, but how about the same boys, and many others, who give up so much studying time during the regular seasons that many of them are forced to spend an extra year in college at their own expense? ... If the \$50 thing holds for Stanford vs. Nebraska in the Rose Bowl, why not for USC vs. Notre Dame in South Bend or Oregon vs. UCLA in Los Angeles?

One Coast conference coach likely to be rooting for Nebraska is Lon Stiner, the Beaver boss ... Lonnie's an old Husker himself, and can be expected to favor the alma mater ... Especially since Stanford stopped his boys.

Nebraska Gets Only 5000 Bowl Tickets

A Los Angeles sports writer's version of the Rose Bowl ticket situation, or lack of Rose Bowl tickets situation, is aptly related in a letter from Sportster Ned Cronin of the Los Angeles News, addressed to Coach Bob Quinn of Eastern Oregon Normal ... Quinn, who was Ned's high school mentor at Pendleton, and Dr. George Hoffman of Salem plan to take in the Tournament of Roses clash, and Cronin's letter is in answer to Quinn's request for aid in finding ducaats ... Here are parts:

"Well, sir, you could have flattened me with anything less than a left hook when the office boy dumped the mail bag on my desk this morning and out rolled a letter from you ... I was just as surprised as that time you mention in the Dailes when some knuckle-brain hallback threw the ball at the center and found me just whacky enough to catch it.

"You would never recognize that long, lanky, knock-kneed pivot man now. After almost 12 years of pounding a typewriter (and, have I been fooling the publisher THAT long?) I find that my once trim figure has flattened out from the seat both ways ... I'm trying to get down to 250, now.

"And now to the ticket situation ... The alumni ticket applications more than cover the available seats in the Rose Bowl ... In fact, and this one is a pip, do you know how many seats the entire Nebraska delegation is getting, including the school? ... just 5000, and they'll be offering \$50 a pair by game time."

Orangemen Defeat Utah 39-34

Byron Nelson Has Big Lead

Jumps Into 3-Hole Margin in Miami Open; Clay Hafner Is 2nd

By LARRY ROLLINS
MIAMI SPRINGS, Fla., Dec. 14 (AP)—Lord Byron Nelson, smooth-stroking PGA champion, took a commanding three-shot lead in the \$10,000 Miami open golf tournament today with a 67, his third consecutive sub-par round, for a 54-hole total of 201.

One by one, most of the other golfers dropped back, while Nelson rhythmically fashioned his three-under-par score, tacking it onto previous rounds of 69 and 65. That made Nelson, national open champion last year, just nine below par for the distance. Clayton Hafner, of Linville, N.C., who finished his second round early today for a 67, managed to clip another stroke off par with a third round of 69. Only a half behind Nelson starting the third round, Hafner had a 54-hole score of 204.

Ben Hogan of White Plains, N.Y., the little man who whips the ball a country mile, dropped back of the pace-setters, with a par 70 for a 206 total.

Hogan, sneezed Even, battling to clinch the year's money-winning title and the Vardon trophy in his final tournament, found himself all-square at the three-quarter mark with his arch-rival, Sam Snead, the better from Hot Springs, Va. Snead finished with a 67 that showed seven birdies and four bogeys to close in on Hogan.

To all intents and purposes, the competition had narrowed to those five golfers. Mike Turnesa, of Fairview, N.Y., scored a 68 for a 207 total behind "Jug" McSpadden of Winchester, Mass., was in the 208 slot after a third-round 69.

Jim Ferrier of Sydney, Australia open champion, blew to a 70 for a 214 total and found himself tied with Earl Christiansen, Miami policeman, for the amateur lead. Christiansen scored a 71 today.

Minnesota Downs Vandal Travelers

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 14 (AP)—The University of Minnesota defeated the University of Idaho 32-26, in a dull basketball game here tonight, marred by the calling of many personal fouls.

The big Idaho team found its superior height to no advantage from the beginning with the smaller Gophers losing no time in going into a comfortable lead. After the score was tied, 3-3, Minnesota tallied eight points without a return on the part of the visitors and boasted an 18-1 advantage at the intermission.

A total of 35 personal fouls were called in the game. Minnesota Idaho lost the services of Otis Hilton and Roy Turner, center and forward respectively, on personal fouls.

Oregon Boy Gets WSC Grid Award

PULLMAN, Dec. 14 (AP)—Earle Stone, Washington State college athlete from Oswego, Ore., received the J. F. Bohler medal tonight in recognition of his inspirational play through the football season.

Stone, a senior, concluded three seasons of play at center this year and was chosen by the New York Giants in the recent professional football league draft.

The medal, awarded each year to the player judged the greatest inspiration to his team, was presented during the annual varsity ball.

Vandal Mittmen To Show in Bowl

MOSCOW, Idaho, Dec. 14 (AP)—The University of Idaho's national championship boxing team, headed by the pugacious little Kara brothers, will leave Monday for Lafayette, La., to meet the South Louisiana State Institute team Dec. 20, prior to an appearance at the sugar bowl in New Orleans.

The Kara boys, Ted at 120 pounds and Frank at 127, paced Idaho's Vandals to the national crown last year. Other team men are Norman Jensen, 135 pounds; Art Benny, 145; Art Huff, 155; Laune Erickson, 165; Chace Anderson, 175; Veto Berlius, heavyweight.

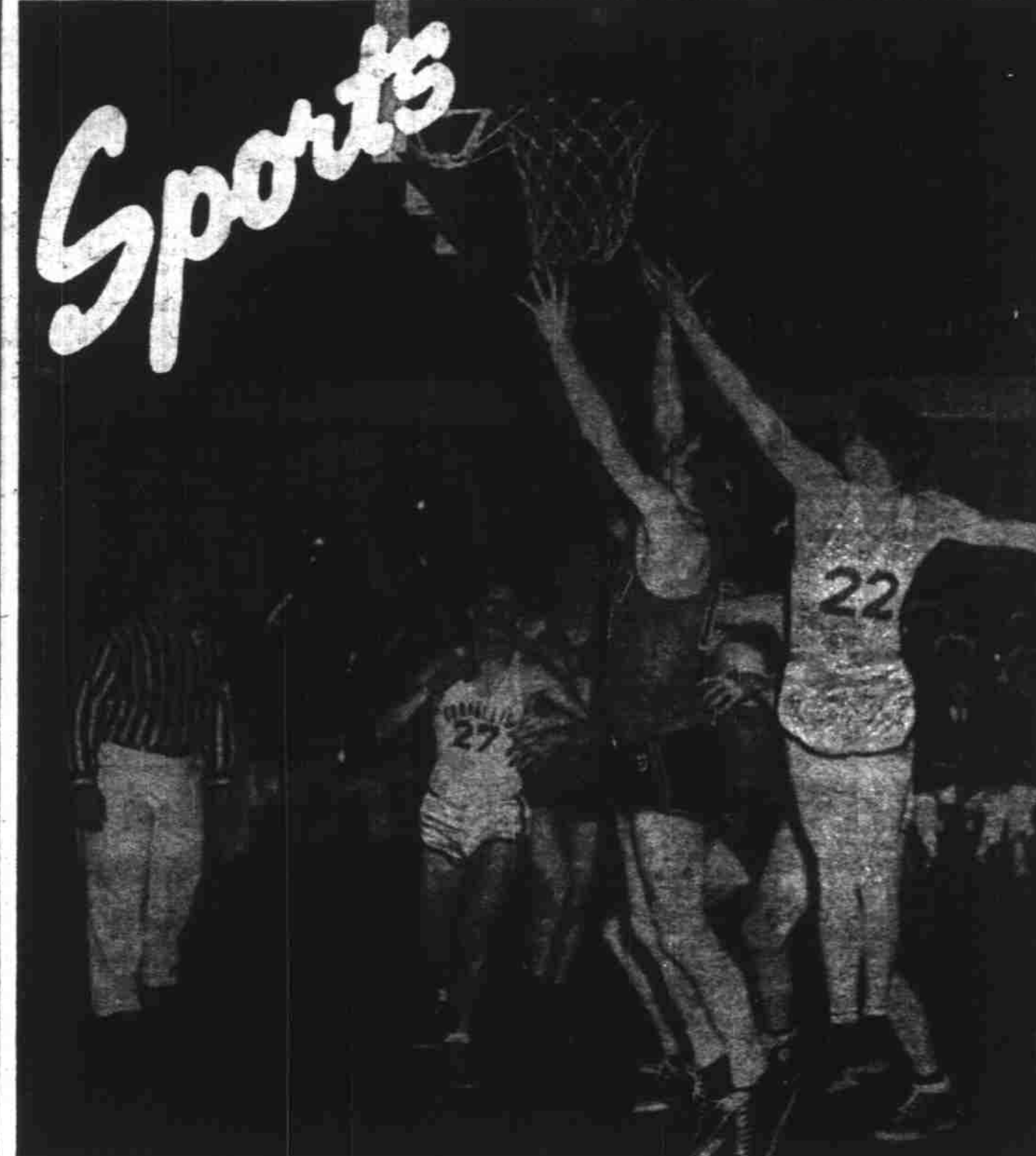
Mebbeso Yankees Disappointed, but They Maintained Their Homer Pace

CHICAGO, Dec. 14 (AP)—One of the surprises of the 1940 sports season was the failure of the New York Yankees to retain their American league championship, but the power of their bats is reflected in the official circuit averages of league records broken and tied during the last campaign.

The Yanks stretched their total of years in leading in home runs to 31 for a new major league mark and also made 19 years in which they have made 10 or more homers a season—16 of them consecutive. They also played a part in the new league record for total homers—583, raised the total of home runs in five straight contests to 47 and set another mark by hitting 32 straight blows over a span of nine consecutive games.

As a whole, the season was marked by a falling off in records. In 1939 there were 64 records broken or tied by the league and in 1938 there were 47.

Dunking as the No Name Jam Session Boys Do It



A bit of action in Friday night's third annual No Name league hoop jamboree. Salem's Eddie Halstrom, in the immediate foreground, flips up a one-hander. Anderson (28) of Corvallis tries to stop it, while Burtner (27) of Corvallis and Don Cutler of the Vikes make ready for the rebound.—Statesman photo.

Ducks Defeated, 43-31

City Mat Tourney Is Held at YMCA

Larry McKeel Heavyweight Champ; 100 Turn out to See Matches

The city wrestling tournament was held at the YMCA Saturday night before a cheering crowd of approximately 100. The results follow:

95 lb. division: 1st, Charles Sams, by decision; 2nd, Billy Wilson; 3rd, Bob Todd.

105 lb.: 1st, Ray Wilson, fall; 2nd, Louis Napper; 3rd, Leon Duff.

115 lb.: 1st, Calvin Siemens, decision; 2nd, George Mackay.

125 lb.: 1st, Wayne Lundy, fall; 2nd, Isaac Lee; 3rd, Victor Albery.

135 lb.: 1st, Wayne Salder, fall; 2nd, Carly Montlis; 3rd, Eugene Giese.

145 lb.: 1st, Louis Bonney, decision; 2nd, Roosevelt Supph.

155 lb.: 1st, Lynch Jones, decision; 2nd, Robert Lemon.

165 lb.: 1st, Cliff Spaulding, decision; 2nd, Ted Odghal.

175 lb.: 1st, Anthony Fratola, no opponent.

18,000 See Long Island Lasso Lead in 2nd Half

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—Long Island university opened the Madison Square Garden college basketball season tonight with a 43 to 31 victory over the University of Oregon before a capacity crowd of more than 18,000.

The game was a nip and tuck affair except for the first seven minutes of the last half. In those seven minutes the metropolitan fire riddled Oregon's zone defense to pile up a margin that the west coast boys never were able to overcome.

Tied Seven Times
The score was tied seven times in the last half before Long Island spurred in the final minutes to take a 21-17 lead. Oregon shifted its style of defense at the start of the final period and Long Island's sharpshooters poured in points from every position, boosting their margin to 30-17 before Oregon scored again.

The visitors then shifted back to a man-to-man defense and played the Blackbirds pretty much on even terms for the remainder of the game. St. Libello and Sol Schwartz led Long Island's offensive with ten points each. Henry Anderson, Archie Marshik and Ev McNeely scored six points apiece to pace the Oregon attack.

Player	G	FF	FT	P
Anderson	3	0	2	6
Marshik	1	0	0	2
Taylor	1	0	0	2
Sidinger	0	0	0	0
McNeely	2	2	2	6
Marshall	0	0	0	0
Borrevik	0	0	0	0
Johnson	1	0	2	2
Andrews	2	0	2	4
Townsend	1	1	0	2
Totals	14	3	12	31

Player	G	FF	FT	P
Long Island	43	10	10	10
Lobello	4	2	0	10
Simon	1	0	1	2
King	2	0	1	4
Walton	0	0	0	0
Benders	2	1	2	5
Halub	0	0	0	0
Kane	0	0	0	0
Spelman	3	1	0	5
Shart	1	0	0	2
Swartz	2	4	2	10
Cohen	2	1	1	5
Totals	17	9	9	43

Half time score—Long Island 21; Oregon 17.

Officials—missed—Liu, Simon (1), Benders (1), Schechtman (1) Schwartz (2), Oregon, McNeely (3), Jackson (1).

Soose Sustains No Broken Bones

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 14 (AP)—Middleweight boxer Billy Soose emerged from an x-ray room today, and said he would be able to fulfill an engagement in New York's Madison Square garden January 3 against Tam Mumaurello.

The good looking former Penn State college athlete injured his right hand in winning a walloping 10-round decision over Jimmy Casino, Los Angeles, last night, but an examination today by Dr. Lynn Carver disclosed no broken bones.

Tussle Is Close Early And in Closing Minute

LOGAN, Utah, Dec. 14 (AP)—Oregon State college cleaned up its weekend basketball series with Utah State agricultural college tonight, halting the Aggies 39-34 in a game that was close only at its beginning and end.

The Logan quintet got off to a four-point lead but lapsed into a 14-17 deficit at the intermission. Once in front the visiting Beavers bulled steadily farther ahead until, with ten minutes left and nine points behind, the Aggies began hitting the net.

It was 35-33 for Oregon State and a minute to go when Sam Dement, Beaver forward, converted a foul try. Utah State tossed in a free throw to hold to the pace, then Doug Martin, towering Oregon center, went in for a set-up, being fouled on route.

Both teams had left the floor when Martin added the Beaver's final point from the foul line. Top scorer, with 11 points, was Jack Mulder, visiting forward. Oregon State which beat Utah State, 43-34 last night, leaves here tomorrow morning for Boulder, Colo., to meet University of Colorado in a two-game series starting Monday.

The box score:

Player	G	FF	FT	P
McNutt	1	0	1	2
Mulder	1	4	11	11
Mandic	1	1	4	3
Shaw	2	2	2	3
Valen	0	1	2	1
Dement	2	3	2	7
Martin	2	2	0	4
Stitt	0	2	1	2
Kruger	0	0	0	0
Totals	13	13	15	39

Player	G	FF	FT	P
Baugh	1	3	2	5
Reading	1	2	1	3
Mayne	2	1	0	3
Drakulich	0	0	0	0
Hughes	1	5	0	7
Cullimore	1	0	1	1
Maughan	1	2	1	5
Leat	0	0	0	0
Trana	0	0	1	0
Totals	9	16	15	34

Halftime score: Oregon State 17, Utah State 14.

Three three-pointers missed: Mulder, Valen, Stitt, 3; Baugh, Reading, Hughes, Cullimore, Maughan, Leat.

Referee, Cecil Evans; umpire, D. Nielsen.

Sanders Is Head Of Lebanon Club

LEBANON—Homer Sanders of Lebanon was elected president of the Santiam Fish and Game association at the annual meeting in Astoria last Thursday night.

He has been the field secretary and Edward Schlake was named to succeed him in that position. Dutch Morris, also of Lebanon, was chosen a director for five years. The new vice president and secretary are G. C. Knodell and M. O. Wilkinson of Albany.

It was voted to make a drive for new members and two teams will conduct the campaign. The Lebanon team is headed by Elmer Fitzgerald, the other by M. O. Wilkinson. The losing team will pay for an oyster supper in the spring.

Byron Scott of Lebanon, caretaker of the Clear Lake resort, gave a detailed account which indicated that more than 4000 fish were taken there and that 10,000 people visited the resort last summer. His report further revealed that the forest and state game commission have made surveys preliminary to building fish holding pens at the mouth of Icknack creek, where the fish will be placed in early spring and cared for until fall when they will be liberated.

Dahlgren to Stay With Yankee Club

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—Edward G. Barrow, president of the Yankees, said today that First Baseman Babe Dahlgren will be with the club next season, but he refused to deny reports that Fitcher Lefty Gomez and Monte Pearson might be transferred.

Denying local reports that Dahlgren was on his way out, Barrow said: "Dahlgren is going to St. Petersburg with the Yankees. If he cannot win the first base job from Jack Sturm of Kansas City, he will stick with us as utility infielder."

Other reports current here are that Barrow and Larry MacPhail of the Dodgers are due to have a conference within the next day or two about Gomez. Brooklyn and Cincinnati both are reported to be interested in Pearson.

Yankees Named Biggest Flop

Poll 125 Votes for This Dubious Distinction; Notre Dame 2nd

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—The tumble of the mighty Yankees into third place in the American league race after they had been made odds-on favorites in the winter book has been voted the outstanding disappointment of 1940 by the nation's sports editors.

Of 72 writers who participated in the Associated Press poll, 49 put the finger on a display of world champions who flopped from the start and only by a sensational late season drive escaped from the second division.

Runner-up for this dubious distinction was the Notre Dame football team, which started the past season with a display of fireworks marvelous to behold and then suddenly sputtered out, leaving its wild-eyed supporters thoroughly confused.

The Yankees, with their 40 first place votes and a smattering of seconds and thirds, polled a total of 125 points. Notre Dame, chosen the champion flop by eight editors, had 36 points, only one more than was given the Ohio State Buckeyes, who were regarded as Big Nine championship timber when the football season opened and wound up losing their shirts.

Cleveland Fourth
The Cleveland Indians grabbed fourth honors, partly because they let a handsome lead over the American league slip away from them in the closing weeks and partly because the electorate thought they were disappointing personally in their spat with Manager Oscar Vitt.

The Cornell gridders came next with 12 points, the result of late season losses to Dartmouth and Pennsylvania, while Johnny Paycheck, the Des Moines heavyweight, scored 11 points for getting knocked out by Joe Louis in the second round.

In all, baseball contributed nine disappointments the boys thought worth mentioning. Others included Joe Medwick's poor showing after his ballyhooed sale to Brooklyn; the Giants' drop to sixth place in the national league, and Schoolboy Rowe's disastrous attempts to pitch for Detroit.

Other sports were represented by Bilech, the wonder boss that failed in the Kentucky derby; Earl Comiskey and Tony Galento, both plucked off by the veteran Max Baer; and Weiby Van Horn, who reached the finals of the 1939 national tennis championships and then got beat by everybody except Alice Marble during the past season.

C Church League To Begin Monday

The C division of the senior church basketball league goes into action Monday night with Congregational meeting First Baptist at 7 o'clock, Summit Methodist meeting First Presbyterian at 8 and Christ Lutheran meeting Court Street Christian at 9.

A League play will be suspended after Monday night until January 16 because of the holidays.

The schedule:
Dec. 16 and Feb. 9—Congregational vs. First Baptist, Summit Methodist vs. First Presbyterian.
Jan. 19 and Feb. 10—First Presbyterian vs. Court Street Christian, First Baptist vs. Christ Lutheran, Congregational vs. Summit Methodist.
Jan. 13 and Feb. 17—Court Street Christian vs. Congregational, Summit Methodist vs. First Baptist, Christ Lutheran vs. First Presbyterian.
Jan. 20 and Feb. 24—First Presbyterian vs. First Baptist, Christ Lutheran vs. Congregational, Court Street Christian vs. Summit Methodist.

Basketball Scores

COLLEGE
Long Island university 43, Oregon 31.
Michigan 24, Michigan normal 18.

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