

From the BLEACHERS

Many compliments, cracks, remarks, etc., (mostly the former) on the snappy tournament cartoon we ran Thursday, same crayonized by Jerry Stone, recent newcomer to the staff and same who did the pictured feature of Ralph Curtis' departure after 17 years with the sheet. None were any more pleased than we in having Jerry



JERRY STONE

around—past tense to be sure—and we could just see cartooned pictures of this, that and everything else dripping from the daily effort, but alas, we'll all have to wait, for he's on one of those 21-day "furlough" periods after having been inducted last week. Getting him back is something to look forward to, however. He went in with Gurnee Flesher, incidentally, but Flesher goes navyward while our man drew the khaki. . . . Quite a lot of ado over the Cincinnati Reds doing the rumba (with music, too) as a part of daily spring training chores, but the Cincy management ain't so dumb. Ballplayers being what they are or aren't nowadays, a bit of rumba in the right places might tend to keep a few of the customers in the seats. . . . The new basketball plan — having the

hoop-suiters shoot at either goal regardless of what side they're on—didn't work out so well in its San Francisco debut, so the inventive genius has hatched another plan. Now it's two backboards at each end of the floor painted in contrasting colors, the home team to shoot at the two goals of the same color, the visitors the other two. If that fails they'll probably give the hoop-suiters a jig-saw puzzle or two to put together while on the offensive and three or four cows to milk while on the defensive. It's a cinch the inventive genius apparently doesn't think the cagers have enough to do now. He should try and keep up with 'em sometime. . . . Suppose you noticed, Earle Richardson of Dallas, that Salem high pledged and gave full support to the Corvallis entry in the tournament, which surely came as quite a shock to Polk county followers. We told you long ago it would be that way, even if Dallas had been the district 4 representative. You can forward apologies to the Vik Villa—they'll be accepted. . . .

Lotsa Good Boys This Time—Gill

Many of the annual faces around for the hoop party—coaches were a dime a dozen. Both Slat and Luke Gill and Len Stiner of Oregon State and "Honest John" Warren and Howard Hobson of UO, five in particular. Heard Hobson was all packed for his annual jaunt to New York and the national coaches' meeting. He's supposed to be going this weekend but the hoop mentoring Gill doesn't know whether he'll go or not.

Incidentally, Slat isn't one who looked on the classic as an unglamorous affair—he was much impressed by the number of what he termed "good boys" this time. Naturally, he'd have liked chatting things over with a few in the dressing rooms, but one code run by one Mister Atherton says tut tut to coaches such as Slat's chatting with such as prep hoop-suiters in dressing rooms. The only way personal contact can be made, according to the code, is strictly up to the basketball. He can write for information or can go to Corvallis (if he's interested in Oregon State) and talk things over.

A few of the hoopsters who impressed Slat, all mentioned casually: Glen Kinney and Charles Barker of St. Helens, Jim Rosenberg and Lyman Phillips of Pendleton, Bob Bartelt of Ashland, Jerry Kraive and Willis Urban of Washington and Wayne Roberts, Larry West and Bob Labhart of Corvallis.

Champion Tourney-Goer—'Doc' Blatchford

When and if a "champion Tourney-Goer" title is ever passed out, one of our villagers is assured of at least a tie for top place, and for all we know he may be the only one eligible for the title at that. He's "Doc" Ruskin Blatchford, super puller-outer and filler-inner as many tooth-troubled citizens can testify. "Doc" has sat in on every tournament ever held at Willamette—25 in all now. Even when he was living in eastern Oregon at the turn of the '30s, he came down for the classic both years. Was pulling for and saw Pendleton win the crown in '31, the only time the Bucks ever copped it. Furthermore, Doc has occupied the same seat in front row, northern balcony for the past 15 years. Anyone tie that record? Cincin you can't beat it. . . . Two basketball minded air forces lieutenants lucky enough to draw furloughs here for the classic, one Lt. Irv Miller, the dynamic Bearcat guard of two seasons back, the other Lt. Frankie Evans, not long out of Salem high before becoming one of the better bowlers around town. Both have practically finished flying school and expect to be giving 'em hell across the pond before long, Miller in a B-17 bomber, Evans in a P-51 fighter. . . . On his way through the schools, Miller ran across former Oregon caging whiz Laddie Gale at Santa Ana, air base where the ex-Alleycatter, as a technical sergeant was teaching, of all things, underwater swimming and other tactics designed to help save a life when abruptly tossed into the drink. . . . In answer to requests: No, Charlie Peterson hasn't (up to this writing) joined the San Francisco Seals nine. Last we heard on Pete he was both holding out and sticking to his Portland war industry job because to leave it would prompt his transfer into another kind of war job—with uniform. . . .

Harrison Retains Charlotte Open Lead, Fires Hole-In-One

CHARLOTTE, N.C., March 18—(AP)—Soldier Dutch Harrison, firing two eagles, one of them a hole-in-one, took a two-stroke lead in the rich Charlotte open golf tournament today by adding

'Swing Away' Sez Card Boss

ST. LOUIS, March 18—(AP)—Manager Bill Southworth of the National league champion Cardinals disclosed today he was switching his team's attack to try for "big innings" this season.

The 1943 Cardinals may have been dashing and daring by ordinary standards but surprisingly enough Southworth said the team actually was conservative in its style.

With tight fisted pitching, Southworth pointed out, it was possible to play the percentage, trying for one run at a time to score the few tallies needed for victory.

National league statistics bear out his claims for his hurlers. For the first time in the 32 years of record keeping on earned run averages, the first three leaders all were members of the same team—the Cardinals.

PNGA Revival To Be Voted

SEATTLE, March 18—(AP)—Officers and directors of the Pacific Northwest Golf association will decide at a meeting here April 18 whether or not to resume the PNGA tournament which was suspended for the duration in 1942.

Vik Golfers Again Victors

Salem high's golf team scored its second victory in as many days at the Salem Golf course yesterday morning in a three-way battle which pitted the Viks opposite Eugene and University high of Eugene.

Salem notched a total of 19 points, just more than Eugene, while University high was third with eight. Chuck Gillanders of University toured the course in a net 75 to win medalist honors for the day. Salem's Bunny Mason was a close second at 76, while Jim Barlow of the Vikings and Eugene's Archie Lambert each poked out 77s.

Champion Ashlanders, Springfield Dominate State Tournament All-Star Team Selections

WADE COWAN
Springfield

JERRY KRAIVE
Washington

JIM BARTELT
Ashland

BARNEY RIGGS
Ashland

CURT LUCKEY
Springfield

Bartelt, Riggs, Luckey, Cowan And Washington's Kraive Voted To Mythical Squad by Coaches

Ashland's State Champion Grizzlies and Springfield's Millers dominated the annual state tournament all-star team picked last night by the coaches with teams represented in the meet by placing two players each on the mythical squad. The Grizzlies, who set a new all-time record for most points scored in winning a championship game, 55 over Bend last night, saw her big six-foot

Colonials Nip Corvallis for Third Finish

Overtime Thriller Ends at 34-32

Washington's Colonials of district 8 captured third place in the 25th annual state basketball classic at Willamette yesterday by coming from behind district 4's Corvallis Spartans to score another overtime thriller win, 34-32. The game, played between the two squads which were tabbed as the pair which would eventually hoop it off in the meet's title game until both were toppled Friday night by upsets, would have surely been a fitting climax to the, most closely fought tourney in history, had they survived Friday night's semifinals.

It was close throughout with neither team holding a lead of over six points at any time. Corvallis, so brightly off Friday night against Bend, wasted no time yesterday and on looping hits by the entire starting five romped to an 11-7 quarter lead. Bob Labhart took over for Corvallis the second period on that side and Jim Missett, Chuck Rutter and big Jerry Kraive teamed for the Washingtons with flurries of baskets to make it 18-16 for Corvallis at the half.

Willis Urban, scoring ace of the Colonials' attack the entire tourney, opened the third quarter with the tying field goal, and from then until Corvallis led 28-27 at the third quarter mark the lead was never over three points.

Kraive opened the fourth period by making good a gifter for the tying point on Ed Staff's fourth foul, and then the game settled down to a close-guarding affair as both sides jockeyed for breaks. There were few and not a single point found its way through either hoop the entire quarter.

Captain Don Concannon almost personally won it for Washington in the overtime—he looped a long one-hander with 35 seconds gone, followed immediately by dunking a free toss, stepped aside while Urban batted in a followup and then with just 20 seconds left erased all doubt as to who was going to win it by parking another howitzer in the right spot.

Labhart of Corvallis kept it breath-taking by hitting with two pushes from a deep side, but both came after the Colonials' Concannon had practically iced the struggle.

Labhart's 15 counters led the scoring while all five Washington starters took turns at swishing the Corvallis net. The scrap was strictly in keeping with the closeness trend of the classic.

(Overtime period)

CORVALLIS (32)	W	F	FT	TP
Labhart, f	15	6	2	3
Roberts, f	9	1	1	3
Stagg, c	7	2	0	4
Dunn, g	7	2	0	4
West, f	11	2	0	4
Thomas, f	1	0	0	0
Hermanon, c	2	0	0	0
McCee, g	2	0	0	0
Totals	55	13	6	24

WASHINGTON (34)	W	F	FT	TP
Urban, f	10	4	0	0
Missett, f	8	3	0	4
Kraive, c	12	3	2	3
Concannon, f	7	2	4	8
Rutter, g	10	1	1	3
Cowan, f	2	0	0	0
Totals	49	13	8	24

Free throws missed: Labhart, Thomas, Stagg, West, Urban, Missett, Cowan, Kraive & Rutter.
Shooting percentages: Corvallis 32%; Washington 36%.
Officials: Filuso and Warren.

Montreal Six Victors

MONTREAL, March 18—(AP)—The first place Montreal Canadiens breezed to an 11-2 victory over the New York Rangers tonight, to round out their National Hockey league season without defeat in 25 games on home ice.

Detroit Tops Chicago

DETROIT, March 18—(AP)—An old-time Detroit Jinx and Connie Dion's good work in the Red Wings nets helped the second place Detroit club to a 6 to 3 National Hockey league win tonight over the fourth place Chicago Blackhawks, who haven't won here since 1940.

Jack Defeats Bummy Davis

NEW YORK, March 18—(AP)—Beau Jack, the bounding boot-black from Augusta, Ga., beat hard-punching Al "Bummy" Davis at his own game Friday night, battering the Brooklyn bad boy all over the Madison Square Garden ring to win a 10-round decision by a country mile. The Beau weighed 138 to Davis' 142 1/2.

A crowd of 19,963 paid \$132,823 to see the one-sided contest. It was the largest crowd and the largest gate for the Garden since heavyweight champion Joe Louis marched off to war.

After a fast and furious first round, in which Davis staggered the Beau with a series of lefts and rights, and appeared on his way to a repetition of his 63-second knockout over Bob Montgomery five weeks ago, the fight was all Jack's.

Rucker, Sloan Report

LAKEWOOD, N.J., March 17—(AP)—Johnny Rucker, regular center fielder, and Bruce Sloan, rookie outfielder whose contract was acquired this week, arrived in the New York Giant training camp today about the same time that Catcher Ernie Lombardi informed Manager Mel Ott he would arrive next week.

Tuesday Cruncher



BILLY "BUST" McEUIN, rough and tough mat villain, tackles "Pin-up Boy" Kiser in the main event of Tuesday night's rousing card at the arena. Other also features grapplers Ernie Filuso, Buck Davidson, Toughie Porter and Mill Olson. Walt "Snooze" Achia will definitely referee.

Oregon State Tournament BASKETBALL BOX SCORES

"B" CHAMPIONSHIP POWERS (33)					"A" CHAMPIONSHIP ASHLAND (35)				
P	F	FT	TP	P	F	FT	TP		
T. Grove, f	18	9	1	0	18	12	2	4	
Stallard, f	12	3	2	7	10	5	0	1	
F. Grove, c	10	4	0	3	8	3	2	3	
Shorb, f	8	2	3	4	15	5	0	3	
Bushnell, g	10	2	1	11	12	2	0	1	
King, f	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Coats, f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sloanecker, f	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	
Wyland, g	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	
Totals	58	24	5	12	63	25	5	15	

PLEASANT HILL (35)					BEND (35)				
P	F	FT	TP	P	F	FT	TP		
Dick, f	11	2	0	4	James, f	4	2	0	
Hutton, f	11	2	0	4	James, f	4	1	3	
Staley, c	17	4	1	9	Smead, c	3	1	0	
G. Kimball, g	18	2	1	2	Wood, g	14	2	2	
C. Smith, g	3	0	1	4	Smith, g	12	2	0	
D. Kimball, g	3	0	0	1	Rasmussen, f	2	0	0	
Robertson, g	0	0	0	0	Brogan, f	2	1	0	
Olson, f	1	0	0	0	Hagan, f	0	0	0	
A. Smith, f	0	0	0	0	Totals	40	14	7	
Totals	64	11	3	11	35				

Free throws missed: T. Grove, F. Grove, Hutton, Wyland, Dick, Hutton & Staley & G. Kimball & C. Smith.
Shooting percentages: Power 41%; Pleasant Hill 17%.
Officials: Coleman and Warren.

Highlights on the Tourney As Seen by the Scorekeeper

By BOB KEUSCHER
Official Tournament Score

In addition to the fact that the 25th annual Oregon State hoop tourney, concluded Saturday night, was far and away the most unpredictable ever and presented more close games than any previous classic, five brand new records were written into the record books during the three-day session.

Asland's champion Grizzlies set one mark and helped set another with their galloping drive to the title. The Grizzlies' 55 points scored in the final game was the most ever scored in a championship encounter, beating the 52 total run up by Klamath Falls a year ago, and the 90 point aggregate score made by the champs and Bend's runnerups erases the mark of 80 points Klamath Falls and Baker made last year when the Pels won 52 to 29.

Springfield figured in a pair of record-breaking performances, too, their Curt Luckey smashing the individual scoring mark for a single contest by tossing in 33 points against Oregon City on Friday for one. Together the Millers and Pioneers rang up 121 points in that game, a new record aggregate score for tourney play. Pleasant Hill, "B" runnerup, set the other record, casting off exactly 104 times in their game with Knappa-Svenson on Friday to set an all time high for the number of shots taken in one tilt.

The tournament's high scorer was Luckey, with 47 points, far below the record the late Leonard

Gard set in four games in 1938. Gard scored 80 points for Uni high in that meet. Other high scorers were: Cowan, Springfield 35; Urban, Washington, 34; Samuelson, Ashland 30; Lee, Springfield 29; Woods, Bend 29; Schwartz, Pendleton, 28; Labhart, Corvallis 25; Gettel, Oregon City 25; Bartelt, Ashland 25; Cox, Pendleton 25.

Lite Tommy Grove Powers topped the "B" scorers with 34 points in his two tilts. Bushnell, Powers, hit for 24 points; Frank Grove, Powers, got 20; Kimball, Pleasant Hill, got 18; and Hunt, Knappa-Svenson, made 16.

How good a scoring outfit is the all-star team selected? Luckey got 47, Cowan 35, Kraive 22, Bartelt 25, and Riggs 17—a total for the five-man outfit of 146 points.

Springfield and Pendleton took home with them the best shooting averages for the three days. Springfield's Millers shot 152 points and made 53 field goals for a .449 average. Pendleton shot 147 times, hit 49, and rang up a .333 average. Corvallis had the worst luck at finding the hoop, casting off 159 times, making just 29, for a .171 average. Ashland's titlists made 52 field goals in 191 shots for a .372 average. Ashland's 191 shots was the high in that department, and Springfield's 53 goals was high in the bucket column.

Washington edged Springfield in the free throwing statistics. The Colonials made 34 of their even 100 points in the meet on charity tosses. Springfield made 32 foul

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Players Pick All-Star 5s For Tourney

Colonials, Bucks Grab Four Places

Two Pendleton, and two Washington high hoopsters led the six-man all-state team as unofficially selected by nearly a hundred players representing virtually every team in the tournament at the annual banquet under the auspices of the Salem Hi-Y clubs in the high school Cafeteria Saturday noon.

The Players' All-State squad, which last year corresponded exactly with that of the coaches and officials, naturally did not consider the championship game Saturday night.

Willis Urban, rangy Washington high sharpshooter, and John Schwartz of Pendleton, were decisive choices at forwards; Big Jerry Kraive of Washington was named center; Curt Luckey, of Springfield, Jim Rosenberg of Pendleton, and Larry West of Corvallis divided honors for the two guard spots.

Wade Cowan, Springfield, and Bob Labhart, Corvallis, head the second team lineup; Glen Kinney of St. Helens outpointed Huge Howard Smead of Bend for the center slot; Barney Riggs, Ashland, and Bob Dunn of Corvallis filled the back court positions.

Neither of the two teams which vied for the championship were represented in the voting.

Stone's Entry Tops Trials

SPOKANE, Wash., March 18—(AP)—Egyptian Buck, owned by R. L. Stone of Spokane and handled by E. Allen Sharpe of Wilfords, Calif., tonight was announced as 1944 derby champion in the all-age championships of the Pacific coast field trials association being held here today and tomorrow.

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