

STATESMAN SPORTS

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Deadline Due For Qualifiers

Spring 'Cap Links Field Known Monday

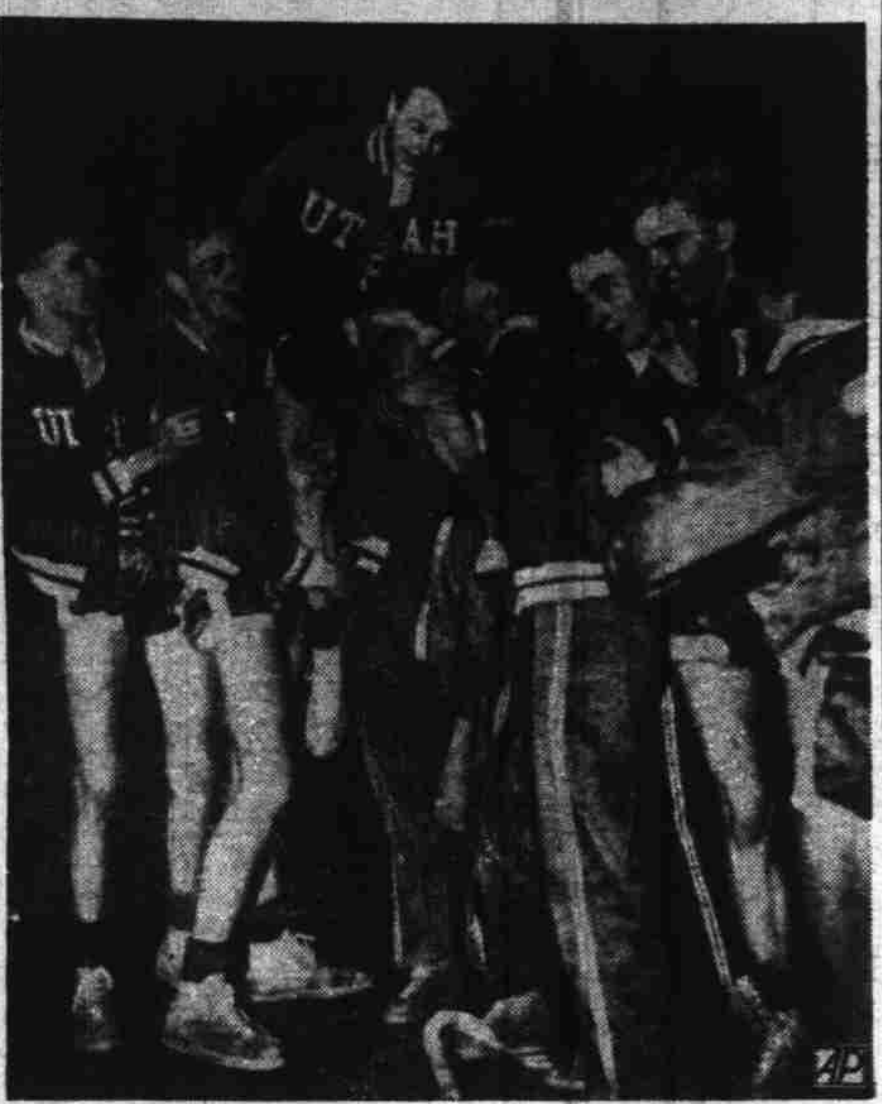
Today and Sunday affords linksmen their last chances to qualify for the Annual Spring Handicap tournament, it has been announced at Salem Golf course, for the 'Cap aspirants will be placed for first-round pairings after the Sunday night deadline. First round will be shot off the following Sunday, April 8.

Thus far 24 have posted qualifying scores and by deadline time the list is expected to swell to near or over the 40 mark. Lawrence "Monk" Alley, defending champion, was one of the first to post his qualifying round this time.

Most recent to enter the chase are Steve Kraus, Phil Gilstrap and Scotty Marr. Kraus shot a 77, deducted his 8 handicap and tied A. Pickell at 69 for qualifying round medalist honors to date. Gilstrap turned in a 97 round and will be handicapped by the committee next week. Marr shot a 91, deducted 15 for handicap and posted a net 76.

Pairings are to be made according to PGA handicap tournament rules. Participants will be paired according to the positions in which they qualified and not by net scores posted. There will be only one championship flight, including all qualifiers, so that every entry will have a chance at the top prize.

Guess What He Did



Yep, you guessed it. Herb Wilkinson of Utah is shown being carried from the floor on shoulders of hoop-happy mates after firing the winning basket just before the end of an overtime period to defeat Dartmouth, 42-40, for the National Collegiate AA cage championship at Madison Square garden. Utah then whipped St. John's Thursday night for the national mythical title. (AP Wirephoto)

Army Air Forces Physical Program Upped to New High

SANTA ANA, Calif., March 31—Physical instructors of the AAF western flying training command have increased physical fitness of the country's finest seven per cent to an all-time high in primary training, it was announced today.

This push up in ruggedness can't come too soon or go too far according to Aviation Cadet Everett C. Stover, Santa Ana army air base, who already has fought more than somewhat in the south Pacific. "The Japs sure must be doing the side straddle hop and the Tokyo shuffle . . . they're tough as a boot," he says.

Physical fitness ratings in the air forces are measured in sit-ups, chin-ups and 300-yard runs. In the sit-up you lie flat on your back, hands locked behind your head. Then your stomach muscles twang like piano wires hauling you up and over until you touch your right elbow to your left knee and vice versa. An alleged pal sits on your feet to keep you from scrotching up your knees. The average of thousands of cadets at the end of primary training is over 100 of these groaners hand running and some iron men have bettered the 200 mark.

Chin-ups are air force for chinning yourself, and 15 times is the average after primary training. At the same time you should run the 300-yard shuttle course in under 50 seconds. All this evokes groans and grunts in training, but every combat veteran from Lt. Tom Harmon on out owes his life to his physical fitness sometime or other.

Jug McSpaden Paces Golfers

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 31—(AP)—Philadelphia's Harold "Jug" McSpaden, gallery favorite, led the first round parade in the \$6,000 Knoxville Open golf tournament today, but a drove of dark-horses and at least one well-known shotmaker were dogging his putts. Trailing him with a 67 was Jimmy Johnson of Detroit, a rank outsider.

Tied for third with 68's were Craig Wood, the duration national open champion, Tony Penya of Dayton, and another outsider, Dave Clark of Houston, Tex.

'Home-Boys' Bagged Title

SALT LAKE CITY, March 31—(AP)—Utah university, long a football stalwart in the Rocky mountains but only a so-so in basketball competition, bagged the National waxed court championship with a home-team coached by a native son.

"I've never had such a thrill in my life," Coach Vadal Peterson said of his stringbean Utes. "Just imagine winning the NCAA and National college titles with a bunch of kids who had never played college ball before. Don't congratulate me, it was the kids who did it."

Alameda Dunks Seals, 3 to 0

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31—(AP)—With Restelli, rookie shortstop, booting four fielding chances, three of them in the third inning, the San Francisco Seals dropped another spring training contest to the Alameda coast guard nine here tonight 3 to 0. The entire scoring of the game came in the third inning. The Seal shortstop, however, came through at bat, with two for four.

LaMotta Tips Woods

CHICAGO, March 31—(AP)—Jackie La Motta, the one-man riot from the Bronx, registered his tenth successive victory in the last nine months tonight by beating Sgt. Lou Woods, Camp Grant, Ill., in a blistering ten-round battle in the Chicago stadium.

Stanley Cup Finals Listed

MONTREAL, March 31—(AP)—The first Stanley Cup finals in which the Montreal Canadiens have figured since 1931 will open here next Tuesday night, Managing Director Red Dutton of the National Hockey league announced tonight.

The Canucks will be hosts to Chicago Blackhawks that night, with the series switching to Chicago for next two games, Thursday and Sunday.

York Receives Army Notice

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 31—(AP)—Rudy York, Tiger first baseman and major league home run champion, was ordered by his selective service board to report next Monday at Cartersville, Ga., for his pre-induction physical examination.

York was reclassified I-A several months ago, but decided to remain with the club until called for service.

Woodburn Eyes Duration Track, Ball Tilts

WOODBURN—The Woodburn high Bulldogs, champions of both the 1943 Duration league track and baseball seasons, are at present working into condition to defend those titles this year. The first baseball game of the campaign is set for next week, and on next Wednesday, April 3, the tracksters go to Canby to meet with other Duration leaguers in the first of three cinder sessions scheduled for the season. Follow-

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ing these three meets, the official league get-together will be held here.

The Bulldog baseballers are tagged as most likely to succeed in keeping the league title at Woodburn, for six lettermen are back. They are Vic Miller and Jim Jensen, both seniors and outfielders; Roy Arney, senior, shortstop; Al Zuber, sophomore, third sacker; Babe Reed, junior catcher, and Charlie Sauvain, junior, pitcher or first baseman. Since there is a shortage in the hurling department, Sauvain may find himself doing most of the mound chores for the club.

Only four lettermen have returned for track, although all four are ambidextrous. Bruce Nelson, senior, tows the hurdles, pole vaults and wheels the discus; Junior Bill Austin handles the weights, Junior Johnny Mills is a distance runner and Sophomore Dick Mason is a sprinter.

Hold Yer Hats, Men - Fistic Parties Due for Revival Here This Month

You can drop the quotations which surround the "promoter" handle preceding one Ira Flicher's name — the chief de guerre of the local volture of 40 of 8, American Legion, and past commander of Capital Post no. 9 of the Legion, for he turns full-fledged Joe Waterman of the village armory this very month. Professional (and noble amateur, too) fistic fiestas, long absent and missed in our town, are up for revival and with Flicher at the helm as promoter. Of course he intends stag-

ing the promised bank bashers in behalf of the 40 of 8 group. Working agreements, blue-prints, etc., have already been drawn up with two Portland stables — the National Boxing club, or Joe Waterman, Inc., as it will be recognized by many, and the outfit which has been billing on Washington cards for one Jack Abrahams with the help of Waterman.

Flicher, in assuming the role of fight promoter and announcing same, stated: "Due to the requests made by many fight fans of Salem and the surrounding territory, and the outright demands made by some of these persons, it is apparent a revival of Salem armory professional boxing shows as well as amateur shows is wanted. Inasmuch as no one seems to want to take the responsibility of promoting the shows, I'll take a whiff at it. "I've analyzed the situation carefully and have made certain Portland contacts for capable ring talent, and I believe that attractive and acceptable boxing shows can be held here regular-

ly. The 40 of 8 will sponsor the shows, I'm certain.

"I intend to offer the first card sometime this month, and the fans may be sure it will be the best obtainable. The better the support we get the better the ensuing cards will be."

It has been reported that the Salem Boxing commission is in full support of the revival and that Thursday nights will be the regular fight nights whether weekly, bi-monthly or monthly. If the revitalized sport is blessed with the same results which have come of other Fil-

Viking Cindermen Show Class, Power In Easily Sweeping Season's Opener

Tally 75 1/4 Points Against 3 Opponents on Olinger Oval

Salem high track Coach Tommy Drynan definitely wasn't spouting merely to see the bubbles at the close of last season when he predicted his 1944 scampers would be rugged, for in their first outing of the year yesterday on Olinger oval, the Viks looked mighty rugged in scampering and scooting to a lopsided win in the four-way session with Milwaukie, Chemawa and Albany. Salem amassed 75 1/4 points, the annually potent Maroons 45 1/4, Chemawa 23 1/4 and Albany 8 1/4.

The Viks nabbed seven of the 13 firsts and copped the relay. Along the way they swept completely the discus event when Art Gottfried, Tom Boardman, Joe Formick and Wilford Beard finished in that order, and grabbed 10 of the 11 points obtainable in the half mile when the 1-2-3 boys — Benny Lambert, Bob Macey and Jim Shawver — finished in that their favorite order.

Marks were exceptionally good for so early in the season. Those looked upon with a "whew" were the 11-foot pole vault by Lyle Williams of Salem, the 20-foot 9-inch broad jump by Bob Webber of Salem, the 123-foot 9-inch discus spin by Gottfried, with Boardman less than two feet behind, the 2:06.5 half mile by Lambert, the 24.5 220-yard dash by Dick Hicks of Milwaukie, who finished fifth in this event in the state meet last year, the 57 440-dash by Pete Hahn of the Maroons, the 5:01 mile by Alan Peterson of Milwaukie, and the stunning surprise century win in 10:6 by Big Bob Webber, the Vik professed broad-jumper.

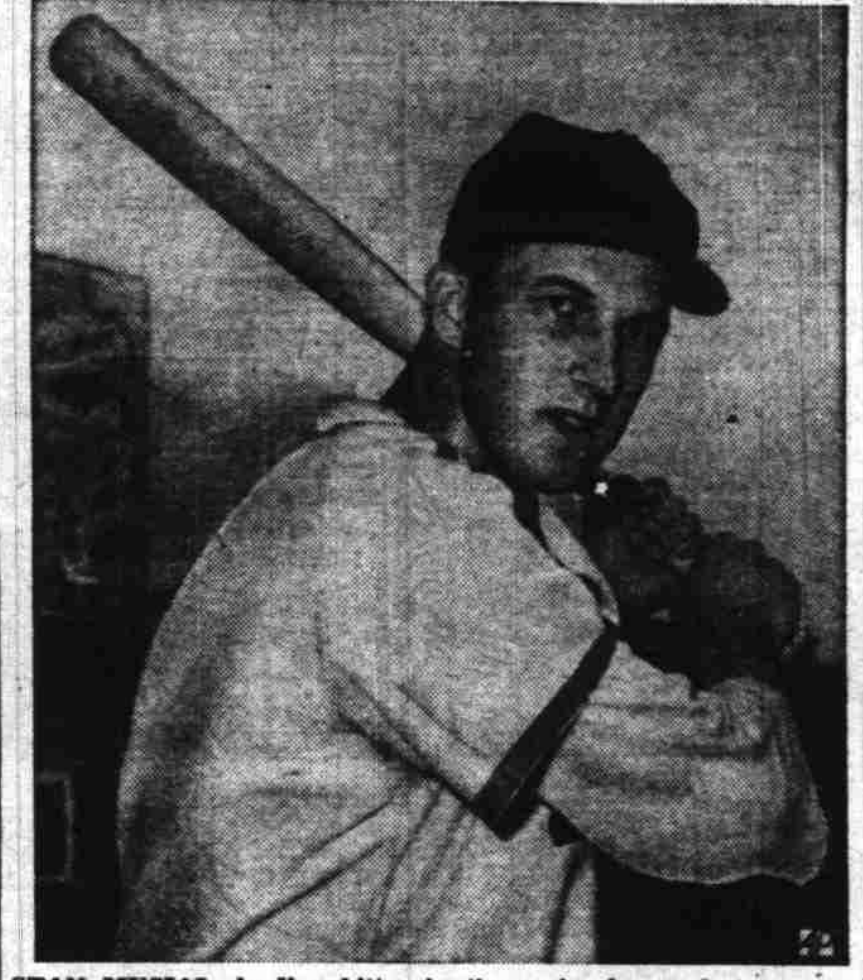
But far outshining these marks as far as Drynan and the SHS followers are concerned was the performance of the two Viking transfers — Webber from San Francisco and Williams from Nebraska. In grabbing the century win over such ramblers as Hicks of Milwaukie and George Walters of Chemawa, to say nothing of his 20-foot 9-inch broad jump and breath-taking stint on the winning relay, Webber brings the Drynanmen what potential points where they needed 'em most. Williams' 11-foot vault is another mark highly regarded in the state, and he, too, galloped a leg on the relay team as well as finishing third in the high hurdles. Were it not for knocking over two barriers on the way, Williams would have given winning Merle Williams of Chemawa a battle for it.

As was expected, the Viks were most powerful in the field events. Another first place was missed by missed by only an eighth of an inch when Eugene Lowe's shot put was just that much short of the 38-foot 11-inch winning effort of Milwaukie's George Morse. But Norm Dalke copped the javelin and the two Dicks, Gatke and Brown, tied for first in the high jump to give Salem top spot in every field event outside the shot.

Individual high point honors went to Chemawa's Merle Williams, no relation to the Vik-finder. He nabbed the high barriers, was second in the lows, second in the pole vault, tied for third in the high jump, and ran a leg on Coach Lefty Wilder's relay squad, which finished third. Webber's two firsts in the 100 and broad jump gave Drynan's junior 10 points and second place individually.

To say Drynan was pleased with the opening performances by his scantyclads would be putting it mildly.

Heads Cards' Potent '44 Crew



STAN MUSIAL, leading hitter in the major league last season, is back with the St. Louis Cardinals again this time, and unless drafted is expected to again lead the Redbirds to the National league pennant. Musial is only one of many returning Card regulars who have been unaffected by the draft to date, a good reason why the 'Birds are picked to walk off with the pennant "by a mile."

Cards Picked In NL Chase 'By a Mile'

Redbirds Maintain Power in All Spots

By OSCAR KAHAN
CAIRO, Ill., March 31—(AP)—President Sam Breadon, of course, is slightly prejudiced in favor of his St. Louis Cardinals, but as matters stand at spring training camp today it wouldn't take an overly opinionated observer to predict the team will win the National league pennant by a mile.

Breadon, who is not a boastful man, said in St. Louis: "I don't see how anyone can beat us. We've got the best pitching and catching staffs and if Stan Musial is not taken into the armed services, we rate the best outfield. I know of no other club in either league as well situated as we are."

As support for Singin' Sam's statement, just consider the familiar 1943 faces on the Cardinal squad:

Four outfielders, including Musial, the league's leading hitter; three regular infielders, including Martin Marion, the best shortstop in the business; two catchers, including Walker Cooper, baseball's No. 1 backstop; the best right-handed pitcher in the league in Morton Cooper, the best left-hander in Max Lanier, and three other pitchers from last year.

Beau Outpoints Zurita in Ten

Close Nod for Jack Over Mexican Foe

NEW YORK, March 31—(AP)—Sidney "Beau Jack" Walker, of Augusta, Ga., former holder of the New York version of the lightweight championship, outpointed Juan Zurita of Mexico City, holder of the NBA lightweight crown, in a close 10-rounder tonight in Madison Square Garden. Beau Jack weighed 136, and Zurita 133 1/4. A crowd of 17,593 contributed to a gross gate of \$87,802.

It was a thrilling, punch-packed scrap all the way, with the judges deciding the ex-bootblack landed the heavier blows. There were no knockdowns, although both fighters appeared in trouble on occasions as they battered each other about the ring.

April Fool or Not, Series Seen as All-Chicago Affair

FRENCH LICK, Ind., March 31—(AP)—Tomorrow being April Fool's day, this is as good a time as any to reveal there is a grow-cago world series this fall.

The best qualifications the two clubs have of becoming world series rivals for the first time in 38 years is their exceptionally large stock of draft eligibles. Thirteen Cubs and 19 White Sox are currently exempt.

But this security is threatened by the new proposals in Washington that 4-F's be drafted for army labor battalions or be shifted to essential war work, which, if adopted, might force the baseball industry to close shop for the duration.

Simpson Takes Medford Post

MEDFORD, March 31—(AP) Al Simpson was elected head football and basketball coach of Medford high school today. He was mentor of the championship Ashland high basketball team.

Simpson will replace Les Grant, who served the past season on a temporary basis. E. H. Hedrick, superintendent, said.

Al Simmons As Player?

FREDERICK, Md., March 31—(AP)—Connie Mack is seriously considering signing Al Simmons, now a coach with the Philadelphia Athletics, as an active player, he said today.

"I'll make up my mind definitely within the next two weeks," Mack said. "As I understand the rules, I could sign Al to a player's contract now, but if I signed him as a coach I might not be permitted to transfer him to the active list."

Lebanon Nine Inexperienced

LEBANON — With only three lettermen reporting for Lebanon high school's first baseball practices, it looks like the Berrypickers will field an inexperienced crew this season. Bob Erickson, Ralph Cooper and Don Ellis are the only holdovers, Ellis being the only pitcher on the squad with any experience whatsoever.

Coaches of Corvallis, Albany, Lebanon and Sweet Home high schools recently announced the district schedule. No contests have been slated here because the local field is receiving a complete going-over. Coach Cook's Lebanon nine faces the Albany Bulldogs April 7 in their season opener, and on April 14 will participate in the district jamboree at Sweet Home. The remainder of the schedule: April 21 — at Corvallis; April 25 — at Sweet Home; May 5 — at Sweet Home; May 12 — at Albany; May 19 — at Corvallis.

Joe Robleton Defeats Dolan

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31—(AP)—Joe Robleton, Mexican fighter from Pasadena, Calif., made his bow in the featherweight class tonight by pouncing out a 10-round decision over Joey Dolan, Portland. Robleton weighed 123; Dolan, 123 1/4.

The former bantamweight floored the clever Portland shipyard worker three times for counts of 8, 8 and 9 left him with one eye closed and bleeding at the mouth.

The Associated Press score card gave Dolan three rounds, the first, second and sixth and listed the third and eighth as even.

In the eight-round semi-wind-up, Eddie Weller, 142, Portland Indian, won a technical knockout over Bobby Brock, 146, Woodburn, in the fifth stanza.

Free Diamond Schools For Youth Open Today

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31—(AP)—Free baseball classes for youths up to the age of 16 will be inaugurated tomorrow by the Portland bureau of parks and recreation. An experienced corps of coaches, most of them high school mentors, will instruct the youngsters at city parks each Saturday through the summer.

Silverton, Mt. Angel Nines Play Tuesday

SILVERTON — Silverton and Mt. Angel baseball teams will play their spring opener here Tuesday. Coach Guy DeLay and Coach Paul Relling, the latter of Mt. Angel, are equally put to it to prepare a team for the occasion as both are faced with a lack of experienced material.

Gresham Oval Chosen Location for Movie

GRESHAM, Ore., March 31—(AP)—Advance agents for 20th Century-Fox studio are here making preparations to start filming sequences of "Thunderhead" on the Multnomah county fair grounds race track April 15.

AAU Heads Slate Meet

SPOKANE, March 31—(AP) Committee heads of the Amateur Athletic union in the Inland Empire are expected here next Wednesday and Thursday for conferences with J. Lyman Bingham, assistant to the president of the AAU, Dr. Sidney Milbank, president of the Inland Empire chapter, announced today. Bingham arrives Tuesday for a three-day visit.

Possible Grid League Viewed

PITTSBURGH, March 31—(AP) Sports interests from 10 cities are expected to meet here Sunday to discuss formation of a new professional football league which would start operating in 1945 if the war is ended by that time.

Roland D. Payne, Pittsburgh grid enthusiast and leading proponent of the new league, said tonight representatives are expected from New York, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, San Francisco, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Seattle.

Martin to See Action Sunday

CAIRO, Ill., March 31—(AP)—Manager Billy Southworth said today he would play Pepper Martin at left field in Sunday afternoon's game between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Memphis, Tenn., Fourth Ferrying group.

It was Southworth's answer to fans who clamored, "We want Pepper!" in the Redbirds' first spring training game last Sunday.

Byng Trophy to Smith

MONTREAL, March 31—(AP)—Clint Smith, who piled up an assist record as center for the Bentley-Mosienko line of the Chicago Black Hawks, today was awarded the Lady Byng trophy as the National Hockey league player who best combined sportsmanship with playing ability during the past season.

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