

Woodburn Drops Playoffs Opener to Pioneers, 49-41

SPORTSLIGHTNER by Al Lightner

Shortie sports: Nothing but the top rung as a starter for Joe "Red" Bielemeier, Mt. Angel's offering to the Brooklyn Dodger pitching corps, for the carrot-top is scheduled to leave today (Thursday) for Bear Mountain, N.Y., the training camp for Leo Durocher's varsity itself. May be only for a spell until the Brooks route him off to a farm club, but the longer Bielemeier sticks around with the oldtimers the faster he'll learn the little baseball tricks you can't buy. If he's to spend all the training period with the Dodgers before being shipped off, the prep whiz can't help but learn plenty by just watching the oldsters... Tony Fraioli, the Williamsport athletic man, up and around again after that operation for a serious case of stomach ulcers, and telling that Marine Lt. Teddy Ogdahl the halfback rambler is a member of that now famous 5th division which helped in the taking of Iwo. Ogdahl and Marines Buddy Reynolds and Andy Rogers, all easily remembered Bearcat touch-downers, are said to have "run across" each other in the Pacific not too long ago... And here's a break for Clint Cameron, the ex-WU and Western International ballplayer who took to catching so well prior to going into the navy. Bill Conroy, late of the Boston Red Sox and Oakland Oaks' catching departments, has taken over the skipper's job of the San Diego Naval Training Center nine this season, and is working with Clint on all the tricks of the backstopping trade. Incidentally, the SDNTS has already started its 1945 season. Could happen only in California—and Florida... To basketball: Here's something for state tourney followers to mull. Oregon City Coach Dan Jones, in scouting the recent district 9-10 tourney at Hillsboro says Bob Amacher of the Hillsboro champs is a wee 6-foot 6-inch center and quite a pivoter at that. Dan'l shouldn't talk—if his Pioneers make it they'll display one Len Rineason center, a 6-foot 5-inch...



JOE BIELEMEIER

Lesser Lights to Possibly Shine Again
It's early yet and they've not made the final hump, but this year's tourney team crop might even outdo last year's as lesser lights who have made good. A year ago while such perennial tourney teams as Salem, Astoria, Baker, Medford and Eugene sat it out on the sidelines, such usung entries as Ashland, Bend, Springfield and St. Helens battled it out. But look what could happen this year. A Hood River win over Baker in the districts 1-2 finals means the first visit by the Blue Dragons in years 'n years. Same goes for Primeville if she dumps Medford in the 3-4 finals. Likewise Myrtle Point if she had up Eugene in 5-6 (P.S. She didn't). The 7-8 representative will be either Lebanon or Newberg, both smallies as far as state tourney chasing goes. Ditto Hillsboro, already assured a berth. And Veronica of 13-14 is in the same class. If Woodburn should topple Oregon City in the 11-12 finals, add one more.

Only Baker, Medford, Eugene, Oregon City and Washington have in the past rated on the grade A side, but right now only Washington and Eugene are certain of the 3-day stay, expenses paid in our village next week.

All of which adds up to nothing as far as the customers are concerned. Last year's field was actually one of the most unattractive in history. Yet, the tournament was one of the most closely fought in the same history.

Duck Defense Reason
No. 1 for UO Victory
Beaver Skipper Slats Gill, now looking forward to next season, says all credit should be due to the defense toiled at his OCS's by Oregon Saturday night as one big reason why the Webfoot victory. Slats admits it was the best defense Oregon threw at him in all four games and that it disrupted much of the Beaver scoring plans. Speaking of coaches, you should've seen Woodburn's Jiggs Burnett and Oregon City's Dan Jones jockeying for the time-and-place advantages re their current districts 11-12 hoop playoff. Unable to agree while encircled by 15 or 20 advice-offering bystanders, including Salem High Principal Harry Johnson, Burnett and Jones finally hied off to a neutral corner alohe. They argued 25 minutes before Jones finally conceded to play the opener Wednesday instead of Tuesday... As for Chairman Johnson of the district 11 committee, he's fed up with such as the ultra-extensive double-elimination playoff system and next year will advocate district play on a percentage basis. In other words the members will play each other or a home and home basis during the season, the champion to be known at the end of same season via percentage... The smart way of doing it at that. Too much was gained on lost in the short but gruelling span of an elimination tourney be it single or double elimination...

Cubs to Open Chores Today
CHICAGO, March 7—(AP)—A handful of Chicago Cubs tonight departed for French Lick, Ind., where manager Charlie Grimm hopefully plans to send the Bruins through the opening spring training session of the National League season tomorrow.

Traveling Secretary Bob Lewis invited 16 of the 37 players on the Cubs' roster to make the jaunt from Chicago to the flood-plagued Indiana base. Shortly before train time, several were unreported. Neither Lewis nor General Manager James T. Gallagher would even attempt to guess how many of the club's 37 players would be on hand tomorrow.

Chuck Sweeney, Notre Dame's 1937 All-American end, is South Bend, Ind., sales manager for an oil company.

Eagles Lineup Hit by Injury
PORTLAND, Ore., March 7—(AP) Aubrey Webster, veteran defense man, will be unable to be in the Portland Eagles' lineup when they open their playoff series against the Stars in Seattle tomorrow night. Webster suffered a fractured thumb Sunday night when smashed with the stick of Roger Jenkins, Stars' playing manager. Walt McCartney, another veteran, will join Portland as a replacement.

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Larson, 131 172 171-474
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White, 130 160 172-500
Poulin, 160 207 194-561
Page, 149 211 189-530
Totals 799 1008 830 2746
KARR'S (1)
Masser, 200 170 164-534
Karr, 149 189 176-514
Belton, 158 184 197-539
Houser, 181 178 170-530
Cline, jr., 161 182 193-560
Totals 903 893 938 2738
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Higgins, 150 189 183-482
Hartwell, 130 154 161-537
Woody, 190 207 200-597
Garbarino, 170 169 182-521
Steinbeck, 153 189 178-476
Totals 807 966 930 2816
SALEM HARDWARE CO. (1)
Theede, 154 155 167-476
Kreit, 177 188 154-519
W. Valdez, 181 166 168-515
West, 182 138 178-500
Hamann, 156 178 180-516
Totals 915 946 880 2741
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DeGuerre, 203 189 197-579
Hart, 181 168 159-477
Walsh, 178 148 157-483
Coe, 198 179 168-545
Totals 1000 941 867 2878

Baker Toppled By Hood River
By the Associated Press
Hood River, district 2-A champion, won the opening game of its high school basketball playoff series on its home court last night by defeating Baker, the district 1-A title holder, 52 to 44. Hood River was almost 3 to 1 ahead at half time but Baker finished strong to end only eight points behind. They will play in Baker Friday and, if necessary to determine which team shall go to the state tournament, a third contest will be battled off in La Grande Saturday. Reidsport, district 4-B champion, opened its series on its floor against the district 3 champion by defeating Pleasant Hill, 33 to 32. The lead changed five times in the fast game. They meet in Pleasant Hill Friday.

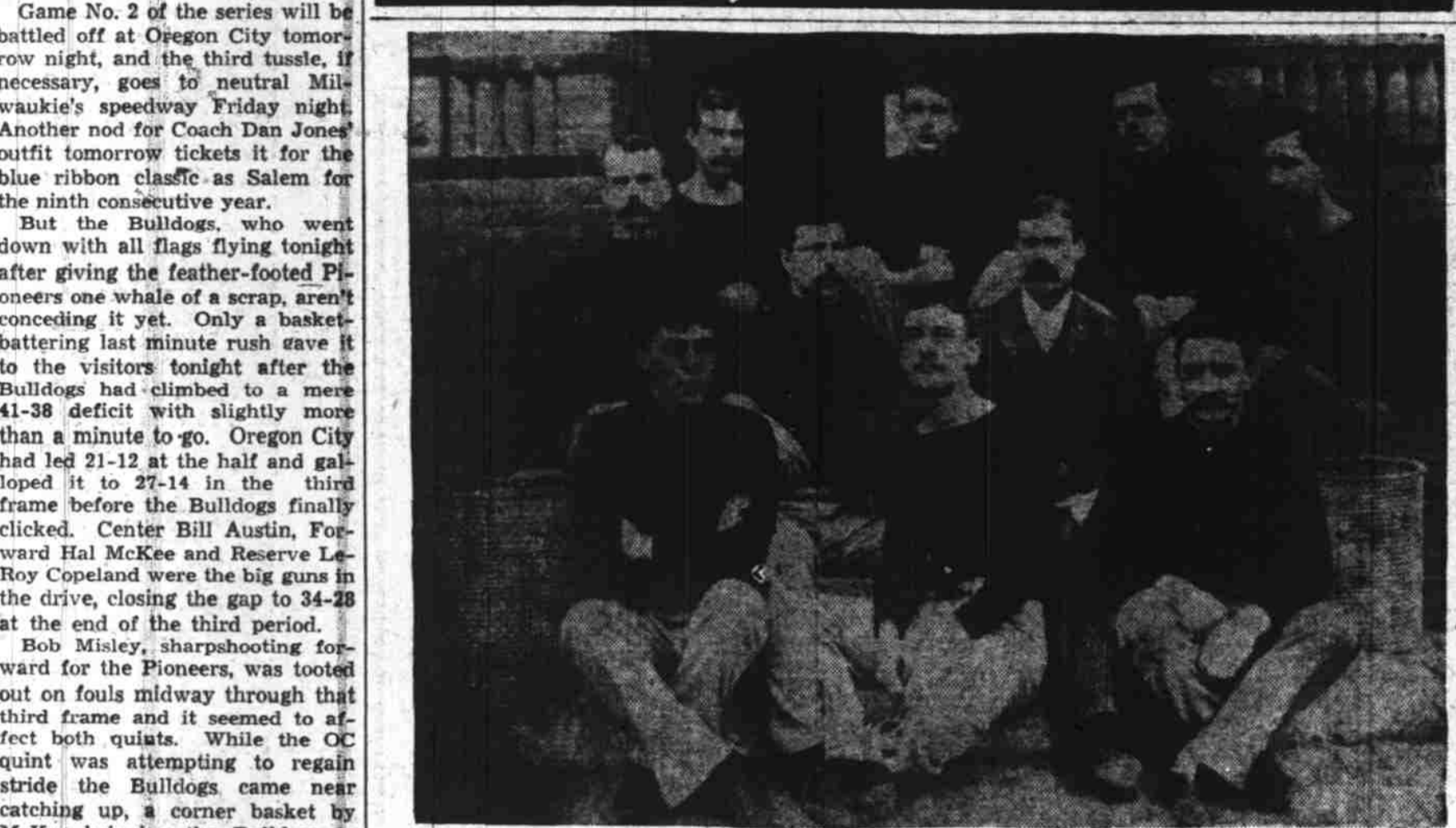
Novikoff Inks Seraphs Pact
LOS ANGELES, March 7—(AP)—Lou Novikoff, former Pacific Coast league slugger, today signed a 1945 contract with the Los Angeles Angels, Don Stewart, president of the club, announced. The salary was not revealed. Novikoff joins the Angels tomorrow. He recently was sold to the Angels by the Chicago Cubs.

Blackhawks Coming Up
CHICAGO, March 7—(AP)—The Chicago Blackhawks, cellar dwellers of the National Hockey League since the first of the season, moved into a virtual tie for fourth place and a possible Stanley cup playoff berth by defeating the fifth place Rangers, 6-3, in Chicago stadium tonight.

Friday Night on the Senior High Speedway Leslie, Parrish Quints Primed for Finale

Primed to the bubbling point despite the fact that the city title was decided in last week's clash, the Leslie and Parrish junior high quints are set to draw the curtain on their own season and the city schools' campaign as well with the third game of the "civil war" series tomorrow night. The finale, finale, which sees the end of village basketballing outside next week's state prep tourney, is booked for the Vik Villa speedway at eight o'clock. Eying the salvaging of at least one of the three games for the year, Missionary Mentor Bob Keuscher has been herding his hopefuls through strenuous workouts all week. Even a fruitless victory over their favorite enemy means much to the Southernners and they're determined to end hostilities with a win. In the first two tries, Leslie faltered by mere 19-13 and 21-20 counts but signified in both efforts they have what it takes to upset the bit and favored Northerners. Meanwhile at Parrish, Coach Bob Metzger has been hustling his troupe, through final drills, same troupe planning to make it a clean sweep of the annual serpentine with the close outcomes. Metzger hasn't been too of previous games and has warned his charges a setback from the Southerners isn't at all unlikely. Lesups for the finale will likely be: Leslie—Bob Funk and Bill Sproule, forwards; "Red" Miller, center, and Larry Kleinsmith and Winston Cobb, guards. Parrish—Charles Hoack and Ralph Morgall, forwards; Bill Fasnacht, center, and Dave Chamberlain and Hugh Bellinger guards. Eighth grade squads will wade into a preliminary finale starting at 8:45 p. m. Leslie, coached by Harry Mehr, has copped the first two games in this class.

STATESMAN SPORTS By Al Lightner, Sports Editor



Speaking of basketball teams and players—and who isn't these days?—here's the very first hoop team in history. Snapped on the steps of the Springfield (Mass.) college gym in 1891, it shows Dr. James Naismith (in civilian clothes), founder of the game and the pioneer Gail Bishop, Hank Luettitia, etc. Front row: Finlay G. MacDonald, William H. Davis, Lyman W. Archibald. Second row: Frank Mahan and Naismith. Back—John G. Thompson, Eugene S. Libby, Edwin F. Ruggles, William R. Chase and T. Ducean Patton. (Times have changed, wot?)

GI Links Open Ready in Rome

ROME, March 7—(AP)—Headed by Vic Ghezzi, a former P.G.A. champion before putting on a soldier suit, a field of some 200 to 300 allied service men and civilian players will tee off tomorrow in a four-day Rome open golf championship. Half the field will play 18 holes tomorrow and the other half on Friday. The low 100 will make a one-round tour Saturday with the final low 60 fighting it out over 36 holes Sunday over the not-too-tough Rome club layout. First in the entry list is seaman First Class Al Zimmerman, one-time Oregon open and Pacific northwest titleholder. He mailed his entry from Iran after recently finishing second in an open tournament sponsored by Sultan Marakesh in North Africa.

Golden Glovers Open State Tourney Scraps in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7—(AP) Darold Wagner, 126, Tillamook, scored a technical knockout over James Chenault, Oregon Ship dormitories, in the second round of one of the action-crowded bouts that opened the March-of-Dimes golden glove amateur boxing fest in which Wagner was a slugger for a nine-count in the first round but came back to win. Eliminations continue tomorrow night with finals Friday.
Results of the three - round bouts:
165 pounds—Bill Haney, Vancouver, Wash., technical knockout over Jerry Stutz, Portland, 2nd round; Arien Gellar, Vancouver, Wash., decision over Ted Gertz, Vanport, Ore.; Wendell De Lorne, Vanport, decision over Gordon Alexander, Portland.
135 pounds—Harold Wagner, Tillamook, technical knockout, 2nd round, over James Chenault, Portland; Bob Brownfield, Vanport, decision over Bill Boyer, Vancouver.
147 pounds—Jerry Gail, Vancouver, technical knockout, 2nd round, over Jackie Hendricks, Sandy, Ore.; Jimmy Brady, Multnomah club, Portland, decision over Howard Solske, Portland; Bob Golden, Vancouver, knockout, 1st round, over Walter Barnes, Portland; William (Duke) Harris, Portland, technical knockout, 1st round, over Ralph Ford, Portland.
160 pounds—James Bush, Vancouver, decision over Ernie Sans, Vancouver; Bob Ford, Portland, decision over Dave Vanport, Robert L. McCullough, Vancouver, decision over Clifton Allen, Vancouver.
135 pounds—James Lamkin, Portland, technical knockout, 1st round, over Glen Dunphy, Vancouver; Warren May, Multnomah club, Portland, technical knockout over Jim Bush, Vanport.
175 pounds—Milton Keith, Vancouver, decision over Henry Freeman, Portland; Kenneth Hughes, Olympia, Wash., won on foul in first round over Rudolph Lesser, Portland; William Kyde, Multnomah club, Portland, technical knockout, 2nd round, over Max Jasper, Jr., Vanport.

Only Three Men, But a Start Nats Start Major Loop Spring Grind

WASHINGTON, March 7—(AP)—It wasn't much like pre-war days when big league teams trained down south, but the Washington Senators today at least made a start towards another baseball season. They held the major leagues' first 1945 campaign in weather that was chilly and on ground that was damp at their College Park, Md., camp. Only three men, pitchers Dutch Leonard and Roger Wolff and catcher Al Evans, were on deck, but enough coaches and town boys also chased around to increase the number in uniforms up to a dozen or so. Later, John Niggeling, veteran knuckleballer, arrived. After the brief warmup, news-men, club officials and a small group of fans agreed that "anyway, it shows that baseball is going ahead as far as it can," contingent upon what congress does with pending manpower legislation. A check of the Senators' roster disclosed that most of last year's regulars should be available, with the principal exception of shortstop Johnny Sullivan, who has been accepted for military service. Stan Spence, slugging outfielder, and Mickey Haefner, pitcher are the most vulnerable, being classified 1-A.

Yankees Sign 15 and Bevens

NEW YORK, March 7—(AP)—The New York Yankees today announced the names of 16 players who have signed contracts and are due to report for spring training at Atlantic City Sunday while the New York Giants increased their list to 17 with the addition to four signed documents. Five of the Yankees are pitchers - Floyd Bevens, of Salem, Ore., Walter Dubiel, Allen Gettel, John Moore and Joe Page. The signed catchers are Bill Drescher, Mike Garbarak, Bill Steinbeck and Herb Compton. Outfielders Bud Metheny, Hershel Martin, George Stainback and Paul Waner and infielders Joe Buzas, Oscar Grimes and Don Savage complete the American leaguers' list. Brought into the fold by the Giants were Pitchers Harry Fieldman, Johnny Gee and Don King, a southpaw free agent who formerly hurled for Albany and Harrisburg, and Ernie Lombardi, veteran catcher.

Vikings Tangle With Colonials

Salem high's Vikings shook the 300balls out of their once-stowed hoop suits yesterday and ooked one more game for the season. Coach Frank Brown's band goes to Portland tonight to tangle with the Rose City's No. 1 club and state tourney hope, Washington's Colonials. Wanting a game in which to tune up for tourney play, Coach Ted Schopf sought out the Vikings, their season supposedly ended with that 39-32 district loss to Woodburn Monday night. A Viking player vote tendered an acceptance yesterday. The Colonials, one of the tallest teams in Portland Prep history, will of course be odds-on favorites. Among other things they have 6-foot 3-inches Willis Urban and Jerry Kraftve to show the Vics, Urban the Portland circuit's ace scorer this season and Kraftve not far behind. In fact Kraftve was a journey all-star player a year ago.

\$12,500 Voted Arkie Skipper

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 7—(AP)—Sports-minded members of the Arkansas legislature pushed to final passage today a bill authorizing \$12,500 annual salary for the University of Arkansas head grid coach "to put Arkansas football teams on the map." The bill, which now goes to Gov. Ben Laney for his signature, authorizes university trustees to use up to \$12,500 a year from Arkansas game receipts to pay the head coach. Athletic director Glen Rose, who piloted the Razorbacks to a third place spot in the southwest conference last season, was reported to receive \$5,500 a year.

GI Links Biggies Set for Meet

MIAMI, Fla., March 7—(AP)—Familiar faces and scorching scores will lend a pre-war flavor tomorrow to the first round of the \$7,500 international four ball golf tournament. Thirty-two of the sharpest-shooting professionals in the game, paired in teams, are to battle at match play over the Miami Springs municipal course, a duffer's dream of a layout. The starter's calls will sound lik' old times. He'll sing out the names of Byron Nelson, Sammy Snead, Lt. Ben Hogan and Craig Wood—the big four of the era before the Pearl Harbor attack. The top-seeded combination of Nelson and Harold McSpaden will encounter Willie Klein and Pvt. Otey Crisman tomorrow.

Maple's Slate Camp Adair '5'

A return basketball match between the state-studded Camp Adair Naval Hospital quint and Maple's Sportsters, the latter champs of the recent Salem City league, has been arranged for Willamette U's pavilion Friday night at 8:30. In an earlier meeting at Camp Adair the GIs swept to a 62-28 win against a makeshift Sportster five. The city quint will probably be at full strength Friday, however. The game is to be preliminary at 7 o'clock by a clash between the Adair seconds and a V-12 trainee team from Willamette. The Adair Gobs list a number of ex-collegiate and professional players in their "varsity" lineup.

The starting gate was used in Australia in 1893. The machine, with barriers made of bamboo poles, was operated by the release of a weight.

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Webfoots Due At WSC Today
PULLMAN, Wash., Mar. 7—(AP)—Graduate Manager Earl Foster of Washington State college said today the University of Oregon basketball team would arrive here tomorrow to begin practice for the first of three title playoff games with Washington State. The game Saturday night and two scheduled for Eugene, Ore., March 16 and 17 will determine which of the two teams wins the northern division Pacific Coast conference championship.

Big-10 Tries Again Today
CHICAGO, March 7—(AP)—The Big Ten tomorrow will make its fourth formal attempt to name a successor to the late Maj. John L. Griffith as conference athletic director. The league's athletic directors, who already have proposed a salary hike to \$15,000 annually and increased authority for the office, are expected to submit their choice for commissioner to the conference faculty representatives. The athletic directors will meet Thursday and the faculty representatives, who have the final say, will assemble Friday.

Bears Still Winning
HERSHEY, Pa., March 7—(AP)—The Hershey Bears continued in a winning stride on the home stretch of the American hockey league race by defeating the Pittsburgh Hornets 3 to 1 here tonight.

Falcons Win
PHILADELPHIA, March 7—(AP)—The Philadelphia Falcons defeated the Boston Olympics 8-1 tonight in the last eastern hockey league game of the season for the two teams.

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