

# WSC Evens Playoff Series With Close 53-28 Victory

## SPORTSLIGHTNER

Shortie sports: Add tourney visitors John "Moose" Clabaugh, the old Fortland Beaver and Salem Sentinel Socker. Still a Bonneville dam patrolman, "The Moose" sneaked down for Thursday's opener and looked sharply enough to make a diamond comeback. There'll be none of same, however, for Clabaugh is now top corporal of the guard at Bonneville and in seniority is but three steps from the top. "I'm settin' pretty," he says. Incidentally, if he doesn't look out his oldest boy will be outshad-owing daddy. Moose Clabaugh. The kid is now a junior at Hill Military academy, is 6-foot 1-inch up, hefts 185 pounds and has been a varsity player in all athletics at the school. Speaking of comebacks, Bill Lemon, once a basketball biggie at WU and now Clover Park high coach in Washington is still cager enough to have been picked as an honorable mention on the all-star five following the recent Northwest AAU tourney in Seattle. To football, Salem high's loss in Fresno, Calif., high gain, and quite a gain it is. Bill Day, unquestionably the outstanding junior high school footballer in the village as halfback for Frank Brown's Parish Cardinals last fall, has already up and moved to Fresno, verifying the rumor of not too long ago that he was to leave shortly. Losing a touch-downer of Day's potentialities has just about broken Tommy Drynan's heart, and say nothing of Brown's and Gurnee Flesher's. As a member of both the Junior Legion ball nine last summer and the Parrish hoop crew this winter, Day stamped himself as a coming all-around athlete de luxe. Fresno's Warriors should send the Villa a letter of thanks. Younger Brother Marion Day, a corner himself, went along too. Hunt Clark, a personal friend of Klumath Falls' recently-resigned Coach Marble Cook says the reason behind the resignation was two-fold—(1) he didn't like the southern part of the state and (2) he didn't like the southern part of the state.

## Hanson Loops 26 to Pace Win; Title Game at Eugene Tonight

EUGENE, Ore., March 16 (AP)—The Washington State Cougars pulled a narrow 53-48 victory from the University of Oregon Webfoots tonight to even the series at 1-1 in the Northern division, Pacific coast conference basketball playoffs. The winners avenged their 51-41 defeat by the Ducks at Fullman last Saturday night, served notice they are strong contenders for a berth in the western regional NCAA tourney at Kansas City next Friday. After tomorrow night's deciding game here, the champion team will entrain for Kansas City Sunday.

## Axemen Battle Loggers Quint

4th Place Prize; Newberg, Hillsboro Knocked From Meet

It's to be Eugene vs. Vernonia this morning at 10 o'clock for the fourth place finish in the 26th annual hoop tourney at Willamette, the Axemen and Loggers having snatched consolation bracket victories yesterday. Eugene eliminated Newberg's Tiger from further play, 47-31, and Vernonia nosed out Hillsboro, 39-35. In getting back into the win groove again after seeing a 30-straight record smashed by Washington Thursday, Eugene yesterday snapped to the task in the fourth period to trounce Newberg. It was 12-7, 23-19 and 32-25 at the period stops for Hank Kuchera's club, but in the fourth frame its fast break began to click on all four cylinders. Center Darrell Robinson and Forward Bill Fulps were Eugene's big guns in a 20-field goal scoring finale. Loren Douglas' Newbergs never led but kept it close throughout their battle, Hillsboro leading 13-8, 24-17 and 26-25 at the quarters. But Oral Robbins' never-give-up Loggers who gave Medford a surprising battle Thursday night finally tied it in the fourth frame. Then as the lead changed hands five time the Loggers spurred near the end to grasp the win. Center Dan Rollins and Guard Jack Nance were the aces of the winning attack with 14 and 13 points respectively. Bob Morrison, a stand-out for Hillsboro, looped 13 also and big 6-foot 8-inch Bob Amacher got 11.

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**EUGENE (47)** FG FT PF TP  
Hunter, f 12 18 1 2 9  
Fulps, f 10 14 2 3 10  
Robinson, c 9 14 4 2 12  
Ritchison, f 8 12 1 1 9  
Thomson, f 4 13 3 3 8  
Ruth, f 3 10 1 0 6  
Denzer, f 3 10 1 0 6  
Miner, f 3 10 0 0 6  
Wilde, c 2 10 0 0 4  
Hider, f 2 10 0 0 4  
Totals 56 87 17 16 47

**NEWBERG (31)** FG FT PF TP  
D. Twenge, f 17 4 3 1 11  
Miller, f 15 4 1 0 9  
Hess, c 10 10 3 1 10  
Hanson, f 10 10 1 0 10  
Reynolds, f 6 11 1 1 11  
George, f 1 10 0 0 6  
Newton, f 1 10 0 0 6  
N. Twenge, f 1 10 0 0 6  
Totals 59 50 10 10 47

Free throws missed: Robinson 2, Thomson, Twenge 2, Miller 4, Newton, Olson, N. Twenge, Reynolds. Shooting percentages: Eugene .596, Newberg .300. Officials: Emil Piluso and Carl Kigel.

## Best Ball Meet For Golf Clan

A best ball tournament has been ticketed by Tourney Chairman Don Hendrie for weekend play by Men's clubbers at Salem golf course today and tomorrow, it has been announced. Designed so as not to split up pet foursomes, partners in the meet will be allowed one-half of combined handicaps and may card results of the best ball on each hole. The meet is an open affair and re-entrance will be permitted upon posting an additional entry fee. Prizes go to the teams finishing 1-2, according to Hendrie.

## Haegg Tries Again Tonight

CHICAGO, March 16 (AP)—Gunder Haegg, who set 10 world records in 100 days three years ago but who has trailed American runners twice in the last two weeks, will make another effort to regain some of his lost prestige here tomorrow night. Haegg will run in the Bankers' mile, feature of the ninth annual Chicago relay, against three of the runners who showed him their spikes the last two weeks in New York.

## One-man Rally Wins Puck Tiff

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16 (AP)—Bobby Morin, Canada's gift to the Portland Eagles, ran wild in the last period, chalking up four of Portland's five scores to give his team a 5-4 win over the Seattle Stars in a Northern Division Pacific Coast ice hockey playoff tonight. The Eagles appeared sunk, with Seattle ahead 4-0 as the second period ended, until Morin sparked the Portland rally and pulled the game out of the fire. The victory puts Portland ahead 3-2 in the playoff series, with the next game slated Sunday in Seattle.

## Bettina Gains Draw on Rally

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP)—Knocked down in the fifth round for a count of one, Southpaw Melio Bettina, 181, of Beacon, N.Y., staged a whirlwind rally in the closing rounds tonight to gain a 10-round draw with Jimmy Elvins, 185, of Cleveland, at Madison Square Garden. The bout, full of the first five rounds, wound up with plenty of action in the last five. Elvins, a 5-1 favorite, tried hard for a knockout in the sixth and seventh, but although he had Bettina hanging on, he failed to put over the finisher and was staggering himself as Melio rallied to sweep the last three stanzas.

## Cardinals Take Heed: Cubs' Skipper Grimm Strums Happily on His Banjo

FRENCH LICK, Ind., Mar. 16 (AP)—Let the St. Louis Cardinals take heed! There's a champion ship air to the tune Manager Charles J. Grimm of the Chicago Cubs is strumming on his jolly banjo. Jimmy Cholly has worked only a week with a skeleton squad at this southern Indiana spa, but he's willing to venture that the Cubs will be "plenty formidable when the bell rings" for the fourth wartime season.

Even though he still lacks enough players to field two teams, Grimm likes the way his squad is shaping up. Such key performers as First Baseman Phil Cavarretta, Slugger Bill Nicholson and Pitchers Claude Passeau, Bob Chipman and Hank Wyse still are unreported, but what material is on hand or working out at Los Angeles is nothing to sneeze at in these times. The Cubs right now could rig up an outfield composed of veteran Andy Fark; Frank Secor, ex-Milwaukee Brewer, and Cecil Gaffert who brings a .396 average from Los Angeles. Pitchers signed and delivered include 35-year-old Paul Drerger, Ed Hanyzewski and William Stewart from last year's squad; George Hennessy from

Nashville and George Woodend, who made a brief 1944 appearance with the Boston Braves. In addition the Cubs have five athletes training at Los Angeles who will join the club before the season starts. Others include pitchers Ray Fries, 28-year-old Los Angeles star; Catcher Len Rice of Syracuse; Outfielder Ed Sauer, and Rookie Charles Adams of Los Angeles. If all the Cubs who are expected to sign up do that annual pre-season task, Manager Grimm will have a formidable flock to shoot at the World Champion Redbirds. But it's remembered that last year the Cubs were well fixed in the talent department before the season started, forgot to get started themselves and found it too tough to overtake the leaders because of that early-season slump.

## Medford, Baker Kayoed in Meet Semifinals; Record Smashed as 'B' Quints Open Firing

## Braves' DeWitt Hits 34 Points For New Mark

Clatskanie, Reedport Win Way to Finals

High-lighted by an individual scoring record topping performance by 6-foot 3-inch Clyde DeWitt of Reedport high's towering Braves, the state's top four "B" quints opened their private championship war at Willamette yesterday afternoon. Clatskanie's Tigers kayoed Grant Union's Prospectors 44-27 in the opener, and the Braves belting a small and unseeded Arlington Honkers quint 55-33 in the nightcap. The two winners step into the state "B" title game tonight at 7:30, while the two losers hoop it off for third place this morning at 9 a.m.

Big DeWitt, one thigh swathed in bandages, erased the record of 33 points notched by Springfield's Curt Luckey last year by pitching in 34 from all over the pavilion. An 18-points-per-game-average cager during the season, the biggie canned 12 points in the opening period yesterday, added six in the second canto, four in the third and six in the fourth despite sitting out most of that frame. He had 28 points when he went out, but pleas from the customers prompted Coach Jack Flug to send him back in. Arlington guarded him closely, but with 2:30 left he looped No. 30 with a tip-in, added a free toss soon after, swished a spectacular overhand with 45 left and then plopped in the record-shattering free throw with 37 left. All the time cooler than the well-known cucumber.

DeWitt's all-around performance—passing, backboard work, driving, ball-hawking, shooting—sent the clients home convinced they had watched quite a baller in action.

Reedport had little trouble with the web Honkers, ruled the boards, fast broke right and left and led 18-8, 29-14 and 36-22 at the stops. DeWitt's final count read—36 shots, 12 field goals, 10 free tosses (he was fouled often), 6 free ones missed and 34 final tallies. This was the first record during the tourney.

The Clatskanie-Grant Union clash was a corker for the first half, ending 13-12 at the stop for the Tigers and 18-18 at halftime. But then the Coasters went to work to completely outplay the Prospectors. Another big club, the Tigers ran riot with a sharp cager in Co-captain Allen Van leading the way. Like DeWitt, Van stood out in all-around ability, although failing to score but 10 points. With Van, Milt Philbrook and Wayne Erickson on the payoff ends of the Clatskanie fast breaks, the Tigers went out front 30-21 at the third period. Vern LaFountaine got in his Clatskanie likes also in the peppery drive. Glen Eddy and Gordy Wilson were standouts in defeat for the Prospectors.

## STATESMAN SPORTS

By *Lightner*, Sports Editor



With all hands after one thing—the ball—Oregon City and Hillsboro ballers are shown trying to get it during their state tourney scramble at Willamette. Keith Bakum (4), Captain Arnold Thomson (3) and Len Rinearson (14) of the Pioneers are shown, as are Willis Stark (50), Les Clark (behind Rinearson) and Jack Doyle (background) of Hillsboro. Oregon City won, 43-21. (Statesman sports photo)

## Hoop Playoffs Begin Tonight

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP)—College basketball's world series, a two-tournament affair leading to the crowning of the champion on March 29, opens in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, with two of the first round games in the national invitation tournament.

Rensselaer Polytechnic institute of Troy, N.Y., whose 13 straight victories comprise the only perfect record in either the invitation or the NCAA tournaments, tangles with Bowling Green of Ohio in the opening encounter. Tennessee's defensive-minded Southeastern conference five meets the razzle-dazzle Rams of Rhode Island State in the second game. The other four teams in the DePaul playing West Virginia and invitation tournament come together Monday with top-seeded St. John's, winner the last two years, taking on Muhlenberg.

## Colonials, Pioneers Battle Off Title Game Tonight; Bulldogs Lose, 51-41; Tornado by 41-40

Another Turnaway Crowd Watches Thrillers As 26th Classic Hits Showdown Department

The 26th annual hoop classic, "A" division, hit the home stretch last night at another jam-packed Willamette University basket bin, and when sizzling hot semifinal sessions were over, Washington high's height-drooling Colonials and Oregon City's hippey-hopping Pioneers had hands on the jack-pot handle. Coach Ted Schopf's Colonials, one of the premeet favorites, made their bid for final honors by outtracing the smallest Baker Bulldogs, 51-41, and then Dan Jones' Pioneers, the host team of the meet, did what no other Oregon team has done all season in 27 games—outblast Medford's Black Tornado. This one was 41-40 for OC, and she was a thrill-dripper practically from bell to bell.

## Spring Slates Hit by Ruling

Travel Ban Wipes out 60 Per Cent of Tilt  
By Harold Classen  
NEW YORK, March 16 (AP)—Practically 60 per cent of the 142 game on the major league spring training schedule fall into the category banned by baseball's newest ruling, an Associated Press survey today disclosed. The Philadelphia Phils, training at Wilmington, Del., saw their spring card crumble from 16 to four games under the plan by which National League President Ford Frick and Will Harridge, president of the American loop, recommended to their clubs that games involving transportation be dropped. Other clubs were similarly hit.

## Bells, Seattle, Meet for Title

SEATTLE, March 16 (AP)—Bellingham's Red Raiders and the Lincoln Lynx, first team to represent Seattle in a state basketball tournament, won their way to the finals tonight, Bellingham downing Snohomish 34 to 29 and Lincoln crushing Everett 45 to 37. A crowd of more than 10,000 made the University of Washington pavilion bounce with noise in these two semi-final games. The victors will meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow night for the 1945 state championship after the losers collide at 8 for third and sixth places.

The four windup games tomorrow to decide eight positions will be strictly a west-side program. Longview and Lake Washington meet at 2:10 p. m. to settle fifth and eighth places, and South Kitsap and Hoquiam meet at 3:10 for fourth and seventh spots.

## Joe Medwick Joins Giants

LAKEWOOD, N. J., March 16 (AP)—Joe Medwick, who hit 337 in 128 games last season with the New York Giants, arrived in camp at 12 for Lavey and 11 for carrot-taped Maxwell. Peterson canned 14 for Baker with Ballentyne three steps back at 11. Washington, not advertised as a fast-breaking ball club, certainly was one of same—and a good one—in the entire game.

## Solons Find Outfield Help

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—Some relief from outfield worries came to the Washington Senators today in George Binks, Milwaukee graduate, who took his first work-out. He batted .374 last season. Word was received that another outfielder, George Chipple, who hit .288 for Montreal in 1944, will report. Harland Cliff, veteran third baseman, wired that he is travelling here with his family from Washington state.

## Oregon State Tournament BASKETBALL

"A" DIVISION					"B" DIVISION				
TEAM	FG	FT	PF	TP	TEAM	FG	FT	PF	TP
<b>BAKER (41)</b>	11	11	2	3	<b>GRANT UNION (27)</b>	11	4	2	4
Henderson, f	8	11	2	3	Eddy, f	11	4	2	4
Calderwood, f	7	11	1	2	Belshaw, f	11	3	1	2
Johnson, c	7	11	1	1	Wilson, c	16	3	3	11
Peterson, g	13	7	0	11	Mullenex, c	10	0	0	0
Borgans, f	11	11	0	11	Trowbridge, f	10	0	0	0
Leemon, f	11	1	0	2	Gleason, f	1	0	0	0
Carpenter, f	1	0	0	1	Livingson, c	0	0	0	0
Carley, f	0	0	0	0	Boyer, g	0	0	0	0
Gerry, f	2	2	0	1	Totals	68	9	15	27
Totals	56	15	11	43					
<b>WASHINGTON (51)</b>	12	11	4	5	<b>CLATSKANIE (44)</b>	12	6	0	12
Cowan, f	6	2	1	4	Erickson, f	7	1	0	9
Miley, f	12	11	1	2	LaFountaine, f	7	1	0	9
Urban, f	12	5	1	16	Van, c	6	3	4	10
Kryve, c	12	5	1	16	Philbrook, g	18	3	3	9
Maxwell, g	18	5	1	11	Erickson, f	10	3	2	9
Whitlock, f	12	10	1	11	Parker, f	10	2	0	4
Keller, g	0	0	0	0	Somfieth, f	2	0	0	0
Straser, f	0	0	0	0	Totals	55	18	8	44
Totals	50	21	9	21					
<b>MEDFORD (49)</b>	12	10	2	11	<b>REEDESPORT (35)</b>	12	10	10	24
Hayes, f	6	2	1	4	DeWitt, f	12	10	10	24
Riggs, c	6	2	1	4	Thompson, c	11	9	3	9
Watson, g	17	11	1	11	Smith, g	16	1	2	4
Lawcott, f	12	10	1	11	Collver, f	0	0	0	0
House, c	1	0	0	1	Henderson, c	0	0	0	0
Whitlock, f	0	0	0	0	Phillon, f	0	0	0	0
Totals	55	18	10	24	Dahl, g	0	0	0	0
					Morris, g	0	0	0	0
					Totals	40	20	14	35

## Tiger Jack Fox Wins

SPOKANE, Wash., March 16 (AP)—Tiger Jack Fox, 169, of Spokane scored a first-round knockout tonight over George Ecks, 175, of Minneapolis in a victory boxing club card.

## Anglers Await Smelt

PORTLAND, March 16 (AP)—Sports fishermen said today they aren't disappointed that the smelt haven't appeared in the Sandy river as yet. Six times since rivers were started in 1929, the smelt run began after mid-March.

## BOWLING SCORES

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTALS
<b>KEITH BROWN CO. (1)</b>	127	129	140	406							
Lewellen	127	129	140	406							
Fernigan	127	129	140	406							
Woodcock	127	129	140	406							
Alderman	127	129	140	406							
Hilborn	127	129	140	406							
Totals	623	737	839	2095							
<b>STATESMAN (3)</b>	127	140	133	400							
Wachen	127	140	133	400							
Stantz	127	140	133	400							
C. Stettler	127	140	133	400							
Bradley	127	140	133	400							
Hammer	127	140	133	400							
Totals	713	877	802	2095							
<b>WESTERN PAPER CONV. CO. (2)</b>	173	141	167	481							
Willecke	173	141	167	481							
Gerhart	173	141	167	481							
Frey	173	141	167	481							
Peavy	173	141	167	481							
Miller	173	141	167	481							
Totals	751	721	745	2217							
<b>LAOCHE-F. ELEPHANT (1)</b>	173	141	167	481							
H. Bart	173	141	167	481							
Edtoche	173	141	167	481							
Shaw	173	141	167	481							
Walsh	173	141	167	481							
Wetly	173	141	167	481							
Totals	706	746	714	2171							
<b>REGDON'S (1)</b>	165	185	135	485							
D. Valdez	165	185	135	485							
Edtoche	165	185	135	485							
Radriques	165	185	135	485							
Coker	165	185	135	485							
Donovan	165	185	135	485							