

# Webfoots Edge WSC, 39-37, Sweep Division Cage Crown

## SPORTSLIGHTNER

Shortie sporties: No battle flying for RCAF Lt. Eddie Salstrom—at least not at present, brother Sgt. Phil Salstrom writes, for the former Viking all-stater was not long ago in a crackup with his Canadian bomber. A "bad shaking up" for Co-Pilot Eddie while the ship's bombardier was killed and first pilot was seriously injured has him on shore command duty in Canada, for the time being physically unfit for battle flying overseas. . . Sgt. Phil is now stationed in the Palau islands, incidentally. . . Ensign Gordy Kunke, the ex-Willamette from Turner who went looking for his ship "somewhere in the Pacific" and figured the war might be over by the time he found it, had much better luck than that, we're told. Took him only six weeks to be exact, and now he's on his first sea duty with a destroyer. He traversed thousands of miles by boat and airplane before he found the "tin can," however. . . No further mystery concerning the whereabouts of ex-Solon Skipper Charley Petersen, and he isn't in the army. Pete is still on his Portland war job, but to such an extent that he'll play only in the Portland Beaver home ball games. An army date awaits him if he leaves the job, which cancels out probably all road jaunts with Mgr. Marv Owen & Co. during the summer. Pete's fate has befallen at least two other Bevos also, Hurler Roy Heiser and new Infielder Charley English. All of which will tend to make the Beavers lions at home but lambs on the road. . . Reason why you didn't see the annual influx of Coast conference coaches buzzing with the high school hoop hot-shots during the tourney last week was because a holdover Ed Atherton "code" rule forbids member coaches even talking to high schoolers other than on the home college campus. Quite a rule, wot? And not a good one, either. . .



PFC. JERRY STONE

### Another Masterpiece by Pfc. Jerry Stone

So many comments (and all of 'em extra good) have we received on the state tourney cartoon appearing in Thursday's edition, that perhaps we'd better make this paragraph and column picture an annual affair. The aristry was delivered from Fort Lewis by Pfc. Jerry Stone, remembered easily as the talented staff reporter on the Statesman a year ago whose hobby was drawing this, that and the other, but drawing it exceptionally well. Readers will remember the fine piece he turned out for us last year, which received a host of compliments also.

Newly-wedded Jerry would have liked nothing better than to have been able to sit in on the 26th classic, but is quite busy these days herding newcomers through their initial GI processing at Lewis.

## Tornado Takes Third Trophy

### Bulldogs Dropped, 51-49, in Thriller

Coming back after their Friday night 41-40 licking by Oregon City, Medford's top-seeded Black Tornado yesterday copped a close itself, 51-49 over Baker's Bulldogs, and thereby annexed the third place trophy in the 26th state hoopers at Willamette U. Baker had lost, 51-41, to Washington Friday.

The battle provided morning customers with rip-snorting finish, as Baker came from behind a 49-40 deficit with 2:00 remaining to all but snatch the verdict. Coach Al Simpson loosed his second-stringers with the nine point lead, but they came within a whisker of blowing it at the :50 left mark. Then the Tornado regulars reentered to stage off the Dick Ballantyne & Co. eastern Oregonians. Medford led 9-7 at the quarter and it was 20-20 at halftime. Then the Simpsons went 37-28 out front in the third period.

Jerry Ross, All-Southern conference star and leading scorer, paced the Tornado with 21 points, top scoring achievement of the tourney amongst "A" class individuals. Lyle Peterson and Ballantyne, standouts for Baker the entire meet, gathered 17 and 16 with Wayne Carpenter not far behind at 13.

MEDFORD (31)	S	FG	FT	PF	TP
Haves, f	2	2	0	2	4
Ross, f	18	8	5	1	21
Riggs, c	12	3	1	2	7
Watson, c	12	4	1	1	9
Fawcett, g	11	2	1	3	5
Wenderson, g	10	2	1	1	5
House, g	0	0	1	1	1
Stelle, s	0	0	0	0	0
Whitlock, s	0	0	0	0	0
Cave, s	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	65	21	9	18	51

BAKER (49)	S	FG	FT	PF	TP
Gerry, f	2	0	0	3	0
Johnson, f	4	1	1	3	3
Carpenter, c	12	3	1	1	7
Peterson, c	14	7	3	1	17
Ballantyne, g	11	6	4	1	16
Henderson, g	10	0	0	0	0
Borgan, s	1	0	0	0	0
Calderswood, s	0	0	0	0	0
Lemmon, s	0	0	0	0	0
Eardley, s	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	51	19	11	16	49

Free throws missed: Ross 2, Riggs 2, Fawcett; Johnson 3, Carpenter, Peterson 3, Ballantyne 3. Shooting percentages: Medford 33, Baker 38. Officials: Chapple King and Carl Kligel.

## Gill Conducts Cage Clinic

Oregon State College basketball coach A. T. (Slats) Gill conducted a basketball interpretations and rules clinic at Willamette university Saturday, during which over 50 visiting high school coaches from all over the state listened to helpful hints by the Beaver cage mentor. A general discussion was held on all phases of basketball.

Oregon Coaches Association President Dan Jones of Oregon City said following the clinic, "It is our intention to make a clinic of this kind an annual affair."

## Boston Braves Open

WASHINGTON, March 17-(AP)—The Boston Braves, last major league team to begin spring training, will open camp at Georgetown university here today. They originally were scheduled to start March 12. Some early arrivals are expected Sunday.

# Camilli's Oaklanders Could Be Coast League Toughies With Hurling Help

By Russ Newland  
BOYES SPRINGS, Calif., March 17-(AP)—Oakland's Coast league baseball fortunes this season depend all together on what pitching help the club can acquire before the schedule gets under way late this month. If the front office can dig up a couple of hurlers, Manager Dolph Camilli may well field a tough team. Aside from the deficiency of moundmen, the Oaks appear stronger than last year when

they tied San Francisco for third place. Since then Cotton Fippen and Manuel Salvo, who accounted for 30-odd pitching wins in 1944, have gone into military service. It is hardly likely that Sam Gibson, ex-Seal and 46 years old, can replace such a either Fippen or Salvo in hurling strength. The Oaks also have purchased Ben Garth Mann, right hander, conditionally from Atlanta. Otherwise the regulars

are Floyd Stromme, Halo Che-lini and Jack Lott. Oakland's catching is solid with veterans Bill Raimondi and Gil Campbell. Manager Camilli may alternate at first base with a 17-year-old San Francisco phenom, Vic Pletch. If the latter makes good and will be on hand for the season—he'll be army bound one of these days—Camilli may try his hand in the outfield. He's pretty slow to chase flies, however.

Second base duties will fall to Stuffy Stewart, acquired from the Philadelphia National league club in the deal for Les Scarcella. Jake Caulfield, an improved young player, has the shortstop job sewed up and Chet Rosenlund, as good as any of them, will hold down third base. The Oaks have good power in the outfield, with Hal Patchett, Frank Silvanic, Norman De Weese, Tom Hafey and Frank Hawkins, on isp. Patchett, fast

and a good leadoff man, came from San Diego in a trade for John Kreevich. Silvanic was picked up from Newark of the International league in a trade for Jack Divenenti and De Weese from Portland in a deal for Infielder Charley English. Hafey and Hawkins have punch and the latter was one of the leading hitters of the league until he broke his leg last season. Give the Oaks two more pitchers and they should be up batting for the flag this time.

## Comeback Nets NCAA Trip for Oregon Quint

### Win Nabbed Near End; Hanson 17

EUGENE, Ore., March 17-(AP)—The University of Oregon Webfoots won the northern division, Pacific coast conference basketball crown tonight with a hair-breadth 39-37 victory over the Washington State Cougars. Freshman Jim Bartlett broke a 37-37 tie with only 40 seconds left, to sink the winning goal for Oregon. WSC was out in front until midway in the second half and boasted a 21-15 margin at the halftime.

The Ducks, who won the first and third games of the playoff series, will leave for Kansas City tomorrow morning to play in the western regional NCAA tourney. The Cougars grabbed the lead early in the game with two free-throws by Vince Hanson, then Hays evened the score with an Oregon goal from the keyhole. Bartlett brought the count to 4-2 with 2 minutes gone, giving the Ducks their only first half lead.

Washington State then moved ahead until Wilkins connected for the Webfoots, evening the score at 12-12 midway in the first half. The Cougars steadily gained until they had a six-point half-time margin.

The second period was evenly matched, with the score changing every few minutes. Del Smith tipped in a rebound to put Oregon ahead 26-25, then fans were on the edge of their seats until the end of the game.

Three minutes before the final gun, Vince Gregg put WSC ahead, 35-34, but Bob Hamilton of Oregon came right back with a field goal and a gift toss to give his mates a 37-35 lead. The Cougars evened up the count with a long shot by George Hamilton, then Bartlett sank the winning basket for the Ducks.

Washington State's famed center, Vince Hanson, was the evening's high point man with 17. Dick Wilkins netted 12 and Bartlett 10 for Oregon.

OREGON (39)	S	FG	FT	PF	TP
Berg, f	2	1	0	2	1
Wilkins, f	5	2	4	12	4
Hays, c	1	2	2	4	4
B. Hamilton, g	2	1	0	4	0
Bartlett, g	5	0	1	10	1
Stamper, f	2	0	0	1	0
Smith, c	2	0	0	0	0
Hoffine, g	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	15	9	12	39	0

WSC (37)  
Jorjsson, f 0 0 0 0 0  
Joslin, f 0 0 0 0 0  
Hanson, c 10 2 0 17  
Hanson, c 10 2 0 17  
G. Hamilton, g 4 1 3 9  
Nelson, c 4 0 0 2 8  
Gregg, g 4 0 0 0 0  
Sunderland, c 0 0 0 0 0  
Kellinger, c 0 0 0 0 0  
Walker, c 0 0 0 0 0  
Reisack, c 0 0 0 0 0  
Johnson, g 0 0 0 0 0  
Totals 35 9 9 37

Free throws missed: WSC: Jorjsson, Johnson, Hanson, Oregon: Berg. Officials: Emil Piluso and Etra Hunter.

## AA Clubs Have 239 on Rolls

COLUMBUS, O., March 17-(AP)—George M. Trautman, president of the American association, reported today the league's teams, getting ready to start their 44th season, have 239 players on their rosters.

Of course all of those haven't yet placed their names on the dotted line of a contract but at least the list is tentatively counting on that number of players in this fourth season of World War II baseball.

## WMC Conning Job Shifting

WASHINGTON, March 17-(AP)—One of baseball's vexing manpower problems — involving players who leave off season war time employment to return to the diamond — is officially before the war manpower commission.

An intensive study of the situation was begun by the WMC after the Cleveland regional office brought it to a head. A decision will be announced shortly. It could affect a substantial number of players, including many key men.

**Sports**  
**Tournament**  
**All-Stars**  
**1945**  
(A Division)

Dick Ballantyne  
Baker

Leonard Rinearson  
Oregon City

Jerry Kraffe  
Washington

Bob Lavey  
Washington

Art Jones  
Oregon City

## Eugene Grabs Fourth Place

Eugene high's hard-running Axemen, back in the win groove after bowing to Washington in Thursday's state "A" hoop tourney opener, yesterday emerged champion of the consolation bracket and possessor of the classic's fourth place trophy by storming over the smaller Vernonia Loggers, 48-35. Both Eugene and Vernonia had won their way to yesterday's finale with Friday wins.

Their fire-engine style clicking, the Axemen galloped to a 17-7 first period lead and then settled for 23-15 at halftime. It was 36-24 at the third period as Hank Kuchera's quint kept cooling the fire. Warren Hunter, Darrell Robinson and Bill Pule were the top men in the scoring drive, netting 14, 13 and 10 respectively. Jack Nance, a standout on the Oral Robbins five throughout the tourney, led his outfit with nine.

EUGENE (48)	S	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hunter, f	12	7	0	2	14
Futps, f	10	4	2	1	10
Robinson, c	13	4	1	0	13
Hutchinson, g	9	2	1	0	6
Thomson, g	2	0	0	2	2
Denzer, s	2	1	2	2	2
Wilde, s	4	1	0	1	2
Rider, s	0	0	0	0	0
Miner, s	2	0	1	1	1
Ruth, s	1	0	1	0	1
Totals	55	21	6	15	48

VERNONIA (35)	S	FG	FT	PF	TP
Byers, f	4	3	0	1	8
Sturdevant, f	4	2	0	2	4
Rollins, c	9	1	3	3	5
Larson, g	9	3	2	8	8
Nance, g	13	3	3	5	6
East, s	0	0	0	0	0
Turner, s	0	0	0	0	0
Riley, s	1	0	1	1	1
Parker, s	1	1	0	2	3
Lane, s	1	0	0	2	0
Totals	44	13	9	13	35

Free throws missed: Denzer, Robinson 2, Thomson 3, Byers 2, Rollins 2, Nance 3, Shooting percentages: Eugene 30, Vernonia 31. Officials: Emil Piluso and Carl Kligel.

## Haegg Handed Third Defeat

CHICAGO, March 17-(AP)—Jimmy Rafferty of the New York A.C. tonight handed Gunder Haegg, Swedish middle distance star, his third defeat in as many starts in the United States this season, but the "smorgasbord special" made a race of it all the way, leading the pack for six of the 11 laps in the Chicago stadium.

"Iron Mike," who laid back in the field of five runners most of the way, put on a last-lap kick. Haegg couldn't match and came in 12 feet ahead of the Swedish holder of six world records in 4:13.7.

## Super Boxing Meet Slated

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 17-(AP)—The largest ring contest ever held in this area will take place here April 4-7, when 200 boxers from Portland and Vancouver will tangle.

Three main divisions are planned—"A" for boys with previous boxing experience, "B" for novices or those who have never fought, and "C" for little kids weighing from 60-100 pounds. The AAU has sanctioned the tourney.

## Oregon State Tournament BASKETBALL

### BOX SCORES

WASHINGTON (51)	S	FG	FT	PF	TP
Cowan, f	3	1	0	4	2
Urban, f	12	3	4	10	1
Kraffe, c	13	8	3	11	1
Lavey, g	12	4	2	4	9
Maxwell, g	2	0	0	0	0
Strader, s	0	0	0	0	0
Shollan, s	0	0	0	0	0
Tagness, s	0	0	0	0	0
Keller, s	2	0	0	0	0
Johnson, s	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	51	20	11	17	31

OREGON CITY (41)	S	FG	FT	PF	TP
Thomas, f	20	3	1	2	7
Misley, f	15	3	4	10	0
Rinearson, c	10	2	3	6	6
Bakkum, g	9	1	2	3	4
Jones, g	12	3	2	4	13
Sunderland, c	0	0	0	0	0
Peckover, c	0	0	0	0	0
Larson, s	0	0	0	0	0
Holman, s	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	76	14	12	41	41

## Links Margin Held by Snead

CHARLOTTE, N.C., March 17-(AP)—Front-running Sammy Snead triumphed perceptibly under a broiling sun today but carded a four-under par 68 to lead at the halfway mark of the \$10,000 Charlotte open golf tournament with a total of 133. Slamming Sam's drives were shorter than in his opening 65 round and he drove into the woods on two of the last four holes but he had four birdies and an eagle, his fifth in three days, against only two bogys, to lead the field by three shots.

Harold "Jug" McSpaden of Sanford, Me., clung to second place by adding a 70 to his first round 66 for 136, despite hitting out of bounds on No. 18. Byron Nelson, the big money winner from Toledo, Ohio, and Duration Open Champion Craig Wood both matched Snead's 68 to stay within striking distance five and six strokes off the pace.

## Stan Hack Signs

CHICAGO, March 17-(AP)—Stan Hack, veteran Chicago Cubs infielder, signed his 1945 contract today and leaves tonight for French Lick, Ind., Cubs' training camp.

**Christman in Camp**

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., March 17-(AP)—Third Baseman Mark Christman worked out with the St. Louis Browns today and will take it easy in the outfield in Sunday's scheduled exhibition game with the Toledo Mudhens. Outfielder Mill Byrnes will be at first base, Manager Luke Sewell said, as a try at a replacement should George McQuinn fail to report.

## 'B' Third Spot To Grant High

Grant Union high's Prospectors of John Day takes home third place in the "B" division of the state hoop tourney, a narrow 28-27 victory over Arlington's Honkers in yesterday's consolation bracket starter netting the show spot for the Tom Johnson quint.

Beaten in their Friday debut by Clatskanie, the Prospectors, paced by 6-foot 3-inch Gordy Wilson's 13 points, came back to lead 5-4 at the quarter, settle for a 12-13 halftime tie and then go in front again, 22-18, at the third stop yesterday. The game was a close all the way, Coach Frank Adams' wee Columbia river five making up for height deficiency with scrappiness. Dennis Clarke led the losing attack with eight markers.

ARLINGTON (27)	S	FG	FT	PF	TP
Cough, f	8	2	1	6	0
Jewell, f	0	0	0	0	0
Crowder, c	11	3	2	0	0
Soney, g	10	3	0	2	6
Smythe, g	4	4	0	1	8
Clark, g	10	3	2	5	8
Roberts, f	5	0	0	0	0
Totals	43	10	7	16	27

GRANT UNION (28)	S	FG	FT	PF	TP
Eddy, f	11	1	2	4	4
Belshaw, f	14	3	1	2	4
Wilson, c	20	3	1	13	13
Mullenex, g	5	0	0	2	0
Bruce, g	0	0	0	0	0
Gleason, s	0	0	0	0	0
Trowbridge, s	11	2	0	0	4
Totals	66	11	6	15	28

Free throws missed: Cough 2, Clark 2, Crowder 2, Soney, Smythe; Eddy 2, Wilson 4, Bruce. Shooting percentages: Arlington 23, Grant Union 16. Officials: Carl Kligel and Chapple King.

## Owen Expects Call

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 17-(AP)—Arnold "Mickey" Owen, Brooklyn Dodger catcher, sold his farm machinery and stock for \$13,400 at auction here yesterday and said he expected to be called for military service in April.

## Winning Fives Place Players On Star Team

### Colonials, Pioneers Dominate With Four; Jerry Kraffe Repeats

Not only did Washington's Colonials and Oregon City's Pioneers corner things in the 26th annual hoop classic finished at Willamette U last night, but they glommed nearly all the honors on the annual all-star, or "All-State" team selections announced after the final game as voted by the tourney team coaches and officials