

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

Distinguished visitors Dept. Leonard B. Mayfield, vice-president of the Oregon High Schools Activities Association board of control, the latter the 5-man body which makes the OHSAA wheels go round, a surprise visitor last week. And although the Coos Bay principal's stop-over was strictly of a personal nature and in no way connected officially with the board's outlook on such as Oregon state basketball tournaments, he nonetheless left an impression or two which should be of interest to villagers concerned over the future of the hoop classics. Remember, however, Mayfield speaks from a personal standpoint and not for the OHSAA board. Might be mentioned that he has a rather hefty vote on same board, though.

One topic kicked around was of course the usual inadequacies encountered during the 26th classic just past and the follow-up question: "What d'ya think'll happen next year?" To which Mr. Mayfield, a pro-competitive athletics man if ever we've talked with one connected with prep schools, answered: "We'll probably not make a decision until we see what happens in Salem. I've been reading of your efforts here to have the tournament moved to the fair grounds and it sounds logical. Personally, I believe the tourney would be kept right here in Salem if more suitable arrangements could be made for room. No question but what something should be done, although we were perfectly satisfied that the last tourney was handled marvelously by Willamette and Les Sparks considering all the difficulties encountered."

There was talk of moving it to Eugene and Corvallis, alternately, and to Portland when the Rose City realizes her huge post-war major events auditorium. But the OHSAA official is convinced Salem is the place for the tournament, IF SALEM CAN HANDLE IT. Making enemies of fans denied entrance to the preps' top winter show isn't relished by the OHSAA any more than by unduly ridiculed Willamette.

OHSAA Has Postwar Plan of Its Own

Speaking of post-war plans, the OHSAA board has one of its own, and a good one, tells Mayfield. The board is already pouring foundation cement for not only bigger 'n' better football, basketball and track championships but also state finals competition in all other prep sports—swimming, baseball, boxing, wrestling, 6-man football, etc. Great stuff, wot?

Mayfield also informs that the board has the names of the kids who mutilated the state capitol building while visiting here during the tournament—they not only wrote, but carved names on its walls and swiped just about everything they could unscrew and cart off—and expresses official regret that the vandalism happened. Names have been turned over to school principals with instructions to "go the limit" with the guilty ones.

No comment for the public's ear on the Oregon Coaches association proposal that the hoop tourney be returned to its pre-war 16-team field or the new football districting plan also underwritten by the coaches, but impressive Mr. Mayfield does make it known that he's in the market for a football coach at Coos Bay to replace one Walt Commons. But then Mayfield has lots of company over the state in this department.

Preps' Paul Reiling Writes a Letter

We've written much concerning both our feelings regarding the village school system's junior high school athletic program and those of others who have penned in opinions. Along with many others we feel that, briefly, Salem high will never return to the win groove until the victory seeds are first sown and sprouted on grade school and junior high sports fields, and then cultivated with outside competition. The system seems to be footing the right road back in recent months.

Paul Reiling, athletic master at Mt. Angel preparatory school and respected for his wholehearted support of competitive athletics for grade schoolers as well as high schoolers, has this to say concerning the Salem situation:

"I have just finished reading your column in which you comment upon the advisability of the junior high schools of Salem extending their intra-school athletic program to that of inter-school athletic competition. In your article you cited some reasons for your position. I agree with your arguments and would like to go on record as adding a few more reasons you probably did not have space to include.

Students, School, Community Benefit

"There is, without doubt, no activity in the scholastic program, or in the extra-curricular program of a school that has the privilege of doing more for the students, the school and the community in which the school is located, than properly supervised competitive athletics. Competitive athletics furnish a real incentive for all prospective participants to keep their grades above the danger line. Entertaining visiting teams give the students of the school the opportunity to put into practice those manners and courtesies they learned at home and at school. Team travel broadens the social outlook of the members and helps to advertise the school and the community. Well directed competitive sports teach boys and girls, both those on the teams and those supporting their teams, a very important lesson: That of being good losers, and probably something much harder to teach and of greater ultimate value, that of being good winners. We at Mt. Angel believe that as our teams continue to act as young men should when representing their school and community, we will have faith in, encourage and promote competitive athletics.

Reputation Worthy of Encouragement

"My enthusiasm is prompted to manifest itself because of the (Continued on page 13)



PAUL REILING

Mikan vs. Kurland Duel Floperoo Brings Hoop Fan Blasts

By Whitney Martin
NEW YORK, March 31—(P)—A friend of mine is very sore. He paid his money to see Bob Kurland of the Oklahoma Argies and George Mikan of DePaul meet on a basketball court the other night, and although they did meet he feels somehow that he was gypped, as the meeting was so comparatively brief it was quite inconclusive, and just left a bad taste in the mouth.

He doesn't begrudge the money, as it was a Red Cross game at Madison Square Garden and the money could not go to a worthwhile cause, but he does feel that he

was lured to the game by misrepresentation, and he blames the basketball rules. "I went primarily to see those two guys play against each other," he says. "The game was incidental to me. And what happens? Mikan goes out on fouls inside of 14 minutes. I still don't know how they would have stacked up against each other over the distance, or which was the better team when each was at full strength.

"Why can't they figure out some way so a player can remain in a game? I don't know of any other sport where a player is banished for keeps after a cer-

tain number of rule infractions, unless he's slugging or something. In hockey they put a guy in a penalty box for a few minutes, but he can return to action.

"In football a player can hold or be offside any number of times. The team is penalized, the same as a basketball team is when a player fouls, but the guy is not removed from the game, unless the coach gets tired of those backward gains. The penalty should be severe enough without ousting the player and cheating the fans of what they paid to see. They might figure out a plan to have a penalty box like hockey, or allow extra free throws for every foul above a set number. As it is, I paid to see Mikan, and when he went out and a sub went in it was the same as Joe Louis fouling out of a boxing match about the third round and some palooka going in to sub for him."

Our friend has something there. We have never seen the enthusiasm and anticipation go out of a crowd quite so abruptly as it went out of the 18,000 or so in the Garden. It was just like stiking a pin in a toy balloon when Mikan left the game. Mikan, because of his sensational scoring in earlier games here, had become a pet of the New York fans. They virtually adored him, cheering his every move. He went out because he broke the rules. Kurland survived, yet there was some booting

STATESMAN SPORTS
By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

New Baseball Commish Soon

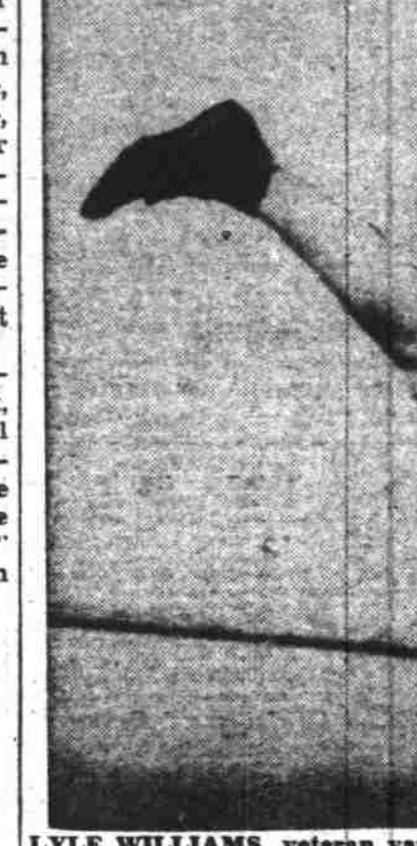
Harridge Says Pick Due in Next 2 Weeks

CHICAGO, March 31—(P)—Selection of a baseball commissioner to succeed the late Kenesaw Mountain Landis may be made within the next two weeks, Will Harridge, president of the American League, indicated tonight. The major league committee charged with selection of candidates met here today and the four members announced they may be able to issue their report on possible successors to Landis the first of next week.

Harridge said that when the report is received he and Ford Frick, National League president, will confer and, if they deem it advisable, will call a meeting of the presidents of the 16 clubs in the two leagues "in the near future." The presidents then will ballot on the new commissioner.

SOARING VIKING

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Beavers, Rainiers Snatch Victories As Coast League Ball Season Opens

31,242 Fans Ogle Inaugurals; Sacs, Seals Also Post Wins

(By the Associated Press)

The class AA Pacific Coast league officially inaugurated organized baseball's 1945 season under sunny skies in four California cities today before 31,242 shirt-sleeved fans. The eight-member league traditionally ushers in the nation's baseball year but this season the opening games were advanced a week in an extension of league play because of wartime interest. The day's openers saw Los Angeles, the 1943-44 pennant winners, take a 6 to 5 trimming from the San Francisco Seals at the Angel's Wrigley field. Two of the Angel's hits were triples by Lou Novikoff, acquired from the Chicago Cubs.

Seattle, considered the league's strongest contender because of veteran pitching, soundly trounced the San Diego Padres, bottom club

Penna, Dodson Golf Leaders

DURHAM, N.C., March 31—(P)—The "little men" of golf showed no inclination to give up today in the second round of the Durham open, Tony Penna and Leonard Dodson deadlocking for the lead at the halfway mark of the 72-hole meet.

Penna, the smallest of the pros, added a 71 to his opening 68 and the slender Dodson pulled up even with the Dayton, O., wisecracker with 69-70-139.

Hard on the heels of the two little men, who haven't won a tournament in five years, came the hottest man in the game—Lord Byron Nelson. Nelson scored a 69, the only sub-par round of the day, for a 36-hole total of 140. Another shot back was Sammy Byrd of Detroit, the former ballplayer, with a 70-71-141.

Seals' Brondell Bests Don Osborn Jr. Ball Kids Sign Monday

LOS ANGELES, March 31—(P)—The San Francisco Seals opened their campaign in the Pacific Coast league baseball season today by whipping the Los Angeles Angels, last year's pennant winners, 6 to 5, with 10,000 fans in the stands at Wrigley field.

Ken Brondell, the Seals' new righthander from Jersey City, held the Angels to eight hits. Two of the hits were triples by the Angel's Lou Novikoff.

San Francisco 100-361-100-4-2-2
Los Angeles 69-656-308-3-8
Brondell and Sprinz; Osborn, Gior (4), Slotter (8) and Eastwood.

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Buckeyes Snatch NCAA Swim Title

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 31—(P)—Ohio State university, paced by two double-winners—free styler Seymour Schlanger and diver Hobart Billingsley—won the 22nd National Collegiate Athletic association swimming meet by a nine point margin over Michigan here tonight.

Schwartz Leaves For Spring Camp

Rifle-armed Bob Schwartz, star catcher for the Fuland nine in the Junior baseball league here last season, leave today for Chattanooga, Tenn., to join the Chattanooga club of the Southern Association. An error in youthful Schwartz' contract, corrected by Minor League "Czar" Judge W. G. Bramham, delayed the 18-year-old's departure until today.

Spring training for the club opens today. Schwartz is reportedly classed 4-F in the draft because of a punctured ear drum.

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First round pairings: Leo Fenner vs. Paul Russell, Hank Williams vs. Tom Wood, Earl Just vs. Earl Schafer, Emil Scholz vs. Loren Miller, Robert Just vs. Arnold Meyer, Norm Potter vs. Jack Everson, Bill Gauthier vs. Leon Stull and Cliff Lane vs. Dewey Baumgart.

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Haegg Absent, Rafferty Wins

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 31—(P)—While Gunder Haegg, the Swede swiftie, cooled his heels hundreds of miles away in Memphis, Tenn., Jimmy Rafferty, of the New York Athletic club, won the feature invitational mile of a track and field meet here tonight, setting a new record for the Buffalo 74th regiment armory track.

Rafferty eclipses Paavo Nurmi's 20-year-old Buffalo mark of 4:12 by touring the 8-lap track in 4:10.9, marking his ninth successive victory of the indoor season. Rudy Simms of the New York Pioneer club was second, 18 yards back, and Forrest Etaw was a distant third.

Rafferty expressed keen disappointment that Haegg was unable to arrive in Buffalo for what was to have been the Swede's final 1945 American appearance. Haegg, who left California yesterday after visiting his fiancée, Dorothy Nortier, was stranded in Memphis after being removed from a plane for a priority passenger.

British Racing Season Ready

LONDON, March 31—(P)—England's horse racing season opens an eight-month stand at two historic tracks Monday and a record wartime crowd of 100,000 followers in gala Easter holiday mood, stimulated by the apparent nearness of V-E day, will bet an estimated \$5,000,000.

Approximately 60,000 British bang-bail bettors will go to the Royal Ascot park, 20 miles from London, even if they must stand in line four hours for the chance of buying a railroad ticket. Others will go by horse and buggy or on bicycles. Ten races, twice as many as normal, are booked.

Some 40,000 spectators, mostly war workers, are expected at Pontefract in northern England for the inaugural that features the transplanted Lincolnshire handicap.

Husky Shells Lose to UBC

SEATTLE, March 31—(P)—The University of British Columbia crew today defeated two boatloads of University of Washington oarsmen, negotiating a 2,000 meter course in Lake Washington in 8 minutes 31 seconds. The Husky varsity was second a quarter-length back in 8:15 and the varsity third at 8:16.

The Husky first boat took a two-length lead at the start and held it until Stroke Stan Pockock caught a crab that bent his oarlock. From then on the Husky varsity quickly faded.

Exceedingly rough water contributed to the slowness of the times.

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Bowling Scores

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE (Mondays)	Pct.
Good Housekeeping	21 12 636
Senator Barbers	20 13 606
Goddies of Silverton	19 14 596
Fuland	18 15 586
Paulus Bros.	17 16 576
Woodburn	16 17 566
Court St. Radio Appl.	15 18 556
Salem Golf Club	14 19 546
Keith Brown	13 20 536
Master Bread	12 21 526
Hartman Bros.	11 22 516
Portland Gen. Elec.	10 23 506
Averages 10 leading bowlers: Thrush 179, Garbarino 178, W. Valdez 171, Scales 170, McCuskey 169, Strode 167, P. Valdez 166, Hauser 166, Walters 166, Dahlberg 165.	
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE (Tuesdays)	Pct.
Interstate Tractor	26 13 667
Bowler Electric	25 14 657
Mayflower Mfg.	24 15 647
Armour's Star	23 16 637
Capital City Laundry	22 17 627
M & Grocery	21 18 617
Scio	20 19 607
Ernie Spot	19 20 597
Keith Brown Co.	18 21 587
Trade Council (AFL)	17 22 577
Papermakers	16 23 567
Salem Police	15 24 557
Averages 10 leading bowlers: Krejci 174, W. Valdez 174, Bone 174, Mathis 173, Kenyon 172, Riches 172, McCuskey 171, Pederson 168, Zeller 166, Alshire 164, Olney 164.	
MAJOR LEAGUE (Wednesdays)	Pct.
Cline's Coffee Shop	26 13 667
Kerr's	25 14 657
Salem Hardware Co.	24 15 647
Capital Bedding Co.	23 16 637
Ramage's T-5	22 17 627
Acme Auto Truckers	21 18 617
Averages leading 10 bowlers: Poulin 180, Cline, Jr. 178, Barr 176, Welch 168, Cline, Jr. 184, Hartwell 182, W. Valdez 182, West 179, Krejci 179, Thrush 178, Hartman 176.	
LADIES LEAGUE (Thursdays)	Pct.
Miller Furniture	26 8 571
Sears, Roebuck	25 9 561
Rialto	24 10 551
Acklin's Bootery	23 11 541
Broadway Beauty Shop	22 12 531
Kegelien	21 13 521
Woodworth's	20 14 511
Quisenberry's	19 15 501
Western Paper Conv.	18 16 491
Nicholson Insurance	17 17 481
Averages 10 leading bowlers: Garbarino 181, Poulin 180, Lloy 178, Thrush 162, Meyer 161, Allen 161, Averill 160, McNeil 160, Holt 159, McEae 158, Alshire 158, Bowler 158.	
MERCANTILE LEAGUE (Fridays)	Pct.
Statesman	21 12 629
Egdon's	20 13 619
Laloché-Pink Elephant	19 14 609
Vince's Electric	18 15 599
Keith Brown Co.	17 16 589
Western Paper Conv.	16 17 579
Averages 10 leading bowlers: W. Valdez 185, R. Barr 174, Welch 168, Rodriguez 168, Hammer 166, Gallagher 166, Donovan 167, Willecke 164, Talbot 164, J. Alshire 162.	

Wagner Shoved to Prelim Role On Tuesday Ross-Mask Mat Go

Gorgeous Georgie Wagner is still paying for his loss to North Capitol street's Tough Tony Ross in the village brawl last week. For yesterday Matchmaker Elton Owen announced the bicep with the beautiful darts has been whacked down to a non-lucrative curtain-raiser role on next Tuesday night's crunch session. What's more, the Pleasant Hill turkey shepherd may find himself on a still shorter end Tuesday, for in the 8:30 starter he's to take on vastly-improved Tex Hager, the mustachioed Creswell speedster.

Since returning from an invasion of the middle west, Hager has been right impressive in his bouts here. He'll have to be top-shape to stay with Wagner, one of the baddies of the bad boys, however.

Tuesday's semi-windup special offers another all-clear scuffle, this one featuring Fortlander Ernie Fluso, always popular here, and Gust Johnston, the lithe and likeable grappler who recently lost his claim to the coast junior heavy title to one Georges Dusette.

The main heat Tuesday, and it's apt to be a donnybrook as was the last one between his gladiators here two months ago, sees Ross go against the gent who hands out the headaches, "Grey Mask." Anthony Q, whose pompadour has been parted blood-'n'-thunder style rather frequently of late, may easily enough get himself battered up again. One of Mr. Stoneface's pet "olds" is Munking his hooded pate against the brow of his foe, which generally makes for

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Baron Pucksters Win

CLEVELAND, March 31—(P)—Trailing by a goal at the second period gong, the Cleveland Barons rallied here tonight to defeat the Hershey Bears 3-2 in the first game of the American hockey league playoff finals.

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