

## 39 Linksmen Now Qualified For Elks' City Title Derby

With but three days gone and 10 more left before the chips hit the middle, 39 assorted golfers have posted qualifying scores for the First Annual Elks club sponsored City open links championship tournament. The divot derby, expected to attract up to 100 aspirants, be they 70 or 170 shooters, will take off the weekend of April 14-15 at the Salem course.

Eleven more joined on Sunday the 25 who qualified Saturday, but no one succeeded in supplanting Clifford Pekar's three-over-par 75 as the medal score. Those who joined the group Sunday, and their respective scores: Bob Powell 78, Dr. George Hoffman 81, Harry Gustafson 83,

Clay McDowell 97, H. Gillespie 84, Barney Miller 85, Lloyd Daventry 80, Floyd Kenyon 78, Scotty Marr 89, Rex Kimmel 89 and Al Lightner 89.

Also holding up over Sunday was Floyd Baxter's net 66 in the 36-hole Sweepstakes tournament which is being held in conjunction with the Elks meet. Baxter shot a 75 and has a 10 handicap. Pekar holds second with a 75-78. Thirty-three have so far entered the Sweepstakes derby. It's still Tom Wise and Glen Lengren in the Electric tourney with 10 days to go. Both have wound up their 10 rounds of play with Wise holding a half-stroke lead at net 58 over Lengren.

## SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

Old home week depts: Did you notice how many ex-Western International leaguers had elevated themselves to the top floor of the Coast circuit during Saturday's inaugurals? When a pitcher is good enough to get the starting role in the first game of the season, he's doing okay. Ronnie Smith, a Howard Maple find for our town Senators four years ago, opened for Hollywood; Don Osborn, the Vancouver Capitanos skipper, pitched the same for Los Angeles; pre-season favorites, and had it not been for time-tested Ad Liska, ex-Solon Roy Helsel would have had opening chores for Portland. Consider, too, that Eddie Adams was behind the dish for the Bevo and Hal Suge in the same slot for Seattle. The boys are doing well, we report. To track Gunder Haeg reported wound up his rather inconspicuous invasion of American ovals the other night by getting himself kicked off an airplane and stranded hundreds of miles from where he was supposed to gallop. All of which writes a fitting finale to the Smorsgobord Special's visit this time and sends him home bagging. He could win only on race, and that in poor time, during his long-awaited tour; he couldn't get married because transportation back to Sweden was out for his hopeful California bride and, to wind it up, the poor guy was out-prioritized on his plane seat. Who sed the USA was a land of opportunity—that is, in wartime? Another hackster, this one the neighboring Duration league's Bill Austin of Woodburn, has already indicated this spring he'll probably hit the scrolls after graduation as one of the finest all-around athletes ever to matriculate at Woodburn. A perfecting record buster for Jiggs Burnett's basketballers during the winter, Austin is now heading the Iron ball around for the cinder crew. He's hit the 44-foot 5-inch mark already in practice, which is one inch less than his best previous effort. And if you'll recall, Rustin finished fifth in the state meet spot event last spring. How about his baseball playing? The 200-pound 16-year-old admits he's 4-F in that game... (He's not as bashful as he looks in the pix top-side—just ask any of his Duration foes.)



BILL AUSTIN

### Barnes Will No Doubt Get His \$20,000 Back

Don Barnes, president, and Luke Sewell, manager of the place nine in the 1944 world series say that one-armed Pete Gray will have to earn his major league spurs with bat and glove and won't be playing as a sideshow attraction for the Browns. And from the looks of 6-foot 1-inch Gray's 1944 record with Memphis of the class A-1 Southern association, a fast circuit, he'll not only earn those spurs the hard way but will have Barnes' \$20,000 investment repaid with interest in the first two weeks of the season.

### Savage Star In Yank Win

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., April 2.—(AP)—Don Savage helped the New York Yankees even their spring exhibition series with the New York Giants today by belting a three-run homer in the eighth inning and driving in four of the American leaguers' runs in their 5-2 victory.

### Ducks Eye Still Heftier Season Next Time

They've hung out the welcome home sign for Oregon's "Western NCAA championship" claiming Webfoot hoop-suiters (they didn't play UCLA, southern division titlist for the Coast crown, but there's nothing moush which says the Ducks couldn't have whipped the Bruins—that is, nothing this side of the California line) and already the drum-beaters are eyeing the 1945-6 season. At least tying the 1939 Alleycats' national championship record is the next goal. And what with Ashland's Jim Bartlett at present slated to be absent come 1945-6 roll call, prospects for a repeater are better than good. Bartlett has a date with the army air corps in June. Freshmen Dick Wilkins, DeSmith, Chuck Stamper, Fred Hoffine, Bill Elder, Les Wright, Floyd Frederickson and Dwight Zuluff, Sophomore Ken Hays and Juniors Bob Hamilton, Ed Allen and Lou Kotnik, all either 1-Cs or 4-Fs, will be back.

### Putter-Mutterings On the Salem Golfers

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## On Armory Card



TEX HAGER, small but capable swifter from Creswell, tackles George Wagner in the curtain raiser brawl on tonight's armory mat card. Tony Ross goes against "Grey Mask" in the main event.

## Sicks Trounce Padres, 12-1

SAN DIEGO, April 2.—(AP)—While Rookie Alex Palica handuffed the Padres with three hits, Seattle's Rainiers blasted five hurlers to take a 12-1 victory over the San Diego club in a Pacific Coast league baseball game here tonight.

Seattle sewed up the ball game in the third inning when four tallies were made after one run was scored in the first. San Diego finally scored in the ninth. . . .

## Sactos Slam Twinks, 9-1

SACRAMENTO, April 2.—(AP)—Sacramento evened its Coast league baseball series with Hollywood at two games each here tonight by taking a 9-1 victory over the Stars. Les Powers allowed eight hits but coasted in behind a four-run lead built up in the fourth inning.

Sacramento clinched the game with a five-run outburst in the seventh frame, driving "Red" Embree from the mound. Sacramento committed for nine hits. . . .

## Derbyists See Little Hope

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 2.—(AP) When the horse racing ban is lifted on V-E day, how soon will the horses be able to run again at Churchill Downs? Most of the horsemen in Derbytown—where approximately 500 horses are quartered—feel they can not have their horses ready for even sprint races before May 1. . . .

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## Ross vs. Stoneface Scrap Tops Armory Muscle Menu Tonight

Tough Anthony Ross and head-splitting "Grey Mask" take up tonight from where they left off two months ago by meeting in Matchmaker Elton Owen's Ferry Street Garden weekly mat card main event. And the meeting between North Capitol street's moustache man and the hooded hombre isn't expected to be a bit less lively than were the armory outings produced those few weeks back.

Village crunch clients will remember that it was Anthony Q., his own pompadour protected

under a wad of tape and hand-agers finally, who chased Mr. Stoneface from the ring in their last meeting, the chasing resulting in a local suspension by the Salem Boxing and Wrestling commission for same Mr. Stoneface. A week previously the hooded heel had bonked open a bloody gash on the Ross brow and flattened him for a win. Ross was declared winner of the second edition after putting the Mask to flight, and were it not for the suspension which followed the pair would have met again. Both of those earlier

brawls were donnybrooks and there isn't much which says tonight's rubber match won't be the same. Particularly so since tonight's winner is to get a full-fledged crack at Georges Dusette for the Coast junior heavy title next week.

Ross, his face battered and cut in recent matches hoped to put the finishing touches on Mr. Stoneface early tonight. The Ross face is in no condition for the blood-bringing head butts employed by the Mask. . . .

The two prelims are of the opposite sex. In the 8:30 opener a demoted and irked George coming Tex Hager, the mustachioed Wagner grapples with up-and-ioded Creswell cleanie, the tussle earmarked as a meanie vs. cleanie kind which usually brighten up a card despite the lack of blood 'n' thunder stuff. Dependable Ivan Jones will handle the refereeing chores.

## New Rules Set For Football, College Style

### NCFRC Meets, Adopts Numerous Changes

NEW YORK, April 2.—(AP)—Forward passing will be permitted anywhere behind the line of scrimmage and a second successive out-of-bounds kickoff will be put in play by the receiving team on the kicking eleven's 40-yard line, the national collegiate football rules committee decided today.

In addition, the college gridiron rule makers decided that in future a substitute may report to any official on the field; made the elbow-block definitely illegal and revised the center's stance so that none of his body extends beyond the forward point of the ball.

It was the first meeting of the group since shortly after Pearl Harbor and the first under the chairmanship of Col. William Bingham, Harvard athletic director on military leave.

All members of the rule-making group except A. A. Slagg, who could not get a reservation from his Stockton, Calif., home, and H. O. (Fritz) Crisled of Michigan, now on an army special service tour, attended.

Ray Morrison of Temple, president of the football coaches association; Lou Little of Columbia and Bernie Bierman of Minnesota, committee and E. A. Geiges of also were present as an advisory Philadelphia, represented the officials.

To issue proper control of the kickoff, the new rules permit the ball to be elevated an inch from the ground but does not specify the construction, size or composition of the tee.

In adopting the unrestricted forward pass, the collegians will follow the style of the pros. Until now, a college passer had to be five yards behind the line of scrimmage.

The revamped substitution rule costs the field captain his right to reject the substitute. The coach assumes all responsibility for the legality of the change.

The elbow-block, which came into prominence with the T-formation, was eliminated by changing the rule so that a player may have his hands and arms pressed against his own body when blocking.

## Angels Pound 'Frisco, 16-3

LOS ANGELES, April 2.—(AP)—The Los Angeles Angels, tallying 11 runs in the sixth inning, today walloped the San Francisco Seals, 16-3, to tie the current series at two games apiece. Joe Sloter, Angel rookie sponse, held the Seals to three hits, but walked 10. . . .

## Shepard Hurls For Senators

FORT STORY, Va., April 2.—(AP)—The Washington Senators rang up a 19-3 victory over an outclassed Fort Story baseball team today. But the big news for 2000 cheap-ulent soldier fans was Bert Sheppard.

Sheppard, an air forces lieutenant who lost part of his right leg when shot down over Germany, pitched the last two innings for the Senators. He allowed a run in the eighth, then settled down

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## Salem Juniors In Semifinals

### Metzger Quint Tops Lincoln in G'Ball

PORTLAND, April 2.—(Special)—Salem's junior high school stock-ed entry vaulted into the semifinals of the annual Goldenball basketball tournament here tonight by caging out a 31-17 victory over Lincoln junior high of Forest Grove. The Salems meet Monte-

villa in the 8:00 o'clock game Tuesday night at Peninsula Park gym, and if they get by that one they enter the finals.

Coch Bob Metzger's kids spotted the Lincolns a 2-point lead at the outset of tonight's game and then took over. It was 6-4 at the quarter against the scrappy Grovesters and 16-10 at halftime. Then in the third frame Metzger's mixture of Leslie and Parrish junior high hoopers, tonight aided by the return of high-scoring Ken Gibson, who broke his arm in mid-season, galloped for 10 points while holding the foe to three for a 26-13 advantage. That outburst clinched the ball game.

Again 6-foot 3-inch Ralph Morgall paced the Salems, this time with 11 points. Gibson was next with six and Carlos Houck got five. Every player on the Salem roster saw action. Forward McVay led the losers with six markers.

SALEM	LINCOLN
Metzger 21	McVay 8
Houck 5	Morgan 2
Miller 4	Marshall 2
Morgan 11	Gibson 6
Gibson 6	Dwyer 3
Kleinmith 2	Buschki 2

Salem subs—Bill Johnston 1, Bob Johnston, T. Paulus 4, Covalt, Nelswander, Lincoln—Crist 7, Noah 9, Parlinley 2.

## 20,000 Watch Oval Opener

LONDON, April 2.—(AP)—England's flat racing season opened today at fashionable Royal Ascot Park, some 20 miles from London, with an estimated 20,000 spectators doing their best to rub out the peace time betting standards. . . .

## Lacey-Suarez In Portland Go

PORTLAND, April 2.—(AP)—A ten round main event fight Friday night will pit Harold (Snooks) Lacey, New York negro lightweight, against Portland's Johnny Suarez. Preliminaries will feature welterweights Norman Finch and Kelly Jackson in a six round bout and several marine fighters from the Klamath Falls marine barracks.

## Bird Farm Planned

SEATTLE, April 2.—(AP)—The state game commission in a brief session today authorized the purchase of a tract of land on Whidbey island near Coupeville for a new game bird farm, with construction to start as soon as possible. The purchase price was reported as \$13,000 for 180 acres.

## Beavers Bounce Oaks, 9-2, For Third Win of Campaign

### STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

### 'Guv' Portside Opening Pitch



Governor Earl Warren of California, with Joe E. Brown (left) an interested spectator, southpaws the opening pitch of the 1945 Coast league baseball season at Oakland. Portland copped the opener, 4-1, over the Oaks before 10,000. Note how the "guy" is stripped down for action. (AP wirephoto)

## How They STAND...

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Portland	3 1	190	Hollywood	2 2	500
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Sacramento	2 2	500	Oakland	1 3	250
Los Ang	2 2	500	San Diego	1 3	250

Monday results: At Oakland 2, Portland 9. At Los Angeles 18, San Francisco 3. At San Diego 1, Seattle 12. At Sacramento 9, Hollywood 1.

Sunday results: At Oakland 14-8, Portland 10-11. At Sacramento 8-5, Hollywood 10-4. At Los Angeles 2-1, San Francisco 1-4. At San Diego 5-0, Seattle 4-2.

## Byron Nelson Durham Champ

DURHAM, N. C., April 2.—(AP)—Byron Nelson won the Durham open golf tournament Sunday with a 65 in the home stretch, sweeping the three Carolina tournaments and establishing a record of seven victories in one winter tour. His 72-hole total was 278. His five-under par 65 set a new course record for the Hope Valley course, where only six sub-par rounds were recorded in the entire tournament. . . .

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## Crowds - Not \$\$\$ - Lure Ruth To Rasslin' Referee Chores

BOSTON, April 2.—(AP)—It's the lure of the crowds and not—positively not—financial worries that is bringing back Babe Ruth to prominence this time as a wrestling referee.

"Broke!" the 51-year-old baseball immortal retorted when asked to give his reasons for his wrestling career here today. . . . "I should say not. And I never will be as long as trust funds pay off and my other investments continue on a dividend-paying basis. . . . No, it's not finances that prompted me to accept offers to referee in Portland and Boston," he continued. "I've been out of baseball for 11 years now and, since my old game does not appear to want me anywhere, I haven't had much chance to keep in touch with the crowds. . . . I like being with people and enjoying them and I'll have an opportunity to see them as a wrestling referee. You know I'm no rookie in that league. I must have refereed at least 10 wrestling shows while I was in baseball." Ruth went on to explain that his old friend, Jake Schafer, the New York hotel executive, had urged him to accept Promoter Paul Bowser's offer to officiate in Portland, Me., tonight and in Boston on Wednesday.

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