

'True'? Phoo! OSC's Lew Beck Wuz Robbed!

By Al Lightner

True magazine this week blossomed forth with the "official" 1946-47 All-American basketball team, first, second and third versions. Coaches of the nation's cage squads, the blurb says, did the balloting. Nothing was said concerning whether or not the annual post-season effort was a closed corporation. It must have been, for the hoop skippers of the Coastal region given a say-so, first, second and third degree robbery would be the final tally. Of the 15 hoop-suiters selected to the "all" teams only one, UCLA Center Don Barksdale, was recognized from the Coast, and he on the third team.

The high-scoring Barksdale, augmented by the glittering accolades given him by the southern California writers, was a fine player over the season. But in his two games at Corvallis with Oregon State, the two that had the blue chips in the middle for the Coast crown, Barksdale was individually defeated by the Beavers' Red Rocha. The Tall Palm from Hills wasn't much as honorably mentioned in the "all" picks, nor is he classed as Oregon's No. 1 player. That knightly merit belongs to Pen-dleton's Lew Beck who, in the words of every coach in the northern division of the conference, and certainly of UCLA Coach Wilbur Johns, "is the best

basketball player to come out of the northern division in years." But not even Lew gained so much as honorable mention. Which leads one to believe that votes cast by the PCC coaches were either lost en route to the mag's tabulating room, or that final tabulations were made by someone who still is convinced the West holds naught but buffalo and Indians and holes up in cellars when the Beeler boys are on the loose.

What to do about such painful snubbery? It was supposed to have been done this winter. Coaches and writers in the northwest were pledged to concentrate their efforts on Beck

when time came for the "all" casting came. They concentrated, but true All-American Beck still is just another basketball player so far as national prominence in the "True" mag is concerned.

Lew was plainly and simply robbed, "true" enough. But then he has company. They do a pretty fair job on the northwest's footballers every fall, and sans using a gun, too!

Brother, how we do hope that Beck, Rocha & Co. tangles with some of those honorable All-Americans back east in the next year with a play or two off 'em! And we've a bit of company in that desire, also.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

Not only did Jim Aiken talk a disgusted Jake Leicht into staying at Oregon for his final year of college football, but he also convinced Jimmy Newquist he should stick around. Both Leicht and Newquist were set to fly the Web-foot coop. New Aiken has them tuning up in what he calls "T-formation school." What a personality Mr. A. does have, and how he sells himself to his players! . . . He has been going to hang up his coaching spurs for the last three or four years, but always Silverton's Guy (Pop) DeLay managed to come back. He is in baseball, football or basketball. This time, however, Pop is positively through, and perhaps reluctantly so. The compulsory retirement law which goes into effect this summer has caught up with the pride of the Silverton coaching corps for the last 21 years. Two years before that Pop was at Gervais. Now beyond the 65 years the law allows, DeLay goes to the rack at the end of the school year. During his 21 years at Silverton the only thing Pop hasn't coached is track. Baseball is his pet sport, and more than just a few sharp Silver Foxes have been reared by him over the years. It just won't seem like Silverton without Pop around.



GUY (POP) DELAY

The Portland Beavers were afraid to take a chance on him, as they were concerned over reasons why Clint Cameron, after receiving a fat bonus for signing with the Boston Braves was released outright after performing one season for their Evansville, Ind., farm club. But the Hollywood Stars grabbed the former Willamette athlete and he is now catching his share of the spring camp games for the Twinklers. Should Clint not have the Holmes, he will likely be farmed to the Yakimas. . . . Speaking of Bearcat athletes, there will be no Paul Cookingham on the WU track team this time. Which is unusual, for it seems that Paul has been putting the shot and spinning the discus for the Cats ever since they took up track. His four years of eligibility, interrupted by the war, have been spent . . .

Active Club Won't Sponsor 1948 Tournament

One year of it was enough for the Eugene Active club. That bustling clan, guilty of sponsoring the finest prep basketball tournament in history, took on too many headaches in dealing with the Oregon High Schools Activities association on tourney matters, so is chucking the idea of backing the classic again next March. The task of producing the 1948 party will fall on the U of Oregon in entirety, and at a much healthier fee. The Actives, incidentally, wanted no profit for their superb part in this year's extravaganza. The tournament drew over 30,000 paid admissions into the huge McArthur court. But it is with a good deal of satisfaction that we report the reactions of many of the OHSAA officers and other guiding hands. . . . that if McArthur court were located in Salem the tournament would have drawn many more than 30,000. Oh for a magic carpet, one that would carry a 7000 capacity basketball pavilion! . . .

Wagner May Try It Again Next Fall

His postwar debut a dismal flop simply because he wasn't in the proper physical shape, Keller Wagner has decided to quit the prize ring, and perhaps for good. There is a possibility he may spend the next few months hardening up, however, and will in the fall take another whirl at it. Wagner is now bartending at a local pub. What he could have done is that Bomber Daniels had been in shape! Keller punched like a champion in the first round and would have kayled the negro easily had he been able to keep it up. But lo, that first heat was it for Wagner. From then on his softness stood out more and more with every round until the surprised negro knocked him out. . . . At 25 Wagner isn't too old to keep going. But he has much conditioning to do between now and autumn if he intends trying it again. . . . We hope he does.

Rest Slowness—Pray it Doesn't Hit Bevos

The Boston Red Sox waited last autumn over the lapse of time between the end of the American league season and the start of the world series, insisting the long rest ruined their sharpness. It has been 13 days since Oregon State played its last opponent, UCLA. Please don't let it happen here. . . . Silverton's Don Hattberg, promising bush league third sacker in these parts the past few years and a member of the "all-state" prep team following a tournament in 1941 is now playing the hot corner for the Camp Pendleton marines at Oceanside, Cal. What's more, he's leadoff batter. . . . Good news: Southpaw Kenny Wyatt has signed his 1947 contract with the Senators and intends squeezing in mound chores with the Solons this summer, along with commitments on his turkey farm in Polk county. . . .

Shootin' Match Held

The Salem Rifle and Pistol club trimmed the local Army Recruiting staff, 738 to 641 in a rifle shoot held at the armory range last night. H. Beauchamp and H. Evers paced the winners with 129 scores. T Sgt. Paul White topped the Army with 112, with M Sgt. Thomas May close behind with 109. The two outfits have slated a pistol shoot next Thursday night.

Walcott Hands Joe Challenge

PATERSON, N. J., March 20. (AP)—Abe J. Greene, president of the National Boxing association, announced tonight that a formal challenge for Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis' title had been filed with him by the managers of Jersey Joe Walcott. Greene said the NBA will accept Walcott as a "proper challenger" because "he is among the top contenders for the title."

Marshall Miles, one of Louis' managers, announced on Monday that the champion had signed to defend his title in Yankee Stadium, New York, June 26, and indicated at the time that he would prefer a match with the survivor of the Bruce Woodcock-Joe Bakshi fight which is scheduled for April 15 in London.

ANGELS TOP RAINERS

VISALIA, Calif., March 21. (AP)—The Los Angeles Angels out-slugged the Seattle Rainiers 9-7 today in a Pacific Coast league exhibition baseball game. John Ostrowski and Cece Garriott homered for the Angels, who hammered John Orphan for six runs in five innings and Jim Hop-per for four in three.

County B Ball Schedule Set

GERVAIS, March 20. (Special)—The Marion County B league baseball schedule for 1947, involving eight teams, has been announced by Paul Relling of Gervais high league secretary. The 28-game schedule opens with four tilts on April 4. The complete schedule is as follows:

April 4—Turner at Hubbard, Sublimity at Jefferson, Chemawa at Gervais and Aumsville at St. Paul. April 11—Turner at Sublimity, Hubbard at Jefferson, Aumsville at Chemawa and St. Paul at Gervais. April 18—Jefferson at Turner, Hubbard at Sublimity, Gervais at Aumsville, St. Paul at Chemawa. April 25—Turner at Gervais, Chemawa at Hubbard, Aumsville at Sublimity and Jefferson at St. Paul. May 2—Turner at Aumsville, Gervais at Hubbard, Jefferson at Chemawa and Sublimity at St. Paul. May 9—Chemawa at Turner, St. Paul at Hubbard, Sublimity at Gervais, Aumsville at Jefferson. May 16—Turner at St. Paul, Hubbard at Aumsville, Chemawa at Sublimity and Gervais at Jefferson.

Odds Didn't Scare This Card Mound Prospect

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 20. (AP)—One of baseball's best war stories is a bespectacled kid named Eddie Blake who is fighting an uphill battle for a pitching job with the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals.

Army doctors almost amputated 21-year-old Eddie's right leg after he had been run over by an alligator tank during the landings at Panay in the Philippine Islands. Both legs were broken and there was doubt that the East St. Louis boy would survive. Eddie not only fooled

Salem 5s Open Golden Ball Firing With Wins

Two Salem quintets opened firing in the annual Golden Ball tournament in Portland last night, and indicated that local clubs might continue to prosper where they left off last year by sweeping the division of crossties with Rose City outfits.

In the 16 years and under division, Elroy Jensen's Salem high Sophs had no trouble at all downing the Vanport Cards, 53-34 at the Peninsula Park gym, while Bob Keuscher's Intermediates, in the 15 and under class, were equally effective in trouncing the Nu Mu Xi quint from Grant high, 39-17, at the Jefferson locale.

The wins shot the locals into second round tilts Monday night, with the Intermediates meeting the McMinnville JVs at 8 o'clock on the Jeff boards and the Sophs tangling with the Portland Bartels in a 8 o'clock fray at Peninsula Park.

Tonight the Salem high JVs and Bob Metzger's Juniors made their tourney debuts. Loren Mort's undefeated JVs taking on the Jefferson Optimists at 6 o'clock with the Peninsula Park gym, with the Juniors, 14 and under, going against the Roosevelt Cubs in an 8 o'clock go at Jefferson.

Figures Out On Vik Jaunt

Salem's four-game venture in the recent state basketball tournament, in statistical form, was compiled and released by Coach Harold Hauk yesterday. The Vikings, who finished fourth in the classic, hit for a 32.1 percentage all told — 70 field goals in 303 tries. The statistics for all nine players who saw tournament action:

Chamberlain	5	3	5	3	333
Bellinger	16	5	10	6	312
Hill	14	8	14	34	296
Mase	24	7	11	7	291
Dasch	45	13	22	30	288
Hendrie	33	13	12	8	266
Houck	27	8	14	6	185
Allison	26	4	8	10	153
TOTALS	303	70	88	80	231

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WVL Baseball Nines Prepare

WOODBURN, March 20. (Special)—Willamette Valley league baseball teams are currently preparing for their 36-game round robin season which opens on Wednesday, March 26. All nine member schools will field teams this season, and strong pennant contenders are expected to bloom at Silverton, Molalla and Mt. Angel. All three have a number of returning veterans.

Zale Applies KO To Charles

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 20. (AP)—World middleweight champion Tony Zale knocked out Tommy Charles of Indianapolis in the fourth round of a scheduled ten-round non-title bout here tonight. Zale weighed 162; Charles, 167.

Y Handballers Trek

Nine Salem handball performers trek to Portland today for the Northwest YMCA Area Handball Championships. The meet ends tomorrow. Local entrants include: B Singles

Mat Title Tilt Next, Armory

Terre Haute's Buck Weaver is at long last to get his deserved crack at one of the elusive coast mat title belts. Undefeated in the Salem ring since his arrival in the northwest "league," Weaver was last night signed by Matchmaker Elton Owen to tangle with Bill (Bull) Weidner in a coast junior heavy belt whirl next Tuesday night at the armory. Weidner, the strongest with the big airplane spins, won the title from Pete Belcastro last week. Belcastro had been duking Weaver for weeks, and just as soon as Weidner came into possession of the prized waist piece Owen went into action.

Weaver, one of the hottest and trickiest of grappling gents to hit town in months, has been bowling over opponents right and left in recent local appearances. Last Tuesday night he flattened the Gray Hawk. Twice he has tussled to time-limited draws here with Weidner.

Three supporting matches will be added to the Tuesday card by Owen later. One will feature the return of "Gorilla" Poggi, the Argentine roughie-toughie who has been absent from these parts for many months.

Hail Barney! He's Cured

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 20. (AP)—Barney Ross, former lightweight and welterweight boxing champion, was declared finally cured of drug addiction today by the United States public health service hospital.

Dr. Victor H. Vogel, medical officer in charge, said Ross was in "excellent health" shortly after he was discharged after a three-day observation period.

Abney Picked For AAU Trip

JEFFERSON, March 20. (Special)—The AAU boxing committee at Portland has selected Dean Abney, 147-pound fighter from Jefferson to represent that class at the AAU tournament in Boston, April 7-9. Abney, a senior at Jefferson high school, won two and lost one bout in Portland. The committee picked Abney because of his outstanding appearance in the tournament. He is a brother to Salem's middleweight Dick Abney.

Indians to Add Baker, Andrews

PORTLAND, March 20. (AP)—If the Portland Indians, champions of the Pacific coast professional basketball league, enter the national tournament at Chicago next month they will see a good Norm Baker and George Andrews of the Vancouver Hornets. Co-owner Ray Clark said no decision had been made on accepting the tournament bid, but that three of the Indians' regular squad could not make the trip. They are Bill Tait, Mike Hafenecker and Don Durdan.

—Henry Singer, Lee Shinn; B Doubles—Bob Smith-Fred Hageman; C Singles—Don Duncan; C Doubles—Joe Devers-Coburn Grabenhorst, Leo Margosian-Bob Parks.

Orange Open Against Sooners Tonight In NCAA Meet; Wisconsin Suffers Upset



HONOLULU, March 20. (AP)—SPRING TRAINING HAS ITS PRETTY MOMENTS find these New York Giants as they are welcomed by a hula dancer here today after arriving for some exhibition games with San Francisco Seals. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Oklahomans Rated Favorites Over Gill Crew; Navy Also Eliminated

KANSAS CITY, March 20. (AP)—All four entrants in the Western NCAA play-offs, starting tomorrow night arrived in town today and lost no time heading for the municipal auditorium to get acquainted with the floor which might start one of them off to a date in Madison Square Garden Tuesday night against the eastern winner.

Slats Gill gave his Pacific coast champion Oregon Staters a brisk eight minute workout and the lads felt reasonably familiar with the court after the session. The Oregonians find themselves rated the underdogs in their opening round tussle with Oklahoma, but aren't letting that fact worry them any. One advantage the Oklahomans seem to hold at present is that they have already played a number of contests on the auditorium boards. Gill will stick to a starting line-up of Cliff Crandall and Ed Land Anderson, forwards; Red Rocha, center, and Lew Beck and Morrie Silver, guards.

Texas and Wyoming vie in the other contest tomorrow night.

NEW YORK, March 20. (AP)—A spectacular comeback in the second half carried City College of New York to a 70-56 triumph over Wisconsin tonight and landed the scrappy Beavers in the finals of the eastern regional NCAA basketball playoffs here Saturday night against Holy Cross.

Holy Cross reached the finals by stopping Navy 55-45 in the first game of tonight's double-header at Madison Square Garden where a sellout crowd of 18,472 watched the collegiate quintets open the eastern half of the eliminations leading to the title held the past two years by Oklahoma A and M.

Tough Goin' But Oh What a Sure Winner

LEEDS, England, March 20. (AP)—Come snow or high water, the Kiplingcootes derby always is run on the third Thursday of March. It's England's oldest horse race—a steeplechase over more than four miles—and it's been run every year since 1519.

Frederick Stephenson, 36-year old farmer, and his seven year old horse were the only entries today and Stephenson said "I had to dismount twice and lead my horse on foot because of the snow," piled as high as four feet in spots. But he finished the course. The prize — the equivalent of \$21.50 and the continuous tradition.

Racing Laws Given Teeth

NEW YORK, March 20. (AP)—Racing's big league, the Thoroughbred Racing associations, which began a clean-up campaign a year ago by setting up the turf's own "FBI," Wednesday gave this police force a club to swing — a set of laws for the sport, chief of which calls for mandatory fingerprinting of all horsemen.

Pointed directly at elimination of "undesirable practices and elements," "illegal activities," and bookmakers, the "code of standards" was adopted by the TRA's 35 member tracks which include virtually every major racing strip in the country, and goes into effect April 1. And the code stipulates flatly that any violation can be punishable by "suspension or expulsion" of the guilty track from the TRA.

Eagles Lead Ice Playoffs

PORTLAND, Ore., March 20. (AP)—The Portland Eagles, making the winning goal off a substitute after the Seattle goalie was injured, defeated the Seattle Ironmen, 3-2, in the northern division Pacific Coast Hockey league playoffs tonight.

The victory gave Portland a 2-1 edge in the 4 out of 7 series. The next game will be at Seattle Sunday.

COUGAR CUT SET

PULLMAN, Wash., March 20. (AP)—Coach Buck Bailey said today he would cut his Washington State college baseball squad to-

Ingram Takes Roodle Honors

Twenty five Salem Golf clubbers snapped off a nine-hole Roodles tourney last night as a feature of the weekly Men's club session. To Ned Ingram went top laurels as he carded a 34-2½, good for 22½ Roodles. Knotted for second were Glenn Burright, 34-2½, and Bill Goodwin, 30-2-20.

Red Rocha to Play With West All-Stars

NEW YORK, March 20. (AP)—The West team in the second annual all-star basketball game for the Tribune Fresh Air Fund, Inc., was completed today with the naming of Ephraim (Red) Rocha of Oregon State, Ray Ramsey of Bradley Tech, and Francis Curran of Notre Dame. The game is scheduled for Madison Square Garden on March 29.



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