Buckeyes Pace NCAA Strokers

Spartan Ace Cracks 1500 Meter Record

SEATTLE, March 28 —(AP)— Michigan's 300-yard medley relay team took the title for that event away from Michigan State tonight in the national collegiate AA swimming championships.

As the half way point was reached in the two-day meet Ohio State was in front in the team scoring with 28 points, pressed by Michigan which had 25. Stanford trailed with 16 and last year's runnerup, Michigan State had 10.

Bill Smith of Ohio State succeeded his team mate, Jack Hill as national collegiate AA champion in the 22-yard freestyle when he won the event in two minutes ten point two seconds to give the Buckeyes their first victory of the 1947 NCAA swimming meet.

Michigan State's Spartans jumped away in front this morning when George Hoogerhyde cracked the meet record in winning the 1500 meter race.

Before 1890 water-color painting was considered unimportant and used almost entirely in young women's finishing schools.

oped"LOS ANGELES, March 28—(AP)—An ornamental feature of the American Bowling Congress, now under way here, is the official hostess, pretty Adell Eaton (above) who is a nifty kegler in her own right. Aiming for the $214,000 in prize money at the meet will be close to 17,000 bowlers. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Juniors Gain Hoop Finals

Play for 'Golden' Title Monday Night

Bob Metzger's Juniors jumped into the finals in the 14 years division of the Portland Golden Ball tourney last night as they dumped the Irvington Eagles, 50-21. The locals take on Randolph Foods Monday night at 7 o'clock at the Jefferson gym for the division crown.

The Metzgers were in front of the Eagles all the way, having a 27-10 advantage at the halfway mark. Forward Buzz Covalt paced 'em with 14 counters.

Juniors (50)		(21) Eagles
Davis (9)	F	Davenport
Covalt (14)	F	(0) Jackson
Rock (9)	C	(4) Halts
Lebold (9)	G	(0) Ellis
Blair (4)	G	(3) Elliot

Subs: Juniors—Coats (2), Sloan (2).

Whits, Cougars Split

WALLA WALLA, March 28—(AP)—Whitman and Washington State college split a doubleheader here this afternoon, opening their intercollegiate baseball schedules. Whitman took the nine-inning initial contest, 5-1, and the Cougars captured the seven-frame nightcap, 3-0. They play three abbreviated games tomorrow.

Famed Name Fades From Ball Scene as Johnny Evers Dies

ALBANY, N. Y., March 28—(AP)—Johnny Evers, 65, one of baseball's all-time greats, died today.

The middle-man of the National league Chicago Cubs Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance double play combination of four decades ago died in a hospital here four days after he was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage. Evers had suffered a stroke in 1942 and had been in poor health since. He was confined much of the time to bed and partially paralyzed. Funeral services will be held Monday morning with a requiem mass at St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, Albany.

Eleven months ago the former standout second baseman was elected to baseball's hall of fame at Cooperstown, N. Y., on a list of 11 oldtime players. The list included First Baseman Frank Chance who died in 1924 and Shortstop Joe Tinker.

Tinker is recovering in Orlando, Fla., from an operation last January in which his left leg was amputated. He said Evers' death marked the passing of one of baseball's greatest players and that Evers "was a fighter in everything he did." Tinker and Evers didn't speak to each other during several of the 10 years prior to 1913 that they played side by side in the Chicago Cubs infield but their perfection-like field performances belied their personal fued.

Evers figured prominently in the famous play in which the New York Giants' first baseman, Fred Merkle, "forgot" to touch second base The play occurred in a crucial game in New York, September 23, 1908, when the Giants and the Cubs were fighting for the league championship.

With the score tied one-all and two out in the last half of the ninth inning, the Giants had Moose McCormick on third base and Merkle on first. Al Bridwell singled to the outfield and McCormick came home with what appeared to be the winning run. After starting toward second, Merkle ran toward the clubhouse without touching the base when he saw McCormick cross the plate.

Evers screamed for the ball to force Merkle out at second. Several Giant players and hometown fans, who by now had poured on the field, tried to intercept it but after a wild scuffle the ball was thrown to Evers at second. Merkle was declared out by Umpire Hank O'Day. The run did not count and the game was called with the score, 1-1.

CAMPEES: This batch of 22 prospective Salem Senators paused during their opening spring training session in Medford to pose for a picture with Manager Jack Wilson (1). Recognizable in the photo are Veterans Hank Bartolomei (2), Frank Lucchesi (3), Lou Kubiak (5) and Paul Soderburg (6). No. 4 is Don Cook, catcher, and No. 7 is Richard Gentzkow of Salem who is trying for an infield berth. The Senators will remain in Medford for training until April 18, when they play Vancouver here in the WIL opening game. (Harry Chipman photo, Medford.)

Dodds Racks Another Win

Ace Runs 4:08 Mile; Dillard, Morcom Star

CLEVELAND, March 28 (AP)—Miler Gil Dodds, Hurdler Harrison Dillard and Pole Vaulter Dick Morcom stole the show tonight as the seventh annual Knights of Columbus track meet was staged before an overflow crowd of 11,485 arena fans.

Dodds, representing the Boston A. A., grabbed the mile run in 4:08.5, a new meet record, as he won by 150 feet over Quentin Breisford of Ohio Wesleyan university, clipping two tenths of a second off the mark the Flying Parson set here in 1943.

Dillard, the country's best timber, topper from Baldwin-Wallace, copped both 45-yard hurdle events, the lows in :05.3 and the highs in :05.6, while Morcom, of the University of New Hampshire came up with the year's No. 1 vault of 14 feet, three inches.

Silverton Extension Unit Plans Election

SILVERTON — Twenty - nine members and friends attended the "company dinner" demonstration Thursday at the chamber of commerce by the home extension unit.

Mrs. J. A. Stoy, unit chairman, appointed Mrs. W. Clark Bachman and Mrs. Karl Haberly as the nominating committee with officers to be installed in May.

Furniture arrangements will be the April 24 topic with Eleanor Trindle, Marion home demonstration agent, in charge.

..Rollin' Along..

By Jerry Stone

A half dozen or so local hockey enthusiasts have complained in the past several months because the old sheet didn't devote sufficient space to the ice sport. They have their point, no doubt about that. Hockey is a firmly rooted and a popular sport and we grant that the Portland Eagles what with their winning season would have been entitled to perhaps a couple or three two column heads in NORMAL circumstances. But the situation, she is not the least bit normal, gents. No, sir, with the space and newsprint shortage continuing to cause upset tummies and those premature grey hairs around the temples it's pretty nigh impossible to give any story its just deserts. And, of course, what few banner heads can be employed in the space of January, February, and March must obviously be given to baseball because of that sport's fanatical and widespread following not to mention its tremendous local angles. And so be appeased, you rinks fans, for there may come a time . . . .

GEORGE VICO

Speaking of the skating game we reached the heights of frustration one day when a Canadian army captain, on leave down here, came in and asked about a score in the Mid-Canadian league or the Alberta Association or sumpin'. We couldn't oblige the captain and knew how he must have felt. For Canucks go for hockey as Americans go for baseball. And to deprive a dyed-in-the-wool fan (as this officer obviously was) of the latest dope on his favorite club —well, it was brutal, downright brutal . . . .

Pickin' Up the Pebbles

George (Long Stretch) Vico, the darling of Waters park fans last season, continues to draw drooling paragraphs from the press fraternity, as he works with the Detroit Tigers. One esteemed gentleman from Detroit, eyeing "Veek's" first base "splits", cried with pride that the ex-Senator had the best stretch since "Memphis Bill" Terry. However, there's a good possibility George will be sent down to Indianapolis for further seasoning. But there's no denying that the lanky guy is definitely "in" with the Tiger organization now . . . . At odd intervals the horsehide prospect comes along who makes quite a name for himself with the stick only to be converted at one time or another into a pitcher because of his powerful whip. And vice versa. The most famous case, of course was Babe Ruth—and no one can question that move. Wimpy Quinn, late of the WIL and now of LA, started as a 1st sacker and was some shucks as a base-knocker, then was transformed to a moundsman when he hit the Chicago Cubs but is now back as reserve first-sacker for the Angels. Ray Orteig also completed the cycle with the Vancouver Caps, working at 3d and then on the hill. But that was all tom-foolery, even though Ray had great possibilities as a twirler, for the guy is now knocking the cover off the ball for the 'Frisco Seals. And, incidentally, they all rave at the ability of Orteig to hit with power to all fields—for which one Carl Mays can be thanked. Then you have Tacoma's Al Libke, who performed in the outfield for the Cincy Reds last year and did a pretty pert job in the hit department. This season Al's breaking in on the mound . . . . It's a small world sometimes: One of those hereabouts who must have evinced no small interest in the great Armed's latest win—the $25,000 added Gulfstream Handicap at Miami—was Statesman Carrier Boy Harley Dodson of Keiser. And no wonder, for Harley is a cousin of Doug Dodson, the lad who rode the headline horse to the victory. And in jockeying Armed to the wire first, Doug, who hails from Prineville, rang up a new track record. Not bad! . . . . If you wondered why Jim Russell's name wasn't anywhere near the top in the Oregon PGA tourney in Portland last weekend please take note: While lighting a stogie in the clubhouse a couple of days before the meet the local pro inadvertently came into contact with some gas fumes. Result, a badly burned face, though his eyes miraculously escaped damage. And, all this considered, Mr. Russell still entered the tourney. That he participated at all is a credit to him . . . . Mr. Larry MacPhail, to whom, it would seem, money is more alluring than a winner, is reaching a new high in unpopularity with his chattels. One of his bull-headed ideas which irks a lot of Yankees no little are these flying hops from Puerto Rico to Panama to Cuba and to any other point which MacPhail thinks may be a good source of revenue. A good number of these Yanks are family men who firmly believe their souls rightly belong on good old terra firma. But then who are they to dispute the boss . . . .

Senators Step Drills Up; 'Greg' Belts 'Em

MEDFORD, March 28—(AP)—Favored by top training weather and a fast field the Salem Senators—31 of 'em—stepped up their spring paces today under the watchful eye of Manager Jack Wilson. The Solons engaged in a length hitting session, some snappy infield drill and did a lot of running — for Wilson wants those legs to be in shape come the WIL opener in three weeks.

One of the smartest working infield combinations today included Jim Wert, late of the Seattle Rainiers, at the initial bag, Carl Peterson, Lincoln high of Portland product at second, Dick Gentzkow of Salem, at the shortpatch, and Veterans Lou Kubiak and Bart Bartolomei afternating at the hot corner.

Other regulars reporting today beside Kubiak and Bartolomei included Pitcher Paul Soderberg and Frank Lucchesi.

Feature of the hitting drills included a couple of 350 foot over-the-fence wallops by Rookie Outfielder Ben Gregory, who hails from San Bernardino, Calif.

Wilson intimated that he would make the first squad cut either Sunday or Monday. Intro-squad games are tentatively set for those days also.

Additional Portland Beaver cast-offs, including Hurler Dick Sinovich and perhaps Second-sacker Al Spaeter are expected in by Wednesday.

The Senators open their exhibition schedule with tilts against Oregon State here April 4 and 5.

Bearcats Grab Season Opener

Walt Erickson's Willamette baseballers inaugurated their 1947 season auspiciously yesterday afternoon on Sweetland field as they downed the Oregon College of Education Wolves, 10-2. Erickson used 27 players during the fray and had a good chance to get a line on just what his strength will be come the conference tilts.

The 'Cat mentor showed pleasure at the performance of his pitching corps, the bulk of whom had a chance to display their wares. John Slanchik was the stand-out in his two-inning stint, whiffing five of the six men who faced him. Darrell Alder, Fred Richardon, Lowell Yeager and Marv Goodman also looked good.

As for the matter of run-producing yesterday the locals handled that end with little time lost, getting three in each of the initial three frames and adding another in the fourth. The Wolves got their pair in the fifth. Catcher Ben Schaad and Outfielder Joe Dispenziere each contributed two blows to the 'Cat cause, while Don Barnick came through with a long triple.

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Geans, Hamer, and Hufford; Slanchik, Alder, Yeager, Richardson, Goodman and Schaad.

Joysters Set Weekend Drills

Salem's State league "Joysters", still 30-odd strong in the battle for positions, will engage in two weekend workouts, according to Manager Johnny Kolb. The pack will take to Willamette's Sweetland field today at two o'clock for batting and fielding drills and will on Sunday at 2 p.m. switch to Leslie field for more conditioning. The Joysters, after playing a few tuneup games in the latter part of April and first part of May will open the State league season at Valsetz May 25.

Bulldogs Belt Canby Ballers

WOODBURN, March 28—(Special)—Jiggs Burnett's Woodburn Bulldogs opened their Willamette Valley league campaign here today by trimming Canby, 12-1, behind the four-hit pitching of Bill Matthews. The Bulldogs jumped on Bob Camp for 10 tallies in the initial three innings and coasted in with Matthews giving up the lone Canby marker in the ninth. Gay rapped a two-run homer for the 'Dogs in the 1st.

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B. Camp and W. Camp, Richter (3), Matthews and Gay.

Sandy Whacks Silverton, 11-5

SANDY, March 28—(Special)—Sandy high's hard-hitting diamond crew trounced Silverton, 11-5, here today in a Willamette Valley league opener. The Silvertons got off to a lead via a four-run first inning but the winners put together nine runs in the seventh and eighth frames to sew up the tilt. Feature was Groger's pinch triple for the Sandys in the 7th with the bags loaded. Wickham, Silverton, and Marsh, Sandy, hit homers, the latter's good for three tallies.

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Wickman, Sattern (7) and Ross, Eliason and Lundbon.

Fight Off!

PORTLAND, March 28—(AP)—Flu struck Nick Deposa of Stockton, Calif., today, forcing cancellation of the boxing card in which he was to have been a principal tonight.

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 28—(AP)—A three run rally in the last half of the ninth inning today enabled the Bremerton Bluejackets of the Western International league to win their first exhibition game of the spring training season against the North Idaho College of Education Loggers, 9 to 8.

Badgers Lead Clout Tourney

MADISON, Wis., March 28—(AP)—Six University of Wisconsin boxers registered victories in semi-final bouts to lead eight other schools qualifying finalists in the 10th annual National Collegiate Athletic association tournament in the Badger ring before 11,000 fans tonight.

The Badgers, who had five individual titlists when the meet was last held in 1943, also at the Wisconsin fieldhouse, placed men in all but the heavyweight and 175 pound division.

Idaho and San Jose (Calif.) State college each qualified two ringmen, and Syracuse, Penn State, Michigan State, South Carolina, Miami of Florida and Washington State posted one apiece.

Dive Title Retained

SEATTLE, March 28 (AP)—Miller Anderson of Ohio State retained his one meter board diving championship in the NCAA swim meet tonight with a point score of 151.03. Ohio State nearly swept the event, taking four of the five places. Fifth went to Gil Evans of Michigan.

RUGGERS DRAW

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 28 (AP) The University of California Golden Bears today held the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds to a 3-3 draw in the third game of a four-game total point Rugger series for the world cup.

JEFFERSON — Twenty - five candidates turned out for the openin Jefferson high baseball practice this week. The locals' initial tilt of the season comes against Sublimity on the Jeff grounds April 4.

NEUNER RULES ON RAISES

The legislative joint ways and means committee was informed by Attorney General George Neuner Friday that pay raises for state employes could be effective as of the April 5 payroll if funds are available.

'Happy' Still Ponders As Ball Hearing Ends

ST. PETERSBURB, Fla., March 28—(AP)—After nearly four and a half more hours of oratory, Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler today continued the great baseball hearing "indefinately" while he looks more thoroughly into "a number of things which have developed open" at the two sessions held here and at Sarasota.

Walter Mulgry, the commissioner's secretary, said another hearing probably would be called "within a reasonable time." He disclosed that President Larry MacPhail of the New York Yankees had asked Chandler to make a statement after today's hearing at a local hotel, but that the commissioner had declined to do so. It was reported, without confirmation, that President Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers denied in the course of today's word session that he had accused MacPhail of entertaining known gamblers in his private box at an exhibition game in Havana.

Asked if he would say that today's hearing ended on a happy note, Mulbry replied: "Yes, it would say that I did."

Zale, Graziano Battle Sought

NEW YORK, March 28—(AP)—Cleveland Fight Promoter Larry Atkins today offered Middleweight Champion Tony Zale and Challenger Rocky Graziano a $200,000 guarantee or an option of 60 per cent of what he predicted would be a half-milliogdollar gate to put on a title bout in Cleveland stadium in mid-June.

Zale and Graziano met here last September, with the champion stopping the New Yorker in six rounds after a pier-six slugfest. They were to have met in a return go this month, but Graziano's New York license was revoked several weeks ago for failure to report a $100,000 bribe offer he said he thought was a joke.

Range Planned

FOUR CORNERS — (Special) — Plans for a shotgun and rifle range were discussed at a meeting of the Four Corners Rod and Gun club here last week. Feature of the session was movies dealing with wild life preservation. Next meeting of the club is set for April 3.

Hubbard Tops Army

The local army recruiting rifle team journey to Hubbard last night and was barely edged by the Hubbard Rifle and Pistol club, 878-848. Brown paced the winners with a perfect 150 score, closely followed by Yoder with 148. Sgt. Riddle topped the Armys with 146. M/Sgt. Thomas Massey hit 140. The Armys have been challenged by the Silverton Gun club, the match probably to be held next week.

Couple of Jeffersons Grab Relay Gonfalons

PORTLAND, Ore., March 29—(AP)—Jefferson of Portland put together two second places to win the class AA championship in the Hill Military Academy indoor relays here tonight.

Puyallup, Wash., Franklin of Portland and Walla Walla tied for second place with 5 points. Yakima, defending champion, scored only 3 points—a second place in the sprint medley.

Washougal, Wash., Hood River, and Mount Vernon, tied for first place in class A competition with 5 points each. The class B crown went to Jefferson, Ore. with 9 points, followed by Moro, 8 points, Puget Sound Military Academy, 5 points, and Salem Academy, 3 points.

Dick Paeth, Washington State college, won the traditional Cunningham mile in 4:30.3. He was trailed by Al Lawson, Bert Lehn, and Jim Golden, all of Washington State.

Hockey Drew Million Fans

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 28—(AP)—More than a million people attended Pacific Coast Ice Hockey league games in 11 cities during the season just closed, Al Leader, managing director of the circuit, announced today.

Seattle led all rinks in attendance with more than 140,000 paid gate admissions to the 34 games played there.

Cerdan Shows Kayo Wallop

NEW YORK, March 28—(AP)—European Middleweight Champion Marcel Cerdan, who showed only his boxing skill in his American bow last December, uncovered his heavy artillery tonight and knocked out Harold Green of Brooklyn in the second round of a ten-rounder in Madison Square garden. Cerdan weighed 159½; Green 156½.

With the greatest Garden crowd in a year on hand for his second American start, the one-time French sailor from Algeria caught up with the rugged Brooklyn belter midway of the second round and put him away for the full count at 2 minutes 19 seconds of the heat.

Bears Trounce 'Bird Cagers

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 28—(AP)—University of California Bears swamped University of British Columbia Thunderbirds 64-50 in the first game of a two-game exhibition basketball series here tonight.

California's shooting paid off in the last two quarters with Andy Wolfe leading the way with eight points.

Umps Named

LOS ANGELES, March 28—(AP)—President Clarence Rowland of the Pacific Coast Baseball league Friday announced umpire assignments for opening games April 1:

At San Diego—Bill Engein, Lon Warneke and Pat Orr.

At Los Angeles—Jack Powell, Gordon Ford and Bill Mazzeo.

At San Francisco—Al Somers, Ira Gordon and Al Mutart.

At Sacramento—Bill Doran, Bob Keber and Ed Borske.

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