

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

Hobson, Nary a Pacific Coaster made either of the first three teams, but lo, one Tony Lavelli of Yale (where Hobson now coaches) is smack on the No. 1 five . . .

It's the big show at long last for Goldie Holt, the baseball-wise skipper for Yakima's KI club of 1940. Goldie was Billy Meyer's right hand man when Meyer managed at Kansas City, and when the latter was elevated to boss the Pittsburgh Pirates he beckoned for Holt as his aide. Goldie had been ticketed for membership of Davenport in the Three-I circuit . . . Look for DeWayne Johnson, the former Silverton high whiz, to be one of Oregon's better baseball lefties this spring. Coach Don Kirsch believes the big football back (and he's right good at that too) will win some northern division games for the Ducks . . . Speaking of Oregon athletes, Jake Lecht many times in football electrified the spectators with his talented jaunts. But Jake didn't only electrify them last week during the tournament at Eugene. He dang near gave 'em all heart failure. Lecht's job was to fire the pistol at the end of the quarters in all tourney games. But instead of giving Jacob an ordinary pistol, they must've had him latched onto a first cousin to a cannon. That thing was the loudest nerve-smasher we've ever jumped for.

accomplishing most anything in the publicity line. Nor does he limit his performances to the larger grappling stops. George is too shrewd a character for that. He pops up in the smaller circuits also — for a fat guarantee, of course — and will include the Oregon swing in April. The gorgeous one, who probably gets just as many raspberries now as he did in the good old days, will show, for a limited engagement only, in our town next month. Even we will pay to see that one.



GEORGE WAGNER

what a difference — George jams 'em in wherever he shows. He has been written up by no less than Grantland Rice, and wouldn't be a bit surprised if one day some mag. like "Life" or "Look," does a stint on the guy. It seems our man isn't beyond

Sorties: Bob Gorbould, a pretty fair Portland Beaver infielder at one time, has enrolled with Tacoma for summer activities in the W.I.L. . . . Add still another reason why Aiken's Oregon will be toughies next fall: John Finney, Compton JC's all-Junior-College fullback and 1946 player of the year, is the latest to join the "on to Oregon" movement from California climes. The Ducks got remembered Vic Towns and Buck Berry from our old alma mater too. True Magazine blossoms with its All-American cage selections for the season, and the article was written by none other than Howard

Any skepticism concerning the showmanship (if ever there was any) and astronomical ascent of Ressler "Gorgeous George" Wagner must surely be depleted by now, as the former turkey shepherd of Pleasant Hill the other night started his climb to the Eddie Cantor radio show. And for a wrestler, friends, that is THE top. Brother Wagner, who picked up the "Gorgeous George" handle right here was one of the nastier nasties to visit the local garden on Tuesday nights, started his climb to the publicity paradise when he struck upon the idea of all those flashy, and costly kimonos he strutted beneath while en route to the ring.

Hauk Praises Spartan Quint

Coach Harold Hauk and a good percentage of his Salem high basketballers were ready to turn their minds to baseball yesterday after narrowly missing the state hoop title at Eugene Saturday night. Hauk had no alibis to offer for Corvallis' 7-4 upset win over his charges in the title clash but did have praise for the Spartan quint and particularly All-Staters Bob Edwards and Sammy Baker.

In Top Test



Gordon (Atomic Bomb) Hessel, above, gets his big chance tonight at the armory when he goes against Gypsy Joe Dorsett for the latter's Coast lightweight mat title belt.

What Next?

As if missing the state cage crown by a hair weren't enough, Salem high hoopsters have something else to worry about. Reserve Forward Waldo Unruh was unknowingly in the early stages of mumps late in the Eugene tourney and is now down with them. Naturally, the rest of the team and Coach Harold Hauk are wondering (and not too casually) if they'll be next.

Speed Classic Lures Drivers

INDIANAPOLIS, March 22 — (AP) Five entries by Indiana racing enthusiasts today increased the early field to 19 cars for the annual 500-mile race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway May 31.

Steinbock Tops Elly Hartwell

Sammy Steinbock, Portland ally ace, clinched a \$200 pot Sunday as he whipped Ellsworth Hartwell, Salem 10-mer, 2007 pins to 1885 in the grand second installment of a special match rolled in the Rose City. Steinbock last week had captured a 118 pin advantage over Hartwell in a 10 game tussle at Capitol Alleys.

Duck Pins

Ladies league action last night at B & B bowling courts saw Master Bread top Georges Electric, 3-1; Oregon Flax dump Memorial Hospital, 3-1; Maudies Inn tip Gieger Real Estate, 3-1; and Highland Market slip Wooden Shoe, 2-1. Ethyle Williams got a 578 in top individual performance.

Canucks Triumph

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 22 — (CP) — Vancouver Canucks smashed through Tacoma here tonight to score two quick goals in the final six minutes of a Pacific coast hockey league, northern division, semi-final game and defeat the Rockets, 6-4.

Meadows Meet Opens May 15

PORTLAND, March 22 — (AP) — The spring horse racing meet at Portland Meadows track will open May 15, general manager William P. Kyne announced tonight.

BOWLING Scores

Table with columns for player names and scores. Includes Court St. Radio, Star Fruit, Marion Creamery, and others.

Hessell Faces Dorsett

Explosive Gordon Hessell, the self-dubbed "Atomic Bomb," and a right popular matador with the customers since his venture into the conference three weeks back, gets his big chance tonight at the armory in Matchmaker Elton Owen's grappling main event.

Mittmen Ready for Action

Salem ring fans will be privileged to see one of the smoothest glove slingers in the northwest Wednesday night when Portland's Chuck (Kid) Brown tangles with George Mazi, capable lightweight out of Vancouver, B. C., in the 10-round main event of the VFW's armory ring show.

KO Clouter



TONY KAHUT Seeks 4th Straight. Brown has come along amazingly since his last appearance two years ago and only last week in Portland cut down Boykin Bourgeois, the reputable swinger from Haiti. Brown, however, is expected to draw stiff competition in Mazi, a 21 year old kid with a seemingly fine future in the ring game.

Yakima Crew Opens Training

YAKIMA, March 22 — (AP) — Manager Vern Johnson was greeted by 19 players at the opening of spring training for the Yakima Packers of the Western International baseball league here today.

Vandals Enter Boxing Tourney

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 22 — (AP) — The University of Idaho will send four boxers to the national intercollegiate boxing championships at Madison, Wis., April 1-3, Coach Ken Butler said today.

Ironmen Hopes Hit

SEATTLE, March 22 — (AP) — The injury-riddled Seattle Ironmen received another jolt today when doctors ruled Fred Ferens ace defenseman out of action for the remainder of the Coast hockey league playoffs.

Hoop Banquet Plans Advanced

Slats Gill, Oregon State coach, had been sought as main speaker for the event but in the east and would be available however. Al Schuss, in charge of securing a speaker, announces that he hopes to obtain another personality equally as interesting as Gill.

Training Camp Notes

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D. R., March 22 — (AP) — Ralph Branks, 22-year-old ace of the Brooklyn pitching staff, hurried six scoreless innings today but the Dodgers had to come from behind to defeat the Montreal Royals, 2-1, with a two-run blast in the eighth.

All-Staters Snapped in Title Go



CAPTAIN CARLOS HOUCK attempts to lay one in for Salem high's Vics in the state tourney game at Eugene Saturday night while Sammy Baker (9) Corvallis Spartan guard, stretches to block the shot.

Monaghan, Scot Battle For Fly Toga Tonight

BELFAST, March 22 — (AP) — Irish Crooner Rinty Monaghan and Scotsman Jackie Paterson battle 15 rounds tomorrow for the world flyweight title both claim.

Fraser Skips Slat Classic

SUN VALLEY, Idaho, March 22 — (AP) — Gretchen Fraser returns to Sun Valley tomorrow — but not to defend her title as top U. S. woman skier. For the first time in 10 years of skiing competition, Mrs. Fraser will forsake the hickory boards to turn snowbunny and watch from the sidelines.

Kentucky Turf Event Looms

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 22 — (AP) — The Clark handicap, a stake race equal in age to the Kentucky derby, has attracted 40 eligibles for its 74th running at Churchill Downs here April 29.

Aiken Dreams of Rose Bowl

SEATTLE, March 22 — (AP) — The Rose Bowl for Oregon's Webfoots in '48? Why not? At least that's the way head Coach Jim Aiken feels about it.

Table of Coast Tides

Table with columns for TIDES FOR TAFT, OREGON, HIGH WATER, and LOW WATER. Includes dates from Mar 23 to Mar 29.

Kentucky Favored In NCAA Title Go

Formidable Wildcats, Baylor Five Clash Tonight for Basket Honors

NEW YORK, March 22 — (AP) — Kentucky's polished Wildcats probably will rate from a seven-to-ten Tuesday in their game for the national collegiate athletic association (NCAA) basketball championship.

UW's Welcomed, Praise Baylors

SEATTLE, March 22 — (AP) — Washington's coast conference basketball champs were given a rousing welcome here today on their return from Kansas City, Mo., where they placed third in the Western NCAA tournament.

Needham, Wise Golf Winners

Winfield Needham and Tom Wise captured top honors in an 18 hole sweepstakes tourney held at Salem's Golf club over the weekend.

Billikens Out, NYU Invited

NEW YORK, March 22 — (AP) — New York university will replace St. Louis university's Billikens in the Olympic basketball tryouts, opening at Madison Square Garden Saturday.

Longworth Takes Title

PORTLAND, March 22 — (AP) — Ted Longworth, Waverly club professional at Portland, downed Harold West, Tualatin, 4 and 3, yesterday to win his fourth Oregon professional golfers' organization championship.

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