

Marion B Leaguers in Final Round

Quints Cross 1953 Finish

Romey, Chase, Ruef In Scoring Battle

The 16th and final round of play in the Marion County B League basketball derby takes place tonight via four games. But none will have any bearing on the 1-2-3-4 spots in the final standings, as those berths have already been clinched, in order, by Mill City, Sublimity, Jefferson and Gervais.

Tonight's finals have Chemawa (5-10) playing at Detroit (3-12), Oregon School for the Deaf (5-9) at Mill City (15-0), Jefferson (11-4) at St. Paul (9-12) and Gervais (5-10) at Gervais (8-7). Sublimity has the bye with its 12-4 record for the season, and a Jefferson win over St. Paul would elevate the Lions into a final tie for second place with the Saints.

The league's individual point chase crosses the wire tonight also. At present Herb Romey of Gates is in the lead with 277 points in 15 games. Exactly 10 behind the Gates star is Roy Chase of Mill City. Ron Ruef of Sublimity is only two points behind Chase at 265 but has completed his season and cannot catch up with either Romey or Chase.

Mill City, Sublimity, Jefferson and Gervais, as the top four teams in the league, have qualified for the district playoffs at Willamette University March 5-6-7. They will be four of eight quints entered in that squabble.

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Szasz Tangles With Stojack

Affable Al Szasz, the crew-cut "Mr. Wrestling" who best Eric (The Arrogant) Pederson in the final match of the elimination tournament here this week, goes against Frank Stojack, next Tuesday night at the Armory for the Coast junior heavy title belt owned by the former Washington State football All-American. The mat match will cap Matchmaker Elton Owen's weekly program.

Champion Stojack, who has held the title belt for the better part of two years, hasn't made a Salem appearance in many months. Since his last outing here he entered politics in Tacoma and is the leading candidate for mayor of that city.

The dynamic Szasz, exponent of just about every mat maneuver in the game and an expert with the whip, wrist lock, shoot, provide Stojack and his drop-kicks, flying tackles, airplane spins, etc., with a rousing scrap.

Prelims for the title card will be readied later by Owen.

Marcune Tests Salas Tonight

NEW YORK (AP) — Aggressive Lauro Salas, the former lightweight champion with the perpetual motion style, makes his Madison Square Garden debut Friday night against improving Pat Marcune of Brooklyn.

The crowd-pleasing Mexican and the hard-hitting Brooklynite were rated even in the betting Thursday for the 10 p. m. (EST) ten-rounder. The bout will be broadcast (ABC) and telecast (NBC).

Pasadena Skaters Lead in Tourney

SEATTLE (AP) — Two Pasadena, Calif., skaters led their divisions after school figures were skated Thursday at the start of the Pacific Coast Figure Skating Championships.

Larae Coyle, Pasadena, was leading in the novice ladies' division and Deedee Whalen, Pasadena, was ahead in the junior ladies' section.

The program winds up Saturday.

Pro Gridder Doubles as Matman

San Francisco (AP) — Lee Nemechil, pro football player for the San Francisco 49ers and a wrestler during the off season, threw a vicious shoulder block to the mid section of Lou Tolan, recognized as world champion by the National Wrestling Alliance. It was the second block of a series of two, the first of which landed on referee Jack Wagner when he collided with Tolan. Wagner has prevailed at last. These matches will take place on Saturday night after Nemechil was the first. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

They'll Do It Every Time



Houbregs Far Ahead in Scoring...

Center Stars Dominate N-Division Statistics

LOS ANGELES (Special) — Three rangy centers, all seniors and playing their final Northern Division series this week end, had a stranglehold on statistics released today by the Pacific Coast Conference Commissioner's office.

Washington's Bob (Hook) Houbregs, who cracked the old Northern division scoring record in his 10th game of the 16-game schedule, leads the way with an average of 24.4 points a game (138 field goals and 98 free throws for 370 points in 14 games.) The 6-foot 7-inch Houbregs also has sewed up honors as the top marksman with a record 54.6 per cent on field goals.

Cheo Nee, also six-foot-seven, of Oregon, ranks second with an 18.6 average and is the Division's No. 1 rebounder with 187 in 14 games for a 13.3 average. Hartly Kruger, Idaho, 6 feet 7 1/2 inches, is third in scoring with a 17.7 average. Both Nee and Kruger are near-clinches this weekend to join Houbregs in cracking the old season scoring record of 285 points.

Ed Houbregs, Washington guard, leads the free throwers with a phenomenal mark of 93.6 per cent on only one miss in 27 attempts. He's followed by teammate Joe Cipriano with 81 per cent. Washington's Huskies, as a team, have practically re-written the record book in every department except one—rebounds, where Oregon has a slight edge.

This weekend Washington is at Idaho for a final series while Oregon and Oregon State conclude their seasons against each other, Friday night at Corvallis and Saturday night at Eugene.

Washington, which clinched its third straight Northern division championship last Friday night, will host the Pacific Coast Conference playoffs, meeting the Southern division representative in a best two out of three game series in Edmundson Pavilion March 6, 7 and, if necessary, 9. The winner of this series will proceed to the NCAA regional playoffs at Corvallis, Ore., on March 12.

Name of School	G	Fg	Ft	Pct	Avg
Bob Houbregs, W	14	128	98	73.0	26.4
Cheo Nee, O	14	99	82	82.0	18.6
Hartly Kruger, I	14	78	73	73.0	17.7
Ken Wagner, O	14	58	78	78.0	13.9
Toxy Visintino, OS	14	39	29	74.0	12.4
Joe Cipriano, W	14	73	24	100	12.9
Pete Mullins, WS	14	98	58	100	12.9
Ed Halberg, O	14	63	27	100	11.9
Dwight Morrison, I	14	69	31	100	11.8
Alan McCutcheon, W	14	48	48	100	10.2
Barney Holland, O	14	43	25	100	9.2
Bruce McIntosh, I	14	43	25	119	9.2
Tom Flynn, I	14	38	28	97	8.9
Ron Beaman, WS	14	44	41	129	8.5
Doug McClary, W	14	48	23	119	8.5
Charlie Koon, OS	14	28	28	98	8.0
John Jarboe, OS	14	23	29	96	6.8
Keith Farnam, O	14	28	24	96	6.6
Tex Whitman, OS	14	24	28	92	6.6
Bob Klock, WS	14	28	22	98	6.6
Bill Mather, I	14	28	10	80	6.2
Bob Edwards, OS	14	28	22	81	6.1
Dean Parsons, W	14	17	20	94	6.0
Ron Robins, OS	14	19	19	79	5.8
Bill Toole, OS	14	18	28	78	5.2

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Falls City, Perrydale In Polk B Cage Clash

MONMOUTH (Special) — Falls City and Perrydale High Schools tangled in the OCE Gym Friday night at eight o'clock in another Polk County B League basketball tournament game. Loss of the mix will be eliminated from the tourney.

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Look and Learn

- By A. C. Gordon
1. What proportion of divorced persons in the United States remarry within five years?
 2. What European country's land is in many places 15 feet below sea level?
 3. What great statesman was also named as the greatest figure of 18th century American literature?
 4. What city ranks second in London in population in Great Britain?
 5. What were the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria?
- ANSWERS
1. Three out of every four.
 2. Holland.
 3. Benjamin Franklin (1706-90).
 4. Glasgow, Scotland.
 5. Names of the three ships in Columbus' fleet.

Coyote Center Top Marksman In NW Circuit

With the final games of the campaign coming up this weekend, J. C. Owens of College of Idaho remains comfortably ahead in the Northwest Conference individual scoring race with 285 points in 14 games, good for a 20-point average. Next comes Ken Servas, Lewis & Clark, with 248 in 13 games and third in the race is Highest Willamette man in the list is Forward Dick Mase with 189 points in 13 games.

Owens, College of Idaho's sensational freshman center, also is tops in field goals with 92 and leads the gift shot department with 101.

Name of School	G	Fg	Ft	Pct	Avg
Owens, J. C., C of I	14	92	101	285	20.4
Servas, K., L & C	13	89	47	223	17.2
Hubert, Pacific	14	80	83	213	15.2
McKee, Linfield	14	69	63	201	14.4
Fain, Whitman	14	68	71	201	14.4
Santford, Linfield	14	57	78	188	13.4
Mase, Willamette	14	57	78	188	13.4
Gwynn, Whitman	14	54	41	189	13.4
French, Pacific	14	58	86	171	12.3
Hoy, Willamette	14	47	49	163	11.6
Spies, C of I	14	47	49	163	11.6
D. Stewart, Pacific	14	46	23	158	11.3
Crawford, C of I	14	46	23	158	11.3
Mullins, C of I	14	39	28	139	10.0
Robinson, Whitman	14	38	28	148	10.6
Schwartz, L & C	14	37	32	147	10.5
Parker, Whitman	14	39	48	124	8.9
Ague, Pacific	14	37	32	123	8.8
Buckley, Pacific	14	37	32	123	8.8
Jackson, L & C	14	38	42	118	8.4
Robinson, Whitman	14	39	19	117	8.4
Buckley, Pacific	14	37	32	116	8.3
Shield, Willamette	13	37	31	105	8.1
Servas, Willamette	13	34	44	104	7.9
Reed, Willamette	14	37	17	91	6.5
Schlewa, Linfield	14	37	17	91	6.5
Colvard, Willamette	14	37	17	91	6.5
Sanchez, C of I	14	37	17	91	6.5
Cable, Linfield	13	32	22	88	6.8

3 Ski Meets Set for Hood

PORTLAND (AP) — Three ski tournaments will be held on Mt. Hood this week end, the big event being the two-day Northwestern Ski Association's Alpine combined, downhill and slalom, opening Saturday.

Class C and junior races will compete in the PNSA giant slalom Saturday. Class C and juniors will compete in a ski jumping event on Multopur Mountain under Cascade Ski Club auspices.

Whitworth Post To Vandal Aide

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Art Smith, University of Idaho freshman basketball and football coach was named Thursday as the new Whitworth College hoop coach, President Frank Warren announced.

He will succeed Jim McGregor who resigned after a disagreement with school officials over emphasis of sports in the school's program.

McGregor resigned last month as Whitworth's basketball coach and athletic director and was due to finish out the year. However, Wednesday, the school announced it would be effective immediately.

The school said it had violated Evergreen Conference rules in scheduling too many games this season, and put the blame on McGregor. The rule violation made Whitworth ineligible for the small college playoffs.

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Training Camp Notes

GRAPEFRUIT CIRCUIT
By The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Ed Lopat, veteran southpaw of the New York Yankees, signed his 1953 contract Thursday and immediately participated in a light workout. The left-hander, who was bothered by a sore shoulder much of last season, signed a provisional contract.

According to the terms, Lopat will receive a base pay of \$21,000, which is a cut of \$7,000.

The pact also provides that in the event he is able to work with normal proficiency, he will receive the \$7,000 and can make even more.

Lopat's action leaves the club with six unsigned players: Vic Raschi, Ed Ford, Phil Rizzuto, John Mize, Billy Martin and Kal Segrist.

ROME (AP) — For the first time, an Italian baseball star is flying to the U. S. for a big league try-out.

Giulio Cesare Girolamo, six-foot, 180-pound right-handed pitcher, will leave by air Saturday for a tryout with the Cleveland Indians.

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Paul Minner, star left-handed pitcher, Thursday came to terms with the Chicago Cubs and will report at the Bruin training camp Friday.

Minner was the 38th and last Cub to sign for the coming season.

EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP) — Manager Paul Richards of the Chicago White Sox is working hard on pitcher Tommy Byrne, the control-wobbly southpaw, acquired last fall from the St. Louis Browns.

Richards covered Byrne, one-time New York Yankee, for two years before General Manager Frank Lane got him in one of his countless deals.

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Whitey Lockman, regular first baseman for the National League New York Giants, is Manager Leo Durocher's current choice for lead-off man on the team's lineup.

Other possibilities are Daryl Spencer and Dave Williams, Durocher revealed.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Joe Coleman, fireballing hurler who was discarded by the Philadelphia Athletics because of arm troubles last year, is back in an A's uniform — for a tryout.

"Think I can stick," he said. "My shoulder seldom bothers me and I've learned how to pitch."

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — Rookie Ted Kazanski is getting a lot of attention around the Philadelphia Phillies training site these days because of his play at shortstop. Some of the sideline experts have

even suggested Kazanski might make the grade and stick with the Phils after the start of the season. Manager Steve O'Neill turned thumbs down on that, however.

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — Outfielder Vic Wertz and pitcher Virgil Trucks, both prominent players in owner Bill Veeck's plans, appeared the most spirited workers as the St. Louis Browns went into their third week of training Thursday.

Both came to the Browns from Detroit.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — An old, familiar melody was sounded — St. Louis Cardinal Manager Eddie Stanky likes the way Steve Bilko looks.

"This is the fourth spring Bilko has tried to make the grade at first base with the Redbirds."

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Right-hander Max Surkont deserted the Boston Braves' unsigned group Thursday and went through the 90-minute workout directed by Manager Charlie Grimm. Vern Bickford and Lew Burdette, other veteran hurlers, continue unsigned after conferring with General Manager John Quinn.

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Preacher Roe, Brooklyn's southpaw pitching ace, worked batting practice for the first time Thursday and announced his arm is in "fine shape." Arm trouble handicapped the Preacher last year.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates received a signed contract Thursday from pitcher Paul Pettit. This left only three Pirates unsigned — home run king Ralph Kiner and pitchers Johnny Hetki and Charles Sipple.

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Keith Little, 23-year-old rookie outfielder, walloped five over the fence in the Detroit Tigers batting practice Thursday.

Three of his blows came off consecutive pitches by Ray Herbert, who is making a bid for the Tiger squad after two years in the Army.

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — The Boston Red Sox suffered their first serious 1953 casualty Thursday when rookie outfielder Archie Wilson pulled a tendon in his left leg while sliding during a pitcher's pick-off drill. He will be sidelined for 10 days.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Ted Kluszewski, the Cincinnati Reds' strong boy on first base became the Redjag training camp's first medical case Thursday when spiked during a "scrub" game.

Ted or Wayne Anderson treated Ted for a cut which did not require stitches.

Lemon Accepts \$45,000 Contract

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Cleveland Pitcher Bob Lemon ended a hold-out campaign Thursday and agreed to a salary that makes him the highest paid player in the American League.

The first member of the Indians' big three pitching staff to reach a money understanding, Lemon is reported to have settled for about \$45,000.

CIVILIANS LAID OFF AT AIR FORCE BASE

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland Air Force Base reported Thursday that more than a third of the civilian staff there is being laid off, effective March 1, under an economy measure.

Lt. Col. Fergus Fay, executive officer, said 80 of the 198 civilian jobs were being eliminated.

He described it as part of an economy move in the 25th Air Division.

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Tillamook, Oregon, February, 1953 (compiled by U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.):

Pacific Standard Time

Feb.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
27	12:16 a.m.	5.4	9:53 a.m.	2.5
	11:29 a.m.	6.4	6:29 p.m.	0.1
28	12:29 a.m.	5.6	6:21 a.m.	2.1
	12:07 p.m.	6.2	6:48 p.m.	0.3

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NAIB Playoff Nearing; WU, OCE Possibilities

PORTLAND (AP) — Two teams from the Northwest Conference and Portland University are expected to be entrants in the Oregon NAIB playoff.

It will be a playoff for the Oregon position in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics tournament at Kansas City.

The two top teams from the Northwest Conference will be entered. These will be Lewis and Clark, Willamette or Pacific.

Portland also is expected to be selected.

Oregon College of Education and Southern Oregon are being considered for the fourth spot. The chairman of the selection committee, James Torson, who also is coach at Portland, said their records were nearly identical.

Ducks, Huskies Decide Splash Crown Today

SEATTLE (AP) — The Pacific Coast Conference Northern Division swimming title will be decided here Friday when the University of Washington Huskies and the University of Oregon Ducks tangle in a dual meet at the UW pool.

Oregon's Yosh Terada is the main threat to the favored Huskies. Terada is unbeaten in the backstroke event this season and the University of second fastest individual medley time in northern division history.

Another unbeaten Oregon swimmer to go against the Huskies will be Gordon Edwards, the division's 440-yard freestyle champ last year.

House Mover Moves Court, Lands in Jail

PORTLAND (AP) — Robert Lee Pettit, 27, a house mover, moved all dignity out of the municipal court Thursday upon conviction for beating his ex-wife.

He tried to jump out of the prisoners' box toward his former wife after she testified against him. One bailiff was knocked down and another could not handle him.

Deputy City Attorney James Hafey and Court Clerk John Linder rushed into the fray. Judge John J. Murchison pounded his gavel for order.

Eventually Pettit was escorted off to jail to begin serving two 90-day terms for drunkenness and assault and battery.

Clerk Linder suffered bruises on a leg, and Bailiff James Crawford was treated at emergency hospital for a head bruise and a wrenched back.

SET BLOOD RECORD

ASHLAND (AP) — Ashland residents set a record for blood donations here Wednesday, contributing 343 pints of blood to the Red Cross.

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