

Valley Prep Circuits Roar Into Home Stretch

The valley's prep cage clans roar into the home stretches of their respective league and district title races this week, with the bulk of the action booked for the usual Tuesday and Friday nights.

The collegiates have another busy week before them also, with the major part of it falling on the coming Friday and Saturday nights.

League play for the preppers accentuates Tuesday activities. Here's how they'll go about it:

WILLAMETTE VALLEY LEAGUE: Silverton at Canby, Sandy at Woodburn, Estacada at Dallas, Mt. Angel at Molalla.

Officers Open Archery Club's Spanking New Range



The Salem Jabberwalkie Archery Club's new indoor range was opened recently, and officialdom's touch to the opening were the above officers of the club. Left to right: Burt Bertner, director; Dr. L. E. Watson, secretary; Lewis G. Johnson, president and Wally Eubanks, director. The indoor range will be available each Sunday to interested members of the bow and arrow fraternity, with shooting hours from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The range is located in the Dickson's Market building near the 12th Street Junction.

Rollin' Along

With Jerry Stone

If you took the Smith boys—Sam and George—out of the St. Paul Buckaroos' basketball lineup, you'd have a real void. The two make for a neat scoring package—and the Buckaroos again want it emphasized that though Sam and George may be brothers in spirit, they're not so, blood-wise.



DOUGLAS HERTZ Bay Area Calls Him

One of the more sane boxing rules in the books is that of New York which calls it an automatic TKO if a ringster is knocked down three times in a single round. That prohibits any such blood baths of that of a year ago when Tommy Collins was knocked down ten times in a Boston bout before a halt was called.

Douglas Hertz, the man with the fabulous bigtime sports promotional background and also onetime owner of the now defunct New York football Yankees, no longer is a resident of these parts.

Now the 70-year-old Hertz, always an "idea" man, has headed south for San Francisco to plunge into another project. And we wager he'll be heard from, too.

Mattheus Back in Action Tuesday... North American Bantam Title on Line Tonight

NEW YORK (AP) — Billy Peacock, the North American bantam champion, defends his title Monday night at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway in a 12-round match with Nate Brooks of Cleveland, the 1932 Olympic flyweight winner.

Death Claims Nelson, Great Ring Champion

CHICAGO (AP) — Oscar (Batling) Nelson, one of the greatest world lightweight boxing champions, died Sunday of lung cancer at Chicago State Hospital. He was 71.

Bears, Bruins In Key Series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's a tough assignment, but UCLA gets a chance this week to pull into a Pacific Coast Conference Southern Division basketball tie with the California Bears.

Wolves Coach Plans Protest

MONMOUTH (Special) — Dr. Bob Livingston, OCE Wolves basketball coach, announced Sunday that he will make a formal protest of Saturday night's losing game with Portland State, played on the latter's floor.

Brennan Keeps 2 Leahy Aides

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Terry Brennan, Notre Dame's new 25-year-old head football coach, began reorganization Saturday of the Irish staff by retaining two assistants.

Whitman Winner

WALLA WALLA (AP) — Whitman ran away from Northwest Nazarene in the fourth quarter Saturday night to break up a close basketball game and cop a 74-54 victory.

West Kentucky Loss Cage Surprise Ducks, Beavers Slate Tough Tests

Division Race Nears Stretch Co-Leaders to Face Threats This Weekend

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By The Associated Press The hot Northern Division cage campaign grinds into its homestretch stage with Oregon's Webfoots and the Beavers of Oregon State locked in a tie for the lead after the Staters came through with a sweep of their weekend series with the Washington State Cougars.

Idaho's Vandals, considered a strong title threat at the outset of the season, were all but knocked from the running at Seattle as the underdog Washington Huskies came through with a pair of astonishing upset wins.

These same Huskies, apparently one of the most improved teams in the division, may be a tough test for Oregon State when the two clubs collide in a two-game series at Corvallis this Friday and Saturday nights.

The Ducks and Beavers each currently sport 7-3 division records. The title might well be decided when the two finish out the campaign against each other Feb. 26th and 27th.

Riegger Shoot King

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Arnold Riegger, All-American trapshooter from Seattle, Sunday was declared the over-all champion of the Reno four-day midwinter trapshooting handicap tournament.

Leahy Squelches Coaching Rumors

SEATTLE (AP) — Frank Leahy stepped from a plane Sunday night and met reporters' queries with a smiling statement that he definitely is an ex-coach.

'Skins Ink Meilinger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Redskins Sunday signed Steve Meilinger of Kentucky, their No. 1 draft choice for 1954.

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Middlecoff, Furgol Tie For Phoenix Open Title

By BOB MYERS PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — A capricious gust of wind blew away the victory chances Sunday of the tournament long-shot, Bob Inman of Tulsa, Okla., and Cary Middlecoff and veteran Ed Furgol swept on from behind to tie for the \$2,000 first prize in the \$10,000 Phoenix Open golf tournament.

Middlecoff, 32-year-old former National Open champion from Memphis, Tenn., shot an even par 71. Furgol, a man who has never won a major tournament and has the handicap of a withered left arm, shot a 68 to go into a tie at 272 strokes with Middlecoff at the end of the regular 72 holes.

The co-leaders will meet Monday in an 18-hole playoff — a sudden death after that if they are still tied.

The wind-up was hectic before the largest gallery in the tournament's history. Furgol had a chance to win the top money — a contest if he could sink a five-foot putt for a birdie on the 18th green. He missed.

But the real drama occurred on the 10th tee when Inman, by all odds the gallery's favorite because of his spectacular play in previous rounds, started to drive.

Inman was leading Middlecoff by one stroke after passing the 63rd hole and was two strokes in front of Furgol.

Jockey Killed In Turf Mishap

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Jockey Curtis Day, 28, Alhambra, Calif., died here Saturday night three hours after he was injured in a fall during the running of the ninth race at Rillito Park.

Basett Victor

MARSEILLES (AP) — Percy Basett of Philadelphia, interim world featherweight champion, knocked out French champion Mohammed Chickaoui Sunday in the second minute of the third round of a scheduled 10-round fight.

Wildcat Five Keeps Rolling

By SHELDON SAKOWITZ NEW YORK (AP) — Western Kentucky's surprise reversal at the hands of traditional rival Eastern Kentucky on Saturday left Kentucky and Duquesne as the lone remaining major undefeated basketball teams in the nation.

The Hilltoppers (21-1), rated No. 4 in the last AP poll, were rudely jolted from the ranks of the unbeaten by Eastern Kentucky 63-54 to snap their victory string. Eastern had bowed to Western twice, previously 122-78 and 81-78.

Western Kentucky, trailing by 10 points early in the third period, narrowed the margin to one point before the Maroons pulled away for good in the fourth quarter.

Tom Marshall, usually one of the Hilltoppers' high scorers, was limited to eight points by the spirited Eastern defense.

Meanwhile, top-ranked Kentucky (16-0) and Duquesne (18-0), No. 2, maintained their unblemished records Saturday. Kentucky, for the fourth time this season, hit the century mark in crushing Georgia 100-68.

All-America Cliff Hagan, performing in his home town of Owensboro, Ky., led the way for the Wildcats with 29 points.

Duquesne boosted its stock considerably with an impressive 81-68 success over a strong Quantico Marines quintet. The game counts only as an exhibition however, and the victory isn't included in the Dukes' won-lost record.

Sophomore sensation Si Green topped Duquesne with 25 points, while Quantico's Paul Arizin, formerly of the Philadelphia Warriors, was held to 12.

Wildcats Meet Florida Both Kentucky and the Iron Dukes will attempt to keep their spotless records this week. The Wildcats visit Florida Monday and are host to Mississippi Saturday.

Duquesne doesn't figure to be extended at Carnegie Tech Wednesday.

Sixteen of the top 20 teams saw action last Saturday in collegiate basketball's busiest night of the season with 13 of them scoring victories. Oklahoma A & M (18-1), No. 5, Holy Cross (16-1), No. 10, Maryland (17-4), No. 13 and Oklahoma City (12-4), No. 16, were idle.

Third-ranked Indiana (14-1) was hard pressed to turn back a stubborn Michigan State club 79-74 for the Hoosiers' seventh straight Big Ten triumph. Bobby Leonard and Don Schlundt, with 28 and 25 points respectively, paced last season's NCAA champs.

Seattle, No. 6, continued its winning ways by routing Gonzaga 71-49 for the Chieftains' 22nd consecutive victory after an opening game setback to Wichita.

Seventh-ranked Notre Dame (12-2) edged scrappy DePaul 59-53 for its eighth successive triumph. Dick Rosenthal was the big gun for the Fighting Irish with 17 points.

Survey Discloses Many Variations in Rules Throughout Land

By HUGH FULLERTON JR. NEW YORK (AP) — Where can a college athlete start playing varsity sports when he's a freshman and still be playing when he's a graduate student? Why, the Southeastern Conference.

Where can he play as a freshman only if his school has a male enrollment of less than 750 and if it supports teams in eight different sports? The Eastern College Athletic Conference.

Where can he be declared permanently ineligible if his coach has brought him a dinner in the good restaurant across town instead of the haphazard house by the campus The Pacific Coast Conference.

Such major variations in eligibility rules were brought to light in an Associated Press survey stemming from the recent mud furor over the University of Kentucky basketball team.

A lot of people just discovered that the SEC allowed grad students to play.

The NCAA, like virtually every major conference, limits varsity competition to three seasons with a five-year span. And, like most of them, it rules out anyone who has completed his undergraduate work and is eligible for a college degree.

The South's three major conferences — the Southeastern, Atlantic Coast and Southern — don't have that last stipulation. If a boy still is in college it's okay with them as long as he hasn't used up his three years of eligibility. Of these three, only the Southeastern still permits freshmen to play on varsity teams, but that goes out Sept. 1. Boys now in school who completed as freshmen still will be able to play for the fourth season.

Because the 100-college ECAC includes a lot of very small schools, it has a special rule that permits freshmen to play for colleges whose male enrollment is less than 500 and for colleges under 750 if they support at least

two fall, three winter and three spring sports.

The ECAC also includes the influential Ivy group, which does not allow freshmen to play and counts any year of scholastic ineligibility against the three years of competition allowed.

The Border Conference permits the use of freshmen and a couple of others have minor exceptions to the general rule.

There still are a good many ways in which an athlete can stick around for a fifth year to use up his eligibility, but nearly every conference would frown on deliberately failing a course if they could prove it was deliberate.

The Big Ten, for instance, has found that more than 50 per cent of students need more than five years to take a degree so it defines "satisfactory progress" for an athlete as leading to a degree in five years. But any "flunk" renders an athlete ineligible for Big Ten competition.

The Big Seven considers a four-year course as "normal" and requires an athlete to pass 24 semester-hours of scholastic work, 60

per cent of it with grades of "C" or better, each year to remain eligible.

That figure of 24 semester-hours — or 36 quarter-hours — seems to be the standard for conferences which set up definite rules concerning minimum scholastic requirements. But about half the major circuits leave it to the individual colleges to decide what constitutes satisfactory progress.

The major conferences are almost unanimous in requiring that transfer students put in a year of residence before they're eligible for athletics. But only the Big Ten applies that rule to junior college graduates who go right into a four-year school. Several conferences rule that an athlete who has signed a grant-in-aid agreement with one institution never can be eligible to play for another school in the same circuit.

The rules on recruiting and financial aid to athletes show the widest variations and usually brings the severest penalties. Hence the matter of the dinner mentioned previously.

A customary Pacific Coast Conference penalty for a recruiting

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