YMCA Tourney Opens Here Today

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Marion B's Close Tonight

Top 4 Teams Eye Playoffs

MARION B LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
M-City*	16	2	.889	Gates	7	10	.412
Gervais	13	4	.765	Chmwa*	7	11	.333
Jefferson	13	4	.765	Sublmity	4	13	.235
St. Paul	11	6	.667	O.S.D.	3	14	.176
Scio	10	7	.588	Detroit	2	15	.118

(* Season completed.)

Tonight's final games: Gervais at Sublimity, Jefferson at Detroit, Scio at Oregon School for Deaf, St. Paul at Gates.

The Marion County B League ends its season tonight with four games, none of which will involve 1954 champion Mill City. The Timberwolves and Chemawa have completed play, with the former boasting the championship on a 16-2 record. Chemawa wound up with seven wins, 11 losses.

Tonight's games: St. Paul at Gates, Scio at Oregon School for the Deaf, Gervais at Sublimity, Jefferson at Detroit.

Gervais and Jefferson go into the last round in a tie for second place, and likely will finish up in the knot since they oppose second division quints tonight.

Considerable interest will be focused on the St. Paul-Gates and Scio-Deaf School mixes, as both the Buckeroos and Loggers are battling for the No. 4 rung in the final standings. The top four teams in the circuit at the end of play will qualify for the District 2-B tournament at Willamette U in March.

Buck Weatherill's St. Pauls downed Stan Whipple's Scio club in their crucial game Tuesday night and now have a one-game lead over the Loggers for the fourth position. A St. Paul win at Gates tonight clinches it for the Saints, but should they lose while Scio is beating OSD, they'll end in a tie.

If the Deaf Schoolers beat Scio, however, then it's all over and St. Paul has the coveted No. 4 slot regardless of how the Bucks make out at Gates.

Gates High's Herb Romey, the 1953 league scoring champ, established a new individual high scoring record for this season Tuesday when he meshed 40 points against Sublimity. The 40 did not make for a new league record, but they did push Romey into strong competition for this year's scoring crown. Mill City's Elton Gregory is currently in front, with both John Wright of Jefferson and Romey pushing hard.

AP's 1954 All-America Team

The Associated Press' 1954 All-America basketball team is pictured above. Included are Don Schlundt of Indiana, Frank Selvy of Furman, Bob Pettit of Louisiana State, Cliff Hagan of Kentucky and Tom Gola of LaSalle.

Four Clashes In WU Arena

Salem, Walla Walla Foes in Night Tilt

The Northwest area YMCA senior basketball tournament, involving eight teams from Oregon and Washington, gets under way at the Willamette University Gym today. All eight teams will see action in the day-night round which starts at 5 o'clock.

The strong Salem entry will play in the 8 a.m. clash, with Walla Walla.

In the opening mix today the Eastside YMCA of Seattle will face Everett, Wash. At 6:30 the Eugene entry goes against Tacoma, Wash. The Salem-Walla Walla game will get the night side of the program under way, after which Yakima and Portland collide at 9:30 o'clock.

The four winners will advance to semifinals action Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. Consolidation flight play starts at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

The tuornament is under the direction of Fred Cords, local YMCA official.

'Kid' Matched With Burnett

SPOKANE (AP) — Seattle's Harry (Kid) Matthews, who has embarked on a "fight a month" rebuilding job, will meet Murray Burnett in a 10-round heavyweight match here March 9, promoter Tex Hager said Thursday.

Burnett is a 27-year old Chicago Negro who has been campaigning with mild success in the Midwest.

Matthews, 32, knocked out Jack Nelson of Salt Lake City in 1:16 of the first round here Feb. 9, and manager Jack Hurley said he would have the Kid going every 30 days from then to retirement or a big-money shot.

The idea is to pick up some Northwest dollars, which usually flow for Harry, while beefing up his Northwest stock.

Jehosie Heard Impressive in Orioles Camp

YUMA, Ariz. (AP) — Jehosie Heard, a small package as baseball pitchers go and the first Negro to don a Baltimore Oriole uniform, is acting very much like a sleeper at spring training camp here these days.

Manager Jimmy Dykes admits he may have gotten more than he bargained for in the wee left hander who came to the new American League team from Portland in the Pacific Coast League.

Both Jimmy and the Birds' pitching coach, Harry "The Cat" Brecheen, point out it's far too early in the season to make predictions on the performance of any athlete. But Brecheen says he likes the way this quiet 147-pounder keeps the ball down around the knees but still in the strike zone.

Jehosie, who has scarcely uttered anything loud enough to be heard since he arrived here, stands just 5 feet, 8 inches tall.

"Looks a lot like Bobby Shatz the way he throws and fields ground balls," Dykes put in.

Heard, who is 29, made his first post-war effort with the touring Birmingham, Ala., Black Barons. He won six and lost three before he quit because of "too many bus rides."

In 1949 he posted a record of 17-9 with the Houston Eagles, then quit for two more years.

Changing his mind again, little Jehosie signed with Portland in 1952 and was farmed out to Victoria, B.C., where he fanned 216 batters in 212 innings and led the team to a Western International League pennant with a 20-12 record.

He threw a no-hitter that season and pitched two games on a single Sunday, losing both by tight 1-0 scores.

Heard was brought back to Portland for the 1953 season where he proved himself a workhorse, posting a 16-12 record for the fourth-place team. He had a 3.19 earned run average.

Heard will get his chance here and if he produces, there is little doubt he'll be throwing them for Baltimore this year.

Cards Nearing Junior Title

Coach Clay Egleston's Parrish Cardinals took another big stride toward the 1954 Salem Junior High basketball championship Thursday with a 49-44 win over the Parrish Pioneers. The Cards now own a 6-1 record, and second place Pioneers have four wins, three losses.

One more victory for the Egleston team clinches the crown.

The winners led 15-12 at halftime after a 10-10 first period tie. It was 37-32 at the end of the third quarter for the Cards. Heavy scoring by Ron Russell with 18, Ed Kitchen with 13 and Larry Patton with 12 paced the victors. Gerald Brunnelle topped coach Bob Metzger's Pioneers with nine.

The Pioneers won the Bee game 35-26.

West Salem plays at Parrish Greys tonight at eight o'clock, and the two Leslie teams meet at 4 p.m. in today's league games.

Pioneers (44)		(49) Cards
Brunnelle (9)	F	(1) Kanz
Kruger (5)	F	(12) Patton
Brukhardt (8)	C	(2) Jeldon
Morgan (8)	G	(18) Russell
Durham (5)	G	(13) Kitchen

Reserves scoring: Pioneers—Drake 6, M. Patton 3. Cards—Buchanan 3, Wessner.

Officials: Anderson and Cooper.

The best record ever compiled by a Duke University basketball team was in 1942 when the Blue Devils won 22 out of 24 games.

Vernon to Be Classed As Holdout by Nats

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Clark Griffith said Thursday that if Mickey Vernon doesn't sign his contract by Monday, the Washington Senators definitely will regard him as a holdout.

Vernon, the 35 year old first baseman who led the league in hitting last season, is reportedly after a salary of $35,000. The Senators' top offer has been $24,000.

Rainiers to Try Out Day Games Saturdays

SEATTLE (AP) — Saturday afternoon baseball will be given a trial by the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League in an attempt to lure the day - off dollar.

Except for a brief test during the war, Saturday baseball has been a night fixture in Seattle almost since the first lights were installed.

General Manager Dewey Soriano said Thursday "the entire city is working a five - day week and interest shown to date justifies the switch to afternoon play on Saturday."

Tuckett Enters Lewiston Fold

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — The Lewiston Broncs of the Western International League announced Thursday the signing of Glen Tuckett, who was their regular second baseman last year.

Business Manager Tom Tabor said Tuckett is the eleventh player to be signed by the Broncs so far this year.

During 1953 Tuckett took part in 124 double plays, 14 more than any other second baseman in the Class A league.

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Riegger Top Selection For All-America Team

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Kansas school teacher and a veteran marksman with a better than 98 per cent average of hits on 6,950 targets last year are among the nation's top gunners named on Jimmy Robinson's 1954 All-America trapshooting teams.

Robinson, veteran clay-target editor of Sports Afield, outdoor publication, designated Arnold Riegger, Seattle, as captain of a 12-man amateur team.

Riegger, a star at the Grand American Trapshooting Tournament at Vandalia, Ohio, won the champion-of-champions race with 100 straight hits. His average on 6,950 registered targets was .9853.

Miss Iva Pembridge, Phillipsburg, Kan. school teacher, was selected by Robinson as the nation's top woman shooter. She won the women's title at the Grand American, breaking 195 out of 200 targets in the North American Ladies Championship race.

Seven veterans and four newcomers are chosen with Riegger to Robinson's first squad. Newcomers include John Simpson, Portland, Ore.

Robinson's second team selections include O. B. Milligan, Coos Bay, Ore.; Dick Skeeters, Medford, Ore., and Joe Cotant, Pocatello, Idaho.

Miss Pembridge was named captain of a 12-place women's team. David Dickas, Sidney, Ohio and Lawrence Jones, Condon, Ore. were named co-captains of a junior squad.

19 May Romp In Anita Go

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — Owners of 19 horses indicated Thursday they will shoot for the money in the $100,000 added Santa Anita Handicap Saturday and there will be no dearth of dark horses in the mile and one quarter race.

Calumet Farm's Mark-Ye-Well, will be forced to skip the event. Trainer Jimmy Jones decision to sideline Mark-Ye-Well, last year's winner, because of a minor ankle injury, pushed the betting entry of Rejected, High Scud and By Zeus into Prominence, and the same was true of Alberta Ranches' Irish horse, Indian Hemp.

It also moved Alfred G. Vanderbilt's Find into view as the high weight of the field, at 124 pounds.

If 19 go into the race, this 17th running of the handicap will be worth $146,000 gross and the winner will collect $108,900. It will be the fattest prize since Azucar won $108,400 in the inaugural race in 1935.

Albany Archers Schedule Meet

ALBANY (Special)—The Albany Chemawa Bowmen will sponsor a Foulweather Shoot on the local range Sunday, February 28. The meet, which will include novelty events, is open to the public and registration will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Albany range is located two miles west of the city, on Highway No. 20. Signs will direct archers to the course.

Holman Clear, 'Fix' Charge

NEW YORK (AP) — Nat Holman, guiding genius of basketball at the College of the City of New York for 34 years, Thursday was cleared of charges which led to his suspension following the basketball scandals of 1951.

A 3-man trial committee of the board of higher education, in a 2-1 decision, found Holman innocent fo charges of conduct unbecoming a teacher, constituting neglect of duty.

The committee recommended that Holman be reinstated as an associate professor of hygiene as of the date of his suspension, Nov. 18, 1952.

The "fix" scandals involved seven players on Holman's 1950 CCNY team which won the NCAA and National Invitation Tournaments. Players from other colleges also were involved.

Holman's assistant, Harry (Bobby) Sand, upanimously was found guilty on two charges of conduct unbecoming a teacher. The an instructor as of Nov. 18, 1953.

Look and Learn

By A. C. GORDON

1. What name was applied to the Medieval wars between the Christians and the Moslems?
2. For what, in English money, is the "quid" a slang terms?
3. In what famous novel does Lady Rowena appear?
4. What four U. S. states all meet at right angles?
5. What is the largest bronze statue in the world?

ANSWERS

1. The Crusades.
2. A pound.
3. "Ivanhoe," by Sir Walter Scott.
4. Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.
5. The Statue of Liberty.

Lindsey Meets Eric Pederson

Luther (The Tank) Lindsey and Eric (The Arrogant) Pederson are the next main eventers at the Armory, Tuesday night when Maestro Elton Owen presents his weekly wrestling card.

"Eric challenged the winner of this week's Lindsey-Kamaroff mix," Owen told Thursday, "and winner even via disqualification, I figure I've got a real main event for the next card. It ought to be a wow."

Pederson made his return to Salem an auspicious one by slamming such a full nelson on Gino Nicolini this week that Gino had to be taken to a hospital. No bones were broken, but Nicolini will be out of action for a spell as a result of Pederson's crushing hold.

Both Lindsey and Pederson use the full nelson as top convincers, and both men are extremely powerful.

The dynamo Pepper Gomez will also be on Tuesday's card, probably against Ivan (Killer) Kamaroff. Four matches will be on the bill for the program, all to completed later by Cwen.

Tide Table

Tides for Taft, Oregon—February, 1954 (compiled by U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.)

	HIGH WATERS		LOW WATERS	
Feb.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
26	5:43 a.m.	6.2	1:34 p.m.	1.0
	8:23 p.m.	4.1		
27	6:48 a.m.	6.3	12:20 a.m.	3.5
	9:28 p.m.	4.4	2:37 p.m.	0.7

Jefferson Hi Smoker Set Saturday Night

JEFFERSON — (Special)—Ten boxing bouts, including two exhibitions by Multnomah Athletic Club fighters from Portland, will feature the Jefferson High School Smoker at the school gym Saturday, starting at 8 p.m.

Other bouts will involve athletes from both the high and grade schools of Jefferson.

Chieftains Win 25th

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle University Chieftains stretched their winning streak to 25 straight—the nation's longest—Thursday night with an 80-64 victory over Portland University. Diminutive sophomore guard Cal Bauer had the biggest night of his collegiate basketball career as he canned 31 points to pace the Chieftain's to their triumph.

India will be host to an all-Asian lawn tennis tournament in Calcutta in December 1955.

'Sink or Swim' for Conley

By JACK HAND

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Gene Conley, Milwaukee's prize 6-foot-8 inch rookie righthander, is at the "sink or swim" stage of his career as a hot shot prospect.

"This is it," said General Manager John uinn, "everybody tells us Gene is ready. George Selkirk, who managed him last year at Toledo, says he can't miss. We hope so. We are counting on him to make it."

"Spring training will tell the story," said Manager Charlie Grimm, "I'm going to pitch him plenty in the exhibition games. We think he's ready to take the big step."

Conley, an engaging youngster of 23, is sure he won't disappoint. His minor league credentials border on the sensational.

Every year Conley burns up a minor league but this is his third try at the big wheel. Everybody agrees he was rushed up too fast when he was brought up to the Braves in 1952 after only one year of pro ball.

That first year was a dilly. The big fellow, fresh out of Washington State College where he was a basketball star, had a 20-9 season with Hartford in the Eastern League in 1951. He impressed everybody in '52 spring training, especially Tommy Holmes, then the manager. But he was over his head in the National League where he quickly lost three games. Soon he was back in the minors at Milwaukee.

Conley's 11-4 season with Milwaukee, then in the American Assn., earned him another spring whirl with the big club a year ago. He stuck around long enough to make the transfer from Boston to Milwaukee but was farmed to Toledo before the season opened.

Under Selkirk at Toledo, Conley rolled up a remarkable 23-9 record, a 2.90 earned run mark and a league-leading total of 211 strikeouts. He walked only 57 men.

On the strength of this terrific year, plus the return of Chet Nichols from service, the Braves felt free to trade Johnny Antonelli and Don Liddle to the New York Giants in the Bobby Thomson deal.

"The Giants wanted Conley," said Quinn, "but we decided to give up Liddle instead."

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