

HIGH CLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

Ron Gemmill, sports editor of the Salem Oregon Statesman, takes Salem in general and the chamber of commerce in particular, to task for non-support of the annual state high school basketball tournament. The prep hoop classic has been held in Salem, and more or less sponsored by Willamette university for the past 12 years. And now the officials of the OHSAA are talking of moving the tournament either to Eugene or Corvallis. As Gemmill points out, the reason is entirely financial. That by playing the tournament at either of the state schools the association would not have to split the net receipts, which have totaled \$19,000 during the 12 years, with Willamette. Gemmill assumes the state institutions would take care of all operating costs.

We can see other advantages besides the income in bringing the tournament to Eugene. 1. The most modern playing facilities on the coast. 2. More centrally located (this is debatable during the winter months). 3. It would do away with an automatic entrant.

The added income is questionable. We doubt very much if Eugene and Lane county, or Corvallis and Benton county, would take the event to its bosom as Salem and Marion county hoop addicts have. As far as housing is concerned, we are inclined to believe Gemmill is wrong in his conception that the campus fraternities would house the players. The frat boys are plenty burned about our continual call on them to put up preppers every time there is a band concert, oratorical tournament or the like. And as far as expenses are concerned, we imagine the cost of lights and upkeep would be taken out of the gross. The only financial advantage in the move appears to be that neither of the state institutions would demand a 50 per cent cut in the net receipts.

Eugene would certainly have the edge as far as playing and seating facilities are concerned. There seems little doubt that McArthur court would ever be filled to its 6,500 plus capacity, but the seating would be available nevertheless.

The elimination of Salem's automatic entrance into the event would be a big advantage. With three local high schools it would be hard to assign any one as host school. We have always contended that a school from the home town of the tournament has a distinct advantage over other contestants because the hoopsters do not change their mode of living—sleep in the same beds and eat the same food as they do every other day of the school year.

Gemmill says the OHSAA, "run by a pack of principals and superintendents who continually kick the coaches by their decisions" want the change in order to support other association activities, the likes of golf, tennis, boxing, etc. If properly promoted, boxing should be an income source.

Enlarging the state high school basketball tournament setup to include 20 teams instead of 16 was discussed at a meeting of the state high school athletic association today, according to the Associated Press.

No action was taken, and the matter was turned over to a committee for further consideration. There was talk of giving southwest Washington another representative, as well as one undisclosed eastern Washington district and a representative from the Puget Sound league.

This would bring the total to 19 and leave the door open to the long shooft Seattle school board to look down over their pince nez and allow the Seattle high school winner to compete. Present Seattle school rules forbid playing outside teams.

The association decided to allow each team ten players instead of nine at the tournament, and to hire a part-time head official to circulate among the districts and give classes, in an effort to obtain uniform officiating.

Charlie DeAutremont, University high's junior guard, was the best man for his position in the state tournament, according to "Honest John" Warren, Oregon's chief hoop scout, freshman coach and producer of a bit of collegiate basketball timber from high school ranks.

John picked the campus guard, along with Marion Susick, North Bend guard, and Wayman Colson, Baker guard, as the outstanding players of the tournament. All are fine collegiate prospects.

Although Jack Gosser played center for Salem, Warren believes the Viking a potential collegiate forward prospect. There was a definite lack of big centers in the meet and Warren of Corvallis was possibly the best prospect, although young and undeveloped.

Monteith and Newlands, both of Medford, and S. Crowell, North Bend, also caught John's eye.

The Oregon freshman coach thought Oakridge was good as a team, but picked North Bend as the best ball-handling outfit of the 16 entrants.

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Oregon Wallops Texas 56-41 in N.C.A.A. Hoop Tournament

Longhorns Give Webfoots Scare

Oklahoma Beats Utah 50-39 To Enter Finals

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—(AP)—The University of Oregon, holder of the Pacific Coast Conference basketball title, and University of Oklahoma, representative of the Missouri Valley's Big Six, boomed into the finals for the western regional championship of the National Collegiate Athletic association here last night.

The team that wins earns the right to play Ohio State, eastern regional winner, for the national championship on March 27, at Evanston, Ill.

Oregon and Oklahoma came through semi-final games at the Golden Gate International Coliseum with impressive displays of fast-breaking basketball.

5000 Fans Favor Ducks

Oregon defeated a stubborn Texas team, Southwest Conference representative, 56-41, after a close first half. Oklahoma put out a close first half. Oklahoma put out a close first half.

The losers, Utah State and Texas, play a consolation game for third place.

Most of the 5,000 fans who scattered through the 12,000-seat col-

iseum at the fair site favored the tall Oregon team over the Sooners from Norman in the final.

Held to a 19-16 score in the first half through the brilliant work of Bobby Moers and Oran Spears, Texas defense stars, the Webfoots turned on the heat for five minutes early in the second half to score 13 points and settle the issue.

John Dick Leads Drive

John Dick, forward, led the drive, scoring five points in little more than a minute.

His better-known running mate, Laddie Gale, who topped Pacific Coast Conference scorers this season, failed to count a field goal over Spears' defense in the first half and got only two in the final, both coming after Moers, the other Texas guard, had left the game on fouls.

Twice during the game the Longhorns threw scares into the Webfoots. After Oregon had built up a 16-5 lead in the first 14 1/2 minutes of play—with Dick scoring 8 and "Slim" Wintermute 6—Coach Howard Hobson replaced Gale with Ted Sarpola.

In the next two and one-half minutes the Texans had whittled the Oregon lead to one point, 16-15. But the Webfoots managed to pull up by a 19-16 halftime lead despite an "after-the-whistle" score by Tate.

Oklahoma Dominates

Texas narrowed the margin to one point three times in the opening minutes of the second half until Dick and Wintermute again spurred the Ducks on and sent Oregon into a 20-point lead near the end of the game.

In the Oklahoma-Utah state game, the Rocky Mountain team kept on even terms with the Sooners for 13 minutes. Then the Sooners cut loose in a rally that stretched their lead to 11 points at the halfway mark.

Utah cut down the Oklahoma lead in the opening minutes of the second half but the drive collapsed when Cal Agricola, key to the defense, was banished on personal fouls. Oklahoma's first-stringers came back soon after and ran away with their rivals.

Floyd Morris, Utah forward, took scoring honors for the game with 15 points. Forwards Garnett Corbin and Jimmy McNatt were high for Oklahoma with 12 points each.

night, 6-1, 6-4. Drawing freely on his blistering backhand stroke, Budge required only 35 minutes to dispose of his present traveling companion.



NCAA Meet Summaries

OREGON (56)

Dick f	6	1	3	13
Gale f	2	3	1	7
Wintermute c	7	0	0	14
Anet f	1	2	0	4
Johansen f	3	1	2	7
Sarpola c	0	1	0	1
Pavalunas g	1	1	1	3
Mullen g	1	1	0	3
Sandrea f	0	2	0	2
Hardy f	1	0	1	2
Totals	23	10	11	56

TEXAS (41)

Hull f	1	4	4	6
Granville f	0	2	2	2
Spears g	3	1	4	5
Tate c	3	1	3	7
Lindquist g	0	4	6	6
Cooley f	1	1	0	3
Finley f	2	2	0	4
Wiggins g	1	0	0	2
Nelms g	1	0	0	2
Totals	14	13	17	41

UTAH STATE

Bigham f	1	4	3	6
F. Morris f	6	3	2	15
Reading c	4	1	1	9
Lindquist g	0	0	0	0
Agrocola g	0	2	4	3
James f	1	1	0	3
C. Morris c	0	0	0	0
Jacobson f	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	11	12	39

OKLAHOMA (50)

McNatt f	5	3	3	12
Corbin f	1	3	2	5
Scheffer c	1	3	3	12
Meech g	3	1	2	7
Snodgrass g	1	1	1	3
Hoop f	1	3	1	5
Kerr c	0	1	1	1
Mullen g	0	0	1	0
Zoller g	1	0	1	2
Walker f	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	12	15	39

Loyola, L. I. U. Quints In Finals

NEW YORK, March 21.—(AP)—Two of the nation's top court teams, Loyola of Chicago and Long Island university, will meet Wednesday night in the final of the invitation tournament sponsored by the Metropolitan Basketball Writers association in Madison Square Garden.

These two, paladins of the west and the east, won through the semi-final round and furthered their unblemished records last night in one of the fiercest double-headers of Madison Square Garden history.

Loyola, 51 to 46, in an overtime period, and L. I. U. whipped Bradley Tech of Peoria, Ill., 36-32.

Wayne Pump, Green Bowling Teams Win

Wayne Pump Co. and Paul D. Green bowlers dominated the Super bowling league at the New Deal alleys Monday night, the pump men defeating Scherer Buicks and the Clothiers winning over Baker's Pharmacy, both by 3-to-0 scores.

Penny-Wise Drugs beat Sigwart Electric and Johnson Furniture beat C. A. Chilton's, both by 2-1 counts.

Hartman of Chilton's, with a 217 single game, and Endicot of Wayne Pump, with a 600 series, led the individual performance.

Americans Share In Sweepstakes Drawing

DUBLIN, March 21.—(AP)—Americans drew 29 of 50 residual prizes worth \$4,210 each today in the second day's drawing of the Irish hospitals' sweepstakes on Friday's Grand National steeplechase at Aintree.

Of 400 consolation prizes of \$300 each drawn before the morning recess, 223 went to Americans. Yesterday 276 United States ticket-holders got chances to win prizes of as much as \$150,000 by drawing horses scheduled to run in the race.

Seven Clubs Enter State Ball Circuit

Hills Creek will be the only local club in the Oregon State Baseball league, according to the 1939 schedule drawn up by the league at its organization meeting in Portland over the week-end.

The circuit will be confined to six other clubs, namely, Marine Electric and the Babels of Portland, Bend, Silverton, Albany, and Toledo. A bye was provided in the schedule to allow Eugene or some other team to enter the circuit before the schedule opens May 7.

Silverton captured the 1938 pennant and played in the national semi-pro tournament in the mid-west. The Silverton team is again expected to be the "team to beat."

George Wilhelm of Eugene was again re-elected president of the league, along with Bill McGinnis of Silverton as vice-president and Ray Brooks of Portland as secretary. Both Wilhelm and Brooks have held office since the league's organization.

The season's schedule follows: May 7—Marine Electric at Bend; Portland Babes at Hills Creek; Silverton at Albany; Toledo vs. Bend; May 14—Marine Electric at Hills Creek; Portland Babes at Bend; Albany at Toledo; Silverton vs. Bend; May 21—Marine Electric at Silverton; Hills Creek at Albany; Portland Babes at Silverton; Bend vs. Babels; Hills Creek vs. Bend; June 4—Toledo at Bend; Silverton at Hills Creek; Portland Babes at Albany; Marine Electric vs. Bend; June 11—Toledo at Hills Creek; Bend at Silverton; Marine Electric at Albany; Portland Babes vs. Bend; June 18—Silverton at Toledo; Bend at Hills Creek; Marine Electric vs. Post-Portland; Albany vs. Babels.

65 Report For Grid Practice At O. S. C.

CORVALLIS, March 21.—(AP)—Spring football practice began today at Oregon State college under Coach Lon Stiner who was granted a new three-year contract with a salary lift last week-end.

Sixty-five men drew equipment yesterday. The Beaver varsity baseball squad turned out for the first time yesterday.

Cleveland Indians Need Luck To Finish in Third Position

By GAYLE TALEBT

NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—(AP)—A two-day study of the Cleveland Indians has convinced me they will need plenty of luck to finish as high in the coming American league race as they did in the last, when they wound up third after buckling in the latter stages.

I'm pretty certain I saw three clubs in Florida—New York, Boston and Detroit—that will take the Indians' measure. Their once great pitching staff is beginning to fall apart, and they still are inadequate at second base and shortstop.

The Indians for the past several seasons have been able to count upon Mel Harder, Johnny Allen and Bob Feller to give them brilliant pitching on about three days out of four. But now it looks to me like they've lost Allen, and that's a blow they can't survive.

Allen hurt his arm pitching in the last all-star game at Cincinnati after having set a phenomenal record for the first half of the season. During the winter they split open his elbow and removed one of those "spurs" that have be-

come fashionable with our tossers. Even if by some miracle the wing finally comes back completely, Allen won't be ready to pitch before the first of May.

The team's veteran shortstop, Lynn Lary, a holdout, finally pulled into camp yesterday and signed his 1939 contract, but his position seems to be occupied by Jimmy "Skeeter" Webb, of Meridian, Miss. Indian officials professed indifference to the whereabouts of outfielder, Earl Averill. They only deny most emphatically that they are trying to trade him to the St. Louis Browns for Don Heffner, though I don't see why, for they could use Heffner at second base. As it is, they must depend upon Odell Hale again.

With five outfielders in camp such as Jeff Heath, Ben Chapman, Bruce Campbell, Julius Solters and Roy Weatherly, the Indians can struggle along very nicely without Averill, even though he hit .330 last year.

Country Club Bowling Champ

The Eugene Country club bowling team was the only victor to be held to a 2-1 win Monday night at Eugene Recreation, but the triumph was enough to capture the women's league championship. In defeating the runner-up Eugene Hotel Coffee shop, the club bowlers set a new single-game mark of 947 to shadow the 944 record previously shared by Scherer Buicks and Eugene Bakery.

Ed's Depot defeated McCrady's Cafe and Scherer Buicks beat Eugene Bakery, both by 3-0 scores Monday night to close the league season.

H. Platts scored a 181 single game for the Buicks and H. Zenzler a 472 series for the Country club to take top individual honors.

Awards will be made next week to the top bowlers: Myrtle Riggs holds the one-game record of 203 and Florence Frazier the series mark of 511. The team series record is held by the Eugene Hotel Coffee shop with 2659.

Country Club

Eugene Country Club	38	25	603
Eugene Coffee Shop	38	27	571
Scherer Buicks	34	29	549
Eugene Bakery	33	29	524
McCrady's Cafe	25	28	397
Ed's Depot	24	29	381

Stanley Cup Hockey Playoffs Start

NEW YORK, March 21.—(AP)—The Stanley Cup playoffs, the series of eliminations between the first six teams in the National Hockey league, was to open Tuesday night with the Boston Bruins, hot favorites to capture the crown emblematic of world ice supremacy.

The Bruins wound up their season with a 7-5 overtime victory over Montreal and wiped out the following marks for the 48-game schedule: Most games won—36; most standings points—74; fewest goals against—76; fewest ties—2; and fewest losses—10.

The Bruins tangle with the New York Rangers in the first of a best of seven-game series at Madison Square Garden while the New York Americans clash with the Maple Leafs in Toronto and Detroit's Red Wings play Les Canadiens in Montreal. The defending champions, the Chicago Blackhawks, failed to make the playoffs by seven points.

The winner of the Bruin-Ranger series will enter the finals. The best of three Canadiens-Red Wings and Americans-Maple Leafs will tangle in another playoff to determine the other finalist.

Patty Berg Posts 75 To Lead In Mid-South

SOUTHERN PINES, N. C., March 21.—(AP)—The mid-south women's 54-hole medal play golf tournament seemed today to have turned into a duel between Patty Berg, and Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page.

Miss Berg registered 37-38-75—eight under women's par and a record for the Southern Pines Country club course—in the first 18 holes of the competition yesterday.

Mrs. Page was but two strokes behind, 41-36-77.

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Clark to Test Riley In Eugene Debut

Vern Clark Tuesday was selected by Promoter Herb Owen to test the mat prowess of one Russell "Rebel" Riley, Alabama newcomer who makes his local wrestling debut at the armory Thursday night. The match will be the opening event of a double headline attraction featuring the same quartet who battled in last week's rough-and-tumble tent tussle.

Postponing their Pacific Coast light-heavyweight championship match for at least another week, Champion Bulldog Jackson and Challenger Otis Clingman have been signed to meet Filippo Romano and Tony "General" Garibaldi, respectively.

Jackson had requested the match with Romano, claiming he was the "slug that hurt my shoulder and caused me to postpone my match with Clingman." The champ said he would not meet his challenger unless he was in top physical shape. And Clingman in turn said he wanted Jackson in tip-top condition before meeting him for the title to prevent an alibi.

Clingman refused to wrestle a preliminary to Jackson and so Promoter Owen has billed the Clingman-Garibaldi and the Jackson-Romano matches as a double main-event.

Coast Hockey Heads To Act On Protest

SEATTLE, March 21.—(AP)—President Fred Taylor has summoned the board of governors of the Pacific coast hockey league to meet in Seattle tomorrow night to consider Seattle's protest of Portland's playoff victory Sunday night in Portland.

President Phil Lyvette of the Seahawks filed a protest with Taylor after Manager Danny Cox objected when Referee Bill Shaver refused to allow defenseman Pat Egan a goal shot after the whistle was blown for a penalty against Red Conn of Portland.

The fourth game of the series between the Hawks and Buckaroos will be played here tomorrow night.

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Bowser Named Pitt Coach

PITTSBURGH, March 21.—(AP)—The mantle of two men who for two decades made the University of Pittsburgh's football teams a power on the nation's collegiate gridirons—Glen S. "Pop" Warner and Dr. John Bain "Jock" Sutherland—fell today to a student of both, Charles W. Bowser.

Bowser was named last night by the board of trustees that at the same three-hour closed session appointed a committee of seven to investigate "all phases of the stormy situation at Pitt."

The new head coach entered Pitt in 1919 and displayed equal adaptability in the classroom and on the gridiron. As honor student, he played guard, tackle, quarterback and center under Warner.

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