

HIGH CLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

Howard Parks, Yoncalla high school coach and bush-league outfielder of considerable ability, writes an interesting letter regarding the future of 16-year-old high school athletes. Parks doesn't look at the problem from the athletic angle alone, but along with his question as to a youngster's ability to compete with older young men he wonders if the kids are ready to rush headlong into the world.

We present the letter for your consideration:

"Now that the lull between basketball and baseball season is nearing and the Beavers have once more been stopped, I presume that you will again lead a local, state-wide, or nation-wide campaign on some athletic issue of current importance.

"It seems, for the moment, that the 19-year age limit, state football playoff, local stadiums and such have been provided for and our Oregonians will soon be off to Denver.

"I have been much more concerned with the problem of 16-year-old athletes than that of the 19-year-olds and I believe that it is an issue to be concerned with.

"During the past season the starting lineup of my basketball team consisted of three 15-year-old athletes (a freshman and two sophomores) and two seniors, one 16 and the other 17.

"Of course, my major concern is with the seniors, Applegate and Mathis. Both are fine athletes, good students, and gentlemen, 6'2" and 6'5" respectively. Applegate scored 237 points in the 20 games that he got into and was chosen as the leading all-star of the Douglas county tournament. Mathis performed equally well, scoring 165 points in 20 games and was a leading defensive man and the pivot of our attack. (Both were on the bench during large portions of several of these games).

"These boys played some fine basketball during the season, but wilted under the mental and nervous strain in our tournaments. Just as most 15 and 16-year-old boys so often do against older and more seasoned players. We placed no better than third in our county and fell in the consolation semi-finals at Ashland, leading practically every team up until late in the second half, including Butte Falls—then the jitters hit.

"My point is that boys of this age are not generally ready to compete in college or in the rush of the world whether it be socially, economically, or physically. What will they do? Stay out of school, make a dollar, and lose interest in their education, or go on to school losing a large portion of their success by a pre-mature start?

"I don't say that these boys and all others will fail to meet their obligations, but I do believe that they and all others in the same position are handicapped and that this is a problem well worth consideration in the home and grade school or wherever corrective consideration will arise.

"HOWARD PARKS."

John Warren, University of Oregon freshman coach and former Astoria high mentor, is the fellow who handles these youngsters when they first enter college here and his contention is that if the fellows are in good health they should be able to compete along with the older boys. As a former prep tutor he has no sympathy with the high school coach faced with the problem of 16 and 17-year-old seniors.

However, "The Horse" believes that along with the present 19-year old age limit the kids should be allowed to take full-time post-graduate work in high school and still be eligible to compete in athletics regardless of the number of terms in school. Warren says this plan would be much better for the boy than to have him remain out of school one or two years while he reached a more mature age—that the boy might find a fairly well paying job and lose interest in further education, and at the same time lose the art of studying. But the Fresh mentor still will tell you the most healthy plan is to enter college the following year out of prep school, regardless of age.

Hobby Hobson, Oregon's varsity coach, is of the same opinion. While he sees no alternative for the present setup in the schools, pointing out that it is fundamentally wrong to sacrifice education for athletics, Hobby has one theory regarding youngsters not ready for varsity competition.

The Duck mentor explains that many of the present college coaches now require five years to complete—particularly for those participating in intercollegiate athletics. It has become a practice to hold the younger players out of competition during their sophomore years—the gap between freshmen and varsity competition.

This system seems to be the most practical and has worked successfully for Hobson. That would dump a 17-year-old high school senior into the world scramble with a college degree at the age of 22, not too young to win his spurs.

Ernie McCulloch Establishes New Bowling Record For Eugene

Booth-Kelly Ace Rolls 703 Score

238, 240, 225 Scores At Eugene Recreation

Ernie McCulloch entered Eugene's bowling "Hall of Fame" at Eugene Recreation Tuesday night, not by rolling a perfect 300 single game but an equally elusive 700 series. McCulloch, competing in the Red league with the Booth-Kelly team, rolled single scores of 238, 240 and 225 to post a 703 series, believed to be the highest series ever registered in local bowling history—at least the highest competitive score.

McCulloch's score would have placed the local chumy tesser among the nation's leaders in the American Bowling Congress. The score would have been No. 11 in the 1939 list in the singles event won by James Danek of Forest Park, Ill., with a 221,275,234—730. The highest score ever made in the event was by Larry Shotwell of Covington, Ky., with 774 made at Cleveland in 1930.

Two other high series scores have been registered in league play this season. Aided by a 289 single game, Roy Northam, bowling for Penny-Wise in the Super league at the New Deal alleys, rolled a 696 series. Mickey Lee, bowling for the U. S. Army Engineers in the Major league at Eugene Recreation, posted a 688 score this season.

The score eclipsed George Guldager's previous league high of 640 by 63 pins, but his 240 top game was six pins short of tying Cliff DeWitt's league mark. The Booth-Kelly team, in winning three straight from New Service Laundry, and came within seven pins of tying Sellin's series mark of 2064. The Lumbermen, incidentally, boosted their league lead to a full three-game lead over the second-place Eugene Sand and Gravel quintet, 2-1 victors over Pioneer Grocery.

National Cash Register defeated Chiarmonte's Cafe 2-1 and Sellin's market defeated Chase Co. 3-0 in other league matches. But there was only one of 40 maple busters on the alleys Tuesday night—Ernie McCulloch. There has never been a perfect 300 game rolled in Eugene and Tuesday's 703 series will go down in local pin history as the best performance ever.

Results:
Booth-Kelly, 987 1115 935—3057
New Service, 864 799 885—2548
High Single—McCulloch, B-K, 240
High Series—McCulloch, B-K, 703.
Registers, 583 949 997—2529
Chiarmonte's, 939 887 871—2697
High Single—Pletcher, Registers, 204
High Series—Pletcher, Registers, 578.
Sellin's Market, 962 922 927—2811
Chase Co., 925 890 923—2738
High Single—Wetzel, Sellin's, 204
High Series—Wetzel, Sellin's, 580.
Sand & Gravel, 934 894 913—2741
Pioneer Grocery, 901 923 847—2711
High Single—McHenry, Pioneer, 207
High Series—McHenry, Pioneer, 563.

National Ski Meet Opens At Mt. Baker

BELLINGHAM, March 13.—(AP)—Four days of strenuous ski racing and jumping that by Sunday night at the Snoqualmie ski bowl will produce the nation's No. 1 all-around skier, opened today on the lofty heights of Mount Baker, near here.

Three skiing areas will be the battlegrounds for the second annual four-events championship tournament that has attracted 28 of the best skiers from the United States and Canada.

The downhill and slalom races will be run today and tomorrow at Mount Baker. The contestants will shift to the Seattle Ski club's lodge at Summit, Snoqualmie Pass Friday. On Saturday they will run the cross-country, an 11-mile jaunt covering a great circle course, starting and finishing at the lodge. The climax, the jumping event, will be held at the Snoqualmie bowl Sunday.

As the tournament swung into action one of the favorites was missing. Dick Durrance, former Dartmouth ace and the favorite for the downhill and slalom races, informed the racing committee yesterday he would be unable to participate. He is employed at Sun Valley finishing a motion picture.

Madigan to Sit Out Contract

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—(AP)—Edward P. "Slip" Madigan, who was fired as St. Mary's football coach because he wouldn't quit, said today he planned to "show up at Moraga each day and just sit doing nothing" until the 13 months salary still due on his contract is paid him.

Slip, who made St. Mary's a power in the football world, claimed a feud with Andrew Burke, a member of the board of athletic control, was responsible for his dismissal.

Jimmy Pifer Scores Close Mitt Victory in Portland Fights

By JACK WELLS, JR.
PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—(Special)—In one of his toughest fights of his three-year amateur boxing career, Jimmy Pifer, 135-pound Eugene Elks club boxer, eked out a decision over Angelo Petrilli, unattached from Portland, Tuesday night at the Portland Labor Temple in the annual Jewish benefit smoker.

Both boys slugged from the start of the bell in the first round and continued all through the three rounds. Both fighters hit the canvas. Pifer was the first to go down, the victim of wrestling tactics, only to bounce back and



JIMMY PIFER, EUGENE Elks Leather Silnger

knock his opponent to the canvas rendering him somewhat groggy and leaving him an easy victim to many good solid body and head blows which won the bout for Pifer.

In the main event of the evening's card, Lorie Cross, 126-pound scrapper from Eugene won the decision over Adam Bird, 126-pound boxer from the Chemawa Indian school. Both boys staged a whale of a battle with Cross gaining the upper hand in the first round and retaining his lead throughout the match.

Warren Hinton, 118-pounder from Eugene, lost a very close decision to Glen Black, 118-pound Chemawa Indian scrapper in one of the highlight bouts of the evening. Hinton proved himself an excellent scrapper and had the young Indian lag groggy once in the second round but did not follow his advantage and lost the decision.

Wayne Dillingham and Roger Hanson, both Eugene top-notchers boxers, did not see action in Tuesday's card as opponents were not available and scheduled bouts were cancelled.

All boxers received prizes donated by Portland firms for their services in the smoker, the winners receiving silver and gold loving cups while the losers received merchandise awards.

Summary:

Lorie Cross, 126 pounds, Eugene, defeated Adam Bird, 126 pounds, Chemawa.
Jimmy Pifer, 135 pounds, Eugene, defeated Angelo Petrilli, unattached, Portland.
Glen Black, 118 pounds, Chemawa, defeated Warren Hinton, 118 pounds, Eugene.
Lyon Ewing, 160 pounds, MAC, technical knockout over Walt Ractette, 160 pounds, Pacific University.
Norman Finch, 90 pounds, OAC, defeated Pete Miller, 90 pounds, St. Helens.
Jerry Buckley, 147 pounds, MAC, defeated Bob Goldman, 147 pounds, OAC.
Glen Prohaska, heavyweight, technical knockout over Bill Crawford, heavyweight, Pacific University.
Mikie Damico, 105 pounds, OAC, defeated Bob Eddy, 105 pounds, OAC.
Jean Damico, 60 pounds, OAC, defeated Pat Stark, 60 pounds, OAC.
Georgie Miser, 45 pounds, and Johnnie Miser, 45 pounds, boxed to a draw.

Husky Crew Runs Fast 3-Mile Trial

SEATTLE, March 13.—(AP)—The timer's watch spoke well for the University of Washington varsity crew in its only time trial this week, but Coach Al Ulbrickson's comment today was less complimentary.

Unimpressed by the varsity's cutting 27 seconds off its best previous three-mile time trial, Skipper Ulbrickson declared:

"The way things look last year's veterans won't be rowing in the varsity against California."

In its time trial, the varsity rowed three miles in 16:13 with a tail breeze and favorable water.

Roosevelt Wins But Jefferson Wins Title

PORTLAND, March 13.—(AP)—Jefferson lost to Roosevelt, 25 to 21, yesterday but won the Portland interscholastic league basketball title. Grant, second-place team, missed an opportunity to overhaul the leader by dropping a hard tussle to Franklin, 42 to 38.

The final standings gave Jefferson a two-game margin over Grant. In other games Washington defeated Edison, 52 to 28 and Benson downed Lincoln, 38 to 34.

Church Hoopsters Hear Hobson At Banquet

Members of the Church Athletic association basketball league attended a season's finale banquet at the Baptist church Tuesday night. The highlight of the evening was a talk by Howard Hobson, University of Oregon basketball coach.

Six-Man Beaver Boxing Team Heads For Meet

CORVALLIS, March 13.—(AP)—Oregon State college's six-man boxing team left last night for the Pacific coast international tournament at Sacramento.

Richardson, Barels Lead Women Bowlers

E. Richardson of Women of the Moose No. 2, with a 222 single game, and F. Barels of Hancock Oil, with a 506 series, were top performers in Tuesday night's Women's bowling league at the New Deal alleys.

Richardson paced the Moose to a 2-1 win over Donahue and Brown while Barels led the Oilers to a 2-1 win over Western States Grocers. An unidentified team defeated Wayne Pump, 2 to 1 and Penny-Wise Drugs beat Women of the Moose No. 1 2-1 in other league matches.

Results:
Moose No. 2, 921 896 793—2612
Donahue, 783 784 824—2391
High Single—Richardson, Moose, 222
High Series—Richardson, Moose, 501.
Hancock Oil, 777 884 964—2525
Western States, 783 818 793—2394
High Single—Barels, Hancock, 195
High Series—Barels, Hancock, 506.
Unidentified, 539 788 913—2440
Wayne Pump, 638 788 837—2463
High Single—Richard, Wayne, 183
High Series—Richard, Wayne, 473.
Penny-Wise, 619 854 883—2356
Moose No. 1, 823 774 853—2450
High Single—Mills, P-W, 187
High Series—Woodman, P-W, 492.

Deschutes, Metolius Get 1,000,000 Trout

The state game commission will start releasing this week approximately 1,000,000 rainbow trout held over from last season at the Oak Springs hatchery on the lower Deschutes river. The fish range in length from three inches to legal size and will be liberated in the waters of the Mt. Hood area, Deschutes and Metolius river watersheds, and some eastern Oregon streams.

Nate Mann Decisions Barlund In 10 Rounds

NEW YORK, March 13.—(AP)—Nathan Mann of New Haven, Conn. Tuesday night outpointed Gunnar Barlund of Finland in the 10-round feature bout of a program at the coliseum arranged for the benefit of the Finnish relief fund.

J. Philip Murphy, chairman of the athletic board, was in Seattle last week. He refused to deny reports he had conferred with Coach Jimmy Phelan of Washington. Phelan's contract still has a year to run, but he has not been happy with the wolves yapping at his heels and perhaps could be enticed away. Murphy also planned to go to Los Angeles this week, possibly to interview Mike Pecorovich, former Loyola coach, and Justin M. "Sam" Barry of Southern California.

Uni High Plays Lebanon Tonight

21st Annual State Hoop Tournament Under Way

University high school's district 7 champions, rated just one of the 16 entrants by state hoop critics, headed for Salem this morning for the Golden Tide's third consecutive crack at the coveted Oregon prep crown now resting on the collective "noggin" of the Salem Vikings.

The quintet Coach Ray Hendrickson throws against Lebanon at 8:30 p. m. in the Willamette university gym will be an aggregation that has annexed 10 straight league triumphs. Two straight defeats at the hands of the Astoria Fishermen and split decisions to Medford and Roseburg, two teams that failed to make the select grouping, has left the little campus school out of state championship consideration.

In the past two seasons Hendrickson has taken local clubs that rated no higher in ability than the present team, and each year the Tiders have been definite title threats.

Three Tourney Veterans

Three of this year's regulars will be veterans with considerable experience in the state classic which is being held for the 21st time this season. Charlie DeAutremont barely missed all-state selection last year and was named captain of the second team at a guard position. Tex Gatlin, lanky southpaw forward, and Bud Goddard, scrappy center, saw nearly full-time action in winning three of four games in the 1939 tournament.

The other regulars who will be in the starting lineup are Don Plath, 132-pound potent scoring runningmate for DeAutremont at guard, and John Bergman, green but promising 6-foot-2 forward. Darrel Adkinson, forward; Jess Trunnell, forward, and Ace Plath, guard, are the other three members of the tournament squad.

Should the campus hoopers come through tonight's game they will meet the winner of the Astoria-Oregon City game at 8:30 p. m. Thursday. A defeat will send the Tiders against the loser of the Pioneer-Fishermen game, scheduled for 2 p. m. Thursday.

VIKING PELICANS FAVORED

SALEM, March 31.—(AP)—Salem and Klamath Falls were gallery favorites as the 21st annual Oregon high school basketball tournament opened today at Willamette university but the place was full of dark horses.

Helix and Monroe, two "B" teams, dribbled into action at 1

Six Nationalities Represented On Thursday Wrestling Program

Herb Parks, Canadian, and Don Sebastian, Spaniard, have been signed to meet "Dutch Schultz," German, and Tony Morelli, Italian, in preliminary matches on Thursday night's armory professional wrestling program, according to an announcement made Wednesday morning by Promoter Herb Owen.

Headline attraction will be a one-hour non-title skirmish between Prince Ilaki, Arabian who

holds the Pacific coast lightweight championship, and "Silent" Rattan South Dak, deaf mute.

The grappling show will be true international extravaganza what with six nations being represented.

Schultz, who meets Parks in the 45-minute, semi-final, and Morelli, opponent for Sebastian in the 30-minute opener, will be making their initial local appearances. The Spanish matman made his local debut last week, giving local ground-and-groan followers a fine array of new, and talented performers.

Every one of the all-star matches will present the colorful combination of meanie vs. cleanie, providing the usual rough-and-tumble exhibitions.

Owen promises that both Schultz and Morelli rate along with some of the best matmen and showmen ever to show here.

Half-Mile World's Turf Record Set

CORAL GABLES, Fla., March 13.—(AP)—Double Call, a two-year-old brown colt owned by the King ranch, broke a 21-year-old world turf record at Tropical park Tuesday when he won a half-mile race in 46 seconds flat.

The colt clipped a fifth of a second off the old mark held jointly by Donau and Amon at 46 1-5. Donau established the record at Lucky Baldwin's old Santa Anita course in California on March 13, 1909, and Amon tied it two years later at the old Juarez oval in Mexico.

p. m., starting championship play.

The program tonight pits Ashland against Chemawa Indians at 7:30 o'clock, followed by Lebanon against Eugene's University high, and Oregon City against Astoria.

The railbirds liked Klamath Falls because the Pelicans have been holdovers from the 1939 tournament team supplemented by the giant Virgil Jarrett, scoring ace of southern Oregon. The team has the best won-and-lost record for the year. They leaned also toward Salem because the Vikings are traditionally a good tournament outfit.

But there were vociferous partisans galore for Astoria, a team that looked like a cinch 30 days ago. Pendleton and Baker, one-two in the Blue Mountain league; Ashland, a tough company from the south with a reputation for winning important games; Tillamook, the No-Name league champion that beat both Salem and Astoria.

The tournament will last until Saturday night, Salem is the defending champion.

BEAR NINE WINS 11-10

LOS ANGELES, March 13.—(AP)—University of California's baseball team held off a U. C. L. A. rally in the ninth inning to defeat the Bruins 11-10 in the second of a two-game series here Tuesday.

DiMaggio, Ruffing Ambitious Following Arrival For Training

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—The two most recent arrivals in the New York Yankees' camp, Joe DiMaggio and Red Ruffing, are full of ambition for the coming season. DiMaggio hopes to lead the league in batting again and take home runs and runs-batted-in honors as well, saying, "I think that if I can go through the season without getting hurt I can do it." Ruffing says he expects to win at least 20 games this year.

Willamette Bowling Loop Has Two Matches

The Knights of Columbus defeated the Lions club 2-1, and Everybody's Drugs defeated Garrett's Frigidaires 3-0 in the only Willamette bowling league matches played at Eugene Recreation Tuesday night.

Hal Young of Everybody's, with a 213 single game, and Ed Eberdt of the Casesys, with a 551 series, were top individuals of the evening.

Results:
Everybody's, 909 1013 853—2765
Garrett's, 859 948 845—2652
High Single—Young, Every., 213
High Series—Young, Every., 551.
K. of C., 987 968 972—2927
Lions, 898 857 1006—2761
High Single—Fischer, Lions, 202
High Series—Eberdt, Casesys, 551.

55 PILOT GRIDMEN

PORTLAND, March 13.—(AP)—Fifty-five football players began spring workouts at the University of Portland this week under Coach Bob Mathews.

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