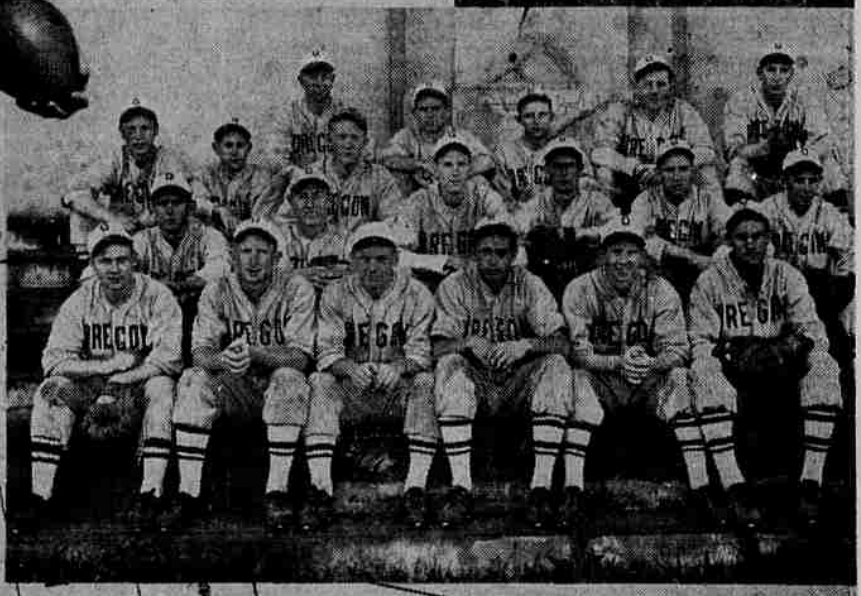


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1942 SPORTS REVIEW

Webfoots Win Sports Crowns

Ball, Tank Teams Gordon Honored

By DICK STRITE
 county continued as one leading athletic areas in the northwest during 1942—the war year since 1917, the tapping of our man-by the armed forces but the year, only four less perennial activities abandoned—the Willamette golf team tournament, the Big-Shell circuit, and midgeting.

all northwest and state les were annexed during 12 months and there were an handful of individual who came into promi- But there was no one gure capable of filling the spotlight left unoccupied by ment of Les Steers, the world record-breaking mper who shared year-honors in 1941 with Joe Lane county's No. 1 ath- ure.

Coast Champions
 University of Oregon swim- m was Mr. Big by taking thern division crown and the mythical Pacific coast ship. The Oregon base- s won the northern divi- nant. But the most sat- team accomplishment was the Eugene Athletics in the State baseball gon-

county still provides more and sports competitors than er area in the world—per War time may lessen the of participants, but it ke away the natural re- assets in this 4500-square a that furnishes a dream and for some 60,000 inhab-

ishing streams continue to year-around angling. The about with deer and the fields are well stocked land game birds despite a ree-day season. And the rains of 1942 brought the migratory wild fowl shoot- nary years.

county's four golf courses

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Highclimber By DICK STRITE

As we tie up the loose ends of our eighth annual New Year's sports edition, a resume of local and national sports for the 12 months of 1942, it's only natural that we look into the future of competitive athletics.

Most of the boys in the armed forces of the United States today are better soldiers, better sailors, better marines, better aviators because of their association with sports. The morale of the folks on the home front is of high calibre because they have retained their interest in sports, either as spectators or competitors.

The army and the navy have fully realized the value of athletics—that the men in the field are more mentally alert and have greater physical prowess because of their experience in rugged athletic contests. For that reason the colleges and schools in particular have been urged to maintain their competitive sports programs.

Ever since the days of Ab Doubleday and Jim Naismith, who brought to this nation its favorite outdoor and indoor sports, baseball and basketball, the youth of this country has been weaned on sports. The kids from the other side of the railroad tracks as well as those born with silver spoons in their mouths have had their sandlot sports or their grouse shooting on private reserves.

England's wars have been won on the playing fields of Eton. The victories of the United Nations might well be scored on the sandlots of the United States.

But will our sports be able to survive wartime tire and gasoline rationing and other travel restrictions?

Dad used to tell us a fascinating story about a western Pennsylvania businessman who lived the life of a Puritan 51 weeks out of the year, and on the last week chartered a private train to Washington, D. C. where he took the bridal suite at the best hotel, drank champagne for breakfast and stoked his cigars with \$5 bills. A king for a day!

We'd like to be King for a day—and we wouldn't be wearing a high silk hat and tails, but would have something to say regarding the intercollegiate and interscholastic athletic setups on this west coast. Such as eliminating football trips from the Pacific northwest to southern California; authorizing rubber and gas to the "B" high schools for the transportation of their teams via school buses for athletic contests within a 50-mile radius.

Oregon, for example, could finance an adequate sports program with the revenue from Washington and Oregon State football games—possibly home-and-home engagements. The remainder of the schedule could be filled by Washington State, or the likes of Idaho, Portland and Willamette. Montana should be eliminated from the Coast conference, the Grizzlies to play in their own Rocky mountain back yard.

It doesn't seem reasonable that the government, which has already asked the baseball leagues to restrict travel, would allow such football jaunts as the University of Washington to Los Angeles.

SPORTS OF THE DAY

War Fails to Blackout Sports

Strong Attendance Proves Sports Demand

By LEO H. PETERSEN
 United Press Sports Editor
 The American people had their sports in 1942 and the chances are they will have them again in 1943. They may be different, the quality a little inferior and the variety less, but unless all signs fall the athletic trend for the new year will be one of curtailment instead of abandonment.

Circumstances may alter the situation as the year goes along, but there will be little change at

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Cover Page

Prominent teams and individual athletes who have made the sports headlines during the 12 months of 1942 are used as the principals for the cover page of this annual New Year's sports review.

The University of Oregon takes over the upper left section with the Webfoot swimming and baseball teams, both championship aggregations; Dick Hanen, northern division golf champion, and Tommy Roblin, the Oregon backfield star who saw action in the East-West game today.

Eugene athletes are principals of the upper right section: Dick Bishop, manager of the Eugene Athletics; Gairie Upshaw, state target champion; Ray Glass, state singles trap-shooting titlist; Don Leal, who beat Ben Hogan in a golf match here, and Joe Gordon, local athlete who was awarded the American league "most valuable player" award.

High school figures take over the lower right section: Eugene high's football squad, No-Name league champions; Les Krause of Cottage Grove high, state 440-yard dash champion, and Denny Quinn of Eugene high, state AAU boxing titleholder who competed in the National championships.

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