

12 State Prep Quintets Await Opening of Title Hoop Tournament

Eugene Meets Klamath Falls

Astoria Favored to Win Third Straight

By MATT KRAMER
(Associated Press)

The district tournaments completed, the problem before Oregon's prep basketball teams today became, "who's going to stop Astoria?"

The undefeated Fishermen, seeking their third successive state title, enter the annual tournament at Salem Thursday with a record of 18 consecutive victories.

They'll be top-heavy favorites, boasting the best defense in years plus the usual pell-mell attack. Experts point out, though, that Coach Wally Palmberg will leave on the eve of the tourney finale to enter the navy, and Forward Cliff Crandall, Astoria's high scorer, will be recovering from mumps that kept him out of the last two games. He is expected, however, to be ready to start.

No Weak Entrants
With the tourney cut to eight teams, there will be no weak entrants. One of the strongest will be Baker, eastern Oregon champion, victory over Ontario 51-33 Saturday night in the third District 1 playoff game. It was the 24th win in 26 games for Baker, a team that has averaged better than 40 points a game.

Klamath Falls won out over strong opposition in District 7. In the finals the Pelicans won a 34-33 decision over North Bend, a veteran quintet that placed fourth in the state last year.

St. Helens, the District 3 representative, emerged from a close Columbia county race and then bested Beaverton in a two-out-of-three series, winning the final Saturday night 26-20.

Pendleton also was extended to the limit, appearing in eight playoff games against four separate opponents before gaining the District 2 title.

Salem's Unimpressive Record
Eugene, another strong contender, whose infrequent defeats can be counted on the fingers of one hand, will be entering the tourney for the third consecutive time from District 6.

Oregon City, an in-and-out team that earned several spectacular victories, will represent District 4.

Salem, the host team in District 6, for the first time in years will enter the tourney with an unimpressive record. But the Vikings traditionally turn in their best performance the week of the tournament.

This is the draw for the opening round Thursday:

Pendleton vs. Oregon City, 3 p. m.

Eugene vs. Klamath Falls, 4:15 p. m.

St. Helens vs. Baker, 7:30 p. m.

Astoria vs. Salem, 8:45 p. m.

The class "B" teams also completed qualifying play Saturday, Powers downing Central Point 35-22 in district 3B and Harrisburg defeating St. Mary's of Eugene 28-23 in District 2B.

The first round of play, opening at Salem Friday:

Harrisburg vs. Union, 3 p. m.

Warrenville vs. Powers, 4:45 p. m.

Stanford-Notre Dame Grid Tilt Cancelled

PALO ALTO, Calif., March 8.—(AP)—The Stanford-Notre Dame football game, slated to be played next Sept. 25, had been cancelled by "mutual agreement" today to avoid transportation difficulties.

Alfred R. Masters, Stanford graduate manager, announced the cancellation last night. The schools signed a two-year contract two years ago and Notre Dame won last fall's tilt at South Bend, 27-9.

It was the first such move toward cancellation of inter-sectional games on the Pacific coast.

Most schools hope, however, to continue intercollegiate football despite army refusal to permit reservists to compete. They intend to fill their squads with freshmen and special naval students who are not banned from competing.

Northam-Jones Bowling Tandem Defeats Portland Keglers

Eugene's ace bowling tandem, composed of Roy Northam and Virgil Jones, completed their home-and-home challenge series with Walt Woods and Clarence Nordstrom, Portland kegling stars, at the Central alleys in Portland Sunday—with a second straight victory in the \$200 10-game match.

The local keggers defeated the Portlanders on their home alleys, 3930 to 3855, a closer margin than the victory registered here at the U-Bowl several weeks ago. Northam averaged 207 and Jones 186. Woods paced the Portlanders with 195 and Nordstrom had a 190-pin average. Nordstrom had the highest single game with a 245, but Northam rolled a 236 and a 695 three-game block during the competition.

A U-Bowl women's team, paced by Ruby Callison's 522 series, defeated the Central alleys women in a special inter-city match by 200 pins.

State Baseball Plans Delayed

ALBANY, March 8.—(AP)—War-time baseball uncertainties caused Oregon State league managers yesterday to postpone their organizational meeting until May.

With only three entries assured, loop plans will depend upon attempts to interest more cities in sponsoring teams this year. Silverton, Albany and the Portland Firemen said they were ready to enter the league but Bend's intentions were not known because a representative from that city did not appear at the meeting.

Eugene's representatives indicated that only the problem of obtaining a capable manager stood in the way of an entry. Salem will be asked to join the loop since the demise of the Western International league.

Lou Jennings Slated As Tourney Favorite

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—(AP)—Defending Champion Jim Molinari, San Francisco policeman, was out of the running today in the San Francisco amateur golf tournament, and Sailor Lou Jennings of Portland, took his place as favorite.

Molinari, the pre-tourney favorite, lost 3 and 2 in the second round yesterday to young Paul Pabst, and Jennings, the former Oregon champion, eliminated Tony Parina, 5 and 4.

Medalist Bill Fritz continued in good form, eliminating Lido Landi, 3 and 2.

Hobby Bids Squad Farewell; Webfoots Name All-Stars

COACH HOWARD HOBSON bid farewell to his University of Oregon hoopers for the 1943 season at a squad gathering at the Eugene hotel Sunday afternoon. The Orecons finished second in the northern division race.

Coach Howard Hobson parted with his 1943 University of Oregon basketball squad at a squad banquet in the Eugene hotel bamboo room Sunday afternoon, wishing the three seniors and other hoopers good luck while on duty with the armed forces. Under normal conditions only Captain Don Kirsch, Warren Taylor and Ralph Fuhrman, the senior trio, would have been making their last official appearance as Webfoots—but Hobby told the young men that he doubted that more than three of the 15-man squad would return for competition next winter. He told them he hoped the basketball season had helped them in preparing for war duties and urged all to return to school at the close of the war.

The Orecons crossed up critics by finishing the season in second place behind the Champion Washington Huskies, after being rated as fourth-place contenders at the start of the season. Hobson predicted a championship team if and when the present junior, sophomore and freshman crop returns as a unit.

No letters were awarded, but squad pictures were presented to every member of the squad—and the manager. Letter awards will be made later. It was the final formal gathering of the squad, kept in training a week past the regular season because of the questionable outcome of the Oregon State-Washington series which might have tossed the Orecons into a three-way tie for the northern division championship.

Short talks were also given by the three senior squad members, the manager, Trainer P. O. Sigereth, Timor Winsor Calkins, Photographer J. W. Teter, and Dick Strite. Anson B. Cornell, graduate manager, was toastmaster.

The squad members selected the following all-northern division and all-opponent teams:

NORTHERN DIVISION

First: Gail Bishop, WSC; Pos.: Doug Ford, Wash. Second: Bill Morris, Wash.; F.: Ralph Fuhrman, Ore. Chuck Gilmer, Wash.; C.: Fred Quinn, Idaho. Don Kirsch, Ore.; G.: Don Durand, OSC. Lew Beck, OSC; G.: Warren Taylor, Ore.

Prominently mentioned: Wally Leask, Wash.; Scott Witt, WSC; Boadie Gilbertson, Wash.; Bob Ryan, Idaho, and Roger Wiley, Oregon.

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Prominently mentioned: John Ryan, Idaho; Bob Ryan, Idaho; Bob Sheridan, WSC; Don Cecil, OSC; Erland Anderson, OSC.

Bishop and Gilmer were given unanimous selection on both all-division and all-opponent teams. Kirsch received all but two votes on the all-division team and Beck was the third highest on the all-opponent squad.



ZIVICK AND JACK SWAP LEFTS: ZIVICK LOSES — Fritz Zivick (left), and Beau Jack swapped simultaneous lefts in this bit of action in their fight in New York. Jack outpointed Zivick to win from him for the second time in a row.

Cards Rated Shoo-Ins for Flag

By JACK CUDDY
NEW YORK, March 8.—(AP)—In pre-season betting, the St. Louis Cardinals unquestionably will be one of the shortest priced pennant favorites in National

league history, regardless of who makes the book.

And we don't know who will handle the baseball prices this year in the absence of Grand Old Jack Doyle who died in December.

From now until April 21, when the season opens, nearly every sports columnist and baseball writer in the country will deliver his predictions on the major league flag races. And we would not be surprised if about 95 percent of the writers designate the Cards as repeat victors in Ford Frick's division.

At the current writing, these Cards look like a shoo-in. The dynamic young club that snatched the Dodgers in an electrifying stretch fight and went on to wrest the world championship from the Yankees in five games, apparently has been affected less by war inroads than any other outfit in the senior circuit.

Counting regulars and possibles, the Cards have lost about 13 men to the services. But only four of these can be listed as important absences. They are: Terry Moore, inspiring field captain and center-

fielder; Enos Slaughter, slugging rightfielder; Johnny Beasley, freshman pitching sensation of the World Series, and part-time second baseman, Creepy Crespi.

Accordingly, when Billy Southworth's squad reports soon for training at Cairo, Ill., it will shape up stronger than any other club in the circuit. The catching will be ably handled by Walker Cooper, brother of Pitcher Mort. Walker, beginning his third full season with the Cards, hit .281 in the last campaign and was a defensive bulwark in the World Series. Ken O'Dea, who worked in 58 games, will return to handle the relief back-stopping.

Big Mort Cooper, bell-ringer of the mound staff and the league's most valuable player, again will head a potent pitching corps. The man who registered 22 victories and an earned-run average of 1.77, will be backed by Ernie White, Howie Pollet, Murry Dickson, Max Lanier, Bill Beckman and Howie Krist.

Except for the loss of Crespi at second, the infield remains practically intact. George "Whitey" Kuroski, third base hero of the World Series, was rejected by the army last week because of a bad arm. Johnny Hopp and Ray Sanders, who shared the first base duties, will both be back. Jimmy Brown, who played about a third of the season at second, and hit .300 in the World Series, is slated to return. Also Slaty Marion at shortstop.

Southworth's big problem is the outfield—trying to find replacement for fleet-footed Moore and strong-armed Slaughter. Pilot Billy plans to form a new fly-chasing corps around Stan Musial, last year's freshman surprise who hit .312 in 140 games. Leading candidates for the two vacant posts are veterans Coaker Triplett and Frank DeMaree. They will fight it out with rookie aspirants headed by Buster Adams, who hit .309 for Sacramento, and Dain Clay, who batted .270 for Houston. Southworth seems to be holding the winning hand, and he knows how to play his "Cards."

Idaho U.S.C. Quintet Inland Empire Champ

SPOKANE, March 8.—(AP)—A team of sailors representing the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho U.S.C. defeated the Ephrata Air Base cadets 69-53 Saturday night to win the title in the Inland Empire AAU service men's basketball tournament.

Fort George Wright's Bombers won third place by defeating the Gonzaga pre-flight cadets 50-51. In earlier games Ephrata upset the favored Bombers 55-53 while the Coeur d'Alene U.S.C. defeated the Cadets 75-43.

Bobby Jones Promoted To Major in Air Corps

ATLANTA, March 8.—(AP)—Bobby Jones, who won 13 National golf championships, is now Major Robert Tyre Jones of the U. S. army.

Major Jones' father, Robert P. Jones of Atlanta, has been informed of the golfer's promotion from the rank of captain to major.

Major Jones, commissioned a captain in the army air corps last June, is connected with the first fighter command in New York.

Portland Puckmen Win

PORTLAND, Ore., March 8.—(AP)—Vic Ripley, veteran of many a National and Pacific coast hockey league campaign, did it again. He paced the Champion St. Johns Welders to an 8-2 victory Sunday night over the Invading Boiler-makers from Seattle.

PHILADELPHIA FAVORED

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—(AP)—Johnny Hutchinson, Philadelphia lightweight, will be an 8 to 5 favorite tonight when he gets his second crack at New York's Maxie Shapiro in a 10-round bout at the arena.

SIGN 11th PITCHER

PORTLAND, March 8.—(AP)—The Portland Beavers of the Pacific coast baseball league signed their 11th pitcher Saturday, William A. Herring, a right-hander, and former playing manager for two years in the Piedmont league.

Washington to Meet U. S. C.

Bishop Hangs Up New Division Scoring Mark

NORTHERN DIVISION
Final Standings W. L. Pct. Pts. Op.
Washington 12 4 .750 607 621
Oregon 10 6 .625 592 632
Washington State 9 7 .563 724 738
Oregon State 8 8 .500 681 690
Idaho 1 15 .063 608 633

SEATTLE, March 8.—(AP)—The University of Washington basketball team turned to preparations for its series this week-end for the Pacific conference basketball championship against the University of Southern California, and to the watching of Guard Bill Morris' injured knee.

Morris was hurt in the first minute of play Saturday night as Washington completed its northern division schedule with a 44-35 victory over Oregon State. By winning from the same club Friday, the Huskies had clinched the title and the game only served to end the season.

Morris' Knee Watched
Coach Hec Edmundson expected to know by tonight whether Morris' pulled a ligament in his knee or simply strained it. If it is the former, the second high scorer of the division and the sparkplug of the Husky squad may be on the bench when Washington and Southern Cal tangle in their crucial games Friday and Saturday night.

Morris wound up the season with 180 points, only 12 points below the former northern division record of 192 held by Ray Turner of Idaho, but completely "off the beam" when compared with the 224 points racked up by Gail Bishop of Washington State, which also completed its schedule Saturday night, defeating Idaho, 83 to 31.

With the season scoring record already tucked away, Bishop ran wild against Idaho in the final game to score 23 points and boost his mark to 32 points over the previous high.

11th Appearance for USC
The University of Southern California's basketball team, with seven victories out of eight starts in the southern division competition, leaves Los Angeles tomorrow for Seattle in search of the conference championship.

Coach Ernie Holbrook said his squad plans to practice Wednesday in San Francisco and Thursday in Seattle.

If the teams divide the first two tilts, a title playoff will follow Monday. This will be U. S. C.'s seventh appearance in the championship series and its fourth coming with Washington's Huskies.

Beck Best Gift Shot
Bishop left northern division basketballers something to shoot at in future seasons with his new scoring record of 224. Bishop's last two-game performances left him miles ahead of the field.

Bishop's 95 field goals also constitute a record in that department. Low Beck of Oregon State hit 52 out of 64 freethrow tries for the best average in that department, and Bob Ryan of Idaho committed the most fouls, 45.

Every member of the Washington starting five, division champions, landed in the first 10, Wally Leask and Doug Ford being tied for the ninth spot.

The leaders:

Bishop, W.S.C. 95 34 30 224
Morris, Wash. 71 38 42 180
Beck, O.S.C. 62 32 36 176
Quinn, Idaho 51 36 31 168
Gilmer, Wash. 54 27 51 123
Gibbertson, Wash. 54 17 38 125
J. Ryan, Idaho 50 26 120
Akins, W.S.C. 50 20 41 120
Sheridan, W.S.C. 41 16 33 118
Ford, Wash. 48 18 110
Leask, Wash. 48 14 110
Wiley, Ore. 42 23 27 106

PULLMAN, March 8.—(AP)—With six letters as a nucleus, Coach Jack Friel has called the first Washington State baseball practice for today. Friel said a number of newcomers will be available to boost the Cougar diamond stock. The season's opening games will be against Whitman April 2 and 3. The first conference games will be against Washington April 16 and 17 in Seattle.

Friel said he expected to arrange practice games with the Seattle Rainiers who will train at Lewiston, Idaho.

Idaho Names Manager

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 8.—(AP)—Theodore Sherman, instructor in English, has been named acting graduate manager at the University of Idaho. He is a Stanford graduate of 1924 and has been a member of the Idaho faculty since 1931. He will assume his duties Thursday when Perry Culp, whom he succeeds, leaves to take a position as Red Cross field director.

Navy Bomber Sam Chapman Rated Best California Athlete

By DAN MCGUIRE
SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—(AP)—One afternoon in May, of 1938, a quiet, unassuming husky graduate of the University of California saw his first major league baseball game.

In fact, he not only witnessed the contest—he played in it. And that day marked another high point in the career of Samuel Blake Chapman, the greatest athlete ever to step off the assembly

line at the state's main factory of higher learning.

Now an ensign in the naval air corps, specializing in torpedo bombing, Chapman wrote his name deeply into the golden pages of football and baseball history before the war called him from the Philadelphia Athletics' outfield.

In the 26 years of his life, Chapman already has achieved fame as an all-American football player and one of the top-ranking players in the major leagues. It would be safe to predict that somewhere on the broad reaches of the Pacific he will gain recognition in this more deadly pastime to which he has brought the coordination and skill which made him a brilliant athlete.

Sam went up to the A's in 1938 right from the California campus. In his first swing around the circuit he hit .358. But he had a lot to learn and he dropped to about .270 for the season. The critics said he needed at least two years of "double A" ball before he could make good in the majors.

Cornie Mack had faith in him and the next season Sam's batting average went up several notches and his fielding improved remarkably. He continued to climb steadily until he hit his peak in 1941, batting .323 and leading the outfielders in assists.

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Armstrong, Larkin To Meet Monday

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—(AP)—Hammering Henry Armstrong, beaten in his last start, attempts to climb further up the steep comeback trail tonight when he battles crafty Tippy Larkin of Garfield, N. J., at Civic Auditorium.

Armstrong, despite indications that he has lost the windmill power which carried him to three world titles, ruled a 10-to-7 favorite. Promoter Benny Ford expected a \$20,000 house to witness the bout.

For both men it will be a critical fight. "Hurricane Henry's" comeback struck a snag last week when he dropped a decision to Willis Joyce, in Los Angeles. The little negro is slated to head east soon for a March 22 battle with Al Tribunati at Philadelphia and an April 22 match with Beau Jack at New York.

Larkin has been going strong since losing the lightweight title, New York version, to the battling Beau at New York last December. Prior to that he had won 20 in a row.

Ohio State Mermen Big-Ten Champions

CHICAGO, March 8.—(AP)—Michigan was king again today in western conference track competition, but its domination of swimming championships was broken by Ohio State.

The exchange of titles—Ohio State had been defending track champion—occurred here over the week-end as Big Ten teams in four sports—track, swimming, wrestling and fencing—vied for conference honors.

In the swimming, records fell four times with Keo Nakama of Ohio State getting two of them as the Buckeyes nosed out Michigan 68-61 in a strictly two-team contest. Third place Minnesota came far back with 14 points.

TEXAS AGGIES-ARMY TILT OFF

COLLEGE STATION, Tex., March 8.—(AP)—The Texas Aggies-Army football game, scheduled to be played October 2, has been postponed until after the war.

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NEWS VIEWS

By H. F. "MAC" McDANIEL

They say we all have to pay the fiddler sooner or later—and we've certainly had plenty of fiddling around on the tax question this year. Talk about confusion—we've been pulled more ways than a piece of bubble gum in action. Seemed like everybody had a solution for the tax problem—but there wasn't time to try them all. We all wanted to do our part, but nobody could agree on the script. It was as baffling as six fingers in a glove—and as upsetting as a broken rocking chair. But now the zero hour is almost here—and after the 15th we'll all have zero.

Casualty List! From the looks of many fellows going around with sprained backs, sprained wrists, etc., from spading their Victory gardens, I guess the women will have to take over any day now!

I see where a Congressman claims the guns mounted on the House roof are dummies. May be the Army figures congressional smoke screens make other protection unnecessary.

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