

HIGH CLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

"Let me have my relays and they can have the state championships," is the way Colonel Bill Hayward greeted the news that Oregon State College and the Oregon High School Activities Association had decided against holding the Hayward Relays later this month. On the other hand, despite questionable conditions, the University of Oregon has agreed to stage a streamlined state track and field meet.

The only thing we can add to Colonel Bill's statement is that it's a bloody shame. The veteran track mentor, working with local high school coaches, mostly Fritz Krammer, has developed the relays into an event of equal importance to the state championships.

Some years ago Colonel Bill discovered a great need for early high school competition and the coaches were greatly in favor of the relays plans because the meet gave them an opportunity to see their newcomers in action. In 1937 Bill inaugurated the Hayward Relays with a half dozen schools and a handful of competitors. Last April, the sixth annual meet, more than 300 youngsters from nearly 30 high schools competed.

The previous year, after someone had protested holding the meet on the Oregon campus every year, the OHSAA took over the relays as an official function and ruled that the future of the event would be alternated between Eugene and Corvallis. This is Oregon State's turn—and no Hayward relays.

We say again, it's a bloody shame. Anne Cornell wasn't any more enthusiastic about staging the state championships here than was Percy Loe with the Hayward Relays. But the Webfoot graduate manager was willing to listen to proposals that would solve the problem of housing and feeding the more than 200 kids under present wartime conditions.

Cornell himself suggested shaving the championships down to a one-day affair instead of the usual two-day affair, and the qualifying of only district winners instead of the winner and runner-ups. With the field cut in half the campus fraternities were willing to house the preppers who will be forced to shift for themselves at meal times because of food rationing.

Preliminaries will have to be held in only four events—the 100 and 200-yard dashes, the high and low hurdles. These will be held in the morning with the finals in all events the afternoon of the same day—Friday, May 7. With only winners from each district, the field will be cut to eight in each event.

The all-American basketball teams continue—the latest by the Helms Athletic Foundation, a highly-rated non-profit organization founded some years ago by a Los Angeles baker who was interested in sports statistics. On the 10-man squad was Bob Bishop of Washington State (they naturally were thinking of Gail Bishop), and Hobby Hobson says there wasn't a player in the finals of either the NCAA or the New York Invitational tournament that could match Bishop for all-around performance, with the possible exception of Ken Sailors of Wyoming. Hobby tabbed Sailors as a dynamic, hard-driving player who is also an excellent scorer and ball-hawk.

Hobby was sorry to miss the game between Wyoming and St. John's so that he could rib Ned Irish about the comparative merits of the New York tourney and the annual NCAA playoff. The Garden promoter had always contended that the Gotham classic provided the best basketball, but Wyoming beat St. John's and Georgetown beat the living daylights out of Toledo. That Toledo quietest, incidentally, was an experienced quietest despite the fact that all were freshmen. Hobby said the Toledo players were older than the usual freshmen, most of them coming from Indiana semi-pro leagues, and six of them were negroes. With the Toledo quietest in New York was Doc Spears, former Oregon football coach who moves from Toledo to Maryland next fall.

Comparing the teams in New York's hoop features with northern division quintets, Hobby believes that any of the four top teams in this league could have given the tourney quintets a brisk contest, and probably beating them. He thinks Washington could have defeated any of 'em, particularly if Wally Leask would have been in the Husky lineup during the western playoff. Asked about Pat Kennedy, the veteran Gotham whistle-tooter, Hobby said that here in Eugene, Kennedy would attract half of the crowd. A great showman, the referee on the other hand is a master at officiating and does an excellent job despite his antics. It seems unfortunate that none of the Big Ten teams were in the NCAA playoff this year. The old cry about mid-western hoop dominance might have been ended. Since inaugurating the NCAA hoop program, Big Ten and Pacific Coast quintets have divided honors: Oregon, 1939; Indiana, 1940; Wisconsin, 1941; Stanford, 1942; Wyoming, 1943. Giving the far-west a decided edge. And the east not even a look.

Gala N. D. Baseball Opener Planned at Howe Field Saturday

Oregon to Meet O. S. C. Beavers

Eugene must play "second fiddle" to Corvallis for the opening of the 1943 northern division, Pacific coast conference baseball season, but University of Oregon student leaders are going ahead with plans for a gala opening-day celebration on Howe field Saturday afternoon.

Oregon and Oregon State baseball clubs lift the lid from the league season at Corvallis Friday (4 p. m.) and then come here Saturday (3 p. m.) for the second of the annual four-game series.

Gregory First Batter

L. H. Gregory, sports editor of The Oregonian, has been invited to be the batsman when Dr. Donald M. Erb hurls the opening pitch from the Howe mound, Virgil D. Earl, dean of men, is slated for catching duties. The usual awards for "firsts" will also be given.

The Beavers opened their season with a 3-1 victory over Camp Adair Tuesday and Oregon was slated for its third pre-season Wednesday.

The defending champion Ducks have a strong team back with an all-lettermen infield, two veteran ace pitchers and a questionable outfielder. Coach Howard Hobson probably will start his number one hurler, crafty Nick Begleries, in Friday's contest, although Captain John Bubalo may get the starting nod.

Oregon State, on the other hand, has only three lettermen back to form a nucleus for this year's club. However, new men have shown a lot of promise in practice and if the green pitching staff comes through, the Beavers might be a factor in the title race. Returning lettermen are Bill McCluskey, shortstop; Don Durand, left field; and Vic Brown, center field. Durand has been reported hospitalized.

Cecil Slated to Pitch

Don Cecil, the big righthander from Long Beach probably will be Coach Ralph Coleman's starting choice for Friday's battle. He has lots of speed and fair control. Other possibilities for the starting job are Andy Frahier, sophomore righthander; and Sheldon Wiesenfeld, freshman righthander from Los Angeles.

The Orange mound corps was definitely strengthened last week when two new men with lots of promise turned out. They are King Louderback, freshman from Gresham; and Bill Frazer, sophomore from Portland. Both are righthanders. Louderback has been displaying a good fast ball along with a sharp-breaking curve and looks like a real comer. Frazer has a fast ball with plenty of steam.

Oregon State Beats Camp Adair, 3 to 1

CORVALLIS, April 7.—(AP)—Four Oregon State pitchers limited a Camp Adair infantry team to two hits yesterday as the Beavers opened the baseball season with a 3-1 win.

The Beavers had to scratch for their runs. One came in on an error in the third inning and another on a single and two infield outs in the eighth. Don Bower accounted for the other tally in the fourth, tripling Ray Oberst home.

The soldiers combined their two hits off Freshman King Louderback in the sixth for their run.

Bishop on Helms All-American

By OSCAR FRALEY
NEW YORK, April 7.—(AP)—The middle-west, where basketball is an annual fever, continued to lead in turning out the greatest quantity of outstanding players during the 1943 court campaign, but team honors went to the west and individual laurels to the east.

An exhaustive survey completed by the Helms Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles awarded the college team crown to the Cowboys of Wyoming, and selected sharp-shooting George Senesky of Philadelphia's St. Joseph college as the player of the year.

Mid-westerners who may be irate over the non-selection of such teams as Illinois and Notre Dame can draw a measure of consolation, however, from the fact that their players dominate the Helms All-American team. With two men picked for each post, the mid-west placed four players, the west three, the east two and the south one.

Selected as forwards were Bob (Gail) Bishop of Washington State, Ken Sailors of Wyoming, Senesky and Andy Phillip of Illinois. Centers named were Gerald Tucker of Oklahoma and Bill Closs of Rice. The guards chosen were Ray Evans of Kansas, Bill Morris



WHITE SOX "BOARD OF STRATEGY"—Jimmy Dykes (right), manager of the Chicago White Sox, confers with other members of his "board of strategy" between sessions on the diamond at spring training quarters at French Lick, Ind. Seated (center) is Mrs. Grace Comiskey, president of the club, and at left is Grace Louise Comiskey, her daughter. Also in on the discussions are Coaches Muddy Ruel (left, rear) and Mule Haas.

U-Bowl

Ossie McPherson re-established his membership in the "275 Club" Tuesday night at U-Bowl alleys where he rolled a 278 single and a 620 series in leading his Pennywise bowlers to a 3-0 victory over Johnson Furniture. It was the only whitewashing in the Super league.

All other matches ended with 2-1 verdicts: Dotson Radios over Southern Pacific, Oregon State Guards over Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Jones Super Service Station over Richfield Oil.

Results:
Pennywise 619 1002 938-2883
Johnson's 691 934 791-3606
High Single—McPherson, PW, 278.
High Series—McPherson, PW, 620.

Dotson Radios 799 872 911-2582
Southern Pacific 902 811 834-2547
High Single—Harvey, SP, 212.
High Series—Harvey, SP, 596.

State Guard 924 773 817-2514
Junior Chamber 784 906 789-2459
High Single—Shinn, Chamber, 225.
High Series—Riley, Chamber, 582.

Jones Service 915 927 963-2325
Richfield 914 946 941-2801
High Single—Endicott, Jones, 220.
High Series—Endicott, Jones, 604.

And Herrmann, scion of four generations of physical culturists, ought to know. For 150 years before him his family made a neat living by catering to the whims of sports devotees here and in Europe.

"After the first war wrestling was all the rage," he said, "and after this war it will be bayonet fighting and jiu-jitsu that people will pay to see—the kind of close combat that the marines are making famous."

Bayonet fighters will use the same protective equipment that fencers now use, and there will be strict jiu-jitsu rules to keep professionals from breaking each other's necks.

SKYHAWK PUCKMEN WIN

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 7.—(AP)—The San Diego Skyhawks, champions of the southern California hockey league, Tuesday night defeated the Royal Navy sextet of Victoria, B. C., 7 to 5, in the first game of a three-game series to determine which team will cross sticks with the Montreal Les Canadiens in Los Angeles next week.

of Washington, Bob Rensberger of Notre Dame and John Mahnken of Georgetown.

Chosen for the second team were forwards John Hargis of Texas, John Ketz of Wisconsin, Ed Beiser of Creighton and Oran McKinney of West Kentucky. Center included Harry Boykoff of St. John's and Milo Komenich of Wyoming. The guards are Stan Skaug of Dartmouth, Ted Gossard of Southern California, John Mikan of De Paul and Bob Mullens of Fordham.

Senesky, a senior at St. Joseph's, succeeds Stanley "Stutz" Modzelewski of Rhode Island as the player of the year. A native of Mahanoy City, Pa., the six-foot, one-inch athlete rolled up 815 points in 22 games and yet was proclaimed the best defense player in the east.

"Senesky, in my opinion, is as fine a player as Chuck Hyatt of Pittsburgh and he ranks so close to Hank Luisetti that one would have difficulty in making a choice," said Dr. Forrest C. Allen, shrewd Kansas coach whose opinion on basketball is like sterling on silver.

Rainiers Book Game Against WSC Cougars

SPOKANE, April 7.—(AP)—The Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific coast league, training at Lewiston, Idaho, will meet Washington State College at Pullman tomorrow.

Bill Katsilometes of Lewiston, who left professional baseball in 1940 after experience in the minor leagues, was signed last night as an outfielder.

RUPE THOMPSON REPORTS
SAN JOSE, Cal., April 7.—(AP)—Manager Merv Shea of the Portland Beavers relaxed today with the appearance of Rupe Thompson who reported Tuesday, two weeks late for practice. Thompson looked good in practice.

MARINES BEAT ACORNS

NAPA, Calif., April 7.—(AP)—The Oakland Acorns dropped a 3-2 decision yesterday to the Mare Island marines. It took 11 innings to subdue the Oaks, but on the other hand it was the fourth defeat for the Coast league team in five spring exhibitions. It also was Oakland's third straight extra-inning game, two of which the Acorns lost.

Commission Warns Oregon Salmon Anglers

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—The Oregon game commission warned anglers today that the state bag limit of five salmon in one day does not apply in the Columbia river.

The limit there, set by a recent regulation, is three fish. This conforms with a Washington regulation since the two states control the river jointly, the commission said.

Ulbricksen Eyes Crews

SEATTLE, April 7.—(AP)—University of Washington crews, badly hampered in defense of their Pacific coast laurels by losses of star oarsmen to the armed forces, will row two-mile time trials Saturday under the watchful eye of Coach Al Ulbricksen. Five freshmen numeral winners comprise part of the material from which Ulbricksen must mold virtually a new crew.

BARTELL'S FLIPPER SORE

LAKEWOOD, N. J., April 7.—(AP)—Dick Bartell, veteran infielder who may be the New York Giant third baseman if Sid Gordon passes his draft physical examination, has gone to New York City for treatment of an ailing arm.

Recreation

Booth-Kelly defeated Veach Poultry 3-0 and Eugene Plywood defeated Springfield Plywood 2-1 in West Coast bowling league play at Eugene Recreation alleys Tuesday night. Cloy of the Springfield team rolled the best individual scores—213-192-232-637.

Results:
Eugene Plywood 281 956 1777-2914
Springfield Ply 924 937 971-2858
Veach Poultry 247 955 912-2915
High Single—Clay, Springfield, 232.
High Series—Clay, Springfield, 637.

Pierre LaBelle to Meet 'Yukon Jake'

Pierre LaBelle, the sensational French grappler, will meet his second severe local test Saturday night at the Pearl Street arena where he has been booked against Bulldog Jackson in a semi-final attraction. The match is one of two outstanding supporting bouts to the Pete Belcastro-Jack Lipscomb headliner promised by Matchmaker Don Owen.

LaBelle virtually "stole the show" last week by scoring a one-fall victory over Billy McEuin, formidable Texas villain. He meets an equally tough test against "Yukon Jake," the Alaskan who is considered the greatest showman in the business and the owner of the most dreaded hold—the stomping hammerlock.

Another capacity crowd for the local arena is inevitable and Owen predicted reserved seat tickets would be at a premium before Saturday. Belcastro, the "Walloping Wop from Weed," is making one of his rare local appearances and has never failed to manufacture a spectacular performance. He has not appeared here since handing Tony Ross a licking—and he promises to administer a like wallop to the much-hated Lipscomb, current king of Pacific coast light-heavyweights.

College Football Like Pro Wrestling In 1943

COLLEGE PARK, Md., April 7.—(AP)—The college pigskin picture this year, says Clarence W. "Doc" Spears, will resemble a professional wrestling match—you won't know what to expect.

To emphasize the point, the round doctor who came to Maryland the other day to look over his new coaching setup attended a dinner to greet a husky grid gang.

When the pigskins start sailing next fall, every member of Maryland's squad is expected to be in the armed services.

Cleveland Out Of Pro League

By TOMMY DEVINE
CHICAGO, April 7.—(AP)—With the Cleveland Rams a wartime casualty, the National Football League's future was clouded today by the possibility other clubs might drop out long before the 1943 schedule is inaugurated next September.

Cleveland petitioned to suspend "for the duration" yesterday and league officials countered by giving the Rams permission to drop out for the coming season. The Cleveland club must notify the league by March 1, 1944 of its future intentions.

The withdrawal of the Rams immediately multiplied the problems facing the pro circuit. President Elmer Layden had a schedule drawn up and was to submit it for approval today. However, the playing card must now be revised completely and he doubted if the new chart could be ready for study at the present meeting.

Ram Players on Block

Despite dropping out of the league, Cleveland will go through with its participation in the player draft tomorrow, but its title to the 20 college seniors it selects will be short-lived.

The players the Rams select in the draft, coupled with 90 on the reserve list and 28 on the active list, immediately will be put up for "grabs" by the remaining nine clubs.

Layden announced the following method would be used for distribution of the accumulated Cleveland talent:

The names of all players on the active, reserve and drafted list will be placed in a hat. Then from another hat the clubs will select numbers from one to nine to determine the order in which the Ram gridders will be drawn.

4 Clubs Questionable

Coach Chile Walsh of the Rams estimated "that between 14 and 18 players on the active list remain available for play next season."

The Rams never had a winning team during the six-year tenure in the league. The best mark was five victories, five losses and a tie in 1939.

Cleveland's withdrawal focused attention on the difficulties the league faces and while its lead was not followed immediately, four other club owners were known to be skeptical of their ability to operate.

Lumbermen To Golf Thursday

Between 30 and 40 golfers are expected to vie at the Eugene Country Club Thursday morning and afternoon in the second annual Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association tournament.

The tournament is being held in conjunction with a lumber auction here this week which is expected to attract lumbermen of Portland and the entire valley to Eugene.

The Eugene Wholesalers and Ensign Jim Hoak are defending champions. Hoak will not be here for the event, being on duty with the U. S. navy.

Following the 18-hole event a "championship" dinner will be held at the Club house Thursday evening.

Bivins Decisions Jones in 10 Rounds

LOS ANGELES, April 7.—(AP)—Heavy-shouldered Jimmy Bivins, so-called duration light-heavyweight champion, won an easy decision last night over Watson Jones, strictly a hometown product.

Bivins, Cleveland negro with a deadly jab and short, vicious rights, next meets Pat Valentino at San Francisco on April 26.

Dusky Jones, wild-haired and wild swinging, was making his first step into big-time boxing after banging through all available local boys, but found the advance in class pretty rough.

Clean-punching Bivins found himself in trouble once twice—in the fifth and sixth rounds when Jones connected with wild right hand punches that had him slightly rubber-legged.

Bivins, holding a 6½-pound edge, started out fast with his snaky jabs and short rights, slowed slightly during the middle of the fight but warmed up in the later stages and finally wound up cracking Jones to the canvas for a six count just as the bell ended the 10th and final round.

AL SIMMONS MAKES GOOD

BALTIMORE, April 7.—(AP)—Most of his friends laughed when he said he'd do it, but Al Simmons, who will be 40 next month, has virtually clinched a Boston Red Sox outfield berth. Rookie Tom McBride and Veteran Pete Fox will flank the centerfield veteran.



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