

HIGH CLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

Honest to goodness fellows, all we know about fishing is what we hear on the street. . . Certainly the weather conditions recently have been nothing that would make even the most ardent follower of Izaak Walton bury his grandmothers for the purpose of sneaking away from work for an afternoon of fly tossing.

The McKenzie and Willamette are still much, much too high for good angling, but Glenn Younger tells us a fellow who wishes to use bait can do right smartly on the Willamette with grampus. . . Jimmie Padlock up Oakridge way reports that 11-year-old Billy Bernhardt hooked, and landed a 5 1/2-pound Dolly Varden at the mouth of Salmon Creek, lured with a single egg on a No. 10 hook. It required 15 minutes to land. . . The only other fishing news is that George McBride, Bob Lark, Don Haynes and Bob Bloom reported that trout between 10 and 12 inches caught on the Mohawk are suffering from worms. This fact has been passed on to the state game commission.

Maybe you could class the contribution of the Florence Boosters to Portland's baseball opener as a Fish Tale—a dozen crabs to the first player who "beefed" to the umpire. . . Speaking of the coast country, the recent rains should make the Siuslaw, North Fork and Lake Creek hold up considerably longer than the usual short spring season.

So, with the lack of fishing information, we turn to aid from a former Eugene newspaperman who is now with the United Press in Seattle—Lloyd Tuppling. Tup writes a message to fishermen in the state of Washington, but one that fits the Oregonians like a wet glove:

"The most consistent thing about sport fishermen are the tall tales they spin and their ability to guess wrong.

"Invariably they'll predict good fishing when fishing is worst, and clear streams when the water is high and roily. The fact that they are prone to exaggerate apparently is a characteristic inborn in the species.

"At any rate, these elements must have been what prompted the wrongest guess of 1942—that there would be no fishing, no fishermen, and nothing to fish with this year. Fishermen, usually optimistic that the next cast will snag a big fish, made this doleful prediction on the basis of last year's distinctly un-rose-colored prospects.

"The war production board had ordered production of fishing tackle and other outdoor equipment stopped. Defense officials, fearful that some saboteur would put on a hatful of assorted wet and dry flies, and thus disguised set the woods ablaze, toyed with the idea of closing down some of the best fishing spots to all persons, whether or not they were costumed as anglers.

"Happily these dire predictions have proved unfounded and instead of being on the decline, interest in luring the wily trout onto a hook has increased sufficiently to be regarded as a boom—or at least a loud report.

"The Washington State game department reports nearly as many licenses sold so far this year as during the same period in 1942—this with thousands of former purchasers transplanted into the armed forces. Nearby Puget Sound is dotted with as many saltwater fishermen as ever, and during the steelhead season guides on the famous Skagit river had more business than they could handle.

"Sporting goods stores also reported demand for fishing equipment is as great as ever. The problem now is one of supply, since tackle manufacturers have been converted to war production. Unless we are still fighting in 1945 there should be enough hooks, lines and assorted lures.

"The variety of some items, such as silk and nylon line, reels, and steel poles—all made from critical war materials—is already limited but chances are supplies of less popular items and styles will be adequate.

"True, gas and tire rationing have restricted the sphere of operations and trips far afield are out for the duration. But game department officials had heard the one about Mohammed and the mountain and decided to bring the fish to the fishermen. This called for planting fish in waters bordering on or adjacent to anglers—one example being the planting of 50,000 trout in a lake a block from your correspondent's Seattle house. In some sections the fish were planted early enough so they'll be keeper size this season, but the real harvest will start next year when this year's fingerlings grow up.

"So fear not, fishermen, oil up last year's reel. You'll find good wartime fishing in your own backyard."

Coast Fishing Better Commission Reports

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—Angling in coast streams will continue to improve over the week-end as streams subside and clear, the weekly bulletin of the state game commission predicted today.

Best fishing would be found in Curry, Lincoln, and Josephine counties and streams in Coos, Lane and Tillamook counties were providing better catches, the commission said.

Oregon, WSC Track Teams to Vie Here Saturday Afternoon

Meet Delayed Until 3 P. M.

Illness, Injuries Hit Ducks; Cougars Favored

The Washington State college track and field team will arrive late Saturday for the dual-meet engagement with the University of Oregon, but expect to be first at the finish line in most of the events on Hayward field where the Cougars and Webfoots will paint another scene on the rather blurred northern division track picture.

Coach Babe Hollingbery has wired Coach Colonel Bill Hayward that his Cougars would not arrive in Eugene until noon Saturday and requested that the meet be delayed until 3 p. m., long enough for his runners, jumpers, vaulters and weight men to shake off their train legs. The request has been granted, and the meet will be delayed 90 minutes past the usual 1:30 starting time.

Washington State, a perennial power in cinder circles of the Pacific northwest, expect to have another potent squad, but two victories over Idaho to date give no true indication of strength. The meet here against the Webfoots, who upset Washington 68-63 after dropping a 6-2 dual relay verdict to OSC, is expected to give some indication of the Cougar scoring power.

The prowess of such men as Captain Pat Haley and Al Atkins is known, and Hollingbery will make use of his two high-scoring aces. They are entered in four and five events, respectively.

Oregon's hopes were boosted Thursday when Don Wilson, ace distance runner, was released from the university infirmary and announced that he would be ready for competition by Saturday.

Hayward announced that Eston Way, No. 1 pole-vaulter, will be out with a sprained ankle and that two other men would be questionable participants—Wilson and Bob Newland, No. 1 high-jumper who has been bothered with a slight attack of the flu.

The entries in the various events follow:

100-Yards: Allen, Hoffman, WSC; Balch, Aiken, Haley, Hunt.
200-Yards: Allen, Hoffman, Beckner, WSC; Aiken, Bricker, Haley, Hunt.
400-Yards: Beckner, Ray, Simpson, WSC; Bowers, Bricker, Hunt.
800-Yards: Oregon; Boykin, Widom, WSC; Bowers, Chappell, Skelton.
1 Mile: Oregon; Wilson, Kelley, WSC; Luebel, Chappell, Skelton.
2-Mile: Oregon; Kelly, Wilson, Nickachos, WSC; Smith, Merman, Luebel.
High hurdles: Oregon; Kramer, Dickson, Spady, WSC; Haley, Zimmerman.
Low hurdles: Oregon; Thomas, Dickson, WSC; Haley, Zimmerman, Bergin.
Broad jump: Oregon; Dickson, Hoffman, Simpson, WSC; McKee, Balch, Zimmerman, Whitehead.
High jump: Oregon; Newland, Drankel, WSC; Whitehead, Haley.
Pole vault: Oregon; Thomas, Dickson, Mueller, WSC; Person, Klem.
Shot put: Oregon; Elliott, Foster, WSC; Ward, Dodge, Aiken.
Discus: Oregon; Foster, Elliott, Campbell, WSC; Dodge, Johnson, Ward.
Javelin: Oregon; Porter, Carpenter, WSC; Zimmerman, McKee, Nien.
Relay: Oregon; Ray, Beckner, Allen, Simpson, Widom, WSC; Hunt, Williams, Aiken, Bricker.

Cleveland Threat To New York Yanks

NEW YORK, May 7.—(AP)—Tabbed in pre-season ratings as a probable also-ran, the Cleveland Indians are furnishing the front-running Yanks stiff competition in the American league because of youthful Lou Boudreau's knack for handling pitchers.

If Boudreau can keep his collection of chukkers rotating at their present effective pace, his club certainly can be counted on to make a race of it.

Cleveland now trails the Yankees by 1 1/2 games after winning four of the last five. Boudreau's big problem before the season began was to overcome the Yankees' superiority on the mound. He has almost wiped away that margin.

By getting top performances from veterans Al Smith, Mel Harder, Jim Bagby, Vernon Kennedy, and Chubby Dean.

The Indians took the White Sox into camp Thursday 6-3, behind Smith. He was tagged for 11 hits, but went the route for his second straight decision.

Johnny Murphy, the Yankees' fire horse, won his fourth straight as the New Yorkers took two games from the Red Sox, 2-1 and 5-4. Murphy marched in for the second straight day, pitched a full inning of the nightcap and then was credited with his fourth decision when the Yanks snapped a 4-1 deadlock. He has now pitched 6 1-3 innings. A wild throw by Pitcher Mace Brown gave the Yanks the edge in the nightcap while Joe Gordon's fly drove home Charley Keller, who had tripled with the winning run in the opener.

Don Heffner, a former Yankee, bunted home the winning run as the Browns blanked Detroit, 1-0.

The Athletics put 11 hits into the proper slots to whitewash the Senators, who collected 10 from Roger Wolf, 7-0.

The Brooklyn Hurricane that roared for 23 hits against the Phillies Wednesday died Thursday as Philadelphia won 3-2 in 10 innings. Don Northey followed Glen Stewart's lusty triple with a fly to give Johnny Podgajny his initial win as Buck Newsom suffered his first defeat.

Rookie Hi Bithorn made the champion Cardinals look like champions as he pitched the Cubs to a seven-hit 5-1 victory.

Camp Adair 'Big-Leaguers' Play Giustina Here Sunday

The most attractive baseball game of the season for local diamond followers will be played Sunday afternoon at Civic Stadium where Sgt. Jack Knott will send his "major-league" Camp Adair Timber Wolves against a picked all-star local club representing the Giustina Reds of the Cascade league.

Game time will be 2:30 o'clock. Manager Ed Brauner of the Reds is arranging a short but fitting ceremony for the opening of the local semi-pro season, with Judge C. A. Wintermeier, Eugene's No. 1 baseball fan and a former ace

14,000 See Beavers Lose 2-0 to Angels

(Associated Press)

Crowds have ever been dear to the hearts of baseball players and a sturdy opening day throng of 14,000 Portlanders apparently was much to the liking of the Los Angeles Angels.

For the Angels have moved into a full two-game lead by virtue of a ten-inning, 2-0 shutout over the Portland Beavers.

It was the second largest crowd of the young season, topped on the coast only by the 15,700 more or less who viewed the San Francisco-Hollywood debut in Seals Stadium.

Another opening of note took place in Seattle where San Francisco trampled hometown pride by drubbing the Rainiers 9-1 before 8000.

At Portland the fans saw nine innings of shutout ball cracked in the overtime frame by Angel outfielder Andy Pafko's long-range two-bagger which fell in the temporary bleachers in left field. It brought in Bill Schuster with Pafko scoring the second run minutes later on a lofty fly ball.

Sacramento stopped the Oakland winning spree 5-4 when Peterson walked a home run over the center field fence in the 7th. Hollywood humiliated the visiting San Diego Padres for the third straight day, 8-0. Eddie Erault constrained the Padres to seven hits.

Scores:

San Francisco . . . 003 102 0-10 2
Seattle . . . 001 000 0-1 8 3
Portland . . . 000 000 0-0 0 0
Harris and Grindowski; Demoranville (4); Molitor (8); Marshall (9) and Suene, Bonarigo (9).

Los Angeles . . . 000 000 0-2 10 1
Portland . . . 000 000 0-0 0 0
Gehlbach and Land; Wilson and Easertwood.

Sacramento . . . 010 001 200-5 9 1
Oakland . . . 000 000 0-0 0 0
Brazil and Peterson; Kleins and Rainaldi.

San Diego . . . 000 000 0-0 0 0
Hollywood . . . 002 000 200-3 15 0
Olson, Salski and Salski; Erault and Younker; Beltinger (4).

Baseball

AMERICAN W L Pct.
New York . . . 11 3 .786
Cleveland . . . 9 4 .692
Detroit . . . 7 5 .583
Washington . . . 7 5 .583
St. Louis . . . 5 6 .455
Philadelphia . . . 6 6 .500
Boston . . . 4 7 .364
Chicago . . . 3 9 .250

NATIONAL W L Pct.
Brooklyn . . . 10 4 .714
Cincinnati . . . 7 6 .538
Pittsburgh . . . 7 6 .538
St. Louis . . . 7 6 .538
Boston . . . 5 5 .500
Chicago . . . 5 5 .500
New York . . . 4 7 .364
Philadelphia . . . 4 7 .364

COAST W L Pct.
Los Angeles . . . 12 3 .800
San Diego . . . 11 7 .611
San Francisco . . . 9 7 .563
Portland . . . 6 8 .430
Oakland . . . 5 10 .333
Hollywood . . . 7 10 .412
Sacramento . . . 6 11 .353
Seattle . . . 5 10 .333

Joe Gordon . . .

WHAT HE DID THURSDAY

AB	R	H	PO	A	E
4	1	3	3	3	0

HIS SEASON'S RECORD

AB	R	H	PO	A	E
50	13	14	14	14	2
Fielding					
PO	A	E			
38	50	3			

HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—(AP)—National amateur handball championships.

LaBelle-Lipscomb Top Mat Tilt

COMPLETE PROGRAM

Main Event—Pierre LaBelle vs. Jack Lipscomb.

Semi Final—Bulldog Jackson vs. Merle Peters.

Opener—Walt Achlu vs. Bill McEuin.

Referee—Elton Owen.

Pierre LaBelle, the crowd-pleasing French grappler, was tabbed as a potential Pacific coast lightweight champion the very first night he made his initial appearance here, defeating that tough trial horse Billy McEuin. And since that time he has done nothing to discount this first impression. The only mar on Pierre's record is a draw with George Wagner, ex-world and coast titleholder.

LaBelle gets a big chance to justify his reputation Saturday night at the Pearl Street arena where he meets Jack Lipscomb, coast champion, in a non-title engagement.

Matchmaker Don Owen has scheduled an all-star supporting program that will feature profes-

sional wrestling "as you like it." The always colorful Bulldog Jackson, most highly publicized matman on the coast, will meet Merle Peters, popular mid-westerner, in the semi-final. Walter "Tinkit" Achlu and McEuin, veteran top-fighters, will appear in the curtain raiser.

Peters has appeared here several times recently, as a wrestler and as a referee, and has established himself as a solid favorite with fans. His chance of beating the crafty and villainous Jackson is problematical, however. Achlu and McEuin are certain to stage a stirring skirmish, the Chinese grappler depending greatly on jiu-jitsu and the tough Texan on good fundamental wrestling with a mixture of rough-and-tumble.

The headliner between LaBelle and Lipscomb is the big attraction that seems certain to pack the local arena. The sensational Frenchman is the most popular matman since Milt Olsen first appeared here a year ago, and has shown ev-

ery indication he is capable of defeating Lipscomb—which would delight the cash customers no end.

Lipscomb refused to meet LaBelle in a title tilt, pointing out that the newcomer had no reputation, despite his great local record. The Hoosier "Hot Shot" promised to blast the Frenchman out of the running—administer a beating similar to the one given Elton Owen several weeks ago. The appearance of Owen as referee may add to the interest of the headliner. Lipscomb had previously refused to wrestle with Owen as referee, but since his victory in a mixed match he may welcome the chance for some "side play" with his former rival.

LaBelle is a dynamic matman and is expected to force Lipscomb to the limit of the many illegal tactics he has at his command.

Reserved seat tickets were reported selling briskly, but the Club cigar store agency reported a few choice seats still available. The opening match on the card gets under way promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

Armstrong Favored Over Tommy Jessup

BOSTON, May 7.—(AP)—Tommy Jessup, a comparative unknown who sings in a Springfield Baptist church choir, gets a chance at boxing glory tonight when he battles veteran Henry Armstrong in a scheduled 10-round bout at Boston Garden.

Armstrong will be making his 150th start in 12 years of ring campaigning and ruled a 7-to-5 choice to finish off the 21-year-old country boy despite a serious eye operation and his 30 years.

Both are negroes, both love to fight, for both it will be an important battle. For Armstrong, former triple champion, it will be another milestone on the comeback road to a return match with Lightweight Champion Beau Jack.

For Jessup, who has registered 23 knockouts in 29 fights, a victory would guarantee an ultimate shot at the lightweight crown.

London Shocked As Yank Soldiers Rally For Gridiron Battle

LONDON, May 7.—(AP)—Excited Yankee soldiers today gave staid old London the atmosphere of an American college football town as two army eleven prepared for the "G.I. Bowl" gridiron game tomorrow.

Open-mouthed London sports fans struggled with such unfamiliar phrases as "double-wingback, off-tackle slant and end run" as characteristic pregame celebrations were held by American troops and the teams ran through signal drills at White City Stadium.

America's fighting men were hotly waging their lean income on the "Fighting Irish" or the "Crimson Tide" and nostalgic memories of the Yankee Stadium, hot dogs and pretty girls with chrysanthemums.

Portland Fights Set

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7.—(AP)—The National Boxing Club's card tonight will feature a triple main event with Red Nybert, Los Angeles, and Young Otto, Portland, in the heavyweight bout; Joey Dolan, Portland, against Buddy Spencer, Los Angeles, bantamweights, and Lige Drew, Los Angeles, against Davey Ward, Tacoma, welterweights. All are 10-rounders.

Oregon, O.S.C. Suffer Defeats

Webfoots Loose 13-12; Beavers Beaten 2-0

NORTHERN DIVISION

Standings	W	L	Pct.
Oregon State	10	2	.833
Oregon	7	3	.700
Washington	5	3	.625
Wash. State	4	8	.333
Idaho	0	9	.000

(Associated Press)

The Northern division, Pacific coast conference baseball race still is pretty much of a dogfight after Thursday's assaults by Washington and Washington State against the title bids of the two Oregon members.

Until Thursday league-leading Oregon State had encountered smooth sailing on its northern invasion, taking two games each from Washington State and Idaho. But in Seattle big Doug Ford set the Beavers down with four hits in pitching Washington to a 2-0 victory.

At Pullman Oregon failed to gain any ground by dropping a 13-12 decision to Washington State, the Webfoots' second defeat at the hands of the Cougars.

In shutting out the Beavers Ford allowed but one extra-base hit. The Huskies took a 1-0 lead in the first inning by putting two hits together, and added a clincher tally in the eighth on three singles.

Andy Frahier held Washington to six hits.

A single by Bob Rennie in the 10th, scoring Wally Kramer from second after two were away, gave the Cougars their fourth victory of the season.

W.S.C. held an 8-2 in the third inning, but Oregon had fought into a 11-10 lead by the seventh and added another in the eighth.

Then in the ninth the Cougars put on some wild base running and tied the score.

Scores:

Oregon . . . 000 115 210 0-12 12 5
W. S. C. . . . 002 010 102 1-13 8 6
Beltinger; Lokan, Bubalo and Carlson; Olson, Scallor and Cranston.

Oregon State . . . 000 000 000-0 0 0
Washington . . . 000 000 010-3 6 1
Frahier and Roelandt; Ford and Anderson.

Surprise Entries Set for Preakness

BALTIMORE, May 7.—(AP)—Radio Morrie, owned by the King ranch of R. J. Kieberg of Texas and a woeful seventh in a \$2500 claiming race in his last start, was the first horse entered today for tomorrow's 53rd running of the \$50,000 added Preakness stakes at Pimlico.

The surprise entry was telephoned to Pimlico from New York by Trainer Max Hirsch.

Second horse in the entry box for the mile and three sixteenths classic, for which Count Fleet is the prohibitive favorite, was the Maryland hope, Vincente.

Fifth in the entry box was the Count himself.

Major Leaders

NATIONAL

AB	R	H	Pct.
O'Dea, St. Louis	36	2	12 .462
Frey, Cincinnati	33	9	22 .667
Kluttz, Boston	32	3	9 .409

Runs batted in—Vaughan, Brooklyn, 14.
Home runs—Litwhiler, Philadelphia, 3.
Pitching—Sewell, Pittsburgh, 3.0.

AMERICAN

AB	R	H	Pct.
Higgins, Detroit	30	4	15 .500
Stephens, St. Louis	29	8	15 .517
Parise, Boston	20	5	9 .450

Runs batted in—Spence, Wash., 14.
Home runs—Keller, New York, 2.
Pitching—Murphy, New York, 4-0.

Sports Slate

SATURDAY

College Track
WSC-Oregon, Hayward Field
Professional Wrestling
Pearl Street Arena
College Baseball
Oregon-Idaho, Moscow.

PORTLAND REGATTA

PORTLAND, May 7.—(AP)—Twenty sailboats of various classes were expected to turn out for the opening race of the Portland Yacht club regatta season tomorrow afternoon.

Harvard Quits Football

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 7.—(AP)—Harvard University, senior member of the Big Three of the Ivy League, will discontinue inter-collegiate football for the duration, college athletic authorities announced today.

This will necessitate the cancelling of all games on the 1943 schedule, authorities said.

Harvard will continue intramural football and may possibly arrange informal games with teams in the immediate vicinity as the season develops, it was said.

Uni High Decisions Pleasant Hill 3-2

University high stretched its win streak to three straight at the Civic Stadium Thursday in the first half of a doubleheader, beating Pleasant Hill 3-2 on two costly overthrows at third base by Catcher Carl Smith, allowing the Tide's "Red Dog" Hixson to score the two winning runs.

The victory was the third straight for Henry Kuchera's game-weary Tigers and they showed signs of weakening to the slats of Pleasant Hill's pitcher, Earl Dowdy.

Jerry Switzer, who pitched such a good game against Junction City Tuesday, showed signs of tiring but kept four hits fairly well scattered, and was in trouble only in the second inning when he gave up three free passes in a row. Dowdy matched his performance, giving up but four hits, fanning seven, and walking three men. Switzer struck out six and gave four walks.

Hixson scored the winning run in the fifth, by singling, stealing second and third and coming home for the second time in the game on Smith's overthrow of third.

Hitters, Hixson, Croft, Madden, and A. Smith shared the number one spot, all hitting "one for two."

Scores:

Pleasant Hill . . . 110 000 0-2 4 0
University . . . 101 010 0-3 4 0
Dowdy and C. Smith; Switzer and Croft.

Cards Drill Sunday

The Springfield Cardinals will hold a tryout drill on Civic Stadium field at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, according to an announcement made by Manager Jim Primrose. The Cardinals will compete in the Cascade league.

Junction City Trips Eugene Axemen, 4-1

DISTRICT 4 LEAGUE

Standings	W	L	Pct.
Junction City	4	1	.800
Eugene	3	2	.600
University	2	3	.400
Springfield	0	4	.000

By BILL LOVE

Coach Ford Mullen's Eugene Axemen were still in a slump—mentally, in the field, and at the plate—and lost possession of first place in the District 4 pennant race when Frank Thomas' Junction City Tigers bounced back from their loss to University high last Tuesday to outscore the local nine, 4 to 1.

Despite the fact that Eugene outthit the Tigers, Pitcher Lefty Mortenson had the game under control most of the time—sided greatly by poor base-running by the Axemen. Eugene got five hits off Lefty.

For the Axemen, Ray Brauner did a credible job on the hillcock, although he had trouble with control in the first two frames. His teammates hit rough water in the fifth inning when Junction put the game on ice with three runs—only one of which was earned.

Mortenson continued the "strike-out" plague against Mullen's Purple hitters who have whiffed 36 times in three games. Lefty walked two, while Brauner fanned four and gave three free passes to first.

After one was out in the opening frame, Brauner walked Harold Mohler, and Mortenson doubled, with Mohler intending to hold up at third, but being forced off by his teammate. Mohler, however, scored when Jack Fassett, taking the relay from the right-fielder, threw to third instead of the plate.

In the second, Brauner continued his wild streak, loading the bases with no outs, but calmly found his stride and retired the side without any runs being scored.

With the sacks full, Glenn Patton hit to first-baseman Harvey Humphrey who forced Carl Neilson at the plate. Ed Bennet was then caught off third by Catcher Clyde Greene, and Bill Seigman grounded out to the first-baseman to end the frame.

Eugene tied the count in their half of the third when Herb Gilbert singled and took second on a balk. He took third on a fielder's choice, and tallied as Humphrey beat out an infield single.