

HIGH CLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

Chet Hicks, our former Junction City operative who is up Puget Sound way building torpedoes for Uncle Sam, writes that he had a big thrill in Seattle two weeks ago when his former Junction City high schoolmate and ex-roommate at the university, Selwin Wisdom, aided in giving Oregon that surprising dual-meet victory over Washington. He says:

"The Oregon squad had placed itself in such an underdog position no consideration had been given the relay, but at the completion of the other 14 events the score was 63-all. Loye McGee (subbing for Colonel Bill Hayward) hurriedly called a huddle on the infield to pick out a four-man team."

"First to be selected were Chuck Beckner and Stan Ray, who had placed 1-3 in the 440. Then Browning Allen, the colored boy who had already won the sprints. Making a long decision, McGee picked Wisdom to complete the team. As a Frosh Wisdom had run the 440, but this year he had been working on the 880. "Well, that was the setup. As for Wisdom, it was identical to the Frosh-Rook relay of last year when the Rooks were ahead at the half-way mark and Wisdom gave Wally Still a break in the final 440. This time it was Beckner running the last lap and they were really a happy gang when Beckner finished in front of Captain Gene Swaney."

"Incidentally, I'll be here for the duration. I put in for a transfer to Pearl Harbor, but the Navy won't take me even as a civilian."

When the Swedish running sensation competes in this country early in the summer a 4-minute mile is problematical, but the last Yankee reporters can do is to learn the correct spelling of the cinderman's name. . . . Gunder Haegg or Hagg. . . . The former is the Associated Press version, the latter the United Press manner of spelling the name. . . . Possibly you've noticed it. . . . We imagine Haegg is the Swedish form of spelling the name and Hagg the American adaption. . . . In any case the foreign ace should pack 'em in, and his appearances will be of considerable interest to those outside the track world."

George DeGeorge, veteran N. Y. A. C. runner, predicts that Gregory Rice, the former Notre Dame star, will defeat the 24-year-old fireman who is now enroute to Texas aboard a tanker. He predicts Haegg would set a good pace and Rice's wonderful finish would give the Yankee a decision. But maybe Haegg isn't a pacer and depends on men like the likes of Arne Anderson, who has run a 4:08.2 mile.

We seem to recall a match race at Princeton some years ago against Glenn Cunningham, Chuck Fenske and several other Americans against Sidney Wooderson of England. . . . No one would set a fast pace and after jockeying around for half a mile the chance of a record-breaking performance was out of the question. . . . That could happen here."

Haegg holds the world's record at 4:04.8, but Cunningham has run the faster—4:05.4, a handicap event run on the "Springboards" of Dartmouth University's indoor oval and was not recognized as a record. Haegg's mile was no freak because he also has a 4:08.2 to his credit.

Ed Brauner, local representative for the Cincinnati Reds, has received word from the parent club that Howard Fox, Lane county's latest contribution to organized baseball, is making good with Birmingham of the Southern Association. . . . We had already mentioned his first mound victory, but the 208-pound right-hander since then scored an 18-3 decision over Memphis, a game in which he collected a pair of doubles and a single in four trips to the platter. . . . To date Howard is batting an even .600, six hits in 10 official appearances at the platter. . . . Brauner also reports that Allie Cooper, former Sutherland and Giustina infielder, has joined Juel Faubus as a member of the Ogden, Utah, semi-pro team and that Scout Mickey Shader reports Allie is "picky hot". . . .

"Another impact of the war on sports will be evident next Saturday when the University of Washington holds its annual crew race against the University of California on the Oakland estuary," writes Fred Hampson of the Associated Press. "The Huskies will have to row a borrowed boat. Coach Al Ulbrickson doesn't know what this will do to the Husky crew, oarsmen being a temperamental lot by the time they are trained down to racing edge. If they'll just forget that they're not in their own shell they'll row a good race and lose nothing of their effectiveness. Al said before leaving for the south. But if they get the idea that the borrowed vehicle is off center or something, there's no telling."

"As a matter of fact the shell will be of the same style and form used by George Pocock in constructing Washington's own shells and there probably won't be a dime's worth actual structural difference. But you know how the boys can get a notion in their heads."

Bud Anderson who held the Pacific coast lightweight crown in 1912 and once turned in 52 consecutive knockouts died last week in Vancouver at 55."

President Roosevelt to Name National Sports Coordinator

Senator Mead Likely Choice

Mogul Recommended Dropping World Series

By SID FEDER
NEW YORK, May 13.—(AP)—A national coordinator for all sports, rumored for nearly a year, is likely to be named by President Roosevelt within a month, and U. S. Senator James Mead, who advocated cancellation of the World Series and all-star games less than three months ago, is the leading candidate for the job.

Word on the early appointment of such a sports officer, whose big job will be to decide how the nation's sports "can be handled without affecting the war effort," came last night from Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of the New York racing commission and consultant on public policy to the war department.

In a speech at a dinner closing the two-day meeting of the National Association of State Racing Commissioners, Swope pointed out also that racing has received a green light from Washington.

Less than a year ago, Swope removed himself as a possible candidate for the office of sports coordinator because he felt he was too busy with other jobs. At this writing, Senator Mead, from Buffalo, N. Y., is supposed to have the inside track on the job Swope turned down. Mead is a vice president of the Buffalo (International League) baseball club, but on March 1 he came out for cancellation of baseball's two fanciest shows for the duration to relieve the strain on the nation's transportation system.

Laughing Larry MacPhail, who made the Brooklyn Dodgers tick until the army took him last fall, also was mentioned for the job, but it was learned no man in uniform would be considered. Representative Sam Weiss of Glassport, Pa., near Pittsburgh, also was reported among possible candidates. And ex-mayor Jimmy Walker of New York, father of this state's boxing and Sunday baseball laws, has been given serious consideration.

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Coach Howard Hobson was pleased with the performance of his defending champions in Seattle Monday and Tuesday when they posted 4-0 and 13-4 victories to sweep the four-game series with Tubby Graves' Huskies, pre-season pennant favorites.

Hobson reported several minor injuries to squad members during the northwest trek, but was particularly pleased with the physical condition of Nick Begleries, No. 1 moundman who suffered a cracked cheek bone at Pullman last week. Following observation in both Moscow and Seattle hospitals, the veteran right-hander was given a "clean bill of health."

Starting pitchers in the first game at Corvallis Saturday are problematical. Begleries will have had a five-day rest after blanking the Huskies and beating Doug Ford and should be ready to pitch. Coach Ralph Coleman is expected to use Don Cecil, his No. 1 pitcher, in the opener.

Johnny Bubala of Oregon and Andy Frahier of Oregon State are other possible hurling selections.

Graham Has Financial Hope For S. F. Seals

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—(AP)—President Charles Graham of the San Francisco baseball club expressed confidence today that a deal could be worked out whereby the club could be sold to the city of San Francisco and the present owners could retain control.

The bank, which holds a \$198,000 mortgage on the property of the club, including the Seals Stadium, started foreclosure proceedings yesterday, but action will not become effective until after a four-month grace period.

Murphy High Bowler, But Team Loses, 3-0

F. Murphy rolled high scores of 213 and 367 in the spring State bowling league at Eugene Recreation Wednesday night, but his Split-pickers dropped a 3-0 decision to the Go-getters. In other league matches, the Alley-rats defeated the Screw-balls, Frame-ups defeated the Score-getters, and Gutter-snipes downed the Souper-doopers, all by 2-1 scores.



OLD AND NEW RECORD-HOLDERS—Pete Watkins of Texas Aggies (left) and Harold Osborne exchange notes at the Drake Relays, Des Moines, Ia., after Watkins cleared six feet, eight inches to break Osborne's relay high jump record.

Hayward Expects OSC Track Stars To Compete Saturday

Colonel Bill Hayward, veteran Oregon track coach, wouldn't come right out and class the Corvallis announcement as a "bear story," but he did say he expected Coach Grant Swan of Oregon State to have Captain Don Findlay, Al Flake, Bill Waterman and Len Moyer as squad members when the first event opens the 36th annual track and field meeting at 1:30 p. m. Saturday on Hayward field.

Findlay, conference broad-jump champion and high-jumper; Flake, two-miler; Waterman, miler, and

Moyer, quarter-miler and relay man, were listed as non-competitors because of R.O.T.C. regulations preventing them from leaving the Corvallis campus.

The Beavers are still favored to win their second decision in 10 years and their 13th in the long rivalry between the two schools. Should Hayward come up with a triumph it would give the Webfoots the dual-meet championship of the northern division in view of previous decisions over Washington and Washington State.

On the basis of performances last week-end, when Oregon defeated WSC and OSC dropped a close decision to Washington, the Webfoots are favored to win only four events—the 100 and 220-yard dashes, pole vault and high jump.

The quarter mile and relay appear to be toss-ups. Oregon State figures to win both hurdles, the 880, mile, two-mile and broad jump, and hold a slight edge in the shot, javelin and discus.

Bob Stevens and Bob Reiman of OSC have both topped Fred Foster and Chuck Elliott in the shot. Reiman holds an edge over Don Campbell of Oregon in the discus, and John Kilbuck has shaded Jim Porter of Oregon in the javelin.

The meet will be the final local appearance for the Oregon squad before entering next week's division championships in Seattle.

Three softball teams were represented at the initial meeting held by the city recreation commission at the city hall Wednesday night—Baptist Church, Medo-Land Creamery and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A second meeting will be held at the recreation offices next Wednesday when all teams wishing to play in the circuit will be required to register their team rosters. At next week's meeting final plans will be made regarding the league finances, game sites and schedules.

It was reported that Fenn's Tire Shop would enter a team. Other possible entries included Babb's, Danebo, Army-Navy Store, Eugene CIO, Eugene AFT, Danner's Service Station, and Farmers Creamery.

Major Leaders

NATIONAL AB R H Pct.
Perry, Cincinnati 11 27 .397
Hack, Chicago 11 25 .373
P. McCormick, Cincinnati 10 7 .243

Runs batted in—Vaughan, Brooklyn, 14.
Home runs—Maynard, New York, 4.
Pitching—Sewell, Pittsburgh, & Allen, Brooklyn, 3-0.

AMERICAN AB R H Pct.
Stephens, St. Louis 14 3 22 .407
Higgins, Detroit 17 5 21 .308
Rockert, Cleveland 15 11 20 .384

Runs batted in—Spence, Washington, 16.
Home runs—Keller, New York, 3.
Pitching—Carroll, Washington, and Murphy, New York, 4-3.

Husky, Bear Coaches Select Rival Crews

BERKELEY, Calif., May 13.—(AP)—Coaches of the University of Washington and the University of California varsity rowing teams today conceded defeat to each other following time trials on the Oakland estuary preparatory to their annual regatta Saturday.

Washington Coach Al Ulbrickson said he was lucky even to have eight men. U. C. Coach Ky Elbright said California hadn't beaten Washington since 1939 and that there was nothing to show the Bears would win this year.

Portland Sells Wright

PORTLAND, Ore., May 13.—(AP)—Al Wright, second-base man of the Portland baseball club in 1941 and part of 1942, recently discharged from the naval air force, has been sold to Memphis of the Southern Association, club headquarters announced today. Amount of cash involved was not disclosed.

NEW UNIFORM—Champion Runner Gregg Rice substitutes the navy uniform of the United States Maritime Service for the familiar track suit. He recently entered the service.

Indians Bid For Pennant

Tribe Trips Senators; Yankees Lose To Sox

By JUDSON BAILEY
(Associated Press)
The Cleveland Indians are crowding the New York Yankees for first place in the American league, but there is no way of telling yet whether the Tribe is on the warpath or simply doing its spring moving.

In recent years the Indians have moved menacingly in the spring and usually subsided in the summer. Last year they won 13 consecutive games in an April sprint and created some early excitement among their followers. On May 2 they were six full games in front of the Yankees, but the next day they went into a six-game losing streak and there is no point in recalling the subsequent details.

Tribe Not Flashy, But—This spring the Indians have not been as flashy, have had no winning streaks, but they have not lost two consecutive games. This may mean they will stick in the scrap longer.

They overpowered the Washington Senators Wednesday night in a floodlight affair 9-2 to move within one game of the pace-setting Yankees, who were beaten at Chicago 2-1 in ten innings for their second straight setback.

Chubby Dean held the Senators to six hits and a shutout till the ninth. His pitching was supported by a 13-hit attack on the part of his teammates, their biggest spree of the season.

The Yankees' whipping by the White Sox was the handiwork of Johnny Humphries and Joe Kuhel. Humphries allowed only one single after the third inning. He himself made two hits and started the rally that tied the score in the eighth. Kuhel singled him home with the tying tally and then in the tenth singled Rookie Thurman Tucker across with the winning run.

Bonham Loses First Decision—Ernie Bonham, the Yankees' ace who had won three games without a defeat, went the route and was tapped for nine hits, seven of them in the last four frames.

The Philadelphia Athletics and Detroit Tigers battled in a 15-inning marathon at Detroit before a single by Ned Harris gave the Tigers a 3-2 victory.

The St. Louis Browns staggered the bruised and bleeding Boston Red Sox 6-4 with Chet Laabs hitting a three-run homer—his second roundtripper of the season. It was the fourth loss in a row, and 14th in 20 games for the last-place Red Soxers, who made only six hits.

All National league games were postponed because of unfavorable weather in the east.

Baseball

AMERICAN	W	L	Pct.
New York	13	6	.684
Cleveland	11	6	.647
Detroit	9	7	.563
Washington	10	10	.500
St. Louis	8	7	.532
Philadelphia	8	12	.400
Chicago	6	10	.375
Boston	6	13	.316

COAST	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	11	3	.786
San Diego	13	11	.542
Oakland	12	11	.522
San Francisco	12	11	.522
Hollywood	12	12	.500
Portland	9	14	.391
Seattle	6	14	.304
Sacramento	7	18	.259

Count Fleet Opens Training For Classics

NEW YORK, May 13.—(AP)—Count Fleet started training today for racing's next two turf features—the Withers and Belmont Stakes—in hopes of becoming the second horse in history to win the "big-four" title.

The feat of winning the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes and the forthcoming Belmont classics, was accomplished only once before—in 1919 by Sir Barton.

The Count will make his next start in the \$15,000-added Withers Stakes at Belmont May 22 and then follow up with the Belmont Stakes on June 5.

Slide Rule Captures Belmont Swift Stakes

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Miller Netmen State Titlists

The Springfield high school tennis team, following 14 consecutive victories over other major high school opponents in the state, claimed the mythical state championship and announced its willingness to meet the challenge of any five-man tennis squad in the state. The Springfield triumph has been scored over teams outside of the Portland interscholastic league.

Junior Track Meet At Grove Friday

COTTAGE GROVE, May 13.—The annual junior track and field championships, an invitational event, will be held here Friday afternoon, starting at 2:45 o'clock, with five high schools attempting to dethrone Springfield high's 1942 winners.

Other entries Besides Curtis French's host school will be Roseburg, Junction City, Eugene and University (Eugene). The meet is a closed affair for trackmen who won varsity track letters during the 1942 season and confined to athletes who were 16 years of age before March of this year. Usually held early in the spring, the meet was postponed because of unfavorable weather conditions.

The usual 14-event program, with the exception of the football throw replacing the javelin, will be staged. A rotating trophy will go to the winner.

Karlanko, Olsen to Vie in Battle Royal

Leo Karlinko and Milt Olsen have been added to the field for the wrestling "battle royal" to be staged at the Pearl Street arena Saturday night, according to an announcement made Thursday by Matchmaker Don Owen.

Karlinko, the "Mad Russian" and one of the toughest matmen to appear here for some months, will be teamed with Jack Lipscomb along with some other villain yet to be selected. Olsen, former Pacific coast champion and returning to the mat after recovering from a knee operation, will join hands with Pierre LaBelle and an unselected cleanie.

The six-man free-for-all will be the feature of Owen's weekly grappling show and the promoter has promised he would sign two additional top-flight matmen to give the local fans one of the best brawls of the season.

Elimination of the first two "pinned" competitors for sharing in the \$200 purse will make certain of torrid action in the opening minutes. The next two downed will return for a 30-minute, one-fall engagement and the finalists will vie for the lion's share of the purse in a 30-minute, three-fall finale.

Eugene, Springfield Baseballers Vie Friday

Eugene and Springfield high school baseball teams are scheduled to meet at Civic Stadium Friday in an important District 6 league game for the Axemen. Coach Ford Mullen's club must defeat Dan Koch's Millers to remain in the running for the league title which will be at stake in a postponed game between Junction City and Eugene. Probable pitchers will be Ernie Danner for Eugene and Emmett Rauch for Springfield.

Sports Slate

FRIDAY
Collegiate Baseball
Washington-Idaho, Moscow.
SATURDAY
Collegiate Track
Oregon-OSC, Hayward Field.
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Washington-Idaho, Moscow.
Professional Wrestling
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Portland Loses Again, 2 to 1; Los Angeles Trims Seattle 14-1

(Associated Press)
Los Angeles continued to make a parade out of the Pacific coast league baseball race Wednesday, winning their 13th consecutive game and their 19th of the season.

Wednesday's victim, for the second day in a row, was Seattle, the Rainiers bowing 14-1 before a 21-hit barrage. The victory moved the Angels more than 300 percentage points ahead of their nearest rivals. Jodie Phipps held the Rainiers to four hits and it was the second straight day that the Angels defeated the northern team by a 13-run margin.

San Francisco, climbing steadily, beat Portland 2-1 in the tightest game of the day. Tom Seaver

Joe Gordon . . .

WHAT HE DID WEDNESDAY
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HIS SEASON'S RECORD
AB R H Pct. A E
13 13 16 .775
Fielding
FO 45 A 53 E 3 Pct. .970

San Francisco — 100 runs in 100 games.
Seattle — 90 runs in 90 games.
Portland — 80 runs in 80 games.
Pittsburgh — 70 runs in 70 games.
Suzanne

San Diego — 111 runs in 111 games.
Oakland — 100 runs in 100 games.
Johnston, Brillheart (2), Dwyer, Lammert (3) and Salski (4), (2) and Raimond.

Sacramento — 90 runs in 90 games.
Hollywood — 80 runs in 80 games.
Pintar, Pally (3), Driewer (4), Peterson, Thomas, McLaughlin, Younger.



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