HIGH CLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

What's the use? After three years of campaigning to shake some of the moss from the ancient eligibility rules set up by the Amateur Athletic Union in the Year One, we're right back where we started. The national brass-hats refuse to listen to the appeal of the Oregon association, asking a new regulation that would allow professionals in one sport to compete as amateurs in another; and to reinstate Urgel "Slim" Wintermute as a Simonpure. We received the following communication from Elizabeth Robinson, corresponding secretary for the Oregon AAU:

"Mr. Colon (John M. Colon, president) this morning received a letter from Daniel J. Ferris, national secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union, and asked me to advise you that the National Registration Committee rejected the application of Urgel S. Wintermute for reinstatement on the grounds that he knowingly professionalized himself by accepting pay for playing with a professional team. Also, the two amendments dealing with eligibility were rejected."

The AAU and its out-moded rules and shady action regarding pay-for-play has been one of our pet peeves for years, although we hold the office of district commissioner. You've no doubt heard our argument many times. The fact remains that the Oregon association has been very receptive toward our campaigning. The association moguls have given our arguments an attentive ear during the course of every annual meeting and they've made a perennial pledge to present the plans before the national organization—but nothing ever happens despite considerable weight carried by such Oregonians as Aaron M. Frank, Jimmy Richardson and T. Morris Dunne.

We have been asking that the eligibility rules be re-written to allow such men like Joe Gordon to play amateur basketball in the winter; such men like John Warren to play amateur handball, etc. Even the most ancient mossbacks in the organization should see the necessity of such eligibility rules in wartimes, and it seems logical to us the same regulations should govern amateur sports under any conditions. But it will never come to pass until such time when the present AAU officials are replaced with progressive young men.

The AAU's "professionalized" ruling is actually very silly. Wintermute and Laddie Gale made the mistake of accepting something between $750 and $1200 for playing part of the 1940 season with the Detroit Lions in the American pro basketball league. To take these offers the two former University of Oregon all-Americans quit the Rubenstein Oregonians who, with Slim and Lad, would have had an excellent chance of copping the National AAU title. The two have been attempting to be reinstated since that time (Gale, of course, is eligible as a member of the armed service but will be a pro again after the war) with the AAU chiefs coming back with the ultimatum of "once a professional, always a professional."

In other words, a youngster who makes a mistake must forfeit his amateur standing for life. We contend this is not the American-way of sports, or life. We urged that the AAU make it possible for a one-time professional to become reinstated after a term on probation, possibly as long as a year or even two.

John Warren reminds us that we should mention the fact that he and Ed Goodnough handed Joe Gordon and the writer a 21-3 licking in handball; in fact beat us in three straight games just when we were ready to claim the Igloo-Men's gym doubles championship. . . . We must add, that the massacre took place New Year's afternoon, the day after New Year's eve. . . . The National Collegiate Athletic Association has announced it would hold the annual title hoop playoff as usual, with the finals possibly in New York. . . . A Pacific coast entry will certainly be tough to pick in view of the elimination of the north-south divisional Pacific coast conference playoff—all of which may give an independent college quintet a chance to break in for the first time since Oregon won the first NCAA championship back in the 1938-39 season.

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Hoop Scores

(Associated Press)

OREGON HIGH SCHOOLS

Taft 67, Willamina 24.
Forest Grove 36, Hillsboro 27.
Canby 22, Estacada 19.
Tigard 22, Beaverton 17.
McMinnville 38, Oregon City 34.
Springfield 35, Eugene 33.
Corvallis 23, Salem 20.
Columbia Prep 36, Molalla 20.
Central Catholic 33, Gresham 26.
Milwaukie 17, St. Helens 16.
Jefferson 51, Lincoln 20.
Washington 40, Commerce 34.
Roosevelt 36, Benson 33.
Franklin 47, Sabin 22.

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Boss Laden Sets Dates Of Mid-winter Meeting

CHICAGO, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—National football league commissioner Elmer Layden Wednesday set Jan. 12-13 for the league's annual midwinter meeting.

Owners of all the league teams and several coaches were expected to attend the meeting, which originally was scheduled for Dec. 20-21.

Millers Dump EHS Axemen, 35-33

Cowan Breaks Tie For Victory

Springfield Gets First Blood in District Race

By SIM ORAM

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 5—Wade Cowan potted a one hander in the final seconds of play to break a 33-33 tie and give the Springfield Millers a hard fought verdict over the favored Eugene Axemen in the opening game of the District 6 basketball league. Cowan, who counted for 16 of the Millers' 35 points, was the big gun for Springfield as well as playing an excellent floor game.

Inasmuch as District 6 Conference is "scheduled" to be a two team race, the Miller triumph should go a long way in determining the winner. The Miller quintet showed a definite improvement since the first encounter between the two teams—Eugene winning the first encounter by a ten point margin.

The game was a "thriller" throughout and was actually a contest between the Miller sharpshooters and the Axemen forward wall. Eugene, although weak at the guard positions, was very strong at forwards and center and was definitely in command of the backboards throughout the contest.

Score Tied Eight Times

The tilt, which was tied eight times, kept the 400-plus spectators constantly on their feet. Springfield drew the first blood, when Cowan scored on a one hander from the side. The Axemen boomed back, however, with Curt Sprecher scoring from the foul line and Bob McKevitt tipping in a second free toss up to give the Axemen a one-point lead. Luckey scored twice from the foul line to again put the Millers in the lead, and Cowan followed with a layin to give Springfield a 9-6 advantage at the end of the quarter.

In the opening seconds of the second period, Cowan faked McKevitt completely out of the picture and went in for another layin to put the Millers in front of an 11 to 8 score—the longest lead of the game. Jerry Hoiland's shot from the key, after Warren Hunter had scored three points, again tied the score up at 11 all, after 3 minutes and 20 seconds of the second period had elapsed. Springfield and Eugene traded bucket for bucket in the remaining minutes until Wendy Ray pushed up a layin to give the Millers a 19-17 halftime advantage.

McKevitt knotted the score at 19 on the first play of the second half and then scored on a layin to put the Axemen in the lead for the second time. Larry Moore retaliated with a beautiful tip in on Curt Luckey's missed free throw and Luckey followed with a layin to give the Millers a two-point margin—an advantage they never relinquished. Hunter scored on a layin and a gifter and Lee scored on a pass from Moore to put the Millers on the long end of a 25 to 24 third period score.

Elder, Hunter Tops Eugene

As the final canto opened, Bill Elder and Cowan traded baskets to tie the score at 27. Curt Luckey, the sparkplug of the Miller offense, then dribbled through the entire Eugene squad to push up a layin. Cowan and Moore both scored fielders for Springfield while Berg scored from the foul line and Elder scored on a one hander for Eugene. With the score standing at 33 to 31 for Springfield, Holland connected with a nice long to tie up the score with only a minute and five seconds remaining. Cowan then scored the winning field goal and the Millers made a successful stall for the remaining seconds.

As usual, Cowan and Luckey were the standouts for the Millers and scored 16 and 11 points respectively. Bill Elder, who was particularly effective under the basket, and Warren Hunter played good games for the Eugene squad.

The Hatchetmen followed up a 24-11 halftime advantage to score a 30 to 22 victory over the Millermites in a well played preliminary game. Ned Collett was the high man of the game with 9 points.

Summary:

SPRINGFIELD (35)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Cowan, F	8	0	0	16
Radmore, F	0	0	2	0
Moore, F	3	0	2	4
Lee, C	1	0	3	2
Ray, G	1	0	0	2
Luckey, G	4	3	2	11
Totals	16	3	9	35

EUGENE (33)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Sprecher, F	1	1	1	3
McKevitt, F	4	0	3	8
Hunter, F	2	3	0	7
Berg, F	0	2	1	2
Elder, C	4	1	1	9
Holland, G	2	0	3	4
Robinson, G	0	0	0	0
Hutchinson, G	0	0	3	0
Wartberg, G	0	0	0	0
Totals	13	7	12	33

Missed free throws: Springfield (12)—Cowan 3, Lee, Luckey 3. Eugene (5)—Sprecher, McKevitt, Berg, Elder, Hutchinson.

Halftime score: Springfield 19, Eugene 17.

Officials: Bill Robins and Doc Taylor.

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Title Bout Set

CLEVELAND, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Lloyd Marshall of Sacramento, Cal., and Nate Bolden of Chicago, two of the nation's top flight light-heavyweight will meet here in a 10-round bout Jan. 18 for the "duration" championship of that division, matchmaker Larry Atkins said Wednesday.

ALL-STAR FORWARD WADE COWAN sent his Springfield Millers into first place in the District 6 hoop race when the Millers dumped the Eugene Axemen, 35-33 in an upset Tuesday night. Cowan potted 16 points and tallied the winning basket with one minute remaining and the score 33-33.

New Phil Boss Sees Expansion Into Canada—Not West Coast

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Northward into Canada, not westward, is the logical direction for major league baseball to expand, contends Bob Carpenter, Jr., youthful president of the National league Phillies.

The youngest major league president in the game turned thumbs down on the proposed westward expansion of big league baseball yesterday when he said:

"The expansion program of the majors westward to the Pacific coast is at least 15 years off because it will take that long to perfect safety in air travel."

Good Ball Towns

By that Carpenter said he meant westward expansion would be sidetracked until air travel is made as safe as "sitting in your office."

"In the meantime," he said, "why not give Canada a chance to get big league baseball?"

Montreal and Toronto are both "good baseball towns" the Phillies president said. "It would further good neighbor policy by inviting two Canadian cities into membership of the American and National leagues—if and when such franchises are available."

Peter Campbell, president of the Toronto Maple Leafs in the International league, was quick to reply to Carpenter's suggestion with the statement:

Gives Reply

"The possibility of major league baseball for Toronto is entirely out of the question as long as the city lacks Sunday baseball.

"Toronto is the best sporting town on the North American continent, outside of Brooklyn and Chicago, but there is no chance of making a go of major league baseball as long as we can't play baseball on Sundays."

Campbell, whose Leafs finished first in the 1943 International league race, but lost the Governor's cup playoffs to Syracuse, offered as other obstacles to Carpenter's proposals Toronto's comparatively cold climate and the necessity of playing most Toronto games at night.

In reference to night games Carpenter said he believes major league baseball will be "played mostly at night during the next five years." At present major league teams are restricted to a limited number of night games a season.

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Montreal Still Ahead In Close Hockey Race

The Montreal Canadiens looked more than ever like certain champions in the National league hockey race Wednesday, a 6 to 3 victory over their most persistent pursuers, the Toronto Maple Leafs, providing the evidence.

Scoring five goals in the first period and coasting the rest of the way, the Montreal sextet won with almost incredible ease before 12,730 home spectators Tuesday night. Toronto's defeat pushed it into third place behind the Boston Bruins who won a 6 to 4 decision from the Chicago Black Hawks at Boston. A crowd of 10,000 saw the Boston victory.

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Sports Writer New Dodger Secretary

NEW YORK, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Harold Parrott, sports columnist of the Brooklyn Eagle, became traveling secretary of the Brooklyn Dodgers Wednesday, replacing Mel Jones, now a lieutenant in the navy.

Jones, who came with president Branch Rickey to the Dodgers from the St. Louis Cardinals, probably will be involved in the expanding farm club operations of the Dodgers after the war.

Star Swimming Captain Named Mexican "Athlete of Year"

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 5—(AP)—Apolonio Castillo, captain of the Mexican swimming team that recently competed in Havana, last night was elected the Mexican "athlete of the year" by Mexico City sports writers. Second choice was Armando Vega, tennis champion who with his brother, Rolando, won the doubles in the 1943 Pan-American tourney here.

Baseball Intends to Continue President's Wishes—Frick

By FORD C. FRICK
(President of the National baseball league)

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(AP)—No one knows how the developments of 1944 will shape the programs of baseball.

We faced 1943 with the determination to carry through a pennant race as near like peace-time as could be done while giving full cooperation to the high command in war economies, transportation emergencies, drives for war funds and war bonds, and the various other contingencies as they came up.

The testimony from all fronts was that baseball fans now in the army any navy found the news from the baseball leagues as popular a topic of interest and argument as in their civilian days. They rooted for their home team with the same zeal, even though some of their home team's brightest stars were out of the lineup for the duration, perhaps even the more enthusiastically because those stars had joined up somewhere in Uncle Sam's big varsity.

We played our schedules last year with teams composed mainly of Pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, some 4-F's, some plus-38's, some sub-19's, we face a season coming up in which the outlook is for fewer of the family men in our lineups, more of the other groups.

President Roosevelt wrote to Judge Landis Jan. 15, 1942, a month after Pearl Harbor:

"I honestly feel that it would be best for the country to keep baseball going. . . . If 300 teams use 5,000 or 6,000 players, those players are a definite recreational asset to at least 20,000,000 of their fellow-citizens—and that, in my judgment, is thoroughly worthwhile."

The National League's aim for 1944 is to carry through on the commander-in-chief's assignment, as it did last year and the year before.

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Major Golf Play Returns to West

By TED GILL

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—(AP)—For the first time since the war began, major golf competition returned to the Pacific Coast Wednesday as a field of 180 pros and amateurs, including seven former titleholders, squared off over rain-soaked fairways in the $12,500 Los Angeles Open.

Often a champion of other events but never successful here, Byron Nelson served strong pre-tournament notice that he's back in stride and expects to break into the winner's column at last to lay claim to the $4,375 first pro prize.

In a preliminary round Tuesday, the Big Toledo, O., pro and Ike Greensberg, Los Angeles amateur, tied with Lloyd Magrum and Al Behrstock, another local simon pure, for a pro amateur best ball of 64 over a par 72 course. Mangrum had 67, while Nelson shot 65.

Ex-Kings Present

Former titleholders entered are Harry Cooper, who won the first tournament here in 1926; MacDonald Smith, a four-times winner; Jimmy Thomson, Johnny Bulla, Ed Dudley, Craig Wood and Jimmy Hines.

Not present to defend his title is Ben Hogan, who won the last tournament in 1942 with a 72 in an 18-hole play-off of a tie with Thomson, who shot 73. Each shot 282 over the regular 72-hole route.

Other pros entered include Jug McSpaden, Joe Kirkwood, Sammy Byrd, Johnny Revolta, Marvin Stahl, Olin Dutra, Willie Hunter, Leonard Dodson, Horton Smith, Willie Goggin, Leo Diegel, Ralph Guldahl and Ellsworth Vines.

Qualifying Rounds

Jonny Dawson and Bruce McCormick, both of Los Angeles, head the amateur field that includes Babe Didrikson Zaharias, lone feminine entrant.

The Sunset Fields and Fox Hills courses were the scene for today's 36-hole qualifying rounds. They will determine the 128 low scores and ties that will comprise the field for the championship round.

There will be no play Thursday, but 18-hole medal play rounds will start Friday and continue through Monday over the Wilshire Country Club course. Par three is 35-36—71.

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Eugene Recreation

Willamette League bowling at the Eugene Recreation alleys Tuesday night found the Southern Pacific keglers and the Booth-Kelly quintet taking three straight games from Douglas Lumber and Eugene Plywood, respectively.

Stevens paced the railroaders with a 199 singles and a 485 series. For the Booth-Kelly team, Thruman rolled a 217 singles and 556 series.

In other league games, Monroe Lumber took two out of three from Pioner Grocery and Chula Vista Dairy did likewise with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph.

Tomseth paved the way for the Monroe Lumber squad with a 206 singles and 556 series. R. Gormath of Chula Vista had the high singles in the games with Pacific Tel. & Tel.—189. Spicer of the Telephone team took high series with 486.

Hamilton Tops Oregon Scorers

Bob Hamilton, the pot-shot artist, is the leading scorer of the University of Oregon varsity basketball squad after 10 non-conference games and four 10-minute "halves" in the northern division jamboree at Astoria.

The elusive little sophomore from Marshaltown, Iowa, has scored 101 points on 44 field goals and 13 freethrows. He is followed by George Bray, the big center-forward, with 75 points; Forward Bob Caviness, with 72, and Guard Bill Phillips, with 64. These four men, along with Forward Dick Humphreys, who showed so well in a relief role at Astoria, are slated as the starters against the University of Washington in Seattle Friday night. Center Wally Borrevik, two-year letterman center reserve who returned to the university this week, and Ernie Danner, promising rookie forward from Eugene high will see some action if they are included on the 10-man traveling squad which leaves here early Thursday.

The Oregons romped through an impressive scrimmage session Wednesday and local railbirds are giving the underdog Webfoots an outside chance of winning one of the two games in the opening northern division series for both teams. Washington, however, will have the services of several lettermen, including Guards Bill Morris and Billy Taylor. In two clashes at Astoria, Oregon dropped 30-19 and 26-18 decisions to the Washington civilian quintet during 20-minute engagements.

In games last season in Seattle, Oregon split with the conference champions, winning 47-44 and losing 46-31.

The squad scoring in non-conference games follows:

	G	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hamilton, g	12	44	13	13	101
Bray, c and f	12	24	27	33	75
Caviness, f	12	31	10	17	72
Phillips, g	12	29	8	16	64
*Baccerleri, f	7	21	14	16	56
*Hays, c	12	19	10	12	48
Humphreys, f	7	8	6	4	22
Huff, f	9	6	2	7	14
Henwood, g	10	4	4	4	12
Wimberly, g	5	3	1	5	7
*Holmes, f	5	3	0	5	6
Koch, g	5	1	1	5	3
Allen, c	6	0	0	1	0

(*) No longer squad members.

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Akins To See Action Against Ducks Friday

SEATTLE, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Al Akins, 1943 all-conference guard from Washington State, today donned a University of Washington uniform to prepare for the Northern Division opener against Oregon's Webfoots on Friday.

Akins, a transfer, reported for practice to Coach Hec Edmundson soon after arriving in Seattle from playing in the Rose Bowl game. Edmundson placed Akins in the second string squad but indicated he may find a place in the starting lineup Friday.

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DOLAN IN SEMI-BOUT

PORTLAND, Jan. 5—(AP)—Joey Dolan, Portland, and Al Cella, New York soldier, will tangle in the eight-round semi-final on the Henry Armstrong-Aldo Spoldi card here Jan. 14.

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STREAK ENDS

CHICAGO, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—Chicago University's basketball quintet ended its "one game winning streak" Tuesday night when it dropped a 54 to 28 decision to the Glenview naval air station cadets.

Beavers Lose Two More 'Vets'

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 5—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Beaver basketball squad lost two more guards Wednesday and added to Coach Slats Gill's worries as he trained the Orange quintet for the opening of the college's Northern Division games with Idaho in Moscow Friday.

The two recent losses to the Oregon State team following the induction of Jim Caterall, high point guard, into the navy were Bud Fortier, former Albany high school star, and Harold Zurcher, reserve guard from Jefferson high school in Portland.

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Washington Ponders New Game, Fish Laws

SEATTLE, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—The Washington State game commission Wednesday considered proposals to open Lowland Lakes to use of gang trolling devices and to indiscriminate feeding after voting to postpone indefinitely elimination of boat fishing on all rivers and on the Snoqualmie and Skyomish rivers during the winter steelhead season.

The commission also was scheduled to consider restricting size of cartridges to be used in big game hunting.

A protest against lack of protective regulations under the federal government's special season on Widgeon ducks was made to the commission by Louis Lear, state chairman of ducks, unlimited. Lear asked the commission to eliminate night shooting, fix bag limits and reserve the right to close the season on three days' notice, but commission members said the corrective program was under direction of the U. S. fish and wildlife service and beyond state control.

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Redskin Prexy Wants Hearing on $500 Fine

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—(U.P.)—George Preston Marshall, president of the Washington Redskins, Wednesday demanded a formal hearing by Commissioner Elmer Layden of the National Professional Football league to protest a $500 fine assessed for his part in an altercation during the championship playoff game with the Chicago Bears, Dec. 26.

Layden fined Marshall and Ralph Prizzolara, general manager of the Bears, $500 each Monday for the scene which developed when the Bears sought to keep Marshall away from their bench during the closing minutes of the first half.

Marshall said "It was through no fault of mine" that the incident occurred.

"I had every right under league rules to go on the field," he said. "I will utilize the right to protect the interests of the Washington team at all times."

He said he intended to go to Chicago next Monday to confer with Layden on the ruling.

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Emil Piluso and Leo Ka[illegible] two of the most rugged mat[illegible] the light-heavyweight d[illegible] have been signed to meet [illegible] semi-final match on next [illegible] day's professional wrestling [illegible] at the Pearl Street arena.

Matchmaker Don Owen [illegible] the announcement We[illegible] and promised the prelim[illegible] bout would rival the h[illegible] between Buck Davidson and Hager for top attention.

Piluso, the ex-dress d[illegible] from Portland, has been h[illegible] capped in his championship [illegible] paigns by excessive weight [illegible] at his natural 185 pounds [illegible] he is one of the most form[illegible] grapplers in the game. He [illegible] mastered Jack Hagen's f[illegible] headlock and goes in for the [illegible] tacular with a "flying tr[illegible] shoulder butt. Karlinko, w[illegible] sometimes known as the [illegible] Russian," is a rough and [illegible] villain who resorts to any [illegible] in an effort to defeat an opp[illegible]

The main event is a grudge match, advanced from a sup[illegible] ing bout on last week's pro[illegible] Hager, the popular Cr[illegible] dyna-mite, and Davidson, a [illegible] and tumble Texan, battled [illegible] colorful draw last week—[illegible] that with a free-for-all sh[illegible] battle from the ring to the [illegible] ing room. The re-match w[illegible] only made at the request of [illegible] dreds of fans, but because [illegible] matmen wanted to settle the[illegible] pute on the mat.

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Junction City Beats Harrisburg, 37-9

HARRISBURG, Jan. 5—[illegible] tion City high school, usi[illegible] second unit throughout the [illegible] test, defeated the Harrisburg basketball team 37-9 here [illegible] day night. The Tigers held a [illegible] 5-3 lead at the quarter and [illegible] ahead 12-5 at the half and [illegible] going into the fourth quar[illegible] which the Eagles were held [illegible] less. Harrisburg managed to [illegible] lect four field goals.

Tom Patton was the [illegible] Junction City scorer wi[illegible] points, enough to win the co[illegible] Elvan Pitney's "B" squad de[illegible] ed the Harrisburg seconds 2[illegible] a preliminary game.

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WAR BOND PRIZES

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. [illegible] (U.P.)—Cash prizes of $5,000 [illegible] $2,000 in war bonds will [illegible] stake for golfers in the [illegible] Texas Open tournament [illegible] will be held over the Bran[illegible] ridge Park course here Feb. [illegible] 13, Sam Goldfarb, manager [illegible] meet said Wednesday.

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