

Prep Quintets Have Busy Week

One of the busiest and most important weeks in local prep school basketball opens Monday night at McArthur court where Eugene and University (Eugene) quintets engage in their second and final intra-city game of the season. Game time will be 8 o'clock, following a "B" squad contest.

Gomez Quits Fooling as Bombs Drop; Admits Left Arm Is Dead

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Vernon "Lefty" Gomez was back on duty with a Long Island war plant today after a three-months tour of army hospitals in North Africa and Italy, during which the former New York Yankee pitcher said he really learned about speed.

Washington, Idaho Open League Series

(Associated Press) The Washington Huskies, undefeated in 10 northern division games, will open their final basketball series of the season in Seattle against Idaho's third-place Vandals Monday night.

Stanley Cup Hockey Competition Tightens

(United Press) The scramble for Stanley Cup playoff berths in the National Hockey league—awarded to the first four teams in the six-team circuit—tightened again after Sunday night's play as the Chicago Black Hawks and the Toronto Maple Leafs battled to a 0-0 tie.

Coast League Decides On Tacoma Franchise

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Directors of the Pacific coast baseball league were meeting here today to approve or reject transfer of the Sacramento club franchise to Tacoma, Wash., interests which have purchased the club rights from the St. Louis Cardinals.

Detroit Bowlers Lead In World Title Play

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Stroh's Bohemians of Detroit, defending titlists, held a lead of 228 pins today over the Rosotto-Barry stars at the end of first half play for the world's team match game bowling championship.

Pocket Billiard Title To Be on Block at KC

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Andrew Ponzl, Philadelphia, pocket billiard champion, will defend his title in a world's challenge match with Willie Mosconi, Jackson, Mich., in a 1,250-point 10-block match here Feb. 29 to March 4.

Baker High Captures District Hoop Crown

BAKER, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Baker high school won the district playoff in the Blue Mountain league by defeating La Grande again Saturday night at La Grande, 32 to 24.

Larkin and Manager Suspended in Boston

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Welterweight Tippy Larkin of Garfield, N.J., and his manager, Angelo Pucci of Nutley, N.J., were indefinitely suspended by the Massachusetts boxing commission Saturday.

Escalona vs. Dolan

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Gregorio Escalona, Obregon, Mex., featherweight champion of Mexico, will be rematched with Joey Dolan, Portland, in a 10-round bout March 3, says promoter Joe Waterman.

Belcastro Makes Quick Work of Davidson

By ROLLA J. CRICK They were turning 'em away from the doors at the Pearl Street arena Saturday night as an enormous crowd of wrestling fans turned out to see their fill of blood.

minutes with a backward Indian death-lock, after the match had officially started. The second round became a rough-and-tumble slugging match with McEuin taking the fall with a half Boston crab on Lipscomb's left leg.

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As the arena cleared of spectators, a battered and dazed ex-marine swayed groggily on his feet attempting to argue with a crowd which was almost wholly in favor of Belcastro's victory. It was almost pitiful to see blood-smearing Davidson on his knees before a crowd of youngsters asking for a word of compassion for himself.

Just as last week, the fight commenced before the bell as Davidson rushed Belcastro. As a result of this, the Weed mechanic threw him out of the ring, but Davidson climbed back in to take the first fall in three minutes with an aerial swing coupled with a back-breaker.

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Oregon, W. S. C. To Vie Tuesday

Coach Howard Hobson's University of Oregon Webfoots complete their 1944 season with a two-game series against Washington State's fourth-place Cougars here Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Both games, to be played at McArthur court, are slated to start at 8 o'clock.

The Webfoots, lacking the prowess of former years, but proving that a good brand of sports can be carried on with 4-Fs and 17-year-olds, clinched second position in the northern division race at Corvallis Saturday night, by downing the Beavers, 42 to 39.

It was the fourth straight victory of the year for the Ducks over Slat Gill's crew—one of the few times in league history that either side has made a clean sweep of the series. Friday night in Eugene, the taller Webfoots defeated Oregon State 48 to 38.

Washington State comes to Eugene out of the cellar, thanks to Oregon. By dropping the Beavers twice, Oregon pushed the OSC quintet into the final spot, one game behind the Cougars. The Cougars still have a two-game series with Washington at Pullman to complete before finishing its season.

Outside of the Washington games, Oregon has tasted defeat only once—that to WSC in the second game at Pullman, 38 to 33. Oregon had won the opening tilt, 40 to 38. Last year, Oregon took three out of four from the Cougars, winning at Eugene by 47 to 45 and 54 to 39 scores.

Coach Jack Friel will probably open with Chuck Brayton and Vince Gregg at forwards; Morton Joslin at center, and Verne Carstens and Bob Renneck at guards. This combination is potentially strong, but lacks the height to match towering Wally Borrevik and George Bray.

Bob Hamilton, spark-plug guard, regained the northern division scoring leadership from Borrevik during the Oregon State series, and held a four-point edge—148 to 144. Both boys will be in the starting lineup Tuesday night along with Bray, Dick Humphrey and either Bill Phillips or Norm Henwood.

Others sure to see action in this final series includes Bob Caviness, Ernie Danner and Babe Wimberly. Oregon's Bob Hamilton continued to set the individual scoring pace for the conference, with a total of 148 points in 14 games. He was closely followed again by his teammate, Center Wally Borrevik, with 141. Al Anderson of Oregon State trailed in third with 135, also in 14 games. Others in the top ten: Leonard Pye, Idaho, 118; George Bray, Oregon, 111; Fred Lee, Oregon State, 108; Jay Gano, Idaho, 100; Tom Collins, Idaho, 97; Dale Ablin, Idaho, 96; Mort Joslin, Washington State, 86.

Al Simmons Against Oldtimer Comebacks; Approves War Loops

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Al Simmons, speaking from experience, supported Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics in his belief that oldtimers should not attempt comebacks in the major leagues—even in this war year.

Simmons, one of the greatest slugging outfielders the game has ever known when he was with the Philadelphia Athletics, said he had tried a comeback last season with the Boston Red Sox and couldn't make the grade.

"I was in the best condition I've been in for 10 years, too," Al said. "No man ever worked harder but I just didn't make it."

Simmons said the American people loved their baseball too much for the game to be called off this year despite the calibre of play that may be presented.

Vancouver Sextet Wins

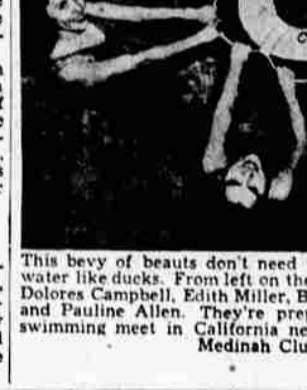
PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Vancouver, B. C., hockey team is returning northward today with another victory to its credit.

The Canadians drubbed the Portland DeClassos 3-2 in an overtime game here last night. At Seattle the Hancock Oilers of Portland defeated the Boeing Bombers 4-1, climbing from last place to third and eliminating the Bombers from the league playoff.

All-American Killed

LANSFORD, Pa., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Lt. Pete Holovak, who received All-America mention as a Fordham university football star, was killed in action at Tarawa, his mother, Mrs. Helen Holovak, was notified by the war department Saturday.

They Don't Need That



This bevy of beauts don't need that life preserver. They take to water like ducks. From left on the merry-go-round are Lois Wenzel, Dolores Campbell, Edith Miller, Barbara Wertin, Rosemarie Voelker and Pauline Allen. They're preparing for the national A. A. U. swimming meet in California next April, where they'll represent Medinah Club of Chicago.

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Mack Predicts Baseball Boom

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Baseball's oldest active oldtimers turned back the pages of sport to the gas-light era and decided there's nothing wrong with the national game after all.

Connie Mack, Honus Wagner and John K. Tener, all of whom played major league baseball long before the turn of the century, told nearly 1000 fans gathered for the annual sports roundup of the Baseball Writers Association last night the sport can look forward to its greatest years both now and after the war.

Mack caught for the Pittsburgh Pirates before he went over to the American league to manage the Philadelphia Athletics.

Bill Smith Sets World Swim Mark

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Bill Smith of Great Lakes, former Ohio State star shattered world swimming record and helped his sailor teammate break two more Saturday during a dual meet with Iowa State.

Smith broke his own 200 yard free style record of 1:56.6, with a new mark of 1:53.9 as he swam the first leg of a special 800 yard free style relay.

The other three members of the relay team—Wally Ris of Illinois, Carl Ahlman of Minnesota and Jerry Kerschner, Columbus, O., completed the 800 in 7:53.4, which bettered Yale's world record by 30.9 seconds.

Intercollegiate Hoop Tourny Cancelled; Teams Unable to Travel

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Cancellation of the intercollegiate basketball tournament which had been scheduled for Kansas City the week of March 11 was announced Friday night by Emil S. Liston, tournament director. He said too many teams were unable to make the trip.

Astoria Favored in District Hoop Tourny

ASTORIA, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The District 5 entry in the state basketball tournament will be decided in a double elimination tourny here March 2-4.

The Astoria Fishermen, with six victories and one defeat, are favored over Tillamook, Seaside, St. Helens, Rainier, Scappoose, Vernonia and the Astoria Jayvees.

Mauriello Tests New Heavyweight in Ring

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Joe Baksi, aggressive heavyweight from Kulpmont, Pa., arrives in the big time Friday night when he tackles tough Tami Mauriello of the Bronx at Madison Square Garden in a 10-round bout that features this week's National boxing schedule.

Two ex-champions also see action. Henry Armstrong, former triple titleholder, engages Jimmy Garrison at Kansas City Wednesday night; and Lou Salica, ex-bantam king, meet Maxie Tanaka at Scranton, Pa., Friday night.

Medford Beats Klamath

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 21.—(AP)—After leading at the end of the first and second quarters by one point, Klamath high Pelicans sank to a tie at the end of the third quarter and then a 31-27 defeat at the hands of the Medford Tigers here Saturday night. Thus the Medfordites avenged themselves for a 43-33 lacing Friday night.

Cody Kid in Movies

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Brenda Helsen, one of the famed "Cody Kids," is considering three movie contracts, says Jack Cody, coach of the Multnomah club's nationally ranking women's swimming team.

Walker Seriously Ill

FORT RILEY, Kan., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Pvt. Harry Walker, outfielder on the 1943 national league champion St. Louis Cardinals, is seriously ill at State hospital, the public relations office at the cavalry replacement training center disclosed Saturday.

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Mile to Feature AAU Track Meet

By JACK CUDDY NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Indoor track competition attains its seasonal peak Saturday night in the National A. A. U. championships at Madison Square Garden.

Although eight champions are slated to defend their titles during the 16-event program, most attention will be concentrated on the mile and the 1000-yard runs.

Galloping Gil Dodds of Boston, who registered 4:08 in winning the Baxter Mile of the New York A. C. games at the Garden Saturday night, again will try to crack the indoor record of 4:07.4. And Joe Nowicki, speedy marine from Rochester U., again will clash with Johnny Fulton of the San Francisco Olympic Club, whom he upset Saturday night in the Halpin half mile. This time they will match strides over the 1000-yard distance.

Dodds, the fleet divinity student, missed the indoor mile mark by 6-10ths of a second through lack of a closing kick, as he registered his third consecutive triumph of the season. Had Big Bill Hulse been on hand to press him, Dodds might have been forced into a new mark. However, Hulse, one-time New York U. star, who finished second to Gil in the previous Wanamaker and Hunter miles, was unable to compete Saturday night because of a throat infection. It is uncertain if Bill will be available for the National championships.

Detroit Tigers Sign Two Coast League Vets

DETROIT, Feb. 21.—(AP)—John A. Zeller, general manager of the Detroit baseball club, announced Saturday signing of two veteran right-handed pitchers for relief work in the 1944 season, Walter W. Beck and Joseph T. Hare.

Hare pitched for Mole, Toledo, Beaumont and Portland, and has been a Detroit farmhand since 1932, working for the past two years in Beaumont shipyards and pitching week ends for an independent club.

Beck has pitched professionally for more than 20 years, with a record of two trials with the St. Louis Browns and two seasons with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Four City AAU Hoop Games Booked Monday

The City AAU basketball league moves into its final stages at the men's gym Monday night when four games will be played—and Springfield CIO favored to retain its undefeated leadership of the circuit.

Monday's schedule: West Gym—7:30, Oregonians vs. NCC; 8:30, Fenn's vs. Skele's, East Gym—7:30, Junior Chamber vs. CIO; 8:30, Independents vs. Creamery.

Ex-Tacoma Will Head May Lead Team, IF...

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Tacoma Times said Saturday that Hollis Thurston, 44-year-old former manager of the Tacoma Tigers Western International league ball club, and one-time major league hurler would probably be offered the management of the Tacoma team planned for the Pacific Coast league. The Times commented that Thurston would "undoubtedly accept."

NEWS VIEWS



By H. F. "MAC" McDANIEL George Washington, whose birthday anniversary is Feb. 22, warned us about entangling alliances—but we are now entangled more thoroughly than an octopus eating spaghetti in a revolving door. Of course things have changed since Washington tried his on his strokes with a hand ax on his father's favorite cherry tree. Today's airplanes practically put Europe in our front yard, and you can't help getting entangled when somebody waves a fist under your nose. But let's remember Washington's post-war plan—"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

The RED CROSS Drive is coming up, and we will have to put it over the top! I was talking to a soldier the other day, just back from the South Pacific... he says the Red Cross is in there pitching for all it is worth, and that it is very important that WE help to keep it so!

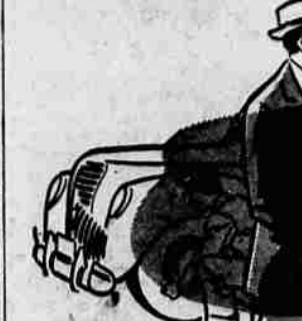
See where the Bell Telephone System has reduced its long distance night rates. Who said "silence is golden"?

A friend dropped in the other day to tell me the Allies have sunk so many Nip ships that the Japanese naval fleet now is—Bottoms Up! Speaking of Japs reminds me of a lot of things—but I'll try to forget them. However, don't forget the importance of keeping your home in good repair. Taking care of small repairs now—will save you discomfort and big repair bills later. Consult with the McDaniel Lumber Co., 131 8th Ave. West on your repair problems. We offer you a fine selection of materials—everything from a door knob to a new roof. Budget terms. Phone 572.

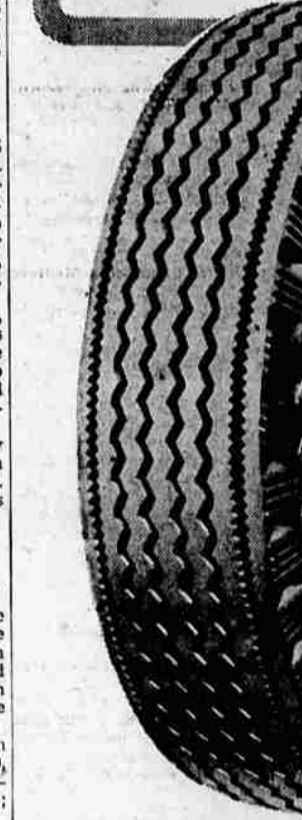
Schoolboy Rowe Waiting Naval Training Orders

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Pitcher Lynnwood "Schoolboy" Rowe of the Philadelphia Phillies today was awaiting assignment to either the Great Lakes, Ill. or Farnham, Va. naval training stations.

Rowe, who lives in St. Louis, Ark., is married and has two children. He was sworn into the navy yesterday after completing pre-induction physical examination several weeks ago.



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