

# Highclimber

By DICK STRITE

New Year's greetings from Lt. Cmdr. G. A. "Tex" Oliver, USNR, to his old friends in Eugene, with the following note: "Wish this thing would be over with soon so I could get back to good old Eugene. Signed—Your old friend and ex-golf partner, Tex. Just another indication that Tex does plan to return here to take over his old position as head football coach of the University of Oregon after the war."

Tex enclosed a clipping from the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, giving an account of the Navy All-Stars' 14-0 football victory over the Army Air Force before 30,000 GIs on Oahu's Furlong Field. Tex was coach of the victors and was credited with a "miraculous" job in welding a formidable offensive and defensive aggregation within a three-week period. The Fliers so respected the Navy line that they tried only one rushing play during the entire second half and finished the game with 17 yards minus.

Other highlights gleaned from the clipping: Although the Navy gained 137 yards rushing, both touchdowns were scored on passes from Edgar "Special Delivery" Jones, ex-Pitt back. The Fliers led in one department—punting, averaging 43 yards to 41 for the Navy. There were no former Webfoots in the game. Among the celebrities at the game, besides the brass and gold braid, was Duke Kahamoku, sheriff of Honolulu county and the world's greatest swimmer along about the time we were using the dog-paddle.

MAIL A BUCK—The Oregon High School Activities Association is becoming "spectator conscious," and authoritative rumors have it that state-wide contests will be staged at future basketball and football championships. At Salem next March each basketball district will send to Salem, besides their basketball champions, the freethrow titlist. These preppers will stage elimination contests during the halftime intermissions of quarter-final, semi-final and final contests. Next November or December each district will send into competition their best (or longest) punter and the state punting championship will be at the football title as well as at the championship contest in Portland. Just an added entertainment feature for the spectator—and a stimulant for better freethrow shooting and kicking in the schools. The OHSAA will leave it up to the districts the manner in which champions are decided—but elimination or the toss of a coin.

MAIL A BUCK—When Al Lightner, sports editor of the Oregon (Salem) Statesman, was here last week to officiate the Eugene Corvallis game, along with Football Coach Tom Dryden of the Kinkin's, he expressed the opinion that Med-

ford high was the class of prep quintets he has seen in action thus far. Al has worked quite a few games and classes Oregon City's Pioneers (a Eugene opponent February 2) and the Minnville Bears and the Milwaukie Maroons in the upper bracket. He said all three teams are big, rugged and excellent shots. He did not mention Eugene's Axemen. Al also was much impressed with Red Rocha, the new OSC center who "looks even bigger than WSC's Vince Hansen and much the better of the two."

Coach Harry Davis' University High Golden Tide will give Eugene a merry battle when the two quintets vie in their coming two-game series (one January 30 at the Armory, the other February 16 at McArthur Court). In staging that spirited comeback against Springfield the Tiders looked very impressive. The Tiders may be the first to dump Eugene since Benson Tech turned the trick early in the season. The Eugene B-Squaders who lost to Salem's second-team said the reserves are as good as the "varsity."

Major Jim Watts, former Thurston high coach and ex-Oregon hooper, has been awarded the bronze star for meritorious achievement with the 3rd division in France. The touring USO baseballers headed by Brooklyn's Leo Durocher, said, upon their return from the European war theater, that the GIs were interested in three questions: Whether there is a cigarette shortage at home; who would succeed Judge Landis as baseball commissioner; is Joe Gordon or Bobby Doerr the better second baseman?

Rumors from Seattle have it that track and baseball may be resumed in the northern division this spring—and that Washington and Idaho will definitely have baseball clubs, regardless of the decision of the other three schools. Oregon's Bob Hamilton had 584 points scored in two seasons, up to the WSC series, and should finish his second collegiate season with more than 700 points. If John Warren schedules another ambitious slate of 40 games next winter Bob should complete his college career with between 1200 and 1300 points.

MAIL A BUCK—Sunday is a swell day to take a minute or two to sit down and MAIL A BUCK for the Lane county infantile paralysis fund. We're asking every reader of this column to take advantage of the opportunity. Latest contributors: Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Keith of Walton, the Virgil L. Hughes family (5), Bill Robins and Hugh Hartman of Junction City (who had already given their services for a benefit basketball game), Norman Neuman, Will Lindley, and Stuart McDonald, bringing to \$121 the total to date.

## Baseball Trophy Masquerades Under Three Or Four Aliases

By HAL WOOD  
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—(AP)—In case you newcomers to the Pacific coast have been wondering about how many cups the Pacific coast baseball league plays off for, we'll be explicit and to the point: It's one cup, the "Governor's Cup"—all other comment to the contrary notwithstanding.

This same cup has been called the Shaughnessy cup, the president's cup and a half a dozen other names not printable—but officially, it's the "Governor's Cup." We know, because we took a trip out to the home of the San Francisco Seals, current holders of that trophy, for a look-see.

On the cup are engraved the names of the three current Governors of Washington (Langlie), Oregon (Snell) and California (Warren). They are the official donors of the cup, although it is purchased by the league. We've had complaints from sports editors, men in service and plain civilian fans on what was the official name.

There is a story behind the present title. The play-off system in baseball was invented by a gentleman named Shaughnessy, president of the International league. Well, the Pacific coast loop adopted the Shaughnessy system, of play back around 1936. The teams played off for the "President's Cup"—a name suggested so that the league could shy away from giving publicity to the president of another loop.

Name Changed—Well, to make a long story short, a year or so ago the league directors voted to discontinue calling it the "President's Cup" and they changed it to the "Governor's Cup" with the governor of each of the three states which the league blankets having his name engraved on the cup. Since this system started only the Seals have won the cup. Consequently the writing genre, citizenry, etc., of the other villages around the loop haven't had a chance to gaze upon its finery which, we might tell you, is something to behold.

## Draft, Green Men, Lack Of Gym All Plague Coach

BENO, Nev., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Reconversion trouble has hit Coach Jim Aiken of the University of Nevada in three ways.

First, and foremost, the one-man coaching staff of the Wolf Paek is having troubles teaching the boys who were terrorists on the gridiron last fall to "bruce" just a wee bit easier on the basketball court. Secondly, Uncle Sam keeps pointing fingers and first one and then another of the likely looking candidates are called to sterner duties.

Thirdly, completion of the new Nevada gymnasium has been delayed until home games have been held up a month.

Meanwhile, Coach Aiken goes ahead with the reconversion job on his footballers—only one of whom has played college basketball before. The man is Al Sorenson, 28-year-old all-around star.

He Has Height—Aiken is trying to work toward Bob McClure, the All-American tackle, into a center job and

## 3,000 FREED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—War department commissioner Paul V. McNutt reported Saturday that 3,000 men have been freed for war work by the "immediate response" of horse owners and breeders to his request that older men replace employees under 46 years of age.

## WANDALS WIN

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## Wilkins Keeps Scoring Lead

Freshman Forward Tops WSC's Hansen, 21 to 14

NORTHERN DIVISION Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Washington	4	0	1.000	201	154
Oregon	3	2	.714	224	204
Oregon State	3	3	.500	213	200
Washington State	2	3	.400	255	292
Idaho	0	4	.000	187	194

Oregon's torrid Webfoots blasted their way back into the running for the northern division, Pacific coast conference basketball pennant before 4000 spectators at McArthur court Saturday night, defeating Washington State 64-48.

The Oregonians were as hot Saturday as they were cold Friday night in losing a 54-43 decision to the Cougars. The victory evened the series between the two quintets and bounced Oregon within a half game of the league-leading Washington Huskies—opponents here next week-end.

Dick Wilkins, rated as one, if not the leading collegiate scorer of the nation, collected 21 points in the blistering basket bombardment, giving him a total of 345 for the season as against Vince Hansen's 325. The gigantic Cougar center, who towers near the 6-foot-9 mark, was held reasonably well in check as the Webfoots alternate between a man-for-man and zone defense.

Oregon In An About-Face—Jack Field's visitors from Pullman played the same brand of basketball as in the opening of the series, but John Warren's Oregonians did an about face from Friday's miserable performance—particularly on the rebounds.

A collection for the Lane county Sports Polo fund during halftime, handled by the Kwamas, netted \$163.74.

Hansen, who was outplayed and nearly outscored by Oregon's smaller Kenny Hays, opened the scoring with a freethrow, and George Hamilton followed with a "sneaper" fielder to give the Cougars a 3-0 lead in the first 30 seconds. Four minutes had elapsed before Hays tipped in Oregon's first field goal—aided by Harrison—to tie the score at 4-4.

The count was deadlocked again at 6 and at 8, but Oregon didn't take the lead until Del Smith's gift made the count 9-8 after 5 1/2 minutes. The Webfoots did not relinquish the lead the remainder of the game.

## Cougars Rally Briefly

Wilkins scored and was fouled by Vince Gregg on the shot. He converted for a 12-8 Oregon lead after 7 1/2 minutes of play. Oregon gradually built up an 11-point lead, but a long two-handed shot by Adrian Jorjison that dropped through the hoop as the halftime gun sounded made the count 31-22.

Washington State staged a brief rally at the outset of the second half, cutting the nine-point lead to four as Gregg, Jorjison and Bobby Rennick connected on field goals as against Hays' lone freethrow. With the score 32-28 and 18 minutes of time remaining, the Webfoots moved their scoring machine into second, taking a 40-30 advantage in the next three minutes.

After three scoreless minutes, Oregon again increased its point-making tempo and after Wilkins' set shot midway in the final frame, enjoyed a 15-point, 49-34 advantage. With five minutes remaining, Wilkins scored points Nos. 20 and 21 on a basket from close in. He was injured on the next play and was taken from the game.

Coach Warren used a complete reserve lineup in the final minutes of play. Oregon displayed an improved style at the freeboard line, making good on 12 of 18 attempts.

## Summary

W.S.C. (48)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Wilkins, f	2	0	2	12
Jorjison, f	2	0	2	14
Hansen, c	0	2	3	14
Rennick, g	1	0	0	2
G. Hamilton, g	1	3	3	4
Kellinger, f	0	0	0	0
Smith, g	0	0	0	0
Johnson, g	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	19	19	14	48

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G. Hamilton, g	1	0	0	2
Bartlett, f	3	3	3	8
Stamper, f	0	0	0	0
Kidder, g	0	0	0	0
Aallen, c	0	0	0	0
Hoffing, g	0	0	0	0
Reed, g	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	28	12	15	64

Halftime Score: WSC 21, Oregon 31. Most freeboard shots: W. S. C. 12, Oregon 2. Hansen 2, Walker 3, Oregon 18, Smith, Wilkins 2, Hays, Allen, Hamilton. Officials: Emil Pihao and Paul Warren.

## BIG TEN HEADS MEET

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Athletic directors and faculty representatives of the western conference today took preliminary steps toward selection of a Big Ten athletic commissioner by drawing a "rough draft" revision of the conference's rulebook which ultimately will give the commissioner's office broader and more detailed powers.

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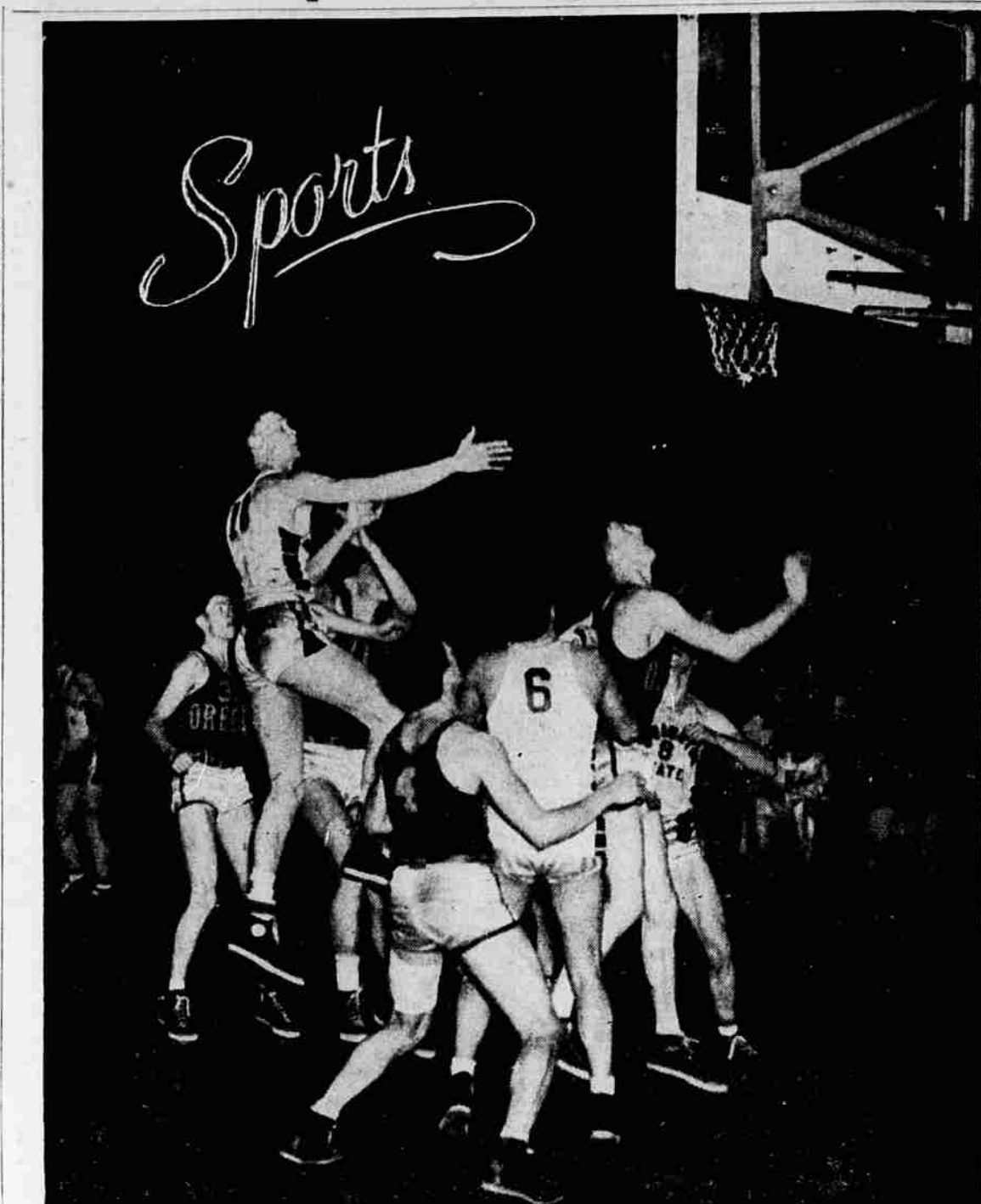
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## Washington, Idaho Win King's-X Tilts

BELLINGHAM, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The University of Washington basketball team, took an easy 66-41 victory from Western Washington college here tonight.

The Huskies took the lead from the opening whistle and had piled up a 33-17 advantage at halftime.

Bellingham's Mark led the scoring, with 18. The Husky scoring was evenly distributed with Anderson leading with 15, followed by Lemman with 14 and Vandenberg and McMillan with 13 each.

## Notre Dame Wins; Hamline Drove One

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Notre Dame's Remblers tonight defeated Great Lakes 55-51 in the second game of a doubleheader in Chicago Stadium. A crowd of 15,728 attended.

De Paul, led by George Mikian, center, who scored 26 points, won the first game of the bargain bill from Hamline, 43-41.

## Trojans Top Bears By 52-25 Count

SAN ANGELES, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Southern California's championship-bound Trojans chalked up their second consecutive Pacific coast conference, southern division basketball victory tonight, wallowing California's defending champions, 52-25.

After a slow start, the Trojans started to pull away late in the first half, with Center Jack Nichols hitting the basket frequently, while the Bears frequently missed.

## Keglars From 3 Cities To Vie At U-Bowl

Bowling teams from Portland, Salem, and Albany will match each other in team games and in singles pairings at the U-Bowl and Earl Moore, of the Central alleys, Portland, will enter two men's and one women's squad; and John Cole of Salem will enter one of each. The Albany Bowling alleys will enter one men's team. Eugene will probably enter two men's and one women's squad.

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## Red Cochrane Must Take It And Hand It Out To Keep His Title

By WALTER BYERS  
CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Fred (Red) Cochrane, world's welterweight boxing champion, recently discharged from the navy, will run into a mess of trouble when he returns to his civilian occupation.

During the sailor boy's absence, the welterweight division has become the toughest in the business with a raft of good punchers ready to knock Cochrane off of his throne. Slowed down by navy service and never really a great champion, Red has a lot of fitness, speed and power to regain before he'll be ready to take on the field.

## Diamond Congress Broadens Activity

WICHITA, Kas., Jan. 21.—(AP)—The National Baseball Congress extended its compulsory contract system into 17 foreign countries and territories Saturday, forcing players to sign one year or more contracts.

Commissioners in each of the 10 Latin American countries participating in the Congress' global program are being instructed to distribute contracts printed in Spanish, president Ray Dombard said. United States and foreign contracts will be identically worded, he added.

## Iowa Pre-Flight Hoopmen Beat Drake

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Iowa pre-flight basketball team, rallying from a one-point deficit at the half-time, defeated Drake university Saturday night 46-38.

Drake led 17-16 at intermission. Joe Holland, center, led the Seahawk attack with 17 points, and Jack Edling, who was held to one point the first half, scored 13 to tie Drake.

## OHIO STATE WINS

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Ohio State never was behind tonight as it chalked up its third basketball victory in four Western Conference starts at the expense of Michigan's Wolverines 61-47.

## Athlete Rejections Ruled On By Army

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The war department announced Saturday that professional athletes no longer will be rejected for service in the army on the ground of physical disability until all facts have been reviewed by the department.

The order, in effect, took away from army induction stations the right to reject a professional athlete for service on physical grounds, transferring final decision to the war department.

It was the first time such a specific group of prospective inductees, although any proposed discharge of an entertainer or professional athlete from the army must get war department review.

The department said the review was ordered because of "the inconsistency of rejecting any athlete for an ailment which is not sufficiently serious to prevent him from participating in professional games and exhibitions."

## Eugene 'B' Cagers Top Monmouth 37-31

The Eugene "B" squad defeated Monmouth high school, 37 to 31, in the Eugene high gym Saturday night. Eugene was paced by Willie and Moll. Monmouth's scorers were McLean, high point man of the game with fourteen points, and McElroy with nine.

Eugene took an early lead and was never in danger; remaining at least six points ahead. The half time score was Eugene 20, Monmouth 10.

Not far down the list is another coming welterweight, Jimmy Doyle, a half-French Irishman, the Los Angeles Fanny Dan is considered by New Yorkers as a boxer of the old school and has been compared to Joe Gans, who is always up for comparison whenever a great welterweight prospect comes along.

## Montreal Whacks Ranger Hockey Club

MONTREAL, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Montreal Canadiens ran their victory streak to six straight Saturday night as they whipped the New York Rangers, 5-2, but the feature of the National Hockey league game was a match misconduct drawn in the dying moments by usually quiet Captain Toe Blake of the Canucks.

The Toronto Maple Leafs extended their season's mastery over the Chicago Blackhawks to five straight games Saturday night when they trounced the fall-enders 8-4 in a loosely played National Hockey league contest before 11,134 fans.

## McSpaden Golf Meets

Tucson Open At Halfway Mark As Joe Zarhardt Slips

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Harold (Jug) McSpaden, pro, proved today back in top golf form as his second consecutive par-der-par round of 87 in the lead at the halfway mark of the \$5,000 Tucson Open golf tournament at the El Rio Country Club with a 134.

With a high, brisk, but wind sweeping the forecast came closer to holding the second round with the golfers bettering regular scores.

Joe Zarhardt, Northern California's first round leader, slipped a par 70 to tie for second one stroke behind McSpaden. Bruce Coltart, the host from Atlantic City, N. J., added a 69 to his 66, and Nelson, last year's leading winner, who shot a 98, one above his first round.

Gauntt A Surprise—One stroke farther behind Jimmy Gauntt, a surprise from Ardmore, Okla., was even par today for a 71, tying with Shammie Sneed, the White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., pro, who added a 67 yesterday's 67.

Sneed suffered a mild cold on the 18th green, when he putted for a bogey six, a chance for a possible tie lead or at least second place shooting his 32-34 18-hole collecting five birdies and bogies, a creditable showing for the teeth of the wind.

Nelson, the Toledo, O., went out in even par 36, but the range on the back nine 33. Zarhardt stuck pretty close to the 40 par goal.

Only the top 40 pros and low amateurs will tee off Sunday morning for the final holes, to be played in two Many Still Hot

Still in the running and bettering par were Willie White Plains, N. Y., with 137; Ray Mangrum, Los Angeles with 68-70-138; Sammie Detroit, 72-67-139, and Les Dodson, Kansas City, 65-71.

## Purdue Tops Wildcat Five By 52-48 Score

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Purdue defeated Southern university 52-48 Saturday night in a Big Ten conference basketball game that went an overtime contest.

The two teams were tied at 46-46 at the end of the regular playing period but Purdue led 52-48 at the end of the overtime contest. The Bollemlakers out in the and the lone score that the Clawson made merely closed the gap.

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