

Oregon, Washington State Open Three-Game Playoff at Pullman Saturday

Second, Third Tilts Here March 16-17

Winner Goes To Kansas City; Piluso, Hunter To Be Referees

FINAL NORTHERN DIVISION, COAST CONFERENCE

Standings	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
University of Oregon	11	5	.688	815	728
Washington State College	11	5	.688	753	673
Oregon State College	10	6	.625	715	652
University of Washington	5	11	.313	714	797
University of Idaho	3	13	.188	603	750

Oregon's northern division, Pacific coast conference co-champions, started preparation here Monday for the opening of a three-game playoff against Washington State college at Pullman next Saturday night.

Coach John Warren's Webfoots, underdog victors over OSC here Saturday night by a 47-38 count, completed the regular season in a deadlock with the WSC Cougars who defeated Idaho 49-30 the same evening at Pullman.

Anson B. Cornell and Earl Foster, graduate managers of Oregon and WSC, respectively, came to an agreement regarding the playoffs following a series of long-distance telephone calls Sunday afternoon. The series, approved by the presidents of both institutions, will move to McArthur court for the second game, Friday, March 16, and a third game, if necessary, will be played here the next night—Saturday.

The campuses of the two schools were selected as sites for the playoff because students of the two schools were believed to have the right to view the two or three contests involving their teams—and the trend of the National Collegiate Athletic Association to keep collegiate sports "at home."

The proposed playoff for the Pacific coast conference championship between the northern champion and UCLA's navy-trained Bruins, southern division titlist, has been cancelled because the Californians are unable to play only next week and would be unable to attend the N.C.A.A. regional western playoff in Kansas City under any condition.

Officials Picked: Prices Set
In view of these conditions, Coach Hec Edmundson of the University of Washington, chairman of the N.C.A.A. selection committee and director of the western tournament, had already announced that the northern winner would represent the far west in the Kansas City four-team tournament March 23-24.

Capacity at the Pullman pavilion is listed at 5000, and McArthur court, here, at 7000—and capacity crowds for all three games appear inevitable.

Cornell and Hunter also came to agreement on official and admission prices. Elva "Squinty" Hunter of Spokane and Emil Piluso of Portland will be the referees. Admission prices will be \$1.05 reserved seats, \$1.30 general admission, and 75 cents for students. Cornell said he hoped to have tickets for the local games on sale by next Friday.

The deadlock is the first in the northern division since 1937 when the same two teams, along with Washington, finished in a three-way tie. Washington State took the title in single elimination play.

Oregon hasn't finished on top in the division since 1939 when the Webfoots went on to beat California two straight games, won the western regional playoff at Treasure Island, and then downed Ohio State for the national championship. Washington State's last first place was in 1941 when the Cougars beat Stanford two straight, won at Kansas City and lost to Wisconsin in the NCAA finals.

Underdog Ducks Comeback
Warren's Webfoots, pre-season favorites for the conference cellar, finished at the top the hard way. With only the regular returning from the previous season, Guard Bob Hamilton, Warren was faced with working with a handful of promising freshmen, Hamilton and Ken Hays, a sophomore without conference experience.

To give the hoppers "synthetic" experience, Warren booked a heavy 40-game schedule that started in mid-November and closed here Saturday night with a glorious 47-38 triumph over Oregon State.

The Beavers were favored because of two straight victories that clipped Oregon from a two-game conference lead to a tie with OSC and WSC before Saturday's game.

Slats Gill's crew wasted little time Saturday in taking the lead and held the advantage through most of the first half, that ended 17-15 for the visiting Orangemen.

The second half was a different story. After hitting only five of 29 field attempts in the first period, the Webfoots brought the capacity crowd of 7000 wild-eyed fans to their feet with a blistering basket barrage that gave the Oreons an advantage they never relinquished after the first two minutes of the second half.

Reedy Berg, a substitute forward, came through in the clutch in amazing fashion. He not only tied up the taller Beavers on defense, but also tallied seven points that had much to do with the triumph. With the game safely tucked away in the last 10 minutes, Captain Hamilton directed play like a master. The Oreons employed a fast, but careful passing game that brought out the Beaver zone defense and allowed added Oregon scoring.

Hansen Sets Scoring Marks
The 42 personal fouls charged proved costly for both quintets, but victory was virtually assured for the Webfoots when the parade to the bench started in the last four minutes, 43 seconds. Red Rocha, the leading scorer with 16 points, was the first to go. He was followed by Ted Henningsen and

Hillbillies to Play Reedsport

Astoria Eliminated; Many Playoffs Remain

Pleasant Hill and Reedsport will open a three-game playoff for a state tournament berth at Reedsport Wednesday night. The second game will be played at Pleasant Hill Friday, and the third game, if necessary, has been booked for Monday, March 19, at a site to be selected later. The announcement was made by Coach T. P. Otto of the Hillies, who said that Hugh Hartman and Bill Robins of Junction City would officiate the first game.

Local fans were also awaiting the second meeting between Eugene and Myrtle Tuesday. A state tournament spot is also at stake in this playoff, in which Eugene holds a one-game edge.

Although many district titles have been decided, state tournament berths are still in the balance in many sections of the state. The picture looks like this:

1—Baker.
2—Hood River won by defeating Pendleton 39-37 Saturday night in the third of a three-game playoff. Hood River plays Baker March 6, 8 and 10, winner to go to state tournament.

3—Prineville swamped Bend 55-31 Saturday night in final of district tournament.

4—Medford. Medford meets Prineville at Medford March 8, 9 and 10.

5—Myrtle Point.
6—Eugene.
7—Lebanon.

8—Newberg won by defeating McMinnville 27-22 Saturday night and plays Lebanon Tuesday at Newberg Friday at Lebanon, and possibly Saturday on a neutral floor.

9 and 10—Hillsboro champion. These districts picked no individual champion but held a joint tournament in Hillsboro, which ended with Hillsboro winning over Seaside 50-46. Astoria placed third, beating Beaverton 49-24. Hillsboro automatically enters the state tournament.

11—Salem and Woodburn were to settle this district Monday. Salem beat Woodburn 36-37 Saturday night.

12—Oregon City, which will play either Salem or Woodburn.

13—Gresham.
Washington Automatic Entry
14—Vernonia, Vernonia and Gresham meet in Scappoose Tuesday in the third and deciding game.

15-16—These two numbers are assigned to the Portland league and Washington automatically goes to the state tournament.

In "B" district competition the champions are:
1—Clatskanie.
2—Dayton.

3—Pleasant Hill, which defeated Oakridge 27-15 Saturday.
4—Reedsport, which defeated Langlois 33-17 Saturday.

5—Rogue River.
6—Arlington.
7—Grant Union of John Day.
8—Enterprise.

Cleveland Tops Pro Scoring Over McDermott
FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 5.—(AP)—Forward Mel Riebe, Cleveland, today held the National basketball league scoring championship with a record of 606 points. Riebe won the title last night as his team lost 68-58 to the Port Wayne Zollners. Riebe scored 29 points to win the title over Bobby McDermott of the Zollners by five points.

Seattle Club Signs Ex-Navy Pitcher
SAN FERNANDO, Calif., March 5.—(AP)—Manager Bill Skiff of the Seattle Rainiers Saturday announced the signing of pitcher Keith Frazier, recently discharged from the navy.

The right-handed pitcher pitched and outfielded with the San Francisco Seals in 1938-39.

Three National Collegiate Basketball Tournaments On Schedule

By CARL LUNDQUIST
NEW YORK, March 5.—(AP)—Tournament time drew near today for the country's better basketball teams. That means a baffling time for fans who try to figure out the annual whirligig of eliminations for three national championships beginning next Monday.

Each of the tournaments is run independent of the others, each has a logical process of getting its entrants and each winner has a legitimate claim for national honors.

The first to get underway will be the National Intercollegiate at Kansas City, Monday, March 12. Teams entered thus far include Central of Fayette, Mo., unbeaten in 11 starts; Eastern Washington of Cheney, Wash., which has the nation's second highest scorer in Jack Perreault with 481 points in 25 games, and George Peppard of Los Angeles—all minor leaguers.

The N.C.A.A. meet for which only member teams are eligible, comprises the major conferences and will have its western playoffs at Kansas City beginning March 23 and its eastern at

New York starting March 22. Teams which have qualified thus far for the western meet are Arkansas of the Southwest, Oklahoma A & M of the Missouri Valley and Utah's defending N.C.A.A. champions from the Rocky Mountains. In the eastern playoffs, DePaul or Ohio State's all-civilian team is expected to represent the mid-west since Iowa, Big Ten champion, has naval trainees, who can't leave the campus for the meet. Kentucky, winner of the Southeastern tournament or North Carolina, which won the

Southern meet, will represent the south. Brown or Rhode Island State may represent a possibility. New York university and Pittsburgh are top candidates in the mid-Atlantic area.

After the eastern and western playoffs, the winners meet for the N.C.A.A. title at the Garden March 27.

The third tournament, the National Invitational, is a club-by-selective meet, which takes eight hand-picked quality teams for the eliminations which begin at the Garden, March 17.

Three teams, St. John's, defending champion, and others have accepted invitations. Others in the field of 16 are New York University, Virginia, Kansas State, Bowling Green of Ohio, Virginia, Kansas State, and others.

The winner of the invitational will play the N.C.A.A. champion for a national title at the Garden on March 29. The Garden is in that game a

Sammy Snead Tourney Winner

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 5.—(AP)—New superlatives—and the supply is getting low—were in order again today for that Slammmin' smoothie of the fairways, Golfer Sammy Snead.

The Hot Springs, Va., veteran, apparently out to catch up on the prize money he missed while he was in the navy, pocketed \$1000 for his third straight tournament victory and left behind him one of the greatest competitive performances in golfing records.

He won with strokes to spare in compiling a 22-under-par total of 266 in the 72 holes of the \$5000 Jacksonville Open, which ended yesterday.

Bob Hamilton, the PGA champion from Evansville, Ind., finished second with a total of 270.

Snead's winnings boosted his total profits for the winter swing to \$13,516.66 and his record to six triumphs, putting him two ahead of Byron Nelson of Toledo, Ohio, the pace-maker until Sammy came around.

Sammy Byrd of Detroit finished in a third-place tie with Bruce Caltart of Seaview, N. J., and Ky Lafont of Chicago with 274's.

Nelson and Harold "Jug" McSpaden, who weakened after strong starts, took 275's.

Fred Haas, Jr., New Orleans, was low man among the amateurs with 277 and won a \$100 war bond.

Utah's Champs Added To N. C. A. A. Playoff

KANSAS CITY, March 5.—(AP)—Addition of Utah, last year's National N.C.A.A. champion, to the playoffs here March 23-24, left only one berth open for the western basketball classic.

The Utah's acceptance of an invitation to represent the Rocky Mountain section followed nomination of Arkansas from the Southwest area and Oklahoma A & M. for the Missouri valley area.

Only the Pacific coast entry is needed to fill the four-team bracket.

The Utahs, who finished an undefeated Big-Seven conference season Saturday night by defeating Brigham Young, have lost only two games in an 18-game schedule. Coach Vadal Peterson will have to find a replacement for his star guard, Arnold Ferrin, before the Utahs come to Kansas City. Ferrin, who is the leading scorer in the Big Seven, is slated for immediate induction into the armed services.

Selection of the fourth entry will have to await a playoff between Washington State and Oregon, tied for first place in the northern division of the Pacific coast conference.

Three Frosh Men Gain Recognition
PHILADELPHIA.—The remarkable play of three freshmen—Bob Carlson, Don Casey and Phil Harman—all of whom were 17 when practice started, plus the experience of Capt. Howard Dallmar and Bartley Egler, Navy V's who unexpectedly repented in December, combined to give Pennsylvania its first Eastern Intercollegiate basketball championship in basketball since 1937.

Dartmouth has dominated the league for seven consecutive campaigns.

Axemen Meet Myrtle Point

Coach Henry Kuchers's small, but talented Eugene high Axemen will be seeking their 30th consecutive basketball victory of the season Tuesday night in the second game of a District 5-6 playoff at Myrtle Point.

More important than keeping the amazing win string intact, however, will be a second triumph that will send Eugene into the state championship tournament in Salem.

The Axemen experienced considerable difficulty against the Bobcats' fast-breaking offense and tight set defense here last Friday night before winning 48-46. Myrtle Point rolled up a seven-point lead in the first quarter, Eugene went ahead by eight points in the third period—and the result was in doubt until the final gun.

Myrtle Point holds a slight advantage over Eugene—with Theron Morris stretching 6 feet, 2 inches. The tallest Axeman is six feet. Don Sutphin, fast-stepping forward for Coach Ray Neugart's Bobcats, was the leading scorer in the first of the three-game playoff with 18 points. Along with sharpshooting Delton Walton, he will be watched carefully by Eugene's main man-for-man defense.

Playing on their home court, the Bobcats will be slight favorites. The third game, if necessary, will be played at North Bend high school next Friday.

Portland Drops 17-7 Tilt To Semi-Pro
SAN JOSE, CAL., March 5.—(AP)—Earl Escalante, Hollywood, led the Permanent Metals Corp. nine to a 17-7 practice game victory over the Portland Beaver rookies yesterday at Boyes Springs. The Oakland Oaks defeated a squad of convalescent sailors from the navy hospital at Mission Inn 5-4.

Bruins, Rangers Lose
UNITED PRESS
The Boston Bruins and New York Rangers seemed to be backing into their job of getting into the Stanley Cup playoffs today and if the reverse process continues, the Chicago Blackhawks may move in on them.

Boston still held fourth place by a one point margin, despite Sunday's 10-4 drubbing at Detroit, simply because the Rangers were losing to Toronto 6-3. Meanwhile the Blackhawks put forth a terrific third-period rally that netted a 6-4 victory over the league leading Montreal Canadiens. That left Chicago only a point behind New York and two points behind Boston.

Washington Senators Start Training First
NEW YORK, March 5.—(AP)—Spring training opens Wednesday for the first of the 16 major league baseball clubs but the manpower situation remained as indefinite as it was January 1.

Washington breaks the ice Wednesday when the battersmen will report to Manager Ossie Bluege at College Park, Md. Owner Clark Griffith of the Senators has 24 of 30 men in the field, most of any club.

Chicago's Cubs follow Thursday with their first drill at French Lick, Ind., the New York Giants and the Yankees report Sunday. By Monday, March 19, all teams will be training.

'Battle Royal' Ends in Draw

By RAY COLLINS
The Battle Royal at the Armory Saturday night was really a royal battle.

The contestants were "Gorgeous" Wagner, Georges "Smiley" Dusette, Pete Belcastro, "The Walloping Wop" from Weed," Gust "Speed" Johnson, Buck Davidson, Tex Hager and Ernie Piluso. The seven men entered the ring, the bell sounded, and from there it was anybody's battle.

The first four minutes were crammed with lightninglike action—Belcastro tossed Davidson from the ring, Davidson tossed Hager out of the ring, and Dusette tossed Wagner out for a count of six; Belcastro put Wagner down, but not for a count; Dusette and Johnson tangled to show Dusette's bull strength, and Piluso and Wagner staged a maypole dance around one ring post.

Davidson was the first man down and out. He was taken out by Dusette, Hager and Wagner in four minutes. The second man out was Piluso, in seven minutes. Belcastro went out in nine minutes with four men on top of him. Hager went out in 12 minutes and Wagner in 14, leaving Dusette and Johnson to fight the final bout, and Hager and Wagner for the semi-final.

The finale between Dusette and Johnson ran the full 30 minutes with the one and only fall being taken by Dusette in 28 minutes, with his now famous standing full Nelson.

Johnson is swift and scientific and Dusette is quick with enormous strength. They are a very evenly matched pair.

The first fall nearly went to each man several times. Johnson almost took the fall with a series of leg scissors, but Dusette broke away twice and the third time the men worked into the ropes to be separated by Referee Ivan Jones. Dusette used chin locks to throw Johnson into the ropes several times, in attempts to apply his favorite hold, the full Nelson.

Wagner Held To Draw
The two men returned to the ring for four minutes of fast action. Johnson worked mostly in the last period on Dusette's banded left knee until the bell ended the bout. Jones raised Dusette's hand, the winner. The two men shook hands and left the ring as the rasters shook with ovations.

The semi-final was filled with action. Hager took the first fall in 14 minutes with a head scissors. Wagner returned to take the second fall in nine minutes with a hammerlock that changed into arm bars and knee jabs and a body press.

The men returned for the third fall but the bell sounded, ending the bout in a draw.

Feller's New Post Still Navy Secret
ALAMEDA, Cal., March 5.—(AP)—Rumors that chief specialist Bob Feller, the Cleveland Indian fireball pitcher, has been assigned to Alameda naval air station here were proved unfounded Saturday.

The public relations office said that as far as they knew Feller had not been assigned here, and they definitely knew he wasn't present right now.

Feller has just completed a long tour of sea duty and is reported slated for shore duty this summer.

Collegiate Hoop Champs Lined Up

NEW YORK, March 5.—(AP)—Champions and runners-up of various sectional college basketball races for the 1944-45 season as compiled by the Associated Press:

Champion	Runner-up
Eastern (Mythical)	Army
Western intercollegiate	Penn
Western conference	Iowa
Pacific Coast (southern)	UCLA
Pacific Coast (northern)	Oregon
Big Six	Iowa State
Big Seven	Utah
Southwest	Rice
Southern	North Carolina
Southeast	Kentucky
Ohio Conference	Akron
Mason-Dixon	American Univ.
Southwest Border	New Mexico
Missouri Valley	Okla. Aggies

(*)—Will playoff for title.

St. Mary's Quintet Honored at Banquet

By DEAN WELLER
The St. Mary's basketball team was honored with a letterman's banquet at the Eugene hotel Sunday evening. Forty guests were present at the banquet which was presided over by Father Curley.

Father Albert A. Rodakowski presented basketball letter awards to the following players: Captain James Pourtales, Bill Hunter, Dick Weitzel, Donald Furrer, Jack Greig, Robert Bartholomew, Bill Bartholomew and Allan Lonien.

Awarded a presentation in absentia were given to Bill Calk and John Evonuk. Both boys are serving in the navy. Cheer leader letters were presented to Roberta Calk, Joan Krennel and Phyllis Olson.

Father Rodakowski and Charles Christensen co-coaches of the team, congratulated the team for their fine record of games played this year. Father Scholer of Cottage Grove eulogized the team for its sportsmanship.

Father Curley introduced special guest "Honest John" Warren and congratulated him on his victory over O.S.C. last Saturday night. Warren spoke on the training of basketball players he has known and urged parents of future athletes to get behind their sons and pull for them. He also stated that players become better players when they have the backing of their parents. The parent is instrumental in conditioning. Jumping rope and boxing are two excellent ways to condition a player.

Rev. Francis P. Leipzig gave the final talk and praised the players for their fine record and performance of this basketball year—third place in the annual "B" tournament, and the McKenzie division championship.

The curlew on the club, bars, theaters and places of entertainment is going to leave the habitat of the owl with more than a few hands than a basketball salesman.

Curlew of english from the operators of a chain of palaces but Uncle Sam terminated about it as a serial and those who keep the milkman that was small boys with a string of money oyster stew. From now on the nation's padlocks is to be mixed up with the chow mein while the curlew insists on "rice" theory. And Cinderella, who broke the spell who forgot that 12 is the zero hour.

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Grayson Writes of New Hoop Wrinkles--

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor
NEW YORK — Before going overseas on a special assignment, Howard Hobson saw his fresh slant on basketball tried out highly successfully in an army game between Camp Patrick Henry and Newport News.

Coach Hobson of Oregon would widen the foul lane to 12 feet and make shots from outside a 21-foot are good for three points.

Specialists were enthusiastic, particularly when Newport News erased a 17-point deficit in the last six minutes with three-point long shots. While Newport News finally lost, 33-48, the new scoring method kept a team in the game that otherwise would have been hopelessly beaten.

The enlarged three-second area caused less congestion under the basket, consequently was particularly popular with the officials.

Of course, it has always been inconsistent to restrict the foul

man out to the foul line—15 feet in front of the basket and let him park only three feet away on either side.

Hobson reports that neither Camp Patrick Henry nor Newport News employed a zone, stresses that the full value of the three-point scoring will not be apparent until used against that type of defense.

There is one major point regarding his suggestions that has not been made, points out Hobson. The progressive young strategist was unable to complete his study, which includes 250 college games over a six-year stretch, before sailing on his army assignment.

There is a strong indication, however, that the comparatively new one-handed shooting game, first popularized by Hank Luisetti of Stanford, has much to do with the problems basketball now has with the zone defense and goon.

Hobson is a strong advocate of the one-handed shot. It has done much to open up scoring

but only in certain areas. It is accurate, statistics indicate, only about 24 feet out.

When it first came into the game, it was used alternately with the two-handed shot, which may be used clear out to mid-court.

Until recently, the two-handed shot was learned by all players in high school and earlier.

Colleges are now getting boys who have learned only the one-handed shot.

Since they are not a threat on long shots, it was natural for coaches to swing to lowering young men and play a key hole zone defense, making it impossible to work the ball in for short shots, and risking the long-shot attack.

When the two situations—the big man zone and one-handed shooters—existed together, you don't have a basketball game after the defense is set. It falls to score on a fast break before the defense is set, a slow, unexciting game results, with large men tending the close

areas, dominating the backboard, and the offensive team having very little with which to attack.

Allowing more value for the long shot should increase its use, draw the zone out and make it possible to drive in to a greater extent.

Best of all, it would cause players to learn the two-handed set shot again, so they could score from longer distances. Otherwise, the two-handed set shot may become a lost art. It is now in certain sections.

Hobson says the are may need to be out farther, possibly 25 feet or so. He suggested 21 feet, as that seemed about right for proper value based on percent ages.

Howard Hobson's main idea is the preservation of the two-handed set shot.

Eliminating it is tantamount to taking the home run out of baseball, although it is the most satisfying skill to the player and the most thrilling to the spectators.