

HIGH CLIMBER

By DICK STRITZ

Al Akins, one of the best all-around athletes in Pacific coast conference history, at least of "modern" times, traveled a long way to watch Jack Friel's Cougars take a 51-41 whipping at the hands of John Warren's Webfoots.

Akins, who probably ranks with UCLA's Jackie Robinson as a four-sports letterman, was naturally disappointed, but at the same time saw big things for future WSC basketball.

Akins, who played basketball and football for Washington as a marine trainee, is now stationed at North Carolina and expects to be shipped overseas soon—but he plans to return to Pullman after the war.

Actually Akins best sports were track and baseball. He is a swift sprinter and a heavy-hitting outfielder.

Hanson, by the way, was kept out of competition last year just to insure Friel that the 6-foot, 8-inch center would have one season of play with Bishop, Akins & Co.

Maybe you haven't noticed it, but Hanson's last name has suddenly been spelled with an O instead of an E, although he is a Norwegian instead of a Swede.

The spelling change was made when his great grandfather came to the United States from Norway. His name was Hans, so his sons took the name of Han-son. All of which doesn't make the big fellow any easier to check.

Hanson's new conference scoring record of 253 points for 16 games looks like it will stand for ever, but Captain Bob Hamilton of Oregon predicts that it will fall—whenever all five teams in the northern division employ fast-breaking attacks.

Nick Weddle, Oregon's all-American manager (with apologies to Hal White), furnishes us with some interesting statistics from last Saturday's game.

Here are some individual figures:

WSC	S	M	BB
Justin	11	4	11
Gregg	2	0	5
Hanson	16	6	7
G. Hamilton	15	2	3
Rennick	13	5	0
Jarrison	3	0	0
Waller	1	0	0
Johnson	4	1	2
Noteboom	0	0	1
Kellinger	0	0	0

OREGON	S	M	BB
Wilkins	13	0	11
Smith	1	0	1
Hays	8	2	10
Bartlett	12	5	8
B. Hamilton	18	6	7
Allen	0	0	1
Berg	8	4	11
Kotnick	0	0	0
Stamper	1	1	2
Hoffine	0	0	0

Except for Chuck Stamper's last-minute tip-in of Ed Allen's missed freethrow which gave the sub-center-forward a shooting average of 1,000, Reedy Berg had the best mark at .500. Jim Bariell had .417, followed by Bobby Renwick with .385, Hanson with .375 and Bob Hamilton with .333.

Mort Justin was the only Cougar to hold up with the Webfoots in the important backboard recovery department. He had 11, the same as Berg and Wilkins. Hays had 10 as compared to Hanson's 7, and the Webfoots 51 individuals and two team recoveries as compared to WSC's 29 individuals and nine team takes.

The Cougars would do well to watch Dick Wilkins in the game here Friday night. A hooper of his scoring ability should be hot after missing all of 13 attempts in the last game.

Oregon also held an edge over Washington State in team shooting. The Cougars hit 8 of 31 shots in the first half for a 258 mark as compared to Oregon's 6 on 30 shots for a 200 mark. The second half was different, however, Oregon hitting 12 of 31 for a 387 average as compared to WSC's 10 for 34 and 293 mark. The game totals showed Oregon hitting 18 of 61 for .295 as compared to WSC's 18 for 65 and .277 average.

Pleasant Hill Beaten 37-29 in Final District 'B' Hoop Playoff

By DEAN WELLER

ROSEBURG, March 13—Coach Jack Plug's Reedsport Braves were state tournament bound today following a surprise 37-29 victory over Pleasant Hill here Monday night. Each team had one game last week in a three-game playoff for the right to represent districts 4 and 5 in the state B tournament which opens Friday at Salem. A crowd of 600 packed the Roseburg high gym.

Pleasant Hill's 1944 state finalists took an early 2-0 lead on a field goal by center Clair Dick, but Clyde DeWitt, 6-foot, 3-inch Reedsport center, tied the count with a basket from the center 15 seconds later. DeWitt hit for a freethrow with 2 minutes 10 seconds gone to put the Braves ahead—and they remained ahead. Jim Thornton, another 6-foot-3 player, tossed in a basket from the key to put the Braves 3 points ahead. Harrell Smith and Dick Mooney each hit for goals on long shots from near the center line to run the Reedsport score up to 9-2. With 4 minutes 45 seconds gone, Gale Kimball struck for a basket, but Smith countered with another goal.

Braves Take 13-4 Lead Thornton tossed in a basket with a minute left to make the score 13-4 for the Braves at the end of the first quarter. The Braves were hot with their fast break and excellent zone defense which stymied the Billies.

DeWitt started things off for the Braves in the second frame with a basket from the key. With 2 minutes gone Chet Hutton found his aim for a goal. Gale Kimball followed with a foul conversion. Mooney came back with three baskets in two minutes to bring the count 21-7. Guard Bill Colver converted a foul shot at 5:35. Hutton made a freethrow and Dick Casey tossed in a basket to bring the Billies within 11 of the Braves. Thornton and DeWitt each made a basket and Dick plunked in one for the Billies in a torrid 40 seconds of play. Just as the half ended Hutton tossed in a gratis shot and the half ended with the Braves holding a 26-13 lead.

The Billies came out a rejuvenated team in the third period—at least for a while. Hutton and Casey each made baskets in the first 25 seconds of play. DeWitt potted one from the key on a backhand shot. Don Kimball made his only basket of the game shortly after DeWitt made his second of the third period. With 4 minutes gone Gale Kimball sent one in from the side and then converted a foul shot. Gale scored again to bring the Billies within six points of the Braves. Smith tallied a two-pointer and DeWitt made good a foul shot to end the third quarter 33-24.

Hutton started scoring in the final frame with a gift toss which he followed up with a basket some 25 seconds later. The Braves held on to the ball, making no attempt to score even though there were over 5 minutes left in the game. DeWitt scored on a crimple. Colver was fouled with 2 minutes, 5 seconds remaining and the Braves took the ball out of bounds. On the toss into the court the ball was tipped to Mooney who waited under the basket and tipped it in for Reedsport's final score. Dick made two gift tosses to end the game's scoring, with a little over a minute remaining.

Summary:

REEDSPORT (35)	FG	FT	PF	TP
DeWitt, C	8	3	2	14
Mooney, E	5	0	3	10
Thornton, J	3	0	3	6
Smith, H	3	0	0	6
Colver, E	0	1	3	1
Pinion, G	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	17	3	11	37

PLEASANT HILL (29)	FG	FT	PF	TP
D. Kimball, C	1	0	0	2
Hutton, C	2	3	0	7
Dick, G	2	3	6	6
G. Kimball, E	4	2	3	10
Casey, E	2	0	4	4
Begent, F	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	11	7	6	20

Halftime score: Reedsport 26, Pleasant Hill 13. Freethrows missed: Reedsport (2), DeWitt, 2; Pleasant Hill (7), Hutton 3, D. Kimball 2, Dick, G. Kimball. Officials: Doc Taylor and Mart Irving.

BURLEY BEATS CARTER SAN FRANCISCO, March 13—Charles Burley, 156½, Pittsburgh, Pa., the Pacific coast midweight champion, pounded out a 10-round decision over Joe Carter, 157, Rome, N. Y., in the main event of a fight card at Civic auditorium tonight.

State Hoop Meet Filled

(Associated Press)

The entry list to Oregon's annual prep basketball tournament was complete today, after the Reedsport Braves captured the final missing spot by defeating Pleasant Hill 37-29.

The twelve Oregon towns, cage squads who won the coveted tourney berths ran through workouts before enroute for Salem for the March 15-17 fray.

The tournament, "war-streamed" to eight class A and four class B contestants, will admit on 8 to 10 man team from each district. Elimination rounds on a play begin Thursday afternoon and evening with semi-finals Friday evening and the championship tilt Saturday evening.

B play opens at Salem Friday afternoon, with finals Saturday evening. Consolation bouts and play for third place fit into the morning hours.

The eight schools in A competition are split into two brackets, with the winners of each bracket meeting in the finals. Play shapes up this way: Starting at 3 p. m., Thursday, Washington vs. Eugene, Newberg vs. Baker—winners to battle for a spot in the finals. Medford vs. Vernonia, Hillsboro vs. Oregon City—winners playing off for the other final spot.

Opening rounds of B play—simpler because of the smaller number of entrants—pit Grant Union against Clatskanie and Reedsport against Arlington. The two victors meet in the championship tilt.

Intercollegiate Hoop Tourney Under Way

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 13—(AP)—Central College, Fayette, Mo., Southern Illinois College and Eastern Kentucky College were eligible for the quarter-finals today after disposing of first-round opponents in last night's opening of the National intercollegiate basketball tournament.

An ex-marine, Fred Lewis, dumped in 11 field goals and four charity tosses to lead Kentucky to a 64-42 victory over Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, in the featured performance of the evening.

Earlier, Central College defeated an Eau Claire (Wis.) Teachers quintet 54-36, and Southern Illinois trounced navy-staffed Washburn 64-49.

More than 3500 spectators were on hand for the opening night of the tournament, resumed after a year's layoff.

In Tuesday games, West Texas College, Canyon, Tex., was to play Wichita (Kas.) University; Doane College, Crete, Neb., meets Eastern Washington College, Cheney, Wash., and Pepperington College, Los Angeles, is matched against Peru (Neb.) Teachers College.

Michigan Legislature Eyes Amateur Sports LANSING, Mich., March 13—(AP)—Rep. William Romano, D., Van Dyke, introduced in the house Monday night a bill making it a felony for amateur athletes to "throw" a game or match in return for a bribe or other rewards.

Gil Dodds' 4:06.4 Mile Mark Questioned INDIANAPOLIS, March 13—(AP)—The world indoor mile record of 4:06.4 set by Gil Dodds of Boston last year will not stand if AAU officials decide he gained an advantage by running on a track lacking a curbing. Chairman Paul R. Jordan of the National AAU rules committee said today.

Eugene Recreation Penny-Wise bowlers retained their two-game Women's league lead at Eugene Recreation alleys Monday night by defeating Good-year 2-1 while second-place KORE disposed of 1st National Bank by the same count. Marion Richardson and Hazel Gunderson had scores of 193 and 534, respectively, for Penny-Wise. Lora Richardson shot 492 for KORE, but Van-Orden was high with 197 for the Bankers.

Monroe Lumber, paced by N. Pearl's 161 and E. Bainbridge's 430, beat U. S. National 3-0. Landon and Alfred, with 169 and 400 scores, were high for Woolworth's, but Oregon Lumber Sales won the match 2-1. H. Gordon beat El Captain 3-0 by forfeit, Sands hitting 168 and 301 for the winners.

Country Club Pairings Listed

(Associated Press)

First-round pairings in the 1945 renewal of the Eugene Country club's spring handicap golf tournament were announced Tuesday by Hugh Starkweather, club professional. Harvey Roe, winner of the last handicap affair in 1943, was not included in the field of 18 dividers who qualified for the title, or the 22 others who play in lesser flights.

John Daly and Claude Endicott, co-medalists with net 68's, loom as the chief title contenders, but along with these two par-busters in the championship flight are Earl Chalfan, club championship finalist last year; Bill Cloyes, winner of the Byrom & Kneeland sweepstakes, and Grover Kelsay, runner-up to Roe two years ago.

Don Leal, club champion, was shunted into the second flight, although he posted the best gross score of the qualifying round with a 76.

All first-round matches must be played by Sunday evening, March 18, or forfeited, according to Starkweather. Winter rules will be used throughout the single-elimination play, and full handicaps will be in force.

First-round pairings follow: **CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT** Koke vs. Huffaker, Arley vs. Findner, V. E. Johnson vs. Switzer, Roadman vs. Stockstad, Daly vs. Naugle, Lemley vs. Howard, Swartz vs. Kennell, Chalfan vs. C. Smith, C. Endicott vs. Rietman, Danzell vs. Thompson, Reed vs. Miller, Kelsay vs. Lambert, Byrne vs. Kendall, Prescott vs. Leitch, Cloyes vs. Field, Kneeland vs. S. C. Endicott.

SECOND FLIGHT Dixon vs. Garrett, Talbot vs. V. Smith, Leal vs. Dr. Fischer, Hall vs. Torrey.

THIRD FLIGHT Cable vs. C. Shaefer, Large vs. Lorence, Rowling vs. Vincent, Wintler vs. Tyler.

FOURTH FLIGHT Fletcher vs. Rogers, Rutter vs. bye, Pettigrove vs. bye, Immel vs. Mitchell.

Junior Golf School Opens At Country Club Next Saturday Morning

The Junior golf program by the Eugene Country club, for boys in Eugene high schools and junior high schools, will open March 17 and continue every Saturday morning for eight weeks, starting at 10 o'clock, according to Hugh Starkweather, Eugene Country club professional who will conduct the classes in golfing fundamentals.

Registrations for the course are being made through the physical education departments of the Eugene schools. Starkweather will be assisted in the instruction program by several leading amateurs.

Although boys taking part in the program are asked to furnish their own equipment, clubs will be made available to those who are unable to furnish their own.

Directors and officers of the local private club approved the plan in hopes a junior organization could be formed here with a competitive program later in the year. Starkweather has had a wide experience in teaching young golfers and has developed some outstanding amateurs.

Red Cross Collects \$185,093 From Baseball ST. LOUIS, March 13—(AP)—The Red Cross war fund today collected one of the last slices of the 1944 World Series melon when Leslie M. O'Connor, chairman of the major league's advisory council, presented the charity with \$185,093.

Mary Owen Spiked SAN JOSE, Cal., March 13—(AP)—The Portland Beavers came out of an intrasquad game Monday with a casualty list, but luckily the injuries were not serious. Rookie Remo Meniketti was felled by a pitch that grazed his forehead. Manager Mary Owen was spiked in the knee on a play at third base.

A five-run spurge in the fifth inning gave the Blues a 7-5 victory over the Grays. Rookies Bob Hardy and Bill Carr pitched for the winners.

Belcastro To Meet 'Mask'

(Associated Press)

Pete Belcastro, who battled the "Grey Mask" to a torrid draw at the Army last Saturday night before a capacity crowd of 3000 rabid fans, caught the last car of his southbound train for his California home—but the "Wallop" Wop from Weed" will be back again next Saturday.

The villainous Italian was hoping for a two-straight fall victory over the hooded hoodlum, but the match went the limit after each had won a fall—and Pete had to throw his clothes around him on the run while "making the mails."

But he shouted to Matchmaker Don Owen ere he rode out of sight—I'll meet that lug again for dollars or peanuts in a no-time-limit match!

Owen signed the two rough and tough grapplers for another rambling here Saturday night, but details of the engagement were not settled. The Mask was not interested in anything but the usual one-hour limit and he was undecided regarding a \$500 side wager offered by Belcastro.

The Mask was a little worried over the ineffectiveness of his main forte—the head butt. Although his one fall came from this medium, he had considerable difficulty reaching Belcastro's chin with head butts.

Although there was little or no blood in the first skirmish, anything could happen this week. Both know what to expect and the smartest of the two grapplers—the one who plans his offense and defense—will have the advantage.

Another capacity crowd is inevitable, but regardless of a certain full house, Owen is planning another all-star program and will announce the principals later in the week.

Tufts College Named For East NCAA Meet

MEDFORD, Mass., March 13—(AP)—The Tufts college basketball team, not in the least dismayed because its record doesn't match those of other quintets in the N.C.A.A. tournament, laid plans today for an upset victory in the eastern playoffs at New York, March 22.

Tufts became the fourth team to accept a bid to the meet last night after a week-long search by the N.C.A.A. selection committee for the New England district. Other eligible teams, Brown and Connecticut, turned down bids. Tufts has eight victories and five defeats for the season.

Selection of Tufts leaves the N.C.A.A. tournament field complete except for a Pacific coast representative. The winner of a playoff series between Washington State and Oregon this weekend will be the fourth team in the western playoffs at Kansas City, Mo., beginning March 23. Others in that division are Arkansas, Oklahoma A. & M. and Utah, the defending champions.

DePaul Seeded Quint In Garden Hoop Meet

NEW YORK, March 13—(AP)—Although beaten by St. John's in the finals last year, DePaul again has been seeded first in the national invitational basketball tournament that opens Saturday night at Madison Square Garden. St. John's was ranked second, Bowling Green third and Tennessee fourth, with Muhlenberg, West Virginia, Rhode Island State and Rensselaer Poly unseeded.

U-Bowl Bowling

All four matches in the Social bowling league at the U-Bowl alleys Monday night were split. Lee Botney scored 204 and 577 in reading C & S Electric over D & S Storage. Charley Harvey had scores of 204 and 527 as his Kilburn team beat Brown & Broderick, 21st West 11th beat Dannehl's as J. Stuckey was high for the winners with 181 and 477. Frank McCants was high with 170 and 473 scores, but his U-Bowlers lost to Andrus Brothers.

FIRST-ROUND KO OCEAN PARK, Calif., March 13—(AP)—Punchin' Petey Wheatstraw of San Francisco last night ran his knockout string to seven straight with a first-round, three-punch win over Chino Rodriguez of Mexico.

Oregons Drill For WSC Tilt

(Associated Press)

Dreams of Kansas City and the western regional NCAA championship basketball playoff were faded out from the minds of University of Oregon hoopsters Tuesday afternoon when Coach John Warren sent his Webfoots through a blistering scrimmage session at the Igloo—following a day of rest.

The Oregon quintet meets Washington State's Cougars here Friday night before an expected crowd of more than 7000 spectators. Following last Saturday's 51-41 victory over WSC at Pullman, the Oregons need but one victory to clinch a national tournament berth—but that one victory may be difficult to gain.

Should Coach Jack Friel's veteran Cougars win Friday, a third and deciding game will be played here Saturday night.

The Cougars, with gigantic Vince Hansen at center, are capable of turning the trick, too. They scored an equal number of field goals—16—in last week's opener and lost only on the freethrow line where the Oregons hit 15 for 22 as compared to WSC's five for 13.

Aiding the Oregon cause, however, will be increased power at center. Ken Hays of Oregon is expected to be fully recovered from an injury to two toes that kept him under wraps at Pullman. There will be little or no rest for the winner, who must enroute for Kansas City Sunday night. Oregon has not made reservations, but if the Webfoots win they would take up the reservations made by WSC.

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(Associated Press)

NEW YORK, March 13—(AP)—Perhaps an indication of what is ahead for major league teams this fourth wartime season—42-year-old Guy "Joe" Bush, a veteran of 14 years in the big show, signed yesterday to play with the Cincinnati Reds.

A member of the Chattanooga club in the Southern Association last year, the smart old right-hander may be of great help to the Reds. During his stay in the majors, mostly with the Chicago Cubs, he won 168 games and lost 120 for a .583 percentage.

Other developments among the various training camps: Brooklyn Dodgers—Pitcher Hal Gregg, who won nine games a year ago, finally signed contract. New York Yankees—Atley Donald, star pitcher, signed his contract.

St. Louis Browns—Shortstop Vern Stephens, 1944 American league RBI leader, worked out in fine style as Manager Luke Sewell marveled at the skill of Pete Gray, one-armed outfielder. Pittsburgh Pirates—Catcher Spud Davis put in charge of club until Manager Frankie Frisch, bothered with a sore leg, is able to report.

Washington Senators—First-baseman Ed Butka was expected to report soon. Chicago White Sox—Total of 16 players reported for first workout. Manager Jimmy Dykes still hopes first-baseman Hal Trosky for the winner, who must enroute for Kansas City Sunday night. Oregon has not made reservations, but if the Webfoots win they would take up the reservations made by WSC.

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New York Giants Loom As Possible Flag Winners

By JACK CUDDY

LAKEWOOD, N. J., March 12—(AP)—The New York Giants may have their troubles this season, but from the looks of the horde of hungry young men on hand today for the start of spring training, manpower isn't going to be a problem.

They have more pitchers, for example, than several clubs have players in all positions and by the time their centralized training program for six farm clubs gets underway here there may be between 400 and 500 players to choose from.

All of which adds up to the fact that this co-o-u-l-d be a Giant year and the little mufin-mouthed Mel Ott is beaming hopefully over the prospects.

He took a quick look at the earlybird contingent of 18 players who arrived yesterday, reeled out a fat and well-thumbed roster and said that "things look pretty good for us."

How did the Giants manage to come up with this plenitude of power when other club owners are walling at the wall because they can't pick up even two or three promising newcomers to fill gaps?

"Give Carl Hubbell, the Giant farm manager credit for that," Ott said. "Hub has lined up enough players to go around for all of the farm clubs and I think we really will have some quantity here shortly."

In addition to the Giants and their Jersey City farm club of the International League, players from Danville, Va., a class C team, and Bristol, Va., Hickory, N. C.,

Erie, Pa., and Springfield, O., all class D squads, will be on hand for conditioning activities. Then on March 25 and April 1, Hubbell will conduct tryout camps for free agents and young players who have been recruited for possible use on any of the various clubs. Some of these might even make the grade with the Giants.

What Ott is hoping for most of all is another Bill Voiselle among the crop of 12 pitchers on the Giant roster. If another young star could be found who could match Voiselle's 21-game winning record of 1944, the Giants might be on their way to a pennant. Pitching was their one outstanding weakness last year and because Voiselle had to carry the load by himself, the Giants didn't get very far, despite a promising start.

There are several outstanding prospects among the pitchers who might fill the bill. Of the returning staff man, Rube Fischer, Kwald Pyle and Harry Feldman appear to be the best and of course there is rubber-armed Ace Adams for relief purposes.

Van Lingle Mungo is back after a year in the army,