

HIGH CLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

We're not trying to pull the long-time University of Oregon sports publicity gag of "wait until next year" because the Webfoots still have a chance to cop the championship this year—but next season, with Roger Wiley and others back in the harness, Hobby Hobson should have a cracker-jack aggregation.

What started this trend of thought was a letter received the other day from Art Litchman, former sports editor of the Eugene News and coach of the Camp Ross basketball team. Art is out of the army and is planning to return to Oregon spring term. Fact of the matter is, all the Camp Ross hoopsters were discharged at about the same time—and the quintet's season was cut short with a record of 30 wins and two losses.

The ace scorer and defensive man on the team was Don Barksdale, who returns next year to U.C.L.A. with two remaining years of eligibility. Barksdale, who specializes in a jumping shot that is almost impossible to guard, will probably come north in March of 1947 with the Bruins—as southern division, Pacific coast conference champions. With Barksdale, the Bruins appear to be a shoo-in for next season. The conference playoffs will be in the north next year, and Oregon may be the 1947 winner in the north.

A guy who can average 24.7 points per game in 32 contests against any kind of competition must be good—and that was Barksdale's record this season and against the toughest competition Camp Ross could find. In two seasons he tallied 1570 points in 69 games for a 22.5-point average.

One of the highlights of the past season, according to Litchman, was a 60-43 victory over the highly-touted U.S.C. Trojans who were leading 32-28 at halftime. When Camp Ross was leading by 20 points, Litchman said Coach Sam Barry came to the Soldiers' bench and wailed—were they trying to set a record. Art pointed out that he had only two subs, both of which were in the game at the time, and did Barry want the regulars to go back into the fray. It so happened that the 69 points did set a record—the most any team has made against a Barry-coached USC quintet.

As far as southern California is concerned, Litchman says the news concerning the athletic picture at Oregon is bad. Scotty Deeds, a promising football half-back at Oregon before the war, and Bob Hanky, another grid prospect, are switching to Brigham Young University. Johnny Daniels, a fine freshman center under John Warren, has moved to Santa Barbara State.

Most of the high school kids who had planned on going north have been picked up by Nevada or Santa Barbara. All of the junior college club are expected to follow their last year's coach back to San Jose State. "And to top it off," writes Art, "I lost out with the two kids on my basketball club. Wilbur Johns worked hard all season and finally convinced them that UCLA had more to offer. They both had been a big help to both Tex and Hobby. One of them, a red-headed bull named Speicher, has four years of football and three of basketball left. He weighs 210 pounds and stands 6 feet, 2 inches and one of the finest backboard men I've seen in a long time. The other, Larry Barker, has two years of basketball left. I haven't given up on Speicher yet. He has gone home to Akron and promises to let me know in a month or two what his final decision would be."

Harold Wyatt, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, has been invited to a state-wide meeting of the AAU boxing commission and it looks like Jimmy Richardson of Portland, state chairman, will appoint Harold as district chairman, a job once held by Frank Riggs.

Mentioning Riggs always makes necessary the reminder that he once won three state boxing championships in one night—fighting in three weight divisions. . . . Incidentally, local sports followers should support Friday night's AAU fight card. . . . They are almost certain to see some corkin' good matches among the 15 three-rounders and support of the event will mark the re-establishing of amateur boxing in Lane county.

Top-flight performer will be Denny Quint, the ex-Eugene high mite who has held the state 128-pound title twice and is angling for a third championship this year. He wants another shot at the National title in Boston. His last trip east in 1942 didn't take him beyond the preliminaries.

The Copping Tremen or any other local quintet that has state AAU basketball championship ambitions should get "on the boat" immediately. The title tournament will be held at Jefferson high gym in Portland, March 3-5-7-9, and to gain a berth in the 16-team tournament, the local team would have to eliminate contenders before the end of next week.

There will be no "B" class tournament this season, according to Charley Walker, state chairman, but the minor-league competition may be resumed next season. . . . The Rubie Juniors were planning to enter the "B" division, a title won by the McKee Bakers of Springfield on several occasions.

Joe McGraw, veteran trotting official from Washington, Pa., has been associated with the sport for 50 years.

4-Club Cascade Baseball Loop Opens 36-Game Schedule June 9

Junior League Plans Discussed

Knot-Hole Club Set For 10-14 Year Olds

The Cascade Baseball League, highly successful open-seat semi-pro diamond circuit for the past three years, will open a 36-game schedule June 9, according to a decision made here Wednesday night by the four club owners and managers. The four-team circuit will open with a doubleheader at the league's home park, Civic Stadium, and will play every Wednesday and Friday night and Sunday afternoon until early in September. An extra game was added July 4 and there will be a one-playing-day gap between the first and second-half schedule to provide for a possible rained-out game.

An application from the Eugene Eagles for a franchise in the circuit was rejected because of limited playing facilities and the difficulty of arranging a schedule for a league of more than four teams. Bill Greene, president, and Dick Strite, secretary, were both rejected to the offices they've held for the past few years, by a unanimous vote.

Junior League Discussed

A lengthy discussion was held regarding a junior baseball league of four teams, with each Cascade league club as a junior team sponsor, to play in a regular circuit for youngsters up to an including 17 years of age. It was recommended that Frank Graham, Hill Creek; George Giustina, Giustina Reds; Orrin Snellstrom, Snellstrom Braves; and Ray Miller, Miller Lumbermen, meet with Deane Seeger, Eugene City manager; Howard Hobson, University of Oregon; Dr. Henry Gunn, superintendent of schools, and E. L. "Ted" Mershon, meet to discuss and make plans for the program.

A "Knot-Hole" Club, for youngsters of 10 to 14 years of age inclusive, was voted by the league. Applications will be issued to any boy or girl within this age limit and with their parent's approval and signature, will be issued a membership card that will admit them to all league games without admission charge. The memberships are not transferable and can be cancelled for mis-conduct at league games.

In setting up this program, designed to interest more youngsters in the "National Pastime," the league is cutting the 12, 13 and 14-year age groups from their revenue. Only children under 12 were admitted last season without admission charge. To make up for this loss in revenue, admission prices for adults and children above nine without "Knot-Hole" membership have been boosted from 50 to 75 cents, tax included.

Fence Proposed

There was also a proposal that a portable six or eight-foot fence, with approval of the school board, be installed at the stadium for the baseball season. The fence will eliminate the many "blooper" home runs scored on ground balls that would ordinarily go for only doubles or triples on a field with regulation depth. Giustina and Grover Kelsay of Hills Creek were appointed to estimate possible cost—which would be defrayed by selling advertising space.

The league also voted approval of the appointment of a three-man board of directors, not officially connected with the league, who would work with the president and secretary in rule interpretations and general policy.

President Green will call the next meeting when one or more of the committees have important action to be taken.

Boxer Dies After Bout in Salem

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—(UP)—Jack Von, 22-year-old 180-pound Salem boxer, died in a local hospital Wednesday night from what doctors believe was injuries received in a bout with Bobby Ford, 178-pound Portland Negro.

An autopsy will be made Thursday to determine definitely the cause of death, the coroner's office said. Ford, who is 16, and his second, Adolph A. Caputo, 30, were being detained by Salem police pending an investigation by the district attorney's office.

Von, a discharged Marine Corps veteran, was taken to the hospital immediately after he lost by a technical knockout in the fifth round. He died 20 minutes after entering the hospital.

Von was fighting his fourth professional bout. In the fifth round Ford drove the Salemite through the ropes. Von recovered and Ford closed in again knocking Von down.

Division Swim Meet Set for Corvallis

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 21.—(UP)—The first Northern Division championship swimming meet since 1943 will be held at Oregon State College Saturday with at least 39 mermen competing. Leading swimmers from Oregon, Oregon State, Washington, Washington State and Idaho will compete for honors.

Hillbilly Quintet Favored To Win County 'B' Crown

LANE COUNTY "B" LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Eastern	12	0	1.000
Pleasant Hill	10	2	.833
St. Mary's	7	5	.583
Lowell	7	5	.583
Creswell	5	7	.417
McKenzie	4	8	.333
Oakridge	3	9	.250
Nahcaw	3	9	.250
Western	2	10	.167
Mapleton	12	0	1.000
Siuslaw	9	3	.750
Elmira	8	4	.667
Crow	6	6	.500
Triangle Lake	3	9	.250
Coburg	3	9	.250
Loran	0	12	.000

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JUNCTION CITY, Feb. 21.—Pleasant Hill High School's defending champions will be favored to annex their ninth Lane County "B" high school basketball title in a two-day, single elimination tournament at Junction City High School Friday and Saturday nights.

Vikings Top Elmira For Tourney Spot

BLACHLY, Feb. 21.—Coach Lee Weber's Siuslaw High Vikings of Florence gained the championship round in the Lane County "B" High School Basketball League championship basketball tournament here Wednesday night. The coast quintet, playing on the neutral Triangle High court, defeated Elmira High 46-35 in a playoff to determine second place in the Western Division of the league.

Coach Bill Harcombe's Falcons gave the winners a bitter battle until the second period. After being deadlocked 4-4 at the end of the first quarter, the Vikings moved steadily ahead, holding a 23-15 halftime advantage and 39-25 at the end of the third period.

The game was played before a capacity crowd. Ray Circle and Bob Barrett paced the winners with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Summary: Siuslaw 46 (35) ELMIRA 35. Severy, 3; F., 5; Shanke, 4; Circle, 14; C., 8; Gulle, 13; Barrett, 13; C., 9; Brown, 2; Moore, 2; G., 4; Staats, 2. Subs: Siuslaw—Meadows 5; Elmira—Mason 1.

Uni High to Meet Springfield Friday

District 6 basketball action this weekend will be over-shadowed by the Lane County "B" League championship tournament Friday and Saturday at Junction City. The only district game is a Friday night affair at McArthur Court between University High and Springfield. The game will start at 8 p. m. following the usual second team game.

Roseburg, second-place team in the district, will see action against a southern Oregon opponent at Grants Pass. Saturday night the Indians meet Ashland at Ashland. The leaders of the district chase, the Eugene High Axemen, travel to Bend Friday night for a game which has no bearing in the district but will help the Axemen in the No-Name race. The Axemen can clinch the district championship and a trip to the state tournament by defeating the Roseburg Indians next Tuesday at Roseburg.

U-Bowl Action in the Women's Bowling League Wednesday night at the U-Bowl alleys saw the U-Bowl team defeat Tiny Tavern 2-1 despite the 194 high single of the evening by Annette Harvey of the Tavern team. Joan Larsen led the U-Bowl team by recording a high series of 518.

Other results included the Auto Top Shop's 2-1 win over Miller Lumber Co., Del Rey Cafe's 2-1 victory over Pennywise Drug Co. and Chase Plumbing Co. 2-1 victory over Clingman's.

Jim Crowley Challenges NFL To Pre-Season Grid Contests

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—(UP)—A challenge for a series of eight pre-season games was made Thursday by James Crowley, president of the All-America Football Conference, to members of the established National Football League.

"I am so confident of the potential power of our clubs," Crowley said, "that I'd like to arrange a series of pre-season games pitting our teams against eight of the 10 members selected by the National League. The profits would go to charity. I would be willing to let the National League pair the teams anyway it desired."

Crowley is here as part of an inspection tour of the All-America cities. He came to Chicago from the West Coast where he looked over the grid organization of members in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Crowley said league clubs had "over 400 players signed." The All-America president signed eight officials while on the Coast and will endeavor to contract others in the Mid-West. Southeastern Conference officials also will be used on the staff.

Beavers Eye Division Lead

Rocha Holds Lead In Scoring Race

OREGON STATE COLLEGE'S Beavers aim for undisputed possession of the holly contested top perch in Northern Division Pacific Coast Conference basketball standings Friday and Saturday nights when they invade the floor of the University of Washington Huskies at Seattle.

At the same time, over at Pullman, the University of Oregon's third place Webfoots start the gruelling Inland Empire invasion against tail-end Washington State. Washington's Huskies have lost seven straight games, and Oregon State, on the basis of its play lately, is no club to pick on as a soft touch to end such a losing streak. However, the Huskies, out of the running, have a chance in both games if they regain the shooting eyes which have been so noticeably off.

They'll have to do it with two of their regular guards ailing, however. Capt. Norm Dalthorp hurt his back in the second Idaho game last week and missed a couple of practices as a result. Bob Gill is in sick bay with the flu and may not recover in time to play.

Bob Jorgensen and Les East-horne are on hand to replace them. Big Red Rocha will be out this weekend to improve his standing as the high scorer of the division. He has 159 points.

The leaders:

Player	G	FG	FT	TP
Rocha, O.S.C.	13	61	37	119
Dalthorp, Wash.	14	64	21	149
Henson, Wash.	14	53	36	142
Hanson, W.S.C.	13	34	36	140
Bishop, W.S.C.	9	43	42	128
Quinn, Idaho	13	45	35	125
Hays, Ore.	11	44	23	113
Wilkins, Ore.	11	44	23	113
Anderson, O.S.C.	13	39	37	111
Mortensen, Idaho	13	35	23	111
Hays, Ore.	11	38	28	102
W. S. C. O.S.C.	12	38	19	101
Pomfret, Wash.	14	41	11	90
McGrath, O.S.C.	13	24	32	100

Jones, Hutton Win 'B' Scoring Crowns

The scoring leaders of the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Lane County "B" Basketball League wound up the season with only a one-point difference in their totals. Bob Jones of the division champion Mapleton team won the Western title with a 126-point 185-point total while Chet Hutton of the undefeated Pleasant Hill team won the Eastern title with 164 points in 12 games.

Another Mapleton Sailor, Russ Dotson, took second place in the West with 137 in 12 games, followed by Bill Guile of Elmira with 117. Jack Greig of the second-place St. Mary's team copped second honors in the Eastern Division with 148 in 12 games.

Jess Garland and Jim Mason of Mapleton took fourth and fifth place in the Western Division with 113 and 107 points each. Third place in the East went to John Dowdy of Pleasant Hill with 147. Nubbs Joiner of Creswell was fourth with 128 and Dick Casey of Pleasant Hill fifth with 105.

The leading scorers in each division follow:

Player	G	Pts.	Avg.
Eastern			
Hutton, Pleasant Hill	12	164	13.7
Greig, St. Mary's	12	148	12.3
Dowdy, Pleasant Hill	12	147	12.3
Joiner, Creswell	12	128	10.7
Casey, Pleasant Hill	11	105	9.5
Liska, McKenzie	12	102	8.5
D. Swafford, Mohawk	12	91	7.6
Swafford, Mohawk	12	89	7.4
D. Kimball, Pleasant Hill	10	89	8.9
Lindley, Pleasant Hill	10	79	7.9
Furrer, St. Mary's	11	79	7.2
Western			
Jones, Mapleton	12	126	10.5
R. Dotson, Mapleton	12	127	10.6
Guile, Elmira	12	117	9.8
J. Garland, Mapleton	12	113	9.4
Mason, Mapleton	12	107	8.9
Smith, Siuslaw	12	100	8.3
Goodbrod, Crow	11	93	8.5
Moore, Siuslaw	11	90	8.2
Warne, Elmira	11	89	8.1
Purkerson, Coburg	11	85	7.7
Ortleif, Crow	11	81	7.4
Pennock, Triangle Lake	12	80	6.7
Circle, Siuslaw	12	79	6.6
Barrett, Siuslaw	12	79	6.6
G. Sledge, Triangle Lake	12	75	6.3

Hoop Scores

Los Angeles Shamrocks 48, Pepperdine 39. Portland 39, Lindfield 38. Miami 48, Florida Southern 42. C.C.N.Y. 64, Brooklyn 35. Temple 21, Valley Forge 30. Lafayette 36, Burdman 31. Georgetown 65, American 48. Syracuse 38, Manhattan 36. Columbia 32, Fordham 31. Boston 62, Northeastern 25. Arkansas 61, Camp Robinson 33. Miami 48, Florida Southern 42. North Carolina 64, Catawba 38. Wake Forest 38, Furman 32. Navy 50, West Virginia 45. Wash. College 65, Mt. St. Mary's 34. Notre Dame 56, Michigan State 34. Cornell 32, Dartmouth 30. Iowa Pre-Flight 64, Loras 40. Indiana State 49, Evansville 41. Houston 62, Southwest Texas 35.

Big Name Golfers Tee Off at Pensacola

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 21.—(UP)—Little Ben Hogan and Big Byron Nelson, running 1-2 in golf money winnings to date, tee off in the opening round of the \$7500 Pensacola Open tournament today as they continue their campaign to become the highest salaried athletes in the nation.

The commission earlier had voted four choice dates in the Coliseum, home stadium of the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles, to the Los Angeles Rams of the National Pro Football League.

Dates given the All-Americans in a one-year contract approved by the commission are Sept. 15, Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and Dec. 14 or 15. The latter date is contingent on a possible playoff game for the Rams in the National League.

Edward "Slip" Madigan, manager of the All-Americans, declined to say where their seventh scheduled home game will be played.

27 Mittmen In Tournament

Twenty-seven amateur boxers, 14 from Lane County, will fight 45 rounds or less at the Eugene Armory Friday night in the first local championship AAU mitt tournament. The elimination event, to select entries for the Willamette valley championships at Albany early in March, is being sponsored here by the Eugene Junior Chamber of Commerce. Major F. H. Blake of Albany is director of the event and Kenny Hulse is local chairman.

Two exhibition matches in the welterweight division will open the program at 8 o'clock, followed immediately by eight semi-final bouts in five weight divisions. After a short intermission, the finalists will return for five championship matches. There is only one entry in each of the middle-weight and light-heavyweight divisions, so Winchel Brunson and Clarence Alumbaugh will automatically qualify for the valley championships.

Both semi-final and final bouts will be over the championship route—three two-minute rounds. All fighters will report at the armory at 2 p. m. Friday for weigh-in and physical check-ups by Dr. Harry Talbot, Eugene Boxing and Wrestling Commission physician.

The complete list of entries follows:

Weight	Fighter
Flyweights	Jim Bryan, 104, Eugene; Don Howland, 112, Lebanon; Francis Sprague, 112, Albany.
Bantamweights	Joe Bacas, 118, Lebanon; Frank Layman, 118, Albany; Buck Cooley, 118, Albany.
Featherweights	Denny Quinn, 126, Eugene; Lewis Brown, 128, Junction City; Cliff Madler, 140, Eugene; Exhibitions—Bill Baxter, 140, Lebanon; Ole Sprague, 140, Albany; Bill Towery, 145, Turner.
Middleweights	Winchel Brunson, 158, Eugene. Only entry.
Light-heavyweights	Clarence Alumbaugh, 175, Eugene.
Heavyweights	None.

Ex-GI's, Joe Gordon In Yankee Lineup For Exhibition Game

BALBOA, Feb. 21.—(UP)—Manager Joe McCarthy of the New York Yankees announced Wednesday that he will start an all ex-GI team against the Panama Pro League All-Stars in their first exhibition game Thursday.

Buddy Hassett will be at first base, Joe Gordon at second, Phil Rizzuto at short, Henry Majskei at third and Joe DiMaggio, Charley Keller and Tommy Henrich in the outfield. Ken Silvestri will catch with Spud Chandler the starting pitcher. A crowd of 15,000 is expected for the game. President Enrique Jimenez of Panama will throw out the first ball.

Eugene Recreation

Virgil Jones of the Jones Super Service team and Hoffman of the Chittock Refrigeration team were the two stars of Wednesday night's action in the Major Bowling League at the Eugene Recreation alleys. Jones turned in the high single game of the evening with a 247 but his team lost 2-1 to the Johnson Furniture Co. Hoffman turned in a high series of 644 to lead his team to a 2-1 victory over Richfield Oil.

Other results included Coast Cable Co. 3-0 victory over Good-year Tires and Jim the Shoe Doctor's 3-0 win over DeLuzé Taxi.

RIPLEY GETS AROUND

SOUTH BEND—Elmer Ripley, closing out wartime service as Notre Dame's basketball mentor, previously coached at Georgetown, Yale and Columbia, returns to Georgetown next winter.

Capacity Crowd Expected For Armory Team Brawl

Another capacity crowd is expected Saturday night at the armory as Promoter Don Owen presents his regular wrestling program. The fans will get something new in the way of entertainment with a new type team match on tap. Six of the top drawing cards in this area will perform on the card.

In the main event a team composed of two of the best-liked matmen ever to appear here will meet a team of the roughest, toughest and most-hated villains in the memory of local wrestling fans. Pacific Coast junior heavyweight champion Joe Lynam and Angelo Martinelli will be the popularity team. They will face Terrible Tony Ross and Bruno Angelo, the recently arrived badman who was the scourge of the Middlewestern wrestling arenas.

The main event is called a relay team match and will provide about twice as much action as a regular team match. Only half of each team is in the ring at the same time. A fall results when one of the opposing matmen in the ring can subdue his opponent and secure a fall in such a manner that the downed man can call on his partner who is standing by outside the ring. He can contact his partner by the then he can come in and take over.

One preliminary match will complete the program. Elmer Ripley, the imported mat villain from Mexico City, will get a tough test at the hands of Gus Johnson in the preliminary.

The main event, besides being a new type event, will pack great deal of interest in that Lynam and Ross will be continuing their feud which has been raging in fury over the past few weeks. The two men have twice in regular matches at have each won one.

Otis Clingman, ex-ring favorite of a few years back, will referee the bouts.

California Teams Lose Hockey Games

It was an all-around bad night for Central California's representatives in the Pacific Coast Hockey League Wednesday night. The San Francisco Shamrocks took an 8-2 beating from the Los Angeles Monarchs in the south while Oakland was being trounced 6-2 by the Seattle Ironmen.

In Seattle, the humbled Oakland Oaks were handed their third straight loss in their current invasion of the northern circuit when the Ironmen broke a tie with a four-goal spree in the last period.

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