

HIGHLIGHTS
 By BILLY LOVE

★ Consolidation of Eugene and University High would give the city a "united" front athletically. No longer would the town's loyalty be divided between two public schools. . . .

This matter of combining the two schools has been in the air for some time, though no official action has been taken by the school board on the matter. . . . Much depends on what Bethel decides to do, but it seems very likely that Bethel will have a setup of its own by fall. . . .

A combination could mean that no new coaches would be added to the staff at Eugene until the new school is built. . . . Ray Hendrickson will undoubtedly handle football for the "two schools" next year, with Hank Kuchera running the hoop program. . . . Anyway, such a division seems logical. . . .

According to figures released last week, some 50 students now in the tenth and eleventh grades at UHS will be in the new Bethel district. . . . Out of this, 50 Bethel students are attending the Junior high in Eugene, and a large portion of these would normally matriculate to University. . . .

Hendrickson was kind enough to make us out a list of the Bethel boys who have shown some interest in athletics at the campus school. . . . Thirteen names were listed, and it includes three lettermen—Glen Athey, Wyman Sorg, and Duane Wilson. . . . Sorg, incidentally, is captain elect of the football team for the Tiders next year. . . .

We feel that consolidating the two schools—whether it takes place by next year or in a couple of years when the new school is constructed—will begin a new "era" in Eugene athletics. . . . No longer will the interests be divided, and think of the teams that Eugene will be able to turn out!!!

STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT — MARCH 15-19

★ The Eugene Active Club is "going all out" this year to make the state tournament a big success. . . . This is really the "do or die" year for keeping the tournament in Eugene, where we sit should want it. . . . Next year, Corvallis will be ready to make a bid. . . . The OSAA delegates (meaning the school supervisors and coaches) will make the final decision, so Eugene has a "selling job" to do. . . .

Eugene battled alone to get the tournament out of Salem, and now we have to battle to keep it here. . . . The Active Club and the University can't do it alone. . . . It will take support from all the people, and especially the merchants of Eugene, who have been very generous in the past. . . . Financially, the state tournament is a very luscious plum for the city. . . .

Over the past two years, it has been conservatively estimated that an average of 5000 people attend each of the five daily sessions, and each person spends on the average of ten dollars per day. . . . That's a quarter-of-a-million bucks being spent in Eugene, which means money in the pocket of "every" businessman in the town. . . . Some (such as amusement places, restaurants, service stations, etc.) benefit directly, but every business is aided indirectly. . . .

At the same time, it will be up to all basketball fans to back the tournament by purchasing season tickets. . . . If you plan to see any sizable number of the games, you're money ahead with a ducent good for all games, you'll have the choice seats, and you'll be showing the OSAA that Eugene wants to keep the tournament. . . .

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★ ODDS 'N ENDS. . . Don Eastburn, who sank a freethrow in an overtime over a week ago which allowed Cottage Grove to beat Eugene 28-27, attended the Eugene school in his sophomore year. . . . He was overlooked in the large shuffle of EHS athletes, so went back down to Grove for his final two years. . . . He had played his freshman athletics at Grove. . . .

Mike Lynch of University High does all right for himself from the freethrow line. . . . He has missed only three of 19 tries in district games to date. . . . If Dean Parsons, the very promising Eugene sophomore, can throw a baseball half as hard as he pitches the basketball or half as far as he wings a pigskin, he could become quite a diamond prospect. . . . With those hands of his, he ought to do almost anything with the horsehide—if he can learn to put the ball where he wants it. . . .

Until his game with Eugene last week, Elmira led the district in the number of points scored in district play, as well as in the points-per-game column. . . . Jim Mulvihill has done a good job in bringing the Elmira boys along. . . . And of the boys who have seen regular action this year, only Tom Brown will be absent when hoop time calls again next season. . . .

Lebanon is the second team to gain a state tourney berth, joining Scappoose. . . . Bud Page's crew won ten straight district games without a setback. . . . They have a good bunch of boys, but have already tasted defeat from two of the three District 6 leaders—Cottage Grove and Junction City. . . .

Oregon, Washington Ski Clubs Split in PNSA Cross-Country

By Ruby Frasier
 Register-Guard Ski Writer

WILLAMETTE PASS SKI AREA, Feb. 21—Ski clubs widely scattered over Oregon and Washington shared honors in the second annual PNSA Cross-Country meet run Sunday at Willamette Pass Ski Area, where 72 racers competed for medals and trophies offered by the sponsoring Obsidian Club of Eugene and the PNSA.

Described by Buster Campbell, University of Washington ski coach as "a difficult race, but excellently organized," this meet preceded by one week the national cross-country event scheduled for Tollgate ski, near Baker, area next Sunday. Campbell said this is the first time skiers from the north-west have had a chance to enter a cross-country competition before jumping right into the nationals, and provided good experience.

Gunvald Haugen, racing for Fjeld Ski Club at Mt. Baker, Wash, placed first in a field of six Class A men. His time for the 12-mile course was 1:12:47.0. Class A and B men ran the three to four mile course three times. A series of longer courses had been planned, but because of the exceedingly deep snow officials had racers use the shorter course two or three times.

Rain followed by a freeze, made racing dangerous for the first part of the meet because of an icy crust. As the weather warmed during the day the surface softened, but the snow was slower.

Rolf Rodgaard, skiing for the Anthony Lakes Club (and brother of famous Olaf Rodgaard) placed first in a field of six Class B men with a time of 1:22:43.4 over 12 miles. Clifford Smith, also of Anthony Lakes, took Class C honors (7-8 miles) with time of 0:29:24.3.

Charles Moores, Seattle, placed first in junior boys, making the single run of the course in 46:06.2. Everett Alford, Obsidians, was second with time of 46:19.5.

Class C Women was won by

HOME TALENT
 Eight of the twelve players on the Villanova College basketball squad are from Philadelphia, all four of the others from nearby New Jersey.

Eugene Hosts Springfield in Vital Hoop Go

Axemen Need Win at Igloo to Stay Abreast

Eugene High goes up against Springfield tonight in McArthur Court in a very important District 6 contest. Game time will be 8 p.m., preceded by a 'B' squad contest getting underway at 6:30.

A victory is very vital to Eugene, bringing it into a tie with Junction City in the district race and setting the stage for next Thursday's meeting between the two schools at Junction.

Parsons Questionable
 Coach Stan Williamson has his boys geared to stop the Axemen. While Springfield is out of the title contention, it has played the "giant killing" role this season. Already the Millers have knocked over Cottage Grove and Junction and would like to add Eugene to their string of victims.

Eugene will probably play without the services of high-scoring Jack Parsons. Parsons has a bad back and has not been responding to treatment as rapidly as predicted. If Parsons is out of the lineup, the opening Eugene unit will consist of Wayne Johnson and Ron Murray at the forwards, Dean Parsons at center, and Clark Hollis and Gene Lewis at the guard slots.

Tuesday Game at Army
 For Springfield, Williamson will undoubtedly stick with Bob King and Leon Bender at forwards, Bob Paddock at center, and Darwin Allison and Ted Johnson at the guards.

In Tuesday night tussles, University High and St. Mary's clash at the Army in a district encounter. Junction City is host to Sweet Home, and Cottage Grove goes to Lebanon in non-district games.

SOCE Beaten

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—(U.P.)—San Francisco State Saturday night defeated the Southern Oregon College of Education by a score of 77 to 70 before 2000 spectators in Kezar Pavilion.

This was their second victory in two nights over the visiting Oregon club. San Francisco won Friday night's game by 75 to 72.

Big Nine Narrowed
 The Big Nine has narrowed to Illinois and Minnesota. Four teams—Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas State—still have a chance in the Big Seven. Wyoming is in front in the Big Six, but Utah and Denver still are fighting.

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DOWN HIS ALLEY—It may look like Wayne Glasgow is picking a bowling ball from a rack, but baseball is more down the Oklahoma guard's alley, and he's choosing a ball of that type from the cart.



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FIRST ONE-POINTER
 When Alabama bowed to Tulane 21-20 last season it marked the first time the Crimson Tide ever lost a football game by one point.

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Coast Clubs Begin Training Grind Monday

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—(U.P.)—The crack of the bat and the thud of baseballs into gloves and mitts resounded through the West Monday as the advance guard of the eight teams in the Pacific Coast League opened their annual spring training camps.

Pitchers and catchers, plus a few assorted veterans and rookies, made up the major share of the fellows who reported to the eight managers—five of them directing PCL teams for the first time.

The battermen will get a full week's practice before the infielders and outfielders report on Feb. 28.

Five new managers who will look over their new charges are: Bucky Harris with the San Diego Padres at Ontario; Charles Dressen with the Oakland A's at Glendale; Fred Haney with the Hollywood Stars at San Fernando; Bill Sweeney with the Portland Beavers at River-side; and Del Baker with the Sacramento Solons at Anaheim.

The veteran managers returning are Lefty O'Doul, in his 14th year as manager of the San Francisco Seals at Boyes Spring; Jo-Jo White with the Seattle Rainiers at Wilkington; and Bill Kelly, with the Los Angeles Angels at Fullerton.

Most of the big name hitters from last year will be missing from the training-camp lineups this spring because they all have graduated to the majors. Gone will be the league's top hitter of 1948, Gene Woodling, who was sold to the New York Yankees. Gus Zernial, who led the loop

in runs-batted-in for Hollywood, is with the Chicago White Sox; Jack Graham, San Diego's home run king, went to the St. Louis Browns; and Jackie Tobin, the base stealing champion, was picked off by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

On the other hand, the pitchers who went to ramp Monday included most of the top stars of 1948. Headlining the list was Con Dempsey, who came up as a freshman last year and won 16 and lost 11 for the Seals with an earned run average of 2.10 runs per game. The only mark to top

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Yale, Columbia 1-2 For Ivy Lead

Oklahoma A. M. Vies With St. Louis Again

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(U.P.)—Oklahoma A. and M. and St. Louis play a return engagement Saturday night, with second place in the national basketball rankings hanging in the balance.

The Aggies, currently rated No. 3 behind Kentucky and St. Louis, also could wrap up the Missouri Valley title with a victory.

Aggies Won Last
 The last time the two clubs met the Aggies pulled out a 29-27 victory in overtime at Stillwater. The loss knocked St. Louis from first place in the Associated Press poll.

This time the fray will be in St. Louis' Kiel Auditorium, where the Aggies won last year, 33-30.

The St. Louis test isn't the only tough one on the Aggies' schedule this week. On Wednesday night they entertain the University of Oklahoma, at Stillwater. The Sooners soundly whipped the A. and M. outfit two weeks ago.

Elsewhere the conference races go into their final two weeks without a sure-fire champion in sight.

Even Kentucky (22-1) has to go through the formality of winning the Southeastern Conference tournament starting March 3. The Wildcats have beaten league opponents 11 times in a row and wind up against Georgia Tech Monday night and Vanderbilt Saturday.

North Carolina State (19-8) also has to win a tournament to retain its Southern Conference Crown, although it has won 12 of 13 games with league foes.

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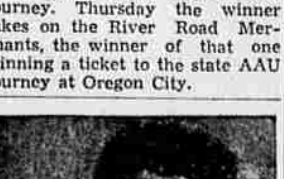
ALTHOUGH a promising Jockey, apprentice Eldon Nelson doesn't mind pitching in with chores around the stable area at Florida's Hialeah Park. The Ponce City, Okla. lad rode 75 winners last year.

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Johnny Palmer Houston Winner

Steady Golf Beats Cary Middlecoff

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 21.—(U.P.)—Happy John Palmer, Badin, N.C., tourist on goldfom's winter trail, Monday was hailed as the best bet in the Rio Grande Valley open, a \$10,000 tournament that begins in Harlingen, Tex., next Thursday.

Palmer jumped into the favorite's role Sunday immediately after he sloshed through the muddy Pine Forest Country Club course to post a 72-hole total of 272 that was good enough to win the \$10,000 Houston Open.

Playing a steady game that was never sensational, Palmer fired a 33-34-67, five under par, to finish a stroke ahead of Dr. Cary Middlecoff, the Memphis, Tenn., dentist.

Palmer pocketed the \$2000 first prize money.

Jim Turnesa, Briar Cliff, N.Y., finished third Sunday with a 274, coming in with a 69 on the last round.

Other top winners were Jim Ferrier, the Aussie from San Francisco, and Marty Furgol of Albuquerque, with 276's, and E.H. "Dutch" Harrison also of Albuquerque, with a 279.

Slammin' Sammy Snead sank seven birdies for a 66 and a tournament total of 281.

He finished ahead of Lloyd Mangrum of Niles, Ill., a pre-tourney favorite.

Mangrum could salvage some satisfaction from his comparatively slow performance. The \$415 that he earned brought his season total to \$6170, and established him as the circuit's leading money winner.



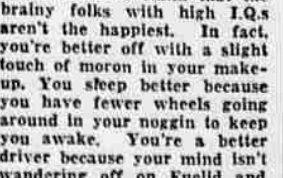
ACTING TRAINER Charlie Stevenson holds up new arrival at Hialeah Park while proud mother, Sieke Sun, looks on. First horse foaled at the Miami track since it was built in 1925. The youngster will be named Hialeah Parke.



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Thumping Ted Eager To Go, Aims Higher

EVERGLADES, Fla., Feb. 21.—(U.P.)—Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox, lolling in a sun-baked hamlet 85 miles from Miami, took time out from his fishing Monday to report that he is "shooting for a .400 batting average this season."

The 30-year-old outfielder, the American League's batting leader last season, admitted the .400 mark will be "a tough nut to crack."

"Batting 400 isn't as easy as going out there and hooking some fish," he said, gesturing toward the Gulf of Mexico.

"Sure, I hit 400 seven years ago, but before that the last player was Harry Heilmann about 20 years ago. Look at Stan Musial. He can do anything with a bat and he's never hit 400."

Gangling Ted has some other aspirations for the 1949 campaign, too.

"Frankly," he grinned, "I'd like to lead the league in everything. I hit 25 homers last year but I'm sure I'll hit more this year."

"I've never felt so good in my life. I feel like I could go out there and hit a few right now," he asserted, swinging at an imaginary baseball.

"These everglades are right down my alley. I get in all the fishing I want and there's nobody here to bother me. There isn't more than 250 people in this town and that suits me fine. No cars, no buses, no noise. It's a pleasure to be away from the rat-race in cities."

Williams, who received a reported \$80,000 last year, said he had been given a "nice raise" but had not signed his contract yet.

"There are a few things I have to straighten out and I guess I'll sign in Sarasota within the next few weeks."

The slugging left-hander laughed when the question of his retirement came up but claimed, "I would retire after three more years if I could. I mean I would retire if I were financially able to do so. Right now I can't though. I have to make more money."

"Baseball has been very good to me and I'd hate to get out. But when the time came, I'd go. I don't want a manager's job or a coaching job. You're generally indebted to somebody for a job like that and I've always been independent. That's the way I'll always be."

At 195 pounds, Ted is only five pounds over his normal playing

weight he attributed the poundage to the "good living."

Eager for the start of the season, he predicted that he would be "much stronger" lot tougher to beat.

"Cleveland is the team by the way I look at it," he said, "seems like everybody on that team had a good year in 1948. I'm liable to be our turn this year. Tom Yawkey (Red Sox owner) deserves a winner. He's the owner in the game."

Williams is living here a quarter court with his wife and year-old daughter. He said he is reachable only by one road which is equipped on one side by a marshy swamp.

"I wouldn't mind living here year around," he said. "The man, the fish really like these parts."

"We never get someone who likes thing like that. Even we like it here."

"There's only one thing I like with this place," he panned. "It has no pitchers."

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