SPORTS
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FISH TALES
By DICK STRITE

★ **The State Game Commission is apparently still listening to the amateurs instead of passing recommendations proposed by men who have made a life's study of fish and game. . . .** Resident biologists last year convinced the game commission that limiting the size of trout taken on the McKenzie to 14 inches was biologically sound — and passed the regulation. . . . Now, because a few fishermen object, tentative regulations for 1952 trout fishing call for eliminating a study that could not have been made in less than three years. . . .

We have always contended that our trained fish and game men know what is good for us. Although we call ourselves conservationists, we just can't "wait until Christmas" . . . True, some of our lay readers are well versed in fish and game life, but we too often listen to the anglers who are unhappy because they'd sooner have full creels today than reasonable catches tomorrow. . . . Even the proposed one 14-inch trout limit would partially handicap the study. . . .

The final public hearing was to have been held in Portland Friday and the commissioners will definitely settle the 1952 regulations at a meeting Saturday. . . . Apparently there is no great argument regarding the opening of trout season — April 19 in coastal waters and the Willamette and Hood River water sheds, and May 3 for the remainder of the state — with mountain lakes opening May 30 for the most part.

—MAIL-A-BUCK—

★ **Fishing steelhead for three days on the Alsea and two days on the Siuslaw within the last week, the only thing your reporter accomplished was to net three fish for someone else. . . .** We did experience some of the worst fishing weather possible. . . .

Cliff Potter, ex-Oregon athlete who lives in Washington, used our outfit and we were at the oars (Bob Bertsch doesn't believe we ever touch oars) when he caught the only steelhead (about 8 pounds) on the Alsea last Saturday. . . . Among the local anglers were Al and Claude Potter, Bob Overstreet, Rex Hamaker, Bill Bartle, Bertsch, Carl Baker, Bill Sheppard, Frank Hise and two Corvallis friends, and Ed Badgley of Portland. . . . That's quite a few fishermen for one steelhead.

Tuesday and Wednesday on the Siuslaw, Jack O'Neal caught a one-day limit, including a 13-pounder, with Kenny King at the oars. . . . Wednesday Denny Abel boated one fish under almost impossible conditions, with Johnny Ball boating. . . . Other members of the party were Weir McDonald, Al Clements and J. Don Smith. . . . Ed Schindler was the third boatman. . . .

Now, with the skies showing blue and the streams dropping, fishing will probably be terrific. . . .

O. D. Martin, fishing with Everett Spaulding, also under impossible water conditions Wednesday, caught a large buck in the "crusher" hole on the Siuslaw. . . . The water started to clear up considerably later in the afternoon.

—MAIL-A-BUCK—

★ **The game commission has recently arranged for public access for fishing at Malheur reservoir, between Burns and Vale. . . . Information on restrictions to public fishing on the Rogue, Nestucca and Deschutes rivers and Unity and Higging reservoirs is now being compiled. . . .**

Continued heavy snows, with about two more months of winter, may cause a substantial loss in the mule deer herds. . . . Some herds are already in poor physical condition. . . .

Sportsmen and ranchers in snow areas have been promoting game bird feeding.

—MAIL-A-BUCK—

★ **Ten bucks from Glen Younger and one from C. M. Hubbell brings to $122.50 the total in the Mail-a-Buck fund. . . . The fund, by the way, is far off last year's pace and any contribution of bucks or a buck will be appreciated — mailed to the Register-Guard sports department.**

SPORTS BRIEFS

Combined Wire Service

DON LAZ, NCAA pole vault champion from Illinois, withdrew from Saturday's Millrose Games because of a knee injury.

SANTA ANITA racetrack was robbed of $3500 Thursday by a man who displayed a revolver at the $100 cashier's cage. The robbery tok place just before the final race.

FELIX BOCCHICCHIO, Jersey Joe Walcott's manager, said he won't be "driven into taking a championship fight." Meanwhile Harry "Kid" Matthews' manager, Jack Hurley said he and his fighter would head east Saturday on a "business trip" the nature of which he would not disclose.

Harvard president **JAMES B. CONANT** said, in his annual report to the university's Board of Overseers, that future Harvard football schedules will disregard gate receipts and athletic deficits will be met by the faculty's budget.

CHET NICHOLS, Boston Brave southpaw pitcher who has passed his pre-induction physical, said he will apply for a dependency deferment if his father, seriously hurt in an accident a year ago, is unable to return to work.

Declaring he was fed up with "pressure" by fans, **HOWARD MONTGOMERY** resigned as head football coach at Arkansas State Teachers College.

Student petitions and even a plea for Korean blood failed supporters in their efforts to line up a basketball game between Seattle's two red-hot entries, the Washington Huskies and Seattle U. Chieftains. The UW Student Board of Control rejected the game by an 11-3 vote.

Senator **HARRY P. CAIN** (R-Wash) said the army should consider raising military height standards so it can draft more basketball players and other tall men. He made the statement after hearing a report that three six-foot six-inch basektball players were rejected, because they were too tall.

DICK TODD, who took over the Washington Redskins last year because the club couldn't get the coach it wanted, said he is "definitely interested" in retaining his job next season.

The **DETROIT RED WINGS** held their nine point lead in National Hockey League action with a 2-2 tie with Toronto, while Montreal topped Chicago 4-1.

BOB LEMON, the "dissatisfied" star pitcher of Cleveland, is keeping in trim by throwing on a movie set during the shooting of a movie biography of the great Grover Cleveland Alexander.

JOHNNY RUCKER, veteran outfielder, was released by the Portland Beavers of the Coast League.

The Kentucky Senate passed, 35-0, and sent to the House of Representatives an anti-corruption measure providing for prison terms and fines for any gamblers or athletes who "fix" the scores of basketball and any other games in Kentucky.

10 FIELD GOALS

WASHINGTON — (SF) — Bill Dudley of the pro-football Redskins kicked 10 field goals out of 12 attempts in the 1951 season.

Edwin Niespo Heads Siuslaw Gun Club

FLORENCE — At the January meeting of the Siuslaw Rod and Gun Club, Inc., the following officers were elected for 1952: Edward Niespo, president; Budd Southworth, vice-president; Frank Wright, secretary, and Warner Pinkney, treasurer.

Committee chairmen will be named by the president at a meeting Feb. 15.

U O Swimmers in AAU

PORTLAND—(U.P.)—The annual Oregon AAU Senior Swimming Championships will get underway here Saturday with more than 75 of the state's top swimmers already entered in the affair. Swimmers from the University of Oregon, Oregon State, Multnomah Athletic Club, Aero Club, Columbia Athletic Club, Vancouver Recreation Assn. and the Northwest YMCA are entered.

Gal Keglers Aid Polio

The Women's Major bowling league at U-Bowl alleys has produced the highest league contribution to the Lane county sports polio fund — $25.13. Tuesday night the Super league contributed $24.50 and the Lookout Point Dam League $4.50 at U-Bowl alleys.

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Boros Leading Phoenix Meet

Midpines Divoter Two Strokes Ahead

PHOENIX, Ariz.—(U.P.)—Bronzed Julius Boros of Midpines, N. C., whose greatest claim to fame in the past was a victory last year in the Massachusetts Open, blistered the sun-baked Phoenix Country Club course Thursday with a five-under-par 66 to take the first round lead in the Phoenix Open.

The 31-year-old shot maker, in his second year on the golfing circuit, took a two-stroke lead over a star-packed field that included three Negro golfers participating in a PGA-sponsored tournament for the first time in history.

Boros put together consistent nines of 33-33 on the par-71 course which goes out in 36, back in 35. He had seven birdies and two bogies on the route and was helped considerably by a couple of 25-foot putts and a sizzling approaching iron that put him up there for one and two-foot putts for birdies on several holes.

THE GREAT ROUND didn't give Boros much of a lead, however. Only two strokes back came Lloyd Mangrum, the leading money winner of 1951; and Dr. Cary Middlecoff, who is rated one of the world's greatest stars.

The best of the Negro aces was Ted Rhodes, protege of Joe Louis. Rhodes birdied two of the last three holes to come in with an ever-par 71. Professional Bill Spiller had a 79 and amateur Eural Clark an 81.

All told, there were 79 shot makers who fired par or better.

Bob Toski of North Hampton, Mass, had a 35-34—69, while in the 70 bracket were:

Ted Kroll, winner of the San Diego Open last week; Jerry Barber of Pasadena, 12th leading money winner last year; Gil Cavanagh, Bandera, Tex., Bob Gadga, Birmingham, Mich., Bob Watson, White Plains, N. Y.; Ralph Blomquist, Pasadena; Charles Bassler, Baltimore, Md., Johnny Palmer, Badin, N. C.; Jackie Burke, Houston, Tex., Elroy Martin, Houston, Tex., Tex Consolver, Wichita, Kans., and Jackson Bradley, Chicago.

ALL THE STARS didn't fare as well. Jimmy Demaret, the tournament favorite, had a big 76. Jim Ferrier had a 72; and Lew Worsham, the defending champion, took 71 blows.

Eugene Gunner Loses Shootoff

TUCSON, Ariz.—Mrs. Ann Hecker, Tucson, and Scotty Scobbie, Bellview, Ill., took top trap shoot honors Thursday in the second day of the Arizona trapshoot championships.

Mrs. Hekcer captured the Arizona state doubles championship; took high women gun honors in the Phoenix 100 with a 98x100; Class B honors in the doubles and top women gun honors in the doubles.

Scobbie captured top honors in the Arizona doubles, open classification, and Class A honors in the Phoenix 100 after a brilliant shootoff.

Four shooters were deadlocked with perfect 100x100 scores in the Phoenix 100. They were Karl Kraph, Cutbank, Mont.; Dean Blank, Perryton, Tex.; Ed G. Winstanley, Eugene, Ore., and Scobbie. Kraph was eliminated in the first 25-round shotoff. Winstanley was eliminated in the fifth extra round when he missed his 18th target.

Major City Hoop

Ed Jensen's (67)		(53) Everybody's Drug	
Goodwin, 21	F	7, Clawson	
Lally, 8	F	20, Murry	
Stout, 10	C	4, Mathews	
Clements, 13	G	23, Calderwood	
Kittredge, 8	G	22, Fullerton	

Halftime scores: Jensen's 37, Everybody's 36.
Subs: Jensen's — Wheeless, Moss 7. Everybody's—Cook 1, Rockey, Hamilton 6.
Officials: Adams and Blinkensop.

Hewitt's Mkt. (60)		(68) Warren's	
Gould, 9	F	Cooper	
Morgan, 11	F	13, Amacher	
Hultgren, 13	C	20, McElravy	
Wildie, 2	G	17, Baldini	
Garrett, 8	G	8, Tom	

Halftime score: Hewitts 28, Warrens 39.
Subs: Hewitt's—Wherry 8, Morgan 3, Hollis 4, Heino 2. Warren's—Sperling, Reynolds 9, Abraham 1.
Officials: Adams and Blinkensop.

JUNCTION JUNIORS WIN

JUNCTION CITY — The Junction City Junior High won a double header from Springfield recently. Scores: 7th grade, 27-22, with Rocky Conser and Clyde Kelley high with 6 points apiece; 8th grade, 32-27, with Bill Carson high with 12 points.

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'The Magic Eye' O'Brien On Way to All-Time Marks

SEATTLE — (U.P.) — Johnny O'Brien, America's leading collegiate basketball scorer, and the dynamic force behind Seattle University's Chieftains, is well on his way to becoming one of the cage sport's all-time great little players.

Only five-feet, nine-inches in height, the South Amboy, N. J., mighty mite has the backing of the Harlem Globe Trotters, coaches and a host of basketball fans, east and west, in his quest for fame.

"THE MAGIC EYE," as O'Brien is known by his followers, was paid a compliment this week by one of professional basketball's top coaches, who said, "nobody can stop O'Brien, unless they use a net."

That came from Abe Saperstein after his Harlem Globe Trotters dropped a sensational, 84-81 Olympic Games fund benefit contest to Seattle University and O'Brien, who scored 43 points. The Trotters, generally considered the world's best basketball aggregation in addition to being one of the sport's clowningest teams, didn't get to crack a smile in the benefit game.

"He beat anything I've ever seen," said Saperstein. "It appeared he was writing his own ticket to the Olympics with the show he put on."

WASHINGTON STATE College coach Jack Friel, dean of Pacific Coast Conference hoop mentors, calls O'Brien "the greatest little man in basketball." Coach Tippy Dye of the Washington Huskies, whose team is ranked fifth among the nation's college fives, said of O'Brien's show against the Trotters:

"He did everything extremely well, offensively."

Clarence Hec Edmundson, retired Washington track and basketball coach, says the Seattle flash "is too good, in fact, he's wonderful."

Coach Al Brightman of Seattle U. labels O'Brien "my meal ticket."

"PUT HIM ON a club like Illinois, Kansas or Kentucky and he'd be one of basketball's all-time greats," he says.

O'Brien presently has his sights set on the four-year collegiate scoring record of 2902 points established by Nate DeLong of River Falls, Wis., State College.

A junior, O'Brien has scored 635 points in 23 games this season. Add that to 1335 scored in his first two years and his total soars to 1970 points. He still has 13 games left for this season and it is conceivable he could run his total for 1951-52 to 1000 points.

Top Tourney Teams Already Shaping Up

NEW YORK —(U.P.)— It's still two months away from basketball tournament time, but the post-season picture already is coming into focus with many of last year's contenders again in the forefront.

Teams that appear good bets to make successful defenses of their conference titles and gain automatic berths in the NCAA tournament are Kentucky, last year's national champion, in the Southeastern; Illinois in the Big Ten; Washington in the Pacific Coast and Brigham Young in the Skyline.

FOUR OTHER 1950-51 conference champions—Kansas State in the Big Seven, Oklahoma A and M in the Missouri Valley, North Carolina State in the Southern, Arizona in the Border—still are undefeated in league play but face tough opposition in defense of their titles.

In line for the four eastern member-at-large berths are such leading independents as Duquesne 11-0, St. Bonaventure 11-0, LaSalle 12-1, Seton Hall 14-1, Penn State 10-1, Louisville 4-2, St. John's of Brooklyn 12-2, Fordham 12-2, Holy Cross 11-2, New York University 14-3, Dayton 14-3 and Villanova 9-3.

Seattle University 18-5 and Montana State, the Rocky Mountain Conference leader, are good bets for the two member-at-large bids in the West.

HERE IS HOW some of the various conference races shape up at present: Big Ten—Illinois 4-0 in front, with Iowa 5-1 still in the running.

Big Seven—Kansas and Kansas State both have 3-0 records and meet Saturday night for first place.

Missouri Valley-St. Louis 3-0 and Oklahoma A and M 2-0 play Saturday night.

Southwest — Texas Christian leads with 4-0 mark, but Texas and defending champion Texas A and M in contention with 3-1 records.

Skyline—Brigham Young, in front with 4-0 record, faces challenges from Utah 5-1 and Wyoming 3-1.

Pacific Coast—Washington 5-1 heads northern division and appears class of conference; California 4-2 tops southern division.

Preppers Slate District Games

Lane County prep basketball teams will vie in three District 6 contests tonight, while two other local quints are vieing in Big-Six contests on alien courts.

In District 6-1, University moves to Junction City, while Cottage Grove plays at Willamette. In the District 6-2 race, leading Oakridge plays at St. Francis.

Big-Six contests tonight pit Springfield against leading Salem at Vik Villa, while Eugene tackles the runnerup Spartans at Corvallis.

The Uni-Junction clash pits two of the top district teams, with both in a tie for second spot in the 6-1 race. The winner of this contest is a cinch to stay in second place, but both clubs need the decision to keep alive playoff hopes.

Cottage Grove can keep pace with the winner of the Uni-Junction if the Lions rate the edge over Willamette. The Wolverines, on the other hand, could climb right back into the thick of things with a triumph.

Oakridge, undefeated in two District 6-2 starts, could clinch a tie for that division crown by defeating the fast-coming Saints. The Warriors rate the edge over St. Francis, although the latter club has won three of its last four starts.

Both Eugene and Springfield are underdogs in their Big-Six games. Elsewhere tonight, Powers, one of the strongest "B" teams in the state, moves to Elmira, and Bandon plays at Siuslaw.

PCC Track Meet Slated For Eugene, May 23-24

MOSCOW, Idaho — (AP) — The spring sports schedule for teams of the Pacific Coast Conference's Northern Division were announced by Gale L. Mix, general manager of athletics at the University of Idaho. Mix is in charge of schedule arrangements for the conference.

The Northern Division track and field meet will be held at Seattle May 17 and followed the next week-end by the Pacific Coast meet at Eugene, Ore., May 23-24. The division golf championship is set for Moscow May 17 while the tennis meet will be held at Pullman May 16-17. The Northern Division swimming meet will be held at Corvallis March 8.

DeMoss Loses In Golf Meet

MIAMI, Fla. —(AP)— Semifinalists in the Helen Lee Doherty Women's Amateur Golf Tournament were to be determined in Friday's double round of eliminations.

Defending Champion Claire Doran of Cleveland is paired with Marjorie Lindsay of Decatur, Ill. Miss Doran needed a last-nine rally Thursday to defeat Ann Robertson of Miami, 2 and 1. Miss Lindsay downed Mrs. H. V. Stone of Ware Shoals, S. C., 6 and 5.

Pat Garner of Midland, Tex., who pulled the tournament's first upset by eliminating the Veteran Polly Riley of Fort Worth, Tex., 1 up, is matched with Ellen Gery of Barrington, R. I. Miss Gery defeated Mrs. G. McDonald of Atlanta, 1-up.

National Amateur Champion Dorothy Kirby will meet Edean Anderson of Helena, Mont. Miss Kirby won over Mrs. Karl Clements of St. Petersburg, Fla., 7 and 6, and Miss Anderson defeated Mrs. Frank Fuller of Elgin, Ill., 1-up.

Bee McWane, Birmingham, Ala., defeated Grace DeMoss, Corvallis, Ore., 1-up in another match.

Juniors Continue League

Eugene's Junior Bowling league will continue activity through February, it was announced Thursday by Ray Hoffman of Eugene Recreation, instructor in the junior bowling program. The juniors will engage in regular league activities this Saturday morning at Eugene Recreation beginning at the usual hour.

Millers Capture Wrestling Win

Paul Evenson's Springfield High wrestlers won their third mat victory of the season in a close 24-22 decision over the Albany grapplers in Springfield Thursday night.

The winning Millers scored heavily in the heavier weights, with Dick Tirrel, Paul Preppernau, and Ken Kesey scoring consecutive victories in three of the last four bouts when an Albany victory seemed eminent.

The Millers' win came on two wins, three decisions, and one forfeit.

The "Hooded Terror" of Springfield, Ken Kesey, provided one of the most aggressive matches of the evening. Five times he came within a hair of pinning Bulldog Merl Montgomery, a 175 pounder.

The Albany Bulldogs scored the most exhibition victories—six. The Millers won four, while one bout ended in a draw.

Summary:

95 lb.—Reeves (A) decisioned Fountain (S). 105—Hollister (S) won by forfeit. 112—Dryden decisioned Dodson (S). 118—Grate (A) pinned Evans (S). 125—Dumont (A) decisioned Kennedy (S). 132—Delorme (S) pinned Roth (A). 136—Williams (S) decisioned Drynan (A). 145—Wilbur (A) decisioned Gossler (S). 155—Tirrel (S) pinned Santo (A). 167—Preppernau (S) decisioned Fisher (A). 175—Keesey (S) decisioned Montgomery (A). HW—Scott (A) pinned Strickland (S).

Exhibition matches: Dickerson (S) pinned Eaen (A). Varney (S) pinned Walker (A). Heath (A) pinned Kidd (S). Eagen (A) decisioned Saxon (S). Gupton (A) pinned Stockdall (S). Heath (S) pinned Reynolds (A). Tiner (A) pinned Newman (S). Kenny (S) pinned Golliffers (A). Williams (A) decisioned Romero (S). Misspeldt (A) pinned Hudson (S). Miller (S) and Craig (A) draw.

Cage Results

Canisius 53, Niagara 52.
LaSalle 90 Loyola Md. 66.
Dayton 80, Georgetown D.C. 74.
Detroit 67, Tulsa 55.
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Ken McGregor Topples Savitt

U. S. Tandem Also Loses to Aussies

ADELAIDE, Australia —(AP)— Dick Savitt's bid to retain his Australian national tennis championship failed Friday. The big American from Orange, N. J., waged a valiant, but losing semi-final battle before Australia's Ken McGregor. He was beaten, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Thus Savitt's hopes of meeting Frank Sedgman, the Aussies' No. 1 player in the final on Monday and demonstrating that possibly a mistake had been made in leaving him off the American the Davis Cup challenge, in smoke.

Sedgman showed his best form of the tournament in taking only 53 minutes to drub his southpaw countryman, Mervyn Rose, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Sedgman and McGregor completed a victorious day for the Aussies, by trouncing Savitt and Hamilton Richardson, of Baton Rouge, La., 6-2, in the fifth and deciding set of their postponed semi-final doubles match.

The doubles match had been called because of darkness Thursday after each side had won two sets. The final score for the Aussies was 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Ducks, Gaels Clash Friday

The St. Mary's Gaels, a hard-running, accurate-shooting basketball team that lost 58-56 to Oregon at Richmond, Calif., in December, will be gunning for their first victory over the ducks in six starts when a two-game series opens at McArthur Court Friday. Game time both nights will be 8 p.m.

Coach Don Kirsch's Oregon JVs will play preliminaries, starting at 6 p.m., against the OSC JVs Friday and Oregon Tech JVs Saturday.

Coach Bill Borcher, not forgetting the 74-36 and 64-39 pastings handed his Oregons by Washington last weekend, has been working exclusively on fundamentals this week in preparation for Coach Red Foley's Gaels.

Foley will have Bill Halley and Drew Turner, forwards; Ben Gibson, center, and Bob Steinkamp and Joe Flores, guards. Gibson, who has averaged 16.5 points per game, will hold the height advantage — at 6 feet 8 inches.

St. Mary's comes here with a 10-5 record and has enjoyed a long rest since a 65-51 upset at the hands of Santa Clara.

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