

# HIGHCLIMBER

By Dick Strite

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Their season starts a week later this year. . . . Have seen the Angels, Seattle, San Diego and USC, and will see the rest that are down here before starting North. . . . There is little doubt that the Padres (San Diego) are the most improved at this point, having added Eddie Erault and Cliff Chambers. . . . On the offensive side, getting Dick Sisler and Bob Elliott (ex-Pirates, Braves, Giants, Cards)."

Frank mentions other Padre personnel and adds, "There is a decidedly mixed feeling one gets about the over-all Coast League picture right now. There is no doubt but what all the owners have taken off their coats and decided to really give the fans better and more interesting baseball for this year. Their miserable gate results last year shook them up and the result is a natural thing to happen."

"Fan reaction is already evident. In a visit with Al Schuss, now TV and radio ace in San Diego, ex-Washington baseball star in the Hobby Hobson era and also former No. 2 man for Rollie Tuitt. . . . He told me they had a pre-spring baseball dinner in that city and sold 1,500 tickets and that interest was never greater. . . . The swing back on the part of the Coast League owners to do business with the Major League of course is the key to the entire situation."

Speaking of baseball and the local picture, we understand that several of the "southern" Southwest Oregon League clubs have joined another circuit, leaving only three in the old loop—North Bend-Cos Bay, Bandon and Drain. . . . That's one reason why Drain wanted very much for some local group to pick up the tab and organize a semi-pro club to play against the other three. . . . Now it looks like the trio will have to join some other organization, possibly another attempt at the State League or join a Portland league. Should that happen, it might be possible that Drain and the others might be interested in playing part of their schedules here.

**★ Gordon Ramstead, local sports fan, is one of the many who thought that officiating at the NCAA playoffs at Corvallis was well-handled by Jim Enright, the Chicago heavyweight, and L. C. Butler of Colorado Mines. . . . In a "letter to the editor," Ramstead, also like many other fans, is not complimentary to Santa Clara's style of play and conduct. . . . And, as another fan said, "After all, Santa Clara was a guest (selected for the play-off rather than winning the right to play) and the appearance of the Broncos was by invitation—and maybe the NCAA selectors will remember that."**

Mr. and Mrs. Ramstead are rather confused with the manner that tickets to the big Corvallis hoop show are allotted. Ramstead points out that he had purchased two pairs of tickets for the play-offs all three years and that his seats have become farther and farther away from the playing court. . . . We, too, have protested, Mr. Ramstead. We believed that the "working press," in purchasing tickets (there are no comps) should be entitled to some preference but our seats were in one corner and the others on the main court behind the basket. . . . We know of no formula other than a limited number (150 we believe) for the supporters of the participating teams—which leaves quite a few choice seats available to the steady customers.

## Bixler Joins Browns' Staff

CLEVELAND (AP)—Paul Bixler rejoined coach Paul Brown Saturday, taking a Cleveland Browns job he turned down more than eight years ago to become head football coach at Ohio State University.

In those eight years, Bixler headed the Ohio State staff one season, was head coach at Colgate University for five, and for the last two has been an assistant at the University of Pennsylvania. Now 47, he has been an athletic coach for 25 years.

As general manager, Brown announced Bixler would become an assistant coach of his National Football League club on April 1.

## Laurelwood Women Slate Qualifying Golf

An elimination tourney using medal play in flights will open next Saturday for Laurelwood Golf and Country Club women to qualify for their spring handicap tournament.

Action will continue through April 2 for 9- and 18-hole players.

Mrs. George Calderwood finished first with 39 in the group's winter tourney, ahead of Marjorie Landru, 40, and Mrs. Carole Christiance, 40½.

Tee-off time is 10 a.m. next Wednesday for blind-hole match play.

## Eugene Nips Corvallis In Prep Golf Meet

Eugene edged Corvallis by two strokes to finish first with 312, while Salem trailed at 351 in a triangular prep golf meet Saturday on the Oakway course.

Bill Aubrey captured medalist honors with 73 as he led the 314 performance by Corvallis.

Don Anawalt was low for Eugene with 76, ahead of Keith Gubrud, 77, Gary Geertsen, 78, and Earl Kendall, 81.

## Determine Captures Easy Handicap Win

SAN MATEO, Calif. (AP)—Determine, Kentucky Derby bound star owned by A. J. Crevolin of Alhambra, Calif., won the \$15,000 added San Jose Handicap at Bay Meadows Saturday by two lengths. Time for the six furlongs on a muddy track was 1:12 4/5.

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## Roosevelt Wins 60-57 for 4th

Roosevelt led by a close margin most of the way Saturday afternoon to nip Benson 60-57 Saturday afternoon for fourth place in the tournament.

The Techmen took a quick 8-2 lead on Al Taylor's four baskets in as many tries from all angles on the court. A nine-point string later in the period enabled Roosevelt to grab an 11-8 edge. Dave Wanaka contributed five of the markers, and Dennis Rodin and Bill Wittala a basket apiece. The period ended 13-13.

Rodin and Leonard Olson put

## Pirates Claim Fifth by 58-46

Marshfield claimed tournament hardware for the eighth straight year when the Pirates defeated Dallas 58-46 for the fifth-place trophy. Saturday afternoon's opener gave Marshfield its lowest finish during the eight-year span.

The teams were 37-37 at the start of the fourth period, and it was 42-42 for the 11th and final tie of the contest.

Ron Jones' jumper and Wayne Young's freethrow put Marshfield permanently ahead after two minutes. Dallas closed to 45-44 on freethrows by Herb Brandt. Then freshman Roger Johnson hit once and Sandy Fraser twice to run the Pirate lead to 51-44 with 3:20 remaining, and Marshfield was assured of the trophy.

The teams were deadlocked at 2, 4, 6, 10 and 12 before Jones' side pumper and Steve Bigelow's crippler off the fast break set up Marshfield's 16-12 quarter lead. Dallas knotted proceedings at 18-18 early in the second period when Rea Domaschosky made two freethrows. Fraser hit five points and Young and Johnson four each to spark the Pirates to a 30-26 intermission bulge.

Marshfield managed only three field goals in the third period, while Brandt's six points helped the Dragons gain the 37-37 tie. It was Gene Tankersley's tip-in with two seconds remaining that pulled the Pirates into the deadlock.

Summary:  
Marshfield (58) (46) Dallas  
Fraser, 14 F, 11, Rea Domaschosky, Bigelow, 5 F, 4, Hoffman Young, 15 C, 8, Rex D'Amash/faky Ayre, 4 C, 2, Holdorf Jones, 9 C, 2, Brandt  
Quarter scores:  
Marshfield 17 13 7 21-58  
Dallas 14 13 10 9-46  
Subs: Marshfield—Johnson 8, Haglund, Tankersley 4, Crandall, Dallas—Hinds 2, Wade, Cooley, Moser.  
Officials: Dalley and Johnson.

## Correlation Derby Winner

HALLANDALE, Fla. (AP)—Correlation, a rugged colt from California, thundered down the stretch at Gulfstream Park Saturday in a \$100,000 run which carried him to a length victory in the \$146,250 Florida Derby.

A crowd of 31,764, the largest gathering of turf fans ever jammed into the track, watched Robert S. Lytle's hope for the triple crown victory come roaring from far back in the bulky field of 16 three-year-olds under the guidance of Jockey Willie Shoemaker to grab the 100-grand Gulfstream Park had guaranteed to the winner of this third derby.

Correlation, flown to Florida from California 10 days ago, had to fight his way through the field to make his bid. And at the same time that Shoemaker pulled out all the stops, Eddie Arcaro came roaring up from the rear with Woodvale Farm's Goyamo.

But it was Correlation, whose only other stakes victory was scored in the Charles S. Howard stakes at Hollywood Park last July, who was the best horse in the hard drive to payoff dirt.

PIERSALL INJURED  
SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)—A pulled tendon in his left wrist sidelined Red Sox centerfielder Jimmy Piersall Saturday for a period of two weeks.

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## Bowling Chatter

By PETE CORNACCHIA

**★ George Hopkins, who has contributed much to the rapid growth of bowling in Eugene, states the attitude of many other veteran keglers in this association when he says there simply aren't enough top-notch bowlers here to form an unlimited scratch league of ten teams. He believes a cut to an eight-team or even six-team league would be the only answer to an unlimited scratch basis at present and the first move should come from the Major loop at the Eugene Recreation or the Classic at Timber Bowl.**

He continues:  
"I for one am definitely in favor of scratch leagues—however, there must be certain limitations. Take for example the Major League, which is the strongest loop in the association. There are a lot of top-notch bowlers in that league (you state at least 20 with 180 average or better) but don't overlook the caliber of several bowlers in the league whose averages are much below that. And that is where the rub comes in. The same old bug-a-boo shows up every year, and it is a good reason why the so-called hotshot teams have doubtful right to squawk about having to give handicap under the present system. One or two teams load up with the highest average individuals in the association (generally the same teams do it year in and year out) and leave all the rest of the teams to get along with 2 or 3 high average men teamed up with a couple of lower average bowlers."

"Under the handicap system all the teams are somewhat equalized, but a percentage advantage always favors the high average teams. Under the scratch system the higher average teams would have a definite advantage over the run of the league instead of just a slight advantage. However, under a scratch system on a limited basis of say about a maximum of 875, 880, or thereabouts, all the teams would be at least fairly equal and would tend towards a good competitive race. (I am sure this is the system that will replace the handicap leagues if any change is made.) Also your lower average leagues would have correspondingly lower maximum team averages of say 825, 800, 775, etc., depending on the caliber of the league."

These certainly aren't the opinions of a man who is always on one of the weaker teams. He's doing some of the best bowling here now and his efforts have helped Laurelwood Pro Shop reach the top of the Major heap. The Pro Shoppers are sole leaders again after whipping Pennywise Drugs, 3-1, Wednesday night to break a tie between those two teams. George also has rolled the two highest series here this season at 681 and 687.

**★ Ted Reed Nash rambled to a record team scratch series here this season when Lou Bellissimo's bowling boys from the campus hit 2,962 Wednesday night in Major action for the highest team series here in several years. Seven up had owned this year's high mark at 2,885 and also had claimed high game until Cy Slocum moved ahead in the previous week of Major competition.**

Rolling out the big one were Leo Naapi, 657, Bellissimo, 617, Norm Ruecker, 590, Sam Sorensen, 585, and Bob Boyle, 513.

Another new season series record was rolled by Hazel Gundersen, who already held the women's mark before reaching 649 Tuesday night for J. P. O'Neil Lumber in Ladies Classic at the Recreation.

Eugene is the home of Oregon's Class "B" doubles champions and we shouldn't have overlooked Waldo Standley and KER's Bob Fulton last week while discussing local performances at this year's state tourney. Standley and Fulton finished first with 1,185.

**★ Pabco Paint and Springfield News joined 30 other teams on the first squad as the 1954 American Bowling Congress tourney was launched at 1 p.m. Saturday at Seattle's Field Artillery Armory.**

Members of the two local teams are among the more than 16,000 who will fire before the 51st ABC ends its six-week program May 3.

## Retirement Set By Edmunson

SEATTLE (AP)—Clarence S. "Hec" Edmunson, the Olympics runner who rose to coaching heights in track and basketball at the University of Washington, announced Saturday this spring's track team — his 35th at the school—will be his last.

Edmunson, 68, disclosed his retirement as the Washington track coach, effective Sept. 1. He said the Board of Regents has accepted his retirement but he will be permitted to continue in the athletic department in an advisory capacity.

No successor has been considered.

Edmunson ran in the 400 and 800-meter events for the United States 1912 Olympics team at Stockholm and was a finalist in the 800-meter. He came to Washington as track coach and trainer from the University of Idaho in 1919.

In his 34-reign at the helm of Husky track fortunes, "Uncle Hec," as he is known in sports circles all over the Northwest, has turned out seven individual national champions and seven Northern Division Coast conference team winners. His stars won five national titles in AAU competition.

Most of the gum-chewing "Uncle Hec's" fame at Washington, however, came in basketball. He coached Husky teams from 1921 through the 1947 season and won 10 Northern Division titles, five of them in succession to create a mark which still stands.

He was also credited with instituting the five-man "basketball handshake," now used universally by teams before taking the court, and with fathering the race horse style of basketball.

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