

HIGHCLIMBER

By Dick Strite

★ Tippy Dye, lecturing at one of the sessions of a physical education conference on the Oregon campus last week, reports that a new interpretation of the charging-blocking fouls in intercollegiate basketball will place most of the responsibility on the offensive rather than the defensive man. . . . In other words, the rules-makers believe that the dribbler, for example, should know what route he is taking and in spite of the fact that a defensive man moves in to block his way, he must change his course or be charged with a foul. On the other hand, a driving offensive man who definitely has his head and shoulders in front of the defensive man has the advantage and a foul at that point is on the defender—which is the way Lane county's officials have been calling 'em . . .

What has always bothered us, and a very definite weakness in either the rules or the officiating, is the case of an offensive player having that advantage and being fouled just as he clears and drives in to score. In many cases the two points are not allowed and the player gets a one-and-one. The player, whose ability has made possible the field goal is cheated. We have seen, on rare occasions, an official allowing the basket plus the foul—which is much more just . . . Many years ago, following a meeting with Northern Division coaches and officials, Hobby Hobson returned and reported that a "slow whistle" would be used in the future, giving the offensive player who scores the benefit of doubt—but the rule was never interpreted that way. . . .

Dye also advocates a 30-second rule for the last three minutes of the present game—that a team must attempt a field goal within that limit. . . . That was a proposal made by Hobby Hobson at the coaches meeting in Kansas City recently—a proposal that had little support. . . . Dye pointed out that in a game between Oklahoma A&M (a team that employs a deliberate attack) and St. Louis, charts were kept and at no time during the game did either team fail to shoot within 15 seconds. . . . Dye believes that the mechanics of the rule (timing the attempts) would be easy to handle, and that over a period of time a special time clock would not be needed. . . .

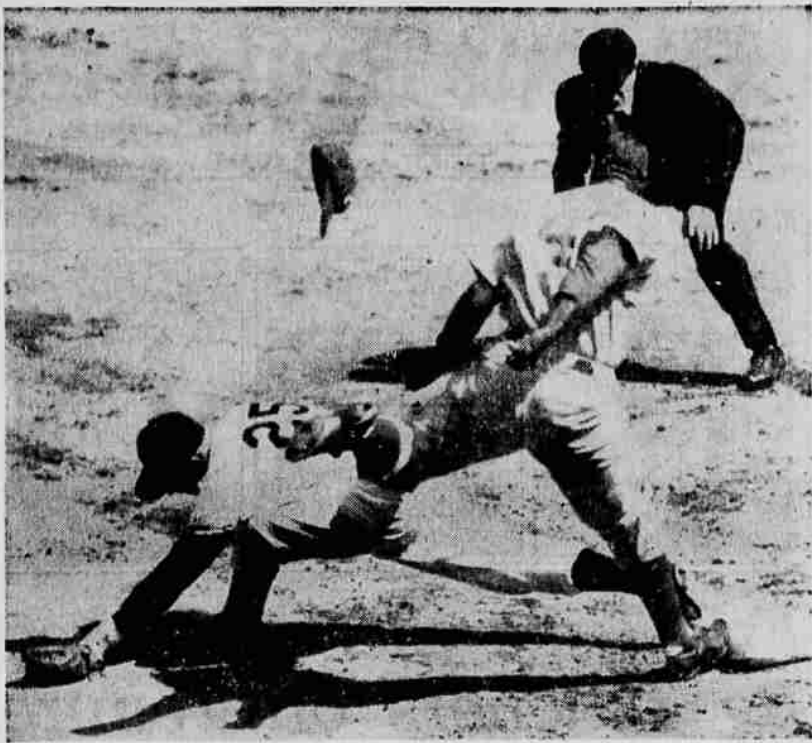
Some of the coaches in attendance shuddered when Dye, who talked principally on the fast-break offense, advocated that a team that uses a zone defense would have the best chance of getting a fast-break attack under way. . . . He also advised against the use of a bounce pass on the fast-break attack.

★ Merlin Halderson, a lieutenant at the Warren Air Base in Wyoming, was a member of one of the basketball teams playing in the world wide Air Force basketball tournament at Cocoa, Fla. . . . A Eugene High and Oregon State graduate, his only prep or college basketball experience was with the Eugene High Future Farmers of America quintet. . . .

Pvt. Thomas C. Dragan of Eugene, stationed at Ford Ord, Calif., writes a letter regarding an Associated Press story from Washington, D.C., we published about special treatment of athletes drafted into the army. . . . Billy Martin, New York Yankees' second baseman, was one of those prominently mentioned in the story. Dragan writes as follows:

"I happen to know Billy. . . because he is in the same company as I am, and talked with him for a while. He is a platoon leader because of his prior 5½ months service. An experienced man always gets that job. Most important, when I asked him about playing ball, he said, 'Not while they print that stuff.' He will leave for overseas after a refresher course."

In a later wire story, from the UP, the Army said it isn't knowingly coddling any professional ballplayers. Even the biggest name draftee is supposed to get basic training just like everyone else. After regular military assignment, ball playing is supposed to be done after duty hours, according to the Army.



PLAY BALL: This shout went up at the Polo Grounds Tuesday as the Major Leagues opened the 1954 baseball season. Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn outfielder, is shown here losing his cap as he legs it to first against the Giants. He was thrown out by Al Dark, Whitey Lockman taking the throw as Umpire Babe Pinelli is on top the play.

Snead Claims Masters Title

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Sam Snead put in a loud challenge to Ben Hogan's invincibility as the golfer of the era after his stirring face to face victory Monday over the tiring Texas Bantam in an 18 hole playoff for the Masters title.

And Snead, forgivingly cocky after he forced Hogan to wilt before his own tight putting game at the Augusta National Course, had a typical hillbilly comment for the occasion.

"The sun don't shine on the same dog all the time," cracked Sammy.

More exactly, the records showed that Snead now has pulled up close to Hogan with seven major world titles to Ben's nine; that he has defeated him the three times they met man to man in a playoff or match play.

Hogan has won the Masters twice and the field had almost conceded his third title after he finished the third round Saturday three strokes ahead of the field.

PATTON SURPRISES
But amateur Billy Jo Patton gumbled up the works for the pros by shooting a hole in one and a flurry of birdies Sunday to alter Hogan's strategy so that he finished in a mediocre 289 tie with Snead as the amateur finally faded.

Both Snead and Hogan set a pulsating pace through the first nine holes in the playoff before 7,500 Monday with one under par 35's. Then they made the fateful turn where in 17 previous tournaments the title has been traditionally lost or won.

It was not the first time Hogan had lost the Masters in a playoff over that historic stretch.

This time, Hogan did the unforgivable for him, a three putt job from 11 feet on the 16th.

DECIDING HOLE

The 16th was the playoff and they both knew it. The single stroke Snead lost on the 16th resulting from a trap shot, was anticlimax as Hogan was already down with a par when Snead blasted out within seven feet he only had to get down in two, and again he did.

Hogan, who took \$3,000 second money to Snead's \$5,000 from the \$25,000 purse, said he concentrated so hard on the lineup of his 16th green put that he misjudged the stroke, hitting behind the ball.

Willamette Triumphs
FOREST GROVE (AP)—A one-hit performance by right-hander Andy George helped Willamette to a 9-0 Northwest Conference baseball victory over Pacific University here Monday. Abby Rose hit a double in the second inning for the only Pacific hit.

TIMBER BOWL — Evelyn Flowers scored 203 and 543 as Carter's Well Drillers tied Springfield Pharmacy 2-2 in the Timber League Monday night. Alexander's, Mary Bergel 158, beat Hamilton-Shockley 3-1. Jerry Baker 469 for losers. AAAA Towing, Kittle Edmundson 179 and Wanda Curtis 461, beat Duncan Plumbers 3-1. Springfield Plywood, Lil Crisp 431, beat Guerrier Lumber 3-1. Dorothy Chalmers 199 for losers.

Springfield Glass, Keith Seaton 569, beat the Log Scalers 3-1 in the Pioneer League. Don McKendrick 229 for losers. Springfield Cleaners, Ralph Swits 222 and 535, beat Burger's Pioneers 3-1. Smith & Harrison, Charley Harvey 505, beat Springfield Motors 3-1. Mel Martinson 184 for losers.

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Scores

PRO BASKETBALL
Minneapolis 87, Syracuse 80 (Minneapolis wins best-of-7 final playoff series 4-3).

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS
American League
Cleveland 3, Hershey 1 (Cleveland leads best-of-7 final series, 3-1).

Western League
Edmonton 5, Calgary 2 (best-of-7 semifinals series tied 2-2).

COLLEGE BASEBALL
George Fox 7, Portland State 4
Willamette 9, Pacific 6
Seattle Pacific 2, Pac. Lutheran 1

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The indomitable old pros of the Minneapolis Lakers Tuesday etched another championship into one of the most striking success stories in professional basketball history.

The Lakers won their third consecutive National Basketball Assn. title Monday night by beating Syracuse 87-80 in the decisive seventh game of the final playoffs.

It gave Minneapolis, which entered pro basketball strictly as a gamble in 1947, a record of six titles in seven years of operation. Almost all of its playoff supremacy has hinged on indomitable George Mikan and Jim Pollard, who have been with the team since its organization.

It was Pollard who piloted the Lakers Monday night after Syracuse had shaken off a wave of playoff injuries to tie the series at three games apiece.

The graceful 6-5 forward rammed in 21 points and kindled a first quarter drive which put Minneapolis in front to stay.

GEORGE FOX WINS
NEWBERG (AP)—George Fox College's baseball team survived nine errors to defeat Portland State 7-4 here Monday. Cubb Grimm held the losers to two hits.

Skip Stahley Hopeful

SPOKANE (AP)—Coach Skip Stahley predicts 100 per cent improvement in University of Idaho football next fall. That means, Stahley explained at a sports-writers luncheon Monday, Idaho "ought to win two games."

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