

Lava Bears Win Prineville Game By Close Margin

Lava Bear hoopmen were back in the race for the Central Oregon high school basketball championship today as a result of their 39 to 36 victory over the highly favored Prineville Cowboys in Bend Saturday night in one of the closest and most rugged games played here this season. The Bend victory followed the loss of seven consecutive contests and followed a 32 to 18 defeat by the Cowboys the previous night, on the Prineville floor.

Four Players Benched
The unusually rough contest resulted in Officials Jim Howard and Murel Nehl imposing a total of 46 penalties, greatest number called here in a game this season. Of this imposing total, 29 were assessed against the Cowboys and 17 against the Bears. So rugged was the contest that players on one occasion were called into a huddle by the officials and duly warned, and on another occasion the battling Cowboys received a personal plea from their coach, in a timeout huddle, to quiet down. Ruggedness of the game was largely attributed to the closeness of play, with the teams at no time separated by more than five points. Prineville lost three of its first stringers, Noble, Thalhofer and Henry, on penalties, and this considerably weakened the Crook county squad that had to bear the brunt of the fierce Bear attack in the final minutes of play. Bend lost one of its starting forwards, Rasmussen, in the first quarter.

Prineville got off to a powerful start and held a 14 to 11 lead over the Bears at the end of the first quarter, as fans wondered if the lively Bears were due for another fadeout. But the Bears came back strong in the second quarter and held a half-time lead of 27 to 22. Bend's lead at the end of the third quarter had been reduced to one point, 31 to 30.

Score Tied
Several times in the final quarter the score was tied, but stellar shots by Moore, Smith and James shoved the Bears ahead on the victory trail.

The Bend team that nosed out the Cowboys last night hardly displayed the teamwork of earlier games, but, for the first time in weeks, the boys were hitting the basket. In fact, the Bears at times seemed to disregard some of the basic principles of teamwork on offense and just shot—and the shots were good when needed. Two veterans of state tournament play, Doug Wirtz and Harold Smith, were back in form and accounted for a total of 25 points. Smith made 13 of these and Wirtz accounted for an even dozen. Henry won high point honors for Prineville, with 11. He converted five free shots in succession, then dropped three free tosses.

Cubs Win Again
In the preliminary game Saturday night, the hard-shooting Cubs won from the Prineville Broncos, 36 to 16. Lineups of the main game follow:
Bend (39) Pos. (36) Prineville
James (3) F (5) McPhetridge
Rasmussen (2) F (2) Noble
Higgins (4) C (8) Thalhofer
Wirtz (12) G (11) Henry
Smith (13) G (8) Page
Substitutions: Bend—Murphy (2), Moore (2), Hawes (1), Prineville—Almack (1), Chalfont (1), Sybouts.
Officials: Nehl and Howard.

NATIONAL LEAGUE HOCKEY

Hockey fans predicted a bright future today for rookie goal tender Doug Stevenson, who almost stopped the vaunted Montreal Canadiens in his first big league appearance for the New York Rangers. Stevenson came through with a polished performance that had the National league leaders stopped last night until he tired in the third period and yielded goals, which provided Montreal with a 4 to 3 victory.

Detroit, paced by Carl Liscombe and Syd Howe, gained its 14th straight victory over the Boston Bruins and their eight in a row this season, winning 3 to 2, at Boston. The Chicago Blackhawks playing at home, scored two goals in the final period to defeat Toronto 2 to 1 for the second night in a row, establishing their first two game winning record of the season. The victory moved the Hawks within a game of the fifth place Rangers. Saturday night Montreal defeated Detroit 5 to 2.

Barium chloride, used for salt purification and in tanneries, paper mills and textile factories, is now being made in Brazil, a country that formerly met its needs for 100 tons a year by importation from Germany.

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Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
New York, Feb. 12 (UP)—We congratulate the Brooklyn college faculty upon today's sensible and courageous decision to continue participation in "big time" basketball, despite the recent betting scandal involving five of its players.

The B. C. faculty will be criticized roundly by many educators and athletic directors for its stand. But it seems to us that the Brooklyn profs carried out the American tradition of refusing to let scandal halt progress. Our nation would not be tops today had its leaders in industry, finance, transportation and even government done an about-face and gone "small time" when their enterprises were threatened by dishonesty of any other evil.

Geiger Field Five Wins North Title

(By United Press)
Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash., scored a 47-46 victory over the Ephrata, Wash., base basketball team Saturday night to become fourth air champion of the north and central division and earn the right to meet March field, Riverside, Cal., in the finals to be held at Fresno Feb. 15-16-17. Winner of the Geiger-Mareh title will hold the Fourth airforce title for Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada and will be allowed to compete in the national air force championships slated for Madison Square garden. In other games, Tonopah army air base, from Tonopah, Nev., ran away from the fourth air force headquarters team from San Francisco 58 to 25. On Friday night, Geiger field defeated Tonopah 44 to 43 in a close-fought

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It is true that wagering on the hoop game may have been stimulated somewhat by the increased publicity basketball received since it began using Madison Square Garden as a show window 10 years ago. Elimination of the large arenas and their "double-header" games probably would result in a let-down on publicity; but we doubt that this would decrease the yen for wagering among confirmed basketball bettors, any more than the current shortage of cigarettes has dulled the desire for smoking among users of the rag.

Anyway, the whole argument seems nonsensical to us. It's like a controversy over whether accidents would be eliminated if people quit using automobiles and returned to the horse and buggy; or whether banks should be closed because the availability of so much money tempts bank employees; or whether the movie industry should be forced to move out of Hollywood because of repeated scandals out there.

That major question is not: Should big-time basketball be abolished to eliminate gambling? The question is: What is the best method of curtailing betting and crookedness in big-time basketball? That's the American way of looking at the problem. It would be violating our traditions to send the sport "back to the sticks," for fear of gamblers. Major league baseball did not send the national pastime back to the sandlots and campuses when the Black Sox scandal rocked the sports world. The baseball people went at the problem in American fashion and took steps to eliminate gamblers—not big-time ball.

Wood Waste Use To Be Promoted

Portland, Ore., Feb. 12 (UP)—A new project to increase the use of wood wastes has been approved by the Western Pine association's board of directors, at a meeting in Portland. The association elected new officers for 1945, including August J. Stange, head of the Mt. Emily Lumber company, La Grande, as president. R. A. Colgan, Chico, Calif., and Homer B. Jamison, Fresno, Calif., were elected vice-presidents. The new treasurer is A. C. Lighthall, of the Oregon Lumber company, Baker, Ore. The new project will provide research into forest wastes hitherto practically unused. Beetle-killed timber which has not been logged and pine slash are two wastes the possibilities of which will be investigated.

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Swedish Runner Misses His Boat

New York, Feb. 12 (UP)—Why Gunder Hagg missed the boat remained a mystery today, that probably will go unsolved until the gaunt Swedish distance runner makes his belated appearance here for a running tour, sometime within the next two weeks. Hagg and Haakon Lidman, Swedish hurdles champion, were scheduled to arrive last night by ship from an undisclosed British port, but after sports writers, Swedish newspapermen and track officials waited several hours, it became apparent that they had failed to make connections.

Portland Eagles Defeat Airmen

Portland, Ore., Feb. 12 (UP)—Portland's Eagles of the Pacific coast hockey league returned to their home ice Sunday night from a successful invasion of California to edge the Royal Canadian air force flier team from Jerico, B. C., 5 to 4, in a non-league contest. Portland won the game in the final period by scoring two goals to the fliers' one, after the two teams had been deadlocked, 3-3, at the end of the middle period. The score was tied three times during the game, which was the fastest and hardest played here this year.

Motor Boat Ban On Lakes Sought

Use of motorboats for fishing on several midstate lakes would be banned under the terms of a bill under consideration today in the state legislature, it was learned here. The measure was introduced by Rep. William Niskanen at the request of the Deschutes County Sportsmen's association. The association contended that the lakes designated in the bill are too small, and that use of motorboats would interfere with the fishing of all anglers. The measure lists North and South Twin lakes, Three Creeks, Devils and Lucky lakes in Deschutes county, and Gold lake in Lane county.

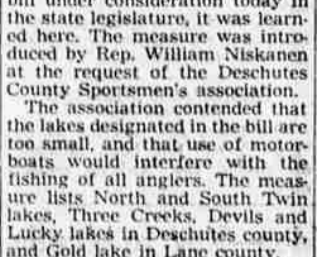
Albany Coming This Weekend

Local fans, particularly those who hold season tickets, are reminded that the games originally scheduled with Lakeview for tonight and Tuesday night were cancelled and that the two games played with Redmond on the past two Tuesdays were substituted for them. Posters which were put out at the first of the season still carry the Lakeview games as scheduled for the first of this week. The Bears will play the Albany Bulldogs on the local court this week end in a two game series.

Triplets to Cow

New Windsor, Ill. (UP)—A short-horn cow owned by Wallace Peterson recently gave birth to triplets, a rarity in the bovine world. Bessie is quite a prolific cow, having calves four times previously, twice producing singles, and twice, twins.

ALLEY OOP



21 Bears Receive Football Letters; Backfield Is Lost

Twenty-one members of the 1944 Lava Bear football squad were awarded letters in a Bend high school assembly this past week end. Of this group, 12 will be lost to the team by graduation or induction into the armed forces. Nine of these boys were starters on last fall's successful eleven leaving Bear coaches with only two returning regulars.

The nine players who have played their last game in Bend uniforms included the all senior backfield of Doug Wirtz, Don Ferguson, Jim Lammers and Phil Brogan. Next fall's backfield will have to be built of all green material since only two reserve backs were barely able to make letters.

Line Weakened

From the line will be gone such stalwarts as Bill Plath, George Murphy, E. B. Hogan, Bill Higgins and Roy Edwards. Also leaving were the players who saw most of the action in reserve roles. Included in this group are Ken Blakely, Norman George and Bob James. With the Bears faced with a man power shortage last fall, most of these boys were ironmen playing throughout the season without substitution. Most of the returning lettermen that will be on hand next fall will with but a few exceptions be without experience.

Regulars Back

Practically all the experience is centered in the line with regulars Don McCauley and Lee Reinhart the only members of this years eleven to return. Both these players were guards. Other others who showed much promise are Gerald Hogland and Bob Sutton in the line and young Rich Maudlin in the backfield. Other returning lettermen are Charles Bergstrahl, Glenn Cook, Chester Kribs and Jack Aiken.

A special feature of the awards was the presentation of an award certificate to Don Ferguson, regarded by many coaches to be the standout halfback in the state this year. His certificate listed his selection as team captain on the basis of his qualities of leadership and ability. This little 138 pound star blazed a touchdown trail through most of the major teams of the state and was named by Medford state champions as the standout player. The Tigers faced in their season. In nine games "Fergy" scored 14 touchdowns, 8 of them on long runs, and was the inspirational leader of one of the finest Bend teams in recent years.

Letters Presented

Awards presented at the assembly, also featured by a program in which letterman participated, included the following: Three year awards: Phil Broug, Don Ferguson and Doug Wirtz. Two year awards: Bill Plath, Jim Lammers, George Murphy, Norman George, Don McCauley and Lee Reinhart. First award: E. B. Hogan, Bill Higgins, Ken Blakely, Roy Edwards, Bob James, Bob Sutton, Gerald Hogland, Rich Maudlin, Charles Bergstrahl, Chet Kribs, Glenn Cook, and Jack Aiken. Managers who received letters were Rowan Brick, head manager, and Dick Nelson, freshman manager. The Bend coaches this season were Claude Cook and Everett Gettman.

Therman Gibson New Champion

Chicago, Feb. 12 (UP)—Therman Gibson, 28-year-old Detroit welder, was the new Peterson individual bowling champion today, winning \$5,100 first prize and diamond studded medal in the final minutes of the \$43,200 tournament with a 1615 cluster.

Gibson fired his winning total last night on the next to the last squad to bowl and ousted Basil "Buzz" Fazio, of Akron, O., from the top spot.

Bears Victors Over Oregon '5'

The University of Oregon's bid for the championship of the Pacific Coast northern division basketball conference was temporarily stalled when the Oregon State Beavers handed the leaders a 55-51 upset Saturday night.

The Beavers, paced by Red Rocha who tanked 18, took a commanding 35-24 halftime lead, and were threatened only in the closing minutes of the game when Oregon closed the gap to the final four points. Dick Wilkins led the scoring for Oregon with 19 tallies.

At Los Angeles, the University of California at Los Angeles set the stage for a southern division championship with Southern California next Friday night by scoring a 50-44 triumph over University of California Bears.

The Huskies never matched the Cougars' 39-20 halftime advantage. Hanson's 34 points tied the single-game scoring record of the northern division, set by Don McMilland of Washington on the Pullman floor last year.

Standings Listed

The standings:
Northern division—
Oregon W. L. Pct. P. O.P.
O. S. C. 8 4 .677 602 583
W.S.C. 7 5 .583 538 501
Washington 5 7 .497 514 559
Idaho 1 7 .125 312 367

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- 5:00—Sam Hayes
 - 5:15—Superman
 - 5:30—Tom Mix
 - 5:45—Night News Wire
 - 6:00—Gabriel Heatter
 - 6:15—Real Stories from Real Life
 - 6:30—Abe Lincoln's Story
 - 7:00—Soldiers of the Press
 - 7:15—Lowell Thomas
 - 7:30—Lone Ranger
 - 8:00—Treasury Salute
 - 8:15—Bob Strong's Orchestra
 - 8:30—Michael Shane
 - 9:00—Glen Hardy News
 - 9:15—Cecil Brown
 - 9:30—Count Basie's Orchestra
 - 9:45—Eddie Rogers' Orchestra
 - 10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
 - 10:15—Sherlock Holmes

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- 7:00—News
 - 7:15—Alvino Rey
 - 7:30—Maxine Keith
 - 7:45—Morning Melodies
 - 7:55—News
 - 8:00—Ranch Boys
 - 8:15—News
 - 8:30—Take It Easy Time
 - 8:45—Today's Bulletin Board
 - 8:50—Organ Treasures
 - 8:55—Glen Miller
 - 9:00—William Lang & News
 - 9:15—Songs From Morton Downey
 - 9:30—Bartoning News
 - 9:35—Old Family Almanac
 - 10:00—Glen Hardy News
 - 10:15—Luncheon with Lopez
 - 10:30—Paulas Stone and Phil Britto
 - 10:45—Redmond Victory March
 - 11:35—Lady About Town
 - 11:40—News
 - 11:45—Lum 'N Abner
 - 12:00—Fats Waller
 - 12:10—Sport Yarns
 - 12:15—Four Polka Dots
 - 12:30—News
 - 12:45—Farmer's Hour
 - 1:00—Organ Meditations
 - 1:30—Tommy Harris Time
 - 2:00—Meditations
 - 2:15—Melody Time
 - 2:45—Cote Chorus
 - 3:00—Griffin Reporting
 - 3:15—Hasten the Day
 - 3:30—Musical Matinee
 - 3:45—Johnson Family
 - 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
 - 4:15—Rex Miller
 - 4:30—Back to the Bible
 - 4:45—Coronet Story Teller
 - 4:50—Musical Interlude
 - 4:55—Central Oregon News
 - 5:00—Sam Hayes
 - 5:15—Superman
 - 5:30—Tom Mix
 - 5:45—Night News Wire
 - 6:00—Gabriel Heatter
 - 6:15—Jimmy Fidler
 - 6:30—American Forum of Air
 - 7:15—Lowell Thomas
 - 7:30—Red Ryder
 - 8:00—Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra

Deschutes Roads Receive Repairs

A rock point on the Hame Hook road was removed last week by the Deschutes county road crew and the space back-filled, George McAllister, roadmaster, said today. Following removal of the point roads in the vicinity of Four Corners were surfaced with cinders. Sections of roads surfaced were Denser, one mile; Neff, one mile; Eagle, one and one-half miles. Faulty spots on roads in Tumalo and Alfalfa sections will be repaired this week, McAllister stated.

INSIDE JOB

Indianapolis, Ind. (UP)—Mrs. Charles Mitten found a perfect egg within an egg recently. The only thing wrong with the "inside one," which even had a hard shell, was that it was about one-fourth the size of an ordinary egg.

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