

## Navy Cracks Down On Discharges of 'Able Bodied' Men

Washington, Feb. 15 (AP)—Professional sports, which has been losing more and more of its man-power during the past few months, suffered another jolt today with the disclosure that the navy had joined the army in cracking down on the discharges of "apparently able-bodied" athletes.

Under an order issued by navy secretary James V. Forrestal on Jan. 25, to all ships and stations, the United Press learned that henceforth such athletes may not be discharged from the navy, marine corps or coast guard unless their cases are reviewed by superior officers in Washington.

Forrestal, proclaiming sports "essential to the national health, safety and interest," said final judgment in the discharge cases will be passed on by Vice Admiral Harold R. Jacobs, chief of navy personnel; Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandergrift, marine corps commandant, or Vice Admiral R. R. Waesche, coast guard commandant.

**Order Interpreted**  
The order was interpreted to mean that unless otherwise decreed, scores of prominent athletes now in the naval service will not be able to return to their teams until Japan is beaten.

The new navy ruling affects such standout athletes as Bill Dickey of the New York Yankees, Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox, Bob Feller of the Cleveland

## Bears to Meet Albany Bulldogs



Lava Bear basketball players who are to meet the Albany Bulldogs on the Bend court Friday and Saturday nights are pictured here. Front row, left to right, Coach Claude Cook, Ken Fretwell, Wayne Halligan, Phil Brogan, Denny Moore, Harold Smith and Manager Rowan Brick. Back row: Bob James, George Murphy, Bill Higgins, Bill Plath, George Rasmussen and Bob Jensen. Not in the picture are Doug Wirtz and Darrell Hawes.

Indians, Johnny Vander Meer and Mike McCormick of the Cincinnati Reds, Peevee Reese and Billy Herman of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Barney McCoskey and Virgil Trucks of the Detroit Tigers, Johnny Mize of the New York Giants, Johnny Rigney of the Chi-

cago White Sox and numerous others. The ruling is similar to one issued by the war department but does not go as far as the army ruling whereby professional athletes no longer will be rejected for army service on grounds of

physical disability until all facts have been reviewed by the war department.

## Slider Decisions Hammerin' Hank

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 15 (AP)—Referee Billy Burke today was charged with a "deliberate steal" in awarding a decision to Chet Slider, 147-pound Fresno, Cal., negro, in his fight last night with Henry Armstrong, 141, the former triple champion.

The accusation was hurled by George Moore, Armstrong's manager, who asserted he would take the case to the California boxing commission. If he fails to get action there, Moore said, he will go direct to Gov. Earl Warren.

"I claim Burke made a deliberate steal of that fight," Moore told reporters. "I'll admit that Armstrong got the benefit of the doubt in a previous fight with Slider, which was called a draw. But two wrongs don't make a right and we'll take this to the highest authorities for investigation."

**Demand Made**  
"I demand that Burke be relieved of his referee's license immediately."

The rumpus was the result of Burke's awarding a close fight to Slider. Using the California point system, the United Press score sheet showed 56 points for Armstrong, 54 for the young Fresno battler. But on the round system, it ended with three rounds to each fighter, with four being even.

Moore's major protest was that Burke came out of the ring to tell state inspectors that his score card had either been "lost or stolen." He told officials that his card showed Slider won by five points, but that he couldn't recall the rounds and became confused under questioning by the state inspectors.

**Armstrong Favored**  
Newsmen at the ringside were nearly unanimous in their belief that Armstrong should have won—or that a draw decision would have been the worst the ex-champ should have received.

The fight was admittedly close all the way, with Armstrong making his big bid for victory in the third round when he knocked Slider down twice for short counts.

Slider injured his leg in the falls and fought the last seven rounds dragging one foot. However, he put up a courageous battle to gain a slight edge in the final two rounds.

A tank destroyer, the army M-18, travels 55 miles an hour and carries a 76 millimeter gun with an effective firing range of seven miles.

## Basketball

**Albany High School vs. Bend High School**  
Fri. and Sat., Feb. 16 and 17 8:00 P. M.  
Preliminary Fri., 7:00 P. M. Girls Games  
Sat., Madras High vs. Cubs  
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## Combine Quintet Holds Leadership In Church League

Team	W	L	Pct.
Combine	7	0	1.000
Episcopal	6	1	.857
Methodist	5	2	.714
Nazarene	4	3	.571
Christian	4	3	.571
Catholic	3	4	.428
Lutheran	3	4	.428
Baptist	2	5	.285
1st Presby.	1	6	.142
West. Presby.	0	7	.000

**Scores**  
Combine 43, 1st Presby 4.  
Nazarene 13, Methodist 16.  
Catholic 2, Episcopal 27.  
Christian 19, Baptist 18.  
Lutheran 32, West Presby. 15.

In Tuesday night's church league games the Combine quintet continued its unbeaten way by trouncing the 1st Presbyterian boys. The Methodists broke their second place tie with the Nazarenes by edging them 16 to 13.

One of the best played games was the Baptist-Christian game. Both teams played good ball with the Baptists leading most of the game. However, a last minute rally gave the Christians the victory.

**Results of play follow:**  
Combine (43) (4) 1st Presby Bushnell (4) F. Humphry D. Maudlin (4) F. (1) Hogland D. Samples (8) C. Sullivan Sheffold (15) G. (1) Hogland, W. L. Ma'lin (15) G. (2) Longballa  
Combine subs: J. Samples, V. Samples.

Nazarene (13) (16) Methodist R. Kiel (8) F. Allen Finley (5) F. Webber Weisser (5) C. (2) Daron Christen, R. G. (6) Johnston Hawes G. (2) Lund Nazarene subs: Christensen, Kiel, Methodist subs: Benson (4), Nicholson (1).

Catholic (2) (27) Episcopal Cun'ham (2) F. (2) Lusk T. Stenk'mp F. (12) Gillis Eagon C. (4) Ogletree F. Stenk'mp G. (6) Gillifillan Maghan G. Symons Catholic subs: Thatcher, Willcox. Episcopal subs: Hall, Erikson.

Christian (19) (18) Baptist Winters (2) F. (5) Hoeker L. Reinart (5) F. (2) Fowler B. Sutton (4) C. (4) Rose R. Sutton (2) G. (2) Ogletree Moore (2) G. (15) Burden Christian subs: Halligan (4), Waterman.

Lutheran (32) (15) West. Presby. Selkin (2) F. (4) Henderson P. Berg'lh F. (4) Carol C. Berg'lh (18) C. Cox Dover (11) G. Freeman Winans (2) G. (11) Mowery Lutheran subs: Adams, Anderson, Grundet (2).

## Gil Dodds Races For Youngsters

Seattle, Feb. 15 (AP)—Gil Dodds, the famous flying parson, rolled off a 4.33 mile yesterday before 400 thrilled youngsters at the University of Washington pavilion.

The world's indoor record-holder for the mile, on tour over the country, showed awed elder enthusiasts his powerful stride and running technique as he finished

in a spurt of speed. After the exhibition, Dodds chatted informally with the young tracksters. Today he will address school assemblies in Bremerton, and will return for additional appearances in Seattle tomorrow.

## Girls to Play In Preliminary To Bear Contest

The Lettergirls club of the Bend high school is sponsoring an exhibition basketball game to be played by two teams chosen from girls participating in physical education, it was announced today. The game is to be a preliminary to the regular Bend-Albany clash on the local court at 7 p.m., Friday, February 16.

Basketball fans are said to be eagerly anticipating the girls' basketball game since the girls' games are comparatively new as a spectator sport in Bend.

**Line-up is as follows:**  
Yellow team—Captain, Carol Carson, Virginia Russell, Garnet Barton, Lella Kerr, Elaine Day, Joane Oberholte, Betty Ives, Jackie Moore, Helen Ward.

Green team—Captain, Betty Corbin, Betty Schwab, Barbara McDaniels, Maylo Hawes, Ariene Stewart, Dorothy Salisbury, Dolores Meyers, Margery Gilliland, and Della Swagert.

## Beavers, Oregon Meet on Saturday

Corvallis, Feb. 15 (AP)—With a chance to throw the northern division hoop chase into a three-way jumble with a victory, the Oregon State Beavers will polish off today for their all-important clash with the Oregon Webfeet here Saturday night.

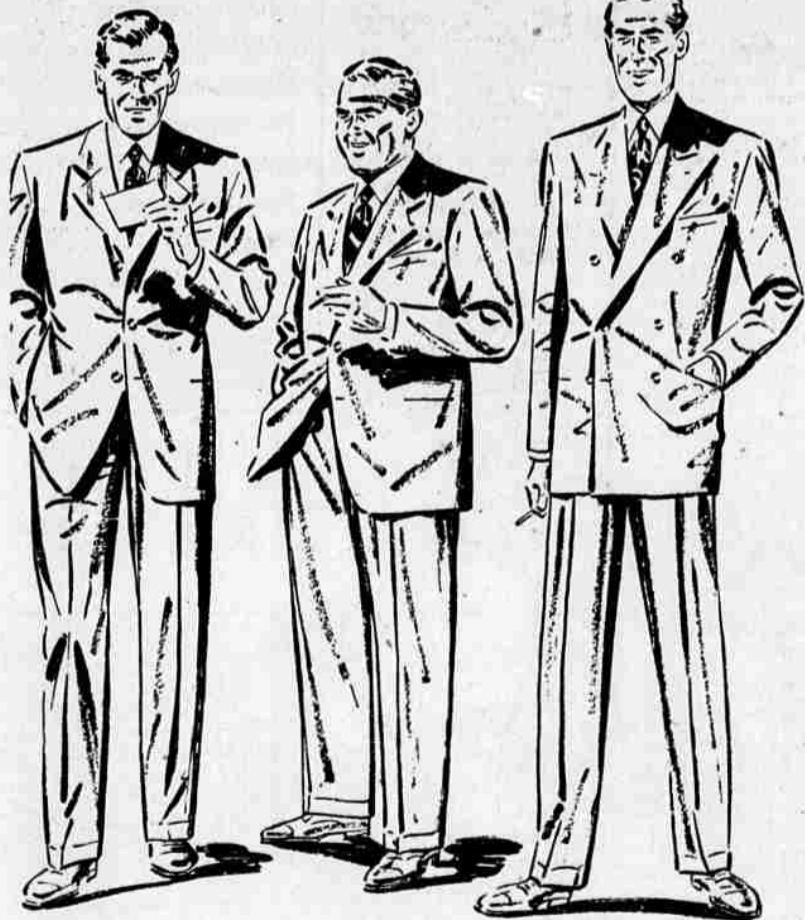
The Rocha-paced Orangemen poured a 55-51 defeat on the Webfeet last week-end just at the point when the Eugene collegians were sitting pretty high in chances to cop the pennant.

A repeat triumph by the Beavers Saturday night would put the two Oregon clubs in a first place tie with eight wins against five defeats and the Washington State hoopers would be just a short breath behind with a 7-5 record.

**MARCH FIELD FAVORED**  
Fresno, Cal., Feb. 15 (AP)—March Field was the favorite to defeat Geiger Field, Wash., in the best two-out-of-three cage series opening tonight to decide the Fourth Air Force basketball championship.

March Field will star giant Frank Lubin, the UCLA flash who was on the U. S. Olympic team in 1936, at center.

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