

## Western Teams To Dominate Denver Tourney

Denver, Colo., March 15 (AP)—Ever since the National A. A. U. moved its annual basketball tournament from Kansas City to Denver in 1935, top honors have gone to a western team, and it looked like a lead pipe cinch today for that tradition to be continued.

"We're truly national in this year as many teams entered this year as we did last, when 47 started out," said Willard N. Greim, national president of the A. A. U., "but most of them will be playing close to home."

"Not a single team is entered from the Atlantic seaboard. The farthest east that any of them is coming is Cleveland—and in general this is going to be a western tournament."

**Travel Held Down**  
Under normal conditions Bill Greim might not like that situation. Since 1920, when New York university took the title, the tournament generally has attracted a fair representation from the east, and to be truly national it has to do so. But this year, with travel conditions what they are, even Bill Greim is glad to see travel held to a minimum.

Entries for the 1945 tournament closed at midnight last night. Thirty-nine teams had entered then, but Greim predicted that a few stragglers would be coming in today or tomorrow, since any entry will be accepted if it was mailed before the deadline. The tournament will start on Sunday and run eight days.

Back for another shot at the title will be the Phillips 66 Oilers from Oklahoma, who have a chance to become the second team in the history of the tournament to win the title three years in a row.

**Teams Listed**  
Besides Phillips 66, the other teams already entered are: Cesna Bobcats, Wichita; Bennet Drugs, Billings, Mont.; Los Angeles Cliftons; San Diego Dons; Twentieth Century-Fox, Hollywood; Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming; Wyoming university; Pratt-Whitney, Kansas City; Ambrose Jellymakers, Denver; Walsenburg (Colorado) Shokys; Buley, Idaho; Simplot; Caterpillar Tractor, Peoria, Ill.; Toners-Ampell, Denver; Colorado university Medics; Fee Music, Portland, Ore.; Butte, Mont.; Boosters; Fort Lewis, Wash.; San Francisco Athletic club; Port Robinson, Ark.; Officers; Mitchell-Pontacs, Sterling, Colo.; Camp Claiborne, La. hospital; Des Moines, Ia., state guard; Allmon Transfer, Cleveland; Fort Collins (Colorado) Poudre Valley creamery; Glenwood Springs Naval hospital; Greeley Lions; Colorado College Navy-Marine; Allen Bradley, Milwaukee; Modesto Junior college; Trinidad Junior college; Lindahl Foundry, Chicago; St. Louis Candles; Hoxie, Kansas, Wonders; and Colorado Interstate Gas, Colorado Springs.

The others making up the total of 39 will be winners of qualification tournaments, not yet decided.

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## Out Our Way



## Eugene Quintet Given Spotlight

Salem, Ore., March 15 (AP)—The consecutive win streak of Eugene high school's basketballers, now standing at 30, will receive its stiffest test today when the AX-men tangle with the Washington Colonials of Portland this afternoon in a contest that will get the 1945 state basketball tournament under way.

The Eugene-Washington tilt figures as one of the "key" contests of the 26th annual tourney pitting Oregon's eight top prep teams against each other in a battle for the state title. Both teams are listed among three favored clubs, and the winner figures to get to the finals Saturday night.

Coupling with the opening contest this afternoon will be a battle between the Newberg Tigers and the Baker buidogs with the winner scheduled to play the victor in the Washington-Eugene affair Friday night.

**Tigers Face Vernonia**  
The bottom bracket of the tournament schedule will open tonight with Medford's undefeated Tigers facing little-known Vernonia and the Hillsboro Spartans of the Tualatin valley loop scheduled to match buckets with Oregon City. The winner of these two contests play in the second semifinal game tomorrow night.

Oregon's four best "B" schools will be on the sidelines today and will open their battle Friday afternoon with Clatskanie, the favorite, meeting Grant union of John Day in the first game and Reedspport playing Arlington in the sec-

## and, The two winners are scheduled to play for the state B championship in a preliminary game to the A title battle Saturday night.

## Suarez Is Billed To Fight Hudson

Portland, Ore., March 15 (AP)—Johnny Suarez, Portland's welterweight sensation, will get his chance to fight his way right into big time tomorrow night when he tangles with Cecil Hudson, California negro, who in his last battle held lightweight champion Bob Montgomery to a close decision.

The Portland welterweight is riding on the crest of a record of four victories in four starts since coming to the Rose city.

## Coasting Along in the Sport World

**By Jack Cuddy**  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
New York, March 15 (AP)—Baseball has produced many excellent left-handed pitchers and batters; but in boxing good southpaws have been nearly as scarce as in tennis or golf. Harest of all have been portside heavyweight challengers. The record books show none.

However, Cpl. Mello Bettina—a swarthy, compact Italian from Beacon, N. Y.—claims he will remedy this. Bettina, best southpaw heavyweight in modern ring history at least, is campaigning actively for a shot at Sgt. Joe Louis' title.

The corporal's campaign reaches a crest tomorrow night at Madison Square garden where he collides for the third time with

## Bear Coach Leaves For Salem Parley

Claude Cook, Bend high school coach, left today for Salem to attend the mid-winter conference of the Oregon State High School Coaches association, of which he is secretary. Don Jones of Oregon city is president of the association.

A general meeting of the association will be held Friday, and there will also be committee meetings. Recommendations for the guidance of the Oregon State High School Athletic association will be considered.

In Salem, the coaches, with an attendance of about 90 expected, will attend the state basketball tournament.

## Oregon Quintet Ready for Play

Eugene, Ore., March 15 (AP)—More than 7,000 basketball fans will be on hand Friday night when the University of Oregon Webfoots seek their second straight triumph over Washington State and a ticket to the N.C. A.A. regional tournament at Kansas City, March 23-24.

The Webfoots, who hold a one-game edge in the northern division title playoff by virtue of a 51-41 triumph at Pullman last week-end, were following a light training program today following a sizzling scrimmage session under the watchful eye of Coach John Warren yesterday.

It's a question of even heavier pressure Friday night, with the visiting Cougars holding the edge in possibilities of standing up under the strain the best because of three veterans in the starting lineup against a lone letterman in Oregon's virtually all-freshman aggregation.

**Hansen in Spotlight**  
Individual spotlight will be thrown on Washington State's record-breaking sophomore center, Vince Hansen, and Capt. Bob Hamilton of Oregon. Hamilton held the upper hand in the first game as he poured in 20 points to 15 for the 6-foot 8-inch Cougar pivot man.

Oregon fans are hoping however that Dick Willids, freshman forward who led the Webfoots in scoring through the season but failed to count a field goal in the first playoff game, will "come to life" and enter a big total in the scoring column Friday night.

Washington State's team is expected to arrive in time for a light workout here today. Reports from Pullman indicate the Cougars are in top shape for the contest.

## Baseball Briefs

(By United Press)  
San Francisco, March 15 (AP)—The San Francisco Seals today

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Floyd Ehrman from Sacramento will hurl. Gussie Suhr will make his 1945 debut standing in at first base for Eddie Ghilardi who is down with the flu.

Boyes Springs, Cal., March 15 (AP)—The Oakland Oaks won a 7-2 victory over Joe Gordon's Hamilton Field Fliers yesterday in a game called at the end of seven innings on account of rain.

San Jose, Cal., March 15 (AP)—The Portland Beavers yesterday sneaked to a two-hour workout between showers in preparation for their game tomorrow night with the San Francisco Seals.

The Beavers played a five-inning intra-squad game, the Whites battling the Grays 5-0. Rookie hurler Bob Hardy set the Grays down without a hit in four innings.

Sacramento, March 15 (AP)—Left-handed Roy Wetmore, former first baseman for the Pacific coast league Missions, today was another candidate for the first sack spot with the Sacramento Solons.

Anaheim, Cal., March 15 (AP)—Manager Bill Sweeney of the Los Angeles Angels planned to put Boyd Tepler and Ken Hicks on the mound in today's practice game with the Hollywood Stars.

Ontario, Cal., March 15 (AP)—Hollywood Stars were to meet the Los Angeles Angels at Anaheim today in the first of two practice games for the crosstown rivals, with Ronnie Smith and Johnny Intlekofer booked to pitch for the Twinks.

El Centro, Cal., March 15 (AP)—The San Diego Padres faced an exhibition game with an El Centro navy nine today, with return tilts against the Mexicali all-stars booked for tomorrow and Saturday at Mexicali.

## Four Teams Set Pace in Tourney

Seattle, March 15 (AP)—The 21st Washington State high school basketball tournament went into its second round of play today with four teams—Lincoln of Seattle, South Kitsap, Bellingham and Stadium of Tacoma—stamping themselves as definite contenders.

South Kitsap pulled a real upset yesterday, knocking off the favored Walla Walla team, 54-39. Strapping Jud Heathcoat and Ed Brown paced the winners with 14 and 16 points respectively. South Kitsap takes on a tough customer in Bellingham's Red Raiders today at 2:10.

The Raiders lived up to pre-tourney notice by walloping Central Valley, 48-37. Bellingham's decided height advantage proved the margin of victory, although Central Valley made a game of it.

**Spokane Wins**  
John Rogers of Spokane was the first school east of the mountains to get by the first round, taking Kalama into camp, 15-13. Tom Bradley led the winners with 12, while Duane Hardman topped Kalama with 11 points.

Snohomish and Longview played the day's first thriller, Snohomish finally breaking through to win, 32-30. Bob Gambold was high man for the Lumberjacks, scoring 12, while Keith Gilbertson grabbed ten for the panthers.

Seattle's Lincoln high, first team to represent the big city in the tournament, roared into contention with a resounding 47-27 win over Wenatchee. The Lynx had too much on the ball for the apple-city team, scoring almost at will.

## INDIA STUDENTS INCREASE

Lahore (AP)—More than 80,000 students will take spring examinations at Lahore's Punjab university this year, according to the registrar. A tremendous increase in candidates for matriculation has resulted in rural areas, and also from the large number of openings in government service due to the war, the registrar said.

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