

Skits and Scratches

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Bob Keuscher out at Leslie, who has seen a lot of basketball, including most of the sessions of last week's state tournament says Benny Pitzer really showed the fans something in Portland Tuesday night when he played with the Salem Intermediates against Scappoose in the Golden Ball tournament. All Benny did was score 30 points, including field goals and foul shots. Shooting from all points of the court he scored 13 bullseyes out of 18 attempts. "I wish he had played that well against Parrish," sighed the Leslie coach. Needless to say, young Pitzer will be a marked lad during the balance of the tourney. The Intermediates will go up against the Parkrose high school "B" team Friday night and if they keep in the running will probably have to engage Rainier and Lents as well.

Here's an invention that should be investigated by the fish commission and others interested in preventing trout from being siphoned off into irrigation ditches from feeder streams. The device is described in a recent issue of Electronics Magazine and apparently is patterned after the familiar electric fence which is used so extensively in the valley to keep stock within bounds. It is termed an "electronic fish fence" and is described as being a "screen or fence consisting of one or more rows of metal rods or strips that serve as electrodes through which electrical impulses are sent to set up an electric field in the water." The impulses give the fish an effective but harmless shock which sends them scurrying back to a safe area.

"At Pymatuning Lake, Pa., state fish hatcheries, the fence prevents the fish from migrating to open water where they would be caught by fishermen or eaten by larger fish," the magazine article claims. "The fence has other extremely practical applications in preventing fish from being destroyed in the water intakes of irrigation projects, hydro-electric plants and industrial works." ... Off hand, it would seem the device would take the place of fish screens which are supposed to be installed at the intakes of irrigation ditches, but which quite frequently are not there.

What a snap for the Willamette athlete who wants to play baseball but is expected to engage in spring football practice! Unless an outside diamond is located, Coach Walter Erickson of the Bearcat gridders and Bill Hanauska, director of baseball, will have their squads working out at the same time on Sweetland field. So, after a griddler has a few bouts with the tackling dummy, he can step over and take his cuts at the plate. But pity the fellow who is trying to catch a punt while keeping a wary eye out for a line drive. And, incidentally Hanauska would appreciate it if some one would provide a few huskies with pitching arms. Bill finds himself with a schedule of considerable length and few prospects in the mound line. Perhaps the former Bearcat pitcher who is now owned by the Brooklyn Dodgers can take the cure or something and emerge an amateur once more. Then he could win his own games.

And from Arthur Boesch, proprietor of Santiam lodge, just above the forks of the North and South Santiam highways, comes

Sandy, Canby Split Honors

Sandy and Canby divided two honors in state high school wrestling when they finished last night each with four division titles. The tournament, which attracted approximately 130 athletes from nine schools, was held on the Salem high school mats, Salem, Oregon City, Molalla and Newberg each taking a divisional title.

Don Gettis, Viking matman, took the heavyweight crown by downing Ray Zellinski of Molalla in 1:20. Other divisional champs: Bernard Smith, 175; Jerry Crone, 138; Charles Paul, 118; Melvin McCherry, 112, all of Sandy; Dick Von, 145; Larry Burden, 138; Ray Koenig, 125; Glen Herman, 95, all of Canby; Merle Kirchem, 165, Oregon City; Malo Hasselblad, 112, of Newberg; Walter Schoenborn, 105, Molalla.

Final matches:
95 pounds—Herman, Canby, defeated Buzz Wheatley, Molalla; 100, Schoenborn, Molalla, fall in 2:43 over Leroy Permine, Canby; 112, Hasselblad, Newberg, defeated Bud Oliver, Canby; 118, McCherry, Sandy, defeated Martin Beraan, Parkrose; 125, Paul, Sandy, defeated Jim Sanford, Sandy; 138, Koenig, Canby, fall in 3:37 over Walt Miller, Parkrose; 138, Crone, Sandy, fall in 2:36 over Bill Patrick, Salem; 145, Burden, Canby, fall in 39 seconds over St. Germaine, Newberg; 155, Von, Canby, fall in 39 seconds over Jack Hendricks, Sandy; 165, Kirchem, Oregon City, defeat over Wallace Zellinski, Molalla; 175, Smith, fall in 2:34 over Norman Wirtel, Newberg; heavyweight, Gettis fall in 1:12 over Raymond Zellinski, Molalla.

O'Doul Names Four Possible Starters

Honolulu, Mar. 21 (AP)—Manager Lefty O'Doul today named four most likely candidates for opening day mound duties when his San Francisco Seals meet the Seattle Rainiers in San Francisco March 29.

Based on their performance against the Hawaii All-stars, O'Doul listed Larry Jansen, Ray Harrell, Al Lien and Bill Werle as possible choices to hurl the first ball of the season.

Dallas High Plays Mt. Angel, March 27

Dallas—The Dallas high school Dragons will meet Mt. Angel high school on LaCreole field here Wednesday afternoon, March 27, for a Willamette Valley league baseball opener, according to Coach O. E. Anderson, who states he has started preliminary workouts with 45 boys participating.

The nine league teams will meet opponents in single contests during the season, each drawing four home games.

Opening day's games for the league include Estacada at Molalla; Sandy at Silverton; Woodburn at Canby; Mt. Angel at Dallas; Stayton, bye.

Hanauska Greets Baseball Squad

The Willamette university baseball team opened its practice today. Coach Bill Hanauska having only until April 5 before the team meets the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Athletic Director Walter Erickson, who also is football coach, announced that spring football practice, which already is under way, would be held at different hours than the baseball program, to permit men to engage in both sports.

word that there are 156 inches of snow on the ground and prospects for skiing until May are excellent. The ski tows will be in operation at Hoodoo bowl during the spring vacation period, March 23-31. "We have been having a good season and good turnouts," Boesch writes.

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Veterans Benefit Ring Show Nets \$1120; Entire Card Good

Jack Von's widow received \$1120 and the near capacity crowd of fans the maximum in boxing entertainment last night at the armory when the Veterans of Foreign Wars staged their benefit ring show. The affair was a complete success from the opening preliminary through the Duane Hoag-Archie Cook main event which pleased the fans no end.

Hoag got Referee Packy McFarland's decision, but the cocky little scrapper knew he had been in a battle all of the way. Cook, a rangy lad from Seattle, weighed in at 132 against Hoag's 126 pounds wasted no time in feeling out his opponent. He tore in with a series of uppercuts before the "Durable" one scarcely had a chance to get set. Cook won the opening round handily although Hoag came back with a two fisted attack of his own.



Oscar checks the rules with Bill McKain, Jr., pals during the latter's three years at Centralia, Ill., high school. Oscar, a German shepherd, was awarded a football "C" for his regularity in attending practice sessions.

Liska and Klepper Visit Briefly

San Jose, Calif., Mar. 21 (AP)—Whether or not Ad Liska will hurl his famed submarine ball for the Portland Beavers this season remained a question today after the reluctant pitcher visited the camp briefly—and then left again.

Liska, who was under fire for failure to report for duty, talked with General Manager Bill Klepper yesterday, but left saying he was "going back home" after failing again to reach a contract agreement. Klepper was silent on the negotiations with his No. 1 holdout, but indicated he may talk with Liska again in Portland.

Rain and cold weather kept the Beavers from the practice field yesterday, and it appeared they may be washed out again today.

State Softball Meet Sunday

Revival of softball on a statewide basis, culminating in a championship tournament, will be up for consideration next Sunday afternoon when the annual meeting of the state association meets at the YMCA at 2:30. The association has been inactive since 1942 when war forced suspension of the sport.

While announcements have been sent to all communities represented in the association prior to the war, it is the hope of President C. K. Knickerbocker of McMinnville that all those interested will attend Sunday's meeting.

In addition to Knickerbocker, the executive committee of the association includes Dave White, Portland, vice president; Ralph Guynes, Oregon City, secretary-treasurer; H. V. Collins, Salem, director-at-large, and Dwight Adams, Monmouth, state director.

Camacho Tosses Out First Ball

Mexico City, March 21 (AP)—With President Manuel Avila Camacho scheduled to throw out the first ball at the Vera Cruz-Mexico City game here, the Mexican "major league" baseball season opens today with sell-outs reported at all parks as fans flocked to see former United States stars.

Among former big leaguers from the states, Alex Carrasquel, Chico Hernandez, Danny Gardella, Roberto Estalella, Luis Olmo, Chile Gomez and Roberto Ortiz are slated to appear in the game here before a sellout 23,000 crowd at prices upped from last year's scale of 40 cents to \$1 to 50 cents and \$1.20.

Shirley's Brother Turns Grappler

Santa Monica, Calif., Mar. 21 (AP)—George Temple, 24-year-old brother of movie actress Shirley Temple, has embarked upon a wrestling career, to the distaste of his parents and Shirley.

Hoag was the aggressor thereafter as he declined to take a backward step. But Cook stood up to the wind mill attack gamely as the battle took on the aspects of a bar room brawl at times. In the fourth both went through the ropes twice by virtue of the impetuosity of their attack. During an exchange on the ropes Hoag dropped to the canvas but Referee McFarland said it was the result of a slip.

Cook tired visibly in the fifth round as Hoag, apparently in a bit better condition, kept up his perpetual motion attack. McFarland's decision was greeted with a series of Bronx cheers.

Other results: Bob Ford, Portland, defeated John L. Sullivan, Portland, 6 rounds; Manuel Jones, Portland, TKO over Jack Hibbard, Klamath Falls, in the fourth; Kelly Jackson, Coulton, Cal., and Dave Arndt, Portland, four round draw; Bill Towery, Turner, TKO over Rubin Ruiz, Portland, third; Leon Moore, Salem, defeated Eddie Eggee, Portland, 4 rounds.

Wildcats Claim First Hoop Title

New York, March 21 (AP)—Kentucky's wily wildcats, who barely escaped basketball fame in other years, claimed their first national championship today—by the margin of one slim free throw.

That shot, which Ralph Beard arched in with 40 seconds left to play last night, gave the Blue Grass basketweavers a 46 to 45 victory over high-speed Rhode Island State, a team that never quit running at full speed through 120 minutes of the invitational tournament play.

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Recently discharged from the marines, with whom he served in the Pacific, George is to make his debut at nearby Ocean Park tomorrow night. Mom and pop and Shirley probably won't be there to cheer him on. They tried to prevail upon George to follow some other pursuit, but he figures there's money and opportunity in wrestling, even if

Barney Greenberg Apt Golf Pupil

Los Angeles, March 21 (AP)—You can't say 15-year-old Bernard Greenberg isn't an apt pupil. Ending a lesson from Paul his first bout is a preliminary with a young giant known as "Iron Mike" Works.

Scott, Griffith Park golf course pro, Bernard required a hole-in-one on the 20th yard eighth hole, using a 5 iron.

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