

Mel Ott Fails To Make Diamond Hall of Fame

New York, Feb. 17 (AP)—Mel Ott, former New York Giants slugger, failed by 11 votes to make baseball's hall of fame.

At that, the left-handed power-hitting outfielder, came closest this year to joining the list of diamond greats already named to the shrine at Cooperstown, N. Y. None made the grade.

In the annual voting of the Baseball Writers Association of America, Ott drew 115 votes from the 167 participating. Seventy-five per cent of the total vote—126 votes, in this case—is needed.

Last year Charlie Gehringer, Detroit Tigers second baseman, was chosen by the writers.

Bearcats Face Final Loop Hurdle with Badger Cagers

Two and a half games out in front in the Northwest conference basketball chase, the Willamette Bearcats will play their only league contest of the week Saturday night against Pacific at Forest Grove.

Taking advantage of three home games, the College of Idaho Coyotes won all of them to move into undisputed possession of second place. They are at home Friday night to the Whitman Missionaries.

Lewis & Clark, which won two out of three on the road, has a pair of games with Linfield Friday and Saturday.

Ed Rooney of Pacific took over first place in the individual scoring race when he ran his total up to 176 points in 12 contests. Charles Anderson of Whitman has 167 in 11 games, Bob Pollard of Lewis and Clark 153 in 10 and Ted Loder of Willamette, 140 in nine. Loder has the best average—15.5 as compared with Pollard's 15.3.

The standings:

W	L	Pct.	For	Agst.	
Willamette	7	2	777	805	468
College of Idaho	6	4	660	531	517
Lewis & Clark	5	5	589	537	545
Whitman	5	6	454	582	598
Pacific	5	7	417	594	598
Linfield	3	7	300	512	562

Marion County B Loop Starts Tourney Friday

A double elimination tournament for the top three teams in the northern division and as many more from the southern district of the Marion County B league will get under way on Willamette's gym floor at 7:30 Friday night, when Sublimity plays Chemawa. The second game will bring together Jefferson and Aumsville.

The tourney is a double elimination affair, with contests slated for February 17, 18, 22 and 23.

Gervais, top team in the northern district as the result of seasonal competition, will meet Mill City, southern half champs, Saturday night in a separate bracket for the county championship and runner up positions.

Winners of the Friday night games will clash Saturday night as will the losers.

At the end of the tournament teams placing first, second, third and fourth will be entered

Surprising 'Cats Play Better Away Lewis Says

Coach Johnny Lewis of the Willamette university Bearcats made no predictions concerning the outcome of the Northwest conference race as he addressed the Salem Breakfast club Friday morning, but he expressed a bit of surprise that his cagers played a better game away from home than on the familiar surroundings of their own court.

In view of the fact that four of the remaining conference games are home affairs, Lewis expressed the hope that his soph-

Sports Calendar

FEBRUARY 17
Basketball
Springfield high vs Salem high at Salem, 8:15 P.M.
Idaho vs Oregon at Eugene.
Willamette Valley league: Mt. Angel at Satsada; Sandy at Silverton; Canby at Dallas; Molalla at Woodburn.

FEBRUARY 18
Basketball
Willamette vs Pacific at Forest Grove, Idaho vs Oregon at Eugene.

Calumet farm's hope for a third straight Kentucky Derby victory. Theory, is going along steadily in training at Hialeah.

The club's membership is from Salem senior high school. It meets every Thursday night at the club house, 320 East Wald street. The president is Dick Wyatt and the adviser Clark Lethin.

Harold Hawk, Salem high coach, predicted tighter competition in the forthcoming district 11 tournament, pointing to Sacred Heart's 90 points against Star of the Sea as a good example of what may be expected.

Al Loucks, president of the Breakfast club, said plans were in the making to select the outstanding senior high school athlete of the year in Marion and Polk counties. Additional information is expected to be available next Friday morning.

Salem high school's 1949-50 hoop campaign draws to a close next week following tilts with Springfield, Lebanon, and Bend in that order.

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Hogan Signs for Filmland Story

Hollywood, Feb. 17 (AP)—Ben Hogan, the Texan bantam who staged one of the greatest comebacks in sports annals, has signed a contract with 20th Century-Fox for the studio to produce a picture based on the golfer's life.

Hogan nearly lost his life in an auto-bus collision a year ago and doctors believed his brilliant career at an end.

Hogan said the film studio has not decided who will play his role in the movie.

Vikings Face Millers in Chance to Win Loop Title

The Viking cagers of Salem high hope to put their stamp on the 1949-50 Big Six league title Friday night when they tangle with the Springfield Millers at 8:15.

The favored Viks can take the title with a victory over the Millers, despite the fact that they still have to meet Bend a week from today in the Lava Bear lair. A loss to the Millers would

North Division Weekend Crucial for WSC and OSC

It could be all over but the shouting in the northern division basketball race after this weekend. Could be, that is—Washington and Oregon State think and hope otherwise.

Boasting a full game lead over both the runners-up, Washington State college takes its high-powered quintet into Hec Edmundson Fieldhouse tonight intent on administering the coup de grace to the title chances of Coach Art McLarney's Huskies.

A sweep would do it—and virtually knock Oregon State out of the picture at the same time. For after Washington, WSC has only a pair with Idaho and, with the Huskies eliminated, would need only to divide with the Vandals to gain a tie for the crown.

A split would send all three down to the finish line with five losses and a possible three-way tie knot in the making.

A Washington sweep would put the Huskies in the driver's seat.

The week-end Seattle series is the plum of division activity which also finds Idaho moving into Eugene for a game with Oregon to decide which isn't going to end the year in the cellar. Idaho pulled two wins out of the bag at Moscow and Oregon would like to do the same at home.

Both McLarney and WSC's Jack Friel will be shouting the works tonight and tomorrow for the title, the edification of a packed house—and a television audience. The capacity booking brought a relaxation of Athletic Director Harvey Cassill's recent

ban on the video outlet.

Big Gene Conley, leading conference scorer with 174 points in 12 games, and Ed Gayda—no small shucks as a shotmaker himself—will be pacing the Cougar attack. Abetting them in the starting lineup will be Bob Gambold, Ted Tappe and Leon Mangis.

McLarney also will be shooting with his regulars—the same five men who went the distance last Saturday in nosing out Wyoming: La Don Henson, Jack Ward, Duane Enochs, Louis Soriano and Frank Guisness.

WSC arrived last night and got in a few practice licks at the Washington floor before retiring.

Aspen, Colo., Feb. 17 (AP)—Dagmar Rom, the graceful blonde Austrian, is just one hurdle away from recognition as one of the greatest women skiers in history.

The final test for the gay, 31-year-old university student, will come today on Aspen mountain's treacherous downhill course. A victory would give her a clean sweep of the women's Alpine events in the world meet sponsored by the Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS).

Miss Rom, a natural athlete who maneuvers with almost effortless ease, added the world slalom crown Wednesday to the giant slalom championship she had captured two days earlier.

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Club Schedules Crow Shoot for Mill Creek Work

The Salem Fur, Fin and Feather club, sponsored by Barb's Sporting Goods for the promotion of wild life in Oregon, will engage in a crow shoot March 1-April 30, with proceeds of the shoot going toward the fund being raised to improve Mill creek.

Favorites Trail In Texas Tourney

Harlingen, Tex., Feb. 17 (AP)—The \$10,000 Rio Grande Valley open golf tournament slashed into its second round today with jovial little George Fazio out front by one stroke.

While the galleries followed the co-favorites, flashy Jimmie Demaret and handsome Cary Middlecoff, the lightly regarded Fazio slipped in with a seven-under-par 64 yesterday to top the field of crack shots.



Crow Prizes Fur, Fin and Feather club members: First row—Bill Blank, Bill Province, Dick Wyatt; second row, Denis Sherard, Roger DeBaure, Lythie; third row—Bob Inglis, Jack Olney, Dave Christie, adviser Clark Lethin. Prizes indicated are in connection with a crow shoot March 1.

Angels Sure of WVL Tie As League Faces Finals

By DAVID BLACKMER

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VFW Fight Card Books Wolfe-Ball 10-Rounder

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will start their delayed professional boxing program for the 1950 season at the armory the night of February 22.

The main event will feature Dick Wolfe of Portland, claimant of the state welterweight title, and Davey Ball, a rugged scrapper, over the 10-round card. Wolfe insists that Ball weigh in at ringside no heavier than 160 pounds. Even at that weight, Wolfe claims he will be spotting his opponent at least eight pounds.

Wolfe and Ball have met three times. The first time Wolfe won in the ninth via the

Pilots Confirm Settlement Of Grid Coaching Contract

Portland, Ore., Feb. 17 (AP)—The University of Portland today confirmed a statement made to United Press earlier this week that Harry C. Wright, the head football coach, had made a friendly settlement with the school on the remaining two years of his three-year contract.

Portland announced suspension of intercollegiate football last Saturday because its cost had been too much for the school's expansion plans in the field of education.

Rev. Robert H. Sweeney, vice president and chairman of the

Frisco Goober Gobblers Find Victory Is in Bag

San Francisco, Feb. 17 (AP)—The goober gobblers rejoiced today. Victory was in the bag.

Paul Fagan, the multi-millionaire owner of the San Francisco baseball team, said yesterday that no more peanuts would be sold in his stadium because it cost too much to sweep up the shells. But Fagan couldn't stand the wrath of his public very long.

"So he surrendered."

"I give up . . . Mr. Peanut wins," Fagan announced, covering in his stadium office.

"It's the first time in my life I've been beaten, and it had to be by a peanut."

No sooner had Fagan issued his ban on the peanut that he was shelled with outraged protests. He was almost afraid to

appear in public. The phone jangled at the ball park, at his uptown office, at his home. The telegrams poured in. Newspapers denounced him.

Across San Francisco bay the Oakland A's, a Pacific Coast league rival of the San Francisco team, urged all red-blooded Americans to patronize a stadium that respected civil rights.

"It was awful," Fagan said. "In 24 hours I got complaints from the Peanut Vendors' union, the Peanut Pickers' association, the Peanut Growers' association and peanut bag companies."

"I quit. The peanut can come back and he's welcome."

Any more nutty ideas, Mr. Fagan?



Subsidies Would Kill Sports, UW Head Says

New York, Feb. 17 (AP)—Dr. Raymond B. Allen, president of the University of Washington, said today that "intercollegiate sports will ultimately disappear" if there is unchecked subsidization of college athletics.

Responding to an Associated Press questionnaire on subsidization in college athletics, Dr. Allen was asked this question among others:

"If subsidization, either open or sub rosa, continues unchecked what future do you predict for American college sports?"

His response was:

"The question presupposes current and continued subsidization. If this assumption is correct, I would say that intercollegiate sports will ultimately disappear and that the field of amateur athletics will be left almost exclusively to the high schools and sandlots, who would then become the next victim of professionalism.

"This, it seems to me, is one of the most important single problems in intercollegiate relations today, and it goes to the ethical problems that face our society. It is part and parcel of the materialism that threatens our society on many fronts. I cannot help contrasting the threatened state of amateur athletic competition today with the glory it achieved in the scheme of the ancient

Greeks, who valued athletic competition for its own sake, just as they valued other achievements."

Dr. Allen and Dr. Fred D. Flagg, Jr., president of the University of Southern California, both affirmed support of the N.C.A.A.'s "sanity code." Both Washington and Southern California are prominent members of the Pacific Coast conference.

Last fall Washington won three football games and lost seven, while Southern California won five, lost three and tied one.

The question on the future of college sports under unchecked subsidization was number three on a list of four submitted to both presidents. Dr. Allen's replies to the other three, together with the questions, follows:

"1. Does the University of Washington subsidize athletics and if so to what extent in what sports?"

"The University of Washington does not subsidize athletics in any sport. Under the rules of the Pacific Coast conference, on-campus employment at the rate of \$1.50 per hour but not exceeding \$75.00 per month, is provided. Although the bulk of these jobs are held by members of squads, they are not restricted to these groups, and a number of athletes from the other sports do participate. In addition, a limited number of

"grants-in-aid," providing for the payment of student fees in excess of \$65.00 per year, are permitted by the conference in cases where, in the opinion of a faculty committee, financial need has been established.

"2. Do your alumni subsidize athletes privately and if so is this with or without the knowledge of the university?"

"While I cannot state categorically that there is no subsidization of athletes by our alumni, I can say in all sincerity that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no such activity on the part of our graduates. I can say also that we have made every effort to assure that there is no subsidization by alumni.

"4. Do you subscribe to the N.C.A.A. 'sanity code'?"

"Yes. While it may not be ideal, it is a worthwhile and substantial effort to establish a uniform standard of practice throughout the nation. Even though it may be difficult to enforce, the mere fact that we have at least succeeded in setting a common minimum standard is without doubt an important step forward"

Dr. Fagg's reply to the four questions follows in full:

"1. The Pacific Coast conference and the NCAA provide rules on this subject, to which we adhere.

"2. Not to my knowledge.

"3. I believe that the men who supervise athletics in our colleges and universities will not permit competitive sports to be destroyed by professionalism.

"4. Yes. Incidentally, our faculty representative is chairman of the NCAA committee on committees."

Wisconsin Track Star to Appeal Reverse Decision

Madison, Wis., Feb. 17 (AP)—Track Star Don Gehrmann said Thursday that a New York "friend" will appeal the New York metropolitan AAU ruling which took away his first place in the Wanamaker mile and gave it to Fred Witt.

Gehrmann said the protest probably would be filed in New York today.

The trophy originally was handed to Gehrmann after a close finish and it still is at the University of Wisconsin.

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