



Fishermen Knock Vikings Into Consolation Series

Eugene, March 21 (AP)—It was certain today that a new Oregon state class A basketball champion would be crowned at the end of the five-day tournament that opened here last night.

That is because Salem, the defending champ and No. 1 team in final Associated Press poll, was the victim of a startling upset at the hands of Astoria last night, 49-44.

The Fishermen, No. 10 in the poll, staged a rousing fourth quarter rally to come from behind in the last minute and a half to overtake the favored Vikings in the second game of a double-header.

Eugene won the opener from Newberg 60-40 to advance to the second championship round.

Eugene, March 21 (AP)—Portland's Jefferson threw high-riding Central Catholic out of the state high school basketball tournament today in the first round's second startling upset.

It was a one-point margin, 39-38.

Paul Gauthier, at 5 feet 9 inches a virtual midget in this era of stringbean players, was the brightest star in the Astoria victory. A substitute guard, he scored a free throw and three field goals in the last three minutes of the game to give the Fishermen the win.

It was his free throw that tied the score at 42-all after Astoria had trailed, sometimes badly, earlier. He whipped in the basket that put his team out front for the first time 44-43. He got

ahead 16-6 at the end of the first quarter, 27-15 at the half and 37-27 at the end of the third quarter. But the Fishermen never quit until victory was achieved.

Eugene had comparatively easy going in turning back Newberg, holding a 10-7 first quarter advantage, a 27-15 halftime lead and a 47-27 edge at the end of the third period.

Ron Parsons, high scoring Eugene center, didn't get a field goal until 4 1/2 minutes of the second quarter were gone. He ended the game with 15 points, considerably under his more than 20-point-a-game average.

Sunkist Pug Accuses Light Champ of Title Wiggling

By OSCAR FRALEY
(United Press Sports Writer)

New York, March 21 (AP)—John L. Davis, the California welterweight champion who fights like Henry and dresses like Sugar Robinson, finished up his training today for a non-title bout with Ike Williams by accusing the lightweight champ of "trying to wiggle out of a title fight."

"I like to fight and I wouldn't duck anybody if I was champion," explained the 24-year-old Negro. "Well, I've fought Williams before so I don't see why we're fighting again without the title being at stake."

Davis, who meets Williams at Madison Square Garden on Friday night, met the lightweight king at Seattle on Feb. 27, 1950. Williams copped a split decision from the ever-punching Davis. It has been explained to John L. that if he beats Williams in this one he'll get a title shot May 11.

"Doesn't make sense," he grunted. "If I beat him, I

should be champion. You either lick a guy or you don't."

Davis is a young man who calls a spade a spade. Without trying to anger Williams, he insisted that the lightweight champion didn't even give him his toughest fight in a career of only 50 bouts which has never found him off his feet.

A fatalistic, showdown attitude is what turned Davis to boxing four years ago after two years in service. He came back hoping to become a lawyer by studying under the G.I. bill of rights.

"It was too hard for me," he admitted. "So I quit."

Born in Eldorado, Ark., Davis moved with his family to Berkeley, Calif., as a boy. Currently he hails from Richmond, Calif. One of a family of 10 children, he is rather vague about his early life.

"The name John L. is my real name, he explained. "But that L. don't stand for nothing. It's just there."

Davis did his first fighting on a troop ship bound for India.

"They had a recreation period and the boxing winner was to get \$1 worth of PX supplies," he recalled. "Well, I thought I might as well get that dollar's worth as much as anybody else."

He got it, too.

Returning from the service, Davis took his brief shot at studying law and hit the fight trail after boxing at a teen-age club.

"They told me I'd do pretty good," he grinned. "So I decided to give it a try."

John L. is a windmill puncher of the Armstrong type, a tireless thrower who just keeps firing away until something drops. Sportswriters on the West Coast have really used up all the adjectives describing him as a "tigerish puncher" and as a "vengeful machine whose blows fall blindingly, without number."

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All Set Larry Chamberlain, bespectacled Salem guard (14) gets ready to hoist one from near the end line during Tuesday night's Viking-Astoria basketball game in Eugene. Salem lost the contest 49-44 as the Fishermen staged a fourth-period rally to overcome an earlier Vik margin. Others identified are Paul Gauthier (20), whose efforts were largely responsible for the win; Ron Brown (21), Astoria, and Larry Scheeler, Salem (34), who appears to have received an elbow on his nose.

NIT Champs Begin Fight For NCAA Title Tonight

Kansas City, Mo., March 21 (AP)—Brigham Young university's National Invitation champions want the NCAA basketball crown, too, and tonight they will begin their bid for it.

Coach Stan Watts flew his "dog tired" Provo, Utah, Cougars to Kansas City from their New York Madison Square Garden triumph over Dayton in the NIT, and said he expected BYU to "do all right" here provided they recovered from their eastern trip.

But winning the western isn't going to be easy, though BYU (27-7) is favored to win its first round game from San Jose State, an at-large entry from California.

The other game on tonight's opening card will match Kansas State's Big Seven champion Wildcats against Arizona, kingpin of the Border conference.

Tomorrow night will catch Oklahoma A&M, Missouri Valley champion, and Montana State of Bozeman, the other at-large entry, in the opener, with the University of Washington.

Name Rasmussen Roosevelt Coach

Portland, March 20 (AP)—Roosevelt high school here named Marv Rasmussen as its regular basketball and baseball coach yesterday. He has been acting coach in the absence of Rollie Rourke, in New York on Sabbath leave. Rourke notified the school he would not return.

Dixie Gets 'Nik' Nikcevic for Football Aide

Moscow, Idaho, March 21 (AP)—University of Idaho Football Coach Dixie Howell will have a Coach Dixie griffin "great" as an assistant next season.

University President J. E. Buchanan announced yesterday John "Nik" Nikcevic, 27, will replace Gene Harlow on Howell's coaching staff. Harlow is now on the staff at the University of Oregon.

Nikcevic was first string guard on the University of California at Los Angeles from 1945 to 1949 and is one of UCLA's 14 four-year football lettermen. He won All-Coast honors during his playing career.

Buchanan also announced the university will not fill the vacancy created by the departure of Freshman Coach Art Smith, recalled to active duty with the air force. The Frosh will play with the varsity next season.

English Shell Crew to Compete Here First Time

Boston, March 21 (AP)—An English varsity crew will compete in American waters for the first time in history April 14 on Charles river. The winner of the Oxford-Cambridge race of March 24 will race Harvard, MIT and Boston university.

The event will be the first of a series of events as the Union Boat club, one of the country's oldest rowing organizations, celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Basketball Scores

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(By The Associated Press)
Tuesday Scores (Second Round)
Bartlesville, Okla. 55, Laramie, Wyo. 53.
Sioux City, Iowa 60, Milwaukee, Wis. 49.
Dayton, Ohio 76, Springfield, Ill. 54.
Port Collins, Colo. 53, Natchitoches, La. 51.
Santa Maria, Calif. 58, Spokane, Wash. 48.
San Francisco 67, Amarillo, Tex. 55.
Dallas, Tex. 75, Peru, Neb. 51.
Oakland, Calif. 82, McPherson, Kan. 57.
Houston, Tex. 57, Colorado Springs, Colo. 48.

77 Salem Golfers Swing in First Round of Spring 'Cap

First round of competition in the annual Salem Golf club's annual spring handicap tournament is slated to be concluded by next Sunday night with 77 persons participating.

Jack Russell, who qualified with medalist honors of 88 is paired with Bob Sederstrom in the championship flight while Laurence Alley, who had a net 70 will match strokes with Dave Moon.

The pairings:
Championship: Jack Russell vs. Bob Sederstrom; Laurence Alley vs. Dave Moon; Fred Scheidegger vs. P. C. Anderson; Harry Gustafson vs. Glen Lengen; John Kolb vs. Bob Needham; Bert Gwynn vs. Wally Hug; Derby Wynn vs. Jim Sheldon; Bob Burrell vs. W. Miller.

Second: Roger Putnam vs. Floyd Hutchins; B. Thomson vs. L. R. Smith; Ted Chambers vs. Ken Potts; Bud Waterman vs. Win Needham.

Third: Ace Fisher vs. Fred Ritner; Bob Price vs. Barney

Oilers Breeze Through First AAU Threat, 95-53

Denver, March 21 (AP)—The Phillips Oilers laughed off the idea that they were in danger of losing their National AAU basketball crown and made plans today for adding another title to their already bulging trophy case.

Most of the 3,500 fans who watched yesterday's game cheered with the Bartlesville, Okla. team, and declared that unless the other seeded clubs in the tourney get going, Phillips will make a bigger rout to the championship than ever before.

This attitude came after Phillips opened defense of its crown in usual form by trampling Laramie, Wyo., 95-53.

Lava Bears Win, 60 to 48

Eugene, Ore., March 21 (AP)—Bend's Lava Bears opened the second day's play in the 33rd annual Oregon State high school basketball tournament at McArthur court today by wallopping Scappoose 60 to 48.

Bend, led by star center Reggie Halligan who scored 27 points, got off to a flying start and flashed to a 21 to 9 lead by the end of the first quarter.

Scappoose shook its tournament jitters and closed the gap to 32-24 at halftime and came out after the intermission to battle to a 34-34 tie after three minutes of the third period. The rest of the quarter was fiercely fought with Bend maintaining a five-point, 47-42, edge going into the final period.

With Halligan leading the way, the Lava Bears poured in 13 points while holding Scappoose to six to win going away.

Guard Ray Wallis sparked the Scappoose attack with 18 points. Forward Dick Laursen scored 12 points for Bend and Guard Ron Johnson netted 11 for Scappoose.

Broken-Hearted Connie Says Too Late for Flag

By LEO H. PETERSEN
(United Press Sports Editor)

West Palm Beach, Fla., March 21 (AP)—Connie Mack, his heart breaking and his baseball empire crumbling, looked back on 1950 today as the most disappointing year of the 56 he spent as owner and manager of his beloved Philadelphia Athletics.

"I thought last spring we had a chance to win the pennant—that one more pennant that I've been hoping so much for—but I guess it just wasn't to be," he said in broken voice, and near tears, as he sat in a chair near the A's dugout.

"And now it's too late for that one more pennant."

He realizes he has come to the end of the baseball road. He has lost his portfolio not only as manager of the Athletics, but also as owner.

Mack still holds the title of president, but it is really only honorary.

As he sat erect with his stiff white collar, wearing a coat and hat despite a blistering sun, there was a definite tone of regret in his voice as he said:

"Maybe by coming out here every day, by going out to see the boys whenever I can, maybe that will keep me going. I certainly hope so, for all I can do is watch them now."

He didn't bring up the A's finances, which are in a critical state, but he did make it plain that he was not going to butt in.

Fire Destroys Hood Landmark

Government Camp, Ore., March 21 (AP)—Fire destroyed Hill's Place, a Mount Hood landmark, late yesterday after a bucket brigade of vacationing skiers failed to control the blaze when water pressure dropped.

Firemen and onlookers were able to save some of the fixtures. However the operators, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Rafferty, who lived on the second floor, lost most of their personal belongings. No one was injured.

Hill's place was one of the oldest commercial buildings at Government Camp. It was built in 1927. Another landmark, Battel Axe Inn, was destroyed here last fall by fire.

Most of the skiers who fought the fire were vacationing high school and college students.

Oklahoma football coach Bud Wilkinson not only played the gridiron sport while a student at Minnesota but also was hockey goalie and captain of the golly team.

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