

Teams Arrive for State 'B' Tourney

Eight-Team Field Complete As Knappa Clinches Berth

Teams entered in the annual Oregon state Class B high school basketball tournament began arriving in Salem today, eagerly awaiting the opening round of the tournament tomorrow.

The eight-team field for the state classic at Willamette university was completed last night when Knappa defeated Garibaldi 48-45 in the final game of the district 1-B tournament.

Knappa becomes the second team which played in last year's tourney to gain a berth in the 1953 tournament. Echo high school is also a repeater from 1952. Echo brings back almost an identical lineup from last season, and is generally regarded as the favorite for the state B championship.

Knappa was runner-up in 1952, losing to Rogue River 61-50 in the championship game.

Jefferson, champions of district 2-B, draws Knappa in the opening round. The Lion-Knappa game is scheduled for 9 o'clock Thursday night, the final game of the opening round.

Echo and Drain, both regarded as powerhouses, clash in the tournament's opening game at 2:30 Thursday. Chilo-

quin and Heppner meet at 4 o'clock.

The evening session Thursday, beginning at 7:30, pits Elgin opposite Brownsville and Jefferson against Knappa.

Consolation games will be played Friday afternoon, and semi-final games in the championship bracket Friday night. The state championship game is scheduled for 9 o'clock Saturday night.

Season tickets for the 11-game tournament are just about sold out, ticket chairman Otto Wilson of the sponsoring Exchange club said today. A few are still available at Wicklund's sporting goods store. Tickets for any one session of the tourney may be purchased at the Willamette athletic office.

Seattle (AP) — All-America Johnny O'Brien picked up another scoring record Tuesday night as he paced Seattle university to an 88-77 basketball win over Idaho State and a berth in the NCAA Western regionals at Corvallis, Ore., Friday.

The Seattle mighty mite dumped in 42 points to run his season's total to 881, 30 more than the old national major college season scoring standard set by Dick Croft of Duke last season.

Most of the Seattle aggregation had tough sledding, however, as Idaho State, the Rocky Mountain conference champions, held the high-scoring Chiefs, who have crossed the century mark five times this season, in the double-figure bracket with a tight defense.

The Chieftains will run up against another defensive-minded team in the Western regionals Friday, their opponent being the arch-rival University of Washington Huskies, Pacific Coast Conference Champions.

Santa Clara Clinches NCAA Tourney Spot

Palo Alto, Calif. (AP) — Santa Clara's sizzling Broncos steer a course for Corvallis, Ore., Wednesday night and a Friday encounter with the University of Wyoming Cowpokes.

It sounds like a rodeo—especially after the Broncos busted the Cowpokes from Hardin-Simons Tuesday night, 81-56. But it's basketball, the National Collegiate Athletic Association Western regional playoffs.

Whether the Santa Clarans, who won the regional last year, can duplicate is questionable. But Wyoming Coach Ev Shelton, who scouted the game, was "quite impressed."

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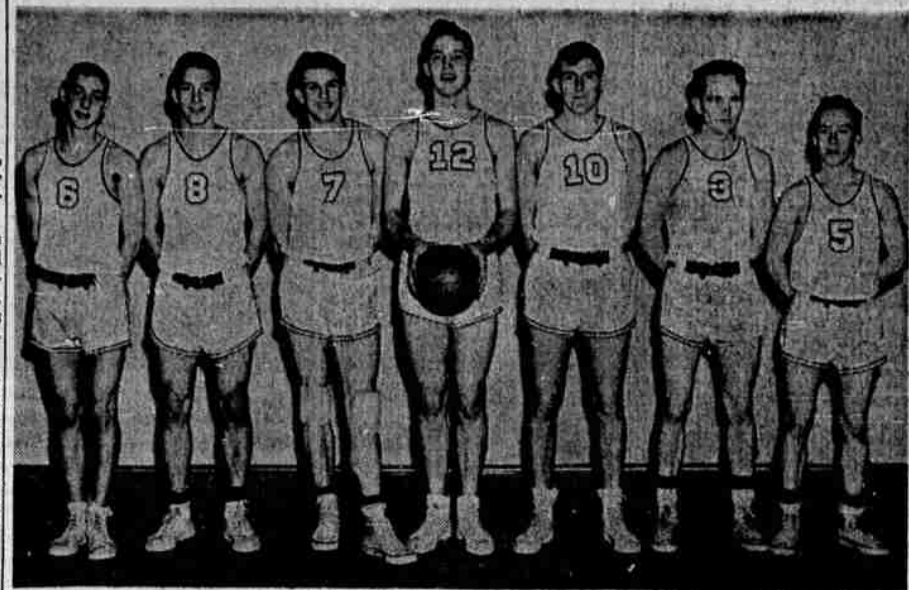
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Host Team Jefferson high school's Lions, champions of district 2-B, will be the host team for the annual Oregon state class B high school basketball tournament at Willamette university, beginning tomorrow. These seven players will probably see most of the action for coach Fred Graham's club. Left to right, John Caughell, Eugene Tiefke, Jim Blackwell, John Wright, Dale Wattenbarger, Lee Cameron and Claude Myers. Jefferson plays Knappa in the opening round Thursday night.

Unseeded Teams Move Up in NIT Tourney

New York (AP) — An unseeded team will play in the finals of the National Invitation basketball tournament Saturday night and probably will rate almost an even chance of winning the 12 team show.

Duquesne, which dumped third-seeded Western Kentucky, 69-61, Tuesday night, tangles with St. John's of Brooklyn, Monday's upset conquerors of second-seeded LaSalle, in one of the semifinals Thursday night for the honor of making the seeding committee look bad.

The tournament takes a one-day break Wednesday night after reducing the field to Duquesne, St. John's, top-seeded Seton Hall which won a desperate battle over Niagara, 79-74 Tuesday night, and fourth-seeded Manhattan, an easy winner over Louisville the night before.

Radio to Carry Play-by-Play of NCAA Playoffs

In addition to being televised over KPTV, portions of the Western regional NCAA basketball tournament at Corvallis this week-end will be carried on radio broadcasts.

The Washington-Seattle game at 7:30 Friday night will be aired in this area over KRUL, Corvallis, and KWJJ, Portland. Those same two stations will also carry the Santa Clara-Wyoming game at 9:30 Friday night.

KRUL and KWJJ will also carry both the consolation and championship games Saturday night, too.

Jersey Joe Confident Over Title Fight With Rocky

By OSCAR FRALEY

Pleasantville, N.J., (AP) — A cheerfully confident Jersey Joe Walcott promised today that his last fight would be his best.

"I won't be careless this time and I'll win back the title," Walcott said determinedly. "Then I'm going to retire."

Those are 39-year-old Joe's plans as he starts heavy training for his April 10 Chicago meeting with heavy weight champion Rocky Marciano.

As always, just as in the bitter years when he battled poverty and frustration, Jersey Joe remains brightly hopeful. The knockout by which Marciano stripped him of the title last September has been put firmly behind him.

The shock and mental paralysis which turned him into a listless automaton that night in Philadelphia are gone. Old Joe's faith is firm once more and this again is the man who chased Edward Charles relentlessly until he finally hit the heights.

A triple lure drives Walcott as he walks and runs those aging legs into super condition over the flat roads of southern New Jersey. He wants to be the first man to win back the title. He wants one more big payoff and he wants to step down as champion.

There is a widely-believed theory that, should he regain the crown, Joe would be driven by past memories of his poverty-stricken past to accept the bait of more big purses. This he denies.

"Fighting is hard work," he explained in a soft voice. "Everybody believes that I'm older than I am actually, but even for far younger men getting into condition for a tough bout is gruelling. After this

Tanforan Draws Big Crowd as Boycott Goes On

San Bruno, Calif. (AP) — Tanforan race track opened to one of its largest inaugural day crowds and strong wagering Tuesday despite an organized boycott by horsemen and jockeys, and rain.

The track reported 8,750 paid admissions, compared to the 1952 opening 7,714 and parimutuel wagering of \$426,108-\$30,879 less than last fall's first day.

In the absence of top jockeys such as Johnny Longden, Willie Shoemaker, Gordon Glisson and Jackie Westrope, all former national riding champions, the track turned up 16 saddlesmiths. Most of them ride at the summer county fairs. A few came out of retirement. Nineteen other jockeys showed up, but refused to ride.

General Manager Fred H. Ryan reported nearly 400 horses on the grounds, with more expected. Many were from Santa Anita, where the California division of the Horsemen's Benevolent Protective association had ordered a boycott and the Jockeys' Guild backed it.

The horsemen demand 40 per cent of the track's take from parimutuel wagering.

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300 Extra Seats Built for NCAA Playoffs at OSC

Corvallis (AP) — Bleacher seats that will accommodate 300 persons have been built under the scoreboards at the ends of the Gill Coliseum basketball court for the NCAA tournament here this week-end.

They will go on sale at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday at \$2.40 general admission.

Jim Barrett, ticket manager, who reported the additions, said reserved seats had been sold out three weeks ago.

At the same time, names of officials were released. They are Al Lightner, Salem; Bill Scolling, San Francisco; Bill Juengling, Denver; and Al Mercer, Salt Lake City.

Fights Last Night

(By The Associated Press)

Los Angeles — Jesse Mongia, 121½, Denver, outpointed Oscar Torres, 123½, Los Angeles, 10.

Salt Lake City — Hein Ten Hoff, 220, Germany, knocked out Lonnie Clark, 221, Philadelphia, 2.

Miami Beach, Fla. — Johnny Saton, 167½, Brooklyn, and Wallace "Bud" Smith, 167½, Cincinnati, drew, 15.

San Antonio, Tex. — Del Finnaner, 155, St. Paul, outpointed Chato Hernandez, 152, Durango, Mexico, 10.

White Plains, N. Y. — Sammy Quiliani, 160½, Stamford, Conn., outpointed Joe "Rocky" Tomasello, 158, Elizabeth, N. J., 8.

Brookline (Blaugwood Grove) — Joey Giambra, 154, Buffalo, outpointed Otis Graham, 159½, Philadelphia, 10.

NAlA Basket Tournament Completes First Round

Kansas City (AP) — Mississippi Southern, Springfield (Mo.) State and St. Peter's College looked like the pick of the field in the first round of the National International basketball tournament.

But whether they can hold up under the grind of the six-day meet is another question. To take the title, a team must win five games.

Negro Tag Teamers Defeat Larsens in Hectic Finish

The tag team match that local wrestling fans have been waiting for — Don Kindred and Frank James vs. Tol Yamato and Mr. Sakata — will be forthcoming soon.

The stage for the Negro vs. Japanese tag teamer was set at the armory last night, when Kindred and James defeated the Larsen brothers in a tag teamer.

Promoter Elton Owen had promised the winner of last night's mix a chance at the Northwest tag championship, now held by Yamato and Sakata.

The James-Kindred victory last night wasn't a popular one, as far as the fans were concerned.

The deciding fall came when Kindred grabbed hold of his partner's feet, and attempted to yank James out of the clutches of Logger Larsen.

Referee Peters ordered Kindred to let loose. When Kindred did so, James and Larsen fell backward, James landing atop Larsen. From there, it was easy for James to pin Larsen, and the Negro team won the match.

In preliminaries, Yamato defeated Dick Hayes and Al Friedell drew with Glen Stone.

Odell Gives Up Coaching

Seattle (AP) — Howie Odell, fired as head football coach at the University of Washington January 24, announced Tuesday that he was quitting the coaching profession to enter private business.

Odell said he had purchased an interest in Town and Country Motors of Seattle, an automobile sales firm, from Les Wilkins, with whom Odell played football in his college career at the University of Pittsburgh.

TIDE TABLE

Corrected for Tait

(Compiled by C. E. Coast & Goodale Survey, Portland, Ore.)

March	High Water	Low Water
11	8:20 a.m. 6.8	2:32 a.m. 2.9
12	10:17 p.m. 5.2	3:44 p.m. -0.3
13	9:27 a.m. 6.8	3:03 a.m. 2.8
14	10:55 p.m. 5.7	4:30 p.m. -0.4
15	10:27 a.m. 6.9	4:31 a.m. 1.8
16	11:31 p.m. 6.3	5:13 p.m. -0.4
17	11:22 a.m. 6.9	5:35 a.m. 1.1
18	12:05 a.m. 6.7	6:54 p.m. -0.3
19	12:16 p.m. 6.7	6:33 p.m. 0.1
20	12:42 a.m. 7.1	7:06 a.m. -0.1
21	1:10 p.m. 6.4	7:12 p.m. 0.8
22	1:18 a.m. 7.3	7:56 a.m. -0.4
23	2:05 p.m. 6.5	7:51 p.m. 1.2
24	1:57 a.m. 7.3	8:47 a.m. -0.8
25	3:03 p.m. 6.8	8:21 p.m. 1.8

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