

96th Div. Hdq. Cagers Battle 921st for Title

921st Stops MPs; Hdq. Routs 382nd in Semi-Finals Tuesday

Tuesday night's semi-final eliminations for the 96th Division basketball championship featured the closest game to yet hit the Field House when the 921st F. A. Bn. stopped the "team of giants," the M. P. Platoon, 31-30.

The MP's have been noted for their exceptional speed in past games, but the FA proved to be their match and streaked around the hardwood like animated bolts of lightning. It was a nip and tuck affair from the start. The MP's would sink a field goal and then play would shift to the Artillery side of the court and the 921st would sink the sphere.

Yank a Yank

In the second quarter, FA Coach Lt. Caprillon pulled out Dinnie G. Van Dervort who had three personal fouls against him, and saved the big boy for the final part of the last quarter when he shoved him back in the game.

Van was like a shot in the arm to his team mates who kept up their furious assault and came out on top of the MP's with the sole winning point.

The 96th Division Hq. Co.-1st Bn. 382nd Inf. game was a bit one sided. Fast breaks were few and far between. The Hq. boys used the technique of feeling out their opposition and made use of superior height to open a withering pass attack.

Hdq. Whops 382nd

The 382nd tried in vain to intercept the ball from M/Sgt. Burdette Owen who continually volleyed between himself, Tech. Sgt. Howard Berge, and Sgt. Norman Weiner. Whenever they hit a clear spot, the other four Hdq. men would wait until S/Sgt. Clarence Bolte was under the net and only then would they let the ball go to him.

Bolte had an almost infallible skill in sinking a goal 95 per cent of the time that he tried. He was high scorer and chalked up 17 of his team's 33 points as compared to the Infantry's 20.

First Round

The first round of the playoff Monday night saw the 1st Bn. of the 382nd Inf. lick the 2nd Bn. of the 381st Inf. 47-45. The 921st FA took the 3rd Bn. of the 381st Inf. to the tune of 40-32, while the MP Platoon defeated the 362nd FA Bn. by the score of 31-29 in an overtime period game.

The winning score was made on a free throw after the final whistle sounded.

Five OSC Cage Players Enter Armed Services

Five members of the Oregon State College basketball squad this month go into the Armed Service. Warren, Harvey, Holman and Carey, all members of the army enlisted reserve corps, have orders to report for active duty March 25. Taitt, a member of navy V-6, reported for duty Monday. All other members of the squad are in some form of reserves and probably will be called for duty by the end of the school year.

SUPPLY SGT. NOTE!

The newest plastic gadget figured out by the Quartermaster is rifle cover. An elastic, translucent bag slips over a piece like a sock and ties up at one end.

It's guaranteed to keep out sand, water and dust. In a pinch... you don't take time taking it off... you shoot right through it.

Monty, Goose, Hung High!
Cambridge, Mass. - (CNS) - Monty-five-year-old pet gander known throughout East Cambridge for his fondness for beer. He was picked up by a truck driver, witnesses said, as he emerged from a tavern - a stewed goose!

Rough Climbing on Handballers Ladder

Richen vs. Feig Tonite Brown, Ruskauff Win

Handball, which is a game as Irish as the snakes of Killarney are green, will be carried on with all the force of a major offensive as the ladder tournament continues on the Lorenz Court tonight.

The long trip up the inverted ladder for the ceded favorites has begun and tonight two added matches will be played and may the Saints have pity on the condition of a good Irishman. For St. Patrick's day was yesterday.

Match Tonight

At 8:15 a match that should give some glimmer as to who is who will take place when Al Richen, who was a star at Multnomah A.C. in Portland and has twice gone into runner-up in the northwest A.A.U. championships, will play Cpl. Sid Feig.

At 7:00 p.m. Charles Sonne, SCU 1911, who stands 15 on the ladder, just ahead of Richen, will take the challenge of Pfc. Bob Ruskauff, who has thus far gotten over T/5 Eddie Jacobson, 21-11, 21-17 and Assistant Fire Chief Toby Wallace. Scores were 21-11, 10-21, 21-11 in the Wallace-Ruskauff match, one of toughest thus far.

In one of the tourney upsets, Pvt. Bill Brown took T/Sgt. Percy Buss in straight games.

Volleyball! By Sea Gulls

The Sea Gulls of the Timber Wolf Division are taking to their sports in a large way - with three volley ball leagues of six teams each entering their second round of competition and all hands preparing for a softball tourney.

In Volleyball the 1st Bn. league is led by the Regimental Hdq. outfit, which has won five tilts and lost one, that to the B-Company six.

Another Bn. is led by the fast-traveling Service Company, 6 and 0 with Co. E sporting 4 and 1. The "Aunties" of a 3rd Bn. have 3 and 1 but lead their league, having dropped only one contest to Hdq.

96th Fighter Jitters Too; Only Reason This Attains Sports Pages

Buddy Douglas, fighting jitterbug from the 383rd Infantry, went to Salem Saturday in a bad mood and said he was ready to take on all comers at either fighting or jitterbugging.

He proved he was right about the jitterbugging, winning first place over that fast-stepping Pfc. Shimmer, also of the 96th Division.

Pvt. Pilot joined with Shimmer to make a fast-stepping team and were awarded second place. Third place went to Pvt. Shrauder, a newcomer to the Salem airport. He and his partner, Edna Mae Poulin, said that the going will be made quite tough for the boys from Camp Adair at the next exhibition to be held Saturday night in the Salem armory.

96th Plays Air Base At Field House Friday

For the first time a neighboring service basketball team will invade Camp Adair, when the Corvallis Air Base five takes on a picked team to represent the 96th Division, tomorrow night at the Field House.

Time of the game will be 6 p. m. It continues the recent precedent of having a big-time cage battle to precede the now so-popular Friday night dances at Field House.

The 96th "team of giants" will be chosen from the Hdq. Co. outfit and the MP's - "Blackwood's Brutal Bruisers" - both of which boast some of the tallest players in both the Kane and Easley leagues. Of course size isn't everything, as the bruisers laughingly say in remembering a game with Coach Bob Buchanan's mity but mighty, Albany High boys.

Coaching the 96th players is Lt. John Kinsler. The all-star air base team is coached by Lt. Johnson.

Heaps of Talent Shows For Timber Wolf Nine

Minor League Stars, Sandlotters Uncovered; Even Unto an Umpire!

The Timber Wolves were out cruising last week—for baseball timber. Judged by the line-up of prospects the timbre (if we may keep on playing with words like this), is plenty good.

Furlough, Ahoy

So good that Manager Sgt. Jack Knott will carry pleasant thoughts as he entrains today for a furlough in his home at Houston, Texas. Business manager Sgt. Long John Wulf yesterday revealed the following as "part of our prospects":

The Timber Wolf team, which is slated to start training at their "home park," Albany, in early April, will enlist such known candidate talent as Sgt. Lowell Calhoun, ex-Houston player in the Texas league; Pfc. Joe Solito, formerly of the Evangeline League in Louisiana; S. J. Mackovics, second baseman who was on a Pittsburgh Pirate "farm" at time of his induction and—

My Stars! An Umpire

This above all!—they're discovered one of those rare and talented individuals, a profes-

sional umpire. First candidate to the "kill the blanket-blank" job is Pfc. Morris Luxenberg, who officiated for the Pony League in the east.

Then there is J. R. Rich, three years and outfielder and first-sacker with Oakland in the Pacific Coast league; Catcher Garza, who was under option to the Dodgers when Uncle cancelled it; Pvt. Fisky, an outfielder and catcher from the "Three-Eye" league; John Raleigh, who has been hurling for the Kansas City Blues and Philip Korn, who has been covering first base for Fordham.

Lt. Bob Duffy, AO of the Timber Wolves, has been completing arrangement of the playing schedule, to start in mid-April. They are bright for the planned games—at Salem—with all the coast league outfits.

Gill Places 3 Huskies On All-Opponent Five

Coach Slat Gill of Oregon State, who should know a basketball player when he sees one, has placed all five of the University of Washington first string cagers on his two all-opponent teams.

Three Huskies—Center Chuck Gilmur and Guards Bill Morris and Wally Leask—made Gill's first five, along with Gail Bishop, Washington State, and Fred Quinn, Idaho, who won the call as forwards.

Gill's second team: Warren Taylor, Oregon, and Doug Ford, Washington, forwards; Boody Gilbertson, Washington, center, and Don Kirsch, Oregon, and John Ryan, Idaho, guards.

KISSES 'THE GOOD EARTH'

Cpl. Barney Ross, former world's lightweight and welterweight champ, arrived at San Diego last week aboard a hospital ship after fighting with the marines on Guadalcanal. Barney was glad to be home. He showed it by kneeling down solemnly and kissing the ground. "This," he said, "I vowed to do if ever I saw American soil again. Sometimes out there we're not sure we shall." Ross killed twenty-two Japs while protecting three wounded marines in the fighting on Guadalcanal.

Barney is today in a New York hospital, recovering from a light malarial attack.

Durdan Named on PIC All-American Seconds

Don Durdan, Oregon State's great all-around athlete, has been named to "Pic" magazine's annual All-American basketball second team. The team was selected by prominent coaches and writers from all over the country and is featured in the March 30 issue of the publication.

The Beavers' great little guard and floor leader was named the outstanding player in the Pacific Northwest section and was the only Northern division player to be selected on the team. Durdan will receive a 17-jewel wrist watch from the magazine in token of the honor accorded him.

Clair Bee, famous hoop coach at Long Island university, said the following about the Orange ace in the article that accompanied the selections: "Durdan is an ideal team man, looks short, but try to get the ball away from him. He keeps that Oregon State team together like a general handles his men."

HUNGRY K-K-K-KITTIES

Evanston, Ill.-(CNS)-A middle-aged, well-dressed woman entered her ration board headquarters and demanded an extra ration book. "I have 17 cats," she explained, "and they all need canned cat food and milk." She was refused.

On Ball



SARONG SUCCESSOR?

This latest in the bathing zoot suit, modeled by Actress Lucille Ball, is intended by her studio to supersede the sarong. The strapless effect is to conserve material, explained the publicity boys, but they were silent about all the extra material hanging in front from the waist.

Play Off Box Score

| FIRST GAME | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|----|----|----|
| Hq. Co. 96th Div. | | | | |
| Player | Fouls | FG | TP | |
| B. Owen | 1 | 2 | 5 | |
| W. Weiner | 3 | 5 | 10 | |
| C. Bolte | 1 | 8 | 17 | |
| H. Berge | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| N. Fried | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| | | 8 | 15 | 33 |
| 1st Bn. 382nd Inf. | | | | |
| L. Story | 1 | 0 | 2 | |
| H. Hartzig | 0 | 1 | 3 | |
| E. McIntyre | 2 | 2 | 5 | |
| R. Sands | 0 | 2 | 4 | |
| H. Yttri | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| S. Nichols | 4 | 0 | 0 | |
| H. May | 2 | 2 | 6 | |
| | | 9 | 7 | 20 |
| SECOND GAME | | | | |
| 921st F. A. Bn. | | | | |
| J. Horner | 0 | 3 | 6 | |
| D. J. Van Dervort | 3 | 2 | 6 | |
| T. Goad | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| L. Fusselman | 3 | 5 | 13 | |
| E. Thompson | 4 | 1 | 2 | |
| J. Spiller | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| | | 11 | 12 | 31 |
| M. P. Platoon | | | | |
| J. C. Kelley | 3 | 1 | 3 | |
| R. Stephenson | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| J. L. Sevier | 1 | 4 | 9 | |
| W. Lepper | 3 | 4 | 12 | |
| R. Rose | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| R. Jackowski | 3 | 2 | 5 | |
| | | 10 | 11 | 30 |