

CRUCIAL GAME IS WITH VANDALS AT MOSCOW TONIGHT

University of Oregon will play Idaho at Moscow tonight in one of the important coast conference basketball games. Oregon must win this game and the one against Washington, at Seattle Saturday to tie the Aggies for the conference championship.

The Webfoolers easily defeated Washington State at Pullman, Tuesday night, 43 to 18. Idaho, however, is a much tougher opponent, in fact, is said to be the hardest team to beat on their own floor in the conference, and the Aggies did that by a margin of only one point.

Should Oregon beat both Idaho and Washington, a post-season three-game series between the Webfoolers and the Aggies will be necessary to decide the championship of the northwestern section of the Pacific coast conference. The southern section, in preference, is playing Stanford in a four-game series for the right to meet the northern conference winner for the championship of the Pacific coast, also a hotly-contested race with California leading Stanford, two games to one. One of the games which California won was a five-minute overtime affair. Last Saturday Stanford defeated California at Palo Alto, 18 to 15. Should Stanford again win Saturday, then a post-season game for the championship will be necessary.

Algot Westergren of Oregon is leading all the guards in the conference in scoring. In the six games he played, he scored 25 baskets and converted 13 fouls for a total of 50 points. He seems to be the most logical guard candidate for an all-star berth.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Oregon Aggies	6	2	.750
Oregon	4	2	.667
Washington	4	3	.571
Idaho	2	3	.400
Washington State	0	4	.000
Montana	2	4	.333

*Montana's statistics don't count in tabulating scores of its opponents.

AGGIE SWIMMERS HERE SATURDAY

University of Oregon will meet Oregon Agricultural college in the first intercollegiate swimming meet here next Saturday afternoon, starting at 2:30 o'clock. By comparative scores made in their meets against Multnomah club of Portland these teams should be evenly matched.

Robert Boggs, state record holder in the 220-yard dash, will be ineligible for this meet because of the ruling that a student must be in school at least one full year previous to competing. He is the outstanding man on the team and is good for at least one first place. He also is on the relay team. Without his services the varsity will be working under a handicap.

Oregon Frosh to Hold Dual Swim With Aggie men

The Oregon freshman swimmers will vie for honors in their annual meet with the Oregon Aggie Rooks Saturday afternoon as a preliminary to the varsity-aggie meet.

Billy Evans Says—

By BILLY EVANS
"SHER" Bingham has been dropped from Yale because he failed in four of his five studies. His passing from the university made it necessary that he resign as captain of the Yale football team of 1925.

However, it does seem as if the Yale authorities might have handled the matter in a more diplomatic manner.

Star Aids in Defeat Leads Team to Victory



Capt. H. Bollerman is the leader of the Hackensack (N. J.) high school basketball quintet that recently started the world by ending Paasie's sensational run of 150 straight victories.

Bingham could have been quietly dropped without being publicly humiliated.

Jack Dempsey has joined the matrimonial league and taken a vow that he will fight no more. He probably means until the good old summertime.

Gene Tunney, light heavyweight champion, is spending the winter in Florida. He is doing all his fighting on the golf links.

In other words, many of the champions are making it a point to dodge titular bouts in the wintertime.

The motto of the present day champions seems to be to preserve rather than defend their titles. There are a few exceptions like Harry Greb, the middleweight leader.

Walter Hagen is rated golf's best and most consistent exponent because he has the proper temperament, the competitive spirit. He has the faculty of being able to accept the "breaks" as they come.

When Hagen makes a poor shot that would irritate the more temperamental player, he doesn't lose his temper but decides to pick up the handicap thrust upon him by a bad break.

The Referee

Did Jess Sweetser ever hold the intercollegiate golf championship?—H. R. S.

Yes, Sweetser was champion in 1920.

What is the world's record for the 440-yard dash on a straight-away track and who made it?—H. O. W.

The present record is 47 seconds, made by Maxie Long in 1909.

A claims that Yale and Iowa haven't met on the football field in recent years. B claims they have. Who is right?—W. A. C.

B wins. Yale and Iowa met in 1922, Iowa winning, 6 to 0.

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SPORTSMEN WILL ELECT AT ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—(Special)—Sportsmen from all sections of the state will assemble at the Portland chamber of commerce on Friday, February 27, at 10 a. m. when the Oregon State Sportsmen's association is scheduled to hold its annual meeting.

The election of officers and directors for the ensuing year, discussion of recent legislation affecting game matters and future plans in the interest of attracting tourists to Oregon by the intelligent development of the state's alluring outdoor recreational features through the state game program will constitute the principal topics of discussion.

In the event of enactment into law of House Bill 502, introduced by the ways and means committee and proposing to divert to the general state fund a percentage of the receipts of the game commission through the issuance of hunting and angling licenses, the great task before the annual meeting of the sportsmen of the state will be the devising of a plan whereby the present program of development undertaken by the state game commission may be carried to a successful conclusion.

Delegates and guests of the State Sportsmen's association will be entertained at a banquet tendered by the Multnomah Anglers and Hunters club, at the Portland chamber of commerce dining room on the evening of February 27. Sportsmen prominent throughout Oregon will make informal talks during the evening.

Sport Talk

Speaking of slugging contests in baseball, consider the game played by two Corsicans and Texarkana, Texas League, back in 1902. Runs and hits were numerous that day. And several records were set.

Corsicana won, 54 to 2. The winners made 41 extra base hits, including 10 doubles, 12 triplets and 10 home runs. Big Clarke, later in the majors, established a batting record that still ranks unparalleled in diamond history.

Clarke, in eight times at bat, crashed out as many hits, all home runs, for a base total of 32. Nothing to compare with Clarke's sensational batting has been offered since.

Big Baseball Stars

EMIL F. MEUSEL
New York Giants Outfielder.
Born—Oakland, California, June 9, 1883.

Major League Career—Drafted by Phillies from Los Angeles club, Pacific Coast league, in 1917. Traded to Giants in 1921 for players and reported cash of \$30,000. (Has also played second base.)

Outstanding Feats—Batted .343 in 1921. Hit 345 in the 1921 world series. Made home runs in the 1921-22-23 classics.

GAME IS SCHEDULED
SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 26.—(Special)—The Springfield high school basketball team is scheduled for a game with the Shedd high school quintet tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock at Shedd. The Springfield lineup will be: John Cox and Hugh Cowart, forwards; Merl McMillan, center; Paul Nice and Austin McPherson, guards. The team will be accompanied to Shedd by Vern D. Bain, principal and athletic coach.

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13th Hole is Jinx of Golf Links

Freddie McLeod Was Dynamic Until the Fatal 13th

By JOE WILLIAMS
For a tiny mite Freddie McLeod was dynamic at the Columbia Country club, Washington, his home course, in the national open, in 1921.

True, Jim Barnes won the title that year by nine strokes, but McLeod, hardly bigger than a flapper's brain coil, pressed him closer than the winning margin indicated.

Indeed, McLeod might have won but for gusty luck at the short but treacherous 13th hole. (Why is it that the thirteenth is usually a short tricky test, filled with myriad pitfalls?)

At the time of which we write Barnes was not making a runaway of the tournament. The third round was on and Wee Freddie was well within whispering distance. He had come with a rush, making up three full shots since the beginning of play in the morning and was easily the most dangerous contender in the field.

The thirteenth at Columbia is 150 yards long. Conditions were ideal and McLeod hit what he considered a nifty.

"If I'm close enough I'll have a put for a dence," mused the midget. But the ball caught the top of the trap, a few inches short of where it was intended, and buried itself in the embarrassment.

McLeod is, as you may have suspected, Scotch. Some of the Scots have explosive temperaments. On this day Wee Freddie had also an explosive temper.

And when he struck, the ball shot from one trap far over the green and came to rest in another. And, as if that was not tragic enough, he banged away again, with more violence, perhaps, than skill, and the ball went back where it had nestled before in almost the very same spot.

Well, when Wee Freddie had finished he was scored with a six where he had counted on a three at the most, possibly a two. On the same hole Barnes, not playing any too well himself, had taken a four.

It is not hard for golfers to imagine what might have happened to Barnes' peace of mind had McLeod scored perfectly on the jinx hole, and Wee Freddie insists it was a jinx hole. "For it was just 13 years before that I had won the title at Chicago," he laments.

Mike Yokel Wins In Edwards Match

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—Mike Yokel, Salt Lake light-heavyweight, won two of three falls from Bill Edwards, Kansas City wrestler, here last night. After each had won a fall, and with three minutes of the third period remaining, Yokel took the deciding tumble with a half Nelson and crotch hold.

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PAAVO NURMI SITS FIRMLY ON THRONE OF TRACK KINGDOM

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Few sports champions secure hold upon their thrones but nothing less than an athletic miracle can dislodge Paavo Nurmi from his grasp upon the sceptre of distance running this year.

At varying distances, under all sorts of conditions and against all classes of opposition, the phantom Finn goes racing on to victory and world's records.

Athletic experts thought Nurmi had reached his greatest heights when he raced to four victories at the 1924 Olympics, but his performance indoors within the past two months, have added to his sensational record.

In that time he has registered 28 world's record feats in 22 races. Paavo himself, nearing the age of 28, thinks he has yet to attain his best form and hopes to blaze a record wreacking trail at distances from 800 metres to the marathon within the next five years.

Just now Nurmi's most dangerous opponents indoors appear to be Lloyd Hahn of the Boston A. A., who has lowered the Finn's record for a mile to 1:50.00, and Willis Ritola, countryman of the invader, who is more at home at longer distances.

Either of this pair, or Jole Ray or Willie Ritola to Appeal Suspension

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Willie Ritola, Finnish-American Athletic club distance runner, suspended last night by the registration committee of the Amateur Athletic Union, will appeal immediately, according to national officials here.

It is expected that President Murray Hurlburt will order a telegraph poll of the national registration committee in order that, with favorable action, Ritola may participate in the national A. A. U. championships at Louisville, Ky., Saturday night.

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