

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:

Big Fellows Not Always Superior To Tiny Athletes

Nobody, least of all the writer, seriously questions the ancient sports axiom that a good big man is better than a good little man. Theoretically and actually it is true, but every now and then comes an occurrence which seems to contradict that highly respected old saw, such as the University of Oregon-City College of New York basketball game in Madison Square Garden last Saturday night before 10,000 spectators.

Howard Hobson's Webfoots, composed of towering giants, fell before a diminutive City College quintet, 36 to 38. According to press reports of the game, the first of Oregon's barnstorming series, the tiny New Yorkers presented a defense that practically stymied the Webfoots' driving offense, and an attack that bewildered Oregon's defense.

However, there are several things to take into consideration regarding the game in question. One of them is that Oregon was undoubtedly tired from its long cross-country train ride. Another, and even more important, is that the Webfoots were playing in New York City before a huge assemblage of probably the most critical basketball fans in the world, which wouldn't exactly produce a great amount of relaxation in the players, highly essential in the maple court game.

Most important of all, though, is the fact that the Oregon team, composed of unquestionably big men, was facing a City College quintet made up of EXTRA GOOD little men. Coached by the famous Nat Holman, the New York team was not just a good little team, but a great team. Oregon may have a great big team, and we believe it has, but the New Yorkers undoubtedly have a greater little team, a better team than even Oregon's great big team.

All of which may seem a little involved, but it is a perfect example of a theory we have long upheld in the face of sharp vocal opposition from certain local citizens. We believe, and always will, that a greater little man is better than just a great big man, or that a good little man is better than a mediocre big man. Naturally, with everything else being equal, we would take the big fellow over the runt, but it is not often you find everything else equal.

There is one school of thought in this town that believes, no matter what, the long-legged, lanky caaba toser should forever be relegating his shorter brethren to the bench, regardless of how good the shrimp is. We dispute this theory, and point to Bob Anet of Oregon, Charles Warren of Ashland, Eddie Durno, ex-Oregon star and the entire City College of New York team as just a few examples of little men who were just too good to sit on the sidelines while the big boys played.

Height does not necessarily make a great basketball player, although it is admitted the sky-scrappers have a decided advantage under the basket, on throws and jump balls and on high passes. But, we have never yet seen a giant who could dribble, fake, cut, dart and scuffle around after that ball like a really good small player. All your best ball hawks and dribblers are smaller men who can get out and rip and tear. Never yet have we seen a big man fake a little man out of position and dribble past him for a triple; vice versa, countless times.

Although this piece might be labeled "In defense of the little fellow," it isn't meant to be exactly that. We realize the value of stretch and reach on the basketball court, when the guy doing the stretching and reaching is as good a player as the smaller man resting his bones with the other sub. But, there is more than making up for his lack of height in all-around ability, sound fundamental performance, and fire. When that is the case, what the dickens is the big fellow doing in there, we ask? And, by the way, did you ever notice it's most always the little boy who has the fire and spirit?

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Jones Boys and Britt Brothers Renew Mat Feud Tonight

TONY TO TACKLE ELDER BRITT IN PRINCIPAL BOUT

Middle Brother Tuffy Faces Floyd Britt in Middle Event — Little Brother Mike to Meet Spider Kelly

It would be the payoff even in the Ozark mountains of Arkansas, where they take their family feuding seriously and don't stop shootin' until the opposing household is entirely eliminated.

It would be a top attraction anywhere, be it with homemade squirrel guns out in the south forty or with bare arms and legs in the wrestling ring. It would be colossal, stupendous and terrific, no matter where the locale, nor with what weapons.

Ladies Night
It starts at 8:30 sharp, it's ladies night once more, and it's the wind-up wrestling program of the 1938 season and last until the second or third week in January, 1939. The grapping maestro warns those customers who can't obtain their seats as early as possible. The arena capacity is 1800, and 2000 are expected to attend.

Manning the heavy artillery in this most sensational family battle will be Big Brother Alvin Britt, he of the devastating and illegal arm and neck-breaker, hold over the ropes, and Big Brother Tony Jones of the three Jones boys, the 211-pound powerhouse who has yet to taste defeat from the Britt trash. They meet, these ringleaders in the family feud, in the one-hour main bout, but there is not a wrestling fan in town who believes the affair will go 60 minutes.

Field pieces in the family war will be in charge of Little Brother Floyd Britt, who patterns his foul tactics after those of Big Brother Alvin, and Little Brother Tuffy Jones, not quite so strong as Big Brother Tony, but who can put to shame the clutch of Barnum and Bailey's biggest and most ferocious polar, brown or grizzly bears. It is that back-cracking bearing that Tuffy expects against Floyd Britt, the villainous rope expert. His confident whip Alvin with it last week, due to some unmerciful fouling on the part of the elder Britt, but he is certain Mr. Floyd can't stay in there and take it long enough to win the match.

Because there is apparently no third member of the House of Britt to take on Baby Brother Mike Jones, the latter will match scientific and legitimate maneuvers with the popular Spider Kelly in the six-round opening event. This is a return to form last week, when the pair staged a sparkling exhibition of fancy and orthodox mat tactics. It will serve as a balance for the program, as the last two matches are figured to play enough havoc with nerves and throats for one evening.

The Britt brothers, thanks to their hateful foulings, now hold a two out of three lead over the Jones boys in their family feud. Two weeks ago, before Big Brother Alvin arrived on the scene, Floyd knocked off Mike with a plenty dirty attack. Last week Tony avenged Mike by nearly belting Floyd's head into the balcony, but Alvin fouled Tuffy into submission. A double win for the House of Jones this evening will give them the final verdict, three matches to two, and that's what every mat addict in southern Oregon is hoping for.

NEW SNOW FALLS ON MOUNT HOOD SLOPES
TIMBERLINE LODGE, Mt. Hood, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Snow flurries which developed into a steady fall last night cheered skiers anxiously awaiting a new coating for the icy ski slopes.

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Hillbillys Tackle Britts



Mike, Tuffy and Tony Jones (above) look peaceful enough, but they won't be in the Medford armory this evening, especially Tuffy and Tony. The latter pair climax their slum-bang wrestling feud with Floyd and Alvin Britt, respectively, and the fur is expected to fly. Baby Brother Mike opens the great program against Spider Kelly.

Top Sport Disappointment Was Pirates Pennant Flop

By Herbert W. Barker.
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Chief disappointment of 1938, individually and collectively, were the Pittsburgh Pirates who kicked away the National league pennant in the last week of the season.

Fourteen of the 70 sports editors participating in the eighth annual Associated Press poll picked the Pirates' flop as the year's outstanding disappointment and five more made it No. 2 on their list. With points awarded on a 3-2-1 basis as each participant picked three disappointments, the Pirates' collapse received a total of 62 points.

Close behind at 49 was Rice's football team and its backfield ace, Ernie Lane. As a sophomore, Lane had led Rice to the southwest conference championship in 1937 and the Owls figured to be strong national contenders in 1938. But neither the team as a whole clicked consistently and the Owls finished with a record of four victories in ten starts.

Ranking next on the "disappointment parade" was Max Schmeling for his failure to repeat his 1938 victory over Joe Louis, followed by Dixie Dean, who was of little use to the Chicago Cubs until the end of the 1938 season. All told the sports experts mentioned 30 disappointments, with football contributing 13 and baseball 9. One surprise came in the nomination of Whizzer White, who led the national pro football league in ground-gaining in his first, and perhaps, last, season in the play-for-pay game.

At Houtak, Seattle, who lost his middleweight boxing crown to Solly Kreiger, stood eighth with 9 points. Freddie Steele, his predecessor as middleweight champ, received three points.

Butte Falls

BUTTE FALLS, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Janie Smith is very ill in Medford. Don and Wilma Smith are with her, also her son, Wade Smith, from Idaho, and Wayne and Ted of Medford.

Mrs. Josephine Geppert and Charlie Geppert are moving to Medford for the winter.

Butte Falls grade school basketball team defeated St. Mary's grade school team 17 to 6. Bill Abbott and Jessie Francis, Delbert Geppert, Lowell Patton, Bob Ellis, Bob Alberts, Orv Abbott, Orville Stevenson, Bob Kent, Donald Smith played on our team.

Hustlers' club met with Gertrude Hoels December 15. A good comforter was given to the person giving the largest amount of money. Each member told a funny story or entertained in some way. Each member received her Polynesian gift. Mrs. Merle Brainard received the comforter for \$12.35. Those present were the hostess, Gertrude Hoels, Alice Tutagete, Mildred Abbott, Mrs. Gott, Laura Abbott, Florence Marion, Pearl Smith, Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. Hildreth, Alvild Patton, Mrs. Hilkey and Mrs. Oliver Hilkey.

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5375 when he tied with Jimmy Thompson of Shawnee, Pa., at 282, but he failed to go over the \$20,000 mark. Snod had earned a total of \$19,414.44 with one tournament left—the \$3000 Houston open December 29-31.

High School News by STUDENT REPORTERS

By Jane Hooker
At a Senior meeting December 15, a vote was taken to select the Senior girl most outstanding in scholarship, patriotism, and leadership. At a teachers' meeting the nominees were selected for the citizenship honor.

The girl selected will receive a medal from the national D.A.R. and is eligible for a three-weeks' trip to Washington, D. C., with all expenses paid. The winner will be announced on Washington's birthday. In addition to the girls voted on by the group, 25 received honorable mention as possible candidates.

The three Seniors selected this year are Joyce Ford, Barbara Hampson, and Lela Henderson.

A group of selections by the band featured an assembly December 16 in the auditorium. The band, under direction of P. Wilson Wait, played as its first number, "The American Crusade," which is being used this year for class B bands in the state band tournament. This was followed by a saxophone solo, "Rubinola," played by Wilma Fleming, who placed first in the state band tournament last year. As an encore she played "Waltz Bluettes" by Wiedolph. Closing number was "London Suite," which is based on the familiar air of London bridge. This piece ranges in tempo from a slow waltz to modern jazz. After a few brief announcements the assembly was dismissed for fourth period.

By Dorothy Flynn
The home of Miss Madge Maroon and Miss Catherine Campbell on South Oakdale was the scene of a buffet dinner honoring ushers who assisted at the football games during the fall season.

The rooms were attractively decorated, adding a touch of Christmas spirit to the party. Guests included the Misses Ruth Herron, Elise and Charlotte Oler, Lela Henderson, Peggy Garlock, Mary Leicher, Margaret Bolton, Betty Green, Dorothea Olsen, Ruth Nord, Betty Beames, Helen Smalley, Lila Newlon, Alice Sparks, Jackie and Dorothy Flynn.

PH Pony Still Best
LONDON.—(AP)—The pit pony is still the most adaptable and flexible unit of power for haulage in mines, said I. R. Williams, secretary of the South Wales Coal Owners' association. About 35,000 ponies are employed underground in the United Kingdom.

Livestock

Portland
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—(U.S. Dept. Agr.)—HOGS: 4000 including 2063 through and direct, fairly active, steady, good-choice 165-215 lb. drivens 7.75-8.00, carload lots mostly 8.00, 225-65 lb. butchers 7.25-8.00, few up to 7.50, light lights 7.25-8.00, packing sows 6.00-7.50, feeder pigs 7.75-8.10, specialties 8.50.

CATTLE: 1850 including 268 thru. calves 150 including 49 through, strong to 25 higher, heavier steers and cullery cows up least, bulk medium-good fed steers 7.50-2.50, odd load up to 8.50, load good 9.00, common steers 6.00-7.00, load good 7.00 lb. fed heifers 7.60, other heifers 6.00-7.25, cullery kinds 4.00, low culler and culler cows 2.50-3.75, common-medium 4.00-5.00, good beef cows 5.50-6.35, bulls 5.00-5.00, good beef bulls 6.25, choice vealers 8.50.

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South San Francisco
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—(AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—HOGS: 1,600. Butchers 10-15 higher than last week's low close; bulk 170-225 lb. California 7.50-8.00, latter top; packing sows strong, mainly 6.25.

CATTLE: 700. Steers about steady; several loads medium to good fed steers 8.50-7.75; fat cows and heifers steady; few medium light heifers 6.05; small lot good beef cows 5.00; fleshy dairy cows 4.25-5.00; bulls steady; medium grades 5.75-6.00. Calves: 20. Good to choice vealers quoted 9.50-10.50 or steady.

SHEEP: 1,425; lambs opened steady; two decks good 9.00 lb woolled lambs 8.10; double good to choice heavy woolled Oregon held higher; no action on 2 short decks holdover slaughter ewes; best early shorn kinds quoted up to 4.25.

Chicago
CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—(AP-USA)—Hogs 18,000; market uneven; mostly 10-25c higher than Friday's average; top, 87.85; good 350-500 lb. packing sows largely 80.45-85.
CATTLE 8000; calves 1500; fat cattle sharply higher; mostly 25-40c up; most fed steers, 89.12; early top weights fed steers, 83.24; most fed heifers, 85.25 @ 9.20; culler cows up to 85.00 and better; vealers firm; with 89.00-50 paid freely.
SHEEP 8000; fat lambs fairly active; undertone 15-25c higher, compared with Friday; good to choice offerings upward to 89.25 and 89.35; sheep steady; native ewes, 83.75 @ 4; lightweight westerns, 84.25.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—(AP)—BUTTER: A grade, 31c lb. in parchment wrappers, 32c lb. in cartons; B grade, 30c lb. in parchment wrappers, 31c lb. in cartons.
BUTTERFAT — Portland delivery buying prices: A grade, 29 1/2 @ 30c lb. Portland delivery: B grade, 1 1/2c lb. less; C grade, 6c lb. less. Country delivery 28c lb. for A grade.
EGGS—Wholesalers' buying prices: specials, 32c doz.; extras, 30c doz.; standards, large 20c doz.; extra medium, 28c doz.; extras, small, 25c doz.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets 14c; Oregon loaf 15c. Brokers will pay 1/4c below quotations.
COUNTRY MEATS—Selling prices to retailers: Country-killed hogs, best butcher, under 160 lbs., 10 @ 10 1/2c lb.; vealers, 12 1/2c lb.; light and thin, 8 @ 10c lb.; heavy, 6 @ 9c lb.; lambs, 14 @ 14 1/2c lb.; vealers, 4 @ 7c lb.; bulls, 8 @ 9c lb.; cutter cows, 7 @ 7 1/2c lb.; canner cows 6 @ 6 1/2c lb.

LIVE POULTRY—Buying prices: Leghorn broilers, 1k to 1 1/4 lbs., 15c lb.; 2 1/4 lbs., 16c lb.; colored springs, 2 to 3 1/2 lbs., 15c lb.; over 3 1/2 lbs., 17c lb.; Leghorn hens, over 3 1/2 lbs., 14 @ 15c lb.; under 3 1/2 lbs., 14c lb.

colored hens to 5 lbs., 18c lb.; over 5 lbs., 18c lb.; No. 2 grade, 5c lb. less.
TURKEYS—Selling prices; dressed, new crop hens, 26 @ 28c; toms, 23 @ 25c; buying prices, new hens, 25c @ 26c; toms, 22 @ 23c lb.

POTATOES—Yakima Gems \$1.20 cental; local \$1 @ 1.10; Deschutes Gems, \$1.20 @ 1.40 cental; California sweets, \$1.25 @ 1.60 50-lb. crate; new California Triumphs, \$2 per 50-lb. box.
ONIONS—Oregon No. 1, \$1.30 @ 1.30 cental; Yakima 30 @ 40c per 50 lbs. WOO—Willamette valley, nominal; medium, 22 @ 23c lb.; coarse and braids 22 @ 23c lb.; lambs and fall, 20c lb.; eastern Oregon 18 @ 22c lb.

HAY—Selling price to retailers: alfalfa No. 1, \$16 ton; oat vetch, \$12 ton; clover, \$11 ton; timothy, eastern Oregon, \$19; do, valley \$14 ton, Portland.

Portland Wheat

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Grain:
Wheat: Open High Low Close
Dec. 65-64 64 1/2 63 1/2 64-63 1/2
Feb. 65 1/2 65 1/2 64 1/2 66
May 66 1/2 67 1/2 66 1/2 68-67 1/2
July 66 1/2 66 1/2 66 1/2 68-67 1/2

Chicago Wheat

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Wheat and corn each rose about a cent in Chicago today, chiefly owing to reports of the worst cold wave Europe has witnessed in years.

Wall St. Report

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Strength in aircraft gave a selective lift to the stock market today but late profit taking on the upswing reduced or erased top marks running to 2 or more points.

Volume was largest in the first hour when quotations were at the best. Transfers approximated 1,000,000 shares.

A number of the aviation touts new highs for the year in the forenoon. Among these were Douglas, United Aircraft, Eastern Airlines, Glenn Martin and Bendix. Today's closing prices for 82 selected stocks follow:
Al. Chem. & Dye..... 187
Am. Can..... 98 1/2
Am. & Fgn. Pow..... 2 1/2
A. T. & T..... 147 1/2
Anacosta..... 34
Atch. T. & S. F..... 36 1/2
Bendix Avia..... 28 1/2
Beth. Steel..... 74 1/2
Caterpillar Tract..... 45 1/2
Chrysler..... 81 1/2
Coml. Solv..... 9 1/2
Curtiss-Wright..... 6 1/2
DuPont..... 147 1/2
Gen. Elec..... 42 1/2
Gen. Foods..... 38 1/2
Gen. Mot..... 48 1/2
Int. Harvest..... 8 1/2
I. T. & T..... 104
Johns-Man..... 31 1/2
Monty Ward..... 41 1/2
North Amer..... 21 1/2
Penn. (J. C.)..... 76 1/2
Phillips Pet..... 7 1/2
Radio..... 41 1/2
Std. Pac..... 16 1/2
St. Brands..... 6 1/2
St. Oil Cal..... 27 1/2
St. Oil N. J..... 51
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