

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

Poll By Esquire Shows Disfavor Of Center Jump

"Do you believe that restoring the center-jump, with the players rotating in the center ring like the baseball batting order, would improve basketball?"

This was one of the 10 interesting questions asked by Esquire of the nation's basketball coaches, sports writers and fans in its February sports poll, and the answer was a loud and definite "no."

Whereas the entire vote was 72.35 percent against restoration of the center-jump in this manner, the cage tutors themselves were even more emphatic. They voted 84.33 percent against it.

Another highly interesting question was this: "In what sport do you think there is the most competent and honest officiating?" The answer: major league baseball, with 49.67 percent of the total vote. College football was second with 22.98 percent, tennis next with 10.47 percent and track next with 3.83 percent.

The balloters took a rap at Mike Jacobs and his Manhattan monopoly of championship boxing bouts, with 84.61 percent of them believing interest in boxing would be increased if title bouts were not confined so exclusively to Gotham.

The voters as a whole handed orchids to present-day golfers, 53.29 percent of them believing that Bobby Jones would not be the equal of leading pros of today if he were still in competition.

A total of 62.68 percent of the voters registered "no" to the question: "Should the big leagues permit abusive personal language in the process of 'jockeying' or 'riding' an opposing player during the progress of the game, for the purpose of getting his goat?"

A majority of 59.90 percent agreed that participation in sports was more fun than looking on, 73.32 percent of those polled believed excessive competition in sports tends to coarsen a woman's appearance, and a majority of 56.62 decided that natural ability is more important in the development of an athlete than practice and coaching.

In a letter from Ft. Lawton, Seattle, a transportation depot for the U. S. Army, First-Lieutenant Bill Bowerman expresses his deep gratitude and sincere thanks to the some 80 local sport fans who chipped in to purchase a handsome Longines watch for him when he left here to report for active service.

Denny Edge, Medford Ice Arena manager, was rather disappointed in the turnout last Saturday morning of youngsters desiring to learn how to play ice hockey.

Tigers Open District Race By Clawing Cavemen, 34 to 27

MEDFORD ATTACK LED BY MONTEITH WITH 16 TALLIES

Winners Trail In Early Minutes But Hit Stride To Win—Control Rebounds.

District 4 Standings	W.	L.	Pct.
Ashland	2	0	1.000
Medford	1	0	1.000
Grants Pass	0	2	.000
Roseburg	0	1	.000

Results Last Night At Grants Pass 27, Medford 34.

At Roseburg 19, Ashland 43.

A spectacular 16-point scoring spurge by Darrell Monteith, Medford's left-handed forward, provided the principal offensive fire last night as the Tigers opened their campaign for the district 4 championship with a 34 to 27 conquest of the Grants Pass Cavemen at Grants Pass.

The dark-haired junior whipped eight field goals through the hoop, six of them on one-handers from the left corner, and had the remarkable shooting average of .615 on eight hits in 13 heaves.

"Crucial" at Ashland By virtue of Medford's victory, next Friday night's clash between the Tigers and Ashland at Ashland will be for the undisputed district 4 leadership.

The Grizzlies last night defeated Roseburg, 43 to 19, as Charlie Jandreau scored 17 points and Bud Provost tallied 13. The Bengals got away to a slow start against the Cavemen and trailed by a 4 to 0 count after Lathrop and Gray scored on "sleepers" in the first four minutes of play.

Medford's longest lead was a 34 to 19 tally midway through the fourth quarter, but in the remaining minutes Everton, Lathrop, Havard and Smith each made field goals for the Cavemen to reduce the margin to the final score of 34 to 27.

The game was bitterly fought, with much of Medford's success resulting from the fine backboard play of Captain Henry Herman and Dale Niedermeyer, the lanky members of the Russ Acheson squad. They did a grand job of controlling rebounds under both buckets. Don Fawcett, the diminutive, ball-hawking guard, was responsible for setting-up several smooth plays, besides scoring seven points.

Lathrop was high for the losers with seven points. It was a rather rough affair, 12 fouls being called on Medford and nine on Grants Pass, but nobody was ejected for four personals.

Lineups: Medford (34) Grants Pass (27) Monteith 16, Fawcett 7, Wall 7, Herman 2, C. D. Martindale 2, Fawcett 7, G. Everett 2, Reynolds 4, G. Havard 5. Subs: Medford: Kresse, Niedermeyer 3, Webber 2, Adams, Grants Pass: Smith 2, Strowbridge, 3, Martindale 3, Clayton. Officials: Hardy and Simpson.

ALIEN STEVEDORE GROUPS San Francisco, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Alien longshoremen are to be separated into special working groups at coast ports so the army and navy will not have to check each man every time longshore work is needed. Certain dock work is limited to citizens.

examination for the army draft the trouble being his right eye, so he'll probably be out there in the outfield for the Craters come summer.

Gen. MacArthur Likes Victory, Recalls Lobert

Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—(AP)—John (Honus) Lobert coached baseball at West Point when Lt. General Douglas MacArthur was superintendent there and the manager of the National league Phils says "Victory" is the most important word in the vocabulary of the man now leading the gallant Philippine defense.

Once, Lobert recalled, Army eked out an 11th-inning victory over Navy and enthusiastic cadets swarmed out of the stands for a snake dance, bowling over MacArthur and knocking him between bleacher rows. "MacArthur crawled out from beneath the stands," Lobert related, "laughed, patted me on the shoulder, and said: 'Great work Honus. It was worth two black eyes and two bruised legs to beat the Navy.'"

BEN HOGAN WINS FROM THOMSON IN PLAYOFF CONTEST

Los Angeles, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Championship golf still pays off to the man who can get 'em down when the chips are down. Little Benny Hogan proved this when he played the David to Jimmy Thomson's Goliath yesterday, cracking the husky California professional with one spectacular shot on the eighteenth green. That won the play-off of the 17th annual Los Angeles open.

Hogan ran into tougher opposition than many expected before squeezing out a one stroke triumph for the \$3,500 first prize. He had a 36-36-72 and Thomson, winner of the L. A. open in 1938, had a 38-35-73. Hogan, using a golf shot instead of a slingshot, felled the California giant with a birdie four on the last green—a birdie that brought peace and calm to thousands of nervous dollars wagered on the little Hershey, Pa., expert.

SOGE IN SECOND WIN OVER ANGELS

Ashland, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Southern Oregon College of Education continued its winning streak, chalking up its sixth straight Oregon intercollegiate conference victory with a 55-39 conquest of Mount Angel at Ashland last night. The Angels led until shortly before halftime when the Sons rallied to take a 26-21 lead and from there on the going was comparatively easy. Forward Peters of the winners scored 20 points.

Fights Last Night

(By the Associated Press) White Plains, N. Y.—Irwin Kaye Kaplan, 155, Los Angeles, stopped Vinnie Rossano, 146, Brooklyn, N. Y. (7). Brooklyn, N. Y.—Jimmy Hatcher, 131½, Lake City, S. C. outpointed Guillermo Puentes, 134¼, Colombia (8). New York—Bobby Ruffin, 132, New York, outpointed Chalky Wright, 128¼, Los Angeles (10). Jersey City—Joey Haddad, 144, Paterson, N. J., outpointed Tommy Roman, 146, Bayonne (10). Cleveland—Jimmy Bivins, 178, Cleveland, outpointed Billy Soose, 172, Farrell, Pa. (10). Jackie Wilson, 139, Los Angeles, outpointed Quentin (Baby) Breeze, 137, Manhattan, Kan. (10).

COUGARS DIVIDE OSC SERIES WITH 53 TO 45 VICTORY

Second-Half Beaver Drive Fails To Bring Win—Valenti High For Losers.

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—The Washington State Cougars staged off a last half rally of a hard-fighting Oregon State team to win, 53-45, in northern division coast conference basketball play here last night. The victory, second of the four-game Oregon field trip for the Cougars, was largely credited to Gale Bishop and Marv Gilberg, who led the attack and stiped up the points necessary to stop the Oregonians.

The Cougars took an early lead and led at halftime, 24-20, but dropped behind for a moment in the face of a strong Oregon State attack in the second half. A comeback netted the Cougars six field goals and they took a 33-32 lead, never to be headed again. John Mandic and Lew Beck threw a short scare into the Pullman boys with a six point flurry midway in the second half but accurate throwing by Gilberg and Bishop put the game on ice.

Washington St.	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Akins f.....	3	1	3	7
Gilberg f.....	6	2	3	14
Bishop c.....	4	1	3	9
Gebert g.....	3	2	0	8
Hunt g.....	2	2	1	6
Hooper f.....	0	0	1	0
Zimmerman f.....	0	0	1	0
O'Neal G.....	2	0	0	4
Witt g.....	0	1	0	1
Cain c.....	2	0	1	4
Total.....	22	9	13	53

Oregon State	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Valenti f.....	7	0	4	14
McNutt f.....	0	1	2	1
Mandic c.....	3	4	3	10
Dement g.....	2	2	2	6
Beck g.....	5	0	1	10
Mulder f.....	1	1	2	3
Hall f.....	0	1	1	1
Total.....	18	9	15	45

2 Duck Gridders and Cheer Leader Enlist

Portland, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Two University of Oregon football players and a cheer leader enlisted in the navy yesterday. Lieut. Glenn F. DeGrave, recruiting officer, said Jim Shephard, end, and Morris Jackson, guard, signed for aviation cadet training, but would complete the year's studies before being called. The cheer leader, Arthur Wiggin, will be called at the end of his college course for training as a deck officer.

High School Scores

(By the Associated Press) Jefferson 24, Franklin 22 (both Portland) Roosevelt 53, Benson 46 (both Portland) Lincoln 23, Grant 10 (both Portland) Sabin 25, Commerce 23 (both Portland) Tillamook 43, Gresham 19 Salem 40, Milwaukie 32 University 23, St. Mary's 15 (both Eugene) Forest Grove 22, Hillsboro 20 Woodburn 30, Silverton 20 Ashland 43, Roseburg 19 Eugene 31, Corvallis 20 Columbia Prep 37, Hill Military 19 (both Portland)

Baseball Hopes To Continue Despite War; Aid Pledged

New York, Jan. 14.—(AP)—In the critical days of 1918, when the famous "work or fight" edict came out of Washington, the baseball season was smothered out on Labor day. Yet a few weeks later, records show, the government informed major league leaders that this had not been intended and that normal plans should be made for the sport in 1919.

Unless some confusion of this sort crops up during this second World war, baseball men hope to continue the nation's leading sport with as little disruption as possible. Baseball, they point out, is entertainment for millions of Americans and it is a livelihood for the many thousands of persons who participate—either as players or as club owners, managers, stenographers, grounds keepers and ticket takers.

As a business it will be called upon for the same sacrifices and hardships as other enterprises. Its personnel already is being heavily tapped by the military services, its equipment is subject to the same priorities that affect everyone else, and its finances are in jeopardy because of the uncertainty of attendance. Major league players who have gone into the armed forces include Hank Greenberg, Bob Feller, Cecil Travis, Buddy Lewis, Hugh Mulcahy and Sam Chapman. Others will be called before the season starts.

In the opinion of William G. Bramham, president of the National association, restrictions on tires represent a serious threat to minor league attendance. In the small cities most of the ball parks are on the edge of town trolley cars have been abandoned and bus service is inadequate for large crowds. The game undoubtedly will make contributions to the nation's war effort as means become apparent. A fund already has been established for the purchase of baseball equipment to be used at army and navy camps, and the proceeds of next summer's all star game will be added to this. Exhibitions will be played at army camps and against army teams. Uniformed

men will be admitted to league games at a nominal charge. Come what may, baseball hopes to fit itself into the scheme of a nation at war and keep on going.

Sabin Wins Initial Match in Miami Keel

Coral Gables, Fla., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Wayne Sabin of Portland, Ore., who says he is considering an offer to turn professional, led favored players into the second round of the University of Miami invitational tournament today. He defeated Billy Blake of Tampa, 6-4, 6-1 yesterday, others advancing included Gardner Mulloy of Miami, Billy Talbert of Cincinnati, Jerry Crowther of Los Angeles and Francisco Segura of Ecuador.

BOWLING

Ladies' league started the second-half race last night, with Tolly's Gilmore beating Littrell's 4 to 1; Office Supply beating Wainwright's, 3 to 1 and Valentine's blanking Richfield Oil, 4 to 0. Richfield Oil and Valentine's tied for the first-half championship with 35 wins and 21 losses, followed by Wainwright's with 29 and 27, Littrell's with 28 and 21, Tolly's with 24 and 22 and Office Supply with 20 and 26. Scores follow: Littrell's Wainwright, D. 115 111 120-346 Littrell, N. 128 111 145-387 Corwin, H. 110 124 147-381 DeVore, D. 128 142 118-388 Frisbie, B. 154 148 150-452

Tolly's Gilmore	5	5	15
Tollefson	100	106	163-429
Davidson	95	107	131-383
Gilham	146	118	121-380
Wilkinson	132	161	148-441

Carlsner	111	161	148-441
F. Colton	129	146	113-328
C. Porterfield	137	127	134-328
O. Pruitt	131	118	110-340
Z. Sims	159	162	145-466
Totals	678	708	648-2031

Wainwright's Drugs	20	20	60
M. Littrell	95	123	120-338
A. Fairfield	130	144	143-417
R. Barr	129	163	145-437
G. Grames	132	120	137-389
D. Gill	132	126	108-366
Totals	658	696	678-2007

Richfield Oil	12	12	36
Prochnow	121	156	91-368
Witter, O.	126	150	137-413
Hagen, O.	127	142	153-422
Knob, S.	128	100	100-328
Sherwood, M.	142	231	170-643
Totals	650	770	683-2109

Valentine's Cafe	116	136	118-370
M. Swape	150	186	130-466
J. Robison	155	148	122-426
P. Bush	163	147	161-471
A. Swape	165	181	162-608
Totals	750	798	693-2241

Captain Paake's team and Captain Kresse's team each took two points in their Elks club bowling tournament match last night. Scores follow: Paake's Team Kresse's Team

Paake's Team	120	159	145-424
Eddy	109	117	110-326
R. Duff	147	157	118-422
Leonard	107	135	141-383
Bomer	118	118	118-354
Handicap	223	223	223-606
Totals	624	608	653-2118

Kresse's Team	143	120	142-405
Smith	148	112	126-394
Ray Lewis	126	151	126-405
Dick Lewis	112	118	121-351
L. Duff	94	113	125-339
Handicap	213	218	213-639
Totals	636	637	665-2248

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