

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:

Great Sons Team Almost Certain Of Loop Pennant

An S. O. C. E. basketball team that many hail as the finest ever produced at the Ashland institution—not excluding those Howard Hobson powerhouses of 1933, '34 and '35—is within a whisker of clinching the 1942 Oregon Intercollegiate conference championship.

The Sons have yet to taste defeat in 10 loop starts, while their most dangerous rival for the crown, Eastern Oregon College of Education at LaGrande, has been whipped three times. The Sons and Eons wind up the schedule at LaGrande February 9 and 10. Even though the Sons drop a tilt sometime between now and February 9, they will still capture the pennant by splitting even with the Ernie Rostock-paced Eons.

If the Ashlanders whip Monmouth tonight and Saturday night in Ashland, then take a pair from Mount Angel at Mount Angel February 6 and 7, the shooting will be all over, with the crown resting securely on the collective heads of the Jean Eberhart lads.

Thus far this season the Sons have won 14 and lost two games of both conference and non-conference calibre. If, by chance, the Ashland quint goes on through without another defeat the team will have fashioned the best winning percentage since they started to play basketball at that school.

The 1935 outfit coached by Hobson, boasts the finest percentage of any Sons team to date—21 victories and five setbacks for a mark of .840. But if Ebbie's gang cop their six remaining games their record will stand at 20 wins, two losses for a figure of .909.

The Ashland school has long been recognized as a major power in the northwest's minor college basketball circles, and there's a good reason for that recognition. Since 1927, first year of the cage sport at S. O. C. E., the Sons have won 202 games and lost 108 for the excellent percentage of .652. Never has a Sons quint fallen below the .500 mark.

Both Principal Leonard B. Mayfield and Coach Russ Acheson of Medford high have purchased bicycles to ride to and from their business, saving the tires on their cars and keeping in shape to boot... now that railroad fares are going up, eastern sports scribes are predicting the major leagues will go back to the old schedule system of fewer swings around the circuit and longer series.

That Sons-Monmouth game in Ashland Saturday night, in which "crow's nest" officiating will be tested, received notice yesterday in the Hugh Fullerton, Jr., sports column, a nationwide eye treat... Jackie Conn, brother of Billy, weighs 198 pounds and is a fighter... a sports writer in Washington, D. C., recently called a gal wrestler "a bustlebound blonde."

GAME SEASONS TO STAY OPEN, WORD

There will be open hunting seasons this year for both large and small game in so far as action of the game commission is concerned, according to Frank B. Wire, state game supervisor. Rumors have been going around to the effect that the entire state will be closed to hunting this fall, but the commission has indicated that it sees no necessity for such closure and plans to meet in June, to the time specified by law, to set the hunting seasons and bag limits on game birds and animals for the current year.

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Ashland Invades Medford Tonight for Crucial Cage Battle

TIGERS MUST TIP LEADERS TO STAY IN DISTRICT RACE

Allan Weir Slated To Start For Locals—North Bend Plays Here Saturday.

Fighting to stay in the battle for the district 4 championship and right to enter the state tournament, the Medford Tigers will face the league-leading Ashland Grizzlies tonight on the local maple, and on the same floor Saturday evening they'll tackle undefeated North Bend in an intersectional contest that has no bearing on the district race.

Sophomore quint of Medford and Ashland will play the preliminary tonight at 7:30, and Saturday night's curtain-raiser will start at the same time. Coach Russ Acheson of the Bengals said today that Allan Weir, who canned eight points against Roseburg and six against Grants Pass last week-end, would probably open at a forward position with Captain Hank Herman. Bill Wall will be at center and Don Fawcett and Lee Reynolds at the guards. Dale Niedermeyer, Darrell Monteith and R. B. Webber will probably play.

Grizzlies Favored
Ashland, moving into Medford for the first time this season, will open with Jandreau and Provost, forwards; Rath, center and Riggs and Fowler, guards. The Jerry Gastineau Grizzlies are setting the pace in the district scuffle with four wins in five starts and will be slight favorites to whip the rather inconsistent Tigers, who have won a pair and dropped the same number. In their first game this year, Ashland won, 28 to 20.

Acheson said the locals were in good physical condition for the crucial clash, but added that they had not looked so torrid in practice sessions this week. Much of the drill-time has been devoted to free throws.

A setback for the Tigers tonight will virtually eliminate them from the district race, putting them two and a half games behind Ashland. A victory, however, will cut Ashland's margin of leadership over the locals to a mere half game.

Roseburg at G.P.

In the other district tilt tonight, the surprising Roseburg Indians will play at Grants Pass. A loss by Ashland while Roseburg wins will send the Indians into first place, but if the Grizzlies win they will maintain their hold on top rung regardless of how Roseburg fares.

Saturday night's game should be one of the most interesting of the season. In an early-season contest the North Benders trimmed the locals, 34 to 20, in the coast city. North Bend is rated one of the state's strongest teams.

Fights Last Night

(By the Associated Press)
Omaha—Lem Franklin, 202, Cleveland, stopped Joe Gatty, Newark, N. J. (2).

New Haven, Conn.—Johnny Compo, New Haven, 127, and Joe Iannotti, 128½, New Haven, drew (8).

Burlington, Vt.—Frankie Conti, 135½, Haverhill, Mass., outpointed Buster Beaupre, 139, Vermont (110).

Jersey City, N. J.—Joey Haddad, 144, Paterson, N. J., outpointed Mickey Makar, 146, Bayonne, N. J. (8).

Guldahl Leads Array In Bing Crosby Open

Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., Jan. 30.—(P)—Golf's cycle of luck has an odd way of turning. That's why Ralph Guldahl leads an array of less renowned players into the first round of the \$3000 Bing Crosby golf tournament today.

Can They Claw The Leading Grizzlies?



This gang of Tiger basketballers will be trying to halt the district-leading Ashland high Grizzlies and stay in the race when the two quintets clash in the local gym tonight following a 7:30 prelim. The game will mark Ashland's first appearance here this season. The players: left to right, front row, Lee Reynolds, Don Fawcett, Jack Kresse, Darrell Monteith, R. B. Webber, Allan Weir. Top row: Coach Russ Acheson, John Ousterhout, Ray McCallister, Henry Herman, Dale Niedermeyer, Bill Wall.

State's Prep Teams Slate Important Week-End Games

Astoria's defending state high school champions and Salem's Vikings, leaders of the No Name league, resume a basketball rivalry tonight (Friday) that is perhaps the fiercest in Oregon.

Last year it led to a near-riot in the finals of the high school tournament, which saw Astoria, defeated by Salem in three previous games, upset the Vikings for the title.

Since then Astoria has crushed 14 high school opponents, losing only to Hood River, 33-31 while Salem has been compiling a record almost as impressive.

The Astorians took their first step toward the state tournament this week by defeating Tillamook, 36-24, in a district contest. It was the first defeat this year for Tillamook, a team that beat Salem early in the season.

Salem proved its increasing power by walloping Eugene, 53-27, to leave only Corvallis with- in striking distance of the Vikings in the No Name loop. Corvallis downed Albany, 31-22.

A series of games in southern Oregon will go far toward deciding strength in that sector. Ashland, district four leader, tangles with Medford, a twice-defeated team, while Roseburg, a threat to Ashland, plays tail-end Grants Pass tonight.

Saturday Grants Pass will journey to Klamath Falls while Medford engages North Bend, undefeated power from Coos county.

Klamath Falls and Prineville, district three leaders, also will see action tonight. Klamath Falls playing Lakeview and Prineville meeting Bend. Burns goes to Redmond for two games.

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BOB PASTOR AND LESNEVICH SCRAP FOR LOUIS SHOT

By Sid Feder
New York, Jan. 30.—(P)—Out at Camp Upton, where they make soldiers out of guys named Joe, Private J. Louis Barrow is going to have a lot of fun tonight while Gus Lesnevich and Bob Pastor pound each other all over Madison Square Garden's ring.

For, there is a good chance that the winner of this ten-round tea party may be served up to Private Barrow in a couple of months. And the only dish the private is fonder of than fresh fried chicken is a platter of hopeful heavyweight, served hot or cold. He chills both varieties.

The chief incentive for rapid Robert and the rugged Russian from Jersey in the present proceedings is this chance for the winner to get his ears knocked off in March, when Private Barrow comes back to the wars.

Of course, there is a small matter of cutting up tonight's gate, which Promoter Mike Jacobs figures may touch \$25,000 through the contributions of some 10,000 of the faithful. But both of the battle-scarred gladiators are more interested in the big shot that lies beyond.

Padres Sell Brewer To Spokane Indians

Spokane, Jan. 30.—(P)—Bernard Brewer, who pitched for Salem in the Western International league in 1940 and San Diego of the Pacific Coast league last year, has been purchased from San Diego by the Spokane Indians.

B LOOP QUINTETS BATTLE TONIGHT

Pennant battles in the northern and western divisions of the Southern Oregon class B basketball conference will be resumed in six towns tonight, all games starting after 7 o'clock preliminaries.

St. Mary's of Medford will travel to Butte Falls to take on the division-leading Loggers in a northern division contest, while other games in the same loop will find Talent at Prospect and Sams Valley at Eagle Point.

Stroke Suffered BY HERBERT OWEN

Eugene, Jan. 30.—(P)—Herb Owen, for many years wrestling promoter in Portland, Salem, Eugene and other parts of Oregon, suffered a stroke here last night following one of his wrestling shows. He was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital. His physician, Dr. H. R. Allumbaugh, said that Owen, who is partially paralyzed, is in a "rather critical condition."

Freddie Lindstrom to Head Giant Farm Team

New York, Jan. 30.—(P)—Bill Terry, general manager of the New York Giants' farm system, announced today that Freddie Lindstrom, his roommate of many playing days in years past, would manage the Giants' Western association farm team at Fort Smith, Ark., during the 1942 season.

BEAVERS, OREGON FACE TOUGH FOES

By the Associated Press
Four Pacific Coast conference basketball teams will throw the northern division championship race as wide open as a prairie on widely separated floors tonight.

The loop-leading Washington quintet will be fighting off the challenge of the many Oregon team at Seattle while Washington State, the defending conference and western collegiate champion, is providing a warm entertainment for Oregon State at Pullman.

BILL HERMAN INKS DODGER CONTRACT

Brooklyn, Jan. 30.—(P)—Billy Herman, streamlined by eight pounds during the winter, but still looking plump, has recovered from the back injury that took him out of the world series and is ready to resume at second base for the Brooklyn Dodgers any time—and any place.

The 32-year-old star infielder arrived yesterday from his home at New Albany, Ind., and in a short confab with President Larry MacPhail, signed a new contract.

HUSKY COACH TO MEET WITH TEAM

Seattle, Jan. 30.—(P)—University of Washington football players have been called to meet with their new head coach, Ralph "Pest" Welch for an introductory get-together this afternoon.

FIRST AIR CHIEF DIES

Washington, Jan. 30.—(P)—Major General Mason Mathews Patrick, 78, first chief of the army air corps, died today in the Walter Reed hospital after a month's illness.

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