

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

District Battle Promises To Be Wildest In Years

The history of district basketball races in this section of Oregon is studded with cases of two and three clubs battling it out right down to the tape, of pennant battles undecided until the final games of the season.

Last year's flag chase, for example, was as torrid as the most competitive-minded fanatic could ask for, with Medford, Ashland and Roseburg waging a stretch campaign that finally ended in a Medford-Roseburg deadlock and a Roseburg victory in the playoff tiff.

That was a truly great race, all right, but if we aren't mistaken it will be surpassed for craziness and unpredictability by this current district 4 title regatta. With the schedule not yet half completed, three things have occurred to indicate the 1942 championship struggle will give everybody hysterics before its conclusion.

Perhaps the screwiest phase of the scrap thus far concerns the Roseburg-Ashland rivalry. First, Ashland invaded the Indian wigwam and utterly slaughtered the defending champs. It was no contest at all, and immediately the dopesters relegated Roseburg to the depths. So, what happened? Merely that Roseburg marched right into the Grizzlies' back lot and belted out a 29 to 28 victory.

Then there's the matter of Grants Pass, which until Friday night had taken five straight on the kisser without landing a blow in its own behalf. One of those defeats was at the hands of Roseburg at Roseburg, 24 to 20. So, what happened? Simply that Roseburg, breezing along in second place, strode into the Cavemen gym Friday evening and received a thorough 41 to 29 whipping.

And then there's the case of Medford-Ashland basket-trading. In their first contest, at Ashland, the Grizzlies outclassed the locals by a 28 to 20 tally. Not an overwhelming conquest, but substantial. So what happened again? Just that the Tigers wheeled around and slapped down the Lithia village lads by the very, very decisive score of 34 to 18. This Medford victory can't be considered a startling upset in the true sense of the word, for the Tigers were always figured as possible winners. But the size of the score WAS surprising.

What do all these funny goings-on mean? To this corner, they mean that anything and everything can and probably will happen before a champion is crowned. They mean that on any given night and in any location, any one of the four teams CAN beat any of the others. They mean that there is not a single "weak slater" in the circuit, and that from now on the pressure will be terrific every time the contenders go to the post.

The way it looks to us, the four clubs are so evenly matched physically that the quintet that can maintain a lofty mental attitude game in and game out, shy clear of injuries and generate the most "guts" will haul in the bunting. She's going to get tougher fast.

Playing a large part in the Tigers' triumph over Ashland was the manner in which Medford slowed down its attack at the game's outset. Coach Russ Acheson, pointing out that the Bengals usually get in the hole in the first quarter due to nervous passing and shooting, told the players to decrease the tempo of their play in the opening minutes, make their passes sure and play it safe generally.

The result was all he hoped. Operating in a conservative fashion, the Tigers broke Herman into open area for three field goals and wound up the first period with an 8 to 3 lead. In many past games the Tigers have been far behind at the first-quarter mark, their opponents having turned the Medford mistakes, to their own advantage. In the first Medford-Ashland game, remember, the Grizzlies ran up a 9 to 0 lead before the locals could draw a deep breath.

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Amateur Johnny Dawson Tops Field In Bing Crosby Open

HOLLYWOOD STAR SHATTERS RECORD WITH 133 SCORE

Winner Chops 11 Strokes Off Par In Final California Meet—Pros Trail.

By Robert Myers

Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., Feb. 2.—(P)—The veteran Hollywood amateur, Johnny Dawson, not only held the Bing Crosby golf championship today but his 66-67—133 was the lowest score ever registered in the tournament.

Playing in spectacular fashion the former Chicagoan completed the 36-hole event 11 strokes under par and closed California's winter tournament trail in a blaze of glory. The touring shotmakers today were heading for another major event, the western open at Phoenix, Ariz.

Leaving the powerful professional troupe scrambling in the rear, Dawson was three strokes better than a pair of dark horse candidates, slender Lloyd Mangrum, Monterey Park, Calif., and Leland Gibson of Kansas City, who crashed the select group for the first time in his four years on the California winter schedule.

The pre-tournament favorites, Benny Hogan and Sam Snead, finished down the list, Hogan with a 71-71—142 and Snead, four times winner of the tourney, with an amazing 77-66—143. Hogan had no cause to grieve, however. He won the rich \$10,000 Los Angeles open, the \$5,000 San Francisco open and was runner-up in the Oakland open.

Dawson's score surpassed the 135 set by Porky Oliver in 1940. It was registered before 5,000, largest crowd in the tournament's history. Charity, including the crippled children fund, realized approximately \$8,000 from the event.

G. PASS INVADES MEDFORD TUESDAY

Medford's struggle to maintain its contending position in the white-hot district 4 basketball race will receive another acid test when the Grants Pass Cavemen, upsets of Roseburg Friday night, move into town Tuesday night for a game slated to start following a 7:30 preliminary.

Although the Tigers have already beaten the Cavemen twice, tomorrow's contest is expected to be one of the toughest of the season now that Grants Pass, after losing five straight tilts, finally found the key to victory in its 41 to 29 defeat of Roseburg. While Medford and Grants Pass are battling it out here, Ashland will travel to Roseburg for another district fracas. Next Friday night, Medford will play at Roseburg and Grants Pass will travel to Ashland.

MT. ANGEL WINS CATHOLIC TITLE

The Dalles, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Mt. Angel won the 1942 Oregon Catholic high school basketball championship yesterday by defeating Columbia Prep of Portland, defending champion, 25 to 21.

The Angels, paced by Leon Grosjeaux with 12 points, led from the start. Previous Mt. Angel victims in the three-day tournament were Central Catholic of Portland, Star of the Sea, of Astoria, and Sacred Heart of Tillamook.

Columbia Prep earned second place, and St. Mary's of Eugene, edged out by the defending champions in the semi-finals, 25-24, won third place by downing Sacred Heart of Tillamook, 40 to 29.

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Eberhart's "Crow's Nest" Experiment Termed Success

Ashland, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Coach Jean Eberhart of Southern Oregon College of Education won't care if referees never again trod on his basketball court.

He would just as soon have them up in platforms over the baskets, where they were in Saturday night's game which Southern Oregon won from Oregon College of Education, 52 to 42.

The experiment, sponsored by Eberhart, was called a success by fans and players alike.

The two referees said they could watch play more closely. They used whistles, as usual, in calling fouls, and explained decisions over a microphone. Assistants on the floor put the ball in play from sidelines, and linesmen, also on the floor, called out-of-bounds plays, as in tennis.

Captain Bob Mulder of Southern Oregon said players found they could not get away with minor fouls as usual, and, as a result, the number of fouls soon decreased. Fewer were called than in the previous night's game, in which officiating was orthodox.

Eberhart said he would experiment with the plan further.

INITIAL HOCKEY CLASH THURSDAY

Medford's first regulation ice hockey game in history will be played at the Medford Ice Arena next Thursday night between the Medford Loggers and the Medford Bombers, clubs composed of local players who have been practicing steadily under the coaching of Denny Edge, manager of the arena and former professional hockey star. The game will start at 8 o'clock, following a brief sketch of the rules by Edge.

Both teams boast players who have seen action in amateur ranks in Canada and the eastern United States, and Edge believes they will provide a thrilling evening's entertainment for fans. The Loggers are managed by Curley Woolridge, former goalie for the Penn Athletic club, Pittsburgh, Pa., and captained by Andy Anderson, who once played with the Saskatoon Quakers in Canada. The Bombers are managed and captained by Mike McGuire, who played at St. Thomas college, St. Paul, Minn., and in the St. Paul city league.

CRUSADERS STOP TALENT BY 19-18

St. Mary's of Medford defeated Talent high, 19 to 18, here Saturday night in a northern division, Southern Oregon class B conference contest. It was a makeup of a postponed game.

Lineups:
St. Marys (19) Talent (18)
Corey (4) F. McKenzie (2)
Iven (3) F. Williams (7)
Corliss (2) C. Yarnell
Lemire (4) G. Fenton
Darland (4) G. (5) Montgomery
Subs: St. Mary's—Nary (2), Talent—Gleim (4), Referee—V. Swanson.

BOWLING

Hohlweg's team took three out of four pots from "Bait" team in an Elks club bowling tournament match Friday night. Scores follow:

Hohlweg's Team	Bait's Team
Hohlweg 197 158 156 551	Hohlweg 197 158 156 551
Mitchell 112 103 125 340	Mitchell 112 103 125 340
Van Pelt 133 122 173 428	Van Pelt 133 122 173 428
Janouch 147 124 177 448	Janouch 147 124 177 448
Bullis 156 132 114 402	Bullis 156 132 114 402
Handicap 156 132 114 402	Handicap 156 132 114 402
Totals 921 843 936 2699	Totals 921 843 936 2699
Bait's Team	Hohlweg's Team
Bait 180 160 160 500	Bait 180 160 160 500
Conrad 91 91 91 273	Conrad 91 91 91 273
Tollefson 155 192 167 514	Tollefson 155 192 167 514
McKay 131 133 120 384	McKay 131 133 120 384
Ekerson 141 141 141 423	Ekerson 141 141 141 423
Handicap 188 188 188 564	Handicap 188 188 188 564
Totals 864 803 855 2652	Totals 864 803 855 2652

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3 Quintets Maintain Win Strings; Cavemen Defeated by Klamath

By Matt Kramer

Associated Press Staff Writer North Bend in the western end of the state, Baker in the eastern end and Hood River in the middle continued their string of victories last week-end, but elsewhere high school basketball play was less spectacular.

North Bend's Bulldogs, virtually the same outfit that won fifth place in the state tournament last year, are undefeated this season. They polished off first half play in the Coos county league Friday with a 47-23 victory over Marshfield, then traveled to Medford Saturday to defeat the Peapickers, 38-35.

Against the Bulldogs, Medford did not look like the same team that the previous night had upset Ashland, 34-18, to throw the district four race into a muddle. Grants Pass upset Roseburg, 41-29, the same night to leave Ashland ahead of the field, but with Medford and Roseburg a half-game behind.

Hood River tripped McMinnville, 36-21, for its 14th win in 16 games, and Baker, also a team that has been defeated but twice, revenge an earlier loss by spilling The Dalles, 40-38.

Salem and Astoria resumed their annual rivalry, but with negligible results. Salem defeated the Fishermen Friday, 32-27, but lost to the defending state champions Saturday, 28-21.

In district three Klamath Falls knocked Lakeview from the unbeaten class, 21-19, and undefeated Prineville kept pace with the Pelicans by downing Bend, 49-23. Klamath Falls also nosed out Grants Pass Saturday, 36-30.

He's A Lucky Youngster



Handsome Jim Daniell, 235-pound Ohio State tackle, piles his football souvenirs in the arms of his 11-year-old cousin, Joe Short, Jr., in Pittsburgh, before beginning his duties with the U. S. Naval reserve. He withdrew from school to enter the service.

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FOOTBALL TO AID IN WINNING WAR, COACH BELIEVES

Pullman, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Will the war hurt football?

Washington State college, believing the answer is "No" is preparing for a football boom that—ideally—might find all the school's 2,500 men students out in moleskins and headgear for spring practice.

"Anyway," said Coach Orin E. (Bab) Hollingbery today by way of explanation, "the question is wrong. It should be: 'Will football help win the war?'"

"The nation's collegiate football program can make a great contribution to the war effort by training all men students in physical combat."

Hollingbery, dean of Pacific coast conference football coaches, quoted Gen. Douglas MacArthur as saying he would prefer to have more football trained athletes in his army, and added:

"It has been proven that the American youth is too soft, and that in war times combative sports serve as the best developers. Football teaches boys to be self-reliant, to keep driving under all conditions, to think under fire—and above all, develops their fighting spirit."

Hamilton Law Loses In Badminton Match

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Dave Freeman of Pasadena, the national champion, won the northern California badminton title last night, defeating Ham Law of Seattle, 15-8, 15-5, in the final round.

PHOENIX CLUB NO. 1
Phoenix, Feb. 2.—(Sp)—Phoenix Townsend club No. 1 will meet Tuesday night in the Christian church. The subject "Will We Win the War?" will be discussed.

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

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fore and two aft, and ordinarily carry one torpedo in each tube and one extra, thus being limited to 12 torpedoes. Even if a few extra were loaded on, a sub could ordinarily get only five or six ships before going back for more torpedoes.

SUCH a campaign can make spectacular news, but its war value is comparatively trivial. After the first 10 days, the Nazis had sunk six tankers and damaged one (a type of ship we can least afford to lose from our war effort.) Figuring the present size of our tanker fleet and its round-trip operations to the east coast, the loss of one ship means a loss of only 5,000 barrels a day to only one section of the country, the northeastern seaboard.

Mr. Ickes may have inadvertently lent some aid and comfort to Berlin by saying the sinkings make the east face a tight oil situation, but his habitual pessimism is not widely shared.

The worst this campaign could do is to force us to convoy our coastal shipping and take destroyers away from other pursuits. It cannot possibly cripple our war effort. This nation is not, like England, dependent upon sea lifelines, and a U-boat campaign against us therefore lacks military significance commensurate with the notice it receives.

A FEW timid souls imagine the U-boat campaign may be the forerunner of invasion, but this is just the ridiculous interpretation Hitler is striving for, as much as anything else. Subs can go anywhere, but it is a wholly different matter to move planes and troops. For invasion Hitler must obtain control of the air and sea at the landing point, and these prerequisites he has not been able to obtain in England, only 20 miles away.

BATAN peninsula upon which MacArthur has stood abounds with fresh water springs, deer, pheasant and negritos (dwarf black busmen ranging from three feet four inches to five feet and adept only with a bow and arrow). . . . Communications continue to mention heavy Jap bombings of the central Philippine island of Cebu, although presumably there is nothing on it except a radio station. . . . India is starting to produce for war. SS. Baroda was launched at Calcutta for the Indian navy and several courvettes as well as both light and heavy tanks have come out of Indian industry. . . . About 15,000 tons of cork and 110,000 tons of sugar are lying around Martique, if anyone wants to go into that Vichy possession for it.

Inner reports say Finnish cities are suffering "desperately" from scarcity of potatoes and bread.

Fern Valley

Fern Valley, Feb. 2.—(Sp)—Mrs. Ivan Olson, who was operated on for appendicitis January 24 at the Ashland Community hospital is getting along nicely and expects to return home in a few days.

Mrs. R. Lytle, during the process of moving from their home here to

Ashland, took down with the mumps Jan. 26. Ernest Lytle has recently recovered from the mumps.

Mrs. Chase Gardner was also operated on for appendicitis Jan. 24, at a Medford hospital.

Mrs. Vern Marshall underwent an operation at a Medford hospital Jan. 26.

Mrs. Tom Bell has been ill the past few days.

Barbara Silva, who has been ill the past week, was taken to the hospital Monday, Jan. 26.

Mrs. Ed Boardman and Mrs. J. W. Watkins of Phoenix, served as "minute men" in the recent defense bond campaign. Mrs. Boardman had the district to Kanton and from there to Phoenix was Mrs. Watkins.

Floyd Palmer drove down from Seattle for the week-end with his wife and baby, who live in Medford. They came out to Mrs. Palmer's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kantors, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ralph Wilson was missed at Sunday school Sunday. She was ill and unable to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kantor, Jr., and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Davis and sons, John Kantor and Mr. Kantor and Margaret Bear were guests at the E. E. Marshall home Jan. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Flowers and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Lem Hughes and Ernest Lee were dinner guests Jan. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Miss Julia Roberts, of Phoenix, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts and Misses Pauline Roberts and Betty Faulk, were dinner guests at the Lem Hughes home Jan. 27. The occasion was in celebration of Mrs. Frank Roberts' birthday, the 27th and Mr. Hughes, the 28th.

Mrs. R. L. Miller and Mrs. G. W. Lense were among those invited to the shower for Mrs. A. Van Dorn, the former May Blues, at the Presbyterian church in Rogue River. Many lovely gifts were received and a number unable to attend sent gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cook of Gold Hill are spending some time at their home here, while Mr. Cook is doing some work on his Highland quartz mine.

Foots Creek

Foots Creek, Feb. 2.—(Sp)—Sewing Circle met with Mrs. Barnes, Sr., January 21. Several members are knitting for the Red Cross and others will sew

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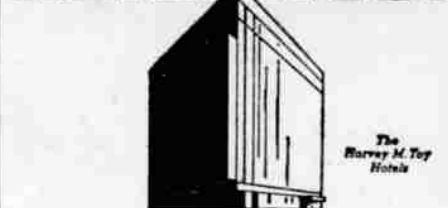
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