

Tigers Battle Corvallis Cagers Tonight in Semi-Final

29 TO 23 VICTORY
OVER HILLSBORO
TAKES OVERTIME

Herman Shakes Off Slump
In Final Seconds To Give
Tigers Winning Chance.

Tourney Data

Thursday Scores
Corvallis 47, Mt. Angel 25.
Medford 29, Hillsboro 23.
Baker 39, North Bend 32.
Astoria 45, McMinnville 25.
Today's Schedule
Championship:
Corvallis vs. Medford, 7:30
p. m.
Baker vs. Astoria, 8:45 p. m.

By Billy Hulen

(Mail Tribune Sports Editor)
Salem, March 13.—(Sp.)—Medford's Tigers are in the semi-finals of the 23rd annual Oregon state basketball tournament being staged here in the Willamette university gymnasium and will battle the Corvallis high Spartans at 7:30 tonight for the right to enter the championship finals Saturday evening, but if it hadn't been for Captain Henry Herman and sophomore Dale Niedermeyer, Russ Acheson's club would now be struggling along in the consolation round.

The Bengals handed Hillsboro's Spartans a 29 to 23 rap in the quarter-finals Thursday afternoon, in a heart-stopping, hair-raising overtime struggle. But how in the world Medford ever managed to win goodness only knows, for if ever the Tigers turned in a ragged performance this was it.

Herman Hero
Herman was the boy who pulled it from the fire, when it seemed certain Reece Hathorn's quint was to register a number one upset. Herman, who hadn't scored a field goal all afternoon, finally blasted in for a crumple with 50 seconds remaining to tie the score at 21-21. Then, with five seconds to go, he drove home a howitzer from 40 feet to put the Tigers ahead, 23 to 21, only to watch Dick Crockett, Hillsboro center, shove one through to knot the count again with two seconds to play and send the thing into an overtime.

Niedermeyer, who led all scorers with 12 tallies, shattered the deadlock after a minute of the overtime period by dribbling into the key hole and poking in a one-hander. That made it 25 to 23, and was really the victory margin for the Tigers, but before the extra session was over Darrell Monteith darted in for a crumple and R. B. Webster dished, while the losers were going scoreless.

Tigers Baffled
The Tigers, apparently bewildered by the tough zone defense of Hillsboro, were never in the lead until midway through the third period, when Bill Wall canned a crumple for 15 to 14 Medford bulge. However, the margin didn't last long as the Spartans pulled ahead again and built up a 19 to 15 advantage early in the fourth quarter on two field buckets by Yoshio Inahara, Japanese guard.

Honor Detail for Joe



Two M. P.'s escort Champion Joe Louis to a recreation hall ring at Fort Dix, N. J., as he begins training for his benefit fight with Abe Simon. Joe's fellow-soldiers (background) watch the champ who says he's in better shape than ever—and credits the army with some of the reason for it.

and a free throw by Crockett. After two minutes of the hysterical fourth quarter had elapsed Don Fawcett scored from under the basket to cut the Hillsboro lead to 19 to 17. But Inahara soon after sank a charity toss for a 20 to 17 Hillsboro lead. With two and a half minutes to play Niedermeyer stole the ball in mid-court and raced in for a beautiful, big "clutch" basket and a 20 to 19 Hillsboro lead, a lead that was upped to 21 to 19 when Inahara dropped in another free toss.

Coming back into the game at this critical point was Herman, who suffered a sprained ankle earlier in the second half and had it taped on the bench. There was only a minute and a half to play, but the Medford captain tied it up in short order, then put the Tigers in the lead before Crockett got his field goal with only two seconds to play.

Fluke Ties Score
That basket of Crockett's was something of a fluke. The Tigers were ahead, 23 to 21, thanks to Herman's long one three seconds earlier. The ball was in Medford territory, with Hillsboro trying desperately to score. Somebody made a wild pass and Niedermeyer, standing almost on the sidelines, slapped it back into play—right into the hands of Crockett under the hoop. The latter sent it up and in, and before you could draw a short breath the gun barked.

The Tigers never could get started. They trailed by a 12 to 10 score at the half and by 17 to 15 at the end of the third quarter. It was 5-5 at the close of the first period.

Zeigler Goes Out
Bill Zeigler, Hillsboro's high-scoring forward, left the game on four fouls early in the third quarter, after making 11 points, and in all sincerity that's probably one of the major reasons for the Medford victory.

Zeigler was almost the entire scoring show for Hillsboro in the first half. The Tigers, to put it mildly, looked terrible. They passed badly, they couldn't hit the easiest sort of shots, and if they were called for steps and broken dribbles once, they were called two dozen times. They looked like the Tiger team of early season, when they couldn't beat anybody.

Niedermeyer Capable
Niedermeyer was the only one of the crew who turned in a capable performance throughout, and even he had his bad moments. Fawcett seemed all tied up, Monteith was far below par, Wall was off color, Reynolds was ragged and Herman, until those last 50 seconds of the regular playing time, wasn't the Herman of that district four stretch drive.

Acheson didn't spare the rod.

STANFORD GIVEN EDGE OVER O.S.C. IN TITLE SERIES

Long-Legged Southerners
Face Beavers Tonight In
Opening 3-Game Program

Palo Alto, Cal., March 13.—(P)—Beaten only once in 12 league games, Stanford's long-legged basketball players are strong favorites to capture the Pacific Coast conference championship from the Oregon State Beavers in a three-game series opening here tonight.

Their superb record, their distinct height advantage and the home court all give the edge to Coach Everett Dean's Indians, perhaps the smoothest-operating club since the days of Angelo "Hank" Luisetti.

Stanford, clearly the best outfit in the southern division, dropped only a game to southern California. For the first time in history, the Indians beat University of California in four straight.

Oregon State, on the other hand, had a bit more difficulty in a scrappy northern division campaign, losing five games. Coach Slat Gill has a team of veterans, among them big center John Mandic who is a wizard under the basket. Don Durand, O.S.C. guard, is the boy who starred on the Beaver football team which beat Duke in the Rose bowl.

Stanford won the southern division title last year but lost to Washington State college in the playoff.

The teams play tonight, tomorrow night, and Monday night, should a playoff game be necessary.

Gordon Comes To Terms



Joe Gordon, Yankee second baseman, agreed to terms with his club along with three other players, leaving Joe DiMaggio and Red Rolfe the only holdouts. Joe is shown at his home, a short distance from St. Petersburg, Fla., and the Yankee training camp.

Star-Studded Boston Lineup Darkened by Toll of Years

Sarasota, Fla., March 13.—(P)—The lineup that takes the field for the Boston Red Sox on opening day of the 1942 baseball season probably will not include a single one of that fabulous lot of stars for whom Tom Yawkey spent a fortune six years ago in a vain effort to buy a championship.

They are passing out all in a bunch here at the end, grudgingly yielding to the year. The great Lefty Grove announced his retirement during the winter. Joe Cronin, for whom Yawkey sent \$150,000 and a player to Washington, says he will not play shortstop this season unless absolutely forced to. That leaves only Jimmy Foxx of the original "Gold Sox" and Jimmy is limping around with a broken toe while a youngster named Ulysses Lupien from Louisville tries to win his first base job.

If both Cronin and Foxx remain on the bench, it means the Sox have lost a great part of the terrific batting punch that enabled them to finish second to the Yankees in the American league last year. Between them they knocked in exactly 200 runs.

At the moment Cronin is playing a little at third base in training games, but will give that up, happily when ailing Jim Tabor is ready to take it over. Frisking around shortstop and looking very good, too, is dark Jim Pesky, a 22-year-old who hit a robust .325 for Louisville last year. He and Bobby Doerr are teaming well on double plays. Observers are not so certain about Lupien, who hit only .289 at Louisville.

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BUD HOOVER WINS FENCING LAURELS

Corvallis, March 13.—(Sp.)—Bud Hoover, sophomore in agriculture, Monday night swept through the semi-finals and finals to win the Oregon State college all-school fencing championship. Hoover easily went through the preliminary rounds with no opponent scoring over one touch upon him.

In the semi-finals he met Vadim Avtonomoff, whom he defeated by a score of 5-0. The finals showed stiffer competition when he faced Roland Porter. Porter lead out strong and scored the first touch but Hoover quickly regained his control and came back to score the next four touches. Porter again caught fire to score two more touches. Hoover retaliated with fast offensive action to take the winning point and win the match 5-3. This match gave Hoover the championship and gold cup.

A highlight of the entire meet was a preliminary match between Hoover and the Indiana state amateur sabre champion, who was expected to win the meet. Hoover, coming in as under dog, quickly defeated him 5-1.

Hoover is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hoover of Medford and a graduate of Medford high school.

At the TRAINING CAMPS

By the Associated Press
St. Petersburg, Fla.—The Cardinals' five left-handed pitchers might form the strongest southpaw staff in the majors. Last year, the quintet won 71 and lost 31. Thirty-five victories and 36 in the National league and 36 in the minors. The five are Ernie White, Howard Pollet, Max Lanier, Clyde Shoun and Harry Brecheen.

Daytona Beach, Fla.—Manager Leo Durocher of the Dodgers has a neat method of making his infielders run during workouts by hitting slow rollers, first to one side and then the other. But first baseman Les Burge has his own system of combating Durocher's game. Fielding each ball, he stuffs it into his shirt instead of throwing it back.

Sanford, Fla.—When Casey Stengel of the Braves needed an outfielder to complete his rookie team Wednesday, pitcher Frank Lamanna drew the assignment and lashed out a homer. Yesterday, when hurling for the rookies, he got another four-bagger. "I've been looking for a guy like you for a long time," said Stengel, "and if you keep hitting homers, I'm going to keep you in the lineup."

Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press
Jersey City—Maxie Berger, 145, Montreal, knocked out Joe De Jesus, 142, Puerto Rico (2). Elizabeth, N. J.—Joe Baksi, 205, New York, outpointed Herbert Marshall, 177, New York (six).

BASEBALL

By the Associated Press
Yesterday's results:
St. Louis (N) 7, Cincinnati (N) 1.
Washington (A) 10, Cleveland (A) 7.
Pittsburgh (N) vs. Philadelphia (A), cancelled.

WARMERDAM TO SHOOT AT 16 FEET IN VAULT

San Francisco, March 13.—(P)—Olympic club officials cleared a 140-foot runway for Cornelius Warmerdam today and hoped the pole vaulting ace might soar to 16 feet in tonight's indoor track and field meet. Warmerdam cleared 15 feet, 7 1/2 inches in the east recently with a borrowed pole.

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BOWLING

Littrell Parts defeated Valentine's Cafe, McDonalds Candy beat Lewis Super Service and Knights of Columbus measured Key Lithographing in City league bowling on the Medford alleys last night, the score being 3 to 1 in each contest. Scores follow:

Valentine's Cafe	Littrell Parts
Porterfield, 588	Green, 567
Shaver, 414	Davis, 403
Absentee, 450	Jacobson, 502
Lee, 536	Johnson, 451
Sims, 563	Gardner, 565
Total, 2571	Total, 2598

McDonalds Candy	Lewis Super
Geo. Witter, 437	Handicap, 150
C. Williamson, 450	B. Mische, 439
K. Harris, 428	H. Swanson, 437
M. Bell, 534	Gosha, 379
Paake, 500	L. Lewis, 444
Total, 2349	Total, 2217

Knights Columbus	Key Lithograph
Runtz, 584	Handicap, 204
Companoni, 536	Clarr, 313
Lounsbury, 520	Hagen, 479
Meyer, 431	Smith, J., 506
McGuire, 508	Kay, D., 390
Allen, 408	Total, 2350



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DI MAG ARGEES ON \$42,000 SALARY

St. Petersburg, March 13.—(P)—Joe DiMaggio, beaming brightly from sunburn and happiness, was safely in the fold of the New York Yankees today with the second biggest contract ever given a member of the club.

The great centerfielder, who hit in 56 consecutive games last season and was voted the most valuable player in the American league, came to an agreement with President Edward G. Barrow last night won a salary estimated at \$42,000, an increase of \$5,000 over his 1941 stipend.

This was a higher salary than the Yankees ever gave any player other than Babe Ruth and ended the No. 1 holdout squabble of the 1942 baseball campaign.

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