

SPORTS

DUCKS, COUGARS
SLATE PLAY-OFF
FOR HOOP CROWN

Eugene, Ore., March 5.—(U.P.)—The University of Oregon basketball team will meet Washington State college in a three game playoff to decide the northern division Pacific coast championship, Anson Cornell, graduate manager of Oregon, announced today.

The first game will be played at Pullman, Wash., on the Cougar's home floor Saturday, the second at Eugene, March 16, and the third game, if necessary, at Eugene on March 17.

The agreement between Cornell and Earl Foster, W.S.C. graduate manager, eliminates the proposed conference playoff between the northern division winner and U.C.L.A.'s navy trainees team, the southern champions.

UCLA cannot participate in the western national collegiate athletic association playoff in Kansas City, March 23-24 because of navy regulations. The Oregon-Washington State winner will represent the west coast in Kansas City.

ARLINGTON MEETS
ROGUES TONIGHT

Rogue River and Arlington will clash tonight on the Medford high floor in the first of their two out of three games basketball series for a berth in the state tournament at Salem next week.

Arlington, said to have a fine "B" class ball club, won a tournament comprised of teams from Hood River, Wasco, Gilliam, Jefferson, Sherman, Wheeler, Crook and Deschutes counties to earn the shot at the Rogues. They defeated Merrill for district 5 championship.

Tonight's game, which will not be preceded by a preliminary, is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock. Late today there had not been a preliminary arranged for tomorrow night's game. Any teams wishing to play Tuesday night's preliminary are asked to get in touch with Lyle Lindley at Phoenix School.

SNEAD WINS TOP
GOLFING HONORS

Jacksonville, Fla., March 5.—(U.P.) New superlatives—and the supply is getting low—were in order again today for that slamin' smoothie of the fairways, Gopher Sammy Snead.

The Hot Springs, Va., veteran, apparently out to catch up on the prize money he missed while he was in the navy, pocketed \$1,000 for his third straight tournament victory and left behind him one of the greatest competitive performances in golfing records. He won with strokes to spare in compiling a 22 under par total of 266 in the 72 holes of the \$5,000 Jacksonville open, which ended yesterday.

Bob Hamilton, the Professional Golfers' association champion from Evansville, Ind., finished with a total of 270.

Senators, Chicago
Start Work-Outs

New York, March 5.—(U.P.)—Major league spring training—wartime version—begins this week in Maryland and Indiana when the Washington Senators and the Chicago Cubs lead a vanguard of teams into the abbreviated conditioning drills.

The Senators, with a roster sprinkled liberally with Cuban player importations, start their workouts at College Park, Md., Wednesday and the Cubs open up Thursday at French Lick, Ind.

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Sport
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BY



Harry Chipman
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Rogue River and Arlington will turn the basketball spotlight on Medford tonight and tomorrow night when they clash on the MHS South Oakdale maple boards for the right to enter the state tournament at Salem. It will be a best two out of three series, the third game to be played at Arlington if necessary.

We had the pleasure of watching Rogue River trim Merrill in Ashland Friday night to earn the right to meet Arlington. They were paced by Junior Dimick, a fine ball player, who definitely was the sparkplug of the whole club. He is one of the fastest men we have watched this season, with the possible exception of Jim Noreen of Klamath Falls. Dimick has an excellent eye for the basket and his passing and team work make him an outstanding asset to the Rogues. He is a shifty dribbler who takes his guard out of position for more clear shots at the bucket or for a better pass to a teammate.

Native of Wimer

Being the star of a team is liable to go to the head of a young high school boy, but not so with Dimick. His teammates and fellow students at Rogue River high school idolize him and claim he is a "straight guy." He is a native of Wimer, in Evans Valley north of Rogue River.

We have often wondered how Central Point, with their high scoring center, Shrier, ever managed to lose the Jackson-Josephine county tournament to the Rogues but after watching Dimick and company perform against Merrill we believe we have the answer. The Rogues have height under the backboard, a good floor game and are better than average shots.

Maybe Arlington will beat them for the coveted state tournament berth but if they do, the boys from the banks of the Columbia will know they have been "through the mill." Lovers of the hoop sport who trek out South Oakdale tonight will see a great basketball game, a game between two champions eager to try their luck at state honors.

Riebe Tops Field
In Hoop Scoring

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 5.—Forward Mel Riebe, Cleveland, today held the national basketball league scoring championship with a record of 806 points. Riebe won the title last night as his team lost to the Fort Wayne Zollners 68 to 58. Riebe scored 29 points to win the title over Bobby McDermott of the Zollners by five points. At the beginning of the game, Riebe had 577 points and McDermott had 571. Both players had topped the former record of 406 set by Chuck Chuckowit of the Toledo Redmen in 1941.

PORTLAND DROPS
PRACTICE GAME
BY 17-7 COUNT

San Jose, Calif., March 5.—(U.P.)—Earl Escalante, of the Hollywood club, led the Permanente Metals Corp. nine to a 17-7 practice game victory over the Portland Beaver rookies yesterday.

Spencer Harris, veteran Portland outfielder, reported here for spring training.

San Francisco, March 5.—(U.P.)—Charles Graham, president of the San Francisco Seals, admitted today that negotiations were under way to sell 25 per cent of Seal stock to Paul I. Fagan, local financier.

Graham said a rumored price of \$250,000 for the stock was "much too high." Graham and Charles Strub own all but a few shares of club stock.

Boyes Springs, Calif., March 5.—(U.P.)—The Oakland Oaks defeated a squad of convalescent sailors from the Navy Hospital at Mission Inn 5-4 in a light practice game yesterday.

El Centro, Calif., March 5.—(U.P.)—New San Diego Manager Pepper Martin looked over his entire crew of 30 for the first time today as the Padres held the first workout of spring practice.

New arrivals were veteran Catcher Del Ballinger and Omar (Horse) Lane, pro football player, who will try his hand at first base.

Ontario, Calif., March 5.—(U.P.)—Weather permitting, Manager Buck Fausett planned an intrasquad game today for his Hollywood Stars, who didn't even get out of their hotel over the weekend.

San Fernando, Calif., March 5.—(U.P.)—Manager Bill Skiff divided his eight Seattle Rainiers into two crews today for a more intense workout and hoped to make up for time lost from bad weather.

Anaheim, Calif., March 5.—(U.P.)—The Los Angeles Angels' attempt to open the baseball season yesterday with a game against the El Toro Marines was frustrated by rain.

Manager Bill Sweeney hoped for enough clear weather today to give his Athletics a workout.

KISER, JOHNSON
SIGN FOR CARD

Jack Kiser and Gust Johnson today signed contracts with Promoter Mack Lillard to take part in the six-man battle royal wrestling program at Medford Armory Thursday night. Georges Dusette, Canadian power-house, signed yesterday to complete the lineup. Pete Belcastro, Terrible Tony Ross and Harold (Blood and Guts) Davidson had already signed.

Regulation battle royal rules will be followed with three regular matches, pairings to be decided according to elimination in the free-for-all.

Lillard has promised the winner a shot at the Gray Mask the following week.

Boston, Rangers
Work For Spot In
Hockey Play-Off

By United Press
The Boston Bruins and New

York Rangers seemed to be backing into their job of getting into the Stanley cup playoffs today and if the reserve process continues, the Chicago Blackhawks may move in on them.

Boston still held fourth place by a one point margin, despite last night's 10 to 4 drubbing at Detroit, simply because the Rangers were losing at home to Toronto, 6 to 3.

Meanwhile the Blackhawks put forth a terrific third period rally that netted five goals and a 6 to 4 victory, over the league leading Montreal Canadiens at Chicago. That left Chicago only a point behind New York and two points behind Boston.

Donald E. Dixon,
George C. Brees
Enlist In Navy

Donald E. Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford C. Dixon, Rt. 1, Jacksonville, has been called to active duty in the navy, according to Chief Stewart of the Medford recruiting station.

Dixon, enlisted in the navy's combat air crewman program January 9, was placed on inactive duty. He will report to Memphis, Tenn., for boot training and later will go to a naval air station to receive a year's training for flight operations.

George Cleo Brees, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Brees, 421 Earhart street, was enlisted in the naval reserve last week and returned home to await call for transfer to boot training in San Diego, Calif.

Medford has contributed two more candidates for the navy's number one program, the Radar Technician branch, and now boasts a record as good as any section of the state in this field.

Any man between the ages of 17 and 50 is eligible to take the Eddy test to determine his aptitude for technical training. Those interested should contact the recruiting office in the Post Office bldg.

New York, March 5.—(U.P.)—Merle Elliott Tracy, 65, former Scripps-Howard columnist, died yesterday at Bellevue hospital.

Daily Weather Report

Forecast
Medford and vicinity: Cloudy to night and tomorrow, rain beginning early tonight, showers Tuesday, warmer tonight, showers Tuesday.

Oregon: Increasing cloudiness with light rain on coast, spreading over Tuesday. Light snow east portion tonight and Tuesday. Not so cold tonight.

Local Data
Temperature 53 degrees, lowest 34.
Total monthly precipitation .08 inches. Deficiency for the month .10 inch.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 11.50 inches. Excess for the season .05 inch.
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 51%, 4:00 today 40%.

Sunrise 7:38 a. m., sunset 7:07 p. m.
Past 24 hours: High 53, Low 34.
Boise 42, 25
Boston 42, 25
Chicago 42, 25
Denver 50, 30
Detroit 42, 25
Elyria 42, 25
Los Angeles 49, 35
Medford 42, 25
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JOHN DAY NAMED
AS PRESIDENT OF
HEREFORD ASS'N

At the annual meeting Saturday of the Cal-Oregon Hereford association John S. Day of the Blue Moon ranch, Medford, was elected president and Laurance Horton of the Horton Hereford ranch, Klamath Falls, vice-president.

Plans were made to again conduct the annual fall show and sale at Klamath Falls on October 28 and 29 this year. Breeders from the Pacific coast have annually brought in and consigned their registered Herefords to this sale. It has proven to be one of the most successful auctions on the Pacific coast. The registered livestock auctions are held in several strategic localities in the western states where raisers of commercial and registered cattle may congregate to buy their herd bulls and other cattle necessary to successfully continue their production of beef. The auctions are recognized as saving transportation, affording wide opportunity for selection of breeding stock at one point.

The same high standard in the quality of cattle will be maintained which directly has increased the quality of the cattle in the commercial herds in this area. Since its inception in 1938, the association has sold close to \$300,000 of registered cattle. The organization has been successful in increasing the quality of cattle throughout the country. The credit for this accomplishment has been greatly due to Fred Bayliss, superintendent of Mountcrest Ranch and R. G. Fowler, Jackson county agent, according to spokesmen of the association. The two have served as president and secretary-treasurer of the association since its inception and cattlemen of the country express their gratitude for what they have contributed in the way of time and energy. Although both men stated they would not be up for re-election this year, they intend to keep an active interest in the association.

Mitchell Tillotson, manager of the First National Bank at Klamath Falls, was again elected sales manager for the fall sale. Sales committee for the forthcoming year will be Claus Charley and John Day of the

Medford area and Lawrence Horton, Bill Serruys and Elmer Balsiger of Klamath Falls.

Directors are Ed Pierce of Pierce Hereford ranch, of Medford, Joe Jacobs, Cecil Haley, Bill Serruys and Bert Hoy, Hoy Hereford ranch of Weed, Calif.

BUREAU RECORDS
TWO CLEAR DAYS
DURING FEBRUARY

Medford and vicinity enjoyed but two clear days during February, according to a weather summary released by the local United States weather bureau. Eight days were partly cloudy with 18 days listed as cloudy. There were 14 days in which measurable precipitation was .01 inch or more. Greatest amount of rainfall occurred the night of Feb. 7 and 8 when .96 inches fell. Departure from normal for the month showed a plus 1.88 and accumulated departure since Sept. 1, 1944, was plus .16.

Maximum mean temperature for the month was 53 degrees, compared with a normal temperature of 53.2 degrees. Minimum mean temperature was 33.6 as compared to a normal 31.4. Mean total precipitation was 3.90 compared to 2.02 normal.

Highest barometric pressure was on Feb. 21 with a 30.54. Lowest was on Feb. 1 with 29.34. Light fog occurred on nine days with heavy fog on five days.

Flying weather for the month showed, for contact flying, ceiling 1,000 feet or higher and visibility three miles or more, 629 hours. For instrument flying, ceiling or visibility less than contact minima, 43 hours.

Heaviest snowfall ever to occur during February was in 1917 when 17.5 inches fell.

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OFFICER 'CUTS UP'
Seattle, March 5.—(U.P.)—The police trial board failed to take

any action today following charges that Patrolman Robert M. Stickle was stunt riding on a police motorcycle prior to a fight with a neighbor, A. J. Christensen.

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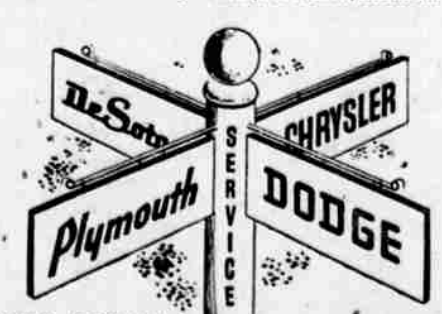
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