

CREAM OF PREP TEAMS CLASH IN ANNUAL TOURNEY

Eight class "A" basketball teams, representing the cream of Oregon's prep crop, and four "B" schools, champions of their districts, are poised at Salem today in preparation for the 26th annual Oregon high school basketball championships, which begin at 3 p. m. today when Washington of Portland meets Eugene.

Other first round games pit Newberg against Baker at 4:15 today with Medford and Vernonia set to open evening play at 7:30. Hillsboro and Oregon City play at 8:45 tonight.

The Mail-Tribune office will be open tonight from 8:30 to 9:30 to answer telephone calls about the results of the Medford game. If Medford should win tonight, they will play Friday night at 8:45 against the winner of the Hillsboro-Oregon City game. The Tribune office will be open from 8:45 until 10:45 Friday night for calls on the outcome of that game.

Finals Saturday
Championship finals will be played Saturday night at 8:45 with semi-finals losers clashing at 11 a. m. Saturday for third place. Consolation finals will be played Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

The "B" tournament gets under way Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock when Grant Union plays Clatskanie. Reedsport and Arlington play at 4:15 Friday. "B" championship will be played Saturday night at 7:30 with consolation finals slated for 9 a. m. Saturday.

In Portland press releases today Washington and Medford were rated as favorites to win with Eugene given an excellent

chance to upset Washington this afternoon.

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ANNUAL SMOKER AT JUNIOR HIGH GETS BIG CROWD

A near-capacity crowd witnessed the annual Junior high school smoker held last night at the school gymnasium. Fifteen acts of tumbling and 11 boxing bouts made up the program, with an intermission of several pillow fights, staged with the participants riding poles. The boys dove over obstacles, over poles, and dove for distance among other acts of clever tumbling.

Those who participated in the tumbling were Bill Arnold, Tom Mottern, Treve Neff, Dick Frank, Alford Gleason, Lee Neidermeyer, Curtis Richmond, Don Henderson, Bob Ellis, LeRoy Sutton, Darryl Johnson, Jack Johnson, Dick Leever, Wallace Gideon, Glenn Glover, Bob Dunning, Darrell Smith, Curtis Garrison, Harlan Bosworth, Kenneth Miksell, Dick Hawkins, Charles Hackett and Leonard Stollsworth.

Boxing Results
Results of the boxing bouts follow: Darryl Johnson decisively defeated Harlan Bosworth, Curtis Rich drew with Leonard Stollsworth, Ardell Meyers drew with Ray Early, Cap Perkins drew with Charles Bray, Glenn Yost decisively Vern Nikodym, Bill Harris drew with Jim Hersberger, Gary Early drew with Alford Gleason, Ronald Nutting decisively Lloyd Timmons, Bill Arnold drew with Raymond Marion, Lee Neidermeyer drew with E. C. Britton and Tom Mottern decisively Armond Meyer.

Earl Yockley refereed the matches, donating his services. Coach Norman Sting was highly praised for the program, which showed evidence of thorough coaching for all events.

KEARNS HELD ON CHARGE OF FRAUD

Chicago, March 15—(U.P.)—Jack Kearns, who made and spent a fortune while managing such fighters as Jack Dempsey and Mickey Walker during boxing's most lucrative era, was under indictment today charged with promoting a phoney fire extinguisher.

Kearns, now 62 and promoting secondary prizefights in Chicago, was arrested last yesterday, along with Harry (Packy) Lennon, 44, a former boxer.

Athletics To Be Threat In League, Connie Mack Says
Frederick, Md., March 15—(U.P.)—Connie Mack, venerable manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, today issued his annual "warning" to the American league with a prediction that his team had a "fighting chance for the pennant," and would finish in the first division.

Mack, oldest man and manager in baseball, both from a point of service and years, said he was satisfied with his infield, pitching and catching, but that the "A's" could use another outfielder.

The Athletics' manager, who missed the opening day of spring training for the second time in his 31 years as a manager, picked the St. Louis Browns and the Detroit Tigers as the teams to beat for the 1945 pennant.

COOPER TAKES EXAM
St. Louis, March 15—(U.P.)—Pitcher Mort Cooper of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals was undergoing his second physical examination today to determine his fitness for military service. He was classified 4-F a month ago.

Sport Chips



Harry Chipman
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Earl Rogers, Ashland high school principal who was in charge of the recent district four basketball tournament at SOCE gym in Ashland, this week released a financial report of tournament receipts. The tournament drew \$971.05, which, broken down, showed advance sale of tickets at Grants Pass, \$3.15; Klamath Falls, \$5.85; Ashland, \$69.25 and Medford, \$86.10. Receipts at the gate totaled \$806.70. Receipts were the largest in the history of the district tourney.

The committee spent \$30.53 for advertising and \$33 for first, second and third place trophies. Federal tax on admissions took \$155.37 out of the receipts. Tournament programs sliced off \$5.40 and gym rental for the two nights totaled \$20. Five dollars was spent for the public address system and ball while another \$41 went out for labor. The coaches' luncheon, including a \$1 tip for the waiter, came to \$10.15.

Chaplie King and Don McPike, referees imported from Portland, cost \$190. Telephone calls amounted to \$18 and decorations for the student dance totaled \$4.40.

Team expenses were listed as none for Ashland, Grants Pass, \$17.20; Klamath Falls, \$127.90, and Medford \$5.20. Disbursements totaled \$663.15, leaving \$307.90 to be divided between the four competing teams. Grants Pass, Medford and Klamath Falls took \$76.98 while Ashland took \$76.98.

While on the subject of statistics, the Oregon High School Activities Association recently released dollar and cents figures for the state football championship in Portland, in which Medford defeated La Grande 14 to 0. The game was played in Multnomah Stadium before a crowd of 7,776 which paid a gross of \$7,525.20.

For rental of the stadium for the one game, Multnomah owners picked 25% of the take, or a cool \$1,582.75. Traveling expenses, federal tax, etc., took another \$3,435.05. The final split between Medford and La Grande was made on a \$2,528 figure but the OHSAA grabbed 50% of that, leaving Medford and La Grande a measly \$632 each.

Champion Extends Lead Over Hoppe

New York, March 15—(U.P.)—World three-cushion billiard champion Welker Cochran of San Francisco, assumed a 346 to 306 lead over Challenger Willie Hoppe of New York today in their cross country challenge match as the seventh block of play opened.

Cochran increased his lead last night when he defeated the former champion 60 to 45 in 35 innings. Cochran had a high run of eight and Hoppe had one of five.

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Bevos Prepare For Clash With Seals

San Jose, Cal., March 15—(U.P.)—The Portland Beavers yesterday sneaked a two-hour workout between showers in preparation for their game tomorrow night with the San Francisco Seals. The Beavers played a five-

inning intra-squad game, the Whites battling the Grays 5-0. Rookie hurler Bob Hardy set the Grays down without a hit in four innings.

BOWLING

In City league last night Henry's Drive-In won two out-

of three games from State Police (Morgan 207-561), P. M. T. took two out of three from Union Oil (Weisenburger 214-Bradley 582) and Firestone won two out of three from Office Boys (Leaming 211-596.)

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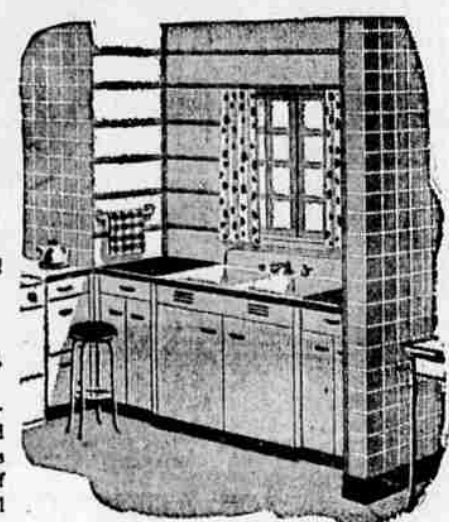
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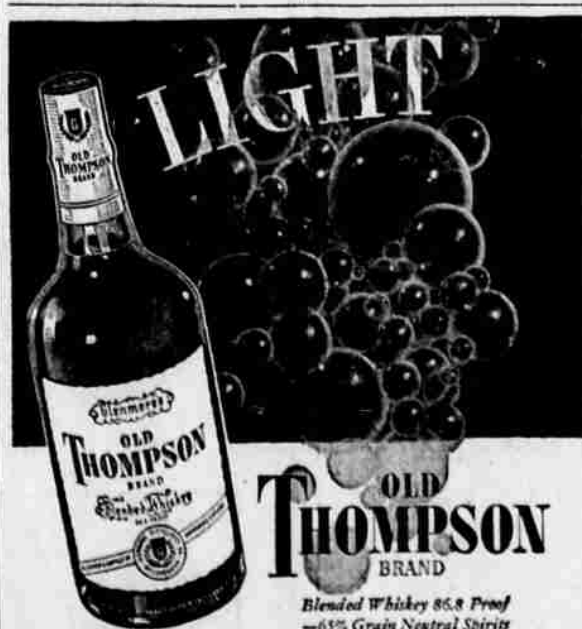
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