

SPORTS

Roosevelt Selected to Win Tourney

Eugene, Ore., Mar. 13—(U.P.)—Sixteen Oregon high school basketball teams, class of the state's prep quintets, began arriving here today for the 32nd annual state high school class "A" basketball tournament which begins with a doubleheader Tuesday night.

The tournament at University of Oregon's McArthur court will open at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday with Milwaukie, representing district 12, playing Corvallis, district 7. In the other opening night game, Hillsboro, district 9, meets Marshfield, district 5 champion and runner-up in the state tourney last year.

Roosevelt Favored
A full day and night schedule will get underway Wednesday with the championship game slated for Saturday night.

Roosevelt high of Portland, defending champion and Portland city league titlist, returns as tournament favorite. Other favorites include Marshfield, Salem, Grants Pass and Jefferson of Portland.

Five of the schools represented have won previous tournament titles. They are Salem, five previous championships; Eugene and Corvallis, two titles; and Marshfield and Roosevelt, one title each.

Opening round games Wednesday include Dallas vs. Jefferson; Salem vs. Scappoose; Seaside vs. Mac-Hi of Milton-Freewater; Bend vs. Grants Pass; LaGrande vs. Roosevelt; and Eugene vs. Central Catholic.

Portland to Play Montana

Kansas City, Mo., Mar. 13—(U.P.)—The National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball tournament begins today with 31 of the nation's "little giants" primed to topple the three H's—Hamline, Haskins and Huston.

The peerless Fied Pipers of Hamline university of St. Paul, Minn., victors in 28 out of 30 games this season, will defend their title in the week-long grind at Kansas City's municipal auditorium.

The Piper star is Hal Haskins a dead-eye forward, who was named the most valuable player to appear in last year's tournament. Haskins is just as good this year. The variety of shots which gave him 33 points against Long Island university on March 22 so impressed New York sports writers that they choose the 6-foot, 3 inch senior as the most valuable player to appear in Madison Square Garden this season.

Other first round games today match: University of Portland-Montana university; Murray State-Central Washington College of Education; Davis and Elkins-St. Thomas; Westminster (Pa.)-New Britain (Conn.) Teachers; New Mexico A&M-University of Tampa; Peru (Neb.) Teachers-Central College of Fayette, Mo.; American University-George Pepperdine.

Track Aspirants At High School Drill Tuesday

Field events will be scheduled when the Medford high school trackmen, defending state champions, hold their first trials of the season on Tuesday afternoon.

All but possibly the javelin toss will be held, according to Mentor Bob Newland. Time trials in cinderpath events are scheduled on Wednesday.

Trials this year are a bit earlier than 1949 when cool, damp weather delayed them. Medford opens its interscholastic campaign here March 25 in a short distance meet with Grants Pass.

I. E. Mays Leads Golf Qualifiers

I. E. Mays stroked a good 78, net 68, yesterday to lead 33 week-end qualifiers for the men's spring golf handicap at Rogue Valley Country club.

The qualifying round will conclude on Sunday, March 19, and an entry list of approximately 60 linksmen is anticipated, according to Club Pro Hugh Starkweather.

Dom Provost Sr. and Bert Orr trailed Mays with 70 nets. Defending Champ Ivan Harrington, Stan Stark and Wayne Johnson posted 71 nets.

Movies Scheduled For Izaak Walton Meeting

Moving pictures and committee appointments are slated as features of the Izaak Walton league chapter meeting on Tuesday. The organization will convene at 8 p.m. at the Medford Gun club clubhouse near the Crater Lake highway near Four Corners.

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Big Parade Welcomes State 'B' Champions

Rogue River, Mar. 13—A mile-long victory parade welcomed home the championship Rogue River high school basketball team Sunday evening when they returned from the state high school Class B tournament at Astoria.

The celebration began at the Rogue River junction on Highway 99, where several hundred gaily decorated automobiles were lined up when the team arrived by bus. Led by a fire engine with screaming siren, and escorted by state police, the victory cortege wound through this town's business district, through the residential area, and wound up down town again.

Hogan Back In Golf Play

Palm Beach, Fla., Mar. 13—(U.P.)—The return of Ben Hogan in the rich Seminole pro-amateur tournament today, plus high-handicap partners, may slow down Sam Snead's money-making pace along the golf trail.

Snead banked another \$2,000 check as the three-stroke winner of the Miami Beach open yesterday by bringing his earnings for the year to \$10,158. Top money-maker from golf for 1949, Sam Snead has led the list of professionals every day this year, too.

The money players consider the complicated double-tournament at the plush Seminole Country club north of here as the richest event on the winter tour.

The touring professionals knew it was fatal to let Snead get ahead in the early rounds of a tournament. Slammin' Sam grabbed a six-stroke lead in the third round at Miami Beach with a record-breaking 65 and coasted through the final day for a 273 total for 72 holes, 15 under par.

Gill Honored By Helms Foundation

Los Angeles, Mar. 13—(U.P.)—The Helms Hall college basketball hall of fame today added three names to its rolls.

Coaches Amory (Slats) Gill of Oregon State, Clair Bee of Long Island university and the late Emil S. Liston, founder of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball, are the sports' latest figures honored by the Helms Athletic foundation.

Thirty-five coaches, players and contributors to basketball have been honored by the foundation.

Gill's 22-year coaching record at Oregon State is studded with Pacific Coast conference northern division championships in 1933, 1935, 1940, 1942, 1947, and 1949, and a tie for the crown in 1948. The Beavers won PCC title playoffs in 1933, 1947 and 1949.

Softball League To Be Discussed

The amount of interest in having a 1950 Medford softball loop will be indicated at 8 p.m. today when prospective sponsors and team leaders are scheduled to meet at the chamber of commerce.

President Bill Catey, of the softball association has asked as many persons as possible, who plan to have teams, to attend the session so that it can be determined whether a league will be possible.

There is talk that three or four organizations or firms that handled teams last year will not be 1950 sponsors. If the loop formed is small, twilight games may be played.

Portland Walks Off With 9-0 Decision Over Sacramento

Riverside, Cal., Mar. 13—(U.P.)—The Portland Beavers get their first taste of major league competition today when they host the Chicago Cubs.

Portland mixed with the Sacramento Solons at Glendale yesterday and walked off with a 9 to 0 decision.

Joe Brovia and Joe Polich each got three-run homers for the victors as Pitcher Red Lynn held Sacramento hitless the first six innings.

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Rickey Concerned Over Club

Vero Beach, Fla., Mar. 13—(U.P.)—President Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers expressed "apprehension" about his ball club today.

After watching the 1949 National league pennant winners work out for 10 days he lost the optimism which had characterized his off-season statements. During the winter he even went so far as to predict that the Dodgers not only would repeat, but also would win the world series.

Not Satisfied
But now he isn't so sure; he isn't at all satisfied with what he has seen.

"I can't put my finger on it," he said, "but there is an air of complacency around this camp I do not like. Maybe we have too many contented ball players."

"Remember it has been 1944 since any club in either league has ever repeated in winning a pennant."

"There is just something that winning a pennant does to players."

"Maybe they feel they are all set, sure of their jobs because they have been on a pennant winner."

"I'm not saying our players aren't hustling, because they are. But they don't seem to put out that little extra effort which makes the difference between winning and losing."

Rickey hasn't become bearish on the club—he just is in "a state of concern."

Among his other concerns, he said, was Jackie Robinson's weight and his off-the-diamond commitments. The star Negro second baseman who won the National league batting championship last year reported 12 pounds overweight.

Bradley Top Hoop Choice

New York, Mar. 13—(U.P.)—Top-seeded Bradley was favored by 5½ points over upset-minded Syracuse and unseeded Western Kentucky was a 2½-point choice over fourth-seeded St. John's tonight in the quarter-finals of the national invitation basketball tournament.

A crowd of 18,000 was expected to pack Madison Square Garden to watch the two seeded teams, which drew first round byes along with Kentucky and Duquesne, swing into action against the survivors from Saturday's opening round games.

St. Mary's Hoop Gridiron Players To Get Letters

Presentation of letters to football and basketball players of St. Mary's high school together with dinner, talks by coaches and guests and a musical program featured a banquet given by the St. Mary's Parents club at the Parish hall last evening.

Principal speaker was "Dutch" Meyer, president of the county officials' association, who stressed good condition and sportsmanship as important in athletics.

DiMaggio Banned By Heel Blister

St. Petersburg, Fla., Mar. 13—(U.P.)—New York Yankee Trainer Gus Mäuch assured worried Yank officials today that the latest injury to Joe DiMaggio's heel was nothing more than an ordinary blister.

DiMaggio developed the blister during Saturday's exhibition game and was kept out of the lineup Sunday against the Cardinals.

Meanwhile, the Yanks celebrated the signing of Pitcher Tommy Byrne for about \$17,000, leaving Infielder Bobby Brown the only holdout.

Amateur Boxers Rated In Various Weight Divisions

Southern Oregon amateur boxers who have appeared on local cards or who have been boxing in high school smokers today were given ratings by the Southern Oregon boxing club, sponsors of local amateur boxing under supervision of the A.A.U.

The ratings were made for the purpose of setting up championships and naming of outstanding contenders in the various weight divisions. The ratings will be altered from time to time and will be the basis for making matches. Promoters Larry Burdette and Owen Thomas explained.

4 Grapplers Signed For Thursday Melee

Promoter Mack Lillard today announced signing of four grapplers and a bear for Thursday night's battle royal in the armory battle pit.

The bone benders signed to engage the bear are Lee Grable, Jack (The Sinner) Lipscomb, Tough Tony Ross and Georges Dusette. The bear is Gorgeous Gus. Billy Fox's bruin which he captured in the Canadian wilds and trained to be one of the country's best wrestling animals.

Under the battle royal rules, the first pinned, whether it be a man or the bear, gets no money for their efforts and will be out of further competition for the evening. The second pair eliminated will meet in a 30-minute or one fall match and the survivors of the free-for-all will clash in a similar bout to determine the evening's champion.

Gus To Be Target
The grapplers will no doubt take after Gorgeous Gus in an effort to eliminate him first because none of the contestants relish the idea of meeting him on one of the regulation matches.

Grable has been shaved for several months with a knee injury but his physician has pronounced him fit and ready for ring combat. Dusette, who suffered a painful foot injury in a bout with the Great Atlas here last week, sent word that there were no bones broken and that the injury will have sufficiently healed to permit him to fulfill the Thursday date.

Lillard said an additional bout, also for 30 minutes or one fall, will open the program at 8:30 p.m.

Tacoma, Wash., Mar. 13—(U.P.)—The College of Puget Sound will face Montana State university in a home-and-home football series starting this fall, it was announced here.

Medford high school: (3) Ranny Watson, Medford; (4) T. C. Brown, Central Point.

Middleweight — Champion, Larry Burdette, Medford. Contenders: (1) Dale Odom, Medford; (2) Joe Carothers, Grants Pass; (3) Byron Carter, Medford. Showing contender possibilities: C. W. Lacy, Medford; Corky King, Medford; Johnny Hamilton, Butte Falls, Hugo Vernon, Medford.

Lightweight — Title open. Contenders: (1) Dick Adkins, Griffind Creek; (2) Merle Deetz, Ashland; (3) Jackie Johnson, Medford; (4) Frank Larson, Medford.

Welterweight — Champion, Kenny Carothers, Grants Pass. Contenders: (1) Darrell Johnson, Medford; (2) Kenny Phillips,

Medford high school; (3) Ranny Watson, Medford; (4) T. C. Brown, Central Point.

Heavyweight — Title open. Contenders: (1) Donovan Wolfe, Phoenix; (2) Don Harper, Gold Hill.

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