

DiMaggio, Lyons, Hartnett, Vance Voted Into Baseball Hall of Fame

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New York — (U.P.) — They will be enshrined forever among baseball's greatest all-time heroes in the Hall of Fame — but the four new men selected for that honor found the happy news "hard to believe."

In the tempo of modern times, all four — Joe DiMaggio, Ted Lyons, Dazzy Vance, and Gabby Hartnett — were wheeling along the road in automobiles when word of their election to the Hall was flashed across the nation Wednesday.

A truck driver shouted it to DiMaggio as he entered New York on a trip from Boston; a police car flagged down Vance on a Florida highway and told him the photographers were waiting; Hartnett tuned in to a news broadcast on his car radio.

Lyons, seeking to get back into baseball as a coach, was driving to Philadelphia and New York in his job-hunt.

Trucker Hails Him

"The truck driver hollered something about 'congratulations' and I thought he said something about 'Hall of Fame,'" said the jubilant DiMaggio, former New York Yankee outfielder who missed out on baseball's highest honor in last year's election. "I didn't know what to believe, so I turned on my car radio and, sure enough, it was true."

"I still can't believe it," said Vance, the 63-year-old former speedball pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers. "Maybe I'm not awake yet. 'I was driving along when the police car told me to pull over,'" recounted Vance at his home in Homosassa, Fla. "I thought I was going to get a ticket, but the officer said I should hurry home because a lot of photographers were waiting there for me."

"By golly," said Hartnett, for 19 years the catching star of the



JOE DIMAGGIO
Hall of Fame Choice

Chicago Cubs, "It took me a while to believe it. I turned the car around and came on back to my bowling alley."

Voting for the Hall of Fame,

which is located in Cooperstown, N.Y., is confined to 10-year members of the Baseball Writers Association of America. A total of 251 ballots were cast this year, each writer being allowed to vote for 10 names. Mention on 75 per cent of the ballots — in this case, 189 — was necessary for election.

DiMaggio breezed in just as easily as he used to go back for long fly balls, with 223 votes. Lyons, a 260-game winner for the Chicago White Sox, was picked on 217 ballots, Vance on 205, and Hartnett just got under the wire with 195.

Just missing out — and thereby becoming prime candidates for possible election next year — were one-time slugging star Hank Greenberg of the Detroit Tigers with 157 votes and Joe Cronin, former star shortstop of Washington and the Boston Red Sox, with 135.

DiMaggio, who made that trip from Boston with his estranged wife, movie star Marilyn Monroe, said he was looking forward to this summer's ceremonies at Cooperstown when the four men will be officially inducted into the Hall and plaques listing their deeds will be dedicated.

Firemen, Yellow Cab Win March of Dimes Scuffles

Variety was the spice of basketball last night as four teams and four city officials did their part in a March of Dimes feature at the senior high which raised an estimated \$300 for the polio fund.

The sparse but well-entertained crowd of fans saw the Medford Firemen, dressed in flaming fire engine red, subdue the City Policemen 19 to 11 in a tussle typical in scoring and play of the earlier and less scientific days of the casaba sport.

Then the evening's card went to the other extreme as Yellow Cab, the top independent team in southern Oregon, was paced by Ed Hummel's 42 points to a 102 to 61 victory over Andy's Jewels.

Rounding out the program

City Manager Bob Duff Defeated Mayor Earl Miller 4 to 3 and Fire Chief Gordon Barker Nipped Police Chief Charles Champlin 2 to 1 in Free Throw Contests.

Miller as loser contributed \$5 to the March of Dimes.

Andy's stayed close on the heels of the Cabmen through much of the first quarter. That period ended 26 to 16 for the Cab Drivers. Loren Soderlund of the Jewels cut the count to 26 to 18 but Yellow Cab ran its count to 40 before Andy's scored again. Halftime totals were 44 to 22.

Yellow Cab continued to widen the margin through the second half. Third quarter wound up 75 to 38. Biggest bulge was 48 points, 94 to 46.

Jumping Johnny Foster trailed Hummel in scoring with 23. Top scoring performance for Andy's was by Loren Soderlund. He was great at the free throw line where he made good on 15 out of 18 chances. With three field goals he had 21 points for the night.

Meet Again

Andy's and Yellow Cab meet again on February 10 in a regular Medford Independent Basketball League mix. Last night's tiff had no bearing on the city loop race. With something at stake the Jewels may be fired to give the Cabmen a hotter battle than they did last night. Neither the Cabbies nor Andy's have been tipped in regular league action.

Teams of the Firemen and Police, whipped together in short order for the special event and with most of the players' athletic careers well behind them, lacked the polish of the city league clubs but that did not keep their tangle from being an entertaining one.

The misplays, upsets, fumbles, scraps for the ball with occasional headlocks and the surprised looks when a ball was stolen or a pass or dribble broken up only served to delight the crowd.

Freshmen Rugged

Firemen won out on more ruggedness, better ability to work the ball close in and score and better teamwork, indicative of a bit more practice. The Police did much of their firing at long range without success.

On long passes there either wasn't a policeman on the spot to catch the ball or a Fireman was there to intercept.

The Police didn't get a field goal in the first three quarters but in the fourth got in close for three good buckets. Quarter scores favored the Firemen 4 to 3, 11 to 4 and 14 to 4. Alabama Ralph Moore of the Firemen was high scorer with eight points.

Duff and Miller each took 15 shots. It took Miller longer to find the range but once he did he almost caught the city manager. Duff once had a 3 to 0 lead. Barker's overhand shooting paid off in 10 tries to Champin's underhand style. The last shot the fire chief tried was the clincher.

All receipts and bills were not in today but it was thought the event will net about \$300.

Loscutoff, OSC Top ND Statistics

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Oregon's Jim Loscutoff dominates individual standings and Oregon State leads team statistics in Northern Division basketball of the Pacific Coast conference, it was announced today.

Statistics from the PCC commissioner's office showed Loscutoff is the leading scorer with a game average of 18.8, and the top rebounder with an average of 16.3 per game.

He is followed by Ron Bennink of Washington State with a 16.9 average, Dean Parson of Washington with 16; Tony Vastelica of Oregon State with 15.7 and Jay Buhler of Idaho with 13.6.

Behind Loscutoff in rebounds are teammate Max Anderson, 10.3, Parsons, 9.7, and Jay Dean, Oregon State, 8.7.

Halligan Shoots Best

Reggie Halligan of Oregon State has the best shooting average, 50 per cent, hitting 14 of 28 field goal attempts. Next is Harlan Melton, 48.2 per cent, and then teammate Buhler, 47.9 per cent.

Idaho's Bill Bauscher has the best free throw percentage, 84.6. Jim Coshaw, Washington, follows with 81.8 per cent and Bennink with 79.1.

Oregon State leads in team shooting with 41.5 per cent on floor shots, while its defense had held opponents to 53 points a game and 31.9 per cent on field goal attempts. Oregon has the best scoring average, 62.4 points and is the best rebounding team with 378 to their opponents' 252. Washington has the top free throw percentage, 69.6 per cent.

Applegate River Slow This Week

Portland — (U.P.) — The weekly report on fishing conditions prepared by the State Game Commission.

SOUTHWEST: Tenmile lakes outlet improving for steelhead; lower Umpqua and Smith rivers slow; striped bass fishing in Isthmus slough fair to poor; Coquille fair for steelhead on eggs; Millcoma river clearing and dropping and should be fair on bait on lower river; fishing slow on Sixes, Elk, Chetco and Winchuck but should improve.

Illinois and Applegate rivers slow with Illinois better; Rogue only fair with most fish taken by boating; Rogue muddy below Galice due to intermittent placer mining; angling slow upper Umpqua areas.

SPORTSWRITER DIES

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Norman Sper, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., who gained fame as a sports writer on the West coast, died at Cedars of Lebanon hospital yesterday following an illness of three days. Sper, 60, is survived by his wife Anita, and a son, Norman Sper Jr., a prominent diver and aquatic star.

Public Shooting Grounds Yield Totals 37,000

Portland — Over 37,000 waterfowl fell to the guns of hunters using the public shooting grounds during the 1954 season.

Final figures as compiled by the Oregon State Game Commission show that 37,038 ducks and geese were taken on the four public shooting grounds by 19,487 permit holders.

Summer lake public shooting grounds led the way with hunters there averaging approximately 2.5 birds per man during the season for a total of 17,149 ducks and geese.

Runner-up for total number of birds taken was Sauvie island with a total kill of 15,778; however, the average success ratio there was considerably lower because of the great number of hunters utilizing the area. Hunters swarmed the area, and at the end of the season 9,957 permits had been issued. This gave the hunters on the island an average of 1.59 birds per man. Warner Valley Second

Second for average success was Warner valley with 1,615 hunters averaging 1.69 birds per man for the season total of 2,734 ducks and geese.

As predicted, Malheur shooting grounds brought up the rear with 990 hunters averaging 1.39 birds per man for a total of 1,377 waterfowl.

Both Sauvie island and Warner lake were used by more hunters than ever before, and both areas provided more birds to the bag than in any previous year. At Summer lake there were 1,600 more hunters than the highest year in the past. They took over 800 more birds than any previous season total.

On the Sauvie island area past totals were surpassed by over 200 hunters and 1,400 birds.

State-wide totals show that approximately 600 more birds were taken from the shooting grounds during last year. The average birds per hunter increased from 1.53 in 1953 to 1.77 in 1954 for all of the areas, and the shooting ground provided almost 850 more shooting days for hunters than in 1953.

As to species taken, snow geese were the most numerous bird bagged, totaling 9,416, followed by baldpate, mallard, pintail, and green-winged teal in that order. Least common were the old squaw ducks and the mallard-pintail crosses. Two each of these were taken at Sauvie island.

MATHIAS ASSIGNED

Camp Pendleton, Calif. — (U.P.) — Bob Mathias, 1952, Olympic Games decathlon champion, has been assigned here by the Marine Corps to train troops for overseas duty. The 24-year-old Mathias, a second lieutenant, came here from Quantico, Va., where he took basic training.

SPORTS

Fanfare

High school students are having great fun with a new piece of gymnasium equipment these days.

The school has received the gift of a trampoline from Elk Lumber company.

No one is doing anything real fancy as yet in the way of stunts but the students are picking up a few fundamentals and enjoying themselves just bouncing around.

Senior and junior high coaches have received some instruction from Ed Loudon, high school instructor from Yreka, Calif. it

UTAH GOLFERS COMING

Two leading Utah golfers have made commitments to play in the Oregon Open Golf tournament here, according to Manager George Harrington of Rogue Valley Country club. They are Bill Johnson, Provo, who was on the pro circuit 10 years and who was twice a Professional Golfers association director. The tourney here is March 25, 26 and 27.

MOD GOLF PLAY

Al Williams, professional at Rogue Valley Country club, will match his gross against nets of golfing members of the club Saturday and Sunday in March of Dimes competition. A total of \$16 was picked up by the polio fund by that means last week end.

QUALIFYING TO START

Qualifying play for the men's spring golf handicap at Rogue Valley Country club opens on February 1 and continues through March 6. Qualifying will be 18 holes. Just-in Smith Sr., is defending champ and the prize is the John and Frank Perl trophy. Smith and Bob Woody are co-chairmen for the event.

PLAYS WHOLE GAME

More on Gordon Carrigan, ex-Groter high athlete who is a mainstay this season on the Oregon State college Rook basketball team: A Central Point fan brings back the report from Corvallis that Carrigan was the only one on his club who played the full 50 minutes of the game with the Oregon Frosh last Saturday. He made eight field goals in 10 tries. The ex-comet ranks second, behind Dave Gambee, in time played for the Rook this season and is valuable as a feeder for the big men on the team. He's high on the list as varsity material. Points instead of free shots were awarded in the Saturday fracas.

VISITING FIREMEN

The Firehouse Five in their March of Dimes basketball fray with the Policemen last night were "Visiting Firemen." They were the visitors on the scoreboard and Police scoring went up on the home side. Hawkinson Tires' uniforms were worn by the Firemen and Mobilgas suits by the Police.

Y.M.C.A. Will Have Special Sports Program Tonight

Medford Y.M.C.A. will stage a special activities program in physical activities department, beginning at 7 o'clock this evening.

The event is being staged in conjunction with Y.M.C.A. week, and the public is invited.

Included will be a "Y" Olympics demonstration at 7 p.m.; boys amateur wrestling and relay races and dodgeball at 7:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., a men's volleyball match between last year's city champions, the Fruitgrowers, vs the Lumbermen team, will be staged.

GRACIE OPENS DEFENSE

Miami, Fla. — (U.P.) — Defending champion Mrs. Grace DeMoss Smith of Miami, Fla., met Joan Toski of Livingston, N. J., and Pat Lesser of Seattle played Dot Kirby or Atlanta today in leading opening-round matches of the 23rd annual Doherty women's golf tournament. Vannie Colby, recovering nicely from a head injury a month ago, took medalist honors Wednesday with a sparkling one-under-par 74.

GRAPPLERS TIE

Eugene — (U.P.) — Darrell Farr of Portland State pinned Dick Barker of Oregon to give the Vikings an 18-18 tie with the Webfoots in an intercollegiate wrestling match last night.

KNOWS NOTHING

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Tommy Prothro, head backfield coach of the undefeated UCLA Bruins football team said today he knew nothing about reports he was being considered for the head coaching position at the University of Nebraska. Prothro, former Duke University star, said all he knew about it was what a friend told him he had heard on a radio broadcast.

TO ATTEND OPENER

New York — (U.P.) — Baseball Commissioner Ford C. Frick has accepted an invitation to attend the opening game of the Mexican league on April 14, if he can arrange airplane transportation from Kansas City. Frick will be in Kansas City April 12 for the opening game of the new Kansas City A's of the American league.

Yellow Cab Sunday Foe Strong Club

An independent basketball club tougher than Martin Brothers' Sign company. That's the rating of the Longview, Wash., Fernandez Loggers who encounter Medford's Yellow Cab aggregation here on Sunday afternoon.

Yellow Cab lost by only two markers to Martin's of Eugene in their toughest competition so far this year.

College experience is the background of most of the players who make up the Longview team's roster. The Loggers are defending southwest Washington AAU champions. So far their record is 21 games won and three lost.

Two Coaches

The Oregon State college Rooks, Washington State college, Lewis and Clark college, Western Washington College of Education, University of Portland, Willamette university and Lower Columbia junior college all have contributed to the Longview squad.

Two high school coaches are on the Logger squad, Fred Wilson and Joe Moses. Wilson, who attended high school at Warrenton, Ore., and college at Lewis and Clark, is mentor at Raiber, Ore. Moses, coach and manager of the Loggers, has tutored at Longview high for nine years. His prep schooling was at Castle Rock, Wash., and his college was Western Washington.

At 5 feet 6 inches Moses is smallest man on the squad. Wilson, at 5-7 is a close second for half-pint honors. Height ranges up to Doug Logue, ex-Willamette, at 6-5.

The game will be at 3 p.m. at St. Mary's gymnasium.

Phoenix Opposes Crater; IV Faces EP in Rogue Loop

Phoenix High, which last week end upset the hobbled pre-league favorites, has an underdog role again this week when it makes a big effort to take over front position in the Rogue Basketball League.

The Pirates, once beaten, held second spot in the circuit after a clean sweep over Eagle Point, will be up against the loop's unbeaten leader, Crater high. Tussles will be on Friday night at Phoenix and on Saturday at Central Point.

While the Pirates and Comets go at it, Eagle Point, which has been hampered by one injury after another, is favored to break into the league's win column. The Eagles are hosts to Illinois Valley on Friday night and face the same club on Saturday at Cave Junction.

Crater has rolled easily over Illinois Valley with which Phoenix has managed to split. The Comets have won by both wide and close margins over Eagle Point which Phoenix beat by one and by two counters.

Phoenix had good news this week when it was reported that senior Ron Vreeken will finish his schooling here. It was announced last week end that he would go with his family which is moving to southern California. Still on the Pirate disabled list at last report was Ron Bean, who suffered a shoulder dislocation.

Illnesses have hampered Pirate practice this week with Jim Korth missing three days. Vreeken, Bill Madden, Charles Wall, Korth or Dave Kelsey and Ray Dahl may start for the Pirates. Crater may open with Fred Hogue, Jim Higginbotham, Bob Gray, Vern Parent and Harvey Tonn.

Possible Eagle Point starters are Carl Christian, Jerry Cave, Bill Caldwell, Jack Greb and Frank Reich. For Illinois Valley the likeliest are Larry Maurer, Howard Pickle, Dennis Krauss, Gene Sams and George Harrison.

Tiffs this week end the first half of league play.

Crusaders Go To Prospect

Jackson County B League basketball contention reaches the halfway mark on Friday night and only slight change in the standings is foreseen.

Rogue River entertaining Jacksonville, is fully expected to keep its loop status unmarred. Talent is choice to retain its lone hold on second position as host to Butte Falls. St. Mary's goes to Prospect and, if things go according to form, should get sole occupancy of third place.

The Crusaders and Butte Falls are now tied for third.

Four of the clubs, Butte Falls, Prospect and Jacksonville, have been idle since last Thursday and Friday. St. Mary's nipped Sacred Heart of Klamath Falls on Sunday and Rogue River outraced Glendale on Tuesday.

Next B League scrapes will be on Tuesday.

Northeast Area Elk Luck Best

Portland — Elk hunters fortunate enough to draw controlled season permits found that the Promise area was anything but the promised land.

Of the three eastern Oregon controlled season hunts, the Promise area hunters had the lowest success ratio. Game commission agent Bob Stein reported that 133 hunters managed to bag 33 elk for a 22 per cent success ratio.

In the other hunts game agent Dave Luman reports that things were somewhat brighter. On the north fork of the John Day a success of 36 per cent was experienced by the 302 hunters who took 108 elk.

In the far northern corner of Oregon hunters had the best luck. In the Walla Walla controlled hunt 302 hunters managed to take 163 elk for a 54 per cent success.

In most of the areas, weather conditions favored the hunters; however, the elk were highly uncooperative. Two hundred and twenty-five permits were issued for the Promise area and 400 for each of the other areas.

Willamette Too Classy For OCE Wolf Quintet

Monmouth — (U.P.) — Willamette's Bearcats had too much height and class for Oregon College of Education last night and walked away with an 87-69 non-conference basketball victory.

Dave Gray led the Bearcats with 21 points while Wayne Young, freshman center from Marshfield, topped OCE with 18. Dick Hoy and Tom Gooding each had 18 for Willamette, while Neil Causbie, the Bearcats' high scoring center from Albany, was held to 8 points before fouling out.

BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY COLLEGE GAMES

East	402	D. Ross	481
Army 95	St. Michaels 63		
Navy 79	American Univ. 53		
South			
Miss. Sou. 69	Georgetown (DC) 65		
Midwest			
Cincinnati 113	Ball State 65		
Arkansas 55	Oklahoma City 53		
Southwest			
Houston 60	Oklahoma A&M 58		
Southern California 68	Hawaii Navy		
All-Stars 23 (at Honolulu)			
San Jose State 73	Cal Poly 66		
Willamette 87	Oregon College 89		

BOWLING

COPCO LEAGUE

Standings	W.	L.
Short Circuits	12	4
Delta Stars	11 1/2	4 1/2
Hi Tension	10	6
Grounded Wyes	8	8
Atom Splitters	6 1/2	9 1/2
Hot Spots	6	10
Circuit Breakers	5	11
Hi Voltage	5	11

Results:

Hi Voltage	0	Delta Stars	4
F. Brewer	431	O. Phelan	452
E. Wright	412	R. Rolla	354
E. Barry	471	W. Wash.	470
Handicap	21		
	1335		1476

Ground. Wyes 3 1/2 Atom Splitters 1 1/2

H. Fisher	487	B. Kight	468
E. Green	411	G. Gulliver	373
L. Stinson	466	O. Hanson	446
Handicap	42		27
	1364		1315

Hot Spots 3 Short Circuits 1

E. Schroeder	482	D. Ross	481
Absentee	396	B. Barber	406
C. Norris	488	R. Sterton	483
Handicap	42		
	1408		1370

Circuit Breakers 4 Hi Tension 6

R. Smith	473	L. Duff	406
T. Ansett	378	J. Thompson	382
R. Brock	543	D. Browne	384
Handicap	78		78
	1394		1240

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