

McLoughlin Crews Win

McLoughlin junior high seventh and eighth grade cagers won easily in tussles with Eagle Point quints yesterday. The Bulldog seventh had a 29 to 17 final tabulation and eighth graders won 42 to 22. In the seventh grade hustle the McLoughlin crew built up a 23 to 2 first quarter margin. Halftime score was 25 to 12. Bob Quinney had 12 points for the Medford aggregation. In the eighth grade mix McLoughlin had spreads at intermissions of 15 to 10, 21 to 14 and 22 to 22.

LINE-UPS: McL. 8th 42 22 Eagle Point 8th Morris 4 6 Greenwood Bud Quinney 7 4 Hodger Shoemaker 3 4 Torde Brazz 2 4 Hugo Turpin 3 4 Neace Substitutions—For McLoughlin, Durkee 4 Shaw 7, Bennett, Little 2, Kano-pasek, Allen 4, Simmons 2; for Eagle Point, Carroll.

High School Scores

TUESDAY BASKETBALL By UNITED PRESS (Portland) Jefferson 53, Benson 50. Washington 38, Lincoln 35. Grant 54, Franklin 47. Cleveland 68, Roosevelt 61. (Others) Milwaukie 61, Astoria 55. Clatsop 61, Sweet Home 34. Beaverton 55, Hillsboro 45. Albany 51, Lebanon 45. The Dalles 60, Wy-East 53. Oregon City 58, Newberg 39. West Linn 54, McMinnville 51. Forest Grove 69, Tigard 46. Central Catholic 58, Parkrose 54. St. Helens 60, Pacific Frosh 48. Dulles 55, Central 35. Woodburn 46, Silverton 47. Concordia 57, Corbett 32. Oswego 56, Douglas 49. Junction City 51, Pleasant Hill 26. Sherwood 53, Salem Academy 42. Jefferson (City) 97, Oregon Deaf School 22. Knappa 54, Jewell 50. Phil City 48, Gaston 42. Siletz 68, Valsec 50. Serra 51, Cascade 43. Malilla 70, Sandy 84. Oswego 56, Douglas 49. Canby 67, Estacada 46. Newport 78, Tilt 51. Pilot Rock 73, St. Joseph 70. Gervais 53, Mt. Angel 47. Clifton 48, Dayville 42. Williams 46, Sheridan 40. Philomath 50, Alsea 31. North Marion 48, Starion 41. Banks 69, Yamhill 55. Verbort 56, Perrydale 54. St. Mary's of Medford 63, Prospect 66. St. Francis N. Y., 82, St. Peter's 82.

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APPEARS TO BE WINNER—Ossi Reichert, 29-year-old brunette Bavarian ski champ, sweeps down the slope during the Olympic Women's Giant Slalom Race at Cortina, Italy. Miss Reichert appeared to have won the race but announced times were subject to complicated checks that still may change the picture. She covered the one-mile course down the Canalone Della Tofane Mountain in one minute, 56.7 seconds.

SPORTS

Hayes Jenkins Gains Figure Skate Mantle

By CHARLES RIDLEY Uptied Press Sports Writer Cortina, Italy—(U.P.)—Hayes Alan Jenkins, 22-year-old Colorado dervish, earned America's first gold medal in the 1956 winter Olympics today when he won the men's figure skating championship. In a superb demonstration of precise skating in icy weather, Jenkins beat out 18-year-old Ronnie Robertson of Long Beach, Calif., for the title, ending America's point famine that had existed through the first 14 events of the Olympic program. David Jenkins, Hayes' 19-year-old brother, took third place, giving the Yanks a 1-2-3 sweep. This harvest of 19 points raised the Americans' total to 28 1/2 points and boosted them from ninth to sixth place in the unofficial team standings. Robertson's free skating figures were termed more original by European experts, but the judges gave Jenkins a higher point score on the basis of his near-flawless execution. Jenkins had opened a lead Sunday in the compulsory figures of the competition. He maintained his advantage with his brilliant exhibition in the free skating phase that completed the championship. Women's Ski Event A Swiss girl and three untiring Finnish women's skiers won the two other Olympic championships on today's schedule. Madeleine Berthod, Switzerland's "skiing milkmaid," celebrated her 25th birthday by winning the women's downhill ski race by a record margin over her closest rival. In this event, Andrea Mead Lawrence, Parshall, Colo., failed in her third attempt to win a gold medal in

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Is That So?

Although the land may be locked in winter's grip, man, the perennial optimist, is constantly on the lookout for the first signs of spring. And happy is the man when he sees and proclaims his first migrant bird, his first nest with eggs, his first shoot of green, his first blossom, his first insect rising from a mountain stream. Cherished as his beliefs may be, they need questioning. To do it, here's a helping of facts vs. fallacies.

Fallacy: Birds have a premonition of early spring—and spring is on its way when the first migrants arrive from the south. Fact: Birds cannot predict the weather—witness the hundreds of thousands destroyed by storms they fly into during their migrations. More accurately, they are stirred to migrate by the amount of ultra-violet in the sky which seems to affect their glands and that increases as the sun ascends the heaven and days get longer. Also, bird migrations are spaced. Some birds migrate early, others late. When snow is deep-



est in February, look for the first prairie horned larks to arrive. They will be moving north in full numbers before the end of the month to reach their northland home to nest and sit on their eggs even before the last snowbank is melted. If you live in the east, then you may see some robins and bluebirds leading the parade... in the west, perhaps the hummingbird. In other sections, the red-winged blackbirds are early. They precede their prospective brides by several weeks to set up territories to the square foot and proclaim with exultant cries: OK-Meeee! OK-Meeeee! OK-Meeeee! Nesting No Indication Fallacy: All right then, winter ends when the first pair of birds have mated and nested and are brooding their eggs. Fact: Not so. Before February is out, the great horned owl will have paired and the female will have laid her almost round white eggs in a nest usually usurped from a hawk. From the moment the first egg is laid, one of the pair will be on it constantly to guard against enemies and the biting cold. After three days, the second egg is laid. But this is far from the end of winter—in holding their vigil on the nest, some of these birds will be covered with a six-inch fall of snow and perhaps experience the coldest day of the year.

Fallacy: Surely then, winter comes when the plants awaken from dormancy. Fact: The skunk cabbage sends out its first spears from partially-frozen swampland in mid-February. Even before this, brown willow buds will have burst in January pushing out their white furry blossoms; the catkins of alders will droop and grow long in mid-February; and the buds of the elm enlarge long before mid-March. Mistaken Notion Fallacy: Surely then, we can look for signs of spring from water-dwelling creatures whose temperatures are more stable. Spring must be on the make when the salmon run is on—the urge to push up to the headwaters to spawn where they were born... when insects hatch in mountain streams... When trout rise to a dry fly.

Fact: Sorry, friend. The commonly-held belief that there is but one salmon run to the stream is a mistaken notion. There are many; perhaps a stream may have a hundred in the course of a year. And they may occur any month of the year! As for insects hatching, the stone fly knows no seasons—some hatch the year 'round and snow fleas seem merriest when hopping about along snow-covered banks. Happy to say, I have taken rainbow, cutthroat and brown trout with a No. 16 dry fly on Montana's Yellowstone river while the snow was flying and I was standing on a six-foot snowbank! It adds to this: the signs of spring have sprung a leak.

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Bowling

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Collegiate Coaches Disapprove 24-Second Rule in Basketball

By SCOTT BAILLIE San Francisco—(U.P.)—The 24-second rule which now has become a key part of professional basketball never will get into the college game if the coaches in this part of the country can help it. A sampling of opinion at yesterday's session of the Northern California Basketball Writers wound up with the 24-second gimmick drawing a large zero. For those who are not too casaba minded, the National Professional Basketball Association makes it mandatory for a team to take a shot within 24 seconds after getting possession of the ball or else lose it to the other side. Coaches Pete Newell of California, Phil Woolpert of USF, Walt McPherson of San Jose State and Howie Dellmar of Stanford are among the coaches who voiced opposition toward making a club hurry its shots. Rule Challenged Newell, whose Bears pulled an eight-minute stall against USF last Saturday in a vain bid to halt the Dons' drive toward 40 straight victories, challenged the rule on two counts: "We don't want to shoot if we don't want to and we don't want to start an era of zone defenses which would result in teams packing around under the basket," Newell said. Woolpert, citing Cal's freeze, said, "The 24-second rule could be the worst by-product of that stall. And if it were introduced it would penalize the game for

an incident that never may happen again." McPherson, speaking for the smaller schools, summed it up by saying, "I'll start voting against the 24-second rule today if necessary because if ever it went through, the smaller institutions like San Jose never would be able to latch onto the type of ball player who can shoot like a pro. The big schools would get them all." Dellmar declared that the rule "has taken something out of the game as far as I'm concerned." Newell Defends Tactics Newell spoke at length on defense of his tactics against USF and said that he felt his first responsibility was winning games at California and not losing to appease critics who were upset that Cal had not gone down in the orthodox manner. "When you take the element of trying to win out of basketball I don't want to be in it," the grim Newell said. Woolpert, who sat beside him at the end of the dining table, backed his old friend up and once more said the freeze was "excellent strategy" on Newell's part.

Merit Awards To Be Presented At Sports Dinner

Portland—Special merit awards for "long and meritorious service to sports in Oregon" will be presented to at least six individuals at the Oregon Sports-writers and Broadcasters' annual Banquet of Champions Thursday, February 9, at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Athletic club, according to Rollie Truitt, president of the sponsoring group. The special awards will be given to individuals who do not qualify for consideration for the Bill Hayward trophy in any particular year, but, at the same time, have given large amounts of their personal time to sports over the years. These awards will be made in addition to the 12 plaques to be presented to persons making outstanding contributions to sports in Oregon during 1955. The winner of the coveted Bill Hayward award will be selected at the banquet from the dozen men or women receiving awards. Athletes Screened A small committee of sports-writers and broadcasters have now screened out the 12 athletes to receive awards from a field of 86 outstanding candidates. Oregon's 1955 "man of the year in sports" will be selected on the spot Thursday evening, February 9, when a citizens committee of 50 of the state's top sportsmen cast their ballots at the banquet. Leo Durocher, who climaxed his great baseball career by leading his New York Giant team to the National league pennant and the world's championship in 1954, will be the main speaker at the affair following the presentation of awards, Truitt said. A large group of the Northwest's sports greats of today and years past will also be on hand as special guests for the annual dinner.

Table with bowling scores for Davis Trans, Towne Beauty, and others. Columns include name, W, L, and scores.

Cherberg Says Outside Influence Factor in Dismissal as Mentor

Seattle—(U.P.)—Johnny Cherberg, recently fired as University of Washington football coach, indicated here last night outside influences were a factor in his dismissal. "Could it be I was fired because R. C. (Torchy) Torrance was faced with losing control of some of the players?" Cherberg asked during a 22-minute simulcast over a Seattle radio-television station KING. Torrance is a key athletic recruiter for the school. Cherberg claimed Torrance could have put down last year's so-called "player rebellion" when he first met with the disgruntled players. Torrance could have stopped it "in his apartment or office, wherever he met with a couple of disgruntled players," Cherberg said. He also insisted Harvey Cassill, athletic director, and H. P. (Dick) Everest, the school's vice-president, could have stopped the controversy last Nov. 21—the first time the players made a formal complaint against Cherberg. Takes Advice Cherberg said Cassill, acting on Everest's advice, informed him not to have his assistant coaches at a meeting where the situation was to be talked over among the players. "Cowboy" Johnny said at that meeting the son of a prominent downtown alumnus buttonholed players outside the door and told them to ask questions and keep the discussion alive. "I found later the boy who opened with questions and kept the discussion alive had been in Cassill's office just prior to the meeting," Cherberg said. Cherberg said Cassill told him after the meeting "John, you handled yourself admirably. I'm all for you." A Recommendation Cherberg said he would recommend the school operate along the line prescribed by Pacific Coast conference regulations and not have the players looking beyond the coaches and athletic department for counsel. Both Cassill and Torrance declined to comment on Cherberg's talk. The station has offered equal time to any member of the school's athletic department for rebuttal. "I'm here because I believe I'm right," Cherberg said in beginning his talk. "I don't want anybody to feel sorry for me, please, because football has been really good to me." One million and a half gallons of cod liver oil are supplied by Norwegian fishermen during each year.

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