



HE'S A SHE—A tough defenseman of a Canadian junior hockey team at Toronto has turned out to be a slip of a girl. Nine-year-old Abigail Hoffman, playing as Ab Hoffman, did so well that he, er, she, was picked for the All-Star team. He, I mean she, had to produce a birth certificate and the game was up.

Pacific Lutheran Meets W. Illinois In NAIA Tourney

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — Top-seeded Western Illinois of MacComb meets a tough Pacific Lutheran team today in the featured second round game of the 18th annual NAIA tournament.

Today's eight-game program will pare the 32-teams to the quarter-finals. The tourney completed the first round Tuesday night with all eight seeded teams still in competition.

Fourth-seeded McNeese State college of Lake Charles, La., showed its fine form with a decisive 88-65 win over Georgetown.

Bill Reigel, the nation's top collegiate scorer, sparked the McNeese outfit with a 33-point exhibition which fattened his season total to 1,095 points in 32 games.

San Diego San Diego State, seeded No. 6, outfought a determined Alderson-Broadus team to win its first rounder, 77-64.

Deadlocked 35-35 at the half, the California team began finding the range in the final 20 minutes and moved away. Tom Pinkins and Noel Mickelsen led the victors with 21 and 16 points respectively.

Texas Southern, all-Negro team, eliminated Hastings, Neb., 108-81 to become the second aggregation to crack the 100-point barrier in the tourney. Western Illinois did the trick in its first round game Monday, eliminating Eastern New Mexico, 117-87.

Wheaton, Ill., seeded No. 3, advanced easily with an 80-60 win over Kalamazoo, Mich. Five Wheaton players hit in double figures with Don Hudgens' 16 the best.

Pacific Lutheran needed a second half rally to eliminate South Dakota State, 79-64. Roger Iverson's furnished the spark with 22 points.

JACKSON SIGNED Spokane — (U.P.) — Ronnie Jackson, second baseman with the pennant-winning Eugene team last year, has been signed by Spokane of the Northwest baseball league, Business Manager Frank Herron said today.

OREGON TECH DEFEATED Cedar City, Utah — (U.P.) — Boise Junior College whipped Oregon Tech 70-56 last night to win the region four crown of the National Junior College Athletic association and a berth in the national JC tourney in Hutchinson, Kans.

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By DELOS SMITH New York — (U.P.) — The science of plastics now has reached the point where it is ready to move in on the tin can.

The annual production of tin cans is in the billions, of course. The plastic can is only now going into mass production and marketing after an intensive test period that's remarkable.

Also significant is that advancing plastics technology now has made it possible to make a plastic can for only 20 per cent more than a tin can. It used to cost more than twice as much. Tin plate prices are on the up-tin.

tin Cans Anyway, both ends of the plastic can are tin. Polyethylene is extruded as a sleeve, and the ends of the sleeve are closed with the metal discs. The top disc has a hole through which the product goes in and through which it comes out, and this hole has a tight-fitting plastic plug. The bottom disc is indented and so, despite the protruding plug, grocery clerks can pile them just as high as they now pile tin cans.

When you squeeze the sides, it's like working a bellows, and the contents come leaping out. The first application is to a nationally advertised brand of liquid detergent which is about to be unveiled country-wide after test marketing here and there. The housewife can measure the amount she uses by the number of squeezes — one squeeze is enough for a sink filled with dirty dishes.

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.) said today that although no date has been set a hearing has been promised on his bill for partnership construction of John Day dam on the Columbia river. He said assurance of a hearing had been made by Rep. Clifford Davis (D-Tenn.), chairman of a House public works sub-committee.

Conservation Group Plans Annual Meeting F. E. Price, Corvallis, dean of the Oregon State college school of agriculture and director of the experiment station and extension service, will talk on "Agricultural Conservation in Oregon" at the Sams Valley-Beagle soil conservation district annual meeting at 8 p.m. Monday, March 19, in the Eagle Point Grange hall.

Following Price's speech an election of supervisors will be held to fill positions now held by R. Bruce Grieve, Prospect, four-year-term; Frank Straus, Gold Hill, four-year term; and Earl B. Day, Central Point, three-year term.

The program will also feature a talk on flood control by William L. Jess, chairman, Rogue Basin Flood Control committee, and a report of the district's accomplishments by B. J. Cox, work unit conservationist.

Films will be shown on "Wild Life and the Human Touch" and "Neighbors of the Land." Refreshments will be served at the end of the program.

Dulles Visiting in South Viet Nam Today

Saigon, Indochina — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles praised South Viet Nam's "striking progress toward consolidation as a strong, free country" when he arrived here today to begin an overnight stay.

Dulles flew in from Thailand and plunged at once into a round of conferences with President Ngo Dinh Diem and other officials, capped by a stag dinner tonight. He leaves tomorrow for the Philippines.

Meanwhile, a group of Japanese businessmen in Tokyo said they will be lying in wait for Dulles when he arrives there Sunday to demand permission to increase exports to Red China.

The Japanese traders want U.S. authorization to ease the U.N.C. embargo on shipments of trucks, buses, wooden ships and other strategic items to the Communists.

Salmon Yearlings Released in Columbia

Portland — (U.P.) — Almost 7 million salmon yearlings and fingerlings were released by three lower Columbia fish cultural stations during February, Leo L. Laythe, regional director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, said Tuesday.

Laythe said the fish release was part of a program of stocking the salmon runs through four fish cultural stations maintained on lower Columbia River tributaries by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

About 30 hatcheries maintained by the states of Oregon and Washington are involved in the program, he added.

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Williams Claims Podres Draft Penalty of Stardom

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"It's the fault of gutless politicians, gutless draft boards and gutless sportswriters that a kid like Podres is being drafted," the 37-year-old Boston Red Sox slugger said. "If he'd lost the World Series he wouldn't be going into the Army."

Podres, who pitched the Dodgers to their first world championship by beating the New York Yankees, 2-0, in the seventh game of the 1955 World Series, is facing induction into

the Army in either April or May. He originally was ordered to report for induction at Ticonderoga, N.Y., on March 15 but asked and received permission for his papers to be transferred to a New York City board.

Williams, who spent the 1943, 1944 and 1945 seasons in service and was recalled by the Marine Air Corps for duty in Korea in 1952 and 1953, told newsmen "politicians, draft boards and sportswriters are equally to blame."

"Podres is simply paying the penalty for being a star," he said. "When he became a hero in the series, some politicians said, 'why isn't a big strong kid like that in the Army?' The draft boards didn't have the courage to oppose the politicians and the sportswriters are equally to blame because they didn't take up the case for Podres."

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