

### Coach Tells Of Houbreg's Smartness

Los Angeles—Charlie Eckman, the colorful former referee who has become the very successful coach of the Fort Wayne Pistons, was talking about smart basketball players one night after a game.

"You can name all the guys you want for smart players," Eckman began, "but my candidate is Bob Houbreg. He knows more about the game and all its angles than any player I've ever seen in this league."

Eckman's estimation was surprising to his listeners, not because anyone considered Houbreg stupid, but merely because no one else had really thought of him as such an intelligent player. Houbreg had gained most of his fame for his amazing hook shot which won him All-American honors at Washington.

**Bounced Around**

Houbreg bounced around the National Basketball association a bit before he finally settled with Eckman and the Fort Wayne Pistons, incidentally, will be based in Detroit next season. Big Bob was the first draft choice of the Baltimore Bullets in 1952 after he was graduated from Washington, but the Baltimore team went bankrupt that season.

The Boston Celtics took Houbreg from Baltimore when the players were divided up among the other NBA clubs, but they carried him for only a few games before making him a free agent. It didn't take Eckman and the Pistons long to grab him and Houbreg has been playing excellent ball for the Pistons ever since. They finished first for three seasons in a row with Houbreg on the club.

Last season, Houbreg played more than ever before in pro ball because Larry Foust, the Philadelphia giant who has been a mainstay for the Pistons for several years, suffered a back injury in mid-season and was sidelined. Playing steadily, Houbreg averaged 12 points per game for the season and had a shooting average of 44 per cent, one of the best in the league.

Houbreg will be in action for the Major League All-Stars when they battle Boston at Oregon State college's Gill Coliseum on April 20.

### Bob Baker Decisioned

New York—(U.P.)—Willi Besmanoff, regarded in some quarters as another Max Schmeling, isn't anywhere as good as the once mighty "Black Uhlan," but he's eager and confident and may yet wind up as a leading heavyweight contender.

Young Willi took Big Bob Baker's best punches in their televised 10-round bout at the St. Nicholas Arena Monday night and then walked off with a unanimous decision over the Pittsburgh heavyweight.

Baker, the ninth-ranking heavyweight contender, was slow getting started and when he finally decided to make a fight of it, the 24-year-old Besmanoff resorted to a running game and the strategy paid off.

### HOCKEY

**By UNITED PRESS**

The Montreal Canadiens, overwhelming favorites to win the New York Rangers in their semi-final Stanley Cup series, tackle the Broadway Blues in the fourth game of the best-of-seven series tonight with a chance to take an almost insurmountable lead.

The Canadiens, with a 2 to 1 edge in the three games played thus far, skated through a spirited workout Monday, but Coach Toe Blake refused to count the Rangers out of it.

Even with Dollard St. Laurent out of the lineup, the Canadiens are prohibitive 3 to 2 favorites to sweep by the Rangers and into the finals.

**By UNITED PRESS**

The Hershey Bears will be counting on their home ice advantage tonight to get them back in the running for the American Hockey League championship.

Hershey, after winning the opening game in its best-of-seven semi-final series with Cleveland, dropped two in a row to the Barons and is at a point of desperation. A loss tonight would put the Bears at a 3-1 disadvantage with two of the remaining games scheduled at Cleveland if needed.

In the other semi-final round, Rochester holds a commanding 3-1 advantage over the pennant-winning Providence Reds. The next game is scheduled for Wednesday at Providence.

**Dave Gambee Named to Helms Athletic Club**

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Dave Gambee, Oregon State's junior basketball ace, has been named to the Helms Athletic Foundation All-American third team for the 1956-57 season.

Elgin Baylor of Seattle was on the second team while Larry Friend of California was on the third squad.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

## DELLINGER SCHEDULED FOR MILE EXHIBITION DURING ROGUE RELAYS

Exhibition appearance of Bill Dellinger, ex-University of Oregon distance star, during the Rogue relays here next Saturday afternoon was confirmed last night.

Medford high track coach Bob Newland was informed in a telephone conversation with U of O mentor Bill Bowerman last night that Dellinger will be here.

Dellinger, an Olympic runner last December, is the American record holder in the 5,000 meter run and is an excellent collegiate lister in the mile. Now an Air Force officer, he is currently on reserve officer training corps duty at University of Oregon.

**DURING RELAY**

At the Rogue meet Dellinger will run in a mile exhibition. It is tentatively planned for him to run during the last half of the two-mile relay, using the leaders in the prep event to set the pace for him. A separate watch will be kept on Dellinger. Prep cindersmen in the race, four from each school, each will be running a half-mile and Dellinger thereby will have fresh pacers for each half of his special run.

Bowerman also confirmed that a U of O freshman distance medley team will run in exhibition here Saturday. Two of its members will be Medford high grads, Wilcey Winchell and Bruce Kellington. Appearance of Jim Bailey, U of O runner and first man to do the mile in under four minutes in the United States, still depends on his recovery from a foot arch ailment.

Medford will be host to Grants Pass, Crater, Ashland, Klamath Falls and Marshfield for the relays. Grants Pass is defending champ, noting out Medford last year by one point.



**IN ROGUE RELAYS**—Neil Plumley, above, one of the leading contenders for state shot put honors, will head a Medford high trio in one of the events of the Rogue relays here next Saturday afternoon. Athletes of Ashland, Crater, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Marshfield will compete with the host delegation in a 12 event program. The shot put will be one of three field relays with the distances of three men of each school to be totaled. Plumley had a put of 52 feet 4 inches in a warm up meet last Saturday and has one practice effort of 54-6 this season.

### Little Rogue Relays To Be At Ashland

Phoenix—Scene of the second annual Little Rogue relays has been switched to the Southern Oregon college oval at Ashland, Phoenix school officials have announced. The relays will be on Saturday.

The meet was to have been held at Phoenix.

There will be seven entries in the meet of A-2 and B schools. They include Eagle Point, Illinois Valley, Glendale, Rogue River, Henley, St. Mary's of Medford and Phoenix.

The program of events will be similar to that for Class B of the Hayward relays the following week. This week's rivalry will serve as a tune-up for the Haywards at Eugene. Six field events and five relay contests are planned.

### Boxer May Stop Race Hearings

New Orleans—(U.P.)—Boxer of boxer Ralph Dupas will go to state court today in an attempt to stop hearings by the Louisiana Boxing Commission on charges the lightweight is Negro and therefore ineligible to box whites in Louisiana.

Fight promoter Heard Ragan said he will ask the court of Judge Rene Vosca to issue an injunction stopping the commission from further considering charges against Dupas.

The commission scheduled hearings for tonight on charges brought by a section of the state health department that Dupas is a Negro.

The sixth ranked, 21-year-old fighter was invited by the commission to testify and give evidence hearing on his racial background. Dupas is not a formal party to the court action and said he did not expect to be in court.

Vosca is the judge who in 1949 handed down a ruling which permitted the "Battling Doeuens Brothers" of Louisiana-Bernard, Maxie and Regina, to box as whites. Vosca upheld their contention they were white against charges they were Negroes.

In Louisiana, criminal law forbids Negroes to compete against whites in athletic contests.

### Zone Shoot Trap Event This Sunday

Medford Gun club will be host Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7, for the Southern Oregon Zone shoot.

The Pacific International Trapshooting association competition will offer a 500-target possible for two-day participants. There will be 200 birds at 16 yards, 200 handicap targets and 50 pairs of doubles.

Doubles and 16-yard events will offer trophies to winners and runners-up in each class and in the handicaps trophies also will go to the winners and runners-up.

**74 in Telegraphic**

Members of the local club turned in a 74 score last Sunday for their action in the Oregon Journal Telegraphic trapshoot. Everett Gibson and Larry Horn each busted 25 clay pigeons and Gene Hunt broke 24. They fired against Ontario, Pilot Rock, Portland and Roseburg.

A final day count of 69 was turned in for the Spokeman Review telegraphic skeet tournament. Don Hawk had 24, Bert Peck 23 and Floyd Young 22.

Bernard Henry took Ed Pease handicap laurels Sunday with 47 out of 50. Horn broke 45.

There were 20 shooters and they broke 2,350 targets on Sunday.

### Moreno KOs Annaloro

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Ricardo Moreno, the Mexican featherweight who has like a heavyweight, had his 29th knockout in 31 fights today, was a juicy plum waiting for him next month down at the Hollywood Legion Auditorium.

The 19-year-old boxer, who stopped veteran Gardner Annaloro in the sixth round at the Cow Palace Monday night, has been matched with Jose Catena at Hollywood on April 23.

The card came at 1:30 after Annaloro, who had spent huge money in 28 weeks, landed into an easy target for Moreno's smashing left and right in the tenth.

**Linfield Diamondmen Beat Webfoots 5-1**

Eugene—(U.P.)—The diamond players of Earl Beaman's gave Linfield a 5-1 baseball victory over the University of Oregon team yesterday.

Beaman's diamondmen allowed the Ducks eight hits but were tough in the park and yielded only three runs.

Don Lowe, Oregon southpaw, kept Linfield to three hits and struck 10 in the last five innings. The Webfoots did their springing off Max Danekowsky, velocity right hander.

Linfield's Frank opened his 1957 baseball season yesterday by blanking Paulie 6-0. Five Webfoots held Paulie to four hits.

### Dickey Speedboat Seen in Movie

An 18-foot speedboat, captained by Dickey Speedboat, was seen in a movie, "The Speedboat," which is being shown at the Medford movie theater. The boat, which is owned by Dickey Speedboat, was seen in the movie "The Speedboat," which is being shown at the Medford movie theater.

**Margaret Taylor Gets Rifle Honors**

Margaret Taylor, Central Point, shooting with the Medford Junior Rifle club took high girl honors together with several place over all at Deschutes in the National junior rifle championship shoulder sectional state meet.

Dave Sullivan, of the Medford High school rifle club, was first firing a total of 377 to Miss Taylor's 352. In total of 78 shooters competing.

The five high girls were: Margaret Taylor, 377; Miss Taylor, 352; John Fawcett 321, and Miss Grew 316.

**Chicago Options Drake to Bevos**

Portland—(U.P.)—Sully Drake, a speedy centerfielder who hit .333 in 55 games with the Beavers last season, yesterday was assigned to Portland by the Chicago Cubs.

Drake, who is expected to be Portland's regular centerfielder, is 24 years old and bats and throws right. He also played 65 games with Chicago last year, hitting .245.

Almost 75 million spent auto drivers along with 100,000 miles in 1956.

### Ted Williams Includes Ike, U.S. in Charge

Sarasota, Fla.—(U.P.)—Ted Williams stuck today to the guns he fired at the late Sen. Robert A. Taft and the Marine Corps and apparently included President Eisenhower in a sweeping denunciation of all politicians.

At the same time, the "third man" present during the Boston Red Sox slugger's latest popoff said Williams had been partly misquoted by Executive Sports Editor Crozet Duplantier of the New Orleans States. Duplantier wrote Monday that Williams attempted to "pull strings" to avoid being recalled by the Marines during the Korean conflict and spat on the floor at the mention of former President Harry Truman's name.

By Hurwitz of the Boston Globe, who arranged the interview with Duplantier, said Williams actually was talking about a friend who attempted to obtain a deferment from Sen. Taft and explained that Tempestuous Ted was "just doing a lot of spitting" and was not necessarily spitting at the mention of any individual's name.

President Eisenhower's name was brought into the story when Hurwitz gave his version of Williams' comments on "gutless politicians."

"We've got a lot of gutless politicians in this country," Williams said. "I didn't want to meet the President nor did I want to meet Harry Truman. I don't like gutless politicians. The whole system we have is phony. That goes for all the United States of America."

Hurwitz told the United Press that he interpreted that to mean Williams had turned down invitations to meet both President Eisenhower and Truman "because of his dislike for anybody connected with politics."

**Once Admired Taft**

Williams confirmed his statements that he "lost respect" for Sen. Taft and also that he "resented being recalled into the Marines" in 1952. Williams, who had previously served three years with the U. S. Navy Air force during World War II, flew combat missions in Korea at the age of 34.

"I used to admire Sen. Taft," Williams said. "I thought he was a wonderful man. But a friend of mine was called back for Korea like I was. He knew Sen. Taft. He went to him and asked if he could help him get a deferment."

"Do you know what Sen. Taft told him?" Williams asked. "He said, 'I can't touch you. If you were just an ordinary person I could help you but because you are pretty well known I can't do a thing for you.'"

About the Marine Corps, Williams said: "Sure, I resent being called back at the peak of my earning power" and added he thought other prominent persons were "picked on" because they were public figures.

### Lame Hurlers Leave Camp

Vero Beach, Fla.—(U.P.)—Sore-armed pitchers Carl Erskine and Karl Spooner were scheduled to leave the Brooklyn Dodgers' training base here today for a plane flight back to Brooklyn for medical examinations.

Team officials said the two players might check in later in the day at Long Island college hospital where Dr. Herbert Fett is expected to examine them.

Erskine, Brooklyn's two-time no-hit hero, announced Monday that chronic pain in his right shoulder has "become more acute" and that he believes he needs "medical help" if he ever is going to pitch effectively again. Spooner, young lefty who struck out 27 batters in his first two games as a Dodger in 1954, but sat out almost all last season with a sore arm, has shown none of his old speed in training.

**SOC NETMEN LOSE**

Ashland—(U.P.)—Willamette's tennis team blanked Southern Oregon 7-0 here yesterday.

### Beaver Southpaw Pitches Shutout

Glendale, Calif.—(U.P.)—The Vancouver Mounties were slated to meet Portland again today with Mel Held on the mound to try to hurl the Mounties to a revenge victory.

Beaver southpaw Marty Garber shut out the Mounties Monday as the Beavers coasted to a 7 to 0 victory in Riverside, Calif. It was the second complete game Garber had pitched in exhibition play this season. He gave up only three hits.

**BOXERS TO MEET**

Cleveland—(U.P.)—Rory Calhoun of New York and Joey Giardello of Philadelphia have signed to meet in a 10-round welterweight bout at the Cleveland Arena, April 16. In his last start Giardello wound up in a no-decision hassle at Kansas City with Willie Vaughn.

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