

15 Years of State Tourneys

Championship Event Started at Willamette in 1920. Salem High Leads in Number of Victories. Astoria, Medford Win Two Titles Apiece. Warning Issued to Legion Hall Wrestlers.

It's just 15 years ago next week since the high schools of Oregon had their first opportunity of playing for a recognized state title. This basketball event Klamath high will enter on Wednesday was originated by Willamette university at Salem and eventually made official by the state high school athletic association.

It is perhaps the biggest interscholastic meeting of the year, for, unlike football, all schools in the state have some sort of a chance to compete. Teams from city and rural districts play through the season's schedule in direct hope of gaining a place in the tournament drawings. The big football event — the unofficial state championship game at Portland each Thanksgiving Day — can only accommodate two schools. The high school basketball tournament makes room for 16.

Klamath Falls has won a championship at the tournament. As a matter of fact, it has only been in recent years that the Pelicans have been consistent entrants. This 1934 team coached by Dwight French will be the third Pelican team in three years to enter the eliminations.

Salem high, which always enters the tournament as the guest school regardless of the season's record, has been the most successful in acquiring championships. Hollis Huntington's team won the title in 1920, 1925, 1926 and 1933.

Few other schools have managed to push to the front more than once in the last 15 years. Astoria, home of some of the finest interscholastic players who have continued on to Oregon and Oregon State, has won twice. Medford, who used to dominate the southern Oregon districts, also has won two titles. Two Portland high schools, Franklin and Washington, have taken championships — but that's Portland's complete record for 15 years.

The non-metropolitan teams seem to excel in basketball. Eugene won the title one year and represented Oregon at the annual national tournament at Chicago. Tillamook, Pendleton, La Grande, Athena, Klamath Falls, Marshfield and others have been steady challengers, none has had the success of Salem, Medford or Astoria.

The chief of police, says Promoter Mack Lillard, has handed out specific instructions regarding the wrestling scrap between Ted "King Kong" Cox and Charley Hansen. The police executive, apparently, has been reading of Mr. Cox and his uncontrollable temperament. If the chief can prevent it, there will be no repetition of incidents that have occurred in the north.

The first wrestler deliberately turning the match into a brawl may find himself hauled into the city hall for an appearance before the municipal judge. This includes such a mild demonstration as striking the referee. Rocky Brooks has been named the official, and since he is just about as tough as either Hansen or Cox, the chance of his being struck or shoved from the ring is remote.

The Walla Walla, Wash., police chief acted speedily against Kong. When Kong grew rough and grabbed the chief's badge he was forced to spend the night in a cell. The following morning he was assessed a \$50 fine for disorderly conduct.

Don't think the officers are taking this precaution to protect the life and dignity of a wrestler. It's the public, not the reformer, that presents the real source for worry. When a 200-pound wrestler is tossed from the ring into the lap of a spectator, someone is apt to be hurt — and chances are it won't be the athlete.

Whatever fighting may be done Friday night will be confined to the ring.

Wrestling Results

(By United Press)
At New York — Ridgewood Grove — Hans Kamper, Germany, threw Harry Fields, Philadelphia; Slide Nabors, Tennessee, threw Charley Webb, Brooklyn; Abe Coleman, Los Angeles, threw Jagat Singh, India.
At New York — St. Nicholas — Jack Bloomfield, New York, threw Charley Johnston, Cuba; Patsy Falletti, Italy, defeated Tony Felice, Italy, disqualification; Maurice La Chappelle, France, drew with Axel Madsen, Denmark; Vanka Zelezniak, Russia, threw Irving Halpern, New York.
At Newark, N. J. — Sandor Szabo, Hungary, threw Frank Branowicz, New York; Hans Stelnke, Germany, threw Pat O'Hara, Georgia; Casey Columbo, California, drew with Andy Rascher, Chicago.

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BOXING WOMEN TO VIE AT SNOW MEET

Special Jumping Event Announced for Sunday's Carnival.

CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK, Ore., March 15 (Special) — A ski jumping event for women has been announced for the second annual Crater Lake Winter Sports carnival, next Sunday afternoon at Government Camp. Committees in charge of the program have completed arrangements for the appearance of an adept woman artist who is to make a limited number of jumps. The identity of the jumper is not to be announced until after the jumps have been made.

This program number is one of several novelty events, planned for next Sunday, which will feature ski-jumping and racing for all classes of competition. The Crater lake carnival is regarded as being one of the most unusual held in the west this year. In view of the fact that snow has disappeared weeks ago from other snow sports centers of the northwest, and at its deepest was far under the average of other winters. Despite this condition, snow is still five feet deep at the carnival grounds.

Of general interest is a one-mile race open to service clubs of southern Oregon for contestants who have had little or no skiing experience. An attractive trophy, known as the "Caterpillar" cup, will be awarded to the winning service club. The cup is held for one year by the winning club until races are held the following year. Present indications point toward entrants from Medford, Klamath Falls and Bend.

The program will begin promptly at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and will provide approximately three hours of entertainment. The carnival, sponsored by the Crater Lake Ski club, the Bend Skyliners, the Rogue Snowmen, and the chambers of commerce of Medford and Klamath county, is arousing interest throughout the northwest.

Baseball

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 15. (U.P.) — Beryl Horne, veteran pitcher, bore down to give the regulars a 3 to 1 victory over the Yarnigans in the second intra-club game. Michaels at second and Salked, catcher, were outstanding among the recruits.

WOODLAND, Calif., March 15. (U.P.) — For the first time since the training camp opened here, the Mission Reds loafed without a practice session. Manager "Gaby" Street said the squad was rounding into top form. The Reds will meet the Seals at Stockton next week-end.

AVALON, Catalina Islands, March 15. (U.P.) — The injury jinx that has plagued the Chicago Cubs during their 10-day training sojourn here took its final toll as the team quit the island to open their exhibition season in Los Angeles. Gaby Hartnett, veteran catcher, chipped a bone in the third finger of his left hand during a pepper game and will be out four or five days. Manager Charlie Grimm also was forced to change his outfield plans when Tuck Stainback, promising rookie

BASKETBALL King Kong Ready for Debut



Ted "King Kong" Cox, Lodi, Calif., will make his first appearance in the Legion hall Friday night against Charley Hansen of Seattle.

Seattle Indians Underdogs Among Coast League Clubs

(Editor's Note: Here is the final story of a series on Pacific Coast League baseball teams of 1934.)

By James O'Brien (U. P. Staff Correspondent)
The Seattle Indians had emerged today from a series of financial difficulties, poor support and indifferent playing to make another bid for their old spot in the Coast League sun. But there were few who conceded them a chance to greatly improve their 1933 status at last-place club. Despite the high rating of George Burns, who survived the storm as manager, the Indians appear to have little chance of making a first division club out of their present material, which is about as weak as last year.

Finances Are Low.
Furthermore, the club coffers are not sufficiently lined to permit the signing of more reliable players.

The Indians did strengthen their hitting by trading Frank Cox, regular catcher last year, to Portland for Fred Berger, who is a hard-hitting outfielder. Another newcomer only yesterday was Ernie Kelly, who played with San Francisco in 1931 and 1932, and Omaha of the Western League last year. At the same time, the board bill — a problem with the Indians — was reduced by releasing Berlin, Fitzgerald and Aguerri, rookie outfielders,

gardener, developed a limp as an aftermath of spraining his ankle last week. Chuck Klein, Kiki Cuyler and Babe Herman will start in the outfield.

PASO ROBLES, Calif., March 15. (U.P.) — The Pittsburgh Pirates will leave here Friday night after a fortnight's spring training playing their first exhibition game at Riverside next day. The regulars beat the Yarnigans 4 to 1. Larry Johnson, big southpaw recruit, and Wall Roettger, Cincinnati trade outfielder, are proving the sensations of the camp.

BRADENTON, Fla., March 15. (U.P.) — The St. Louis Cardinals opened their exhibition season by beating the world champion New York Giants 7 to 6. The Giants out-hit the Red Birds 12 to 7 but were unable to bunch their safeties effectively. Smith, Salveson and Shore pitched for the Giants against Hallahan, Walker and Denn.

TAMPA. — Pitcher Ray Kolp deserted the holdout ranks and started training with the Cincinnati Reds. This leaves only two unassigned players on the list, Pitcher St. Johnson and infielder Joe Morrissey. Chick Hafey arrived from California and started work. He did pinch hitting in a practice game which the vets won from the Colts 7 to 6 in seven innings.

Oregon Prisoners Commit Suicide

SALEM, Ore., March 15. (U.P.) — Two suicides were discovered Wednesday in state institutions — one in the prison and the other in the insane asylum. Henry Duffy, 52, hanged himself in his prison cell with a short length of cord. He was discovered when he failed to appear in the noon prisoner count. Mrs. Edna Moggie, 36, hanged herself with a piece of heavy twine from a pipe in the women's ward of the state asylum.

PIRATE CLUB OUT FOR TITLE

Addition of Red Lucas Expected to Help Pittsburgh.

PASO ROBLES, Calif., March 15. (U.P.) — Pittsburgh's Pirates are going gunning for the National League prize this season with high hopes that a newcomer to the crew will mean the difference between first place and the runner-up position they have occupied the last two years.

The burly baseballer in whose experience Manager Geo. Gibson is placing considerable spring training trust in Charles "Red" Lucas, late of the Cincinnati Reds pitching corps and a pinch hitter who really "hits in the pinches."

Lucas Strong Hitter.
Lucas landed with the Pirates after eight years with the Reds. Manager Gibson reasons the broad shouldered right-hander should bolster his hurling staff almost on the strength of his 1933 record. For a full-end club, "Red" won 10 games and lost 16. His pinch hitting is expected to provide one of the hot spots of the Pirates attack. During his eight-year tenure at Cincinnati, Lucas compiled a pinch hitting grand average of around .400. He hit for .287 in 85 games last season.

Aside from the addition of Lucas, the Pirate squad of regulars is identical to that which last season led the pennant parade part of the time and trailed the Giants in at the finish.

Outfield Stars Return.
Manager Gibson believes his team will be as tough as any. He thinks his outfield compares with any in the league. It lines up the Wanner brothers, Paul and Lloyd, and Freddie Lindstrom. Lloyd Wanner may be shifted from left to center field this season, a position he held down regularly until Lindstrom came over from the Giants a year ago. Lindstrom is equally at home in left. For utility purposes, Forest Jensen and Walter Roettger are available.

Roettger came with Lucas in the Cincinnati swap for Adam Comorosky and Tony Piet.

The infield combination has been proven, with Gus Suhr at first, Tom Thoenow at second, Floyd Vaughn at short and reliable "Pie" Traynor at third.

Oakland Boy Promising.
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Behind the plate Earl Grace and Hal Finney claim first and second string positions respectively with Tom Padden, also a hold-over, battling a newcomer, Art Voltman, for the third berth. Voltman, drafted from Oakland, has shown impressively. He hit .331 last year.

The pitching staff offers but few worries. Lucas, the most recent addition to the payroll is a certain starter, as will be Harold Smith, Larry French, the star southpaw, and probably Ralph Birkhofer, another left-hander who was recalled from Toronto last mid-season and produced satisfactorily.

British Golfing Captain Selected

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland, March 15. (U.P.) — The Royal and Ancient Golf club today announced appointment of Hon. Michael Scott, British amateur champion, as captain of the 1934 Walker Cup team. Others named to the team were Harry G. Bentley, Eric W. Fildian, Samuel McKinlay, Jack McLean, Cyril Tolley, T. A. Torrance, Roger H. Wethered. The remaining two places will be filled later. McKinlay, McLean and Bentley were Walker Cup nominees.

Boat Regatta Set for Upper Lake

Phil Brixner and A. D. Lambert are building sailboats to enter the boat regatta and water carnival to be held on Upper Klamath lake, June 24. Others are building motorized racing craft to enter in that division.

Three hundred dollars will be given to the winners of the various races. Invitations have been sent to Medford, Redding, Red Bluff, Sacramento, Calif., Gold Beach, Portland and Albany, Oregon, and to Payette, Idaho.

Fish Leap Road to Gain Stream

EDMONTON, Alta., March 15. (U.P.) — Why does a fish cross the road? That question, usually applied to chickens, is finding an answer in the Cold Lake district.

Flood waters of Stoney creek washed gaping holes in Cold Lake highway. Jackfish, stranded in the pools, have been jumping across the road trying to get back into the creek.

Boys with rifles, wire snares and poles are barging the fish along the highway.

LILLARD NAMES MAT OFFICIAL

Brooks Appointed Referee of Cox-Hansen Main Event.

Rocky Brooks of Victoria, B. C., Thursday was appointed referee for the Ted Cox-Charley Hansen wrestling main event at the Legion hall Friday night. Brooks, who officiated at the last card here, was the choice of Mack Lillard, Klamath Falls promoter.

Lillard, returning Wednesday night from the valley, said he had considered Ray Frable of Medford and Jack Kogut of Montreal but in the end was convinced Brooks would best be able to handle the two rough heavyweights.

King Kong Cox won from Marvin Westenberg at Seattle Wednesday night and then headed south for his match in Klamath Falls. The big fellow from Lodi, Calif., won the first fall when Westenberg took the count after being thrown from the ring. Cox took the second with a series of body punches and a body press.

Hansen, the only man who has managed to defeat Al Karasick here in the last year, lost a close match at Portland Wednesday. Hansen was defeated by Bob Kruse who won from Cox last week.

Kruse won the opening fall with a reverse headlock and Hansen evened the count with a hammerlock. The deciding fall came when Kruse slipped on a wricklock.

On the Portland card, Les Grimes of New Zealand, defeated Floyd Jones. Grimes, unbeaten in

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two matches, will meet popular Les Wolf of Texas in an hour match. Wolfe has given Klamath spectators some of the most interesting matches of the year.

Dallas Rallies to Even Series

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 15. (U.P.) — A strong comeback stride has placed the Dallas high basketball team strongly in the running to win the district 11 basketball tournament and enter the state tournament at Willamette university next week.

Yesterday Dallas defeated Corvallis 20 to 15 and then defeated Beilfountain 28 to 22 last night. Corvallis previously defeated Dallas, under the double elimination system of play.

Friday night Corvallis and Dallas play off in the finals.

Rosa Decisions Filipino Boxer

OAKLAND, Calif., March 15. (U.P.) — Barney Rosa of Chicago exhibited his lightweight championship ability to take an easy decision over Kid Moro of the Philippines in a 10-round bout in which his title was not at stake here last night. Rosa won every round, though the Filipino rallied several times during the contest to land blows which drew cheers from the spectators. Each weighed 137 pounds.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — President Emil Fuchs of the Boston Braves issued an ultimatum to Wally Berger, slugging outfielder and persistent holdout. Characterizing Berger's salary increase demands as unreasonable Judge Fuchs notified Berger that unless he reports by Friday, he will be subject to a \$250 fine for every day thereafter that he remains away. Berger was offered an increase of \$2500 over last season's pay but he demands a \$6000 rise. The scrubs beat the vets 4 to 1 aided by the one-hit pitching of Rookie Atlas from Ashus, N. H.

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