

Armstrong Retains Welter Crown

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By Bill Cummings

HOBBS' HOOP SHAKEUP HEADED FOR SEVERE TEST

This weekend's series between the title-defending Oregon Webfoots and the Huskies may be a last flash in the pan for the champs unless Howard Hobbs' shuffling produces the turning point that he predicts.

After dropping the opener in the Seattle series with the University of Washington, Hobbs deleted a couple of seniors from the starting lineup and floored a taller, but greener, quintet. The change, like magic, produced a 15-point victory over the northern team.

Whether or not the shake-up's good effect lasts will be determined when the two rival quintets meet at McArthur court Friday and Saturday nights.

In building last season's national champs Hobbs depended on two short, fast ball-handlers, Anet and Johnson, to take the ball up the floor, but has discarded that plan in favor of more altitude. The new quintet—Archie Marshik, Hank Anderson, George Andrews, John Dick and Vic Townsend—averages more than six feet. To be exact, the average is a fraction better than 6 feet, 3.

Anderson and Marshik are the "tall firs" of the outfit, both measuring 6 feet 7. Hank is a junior transfer from Eastern Oregon College of Education, where he formed a handy habit of hitting the bucket. In two years he averaged 20 points per game. He comes from Hines, Ore.

"Tiny" Marshik was a member of the 1937-38 undefeated freshman team and was held out last year. Previously he was all-state at St. Mary's high in Eugene.

Andrews, at 5 feet 11, is the only member of the new lineup measuring under the six-foot mark. Like Marshik, he was a member of undefeated freshman team, and while on that roster scored a total of 137 points. He is one of the first Canadians ever to play Pacific Coast conference basketball, being a native of Victoria, B. C.

John Dick, only member of last year's title holding team, has been shifted from center to forward. He is the team's best man under the backboards and is an accurate one-hand shot maker.

The fifth man on the lineup, Vic Townsend, is a transfer from Compton Junior college, where for the past two years he captured all-state and all conference jaycee honors.

The Klamath Pelicans will be playing for keeps when they meet Lakeview Friday night. The game is the first leg in the sub-district playoffs, the winner to meet Bend for a ticket to Salem.

Lakeview, after losing to Ashland, split a series with Burns and did the same against Bend, displaying form which is said to be the best ever seen on a Lakeview court.

The man to watch on the veteran crew is Wesley Dollarhide, forward, who, incidentally, holds the state record for the

TECHNICAL KO COMES IN 9TH OVER BLOODY PUERTO RICAN

By JACK CUDDY

United Press Correspondent
NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (UP)—Welterweight Champion Henry Armstrong pounded out a thunderous denial last night to the rumors that he was "washed up" by scoring a technical knockout over blood-smeared Challenger Pedro Montañez in the ninth round, after flooring the Puerto Rican three times.

More than 17,000 electrified fans in Madison Square Garden saw the bull-shouldered little Los Angeles negro pound hard-punching Pedro into a state of helplessness that Referee Billy Cavanaugh halted the butchery after 47 seconds of the ninth round.

By his splendid performance in the jammed garden Henry Armstrong made many experts eat their opinions. He gave one of the most impressive battles of his long career in defending the 147-pound crown successfully for the fifteenth time, seeming to be more persistent, more ruthless and accurate with his punches than ever before.

Hurricane Hank spotted the Puerto Rican body-puncher four and three-fourths rounds and weathered a smashing body attack in the early going to render his opponent virtually helpless when Cavanaugh mercifully stepped in.

In Armstrong's 113th professional fight, he stepped into the garden ring at the age of 27 against a younger opponent whom many branded as a "geezer"—a man afraid when the going got tough. But Armstrong found no "geezer" in hard-hitting Pedro.

From the opening gong on, Pedro tried to stand head to head and shoulder to shoulder with the champion—tried to work on Henry's lower lip with short right uppercuts in the first couple of sessions and then lowered his rib-breaking fire to the body as the battle wore on.

Armstrong's amazing left hook—a blow that kept whistling from nowhere throughout the battle, brought about the bloody ruin of Montañez, a game ringster who was desperately making his seconds try for a world title. Pedro was a better fighter than when he lost in his challenge at the Los Angeles arena in 1937. He was a tough man to beat.

Although Armstrong won every round but the second, which was even, this scoring does not reflect the true menace that the Puerto Rican provided in the first three rounds, at least.

In the second session, for example, Pedro's steaming hooks reddened Henry's face and puffed the champion's left eye so badly that he could scarcely see from that optic during the remainder of the melee.

Henry got to his man in the fourth, flooring him twice in that session and barraging the awaying challenger with such blows to the head that it seemed he no longer could remain conscious. But Pedro stood there trying to protect himself, with a mantle of blood covering the right side of his face, until the round ended.

There were many cries of "stop it!" from tender-hearted fans—and gamblers who had bet on Armstrong. This blood had come down from a deep gash at the outside corner of Montañez' right brow—a bloody gully that was carved out in the second round.

The same left hook that floored Pedro for counts of five and seven in the fourth session again smashed him to the canvas in the eighth round, just two seconds before the bell sounded.

brood-jump. The other four starters are all holdovers from last year's varsity squad.

BASKETBALL

The Klamath Wildcats gained a fourth quarter lead and then went into a stall to defeat the Butte Valley basketball team 20-15 Wednesday night in a game played at the KUHS gym.

Battered Down



Pedro Montañez

Pedro Montañez, challenger, was battered down by Henry Armstrong, world's welterweight champ, in a title bout Wednesday night. Hammerin' Hank won by a technical knockout in the ninth.

BUTTE VALLEY BOUNCED BY CATS, 20-15

After a fourth quarter spurt the Wildcats stalled out a 20 to 15 win over the Butte valley quintet on the KUHS court Wednesday night.

The Dorris team, which showed a great improvement, put up a hard, close fight as it vainly endeavored to wreak revenge for the massacre suffered at the hands of Coach Hammer's Cats last week. They took the first quarter, 8 to 6, only to lose the lead during the second period when the sophomores rallied and ended the first half, 11 to 9.

The game reached its peak in the third period when both teams turned on the heat and the lead was held first by one club and then the other as the playing switched from one end of the court to the other. But in spite of the desperate efforts of the Butte valley contingent to break the Cats' lead, the local sophomores started in the last quarter still holding a narrow two-point margin. The KUHS team broke away on a scoring spree during the first few minutes of the last quarter, but the Californians kept trailing them and in the closing minutes the locals went into a stall which was broken only when they rang up the last basket as the game ended.

Back Hammer's team showed a marked improvement over Tuesday night's performance, and the closing stall was beautifully done, but there is still a lot of room for improvement. The Butte valley team evidently profited by its previous defeat for they gave the sophomores many an anxious moment as they pushed down the court time after time.

Rigo of Dorris was high point man for the game, while Higby, Moses and Johnson turned in stellar performances for the Wildcats.

In the preliminary, the KUHS Rooks pulled out an easy 25 to 18 win over the Dorris B team. After being on the short end of a 17 to 5 score at the end of the first half, the Butte valley B team pulled a third quarter comeback, scoring 12 points before they were stopped dead in the fourth by a freshman drive.

Vallincour of Klamath was high point man with Taylor leading the secondary team.

Winged M Sends Swimmers East

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25 (UP)—James J. Richardson, manager of Multnomah Athletic club, said today the club will attempt to send a six-woman team to the 1940 national senior women's indoor swimming and diving championships at Miami Beach, Fla., March 5-10.

Richardson said that in any event, Nancy Merkl, world record-holder in several free style events, will participate in the meet.

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TITLE CHANCE SEEN BY FIVE FROM OREGON THIS WEEKEND

By The Associated Press

A University of Washington basketball team which could do no better than break even during its home stand starts its first tour of the season Friday night by tackling the Oregon Webfoots in Eugene in the first of a two-game series.

This is an important series for both teams. The Huskies can't afford to lose either game if they want to stay in the northern division, Pacific Coast conference title race. The Webfoots, now in second place, have a chance of snapping at the heels of the leading Oregon State Beavers by winning both encounters.

The Beavers are idle this week. If the Huskies can get over this Oregon hurdle they will find another and possibly a slightly tougher stumbling block awaiting them in Corvallis next Monday and Tuesday when they meet those terrible Beavers.

The Huskies, who broke even in a series against the Webfoots in Seattle over the last weekend, may enter Friday night's fray minus the services of their scoring ace, Harry Nelson, who is ill. Nelson may make the trip but it is doubtful if he will be able to play in the Oregon series.

The third place Washington State college Cougars have a date with the Idaho Vandals at Moscow Saturday night.

The Vandals got ready for this game by defeating the Montana State university 46-43 last night. The Vandals overcame a one point halftime deficiency with a last half rally.

Sanders Heads Basin Scorers

Earl Sanders, slim high-scoring forward of the Knights of Columbus basketball quintet, still leads all other players in the Klamath Basin Basketball league in the individual scoring race after five weeks of play with a total of 67 points. He tallied 16 markers last week against Lost River Dairy and now is 12 counters better than his nearest rival.

It remained for another player to make the best mark of the week, however. Lou Aiello, the fast-breaking Molatone pivot man, amassed 22 points in a single game last Friday to climb from sixth to third place. He now trails Earl Strotheide, Weyerhaeuser center, by one point and he has posted 54 points in five contests. Strotheide kept his second place spot by making 11 last week against Glenger's Grocery and now has 55.

Ted Schopf, Glenger forward who won the individual race last winter with ease by making over 200 points in 14 games, appears destined to annex the crown again this year unless his opponents can find a way to stop him. In three performances to date this season he has averaged exactly 15 points and now rests in fourth place with 45 tallies.

"Bad man" honors belong to Lou Aiello, the dashing Molatone center, who has fouled opponents 11 times. His nearest competitors are half a dozen players, all of whom have been whittled down by officials eight times. Twenty-one players representing every club in the league except Webb Kennett's squad have scored 20 points or more in the five weeks of action to date.

Players with 20 points or more follow:

	FG	FT	P	FT	P
Sanders, KC	31	5	6	67	
Strotheide, Wey	21	13	3	55	
L. Aiello, Molatone's	25	4	11	54	
Schopf, Glenger's	13	9	8	45	
Wakeman, Lost River	20	4	8	44	
Bellotti, Lost River	16	11	8	43	
Stover, FNB	17	9	4	43	
B. Fisher, Safeway	20	2	4	42	
A. Giles, Glenger's	19	1	5	39	
Moen, Weyer	17	1	2	35	
Ferguson, Wey	14	2	1	30	
Marshall, FNB	14	1	7	29	
B. McDonald, Moia	12	4	8	28	
Godby, FNB	11	3	2	25	
Scroggins, FNB	10	4	5	24	
Crapo, KC	9	5	3	22	
Brooks, KC	9	4	7	22	
McLean, Wey	10	1	1	21	
Hills, Safeway	10	0	3	20	
Rice, FNB	7	6	2	20	
Mahoney, KC	10	0	5	20	

Texans to Meet Oregon Gridders

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 25 (P)—A December 6 game against the University of Oregon was the surprise of the University of Texas' football schedule for 1941, announced Tuesday night.

The Texans will meet the Webfoots from the Pacific coast here.

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Big Leaguers Play 'Cut-Throat' Game

By TOM SILER

CHICAGO, Jan. 25 (P)—A half dozen or so big league baseball clubs are engaged in a so-called, little game of "cut-throat" these days and young Benjamin McCoy is very happy about it all.

The club that wins the game will get McCoy, 21, an infielder by trade, and McCoy will get close to \$40,000 and a five-figure contract for the 1940 season.

McCoy's fortunate position was not of his own making. Detroit mishandled the youth in its farm operations and Commissioner K. M. Landis found out about it. The commissioner made a free agent of him along with 99 other Detroit hirings.

McCoy sits by a newly-installed telephone in his Grandville, Mich., home and carries on negotiations with would-be employers. The commissioner ruled none of the free agents could sign with any club until 15 days after his ruling, so McCoy and all the others have at least until Sunday to decide.

But after Sunday McCoy can book up with any major league club except Detroit, the Chicago Cubs or St. Louis Browns. Landis' edict banned Detroit from negotiating with any of its former players and barred the Cubs and Browns because they "meddled" with McCoy before he was made a free agent.

Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, said yesterday he wanted and needed McCoy so badly that he would top any other offer. Pittsburgh was reported as offering McCoy \$35,000 to sign, about \$5000 more than was offered by the New York Giants, Washington Senators and Brooklyn Dodgers.

Mack's high estimate of McCoy was shown by the fact he made a trade with Detroit, giving the Tigers Wally Moses for the rookie and pitcher George Coffman. Landis' order annulled the deal.

McCoy informed the Chicago White Sox yesterday that he wanted in the neighborhood of \$40,000 to sign and a three-year contract at \$10,000 per season. Last year was his first with Detroit. He played 55 games at second base when Charley Gehring was injured, batting .302, scoring 38 runs and getting 55 hits for 86 bases.

Tillamook May Have State Title Chance

By FRED HAMPSON

Associated Press Writer
Tillamook high has never won the state basketball championship, but stood out as a prospective title contender after posting a one-point win over Salem Tuesday night, 23-22.

The victory left the Cheesemakers undefeated in the No-name league and gave them unequalled leadership. The defeat cost Salem, the defending state champion, heavily in prestige as well as league position for it followed on the heels of a double lambasting administered last weekend by Medford.

The damage was wrought in the last quarter. When the two teams entered that stanza Salem held what looked like a very snug lead. Tillamook blanked the Vikings while its own scorers potted enough points to tie the Warren Christensen's free throw in the last 10 seconds of an overtime period won the game.

Dallas, the power of the Willamette valley circuit, marched on over Silverton, 45-29. Since the Chemawa Indians faltered after a good start, Dallas has been rated the WVI's brightest hope for the state crown.

Milton-Freewater came back from a crushing double-defeat by Pendleton in district 2 last weekend and belted over Hermiston, 33-27 in eastern Oregon last night. The Buckaroos, however, remain heavy favorites in that part of the country.

At Eugene, Junction City high won its first district 7 victory Tuesday night, whipping Eugene, 24-20. The most significant game of the week in that section, however, was University high's 20-18 win over Springfield Monday night. It put U-H in a tie with Cottage Grove for the lead and cost Springfield its first defeat.

Eugene takes on Cottage Grove and St. Mary's plays Springfield Friday.

The Tualatin-Yamhill circuit will resume its bitter battle Friday night after a weekend of hot play that saw Hillsboro knocked from the undefeated class. Beaverton turned the trick, 27-11. The loss enabled Tigard to tie the Spartans, Newberg plays Tigard and Forest Grove will meet Hillsboro Friday.

Klamath Falls, severely kicked around earlier in the season, got in stride last weekend by whipping Bend, 26-26, and Redmond, 26-26.

BOXING

By The Associated Press
NEW YORK—Henry Armstrong (welterweight champion), 1391, Los Angeles, stopped Pedro Montañez, 1443, Puerto Rico (9).

DALLAS, Tex.—Low Jenkins, 130, Sweetwater, Tex., knocked out Chino Alverez, 125, Tampa, Fla. (1).

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Robert (Red) Rolfe, bolting third baseman, asks a substantial raise from the \$15,000 he reportedly was paid in 1939, and expects to have a little trouble about it.

Stanford Signs New Track Head

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Jan. 25 (UP)—Franklin (Pit) Johnson, track and field coach at Drake university of Des Moines, Wednesday night was given a five-year contract to become head coach at Stanford.

Johnson will take command of Stanford's track team next fall, replacing Bill Ellington, who was named temporary coach when Robert L. (Dink) Templeton resigned last fall.

Ellington, who was Templeton's assistant, will finish out this year, but it was not decided whether he would continue as Johnson's assistant.

The Stanford board of athletic control, which announced the contract, did not name the salary.

Johnson, now 39, was born in St. Louis and after going through high school there he was graduated from University of Illinois. He was captain of the varsity track team that beat California, 72-59, in a dual meet, in which Johnson won the high hurdles and was second in the low hurdles.

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