

SKIERS CARD SECOND ANNUAL COMBINED TOURNEY

From Midfield

By BOB LEONARD

SALEM SLAM

Fred Zimmerman, whose Skits and Scratches daily occupy the left hand column of Salem's Capitol Journal sports page, has set up our Klamath Falls Pelicans as non-contenders in his winter book of state tournament favorites.

Spark for Mr. Zimmerman's non-selection were recent comments of many persons in picking the locals as probable 1941 state champs.

Says Fred: "If the Salem Vikings cannot retain their two-year old title, Klamath can have the crown so far as we are concerned. As a result of watching tournaments come and go we have selected two communities where their basketball teams are not big-time performers—one is Tillamook and the other is Klamath Falls.

"Mebby the Pelicans will come up here and make us eat our words. But before they do, they will have to come down to realization that winning a state tournament takes something more than ability to shove the leather through the hoop. Getting a bit of rest is a necessary essential. Coach Dwight French would do well to take his Pelicans off to a secluded spot and see that they remain there while not in actual attendance at games."

Home town reports will support Mr. Zimmerman's stand on the matter of sleep. It appears the lads, under the well-meant influence of Klamath solons, are prone to follow the bright lights of Salem's gay white way when not following the ball on Salem's maple court. Past results have indicated there isn't a Maxie Rosenbloom in the lot and the morning after is still the morning after. Following Mr. Zimmerman's admonition we pass it on to Mr. Cornett, Mr. Semon, Mr. Bolvin, and Mr. French.

A little cooperation, boys?

On the other hand, home town opinion and this column both think Mr. Zimmerman guilty of hasty judgment in selecting Klamath as a community of small-time performers. The journalist admits his selection is based on "watching tournaments come and go"—act which constitutes but a small part of comprehensive basketball reporting.

If Mr. Zimmerman would occasionally take a peek at teams other than Salem playing in their native habitat he just possibly might alter his outlook. It is even possible he would find Medford capable of "big-time performers."

Butte Valley Licks Fort Jones

DORRIS — The Butte Valley Bulldog "A" team defeated the Fort Jones team on the local gym floor with a score of 39-17. Carl Williams was high point man for Dorris with a total of 21 points. In the "B" game the score was 35-23 and the boys played the best basketball for this year, displaying excellent teamwork. Ted White was high point man with 25 points.

In the game with Yreka the "A" team lost to the tune of 20-13. But the Bulldog's "B" team brought home a victory with a total of 21-14. In this game Spannaus was high point man for Dorris with nine points and Azavedo for Yreka with 10 points.

PUGET SOUND DEFEAT GIVES BEARCATS TITLE

TACOMA, Feb. 25 (AP)—Willamette university won the northwest conference basketball championship Monday night when Linfield college eliminated College of Puget Sound from title consideration by a score of 54-53.

Field goals by Ben Jones and Don Hansen in the final seconds of play produced the Linfield triumph.

Nazarian, Belcastro Meet Tonite

Mad Michael Back to Face Weed Italian; Southern Grappling Sneeze Achui

Mad Michael Nazarian, back from a quick trip away from these parts, meets pulverizing Peter Belcastro, the villainous Italian from Weed, tonight in Mack Lillard's main event on an armory ladies' night card but there will be only one referee to hold down a job which should require two.

The Armenian was last seen two weeks ago when he dropped a verdict to Sneeze Achui in a major attraction. Belcastro last Tuesday tucked away the same Oriental in his usual sub rosa fashion.

In the opener Prince Nihalakis, out of Arabia by way of South San Francisco and North Akron (Ohio), will grapple Silent Rattan, deaf mute wrestler. The prince, one-time fair-haired lad with grapple fans, has of late become the villain of the piece, a fact which raises spectators' tempers and the good old box office jingle at one and the same time.

Rattan, a bald-topped gentleman, is a veteran of the grappling game and has appeared before in Klamath bouts. For the semi-windup Lillard has signed Gene Blakely and Achui. Blakely last week bested Nihalakis in a wild slugging match which ended with the Oklahoman declaring the winner on a foul while he was draped over the square shoulders of Referee Tex Straver. Achui, who is an Oriental but not particularly wily, depends on an uncanny nerve "shocker" to get him out of uncomfortable spots.

Gongtime is 8:30.

Indians Try Arrangement For Playoff

PALO ALTO, Calif., Feb. 25 Stanford university basketball players, southern division champions, are trying to arrange a way to meet the northern division winner in a play-off series for the Pacific Coast conference championship.

Athletic Director Alfred Masters said Monday that unless Indian eagles individually arrange with their professors to defer their winter quarter final examinations until after the playoff dates March 14, 15 and 17, Stanford would have to forfeit the title.

The university refused to give the team a blanket deferment. It would not interfere, however, if individual faculty men approved of the idea, Masters said.

Washington State, probable winner in the northern division, turned down Stanford's request the Cougars forfeit all games after March 1, if they clinched the title before then. Stanford wanted to meet Washington State for the coast championship, and the right to play in the national collegiate tournament at the University of Kansas, March 8 and 9.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif., Feb. 25 (UP)—Don Burness, Stanford center, overtook Jackie Robinson of UCLA last Saturday night to lead in individual 1941 scoring honors in the southern division basketball race of the Pacific Coast conference.

Don Leibendorfer of Stanford, official statistician, said Burness scored 43 field goals and 20 free throws for a total of 106 so far this season. Robinson, negro Bruin star, is second with 36 field goals and 31 free throws for 103 points.

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HOSHINO, NEW CHAMPION OF TERRITORY, WITH TORSO OF WELTER, NEVER SAW NIPPON... HE IS A NATIVE OF PENDELTON, ORE...

Coaches Name City Graders' All-Star

Boys Chosen for Playing Ability, Sportsmanship, Loyalty to Team

Coaches of the six elementary basketball teams cast their votes for the players they considered outstanding in the three divisions of the recently completed basketball schedule. Primary points judged before a boy is eligible for consideration of playing ability are sportsmanship and team loyalty. Team loyalty is based upon regularity of practice and appearing for all games.

These six teams will meet Friday evening at the Fairview school gymnasium to play three games. The public is invited to attend, with a small charge made at the gate to defray expense of trophies for the grade school program through the year.

Washington Beaten By Cellarites

By The Associated Press

The faltering Washington Huskies, who have won only four northern division, Pacific Coast conference basketball games this season, met their ninth straight defeat last night when they were beaten by the Idaho Vandals 44-38 in Moscow.

It was a dull contest between two teams fighting to get out of the division cellar before the season ends.

The Washington team showed a little of the fire that Washington teams have been famous for in the past when it scored eight points in two minutes in the second half. That was its only outstanding achievement.

Bout Fatal To Young Swede Boxer

By TOM SILER

CHICAGO, Feb. 25 (AP)—Arne Anderson, Swedish immigrant youth who sought fame and wealth in the American prize fight ring, found death instead.

The 22-year-old Minneapolis heavyweight was knocked off his feet Monday night by Lou Thomas of Indianapolis in the seventh round of their scheduled 10-round at Marigold gardens, neighborhood fight center. One hour and seven minutes later the youth was declared dead.

Dr. Paul Schmitt, coroner's physician, said that an autopsy disclosed that death was due to a heart attack and that the boxer suffered from an enlarged heart. Coroner A. L. Brodie announced that no inquest would be conducted because the death was due to natural causes.

2-Way Meet Slated for March 9

Local Merchants Donate Awards for Crater Lake's Championship Tournament

Continuing their stepped-up 1941 tournament policy, Crater Lake Ski club officials announced Monday that the organization's big tourney—the combined slalom and downhill championships—will be held on Sunday, March 9.

It will be the second edition of the combined meet which was inaugurated last year and successfully run off under adverse weather and snow conditions.

SKI CLUB MEETING

There will be an important meeting of Crater Lake Ski club Wednesday evening in the county courthouse at 7:45. President Embert Fossum announced Monday.

E. P. Leavitt, superintendent of Crater Lake national park, and Carlisle Crouch, chief park ranger, will be present and will probably address convening members on pertinent problems.

New Trophy

Prizes this season will again be donated by Matt Finnigan with a new traveling trophy awarded the combined champion. The new award, an imposing silver statuette of a bounding deer mounted on a polished wood base, is offered by Rudy's Store for Men and the Town Shop through the cooperation of White Stag ski clothing manufacturers.

As in 1940 a gold cup will be given the combined winner for his permanent possession and medals presented the first three place men in both slalom and downhill. Combined champion will also get the White Stag trophy for one year.

Meet routine will follow that of last year, tournament officials said, with the downhill slated for Sunday morning and two heats in the slalom scheduled for the afternoon.

Of last winter's medal winners only one will be missing from both fields. Jimmy Bayliss, Rogue River cannonball, has returned to school at the University of Washington, so will not be on hand to defend his downhill crown. All other winners will be back, however, with Cecil Drew, 1940 combined titleholder, and Galloping Gordon Cunningham, currently leading the Silver Slalom sweepstakes, ranked as favorites.

Cunningham, who sometimes trains, was a slalom third last year. Other leading contenders will be Fred Schmidt, 1940 slalom second; Al Carlson, second in the first annual downhill; and five or six other guys who also ran last year and have practiced somewhat since.

Meanwhile in other ski activities Crater club leaders were pushing plans for the formulation of Zone 3 in the Pacific Northwest Ski association.

Outlined at Timberline Lodge meeting early this month, Zone 3 will consist of an organization for competitive purposes of all ski clubs in southern Oregon, including the Rogue River valley.

The plan envisions an annual all-Oregon Class B and C tournament, similar to the one recently held on Mt. Hood, drawn from leading skiers of Zones 2 and 3 who have been picked through intra-zone elimination competitions.

If the Zone 3 idea goes through in southern Oregon each year will see a tourney between Lakeview, valley and Klamath slatmen for the chance to race in the state finals.

In This Corner

By JACK CUDDY
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (UP)—We'll know Friday night whether Lou Ambers, former lightweight king, is merely an historic has-been or a stand-out threat to the welterweight crown.

Ambers, the lad whom nobody ever licked twice, is returning to the big time—after an absence of 10 months—for his second tilt with Texas Lew Jenkins at the garden. Hard-hitting Jenkins knocked out Ambers and took his lightweight title in May.

Since Ambers is now fighting as a welterweight, Jenkins' championship will not be at stake. It's a make-or-break bout for Ambers, who is gunning for a shot at Fritz Zivie's 147-pound crown.

Four victories
The "Hurricane" and his manager, Al Weill, are confident of turning the tables on

Merrill Huskies Battle Jacksonville Five Tonight

Adagio on Ice



High in the air goes Miss Ann Taylor as she and her partner Gene Thiesof rehearse their ice skating adagio routine at Rockefeller Plaza pond, New York City. Talented California pair will be featured at New York Skating club's annual ice carnival.

Jenkins this time. They recall all four men who licked Larruping Lou and fought him again were beaten in the return engagements. These are Steve Halaiko, Tony Canzoneri, Pedro Montanez and Henry Armstrong. The latter three even had Ambers on the floor in their initial brawls.

But Jenkins was the only man ever to knock out Ambers.

Three Reasons

Because of that knockout and because of 27-year-old Ambers' lengthy absence from competition, betting men have made Jenkins the favorite to win again. Price-maker Eddie Borden quotes the Texan an 11 to 5 favorite.

Pilot Weill claims three major reasons for Lou's defeat that night: (1) although lightweight champion, Ambers had outgrown the 135-pound division, and weakened himself paring down from 145 pounds to 134; (2) Ambers made the fatal mistake of trying to pull away from Jenkins' thundering punches, and (3) after the bell rang, ending the second round, Jenkins smashed Lou twice on the button with stunning rights—while Lou's hands were down—and he couldn't recover from those blows before the third round started.

Sport Briefs

By EDDIE BRIETZ

NEW YORK, Feb. 25—Well, here's a little dirt for you... What good southern basketball player is being kept in the doghouse because he wouldn't go out for football? Names and addresses on request... Lefty Gomez was in better physical shape than any of the Yanks who reported to Joe McCarthy at St. Petersburg Monday... biggest job confronting any big league manager is Joe McCarthy—he must remake an entire ball club.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR

Dan Daniel, N. Y. World-Telegram: "Everywhere I am asked the same old question... how much is Monte Pearson likely to help the Reds?... The general opinion is that Larry MacPhail pulled a boner in not availing himself of the first call on the former Yank."

PRO AND CON

Is Joe Louis on the skids, or is he the same old Joe Louis?... Herewith, we give you opinions of two of the smartest minds in the sports writing profession:

H. G. Salsinger, Detroit News, says he isn't. He says it is foolish to expect a guy to knock out an opponent in the first two or three minutes. Dick Cullum of the Minneapolis Times says:

"Great as he is, Joe has and always has had his vulnerable points... when a man comes along who can make Joe miss

Klamathites Down One to Valley Men

Merrill's lean Huskies, down one to Jacksonville in a three-game series to determine southern Oregon's representative in the coming state B tournament again meet the Redskins tonight, this time in the Merrill gym.

Last Saturday the Spudpickers, champions of Klamath county, Lake county and the Chiloquin Panthers, lost their offense, their defense, and their shirts in bowing before the Miners, 36-22, on Medford high's big, wide and strange floor. According to advices from the scene the Merrill lads were burdened by an inability to hit the bucket, five Jacksonville hoopsters and two referees.

It appeared the first two could have been surmounted but the last was the clincher. Midway in the brawl, say these advices, the arbiters began to let well enough alone and left the game up to the belligerents. From then on it was catch-as-catch can with the only intervention a gesture to the crowd by one of the men in white.

Man for man the usually high-scoring Huskies fell down. Urgent Ural Snapp, whose 24 points wrecked Bly to clinch the county B crown, wound up with only four and Fleck and Chaburn, as a pair, scored only 15, about 10 markers down from their season average.

For the rough, rugged Redskins Offenbacher, firing away from the guard slot, led the attack with 14 points.

A loss tonight and the Huskies can hang up their suits. A win will bring another bout Thursday evening either in Ashland or Klamath Falls. The series victor will enter Oregon B finals in Ashland March 6.

Coach E. E. Kilpatrick will probably not alter his starting lineup which sets Fleck and Chaburn at forwards, Fotheringham in the pivot post and Snapp and McKoen at guards. Starter for the Redskins last week were Smith and Hardy in front, Woodward at center, and McGinty and Offenbacher in what's left.

Post time will be about 8.

COACH NAMED

WACO, Tex., Feb. 25 (UP)—Frank Kimbrough, 37-year-old brother of All-America Quarterback John Kimbrough of Texas A. & M. was named head football coach at Baylor university Monday by the athletic committee of the board of trustees.

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