

# COUGARS LOOM AS TOP TEAM

## WSC Gains Tingling Win From Beavers, 55-52

# Baseball Eyes Escape From Manpower Demands

### Players Omitted From Commission's List of Non-Essential Activities

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Big league baseball and other professional sports, already facing stringent travel and other restrictions, escaped what might have been a final crushing blow when they were omitted from the list of activities considered non-essential for draft purposes.

Although the war manpower commission's list skipped the sports field by singling out greenskeepers and the boys who make a living gambling on the races, the player-pay athletes were not included among those who face induction after April 1, regardless of their dependents.

But, along with thousands of other young wage earners with children, professional athletes got no assurance that their induction would long be postponed.



### Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (AP)—With folks talking about using horses instead of automobiles to get around, it seems silly to hear that horse racing (of all things) is having more troubles about transportation than just getting the horse-players to the tracks.

**STEVE'S SLIP**  
Steve Mesner, the new Dodger infielder, played through the long Pacific Coast league season for Sacramento last year without missing an inning. . . . But in the last game of the Sacs' playoff against Seattle, Steve became peeved when he was called out on strikes in the ninth inning. He slammed his bat against the stand and was bounced from the game, so Manager Pepper Martin had to spoil a perfect record by putting a sub on third base for the last half of the ninth.

**SHORTS AND SHELLS**  
Suppose you noticed that professional athletes weren't listed among the "non-deferrable" classes yesterday, but green keepers were told to get other jobs. Looks as if the pro golfers really would have to start playing cow pasture pool. . . . After being exposed to the convivial Jimmy Conzelman for 10 successive days and nights, New York sports writers have organized a "Send a Dime to get Conzelman Out of Town" club so they can get acquainted with their families and catch up on sleep. . . . Hayley Boyle, veteran Pittsburgh Post-Gazette sports editor, is back at his desk after a year's illness. . . . Jimmy Johnson reports his heavyweight, Freddie Fducia, will fight Pat Valentino at San Francisco, February 22. "And won't it kill 'em when I write that I always was a great admirer of Rudolph Valentino so I'm glad to have Fducia fight his son?" chuckles Jimmy.

**TODAY'S GUEST STAR**  
John M. Flynn, Pittsfield (Mass.) Berkshire Eagle: "Jimmy Foxx told Springfield writers that if the Chicago Cubs do not meet in salary demands for 1943 he may continue as an oil salesman. There may be more oil to that statement than some persons are able to buy."

**HEADLINE HEADLINER**  
Oklahoma City Times: "New baseballs have heart of golf ball and hide of horse."

**SERVICE DEPT.**  
The M. P. detachment at Fort Sheridan, Ill., isn't worrying about prisoners who might escape from Pvt. Alexander Grassi. The first time he ever ran a race, Pvt. Grassi beat two Olympic runners in a track meet at Altoona, Pa., in 1925. . . . Former baseball stars at the Norfolk naval training station have organized a cage team known as the "Ragamuffins." Members include Phil Rizzuto, Vinnie Smith and Freddie Hutchinson.

**FIGHTS**  
By The Associated Press  
JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Harold (Cannonball) Gibson, 115, New York, opponent Carlos Cuesca, 112, New York, (G).  
NEW YORK—Bobby Melutny, 158, Detroit, opponent Maxie Shapiro, 150, New York, (10).  
LOS ANGELES—Al Tribiani, 149½, Wilmington, Del., and Jimmy Melanillo, 147½, Los Angeles, drew (10).  
PORTLAND, Ore.—Jack Chase, 154, W. J. Sanberg, Colo., and Costello Cruz, 159, El Centro, Calif., 10 round draw.

**When in Medford Stay at HOTEL HOLLAND Thoroughly Modern Joe and Anne Earley Proprietors**

### League Prospect



Tom Hamilton, 18, Dallas, Tex., high school youth, plays baseball to keep in shape for basketball—a sport his father started teaching him when he was 5. Tom, 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighing 218, is a first baseman, and considered a big league prospect.

**Beside The Headpin**  
By "LADYBUG"

Pearl Poppy was the "top notch" bowler last week. She rolled up a series of 610. Keep up the good rolling Poppy. I tell everyone I know about it. What would I do if I ever got a 500 series? Probably have it broadcasted on the radio.

Mommie Britt picked up the 6-10-7 split. That is a tough one to pick up, but she did it.

There were too many "absentees" last week. Let's all show up this week and have eight complete teams. If you want to win you gotta be there. Lorenz company rolled high game series of 2470—Cummings Fur second with 2381. Poppy had high game of 219.

LADYBUG LEAGUE	
Hazel Beauty Shop	
Short	126 176 155 457
Heaville	117 125 146 388
Absentee	125 125 125 375
Handicap	92 92 92 276
Handicap	172 187 186 435
Handicap	105 105 105 315
TOTAL	777 774 758 2297
Modernistic Beauty College	
Normal	125 124 127 416
Vorkling	143 125 146 414
Stirling	169 155 123 447
Ellis	92 115 95 302
Absentee	126 126 126 378
Handicap	85 85 85 255
TOTAL	749 736 725 2210
Fluher's	
Zaton	127 151 158 436
Soderstrom	121 125 146 392
Baxter	145 145 145 435
Absentee	103 103 103 309
Poppy	118 219 173 510
Handicap	92 92 92 276
TOTAL	705 643 618 2566
Daggett Insurance	
Newcom	125 150 150 425
Butler	127 126 126 379
Baxter	122 122 122 366
Niruthera	139 101 81 321
Howard	147 147 147 441
Handicap	117 117 117 351
TOTAL	795 765 747 2307
Town Club	
Cheyne	178 161 145 484
Condon	160 132 106 402
Owens	94 125 141 360
Priman	117 117 125 359
Barkie	145 145 156 446
Handicap	115 115 115 345
TOTAL	725 723 748 2204
Lorenz Company	
Karapeck	119 161 158 438
Rathany	122 120 116 358
Lipp	162 152 146 460
Williams	159 161 175 495
McCollum	125 147 144 416
Handicap	191 191 191 573
TOTAL	778 802 819 2400
Cummings Fur Shop	
Milne	122 122 126 470
Mitcham	132 118 162 412
Baldwin	127 127 126 380
Foster	145 129 116 410
Gates	155 141 143 441
Handicap	103 103 106 309
TOTAL	745 760 778 2283
Black & White	
Absentee	94 124 124 342
Tyler	107 136 127 370
Sewary	152 118 131 381
Hillman	126 129 124 379
Britt	166 181 135 482
Handicap	106 106 106 318
TOTAL	791 789 747 2327

**Central Drops Western After Rough Hoop Tilt**  
ELLENBURG, Feb. 3 (AP)—Central Washington defeated Western Washington, 41-39 in a rough and rugged basketball game here last night. Two converted free tosses in the last six seconds of play provided the margin of victory.

Capt. Jack Hubbard of Everett sank the clincher point after he had been fouled on a field goal attempt. Immediately after Wiseman got a chance on an "abusive language" foul, and made it good.

Thirty-seven fouls were called during the game and three Western and two Central players were banished. Central's win gave the teams a split in their four-game competition for the season.

**FLYERS DROP BOMBERS**  
WALLA WALLA, Feb. 3 (AP)—Pasco naval flyers took their second game this season from the Walla Walla air base bombers last night, winning 64-32 in a fast clean game.

# OSC Cagers Lose After Leading Way

### Oregon State Has Unhappy Season; Huskies Challenge WSC Lead; Oregon Rests

PULLMAN, Feb. 3 (AP)—Washington State stands out sharply today as the team to beat for the northern division basketball title after the Cougars' tingling 55-52 conquest of the Oregon State Beavers here last night.

Washington, however, stands prepared to challenge WSC's league leadership, and the Husky-Cougar series in Seattle Friday and Saturday will be the closest thing to "crucial" this season has yet seen.

Oregon State left for home after last night's defeat, the defending champions' third in four games on the road trip, and they attempt to salvage something from what so far has been a year from happy season in Friday-Saturday games at Corvallis against the University of Idaho.

Idaho, currently on the upgrade, boasts only one victory however, that over Oregon State. The possible return of Don Durdan to the lineup will do much to spur the Beavers from here on in. Oregon does not go into action again until next Monday and Tuesday, against Idaho at Eugene.

OSC last night was a far different club than the one that dropped a 44-35 decision to the Cougars the night before. They were definitely in the ball game from start to finish and for a greater part of the game looked as though they had the winning spark.

Except for a brief 6-6 tie the Beavers led throughout the first half, which ended 34-30 in their favor. A fast, hard-charging contest throughout, the game really reached a white heat in the closing minutes of the last half. There were four ties and six swaps of the lead in the final 10 minutes and not until the final two minutes did the Cougars go ahead to stay, on two quick goals by Gail Bishop after Bob Howard had given OSC a 50-49 advantage. Scott Witt, replacing Bishop after his last goal, hit the net for the final Cougar field goal and Lew Beck connected from mid-floor for the last Beaver tally.

Beck was all over the floor and all over the Cougar all night long and led scorers with 14 points. Bishop and Al Akins got 13 each for WSC.

The Cougar reserves, considered the team's weak spot this season, put on a heartening display of speed and shooting in the second half. It was Tom O'Neil, sub-guard, with a field goal and a free throw, who gave the Cougars their first lead of the game.

# Pre-Flights Beat Coast Guardsmen

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3 (AP)—A last quarter offensive and recovery of Hank Luisetti, ace forward, from a bad cold yielded St. Mary's Naval Pre-Flight a 42-37 win over the Oakland Coast Guard basketball team last night.

Luisetti, who has lagged in recent games showed the spark of his starring days at Stanford. Coast Guard led 17-16 at the half.

The second game on a Civic auditorium doubleheader was a one-point victory by the St. Mary's College Gaels over the University of San Francisco. The score sawed throughout and ended 40 to 39.

Coast conference southern division teams were idle last night but statistics compiled at the University of California disclosed that Alex Omalee, Southern California forward, still was top scorer. His 63 total points for the season were three more than those of his closest competitor and team-mate, Gene Rock, also a forward.

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# Idaho Man Tops Hoop Score List

### Fred Quinn High; Bishop Holds Safe Second After Totalling But Five Goals

Fred Quinn, center for the celtarite University of Idaho Vandals in the northern division of the Pacific Coast conference, is leading the league's basket markers, although his team has played but five conference games. He has 73 points, aided no little by a record-breaking 27 he poured in against Oregon State last Friday night.

Gail Bishop of the league leading Washington State Cougars, another team with but five games on the record books, is second place with 70. Washington's Chuck Gilmur has 67 for a safe grip on third spot.

Player	G	FG	FT	Tl
Quinn, Idaho	5	33	7	73
Bishop, WSC	5	31	8	70
Gilmur, Wash.	6	26	15	67
Wiley, Ore.	8	22	16	60
Morris, Wash.	6	24	11	59
Beck, OSC	6	21	16	58
Akins, WSC	5	22	8	52
Taylor, Ore.	8	16	20	52
Fuhrman, Ore.	8	24	3	51
Kirsch, Ore.	8	13	21	47
J. Ryan, Idaho	5	17	7	41
Gilbert's'n, Wash.	6	18	5	41
R. Ryan, Idaho	5	15	8	38
Sheridan, WSC	5	15	8	38
Ford, Wash.	6	18	2	38
Cecil, OSC	6	15	6	36

# BASKETBALL Results

WEST	
Central Washington 41, Western Washington 39	
Portland 35, Willamette 25	
Arizona 34, Arizona State Teachers (Flagstaff) 27	
Coast Guard St. Ron Jose State 41	
St. Mary's Pre-Flight 42, Coast Guard St. Mary's College 40, Uni. of San Francisco 30	
HIGH SCHOOL	
Central Catholic (Portland) 25, Multnomah 22	
Columbia Prep (Portland) 22, Parkrose 25	
West Linn 22, Fatsacola 24	
Franklin 37, Bonaville 31 (both Portland)	
Lincoln 42, Sablin 25 (both Portland)	
Commerce 36, Grant 31 (both Portland)	
Benson 29, Washington 24 (both Portland)	
Oregon City 47, Woodburn 26	
Salem 27, McMinville 22	

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# Cruz Draws Ten Rounds With Chase

### Chase Battles Costello To Unconv Draw After Cruz Shifts to Southpaw Style

By FRED HAMPSON  
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3 (AP)—Costello Cruz of El Centro, Calif., and Jack Chase of Walsenburg, Colo., a brace of ranking middleweight, battled 10 rounds last night to what Referee Tom Louttit of Portland called a draw.

The Associated Press score sheet gave Chase five rounds, Cruz one and called four even. There were no knockdowns.

Cruz, whose shift to southpaw style gave the Colorado scrapper a few bad moments, was in trouble twice. In the fifth Chase shook him up with a overhand right that landed with a crack, and in the 10th the Coloradoan pummeled him at will and was belaboring him savagely in a corner at the bell.

Cruz rallied in the seventh after dropping three straight rounds, pumping several lefts to the side of his adversary's head.

Chase bore in endlessly and built up margin almost every session with short, straight punches that kept blood streaming from Cruz's nose and left a collection of welts on his tanned face. Chase weighed 154, Cruz 158.

The bout drew 4805 fans who paid \$9978 at the gate.

Young Otto, colored heavyweight from Springfield, Ill., took a four-round workout on Tommy Orrin, 202-pound Portland-lander. Orrin was squat, puffy but game. Otto bounced him around lustily in the first and second but did not get him off his feet until the third. In that chucker Otto put his man down twice for nine. He laid him in the resin three times in the first couple of minutes of the fourth before Orrin's people tossed in the towel.

Orry Teeter of Portland, 149 pounds, was awarded a decision over Speedy Cannon, 153, San Francisco, after six rounds of mauling.

# B Leaguers Draw Hoop Meet Spots

### Nine teams will enter the Klamath County B Basketball tournament, according to Max Marvin, tournament director.

Drawings for places were held in the county school district offices on Saturday, January 30. Harold Ashley, school district clerk, made the drawings which were witnessed by Mrs. Isabelle Brixner, county supervisor and Rawleigh Carnthers of Bonanza.

The first round of the tournament will be played on Friday, February 19 as follows:

10 a. m.—Chiloquin vs. Bly.  
11 a. m.—Bonanza vs. Sprague River.  
1 p. m.—Gilechrist vs. Henley.  
2 p. m.—Merrill vs. Keno.

At 7:30 p. m., the winner of the Chiloquin-Bly game plays Malin, who drew a bye in the opening round.

On a basis of wins so far this season, Chiloquin appears to be the strongest team with Keno a close second to the favorites. Gilechrist and Sprague River are considered as "dark horse" contenders as they have played few games which offer a basis of comparison with other league teams.

# Western Baseball Meeting Planned For February

TACOMA, Feb. 3 (AP)—A Western International Baseball league meeting is planned for Sunday, February 14 in Tacoma, Robert Abel, league president, announced yesterday. The future of the league under wartime conditions depends on its outcome, he said.

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