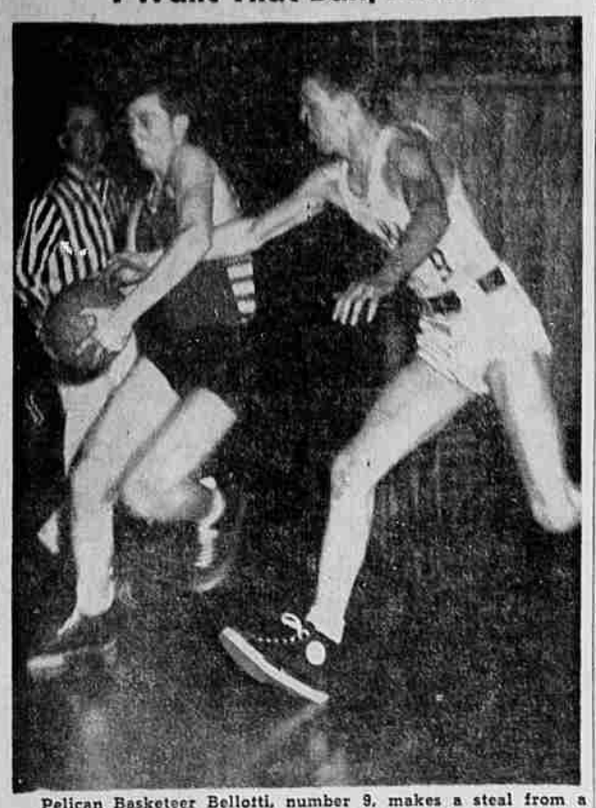
PELICANS WALLOP MEDFORD TIGERS 45-26

Klamath Gains Moral Advantage for Approaching District Meet

I Want That Ball, Mister



Pelican Basketeer Bellotti, number 9, makes a steal from a Medford player in the closing minutes of the hoop game last night which Klamath won, 45-26.

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP)—Just to start an argument, Francis Albertanti, who hasn't missed a major sports event since Ben Brush won the derby, started the other day to pick the best fighters he has seen in each weight class . . . He started with Jack Johnson—"Joe Louis might hit him in a couple of months of swinging"—and the argument started, too . . . Nat (Mr. Boxing) Fleischer agreed on Johnson because of his cleverness, though he thought of Jack Dempsey for a while and Ed Van Every, veteran boxing scribe, chimed in that he'd seen 'em clear back to Corbett and he still liked Louis.

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TAKE YOUR PICK

Here's the way they picked them for the other classes: Albertanti—light heavy, Bob Fitzsimmons; middleweight, Stanley Ketchell; welterweight, Joe Walcott; lightweight, Joe Gans; featherweight, Abe Attell; bantamweight, Terry McGovern; flyweight, Pancho Villa. . . Fleischer—Harry Greb, Walcott, Benny Leonard, Attell, McGovern, Wilde. . . Van Every—Tommy Loughran, Greb, Walcott, Leonard, Johnny Dundee, George Dixon and Wilde . . . So far no blood has been shed, but the argument still is on and open to anybody.

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REEL TROUBLE

DeWitt MacKenzie, the AP war analyst, also is a top-rank angling addict so on the first stop of his recent globe-girdling tour he stopped in Hardy's famous London fishing tackle establishment and bought a trout reel. . . . Then MacKenzie proceeded to lug the reel for some 30,000 miles, all the while fearing that it would be taken away from him at every border as a suspicious article . . . . Now that he's home, what with gas rationing, etc., the question is what is MacKenzie going to do with it.

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TODAY'S GUEST STAR

Hal Wood, Twin Falls (Idaho) Times-News: "If the war keeps up and the feminine side takes over sports reporting, the boys who make the all-star team will be the ones who have the prettiest curls, the best color combinations on their suits—and who look like good jitterbugs."

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SHORTS AND SHELLS

First major league baseball roster to arrive comes from the Cleveland Indians . . . With 13 of his basketball players due to put on Uncle Sam's uniforms soon, Clair Bee divided his Long Island U. basketball squad to separate them from the boys who might stick around. A team with three "4-F" athletes and one who has been discharged from the army proceeded to lick the able-bodied guys in a tryout to see who'd start against Canisius last Monday. . . . After taking some golf lessons from Henry Picard, the Giants' Carl Hubbell shot a neat 79 the other day to hand Lloyd Waner a trimming. Now Lloyd is taking his game to Picard for an overhauling.

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SERVICE DEPT.

Benny McCoy, formerly of the Athletics, and ex-Cardinal Don Padgett have been transferred from Great Lakes to the Norfolk naval training station. But they're only there for six weeks' training courses so they won't help the Norfolk ball team much.

Pelicans Show Heels to Tigers in Rough Battle

Cox, Young Take High Score Honors In Last Casaba Game On Local Floor

By FRANK CALISE

Rough, fast, and racing would be the description of last night's hoop battle when the avenging Pelicans slapped the Medford Tigers into 45-26 submission in the last scheduled game of the season on the local floor. With the defeat of the Tigers, the Pelicans gained a mental advantage for the approaching district seven cage tourney to select a champion for the state meet.

Medford scored the first bucket, then Bocchi scored one to even the score two-all. From then on the Pelicans went on a scoring spree.

It was a rough and fast game, with most of the roughness occurring at the tail end of the fourth quarter. Mouteith and Fawcett, both forwards for Medford, were sent to the showers by the referee on the four foul rule. Bocchi was sent off in the fourth.

The first quarter score was 9-6 and half-time ended 20-12 with the Pelicans in the lead. Cox led scoring honors with 13 tallies and Young followed with 10. Fawcett was high man for the Medford outfit with only six tallies.

In the third period, Klamath gradually climbed away until they were ahead 30-16. The game ended 45-26.

This was the last regular scheduled game for the Pelicans until the district meet in the valley, March 5-6. In a previous game, the Medford squad beat the Pelicans 43-37. But for "old times" sake the Pelicans walloped and cleaned the Tigers from the valley last night.

In the preliminary game, the First National Bank, champions of the Victory league, edged out the Wildcats 30-22 in a heated affair. Half-time score was 17-9 in favor of the Bankers. Mast, of the Bankers, was tossed out in the third period with four personal fouls. The Wildcats tried to come up with scoring habits in the fourth quarter, but were held down by the strong Bankers.

Schortgen of the Wildcats was high-point man with 14. Patzke of the Bankers was next with 10 tallies.

Half-time entertainment was presented by the colorful Pep Pepper drill team and followed by Joe Peak's boys' physical fitness class. Peak had the boys displaying a three-ring circus with Frank Ramsey directing and announcing. Everything from boxing to tumbling was presented. This class was organized to help the young boys of Klamath Falls to acquire physical fitness before entering the armed service.

Summary:

Pelicans (45)	(26) Medford
Welch, 2	2, Mouteith
Young, 10	6, Fawcett
Cox, 13	5, Niermeyor
Foster, 6	6, Weir
Bocchi, 9	2, Edwards
Conroy, 2	1, Kresse
Bigger, 2	4, Nordwick
Smith, 1	0, Pumley
Bellotti, 2	0, Bayliss
	0, Duel

Preliminary summary:

First National (30)	(22) Wildcats
Mast, 6	3, Eastman
Patzke, 10	14, Schortgen
Mayfield, 2	0, Silva
Foulon, 0	3, Perkins
Hunter, 4	2, Ringsted
Cline, 0	0, Palmer
Bishop, 8	0, Ellis

WOMEN BASEBALL USHERS

NEW YORK—Manpower commission lists ushers as non-essential, so New York baseball parks plan to employ women.

Rumor Has Camilli as Dodger Man

Dodger First Sacker Quick To Deny Signing as Dodger Manager If Leo Inducted

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24 (AP) The reports were out today that Dolph Camilli has signed a conditional contract to manage the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1943, but he was quick to say he didn't know a thing about them.

The Examiner said the Dodgers' first baseman has signed the contract, and the papers already "repose in (Branch) Rickey's inside coat pocket." It quoted "sources close to Camilli."

At his Laytonville, Calif., ranch, Camilli retorted "That's a lot of baloney."

The Examiner said the contract was signed subject to these conditions.

1. That if Leo Durocher, present Dodger manager, is inducted into the army (he's due to go in March 1), Camilli will be named to succeed him.

2. If Durocher is not inducted, Camilli will be renamed field captain, a position he held last year.

"If I'm going to manage the Dodgers, it's news to me," further commented Camilli, who only last week emerged from a conference with Rickey, general manager of the Brooklyn club, in San Francisco and said no decisions had been reached.

Rickey was reported en route from Los Angeles to St. Louis, and unavailable for comment.

Astoria Moves In On State Tourney With Newberg Win

NEWBERG, Feb. 24 (AP)—Undefeated Astoria trounced Newberg, 44-25, last night to move a step nearer the state high school basketball tournament.

It was the first game of the district 5 finals and the 17th consecutive win for the defending state champions.

The second game will be played at Astoria March 2.

Bivins One Fight Out From Titles

Dusky Clevelander Annexes Light Heavyweight Title By Beating Christoforidis

CLEVELAND, Feb. 24 (AP)—Only one fight separates Jimmy Bivins from a pair of duration ring titles.

The dusky Clevelander, who is able to adjust his poundage for either the 175-pound or heavyweight divisions, annexed Matchmaker Larry Atkins' light heavy duration championship by decisioning Anton Christoforidis in a 15-rounder at the arena last night.

Bivins is listed for a Madison Square garden tussle March 12 with Tami Mauriello of New York. This match has been termed an effort on the part of Mike Jacobs to crown an interim heavyweight champion in the absence of Joe Louis. Bivins already owns one decision over Mauriello but the March 12 affair is for keeps.

The Clevelander's scrap last night with Christo the Greek, was a gruelling contest but was devoid of any knockdowns. Referee Jackie Davis and both judges agreed on the verdict which prompted a thunderous chorus of boos.

The Associated Press scorecard granted Bivins nine rounds, awarded Christo five and listed one, the first, as even.

Idaho Eyes War Limits On Athletics

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 24 (AP) The University of Idaho went on a "deemphasized" wartime athletic program with the announcement yesterday of the abandonment of spring football.

The drain of athletes into the armed forces, lack of equipment and preoccupation of athletic coaches with the physical fitness program were given as reasons for the move by George Greene, athletic director.

He also hinted that other spring sports probably would be "in for some forced changes."

The baseball schedule will go forward "as far as we know," said Greene, but he added he was expecting some action on the diamond sport from the Pacific coast conference.

Idaho's track schedule will be on an area basis, he said.

Wins Trophy

Marion Reginato of the Tik Tok cagers was selected as the outstanding player of the Victory league, and will receive the Matt Finnigan trophy.

Reginato to Get Victory Hoop Award

Marion Reginato was selected as the outstanding cager of the Victory league and will be rewarded with a trophy presented by Matt Finnigan.

Reginato played with the Tik Tok quintet and led in many games as high point man. The Tik Tok was edged out of the finals by the strong Junior Pelicans, 38-34.

Reginato played for the Klamath Pelicans during prep days and was selected on the all-state basketball team in his senior year at Salem.

Following his prep career, he played on the Oregon State Rook basketball team at Corvallis.

Bulldogs Top Whitman in Scoring Bee

SPOKANE, Feb. 24 (AP)—Gonzaga and Whitman basket tossers had eyes only for the hoop last night as the Bulldogs finally outran and outclassed the Missionaries to win 89-68 after the closest kind of a first-half battle.

Vic Ebaugh of Gonzaga kept the hoop rattling with 33 points, and Harlan Somerville bagged 23. Only one man on each of the starting fives failed to break into double figures. In the first half the teams were tied nine times and the lead switched frequently, with Gonzaga coming out on top at the half, 45-41.

Beavers Top Cougars for 51-35 Win

Washington State Invaders Must Win Last Oregon Tilts to Hold Husky Tie

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP) Washington State got off to an inauspicious start on its Oregon invasion, dropping a dismal decision 51-35 last night to Oregon State and the Cougars now must win their three remaining games in Oregon this week to come back across the Columbia in a tie with Washington, providing the Huskies get by Idaho Friday and Saturday.

Except for a second half flurry when it looked as though a really commendable rally might be in the offing, the Cougars were really never very much in last night's ball game. The Beavers quickly choked off that threat and went into a spurt of their own which completely eclipsed their opponents.

The host team never trailed and led 26-19 at half time. With eight minutes left in the second half Gail Bishop, Washington State's most effective performer last night, teamed with Frank Akins to cut the Beaver advantage from 10 points to 35-41. Then the Beavers uncorked a two minute rally that put them in the lead, 50-35. In the remaining minutes the only scoring was a free throw by Don Durdan. The victory put Oregon State 1½ games out of first place and retained for them a mathematical chance of repeating as champions.

Bishop did his best to keep the Cougars in the running, flipping in one-handers from every angle to lead the scoring with 18 points. Beck with 17 and Durdan with 12 led the winners.

The summary:

Oregon State	FG	FT	PF	TP
Cecil, F	4	2	0	10
Anderson, F	2	1	3	5
Taitt, F	2	0	1	4
Warren, C	1	1	2	3
Back, G	6	5	4	17
Durdan, G	3	6	0	12
Holman, G	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	15	10	51

Wash. State	FG	FT	PF	TP
Sheridan, F	3	1	2	[illegible]
Witt, F	2	2	1	6
Bishop, C	7	4	3	18
Mahan, G	0	0	3	0
Akins, G	2	0	3	4
O'Neill, G	0	0	3	0
Totals	14	7	15	35

Halftime score: Oregon State 26, Washington State 19.

Free throws missed: Oregon State, Durdan 2, Holman; Washington State, Sheridan, Witt, Mahan, O'Neill 2.

Officials: Piluso and Lee.

MILWAUKEE— Twelve Marquette football and basketball players and trackmen serve as night firemen in suburban Wauwatosa.

Rickey Says DiMag Best Ball Player

Yankee Clipper Praised by Dodger's Branch Rickey as Best All-Around Player

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 (AP) The greatest all-around player in baseball, says Branch Rickey, is the Yankee Clipper, Joseph P. Di Maggio.

That's high praise, coming as it does to an American leaguer from an eminent National league man. And if there is any better judge of baseball ability than Rickey, Mr. Sam Breadon of the St. Louis Cardinals would like to get in touch with him immediately.

Rickey's legerdemain in some of those winter trading sessions built quite a bankroll for Mr. Rickey himself and for Breadon, and more than made up for sparse attendance at Sportsman's park.

Branch really warmed up to his subject as he asked questions and answered them himself. "Who can outthrow Joe?" he queried. "Who can outfield him? Who outhit him, consistently and for distance? Why, nobody I ever saw. Some players excelled Di Maggio in some departments of the game. None, within my recollection, and it goes quite a while back, was better in all departments.

"In my lifetime I never saw a ball player superior to him, and that goes for Ty Cobb and all the other great ones.

"On any one day, against the same pitching, with the same ball, in the same park and under identical conditions, Di Maggio would outperform the best in my memory."

FIGHTS

By The Associated Press

CLEVELAND—Jimmy Bivins, 174, Cleveland, outpointed Anton Christoforidis, 169, Geneva, O., (15); Izzy Jannazo, 150, New York, outpointed Bobby Richardson, 151, Cleveland, (10).

ST. LOUIS—Chalky Wright, 130, Los Angeles, outpointed Joey Peralta, 135, Tampa, Fla., (10).

NEW YORK—Tami Mauriello, 169¾, New York, outpointed Vincent Pimpinella, 172¾, New York, (10).

Rasslin' vs. Jitsu Battle Flames High

By JERRY LISKA

EAST LANSING, Mich., Feb 24 (AP)—F. A. Collins, president of the American Wrestling Coaches association, threw another log on the wrestling versus jiu jitsu fire today and called for a "fair test" to show the relative merits of both in hand-to-hand combat training.

Collins, critical of the experiment in Chicago Monday which pitted a 60-year-old former professional wrestler against a 30-year-old American Japanese, said, "They certainly took advantage of an old man."

"Here we're fighting a war in which a man is considered unfit after 38, and somebody is trying to learn what a man of 60 can do in hand-to-hand combat against an Oriental opponent half his age."

Collins, who has coached Michigan State college to national collegiate runnerup honors for two years, asserted that the armed forces had dozens of former college or high school wrestling stars who could battle a jiu-jitsu artist to a standstill.

"As a matter of fact, American wrestlers always preferred meeting the Japs in Olympic competition just to debunk the judo myth."

BASKETBALL *Results*

EAST
Rhode Island State 37, New Hampshire 38.

SOUTH
Davidson 48, The Citadel 44.
Vanderbilt 66, Georgia 31.

MIDWEST
Notre Dame 64, Butler 32.
Kansas 52, Nebraska 33.

WEST
Southern California 53, California Tech 29.
Oregon State 51, Washington State 35.
College of Pacific 73, Mather Field 48.
Gonzaga 89, Whitman 68.

HIGH SCHOOL
Astoria 44, Newberg 25.
Beaverton 35, Tigard 22.
Tillamook 46, Salem 30.
Eugene 50, St. Mary's (Eugene) 23.
University (Eugene) 44, Cottage Grove 41.
Springfield 41, Junction City 40.
Franklin 33, Lincoln 27 (both Portland).
Grant 57, Sabin 15 (both Portland).
Roosevelt 41, Commerce 34 (both Portland).
Washington 36, Jefferson 31 (both Portland).

Wagner Celebrates 69th Birthday With Contract

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 24 (AP)—Honus Wagner, regarded by most baseball fans as the greatest shortstop of them all, reached his 69th birthday today and received his 32nd major league contract as coach of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"I may not be quite as spry today as I was 49 years ago when I went to my first training camp for Steubenville, O., but I'm still rearing to get started this spring," the flying Dutchman chuckled as congratulations poured in.

Ed Barrow, president of the New York Yankees must also be getting along in years, because Honus gave him credit for "discovering me." Barrow was a theater man then, but saw Wagner loping about on his now famous bow legs with the Warren, O., team of the Tri-state loop.

Barrow signed him and farmed him to the Paterson, N. J., club, from where in 1897 he was sold to Louisville in the National league. In 1900 the club was transferred to Pittsburgh by the late Barney Dreyfuss.

Wagner led the league in batting eight years and piled up many records that still stand, such as the one of stealing six bases in the 1909 world series against Detroit in which he far outstarred the then youthful Tyrus Raymond Cobb.

At 43 hours played through the 1917 season, his eighteenth straight with Pittsburgh.

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