Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—Thoughts while listening: Branch (two words for the price of one) Rickey is a well-named guy . . . You ought to hear how he can branch off on another subject after starting to answer a question . . . And if it takes as long to rebuild the Dodgers as to renovate their downtown offices, them bums won't be in the pennant race this year . . . What with Dolph Camilli's and Arky Vaughan's ranches, the farm that Rufus Melton bought (but can't tell where it's located) the Dodgers are having more farm troubles now than when they were operating a dozen minor league clubs . . . No wonder a scribe suggested they might settle their problems by putting victory gardens outside Ebbets field.

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QUOTE, UNQUOTE

Coast Guardsman Bill Shirley (ex-sportswriter and ball player): "The only good thing I can detect in the elimination of baseball is that it would keep the Phillies from winding up in the National league cellar. But, even then, the new proprietors of the club would no doubt be very glad to spend the summer in the cellar if it would aid the cause."

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ONE-MINUTE SPORTS PAGE

For sheet action, last night's Johnny Greco-Cleo Shans fight was the best we've seen this season, but we can't say they're the best fighters . . . As for Sal Bartolo-Pedro Hernandez, there was no pep, Willie or other, in that one.

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TODAY'S GUEST STAR

Frank B. Ward, Youngstown (O) Vindicator: "Since shoe leather is precious, those umpires who order players to take a walk may get in bad with the OPA."

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SERVICE DEPT.

A couple of guys who tried to get by Chief Boatswain's Mate Fred Hitchman's post carrying cameras should have known better. Any hockey player could have told them there never was a more reliable guy on a defense post than the hitcher . . . The Fort Monmouth, N. J., public relations office reports plenty of "big names" in the recent post "Golden Gloves" tourney entries included a Baer, a Simon, a Johnson and a Johnston—not to mention a Shakespeare and a Whitehouse from Washington, D. C.

Former Idaho Mentor Urges Sport Program

PORTLAND, Feb. 27 (AP) — Col. Theodore P. Bank, former University of Idaho football coach, now director of army athletic training, wants intercollegiate sports to continue.

"We want rugged men as developed by varsity play," Bank told an interviewer, "so the colleges and coaches shouldn't give up the ghost, although they are losing many key men to the services."

The Coast conference should split in two if necessary, he said.

"The main thing is to keep on playing. There is no reason why Washington, Washington State, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Oregon State can't work out a schedule, perhaps playing each other two or three times," Bank added.

GOBS HAVE BIGGEST POOL

GREAT LAKES — World's largest indoor swimming pool, accommodating 700, was opened at the naval training station.

"Swing Yo' Pardner!"

Al Grenert, left, of New York university appears to be swinging Nelson Bobb of Temple in adagio. As a matter of fact, they are scrambling for ball in game won by NYU, 61-47, at Garden.

Washington Tops League As Ducks Go Into Second With 47-45 Win Over WSC

By The Associated Press

Washington today is riding serenely atop the northern division race, following an easy 57-37 victory over Idaho at Seattle, which coupled with a narrow 47-45 victory by Oregon over Washington State, leaves the Huskies a full game in front of the pack.

Oregon's win over Washington State put the Webfoots in second place, and dropped the Cougars to fourth, a half game behind the idle Oregon State Beavers.

Washington can well be counted on to repeat against Idaho tonight and nothing that WSC and Oregon can do to each other at Eugene can much harm their position.

The Cougars can make something of a lost cause against Idaho in the final games for both teams, March 5 and 6, and Washington's biggest hurdle will be their final series with Oregon State the same dates at Seattle.

The WSC-Oregon tussle last night was a scorcher, with Don Kirsch pulling it out of the fire in the last seconds with a neat push-shot from the keyhole.

The Cougars took an early lead on a basket by Gail Bishop and held it until the last moments of the first half when Stan Williamson, freshman guard for Oregon, shifted in with a basket to give the Webfoots a 19-18 advantage.

Oregon started strongly in the second half but the Cougars pulled up and passed the Webfoot cagers at 29-27. Roger Wiley dropped in two free tosses to tie the count at this point and from then on Oregon was never behind, although Akins got the Cougars a tie with two free throws and a field goal with 55 seconds to play.

Then Bishop failed on a free throw try that would have put his team in the lead, and Kirsch evened matters by missing a one-hander from the corner for Oregon.

An Oregon interception gave the ball back to Kirsch as the clock ran out and this time he made good on another one-hander to put his team into second place.

Washington had things pretty much her own way against Idaho, grabbing an early lead and holding without trouble by adopting a slow pace new to the Huskies this season.

Washington held a 30-16 halftime lead, with Bill Morris accounting for eight of the Husky points. Morris went out early in the second half on fouls and Wally Leask, his running mate, took up the scoring burden, winding up with 14 points for high scoring honors.

The Vandals rallied briefly in the second half, scoring 12 points while the Huskies bagged but nine, but Washington promptly spurted for nine points in a row to make it 48-28 and sew up the game.

Summaries:

Wash.State	FG	FT	PF	TP
Bishop, F	5	4	2	14
O'Neil, F	2	1	1	5
Sheridan, C	3	0	3	6
Witt, G	7	1	2	15
Akins, G	1	3	1	5
Sundquist, F	0	0	2	0
Davison, F	0	0	2	0
Schoeff, G	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	9	13	45

Halftime score: Oregon 19, Washington State 18.

Free throws missed: Oregon, Taylor 2, Fuhrman, Wiley 3, Williamson; Washington State, Bishop 2, O'Neil, Sheridan, Witt, Akins 2.

Officials: Emil Piluso and Hal Lee.

Oregon	FG	FT	PF	TP
Taylor, F	2	0	2	4
Fuhrman, F	8	1	3	17
Wiley, C	1	2	2	4
Kirsch, G	4	1	0	9
Popick, G	1	0	0	2
Wren, F	1	0	3	2
Seeborg, F	1	1	1	3
Borrevik, C	0	0	0	0
Williamson, G	2	2	2	6
Totals	20	7	13	47

Ederle on Job

Gertrude Ederle, who in 1926 became first woman to swim English channel, checks instruments of trans-Atlantic flying boats in American Export Airlines' shop at LaGuardia field, New York. Trudy has brother in air corps.

Barney Ross Tells of Guadalcanal

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 27 (AP)—Barney Ross, the boxer turned marine who killed 22 Japs on Guadalcanal, wishes the American people "could know without having to go through it" what it takes to fight the war.

"I wish," Ross told a nationwide radio audience last night on the marines' "Halls of Montezuma" broadcast, "they could see their boys turned into killers—because they are fighting killers.

"I wish they could see their boys living in fox holes that are muddy, fighting land crabs, mosquitoes, malaria and dysentary in addition to the Japs; not changing their clothes for days and talking about home all the time they are fighting.

"You mothers, fathers and sisters who have sons and brothers in the armed service can be proud of those boys, and know that they are fighting their hearts out for you and their country."

Mrs. Ross attended the broadcast wearing a metal bracelet, a gift from her husband made from part of a Jap Zero plane. The couple will leave soon for Chicago to visit Ross' mother and brothers.

Malin to Battle Central Point At Medford

The Malin Mustangs left today for Medford to meet the Central Point outfit to decide who will play the Powers teams, winner of the Coos-Curry Douglas winner.

Malin won the B league tournament at Altamont and played the Sacred Heart Academy for the honor of playing Central Point.

Central Point is rated as one of the strongest team of the B leaguers and have the odds of beating Malin tonight.

Chiloquin was rated over Malin, but Malin upset them in the first game.

Joe La Clair, Malin coach, is anxious to win their game tonight so that he may have a chance to play Powers, his home town team.

TWO KNOCKOUTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27 (AP) Two knockouts featured a heavy slugging boxing card here last night.

In the main event Jimmy Garrison, 147, Kansas City, Mo., knocked out Powder Proctor, 157, Portland, in the 10th round.

In a semi-final young Otto was awarded a technical knockout over Al Ware, when Ware was forced to retire in the fifth round with a broken hand. Both are heavyweights.

PHI BETA KAPPA CAGER

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Missouri has the fourth Phi Beta Kappa letterman in its history in Ed Matheny, junior basketball forward of Kansas City.

NORFOLK SAILORS BEST

NORFOLK — Norfolk naval training station team's record—26 won and 1 lost—is the season's best to date anywhere on the basketball map.

BOWLING

CLASSIC LEAGUE

Bowling Wednesday night turned in some good scores with Melvin Robinson rolling high 3 game series with 622, Charley Booth was next with 585, Bill Davis third with 578 and Bill Martin getting 575. High single game was rolled by Bill Davis with 237, Robinson turned in a 225.

CLASSIC LEAGUE
Molatores

Martin	200	165	210	575
Brown	172	171	144	487
Clark	154	118	160	432
Edson	200	157	163	520
Driscoll	173	191	169	532
Handicap	66	66	66	198
Total	964	868	912	2744

Watters' Insurance

Bussman	165	123	146	434
Cherry	189	140	162	491
Victory	152	161	189	502
Haley	149	160	156	465
Booth	146	205	202	553
Handicap	81	81	81	243
Total	907	868	968	2741

Hardy's Man's Store

Robinson	198	199	225	622
Kiema	201	149	165	515
Lenen	178	169	186	533
Southwell	187	176	152	515
Bray	172	272	160	604
Handicap	41	41	41	123
Total	977	906	929	2812

Weyerhauser

Low	172	149	152	473
Low	178	169	160	507
Hickman	155	140	172	467
Potter	175	198	166	539
Strong	157	150	185	492
Handicap	62	62	62	179
Total	899	868	890	2857

Dick Reeders

Backes	135	172	160	467
DeLury	148	156	154	444
Hutchinson	148	164	162	474
Schendel	143	154	196	493
Ellis	168	169	172	509
Handicap	90	90	90	270
Total	832	945	916	2693

Bill Davis' Associated

Lavenik	199	182	157	538
Telford	181	147	159	487
Davis	237	145	196	578
Young	178	148	191	517
Cox	162	170	184	476
Handicap	68	68	68	204
Total	1017	860	925	2802

BOOSTER LEAGUE
Safeway Stores

Hutchinson	144	133	148	429
Severson	155	159	155	469
Driscoll	180	169	172	521
Griggs	190	191	149	530
Mandeville	163	129	109	401
Handicap	93	93	93	279
Total	909	913	826	2649

Coca-Cola

Gordon	105	142	136	381
Ryan	126	157	146	429
Durrell	124	155	122	401
Wolter	131	167	148	446
Barney	174	125	137	436
Handicap	159	159	159	477
Total	817	903	848	2570

Carter's Fine Foods

Carter	168	133	114	415
Graves	132	147	127	406
Wells	106	121	118	347
Bowne	115	117	143	375
R. Eastburn	201	124	146	471
Handicap	142	142	142	426
Total	866	784	790	2440

Klamath Machine & Locomotive Co.

Ellis	143	129	120	392
Jacobson	163	162	143	468
Kleiver	139	119	148	406
Morris	131	163	180	474
Dalmer	143	133	158	434
Handicap	93	93	93	279
Total	812	799	842	2453

Pepsi-Cola

Telford	134	124	155	413
Muskopf	124	136	147	407
Dillstrom	126	129	181	436
Arthur	158	124	164	426
Combs	191	156	146	493
Handicap	112	112	112	336
Total	825	783	905	2513

Pacific Fruit Co.

Speer	158	119	141	418
Peterson	159	148	158	465
Fogle	127	157	101	385
Tepper	120	189	120	429
Hazelwood	143	160	170	473
Handicap	117	117	117	351
Total	824	890	807	2521

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE
Superior Troy

Combs	170	185	145	470
Hutchinson	149	127	165	441
Johnson	174	139	175	488
Arthur	134	126	159	419
Telford	148	143	158	449
Handicap	104	104	104	312
Total	879	794	906	2579

Lamm Lumber Co.

Baxter	193	165	169	527
Putnam	149	167	186	452
Brown	140	172	223	535
Cox	129	157	158	444
Young	179	193	177	549
Handicap	76	76	76	228
Total	866	930	939	2735

Black and White Service

Ledbetter	112	148	123	383
Finley	179	134	115	428
Edson	180	179	190	549
Schulze	113	146	166	427
Low	162	133	156	451
Handicap	100	100	100	300
Total	846	842	850	2538

Knights Columbus

Pickett	145	116	142	403
Delury	153	153	136	442
Poppy	148	153	187	488
Clark	162	175	147	484
MacBeth	183	169	172	524
Handicap	93	93	93	235
Total	886	861	879	2626

Hibbs' Clothing

Smith	132	141	144	417
Shaffer	132	143	148	443
Powell	173	173	177	527
Wood	134	128	133	395
Huitt	172	177	136	585
Handicap	128	128	128	384
Total	803	892	886	2671

Elks Club

Booth	183	185	160	528
Cherry	161	193	160	517
Mullis	129	148	142	419
Martin	173	147	196	516
Driscoll	162	219	188	569
Handicap	61	61	61	183
Total	871	953	907	2734

Orres Tailors

Kilgore	152	171	185	508
McCormack	124	129	139	392
Hamilton	151	144	170	465
Thomas	234	146	182	562
Potter	201	188	147	536
Handicap	101	101	101	303
Total	963	879	924	2766

Lost River

Barthman	122	157	127	406
Pierce	112	99	112	323
Tucker	112	104	143	359
Lawrence	120	104	94	318
Davis	104	160	163	527
Handicap	157	157	157	471
Total	821	781	802	2404

John Greco May Fight Beau Jack

Ninteen-Year-Old Johnny Won Over Cleo Shans at Square Gardens Last Night

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—When you consider the red underwear and white whiskers, you can see at a glance that Santa Claus and Private Johnny Greco don't resemble each other even a little bit—except that they both get intot a place the same way.

Even six-year-old junior can tell you old St. Nick moves into a spot through the roof. And that's more or less the way Private Johnny, the brand new, rip-snorting sensation of the lightweights, has taken to get right up front and center in the punching picture—so front and center, as a matter of fact, that Promoter Mike Jacobs is talking today about hatching him with Beau Jack, the champ.

Nineteen-year-old Johnny's latest job of work around here was in whacking Cleo Shans considerably and roundly in 10 rounds of blood-and-thunder thumping in Madison Square garden last night. And he turned the trick in his first crack at the big time. He came right in through the top of the fight game—the garden.

Last night, Jacobs took a chance on him in the top spot in a card of "No Name" fighters. And today, Greco is not only being tabbed as the best young lightweight prospect to come down the pike in quite a piece, but more than a couple of bash boulevard elders figure he'll have more than a "prayer" to knock off the Beau if and when they collide.

Jim Collins Struck With Pneumonia

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 27 (AP) Jimmy Collins, one of baseball's greatest third basemen and manager of the 1903 Boston Red Sox—first team ever to win a world series, is critically ill of pneumonia in a Buffalo hospital.

Collins' physician said last night his chances of recovery are "very slight." Illness struck the 73-year-old revolutionzer of third base play only a short time after old-time fans renewed a movement to have his name placed in baseball's hall of fame at Cooperstown, N. Y. Nominated in 1935, he failed to receive sufficient votes.

BASKETBALL Results

EAST

Columbia 38, Yale 49.

SOUTH

Louisiana State 46, Alabama 41.
Tennessee 41, Vanderbilt 31.
Mississippi State 48, Georgia Tech 41.
Duke 43, North Carolina 24.

MIDWEST

Kansas 42, Oklahoma 33.

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma A & M 69, Drake 32.
Arkansas 53, Texas Christian 25.

WEST

Western Washington 67, Pacific Lutheran 40.
Oregon 47, Washington State 46.
Washington 57, Idaho 37.
Stanford 60, UCLA 41.
Portland 33, Pacific 27.
Oregon College of Education 51, Lewis and Clark 50 (overtime).

HIGH SCHOOL

Bend 36, Redmond 29.
Baker 44, Ontario 40.
Helix 38, Umatilla 26.
Odell 35, Arlington 34.
Eugene 38, Springfield 28.
Grants Pass 45, Roseburg 30.
Milwaukie 50, Salem 28.
Pendleton 53, Hood River 30.
Cottage Grove 41, St. Mary's (Eugene) 35.
Washington 35, Grant 34 (both Portland).
Roosevelt 39, Jefferson 35 (both Portland).

FIGHTS

By The Associated Press

DETROIT—Ray Robinson, 145, New York, outpointed Jake Lamotta, 160¾, New York, (10).

NEW YORK—Pvt. Johnny Greco, 135½, Montreal and Canadian army, outpointed Cleo Shans, 131½, Los Angeles (10); Sol Bartolo, 128½, Boston, outpointed Pedro Hernandez, 126¾, Puerto Rico (10).

PPORTLAND, Ore.—Jimmy Garrison, 147, Kansas City, knocked out Powder Proctor, 157, Portland (10).

KP for Soldier Joe Di Maggio

Wielding a big stick—at the stewpot—is Yankee star and former American league most valuable player, Joe Di Maggio, who was at the army reception center at Monterey, Calif., following his voluntary induction into the army at San Francisco.

Lanky Ray Robinson to Fight as---Pvt. Walker

DETROIT, Feb. 27 (AP) — Lanky Ray (Sugar) Robinson, probably the best fighter never to have won a championship, is ready to step into a real fight Tuesday as Pvt. Walker Smith of the U. S. army after wiping his slate clean with a decisive victory over tough Jacob La Motta, whom he spotted 15¾ pounds.

Robinson, the pride of New York's Harlem and uncrowned king of the welterweights, cleaned up on unfinished business as a champion should by getting off the floor to outpunch La Motta, the one-man riot from the Bronx, before 15,149 spectators who paid $60,710 at Olympia stadium last night. La Motta weighed 160¾.

The verdict received the unanimous support of Referee Sam Hennessy and the two judges, and it amply avenged Sugar Ray's only setback in a 132-fight career at La Motta's hands three weeks ago. Hennessy gave Robinson five rounds, La Motta three—including the seventh when he had Sugar boy on the deck for an eight-count — with two even. Neither judge gave La Motta more than two rounds.

In his dressing room, Robinson, a former Detroit newsboy who had beaten Jolting Jacob last fall in New York, just bubbled all over with elation. Many customers roundly booed the verdict, probably because La Motta had gathered a huge personal following here, but Robinson didn't seem to mind.

La Motta, drawing on superior weight, grew stronger as the fight progressed, and in the seventh he dropped Robinson in his own corner with a straight left. Sugar Ray took the count calmly and after the intermission seized the initiative in the last three heats.

Going into the army, Robinson's record reads: 131 victories, 95 by knockouts, and one defeat. That will do until something better comes along.

Northern Divsion Northern Division Held in Pullman

PULLMAN, Feb. 27 (AP)—Finals of the northern division swimming tournament will be held here today, with Oregon and Washington universities having qualified men for all but four of the 30 places in the five-event semi-finals yesterday.

Oregon and Washington each claimed 13 places.

Oregon State qualified three, Washington State one and Idaho none.

Irrespective of yesterday's results, each team will be allowed an entry in the finals of the backstroke, medley, relay and diving events, since no qualifying runs were staged in these brackets.

SOS for Ball Players, Phils Campaigning

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27 (AP) An SOS for ball-players—any who are free agents and are not 1-A in the draft—went out from the Philadelphia Phils office today, the first move in new owner Bill Cox's campaign to rebuild the National league's weakest team.

The club's manager, Bucky Harris, issued a blanket invitation to all eligible men with either major or minor league experience—he excluded sandlotters—asking them to call at his office here before the team leaves March 21 for spring training at Hershey, Pa.

"If they are good enough, their expenses will be paid," he said. "And some may even be permitted to come to Hershey and work with us to show what they can do."

Harris said he was extending the bid because so many minor leagues have folded for the duration. Baseball Commissioner Landis has held that franchises in these leagues are frozen, but the players have been ruled free agents.

Drowning---It's Wonderful

Twins Marian, left, and Virginia Hopkins, 21, holders of national aquatic championships, are double guarantees of safety to swimmers in Beverly Hills, Calif., pool, where they are lifeguards.

Oregon Prep Hoop Race Near Climax

Playoff Scheduled in Districts; Malin to Play Central Point

By MATT KRAMER
Associated Press Staff Writer

Oregon high school basketball play neared its annual climax today with playoffs scheduled in almost every district.

Baker, strong eastern Oregon contestant, can win the district 1 title, and the right to enter the state tournament, with a victory over Ontario tonight. On the strength of foul line accuracy Baker won the first game with Ontario last night, 44-40. Baker trailed in the first quarter, 16-12, but went ahead at the half, 28-23. Burgher, Ontario long shot specialist, scored 19 points, followed by Sower of Baker with 15.

In district 2 Pendleton defeated Hood River, 33-30, and could gain the finals, scheduled at The Dalles next week, with another win tonight. In the same district Bend downed Redmond, 36-29, in a playoff billed to determine the other finalist. This is in dispute, however, by Prineville, winner of the central Oregon title in season play. Prineville refused to enter the playoff, and protested to the State Athletic association.

Eugene advanced to the finals of district 6 with a 38-28 win over Springfield, the 21st victory for the Axemen.

Grants Pass nosed out winner in the closely contested district 7 race, downing Roseburg, 45-39, to gain entry to the finals, scheduled for Ashland next week.

In other games Milwaukie won the no name league northern division title with a 50-28 victory over Salem, and Franklin won its 16th straight game, a 45-10 decision over Sabin, to become the second team ever to win the Portland city title without defeat.

In B league play Odell and Helix clash tonight in the finals of the eastern Oregon tournament. Odell eliminated Arlington, 35-34, and Helix downed Umatilla, 36-26 last night.

In southern Oregon Central Point of Jackson county will meet Malin of Klamath county at Medford tonight for the right to enter the finals against Powers, the Coos-Curry-Douglas winner.

Southern Cal Takes South Conference

PALO ALTO, Calif., Feb. 27 (AP)—The University of Southern California won the southern division Pacific Coast conference basketball championship last night because Stanford beat UCLA.

The Uclans had a bare mathematical chance of tieing with the Trojans in first place until Stanford upset it with a 60 to 41 victory. The win put the Indians in a good position to knock UCLA out of second place in the final standings.

UCLA led 24 to 21 in at half time, but was completely overwhelmed in the second half.

The Bruins' mathematical chance for a tie meant they would have had to beat Stanford last night, California tonight and USC twice next week.

PORTLAND WINS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27 (AP) Portland university downed Pacific 33-27 in a basketball game here last night to take a three to one decision in the annual series between the two teams.

SCHENECTADY — Bob , Pastor, retired heavyweight contender, works in war industry here, referees bouts between workers.

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