

From Midfield

By FRANK CALISE

District 7 tourney will be played in Ashland March 5-6. We know that. But to tell you who plays who and what is what—it is too early yet to untangle the mixup. Klamath Falls is the fourth entry. We know that, too.

The district meet shall have four entries and the winner and the runner-up shall have a crack at the state title which is to be held in Salem.

In the Coos county area the tournament went something like this. Coquille and Myrtle Point played the first game with Coquille losing. Then Marshfield battled with North Bend and lost. This left North Bend and Myrtle Point to fight it out for the winner. North Bend won. Marshfield and Coquille played for third and fourth. Marshfield was crowned third and Coquille was out.

Now the winner and the runner-up shall play the winner and runner-up from district two, which is Grants Pass and Medford, for a tourney berth.

Wayne Scott is having his boys out every night for practice and giving them all of the pointers on how to play in a tournament. Scott will leave the latter part of the week with his team and venture over the hill and into Ashland's green valley.

When the county B league played at Altamont a couple of weeks ago, Chiloquin drew two games in one day and Malin drew a bye and only one game in the evening with Chiloquin, because of the nine uneven teams.

In the first games Chiloquin walloped Bly and then rested up to take on the strong Malin outfit. Chiloquin lost to the fresh Malin team by only a small margin of three points. But nevertheless, tossed Chiloquin out of the running. Malin went on to win the tournament but lost the first outside game with Central Point mostly for the reason they had no tournament experience.

Members of Chiloquin's team have that experience and possibly could have taken Central Point and started for the state hoop title. La Clair, Malin coach, claims that any of the upper four teams that participated in the B league tournament could have won over Central Point. La Clair's outstanding man on the mapwood is in George Drasil. Drasil usually never fails to bring home the points and plenty of them, too. But this time La Clair said that even when he was wide open and nobody around him he would fall down as if he were stiff as a board. Drasil showed a little improvement in the last quarter, but he only made one free throw to complete his one total point.

After basketball season comes the other sports such as track and baseball. It won't be long before local teams will be getting together on fields and have a few fast innings of baseball. Track will soon begin to take place and the champions in the making will get into shape. Such as Jim Bocchi in the high jump affair for Klamath Union, and lanky Gordon McKay tossing the discus and running the relay for Henley high school.

We bade farewell to Ursal Snapp last night. Snapp will be in San Francisco and will venture to Lincoln, Neb., as Cadet Snapp. This makes Mrs. Snapp a four star mother. Ursal was the fourth to leave and now Charles, who is around the 18 mark, is making plans to leave, too. Mrs. Snapp will soon be a proud mother of five stars, and all of them are athletes. Charles played for the Merrill Huskies and will graduate soon out of high school. Hats off to the Snapps!

A call from Dave Bridge reveals that he is adding progress to the new boys' club. The main purpose of the club is to stress physical fitness for the young boys of Klamath Falls. And the way things are panning out Dave Bridge is doing it the right way. In his other boys' club, Dave only had a couple of pool tables, a table tennis and a reading room. The boys all went for it in a big way and if this plan of Dave's goes through, Dave Bridge will really be respected by the community.

Boxing will be promoted and so will wrestling. Mats are on their way to Klamath Falls for the wrestlers and tumbling will be added to the program. Basketball will be played all season, too. Weight lifting will be featured for the boys. Dave claims that weight lifting will be one of the most important body builder exercises.

Punching bags will be added for the boxers, pool tables will be there, badminton, volleyball, hand ball and many things as such will be set up in the new location for the physical fitness program to be.

Another thing Dave stressed was baseball for the youngsters. They have the lot at Mills addition and it should take form soon. The age will be about the same as participated with the Victory league basketball team. Soft and hard ball will both be played.

Shotguns Was the Question

Have you any shotguns? The army wanted to know this. The drive is over in Klamath Falls. Rex Hiatt said that 67 mighty good guns were turned in by loyal sportsmen. Although they hated to turn them in, they did anyhow. Hiatt took them over to Medford yesterday, and they were really pleased at the cooperation of the sportsmen. If the drive had been sooner they would have expected more. Hiatt would take more guns in now, but Medford won't take any more and he has had to turn them down as badly as he hates to.

Football to Be

There still is an argument on what the football enthusiast will do for next year. Anse Cornell, publicity man for the University of Oregon, claims that they will pick on the freshmen to give the public a show. It will be a lighter team than usual but it will serve the purpose. They are talking very strongly on calling the army reserve and only the brilliant heads will be left on the campus. Maybe a few good gridiron men will be left, too.

There will be more service teams next year than this year, but the service men don't get the practice on the gridiron that the college men do, because they have to do most of it in their spare time.

Talking to Tex Oliver last fall in Portland and he reported that most of his cadets had to make up all time lost traveling and the ensigns and other officers taught classes besides putting their extra time on the field.

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Malin turned the heat on to overpower the Chiloquin quintet in a fray at the Altamont junior high school recently to win the trophy for the Klamath county B league championship. In the back row, left to right, Joe La Clair, coach, Spolek, C. Duncan, Drasil and Lee Petrasek, manager. In the front row, left to right, Ottoman, Woodley, K. Duncan and Irvine.



First National Bank team ran over the Junior Pelicans for the Victory league championship. Members of the championship team are as follows: In the back row, left to right, Cline, Bishop, Mayfield and Patske. In the front row, left to right, Hunter and Foulan.

War Breeds Fighters; Army Needs Boxing

Good Fighters Mean Fans and Quality and Quantity Spell Boom

By BILLY ROCHE
Famous Referee and Manager
War means fight and fight means fighters.

With the knockout of Hitler and Hirohito boxing can't miss enjoying the boom it experienced following World War I.

Again millions of kids are having gloves laced on their hands for the first time. Many of them will like boxing and take a whirl at it professionally. Fine prospects are now getting the idea, as did Gene Tunney, for example, the first trip.

Good fighters mean fans, and quality and quantity and demand live up any business.

I'd like to see the government supervise boxing when the last shot has been fired. The army could well take it over, and use it for recruiting purposes.

The national guard will have to be rebuilt, and I speak from experience when I say boxing was one of its biggest assets when I put the sport in New York armories as the Walker law went into effect in 1920.

Soon there were a dozen armories depending on boxing as a stimulus for enlistments and to provide athletic and recreation funds. A boy had to join up and drill regularly to be eligible.

Paul Berlenbach, who went on to the light-heavyweight leadership, and Joe Glick, lightweight, were among topnotchers who came out of New York armories.

I found it necessary to drop out a year or so after establishing army boxing, and it wasn't long until the game was suffering from its usual ailment—shenanigans.

It was so successful, however, that it was not quietly dropped until 1936.

WAR AND MONOPOLY

There are only seven clubs operating under the New York Boxing commission at the moment, where there once were 24. There has been a proportionate decline throughout the country.

The war may be given as a reason for this. No sport has contributed as high a percentage proportionately to the military.

Boxers start in their teens, so are caught in the draft before the window is opened.

War isn't alone responsible for the scant number of clubs throughout the nation, however, for the condition existed before selective service went into effect.

Promoter Mike Jacobs' monopoly hasn't exactly been a tonic. Tying up stars, Jacobs made it impossible for many major clubs outside of New York to operate. He even went out of his way to block their matches. Small clubs, the incubators of boxing, go out with the big ones.

Managers have outsmarted themselves, too. Handlers of preliminary boys have in later years

demanding what famous fighters once were paid.

That is another reason why the flood of talent will be welcome following the war. Youngsters eager to make names for themselves won't quibble about terms and one promoter will not be able to accommodate all of them.

ENTERTAIN THEMSELVES

A tip for the USO. Give the boys boxing equipment and less show business and dancing. Give them the equipment and they'll entertain themselves.

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The Germans, who knew nothing of boxing then, would stand in the background, and say: "Look at them. The war is over and they're still fighting."

There were lifting weights in every German beer garden, and our kids would stand around there, and remark: "Look at those crazy Heinies breaking their backs."

Undefeated Astoria in Spotlight

By The Associated Press
Pendleton and Bend advanced Monday night in continuing high school basketball playoffs that will see undefeated Astoria, the defending Oregon champion, take over the spotlight in tonight's games.

The Fishermen, winners of 17 consecutive games, can become the first team to win entry to the state tournament by defeating Newberg at Astoria. The Astorians won the first district 5 playoff game, 44-25.

In district 2, Pendleton nosed out Hood River, 35-33, to reach the finals. Hood River held a six-point lead through most of the game, but lost three men on fouls in the third quarter and faded in the closing minutes. Bend eliminated Redmond, 38-35, to qualify for a contest against Prineville tonight for the right to meet Pendleton in the finals.

Two other games are scheduled tonight.

St. Helens will travel to Beaverton for the first game of the district 3 finals, and Myrtle Point will journey to Medford to compete for a berth in the district 7 tournament, which opens at Ashland Friday.

Oregon Sport Notes

The northern division of the Pacific Coast Baseball conference, if it operates this spring, ain't gonna be the same without Washington State's Buck Bailey. Bellowing Bailey has gone into the services and turned his work over to Jack Friel, the Cougar's basketball coach. Friel is a mild chap who keeps his feelings under his skin whereas Buck broadcast his every emotion with gestures.

Bailey sort of ran to tradition of WSC coaches—Friel being the principal exception. His sideline exhibitions were recognized as something very special in baseball sideshows and it will be strange to have Washington State baseball attention confined to the diamond itself.

Consistent followers of the division baseball races say Bailey's outbursts compared very favorably with Coach Babe Holmberg's sashays along the gridiron sideline—and Babe can play the emotional scale a couple octaves above high C.

Bailey's withdrawal leaves Tubby Graves of Washington as the only top-flight sideline in the league and Tubby never really was in Buck's class.

The mid-season loss of Don Durdan to Oregon State baseball by illness and injury grows larger daily.

With Durdan—and Erland Anderson—in drydock, Oregon State dropped three out of its four-games on the inland empire trip—including a humiliation loss to Idaho, the only victory for the Vandals this year in the conference. If even that one could have been salvaged the Beavers could enter the final series with Washington next weekend on even footing. As it is, they must win two from the high-powered Huskies on the Washington floor to get a tie.

The experience of the University of Oregon this year doesn't add much emphasis to a favorite theme in college sports—that sophomores are too uncertain, unseasoned and inexperienced for varsity play.

Coach Howard Hobson fashioned three-fifths of his team not from sophomores—but from freshmen (the lid being off) and was in the fight for the flag all the way.

If your dealer is out for the duration, advertise for a used one in the want-ads.

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Track Season Sure for Pelicans; Runners Busy

Canal Bank Furnishes Dry Ground For Activity; Pentathlon Planned

Klamath Union high school's spring track got underway Monday evening when a score of men turned out in response to Coach Paul Deller's call for milers, half-milers and quarter-milers.

These lads, running up and down the dry road on top of the canal bank near the high school, provided the final answer as to whether the war was going to stop this year's track program. KUHS is going to have track, and Coach Deller is working along several lines to provide ample competition for the season.

The canal bank was chosen as a temporary track because the Modoc field oval is still pretty wet.

Coach Deller expressed himself as well satisfied with the first day's turnout. Armed forces have cut his supply of veterans, but some of the experienced men are back, including Jim Bocchi, state champion high jumper.

Coach Deller said transportation difficulties may prevent the Pelican tracksters from going out of the basin, but one way or another, competitive events will be arranged. Decision as to state track meets, such as the Hayward relays, will be made at a meeting at the state basketball tourney in Salem.

Deller has served notice the Pelicans will enter the quadrangular met to be held in late April. Teams in this event will be Ashland, Grants Pass, Medford and Klamath Falls. Klamath also will enter the district meet at Medford about May 10.

The regular meet will be held here, but it may be confined pretty much to teams in the county or the Klamath basin.

Paul has a new idea for this year—a pentathlon. This will be a 5-event meet, and each entrant must finish every event for his score to qualify. Competition will be for individual and team honors.

Deller is organizing a B track squad, and working with the Jun-

ior high school tracksters to provide activity for the youngsters.

Track, said Deller, will start full blast at the Pelican institution on March 22. Current activities, he said, are in the nature of preliminaries.

Faulkerson Loses to Volk in Amateur Go

PORTLAND, March 2 (AP)—Bobby Volk of the Portland Multnomah club won the feature bout of the Rambler club amateur smoker here last night from Ed Faulkerson of the Pendleton air base. He scored a knockdown in the second round.

Denny Quinn of Eugene won a slugging match with Wayne Riggins of Minnesota but Riggins, although defeated, won a diamond ring trophy for the best performance of the evening.

Spring Drill Slated For Washington Soon

SEATTLE, March 2 (AP)—Coach Ralph (Pest) Welch called on University of Washington football men to report Monday, March 29, for six weeks of spring drill.

"The manpower situation, as it affects college football next fall, is a question no one can answer at the moment," he said. "Therefore I figure we can be on the safe side by holding spring drills as planned."

Both Washington State college and the University of Idaho have called off spring training.

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Pelicans Assured Hoop Berth

Klamath Falls, Grants Pass and North Bend Are Assured Tourney Berth

GRANTS PASS, March 2 (Special)—When Grants Pass won both Friday's and Saturday's game from Roseburg high school the Cavemen not only won the Southern Oregon conference basketball championship for the first time in history, but they also handed second-place in the conference race to Medford high school, which beat Ashland on Friday night, 34 to 30.

According to plans for the newly-formed district 7, Medford will meet Myrtle Point, runner-up in the Coos Bay league tournament, in a playoff game March 2 to determine which team is to enter the tournament to be held on the Southern Oregon College of Education floor at Ashland, March 5 and 6.

The three teams that are already slated to enter the Ashland tournament are Klamath Falls, Grants Pass and North Bend, each team being the winner of the old district which they represent.

The finalists will meet Saturday night to vie for the right to be the southern Oregon entry in the state tournament at Salem, March 11, 12 and 13. The two losers in the Friday games will play the preliminary game Saturday night for third place in the district 7 tournament.

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