

From Midfield

By FRANK CALISE

Wesley Guderian, the former author of this column, bade us all farewell with a brand new suitcase in his hand and shed a few tears last week as he turned his desk over to yours truly. We didn't hear from Wes until Saturday when he walked back into the office. He felt so bad being away that he began tinkering with a typewriter. Wes is now employed by the News and Herald and it probably will take an overdose of dynamite to remove him.

WILDCAT SITUATION
Last year Frank Ramsey took his Corvallis team to the state tournament in Salem and came out with a second spot. And last fall Ramsey took the Pelicans to win the state championship. This is Ramsey's first year coaching at the Klamath high school and he took over the Wildcats for the first time to run twenty games with them and fall down in only three of them. He was glad to handle a cage team again.

The Wildcats played all of the county schools twice with the exception of Keno. They played them twice here and then ventured to Keno's small gym where they met with defeat by one point.

They lost to Chiloquin in the first game but came back to win over them in the second try. The First National quintet came in to knock the Wildcats down for the third and final defeat of the season with 30-24 score.

They traveled around and about playing Dorris and Tulelake in California, and beating them easily. Ashland B squad was beaten too, as was the Sacred Heart academy.

Eastman led with scoring honors for the complete season with 156 points. Silva came in next with 119 points. Schortgen third, with 105. The two guards came in, Ringsted with 76 and Perkins for 63 tallies.

Substitutes included Biehn, Palmer, Ellis, Rainwater, Besionetti, DeMain, Noel, Anchor, Macarbie, and White. The points were distributed evenly among them.

The Wildcats were mostly made up of sophomores except Silva and Palmer. Silva is a junior and Palmer is a freshman. Ramsey adds that Palmer is about the best prospect he has seen in the freshman class for sometime and should blossom out to be a peach of a player by the time he is a junior.

The local Wildcats pulled in 652 points to their 447, which makes an average of 33.8 tallies for the season against their 22.3 for the opponents.

Fouls committed were 165 and the average per game was down to a low eight.

Schortgen answered the roll call to the roughest cager with the total of 39 fouls and was ejected out of three games. Eastman came in second with 37 and tossed to the showers twice. Perkins committed 24 and out of games twice. Orchids went to Silva with only 10 and never was ejected on the foul rule. The rest of the fouls were distributed among the rest of the cagers.

Schortgen and Eastman were exceptionally good on the backboard and this may explain the number of fouls on them.

Out of the group, Ramsey predicted, that about eight players will be of use to the Pelican squad.

MAX MARVIN

Max Marvin did such a fine job handling the B league tournament held at Altamont that he was requested to take charge of the County B school track meet to be held around May 1. At the same time Paul Dellar, Klamath Union high school track coach, invited the B schools to a track meet and pentathlon meet to be held this spring. Dellar stated that a few schools outside Klamath county would be invited due to travel restrictions.

Count Fleet Tops 69th Running Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 8 (AP)—Count Fleet, Ocean Wave and Blue Swords head a list of 110 top three-year-old thoroughbreds nominated for the 69th running of the \$75,000 added Kentucky derby here May 1.

The list for the mile and quarter race, well under the 150 nominated last year, was made public today by Churchill Downs.

Sailor Cagers Take Inland Empire Tourney

SPOKANE, March 8 (AP)—A team of sailors representing the Couer d'Alene, Idaho USO defeated the Ephrata air base cagers 69-53 Saturday night to win the title in the inland empire service men's basketball tournament.

Fort George Wright's bombers won third place by defeating the Gonzaga pre-flight cadets 59-51. In earlier games Ephrata upset the favored bombers 55-53 while the Couer d'Alene USO defeated the cadets, 75-43.

Six Lettermen to Start Baseball Year for Cougars

PULLMAN, March 8 (AP)—With six lettermen as a nucleus, Coach Jack Friel has called the first Washington State baseball tournament for today. Friel said a number of newcomers will be available to boost the Cougar diamond stock. The season's opening games will be against Whitman April 2 and 3. The first conference games will be against Washington April 16 and 17 in Seattle. Friel said he expected to arrange practice games with the Seattle Rainiers who will train at Lewiston, Idaho.

Bobby Jones Upped From Captain to Major in Air Corps

ATLANTA, March 8 (AP)—Bobby Jones, who won 13 national golf championships, is now Major Robert Tyre Jones of the U. S. Army. Major Jones' father, Robert P. Jones of Atlanta, has been informed of the golfer's promotion from rank of captain to major. Major Jones, commissioned a captain in the army air corps last June, is connected with the first fighter command in New York.

It is exceptional to find birds one mile above the earth, and only a few are found at 3000 feet, according to aviators.

PELICANS EDGE NORTH BEND QUINT, 34-33

Bocchi Scores 10 Points in Third Quarter; Ding Dong Battle

Huskies To Make Plans For Trojans

Washington Will Meet the University of Southern California for Hoop Race

SEATTLE, March 8 (AP)—The University of Washington basketball team turned to preparations for its series this weekend for the Pacific coast conference basketball championship with the University of Southern California, and to the watching of Guard Bill Morris' injured knee. Morris was hurt in the first minute of play Saturday night as Washington completed its northern division coast conference schedule with a 44-35 victory over Oregon State. By winning from the same club Friday, the Huskies had clinched the title and the game only served to end the season.

Coach Hec Edmundson expected to know by tonight whether Morris pulled a ligament in his knee or simply strained it. If it is the former, the second high scorer of the northern division and the sparkplug of the Husky squad may be on the bench when Washington and Southern California tangle in their crucial games Friday and Saturday night.

Morris wound up the season with 180 points, only 12 points below the former northern division record of 192 held by Ray Turner of Idaho, but completely "off the beam" when compared with the 224 points racked up by Gail Bishop of Washington State, which also completed its schedule Saturday night, defeating Idaho, 63 to 31.

With the season scoring record already tacked away, Bishop ran wild against Idaho in the final game to score 23 points and boost his mark to 32 points over the previous high.

WSC led Idaho 29-16 at the half and never was in danger at any point.

The Washington-Oregon State game, with both teams suffering a let down from the previous night's title-deciding fray, was a ragged, wild-passing affair with only the Washington defense holding together. Washington led 16 to 12 at the half.

LOS ANGELES, March 8 (AP)—The University of Southern California basketball team, with seven victories out of eight starts in the southern division competition, leaves tomorrow for Seattle in search of the Pacific coast conference championship.

Coach Ernie Holbrook said his squad plans to practice Wednesday in San Francisco and Thursday in Seattle, where the Trojans will meet Washington University's northern division winners Friday.

A second game with Washington will be played Saturday, and if the teams divide these wins, a title playoff will follow Monday. This will be USC's eleventh appearance in the championship series and its fourth contest with Washington's Huskies.

EONS Meet Illinois in Tournament

KANSAS CITY, March 8 (AP)—Eastern Washington College of Education, Cheney, will run up against a tourney favorite, Valparaiso (Ind.) university tomorrow morning in a first round match in the sixth annual national intercollegiate basketball tournament here.

Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande, will meet Illinois Wesleyan tomorrow afternoon in its first round match.

Eight games will be played today and eight Tuesday, cutting the 32-team field in half. Finals will be played Saturday.

Hamline college, St. Paul, Minn., is the defending champion, and included among the favored teams is Pepperdine college of Los Angeles, victor over Southern California, Pacific coast conference, southern division, title winner.

Portland Beavers Sign Eleventh Pitcher Saturday

PORTLAND, March 8 (AP)—The Portland Beavers of the Coast Baseball league signed their 11th pitcher Saturday, William A. Herring, a righthander. Business Manager William Klepper said Herring was a playing manager for two years in the Piedmont league, and formerly pitched for Montreal and St. Paul.

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Art in Self Defense



Jewel Lubin, tosser, works out a bit of jujitsu with Judy Roth as women students learn self defense at City college of New York.

Oregon Sport Notes

By FRED HAMPSON

Since undefeated basketball teams are pretty much in the same category as the dodo bird—extinct—we asked Bob Lucas of the Astorian Budget for his thoughts about the current Astoria high quintet. The Fishermen have just performed that minor miracle of sports—completed a season (up to the state tournament) without losing a game.

Bob played basketball at OSC and views the game with a tutored eye. He says: "Personally I don't think anything in Oregon can beat these kids, unless they're caught short on regulars or terribly off."

Even allowing for a slight prejudice and pride in the home club, that's a strong warning to the other hopefuls who will gather shortly in Salem for the state tournament.

Lucas elaborates: "Astoria's team came along slow, starting practice late. It was hampered in the late season by sickness which may have a telling effect at the tournament. It would be at a disadvantage against a really tall team, but it is the finest defensive team I've ever seen. The boys scored 603 points, 39.06 per game to 398 for their opponents for a 22.1 average."

"You will note that Longview was the only team to make more than 30 points against Astoria."

"Our fans here in Astoria believe the boys will win at Salem, although Coach Wally Palmberg will enter the armed service at 6:30 p. m. on the tournament's final night. We think that if the Fishermen play to the finals they'll be a cinch—the boys will be playing for their beloved coach absent. You know how kids will fight in a situation like that."

We also asked Bob to recapitulate the Astorians' glory season and he writes: "Astoria defeated Naselle 27-20; Ilwaco 32-21; Camp Clatsop 46-14; Longview 51-22; Salem 26-17, 26-21, 25-22 and 26-17; Seaside 42-16; Ilwaco 26-22; Marshfield 27-21 and 24-22; Tillamook 38-28 and 26-23; Naselle 33-28; Longview 44-41; Newberg 44-25 and 30-18."

This may strike you as something of a record for close decisions without a defeat. Only nine of the 18 games were by margins that might be considered comfortable while seven games were nip-and-tuck victories.

Bob continues: "Clifford Crandall, tall, slender senior, only holdover regular from the 1942 champions, is the leading scorer with 160 points in 16 games. He was out of the two district championship games against Newberg with mumps and still is not practicing. He may have difficulty getting in proper shape for the tournament. Crandall is deceptive, loose-jointed, a good close-in shot, one of the cleverest all-around men ever seen here."

"Ken Seeborg scored 116 points in 18 games. He is a brother of Oregon's Roy, a good-

Gail Bishop Leads With New Score

Huskie Cager Picks Up 24 Points With Vandals To Up Lead to 224 Points

By The Associated Press
Gail Bishop of Washington State left northern division basketballers something to shoot at in future seasons with his new scoring record of 224, completed Saturday night on a flourishing 23 points against the University of Idaho. Bishop's last two-game performances led him miles ahead of the field. Washington's Bill Morris is in second place with 180.

Bishop's 95 field goals also constitute a record in that department. Lew Beck of Oregon State hit 52 out of 64 free throw tries for the best average in that department, and Bob Ryan of Idaho committed the most fouls, 45.

Every member of the Washington starting five, division champions, landed in the first 10, Wally Leask and Doug Ford being tied for the ninth spot. The leaders:

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Bishop, WSC	95	34	30	224
Morris, Wash.	71	38	42	180
Beck, OSC	62	52	28	176
Quinn, Idaho	71	26	31	168
Gilmur, Wash.	54	27	31	135
Gilbertson, Wash.	54	17	38	125
J. Ryan, Ida.	46	28	36	120
Akins, WSC	50	20	41	120
Sheridan, WSC	51	16	33	118
Ford, Wash.	51	8	18	110
Leask, Wash.	48	14	18	110
Wiley, Ore.	42	25	27	109

Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, March 8 (AP)—No matter what the ball players may think of training north of the Eastman-Landis line, there may be good news for the club owners who usually keep their fountain pens filled with red ink until the season starts. . . . Detroit's Jack Zeller, who first advocated northern conditioning, has figured out that the Tigers may break even on training expenses for the first time since 1929, when they took down a \$12,000 guarantee from Phoenix, Ariz. . . . That'll give you an idea how your favorite club should make out.

MONDAY MATINEE
Fritzie Zivic is applying for a patent on an aircooling device for pipe stems. . . . He should have had one ready to cool off Beau Jack Friday. . . . Tom Todd, Virginia's IC4A hurdling champion, has a freshman brother, Bartlett, who's supposed to be just as fast over the sticks. . . . Ramona Allen, the 15-year-old Oakland, Calif., girl who is bidding for the national figure skating title, was aboard the liner Athena when it was torpedoed and got away on one of the last lifeboats to leave the ship. . . . Week's biggest headache belongs to the NCAA basketball committee, which has three possible tournament winners, Illinois, Notre Dame and Indiana, in one district and none at all in another sector since Creighton chose the invitation tourney.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR
Alex Schullis, Seattle Times' "Waiter (Dutch) Reuther was announced as manager of the Lake Washington shipyard's baseball team, but oddly he's shopping 'round for another job. . . . The tossers are likely to discover that shipyard baseball here is incidental to shipbuilding, and not vice versa."

SERVICE DEPT.
Bob McLeod, former Dartmouth and Chicago Bears' back who led the first marine fighter squadron into Guadalcanal, has just reported to Pensacola as an instructor after two weeks of tennis and golf at the Florida estate of his old coach, Jess Hawley. . . . The only damage he suffered was losing a couple of ounces of flesh off one thigh in a collision between two jeeps.

Klamath Wins District Title for State Right

Bocchi, Welch and Cox Voted to All Star Team; Foster on Second

The Pelicans will see action at the annual prep tournament at Salem this weekend after edging out the powerful North Bend outfit 34-33 in Ashland Saturday night for the district crown and the right to Salem.

It was a close ballgame all the way with the Pelicans grasping an early lead, 7-1, but found themselves trailing 10-7 in the first quarter. From there, until work and ended knotted up 16-16.

In the third quarter Bocchi began his scoring spree to add up 10 tallies for his name in the third period to bring his team five points ahead at the end of the quarter 29-24.

With only two minutes to go Klamath was ahead on the hardwood, 34-33.

The Klamath cagers held on desperately to the ball with only a one point lead until the final second when North Bend grabbed the casaba and the bell rang.

The schedule, delayed because of the many changes brought about by the war, shows that the teams will make only three trips around the circuit in contrast to the four which have been common in recent years and that inter-sectional opponents will be met on holidays and at the season's close.

April 21 is the opening date and the campaign will end on October 3. Both are a week later than customary because of northern spring training.

Opening games find the New York Giants at Brooklyn, Philadelphia at Boston, Pittsburgh at Chicago and the Cardinals at Cincinnati.

The exchange of titles—Ohio State had been defending track champion—occurred here over the weekend as Big Ten teams in four sports—track, swimming, wrestling and fencing—vied for conference honors.

Michigan's trackmen scored 10 of 12 events and collected a record breaking total of 53 1/2 points in winning their eighth indoor crown in the last 10 years.

In the swimming meet, records fell four times with Keo Nakama of Ohio State getting two of them as the Buckeyes nosed out Michigan 66-61 in a strictly two-team contest. Third place Minnesota came far back with 14 points.

Albany Prep Star Signs Contract With Dodgers

ALBANY, March 8 (AP)—Leon Simons, Albany high school athlete and American Legion Junior baseball pitcher, said today he had signed a contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National league.

He said he expected to report to Durham, N. C., for spring training.

tacular victories, will represent district 4.

Salem, the host team in district 8, for the first time in years will enter the tourney with an unimpressive record. But the Vikings traditionally turn in their best performance the week of the tournament.

This is the draw for the opening round Thursday:

Pendleton vs. Oregon City, 3 p. m.

Eugene vs. Klamath Falls, 4:15 p. m.

St. Helens vs. Baker, 7:30 p. m.

Astoria vs. Salem, 8:45 p. m.

The class B teams also completed qualifying play Saturday, Powers downing Central Point, 35-22, in district 3B and Harrisburg defeating St. Mary's of Eugene, 20-23, in district 2B.

The first round of play, opening at Salem Friday:

Harrisburg vs. Union 3 p. m.

Warrenton vs. Powers, 4:45 p. m.

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