

From Midfield

By FRANK CALISE

Pelicans put up a good battle with North Bend and showed who was boss in Ashland Saturday night when they upset the coast team, 34-33.

Bocchi led both nights with scoring honors. The first night he scooped up 16 tallies against the Grants Pass quintet and came back to grab 14 more from North Bend. Bocchi copped most of his points in the third quarter when points were needed badly. He started early in the third period and hung 10 points and put the Pelicans five points ahead. Then came the last few minutes of play when the score was 33-32 with Klamath trailing. One more bucket was needed for the one-point margin in order to win. Bocchi tossed one in with two minutes to go and put the score 34-33 with the North Bend tribe behind. All a few gray hairs to Klamath Coach Wayne Scott.

Welch put on the heat for the defensive side of the race and put Snidow, the North Bend ace, behind in his scoring record.

Welch was on Snidow all of the time and kept the race down to only six tallies. Snidow usually makes half of North Bend's score. Cox was in the firing line throughout the game bringing in tallies to add to the Pelican total.

Young and Foster were on the backboard whenever possible bringing the casaba to their teammates.

Both teams played without substitutes and at the end of the game 10 tired cagers came off the maplewood. In the first game with Grants Pass, Bellotti, Conroy and Bigger saw action and each of them made a tally.

In the state meet Astoria is going to give the other quintets a bad time. The Fishermen have dropped some good ball clubs along the road in Oregon and Washington and have emerged with 18 undefeated games. And in the past two seasons they have roared into the final state meet and were crowned at the end of both. If they do take this meet it will be the first time in the annual Oregon state high school records for any team to take the title thrice.

Eight teams will be represented. Astoria, Klamath Falls, Pendleton, Oregon City, Eugene, Baker, St. Helens and Salem will be there.

Combined with the A tournament this year will be the small meet for the B division. In this league are Powers, Harrisburg and Union, and they will begin on Friday.

Klamath Falls will play the Eugene quintet for the first game Thursday beginning at 3 p. m.

An all star team will probably be picked and Marion Reginato still holds the record of being the first regular cager ever to receive such honors for Klamath Falls.

At the Ashland district meet an all star team was picked from the four teams and Klamath filled three of the five berths in the first team. Bocchi, Welch and Cox took the honors. Foster was the only cager from the Pelicans to be represented on the second all star team.

MALIN LOST
Powers earned its B league tourney berth by upsetting Central Point. Malin was on that road at one time but was stopped when Central Point romped over the Mustangs at Medford.

TRACK SEASON
Paul Dellar, Klamath Union's track coach, claims that he will know more about his track team come next Monday when all of the basketball boys will be out, too.

About 35 or 40 boys turned out last night which was quite a turnout and only light workouts were looked upon.

Dellar is making a search mostly for distance runners and pole vaulters.

Phil Blohm was lost by Dellar when he retired to enter Oregon State college for the spring term. Earnst graduated at Christmas time and left an open space in the pole vault and broad jump affair.

Only one new member to the cinder was added when Dick Hunter, a transfer from Washington, will turn out.

Bocchi will be back to the weights and the high jump — Foster and Davis Kessler will also be out.

More about the meets will be discussed soon and the decision will be out. Dellar does know that he will have a meet with all of the county schools including Dorris and Tulelake soon. But the matter of the Hayward relays and the district meet will be announced later.

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By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

Sports Briefs

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP)—Maybe you didn't notice a little item in the papers the other day saying that Peter Manning had died at Hanover, Pa. . . . He was 27, a ripe old age for a trotting horse. . . . Perhaps you don't even remember Peter Manning, but two decades ago he held the same place in the hearts of harness-racing fans that Greyhound holds today—a champion of champions, a holder of records—a big, well-proportioned horse with a shining light bay coat, he was a symbol of the attraction that harness racing holds for men, even city folks who couldn't hitch up a horse on a bet.

It was back in 1918 that William M. Wright of Chicago gave a two-year-old gelding, bred on his Libertyville, Ill., farm, his first trial over a mile track in Milwaukee. . . . Peter Manning was timed in 2:10 then and when he went to Lexington, Ky., the next spring, he was regarded as a favorite for the Kentucky Futurity. . . . Peter didn't race at Lexington, but Tommy Murphy, the famous reinsman, sent him through a time trial in 2:06 1/2 and as a result Irving Gleason of Williamsport, Pa., bought the horse and put him under Murphy's care. . . . From then until he retired, Peter Manning was virtually unbeatable.

Although William Wright had only the satisfaction that comes from breeding a champion, it was Peter Manning who caused him to establish one of the greatest horse breeding establishments, Calumet farm.

There's one story, one of many, about Peter Manning, that sticks in the mind. . . . In 1929, after 10 years of racing, traveling from track to track, and living in box stalls, the veteran finally was turned out in a pasture at Lawrence Sheppard's Hanover farm. . . . At first he didn't know what to do, then he started around the paddock, trotting faster and faster, until he was going at a speed he never attained on the track. . . . Tiring of that, he found a mud wallow and rolled in it, staining his glossy gay coat with mud and grass. . . . At nightfall, he refused to give up his new found freedom, but late that night a groom made another attempt to coax the horse into the barn and Peter Manning rubbed his nose against the man's shoulder, put his head in position for the halter and docilely walked to his stall.

Peter Manning is dead, and horse lovers will regret his passing. . . . But, after all, he must have had a pretty good life for a horse.

Oregon Managers Postpone Meeting For Two Months
ALBANY, March 9 (AP)—War-time baseball uncertainties caused Oregon State league managers yesterday to postpone their organizational meeting until May.

With only three entries assured, long plans will depend upon attempts to interest more cities in sponsoring teams this year. Silverton, Albany and the Portland firemen said they were ready to enter the league but Bend's intentions were not known because a representative from that city did not appear at the meeting.

Eugene representatives indicated that only the problem of obtaining a capable manager stood in the way of an entry. Salem will be asked to join the loop since the demise of the Western International league.

Greg Rice Tucks Another World Mark In Cinder Meet
WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—Greg Rice, a barrel-chested little guy who finishes a distance race stronger than he starts it, tucked away another world mark today.

Rice covered two and a half miles in 11 minutes, 23.3 seconds last night in the feature event of the 10th annual Catholic university track meet—bettering his own record for the grueling distance by 9.3 seconds.

The former Notre Dame star, winning his 61st consecutive event, took the lead at the start and never was threatened. Dave Williams of Georgetown edged out Lieut. Joe McCluskey of the navy, the veteran ex-Fordham flash, for the second spot.

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Zivic and Jack Swap Lefts; Zivic Loses



Fritzie Zivic (left) and Beau Jack swapped simultaneous lefts in this bit of action in their fight in New York. Jack outpointed Zivic to win from him for the second time in a row.

Minors Will Profit From War Layoff

Walter Morris, Former Player, Believes It Came at Right Time
DALLAS, March 9 (AP)—J. Walter Morris, who has been in baseball as player, manager, club owner, league president and scout for 42 years, thinks the minors will profit from their layoff during the war.

In fact, he believes it came at just the right time, that professional baseball has been sick and needs a rest cure and that during the breathing spell it will get its feet on the ground.

"This from a fellow whose job—scout for the Detroit Tigers—was swept away by the suspension of so many leagues this year.

"There will be a lot of baseball because of the service camps and defense plants where former professional players will coach the youngsters, meanwhile picking up a little extra money playing at night and on weekends," Morris observed. "There also will be more amateur leagues and ballplayers will be developed and interest in the game revived."

Morris pointed out that the Texas league closed shop in July, 1918, but when it resumed in 1919 it had its most prosperous year up to that time, and that from 1919 to 1927 attendance increased annually.

In 1927 the St. Louis Cardinals entered the league and soon afterward the St. Louis Browns and Detroit came in, Morris said, adding that since then the league had gone steadily downward.

Golfers Tee Off in Annual Empress Meet
VICTORIA, March 9 (AP)—One hundred and seventy-one golfers from all over the United States and Canada teed off yesterday in the 15th annual Empress golf tournament.

H. M. Sias, of Port Angeles, Wash., was the medalist for the men's share of the Beauty cup with a net 69, aided by a 10 handicap. A single point behind him was E. Rapp of Port Angeles.

Tops for the women's qualifying round was Mrs. C. Farrar of Seattle with a net 82. She was trailed by Miss A. J. O'Brien, of Seattle, with net 83.

Seattle sent the largest entry—about 40.

Fairview Wins A Title in Grade School Hoop Race

The underdog came to life Monday evening and defeated the favored Riverside team 20-18. Fairview took a 5-0 lead in the first three minutes and led throughout the game. They held a 5-4 lead at the quarter and 8-7 lead at half time. Fairview pulled ahead in the third quarter to lead 14-10. Riverside made a bid for the lead in the last quarter but could not quite overcome the shooting of W. Brightman, tall Fairview center, who made several follow ups under the basket.

The game was fast and rough with many fouls called on both teams. Redkey of Riverside and Nelson of Fairview left the floor with four fouls each in the last period.

Riverside played without Mognani their center, who is sick with a cold. Redkey who has averaged better than 20 points a game was held to 10 points which was honors in the game. W. Brightman of Fairview scored nine.

Riverside defeated Fairview 44-18 in a game before the play-off but came back in fighting and holding the A title.

The Fairview outfit was coached by Houston Robinson and Riverside by Vern Spiers.

The B league play-off will begin Tuesday evening at Fairview. Drawings as follows:

Mills vs. Fairview, 4:15 and Riverside vs. Roosevelt at 5 p. m.

Thursday at Fairview the winners will play for the title.

Riverside defeated Fremont B in a play-off for the fourth spot by a score of 18-15.

The C league play-off will begin Wednesday at Fairview gym. The drawings are as follows:

Fremont vs. Fairview at 4:15

and Roosevelt vs. Mills at 5 p. m. Winner will play Thursday at 5 p. m. for the title.

Summary:

Fairview (20)	
Nelson	2
Weinberg	2
W. Brightman	9
C. Brightman	4
Edwards	3
Riverside (18)	
Hearth	0
Gentry	1
Foster	5
Redkey	10
Heath	2

Infliedler Joins Camilli for a Bit of Ranching
LAYTONVILLE, Calif., March 9 (AP)—Arky Vaughan, Brooklyn Dodger infliedler will join Dolph Camilli in swapping ranching for baseball if he can get permission to report a little late, says Camilli.

Camilli, Brooklyn first baseman, announced yesterday that he had reconsidered an earlier decision to stay out of baseball this season to devote his time to his ranch here.

Vaughan also ranches in this vicinity and had announced he would not play baseball this season.

"I talked with Vaughan yesterday," Camilli disclosed, "and he said if he could get permission from Mr. Rickey to report April 5 with me instead of March 15 as spring training plans call for, he could straighten out his affairs and play this season."

Little Hank Campaigns For Return

Armstrong Sets the Stage For Next Bout With Beau Jack in New York Soon

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9 (AP)—Game little Henry Armstrong is over another tough hurdle on a determined campaign to regain his manifold ring glories, and the way he polished off Tippy Larkin in less than two rounds last night brought to mind his knock 'em out days of oM.

Armstrong set the stage for his April 2 bout with the sensational Beau Jack in New York by knocking out Larkin in one minute and nine seconds of the second round in their scheduled 10-round scrap before some 8000 fans in the Civic auditorium.

Larkin, a Garfield, N. J., boy with an amazing string of victories, took the first round by a shade, using his obvious height advantage to put across a number of long left jabs and an occasional right.

But in the second round he dropped his guard for a brief instant, and Armstrong flashed in a right that spun the New Jersey boy around. A swift left hooked him and he sprawled on the canvas for the full count. His handlers had to drag him to his corner.

Thus Armstrong regained some measure of prestige to atone for his defeat by decision by Willie Joyce of Chicago at Los Angeles last week, his second loss in 16 bouts. Armstrong's handlers said that one shouldn't have counted, anyway, because their boy had not fully recovered from a tonsil operation. As it was, he broke Joyce's jaw.

Armstrong, who once held the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight titles simultaneously, weighed 139 pounds to Larkin's 140 1/2, and gave away several inches in height.

Pelicans Play Eugene at 3 p. m.

SALEM, March 9 (AP)—State high school basketball tournament officials said today that a revised schedule in the opening day's play Thursday would pit Eugene against Klamath Falls in the first game at 3 p. m.

Bill Morris May Start Against SC

SEATTLE, March 9 (AP)—Guard Bill Morris, University of Washington sparkplug, should be able to start Friday against the University of Southern California in the Pacific Coast conference playoff series, but how long his injured knee will be able to stand the strain of fast competition is a matter of conjecture, Dr. Rex Palmer, team physician, said yesterday.

Morris, an all-star selection and key man in the Husky attack, suffered an internal torn ligament in the first minute of the Oregon State game Saturday night.

There was no fracture of the cartilage, Dr. Palmer said, adding that any sharp twist, however, might result in an even more serious injury.

If Morris is unable to play, Bill Taylor, a speedy sophomore from Shelton, will get the call. He turned in a sparkling game Saturday after Morris' injury forced him from the lineup.

They Must Be Svelte Smelt



What with meat shortages and rationing, Betty Lou Melby, left, and Shirleen Barr obtain food in sensible and big way—the waste-basket method. They are participating in Lower Columbia Junior college smelt festival at Longview, Wash.

EONS Still Battling in Hoop Race

Westminster Dumps Loyola in an Over-time Thriller, 48-45

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 9 (AP)—Two of the highly-publicized teams of the national intercollegiate basketball tournament make their debut on today's program, but the boys had better forget their clippings when they trot onto the court.

Pepperdine college of Los Angeles, with Pete Fogo and Appalachian State of Boone, N. C., featuring Player-Coach Belus Snavley, appear on the final half of the first round proceedings tonight.

They're here with fine records. But so were Texas Wesleyan of Fort Worth and Loyola of Chicago and what happened to them? They ran into sleepers on yesterday's opening program in St. Cloud, Minn. Teachers and Westminster of Fulton, Mo., and are now en route home.

It's just a subtle warning, perhaps, to the other favorites. There are some items of interest floating around about several of the teams appearing tonight, too, that haven't hit the public prints.

For instance, there's Evo Sjeklocha of Simpson college, Indianola, Ia., foe of Appalachian at 7:45 p. m. Evo, if he's in form, could spoil the evening for the Carolinians. He set a new scoring record in the conference with 243 points in 14 games.

Virtually nothing has been said about Illinois Wesleyan. Yet the Titans were strong enough to hold Camp Grant, only conqueror of Big Ten champion, Illinois, to a 46-42 score. True,

Phills Changed to Phillies Because It Sounds Better

PHILADELPHIA, March 9 (AP) Officially again, they're the National league "Phillies" now, and not the "Phils."

They'd been the "Phills" for generations until Ex-president Gerald P. Nugent changed the name to "Phils" before the start of the 1942 season.

The name never really took with baseball fans, including William D. Cox, the new owner, who yesterday said "we're calling them the Phillies now; I like that better."

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