

# MARINES TO BATTLE SHANNON'S

## Leathernecks in Top Shape for Benefit Tilt

### "March of Dimes" Contest to Get Underway Saturday On KUHS Hardwood

By PAUL HAINES  
Tickets will be available at the box office in the Klamath Union high school gymnasium for the crack "March of Dimes" encounter between Shannon's of Portland and the Leathernecks of the Marine Barracks Saturday night on the KUHS hardwood.

The marines are practicing strenuously in anticipation of a tough battle with the Shannon cagers and Coach Les Israel announced Thursday that he would use a man-for-man defense Saturday, along with the usual fast break attack used by the Leathernecks, in an effort to cross up the classy Shannon five.

## Nelson Liked To Capture Texas Open

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF  
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 26 (AP)—A bulky field moved out today in the first 18 holes of a Texas Open expected to turn into another triumph for goldfom's automation—laconic Byron Nelson.

The tall, sandy-haired professional from Toledo, who has stuffed his strong box with war bonds along the tournament trail, had 65 pros and 104 amateurs after him as he pushed for his third victory of the winter tour.

If practice rounds mean anything—and they usually do in the case of Nelson—the big Texan will be the pace-setter. Twice he has put the hot-foot to par on Brackenridge course, his first time out being a 64 and his last—in yesterday's pro-amateur—producing a 66 despite a drive into the San Antonio river on hole 16.

There have been plenty of par-shattering rounds in the warmups but none has approached those turned in by Nelson.

Yesterday, Joe Zarnhardt of Morristown, Pa., and Lieut. B. M. Smith of Bergstrom Field, Texas, and the combination of George Shafer of Anderson, Ind., and Shelley Mayfield, Sequin, Texas, turned in best ball 62's to split first and second money in the pro-amateur. But only Smith bettered par. He shot a 70.

Nelson was in a combination that had a best ball of 64 and thus was out of the money.

Other good individual rounds turned in were a 68 by Ky Laf-fon of Chicago and a 69 by Mike Turnesa of White Plains, N. Y.

Nelson, Sam Byrd, Craig Wood and Harold (Jug) McSpaden were considered the top four in the Texas Open scramble. These are members of the group of 22 pros following the winter tournament trail and who are in today's field.

Eighteen holes will be played tomorrow after which the 50 low men among the pros and the ten low amateurs will be bracketed for the final 36 holes Sunday.

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## Eye on Bucket



Above is John Cox, who will handle one of the Leatherneck backcourt assignments when the marines collide with Shannon's of Portland Saturday night in the "March of Dimes" game on the KUHS maple. Cox has four years of high school experience and six years of independent ball. He is one of the outstanding defensive men on the Leatherneck squad, but will have all he can handle when he takes on Roy Pfluegrad, Shannon's ace forward and former Oregon State cager star.

## Frick Traps Colleagues Far Off Base

By JERRY LISKA  
CHICAGO, Jan. 26 (AP)—The joint meeting of the major leagues at New York on February 3 is beginning to shape up as the most important baseball pow-wow since the late K. M. Landis was hired as commissioner in 1921.

On the surface, the manpower problem and whether the 1945 season will be delayed, curtailed or cancelled, apparently are the prime topics of discussion. But there's also a question of major league unity, or lack of it, due for a showdown.

The question was posed the other day when National League President Ford Frick and Owner Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators held an apparently self-inspired conference with Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey.

The interview seemingly caught Frick's two colleagues on the baseball advisory council—American League President Will Harridge and Leslie M. O'Connor, Landis' secretary—pretty far off base.

O'Connor's comment that

## UO Plays Husky Five Tonight

### Webfoots Must Break Even In Series With Washington To Remain In First Place

By The Associated Press  
Oregon State college, high-scoring team of the northern division, Pacific Coast conference and only club in the circuit to check the speedlined University of Washington Huskies, passed the touring Seattle quintet along to Oregon's Webfoots today with an intimated "Okay, boys, that's how."

Oregon, the team that rode to first place on the strength of the double OSC triumphs Tuesday and Wednesday, must break even in its collisions tonight and Saturday with the Huskies to remain in front.

A double win for Washington, however, would send it back into the pace position it held until Wednesday night. A double loss would crush it back to third, lifting OSC into second spot.

Far back of the leaders at present but with a chance to get back in the running, Idaho and Washington State clash tonight at Fullman. Two victories for either team would put it hard on the heels of the pace setters, and a double loss would just about knock the victims out of the running.

Idaho, which won four straight last year from the WSC Cougars, has yet to post a win this season in division play. State has won two, both from the current league leaders. The two cellarites each have lost four games.

Oregon State ran its scoring total to 333 points in defeating the Huskies and now holds a scoring lead of nine over Oregon. Each has played seven games, one more than the Washington teams. OSC also carries the best defensive record, allowing opponents an average of 42.1 points per tilt.

As they step into this crucial series, Oregon has won five games and lost two and Washington is a half-game back, with four wins and two losses. The Oregon State record is four and three.

Frick did not "act in any official capacity on behalf of baseball" hardly could be described as knuckle-rapping, but it did hint that all is not cozy in what now is baseball's sanctuary.

Baseball studiously has steered clear of asking wartime favors since Pearl Harbor and whatever the intent of the Hershey interview, some admirers of the late Commissioner Landis may have a word or two to say on it at the February 3 meeting when Frick plans to report on his Washington pilgrimage.

Frick has asserted that Gen. Hershey simply outlined the effects of current manpower rulings on baseball. Commissioner Landis was stoutly opposed to any meeting with government officials which might be interpreted as a bid for special treatment of personnel in wartime.

## Athletes Killed in Action Receive Posthumous Award

By RALPH E. WALLIS  
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26 (AP)—The most courageous athlete of 1944 is a composite of many persons—the little known and the great who came from every field of sport to give their lives in the service of their country.

For the first time in a decade, the Philadelphia Sporting Writers association paid this unique annual tribute to a group.

"A posthumous award to all courageous athletes who made the supreme sacrifice and whose patriotism, courage and sportsmanship were embodied in Lt. Robert Wilson, U. S. army air corps," read the inscription.

The lieutenant, 22-year-old only son of Coach Jimmy Wilson of the Cincinnati Reds and former manager of the Philadel-

phia Phillies and the Chicago Cubs, was killed last December on a volunteer mission over India.

"Jimmy said he just couldn't make it and said you would understand," Sports Editor Ed Pollock of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin told the more than 1100 members and guests. Pollock presented the award to Dick Spalding, lifelong friend of the lieutenant and a coach for the Cubs.

Last year's most courageous athlete award went to Pete Gray, one-armed baseball player, who is now the property of the St. Louis Browns.

Marty (Slats) Marion, sports top for the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals, was named the "most outstanding athlete of 1944."

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## "Grey Mask" to Bop Beaks With Gust Johnson Tonight

The "Grey Mask" will return to the mat wars once again tonight at the Klamath Punch plaza when he butts beeps with Gloomy Gust Johnson for the first time here in the main event.

Johnson has long been seeking a bout with the hooded hoodlum and will face the initial test bent on flopping the "Mask" and revealing his true identity. Gust is a hard, clear muscle and once he obtains a hold he is as hard to dislodge as a bulldog.

The masked menace has been taking each and every opponent as they come, however, and will attempt to do a repeat performance on Johnson by using his vicious head butts. This match will really be the battle of the giants as neither grappler has ever asked for quarter in the Klamath arena.

## Eli Swimmer Out to Break All Records

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 26 (AP)—Chunky Alan Ford, record-smashing Yale swim captain, was revealed today as a young man with a mission—he's going after every spring record in the book.

Nineteen and a navy V-12 student, Ford, who this week set five new tank marks, has less than three weeks of intercollegiate competition left. He'll graduate in mid-February.

Yesterday Ford, maintaining his assault on 20-yard pool records, set new marks of 55.7 for the 100-meter and 56.4 for the 110 yards events. Existing records were established in 1927 and 1928 by Johnny Weismuller. He missed Weismuller's 48.8 for the 100-yard event by six-tenths of a second.

On Tuesday he hung up a record 17.4 for the 40 yards, swam 50 yards, which owned no previous record, in 22 seconds flat, and was clocked at 27.5 for a new 60-yard record.

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## Pelicans to Swap Buckets With Grants Pass Tonight

### Ducks Withdraw For Duration Of Hunt Season

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 26 (AP)—The 35,000,000 ducks that winter in the marshlands near the mouth of the Mississippi didn't arrive.

Sportsmen complained. The state sent out searching parties. A U. S. department of interior expert covered the area by plane.

No ducks. The hunting season closed January 20. Now the air is full of them.

"The birds just staged a strategic withdrawal for the duration of the hunting season," explained a conservation department official.

### N. Y. Yanks Sold For \$2,800,000, Declares Becker

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 26 (AP) Robert A. Becker, a business associate of Del Webb, Phoenix contractor, said here today Webb, Capt. Dan Topping and Col. Larry MacPhail had purchased the New York Yankees.

"I understand the deal was put through yesterday afternoon," Becker said. "Mr. Webb telephoned me in the morning to transfer some money to him there to facilitate his part of the transaction."

Becker said he believed the price involved was around \$2,800,000.

### LONG ON LEADERS

 STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—Ten former high school captains are playing college basketball for the first time at Penn State.

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