

Six Oregon Hoop Squads Win District Basketball Laurels

By The Associated Press
Six Oregon hoop squads, working through the weekend to district laurel wreaths, began aiming today at the next step up—a berth in the March 15-17 state basketball tournament at Salem.

Added to the champion roster of the big schools in a competition are Medford, titlist of district 4; Oregon City, district 12; and Vernonia, district 14.

A whirlwind week of tournaments for the baby B schools wound up with Arlington in district 8, Grant Union of John Day in district 7, and Enterprise in district 8 clinging to official titles.

The expected victory of the powerful Medford Tigers in a weekend tournament at Ashland made it certain that the state's defending hoop champions won't be back at the Salem tourney. Medford, which already has one season championship—football—in its pocket, wallowed defending

champion Ashland, 46-33, in the district final.
Vernonia took the district title by percentage with a 43-28 defeat of St. Helens, breaking a three-way tie between Vernonia, St. Helens, and Scappoose.

The Oregon City Pioneers clinched the district championship—also decided on a percentage basis—with a 39-30 victory over West Linn.

Over in the Blue Mountain area, two more district crowns are hanging in the balance this week. Pendleton defeated Mil-ton-Freewater, 46-25, to win the east-end half of district 2. The Pendleton Buckaroos now play off with Hood River—victor in a three-game series over The Dalles—for the district title.

Baker, a half-district winner in district 1, will also battle for the title against the eastern winner in a three-game series this week. Wednesday at Baker, Friday at the opponent's home field, with a third game—if necessary—at Weiser, Idaho.

McMinnville moved into a preferred seat for the March 2-3 district 8 tournament by breaking a long-standing tie in the Tualatin-Yamhill Valley league with a victory over Newberg. McMinnville, Newberg, and Dallas—latter not in the league—play for the district title at Linfield college.

Four other A squads—Eugene, Myrtle Point, Gresham, and Washington of Portland—already hold district laurels; but the big hurdle lies ahead. The 16A district titlists and the 8B titlists must play off the 8A and the 4B berths in the state tourney.

First of the inter-district play-offs is set to begin Friday night at Eugene, with the first of a three-game series between Eugene and Myrtle Point. Washington, which as Portland league automatically gets the tourney berth of districts 15-16, is the only school with an already written ticket to Salem.

Upset of the week occurred in B league play, when powerful Union—classed as a cinch for champion of district 8—collapsed in the first round of an eight-team tourney at North Powder. Little Enterprise, which upset Union at the start, raced on to the championship with a 41-19 victory over North Powder in the final.

Grant Union of John Day steamrollered Crane, 45-17, to capture the district 7B title in a tournament at John Day. Echo defeated Umatilla, 34-24, for third place.

In district 6B, Arlington, host team, walked off with the title via a 53-37 victory over Odell at the end of an eight-team tourney. Titlists in other B districts will be selected this week. Powerful Reedsport confirmed pre-

dictions by defeating Glendale, 84-49, for the Douglas county title and a spot in the district 4 playoff this weekend. Glendale and Myrtle Creek will play tomorrow, for another spot in the playoff.

Clatskanie overwhelmed Knappa-Svensen, 29-13, for a playoff Friday at Seaside for the district 1 title. The district 2 crown will be awarded this weekend. Pleasant Hill won the Lane county B title with a 34-28 victory over Oakridge, and will compete in a March 1-3 tourney at Junction City for the district 3 title.

Rogue River overwhelmed Central Point, 36-24, for the right to play off against the Klamath county champion Friday for the district 5 title.

Dempsey Names 10 Top Men

By RUSS NEWLAND
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27 (AP)—Puffing a big cigar, pausing occasionally for rapid-fire comment, Commander Jack Dempsey said: "I'll name you the best 10 men I fought. They may not be the best boxing has turned out but they would have licked a lot of the so-called top heavyweights and may be some of our past champions."

The old Manassa Mauler, himself one of the real champs, was in San Francisco, his one time stamping grounds, en route to the South Pacific on a tour of duty as head of physical education and recreation for the U. S. coast guard. That's his job now, first and last. Other matters are secondary, such as his ring exploits, but the question of 10 best men he fought intrigued him.

Quoting Dempsey: "The best man? Why Gene Tunney, of course. He won the title from me in 1936 and defended it successfully against me the next year. Incidentally, he was a good right hand puncher, better than he was given credit for."

"After Tunney, they come this way, Tom Gibbons, Georges Carpentier, Luis Firpo, Bill Brennan, Jess Willard, Gunboat Smith, Billy Miske, Fred Fulton and Battling Levinsky. They are the first 10."

"You had some good ones around here from 1915 to 1918 who made things miserable for me. They were Willie Weichart, Bob McAllister, Jack Downey, Al Norton and Charley Miller. It was during the four round age. The fights would be about over before I could get started. Meehan beat me five out of six times. I think, and Downey boxed my ears off."

The hardest hitters I met were Firpo, Smith, Carpentier, Tunney, Brennan and Fulton. Firpo could punch stiffer than Gunboat Smith because he was a much bigger man. The Gunner hit me so hard on the chin in 1917 I didn't know what I was doing until I was walking down the street after the fight. I didn't even know I had won the fight, a four round decision."

Northwest Golden Gloves Boxing Bee To Get Underway

SEATTLE, Feb. 27 (AP)—The tenth annual Northwest AAU Golden Gloves boxing tournament, opening its colorful two-day program this evening, boasts an entry list of more than 80 fighters of all sizes, with Vancouver, B. C., sending the greatest number.

Fourteen Vancouver scrappers were on deck. Others are here from Portland, Tacoma, Everett, Yakima, Vancouver, Wash., Fort Lewis, Aberdeen, Renton and Longview, and Seattle has several teams.

"Bucko" Does About Face In Hockey Play

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—Wilfred "Bucko" McDonald, known for a decade of National Hockey league competition as a rough, tough body checker, has turned up this season as a leading candidate for the Lady Byng trophy, awarded to the player who best combines "effectiveness and clean play." Playing virtually every game, McDonald has not been charged with a single penalty this season and a ten-year record shows an average of only 20 minutes in penalties a season.

Joe Kahut to Return To Ring Wars Friday In 10-Round Bout

PORTLAND, Feb. 27 (AP)—Joe Kahut, the farmer-fighter from Woodburn, will come back to the ring here Friday night with a 10-round bout against Jack Huber, heavyweight coast-guardman.

Kahut, now in the service, reported his weight has gone up to 183 pounds. Huber weighs 109.

NEW YORK — William Talbert, of Indianapolis and Wilmington, Del., won eastern indoor tennis championship by beating Herbert Bowman, 6-2, 6-1, 6-0.



Secret Meeting to Select Baseball Czar Postponed

Two Victory League Tiffs Set Tonight

Two Victory league tiffs will be played on the KUHS mumps tonight with the Herald and News Trotters holding with Hardy's Man's store in the National league at 8 o'clock and Jerry's Delivery will clash with the powerful Army-Navy store at 7 p. m. in the American circuit.

Minors Seek More Power

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 (AP)—There was a definite "either or else" tendency apparent today as representatives of baseball's minor leagues went ahead with their plans for revision of the major-minor league agreement. A committee of 10 officials from the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, which includes all the minors, definitely were on the offensive as they went into the second day of their sessions, seeking to broaden their powers insofar as matters of baseball policy are concerned.

The committee in a resolution yesterday demanded a voice in selection of a commissioner to succeed the late Kenesaw Mountain Landis, better protection against invasion of minor league territory by the majors, and in a statement threatened abrogation of the major-minor agreement in event their demands are not satisfied.

Recommendations by the committee, called into session to propose changes in the pact which expires next January, will have to be passed upon at a meeting of the National association next December. Then an agreement will have to be reached at a joint session with the major leagues.

Phillies Acquire Four Discharged Vets Over Weekend

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27 (AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics aren't waiting until after the war to build up a winning team from some of the discharged veterans—they acquired four over the weekend.

Coach Earl Mack announced the signing of Bill Daubert, formerly of Lenoir Rhyne college of North Carolina, Kenton Hornor, a former Kansan now residing here, Frank McMillan of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Eugene Conway of Philadelphia, all pitchers.

Ironmen Add Two Newcomers to Lineup

SEATTLE, Feb. 27 (AP)—Two newcomers will be in the Seattle Ironmen lineup when the league leaders meet the Vancouver, Wash., Vikings in a coast league hockey clash this Sunday.

They are Frank Sullivan and Bernard Strongman, both prominent Canadian amateur forwards.

ACE GOLFER INDUCTED

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27 (AP)—Golfer Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind., took his pre-induction physical yesterday and passed satisfactorily, but will likely get in some more golf, as selective service officials said his induction notice might be as far off as 90 days.

Secret Meeting to Select Baseball Czar Postponed

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 27 (AP)—Mystery surrounded baseball's next move to find a new commissioner today, following an indefinite postponement of what was to have been the first normal meeting of a four-man committee considering possible candidates.

A secret meeting scheduled here for today became known publicly three days ago. Yesterday, Sam Breadon, St. Louis Cardinals' owner, announced postponement.

Breadon has indicated many times that he felt the work of the committee—himself, P. K. Wrigley, Chicago Cubs; Don Barnes, St. Louis Browns, and Alva Bradley, Cleveland Indians—should be private. On-the-scenes observers were certain that premature announcement of today's session figures in its postponement.

Vince Hansen Sets New Top Scoring Mark

By The Associated Press
Elongated Vince Hanson of Washington State college, the pivot shot expert whose scoring rush has put his Cougar mates in a favorable position for a peek at the northern division, Pacific coast conference championship, has a new division scoring record sewed up and all but tucked away.

Bucketing 16 points Saturday night as WSC brushed aside the Washington Huskies, Hanson ran his total for the conference schedule to 224, equalling the record set in 1943 by another Cougar, Gale Bishop, now the nation's top tally maker with the Fort Lewis Warriors. Hanson has two games to play.

Second in the division scoring chase and with one game ahead is Ephrum (Red) Rocha of Oregon State at 209 points, and Dick Wilkins of Oregon, long the circuit pace setter, has slipped far back to third with 196. For the first time this year, Idaho has a man among the top 10, Len Pyne taking over 10th spot with 112. Up until this week, Idaho lagged behind the other teams in the number of games played.

The scoring leaders:

	G	F	FT	PF	TP	
Hanson, W.S.C.	14	80	46	22	33	224
Rocha, O.S.C.	15	89	31	22	46	209
Wilkins, Ore.	15	85	26	25	41	196
Jorgensen, Wash.	10	72	36	20	13	190
Hays, Ore.	15	64	17	20	20	145
Hamilton, Ore.	12	58	27	14	37	143
King, Wash.	16	50	19	5	29	119
Hamilton, W.S.C.	14	50	18	7	37	118
Smith, Ore.	13	29	37	23	118	118
Pyne, Idaho	14	45	22	17	33	112

Second ten: Bartlett, Ore., 107; Carbaugh, Idaho, 106; McGrath, OSC, 102; Labhart, OSC, 91; O'Connor, Idaho, 90; McMillan, Wash., 88; Taylor, Idaho, 85; Vandenberg, Wash., 84; Carnovale, Wash., 82.

A Ratty Trick!

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 27 (AP)—In a variation on the hickory-dickory-dock theme, an unwise mouse scampered across a bowling alley and deflected Sully Frantz' oncoming ball just enough to produce a strike—two in fact, since the mouse was killed. Sully figured it was a ratty trick, however, as he was headed for an all-spare game for which the house offers a prize.

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Marines Book Two More Tilts

Leathernecks Tangle With Tulalake MP's Wednesday; Meet PAAB Saturday Night

The marine hoopsters will journey to Merrill Wednesday evening, February 28, to tangle with the MP's from Tulalake in the Leathernecks' 25th game of the season.

This contest will be highlighted by the scoring duel between Gilbert and Domitrovich. After the weekend games with the Coast Guard Pilots, Gilbert still remains on top with 208 points. Domitrovich, with 206 markers, has been closing the gap steadily the last couple of weeks and may pass the hard-fighting center.

On Saturday night the Barracks cagers return to their home court to face possibly the toughest aggregation they've met this season, the Portland army air base. The soldiers from the big city, winners over both Shannon's and Fee's, top American Legion independent teams, may have a surprise up their sleeves in a couple of borrowed sharpshooters from local clubs. Klamath basketball fans will remember one of these men, towering 6' 8" Bill Ousterhaus, Shannon's star center, who gave the marines plenty of headaches with his outstanding backboard play in the March of Dimes event at the high school last month.

John Cox, outstanding guard and ball handler for the marines, who suffered a wrist and hip injury in Saturday night's game with the Pilots, is not expected to play against the Tulalake quintet Wednesday. With proper treatment, however, he will be ready to go Saturday night.

Triangular Track Meet Being Planned

SEATTLE, Feb. 27 (AP)—A triangular track meet among the University of Washington, Washington State college and Idaho is being planned for Pullman late in May, Al Ulbrickson, University of Washington athletic director, declared today.

The former crew mentor said it is open to invite athletes from other schools to compete wherever feasible.

CATCHES RECORD FISH

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 27 (AP)—E. R. Riggs of Belmont, Mass., registered the longest saltfish in the ten-year history of the Metropolitan fishing tournament—eight feet, two inches. The fish, caught off Miami Beach, weighed 78 pounds.

From Midfield

By PAUL HAINES

"B" Tournament

The Klamath county "B" basketball tournament played at the Altamont junior high school gymnasium was about as well conducted as any we have seen in a long time. Dominic Ruggen and Lowell Prior of the Marine Barracks did a fine job of officiating the games and the seating problem was handled extremely well.

The sportsmanship of the competing teams was also an outstanding feature and the caliber of basketball played attests to the ability of the coaches and the players of these smaller schools. Throughout the cage season we are pretty much wrapped up in the games played by the Pelicans and the Leathernecks from the Marine Barracks. Consequently, we were only able to be on hand for about 15 minutes of the Gilchrist-Keno tussle Friday afternoon. We had no fears on the coverage of the tournament, however, as John Larson, high school student associated with the KUHS Krater, had kindly consented to handle this assignment for us. John did a bang-up job and we wish to express our sincere appreciation to him for the work right now.

Collegiate Cage Teams Eye Postseason Tourneys

By JOE REICHLER
NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—With the collegiate basketball season nearing an end, interest has shifted to the NCAA, the New York National Invitational and other post-season tournaments.

North Carolina became the latest conference champions, downing Duke's defending champions, 49-38 before 4000 fans at Raleigh, N. C., to capture the Southern conference crown. The game climaxed a three-day milling by eight teams in the annual tournament and reversed last year's final when the Dukes out-pointed the Tar Heels for the title.

Other league and conference champions are Rice, unbeaten in all 12 Southwest conference games, UCLA in the southern division of the Pacific Coast conference and Pennsylvania in the Eastern Intercollegiate league.

The Southwest conference race ended last week with Arkansas sweeping a two-game series with Texas A&M, to clinch second place. Arkansas and Oklahoma A&M, a midwest independent have accepted bids to play in the western NCAA regional tournament at Kansas City next month. Rice declined a bid due to its naval trainees being unable to stay away from the campus long enough.

The mythical eastern championship will be at stake when the Army and Navy clash at Annapolis Saturday. The Cadets, who had their 27-game streak snapped by Penn last week, rebounded Saturday with a 54-51 victory over a strong New York U. five while the Midlanders offered their first defeat, bowing to the Bainbridge naval quintet, 68-60 after winning 12 straight.

Iowa, Big Ten conference leader, routed Wisconsin, 68-58, for the Hawkeyes' first victory over the Badgers' floor in 11 years. It was the Hawkeyes' ninth win in 10 conference games. Ohio State piled up the biggest score of the conference season and an all-time team high as the Buckeyes poured it on Indiana, 65-48.

Kansas crushed Missouri, 64-33, and edged one game near the Big Six conference championship. Iowa State put Oklahoma out of the race with a 110 triumph to stay a half-game away from Kansas.

Tennessee and Kentucky wound up the Southeastern conference campaign tied for first, the Vols with a record of 8-4 and the Wildcats with 4-1. They finished this week in the conference tournament at Louisville, Ky., to decide the championship.

In the other sections, the leads the Big Seven division while Oregon and Oregon State are tied in the Pacific coast northern division with Washington State one-half game behind.

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Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—The Army and Navy are co-favorites to win the IC 4-A track meet Saturday, and the Army-Navy basketball tussle likely will be the best of the eastern season. . . . But did you ever stop to think that these teams are both by-products of the 1944 football squads? . . . The track teams, without Max Minor, Don Blanchard, Ben Martin and Hal Hamberg (Navy) would be good but wouldn't dominate the field. . . . Footballer Dick Duden is the sparkplug of Navy's cage team while Army's includes Glenn Davis, Doug Kenna, Dale Hall, Bobby Dobbs and Ed Rafalko. . . . So, can you blame the athletic departments if they're out looking up more good football material?

ONE MINUTE SPORT PAGE

Lou Bloom, freshman basketball star at St. Mary's high school, Katonah, N. Y., has scored 479 points in 20 games so far and Westchester county cage fans think it must be a record. . . . Returning his 1945 contract unsigned, Ted Wilks, Cardinal's pitcher, remarked, "I thought I was a major league success until I looked at the terms." . . . Memo to college football coaches who think they might find a soft touch in the pro business: 23 of 24 national league sectional titles have gone to coaches who graduated from pro ranks.

Georges Dusette To Butt Biceps With Jack Kiser

In the semi-final tiff on the crunch card Friday night at the Klamath bicep bin, Georges Dusette, the French strongman, will pop beaks with Jotin' Jack Kiser, Pacific coast light-heavyweight champ.

Three More Schools Accept Invitation To Cage Tournament

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 27 (AP)—George Pepperdine college, Los Angeles; Eastern Washington of Cheney, Wash., and West Texas State of Canyon, Tex., have accepted invitations to play in the National Intercollegiate basketball tournament at Kansas City, March 12-17. Emil Liston, director, announced today.

VOLS SKED GRID TILTS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 27 (AP)—Villanova, North Carolina and Georgia Pre-Flight are newcomers this year to Tennessee's football schedule. Other teams lined up so far are University of Chattanooga, Alabama, Mississippi and Kentucky. There are two open dates.

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