Marines Score 46-44 Win Over Portland Air Squad In Thriller of Season

From Midfield

By PAUL HAINES

What's the Matter, Al?

Our friend Al Lightner, sports editor of the Oregon Statesman in Salem, came out with this gem in his pillar recently:

"Al Simpson's Medford Black Tornado, a terrific ball club which had been unbeaten in 22 tries, including four rompings with Marble Cook's Klamath Falls Pelicans, had to go into an overtimer to beat the Pelicans in the 'counting' district tourney even after plastering 'em the four times during the season. Had K-Falls upset the Tornado, just look at what we'd have had in the state tourney while Medford stayed at home!"

HAINES

Well, Al, we feel down here that you wouldn't have had such a bad ball club in "your" state tournament if K-Falls had dumped Medford. Considering the fact that we had a green, inexperienced team to start the season, the boys did all right. The Pelicans wound up in second place in the Southern Oregon conference, not to mention the two pastings they handed your Salem Vikings at the start of the season. But maybe that's the beef, eh, Al?

Yes, sir, we understand the Viks didn't care to play a return series with the Pelicans after absorbing those two lacings. Simpson's team may be "terrific," but it's also just about the luckiest ball club in the state or it WOULD be staying at home. That overtimer wasn't any fluke, Al. The Klamath kids outplayed the Tornado all the way in that ball game.

Give credit where credit is due, Al. Salem MIGHT be persuaded to play a ball game in Klamath Falls sometime!

In one of the best played, most thrilling basketball games of the season, the Barracks hoopsters dropped the powerful Portland army air base quintet 46-44 Saturday night on the post hardwood.

With two borrowed sharpshooters in Osterhaus and Hollingsworth, the air base five was strengthened considerably but would have played an entirely different brand of ball if one Warren Perkins, outstanding player in the Denver tournament last year, had been left out. Perkins, without a doubt one of the finest ball handlers and shots in the northwest, practically stole the show in the Army-Marine struggle. Working on pivot plays, under the bucket on tip-ins and on long-range shots, he dropped one after another through the mesh for a total of 20 points. He was also a constant threat on defensive plays and put on an interesting exhibition of ball handling throughout the tilt.

For the Leathernecks it was team spirit and cooperation all the way that brought them their victory. However, it would be hard to say that this was the only factor in their superiority.

Burkland Breaks Loose

Husky forward, Leonard Burkland, who has had a lot of tough luck this season, really broke loose against the soldiers to come through with six baskets for the game. In the first half Burkland came into the fray with the Portland team leading by ten points. Before the close of that chapter he had personally accounted for eight markers and sparked his teammates to tally ten more.

Red Gilbert, marine pivotman, put in one of the finest games this year. Repeatedly giving up opportunities to score himself, his passing and set-up plays were superb and his work under the basket against Osterhous was stellar.

PAAB Leads 10 Points

The Portland team drew first blood in the opening minutes of play when Osterhaus plunked in a charity toss. Then they started to work on Coach Israel's boys in earnest, going ahead 10 points in the first quarter. In the second canto, Burkland came into the line-up and things started to happen. The marines steadily closed the gap with Meath, Mills and Domitrovich working the ball in to Gilbert and back out again to Burkland. Domitrovich started to hit the rim and behind the determined fight of Meath and Mills, who went out after the ball on several occasions, the half score ended 24-22.

Coming out in the second frame and from then on in, the game was nip and tuck. The Portland team's Hollingworth and Perkins were outstanding in this frame, fighting hard to set a substantial lead but each time they dropped one in, the marines duplicated the order. With less than two minutes to go and a two-point lead, Morrisey, Meath and Domitrovich started to freeze the ball, passing it among themselves until the final gun.

Some 1500 fans attended the game and left, thoroughly satisfied with the performance. It was a well-fought battle all the way and both squads put on a marvelous exhibition of sportsmanship.

Power Puzzle Yet Indefinite

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP)—Spring training opens Wednesday for the first of the 16 major league baseball clubs but the manpower situation remained as definite as it was January 1.

Because congress has taken no definite action on proposed "work or else" legislation, War Mobilizer James Byrnes has been unable to give baseball's spokesmen any definite word on what to expect.

Meanwhile, the owners have gone ahead with plans, announced signing of contracts and drawn up schedules of exhibition games but still have their fingers crossed.

Washington breaks the ice Wednesday when the batterymen will report to Manager Ossie Bluege at College Park, Md., Owner Clark Griffith of the Senators has 24 of 36 men in the fold, most of any club.

Chicago's Cubs follow Thursday with their first drill at French Lick, Ind., where Manager Charley Grimm has been inspecting the grounds since Friday.

The New York Giants with six men on the dotted line and the Yankees with 16 both report Sunday, the Giants at Lakewood, N. J., and the Yanks at Atlantic City.

By Monday, March 19, all teams will be training.

Battle Royal To Feature Friday's Card

A "battle royal" with six wrestlers participating will be the feature of Friday night's armory card, according to Mack Lillard, promoter.

The "Gray Mask" has promised to return to Klamath Falls to wrestle the winner of Friday night's battle, Lillard said.

The matmen in the battle royal will be Pete Belcastro, Georges Dusette, Gust Johnson, Jack Kiser, Harold Davidson and Tony Ross. All of these gents have wrestled here before, and six of them in the ring at once is expected to provide plenty of action.

The match with the "Gray Mask" is scheduled for a week from Friday night.

Marine Leaguers Beat 'B' Company Quintet With 30-22 Markers

In a preliminary game at the Barracks Saturday night, the marine corps league cagers downed a determined but outclassed "B" company quintet, 30-22.

The leaguers, coached and managed by Eugene Semsky, flashy forward who is dead on parallel-to-the-basket shots, got off to an early lead in the tilt and retained the margin until the final whistle.

"B" company's Rozanski came through with high scoring honors for the game with 11 and was followed by Semsky with 10. The half time score was 12-5.

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BASKETBALL Results

OREGON PREP
By The Associated Press

Hillsboro 50, Seaside 46.
Astoria 49, Beaverton 24.
Reedsport 33, Langlois 17.
Coos River 63, Glendale 32.
Prineville 55, Bend 31.
Salem 38, Woodburn 37.
Hood River 39, Pendleton 37.
Newberg 27, McMinnville 22.
Dallas 60, Willamina 31.
Pleasant Hill 27, Oakridge 15.
Alsea 33, Philomath 23.

Four Schools Win Victories In 'A' Tourney

The city grade school "A" tournament got underway Saturday as Fremont, Fairview, Mills and Roosevelt gained victories which were played on Pelican court.

This is a double elimination meet, each team has to fail to win twice before being eliminated.

Fremont turned back Fairview 42-11 as Elliot rolled up 16 points for the winners. Fairview, who never had a chance against a taller Fremont five, was pared by Johnson with five markers.

Roosevelt scored at will as they pulverized a hopeless Pelican quintet 42-4. Derrah and Brown led Roosevelt, scoring with 13 and 12 tallies respectively. Tomlin and Edwards made two each for Pelican.

Mills came from behind to defeat Riverside 19-8. In what started out to be a close game, Mills had to turn on the heat in the second half to gain its victory. Allen and Chaney made 8 each for Mills as Everett tallied 4 for Riverside.

Fairview eliminated Pelican from the tourney by a 16-13 score. The game was close throughout, but Fairview spurted in the final quarter to win. McPherson and Myers scored 6 each for Fairview as did Yantias of Pelican.

Thirteen also jinxed Roosevelt as they lost by the same score as did Pelican. Fremont, however, had to come from behind to defeat the fighting Roosevelt five. Johnson paced the winner with 6 tallies and Derrah marked up 4 for Roosevelt.

Games Monday will see Riverside and Roosevelt battle at 4:15, and Fremont and Mills will tangle at 5:15.

AAU Wrestling Goes International With Beyond-Border Entries

DALLAS, March 5 (AP)—An international flavor has been added to the national AAU wrestling championships here March 23-24 with the tentative entries of the Western Athletic club of Vancouver, B. C., at the University of Mexico.

Meet officials have asked the AAU if the entries can be accepted for this national event by declaring it an open event. If not, they believed it possible that exhibition matches could be scheduled.

APTLY NAMED

MIAMI—The Wheatley Stable has a colt wintering at Hialeah named Svengali. He is by Hypnotist II, out of Dark Imp.

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Rainiers Sign Ex-Seal In Pitcher Frazier

SAN FERNANDO, Calif., March 5 (AP)—Pitcher Keith Frazier, recently discharged from the navy and before the war a toiler for the San Francisco Seals, has been signed by Seattle, Rainier Manager Bill Skiff announced Saturday. Frazier is a powerful man at the plate and also saw duty in the outfield while with the Seals.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Real Football Hero

Marlin E. (Buzzy) Gher, 22, 155-pound blocking back of Yale football team, is awarded Navy Air Medal by Capt. Charles C. Gill, USN, commanding officer of V-12 at Yale. Gher was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as turret gunner on torpedo bomber against Jap warships at Rabaul.

Salem, Woodburn to Settle District Race

By The Associated Press

Only one "A" district high school basketball championship remained still unsettled today after a weekend in which four area winners were chosen.

Two more "B" district races were decided, clearing the slate in all eight areas.

The only "A" district still unsettled is 11, in which Salem and Woodburn meet at Mount Angel tonight in the final of a double elimination tournament.

District Line-up

Here is the "A" lineup for all 16 districts, with the champions, and playoff dates where set:

1—Baker.

2—Hood River won by defeating Pendleton Saturday night 39 to 37 in the third of a three-game playoff. Hood River plays Baker March 6, 8, and 10, winner to go to state tournament.

3—Prineville swamped Bend Saturday night, 55 to 31 in final of district tournament.

4—Medford. Medford meets Prineville at Medford March 8-9-10.

5—Myrtle Point.

6—Eugene. Eugene defeated Myrtle Point 48 to 46 Friday, and they meet again at Myrtle Point Tuesday, with possible third game in Coos Bay Friday.

Plays Lebanon

7—Lebanon.

8—Newberg won by defeating McMinnville Saturday night 27 to 22 and plays Lebanon Tuesday at Newberg, Friday at Lebanon, and possibly Saturday on a neutral floor.

9 and 10—Hillsboro champion. These districts picked no individual champion but held a joint tournament in Hillsboro, which ended with Hillsboro winning over Seaside 50 to 46. Astoria placed third, beating Beaverton 49 to 24. No inter-district playoff will be necessary and Hillsboro automatically enters the Salem state tournament.

11—Salem and Woodburn settle this district tonight. Salem beat Woodburn Saturday night 38 to 37.

12—Oregon City, which will play either Salem or Woodburn.

Deciding Game

13—Gresham.

14—Vernonia. Vernonia and Gresham meet in Scappoose Tuesday in the third and deciding game of inter-district playoff.

15-16—These two numbers are assigned to the Portland high school league and Washington, winning the city title, automatically goes to the state tournament.

In "B" district competition the champions are:

1—Clatskanie.

2—Dayton.

3—Pleasant Hill, which defeated Oakridge Saturday 27 to 15.

4—Reedsport, which defeated Langlois Saturday 33 to 17.

5—Rogue River.

6—Arlington.

7—Grant Union of John Day.

8—Enterprise.

War Bond Offered to Leading Hitter In Baseball Tournament

WICHITA, Kas., March 5 (AP) The national baseball congress offered a $5000 war bond to the leading non-professional hitter of the annual national baseball tournament.

A player, to be eligible, must participate in at least five national tournament games, be an amateur and be associated with a club belonging to the congress' national association of leagues.

Winner of the bond, said President Ray Dumont, will be chosen on the basis of batting averages in the 1945 tourney scheduled in Wichita August 10 to 22.

Golden Gloves Entry Deadline Extended

PORTLAND, March 5 (AP) — Deadline for entries in the Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament here Thursday, Friday and Saturday has been extended, Herman DeVault, general chairman, said today.

DeVault said he expects between 75 and 100 amateurs to compete.

BASEBALL RETURNS

FORT WORTH—Dutch Meyer will hold two weeks of football practice at Texas Christian in March, and then will call a baseball squad together to get ready for competition in a sport that has not been on the Horned Frog program since 1942.

Three To Win

Mexico City's Hipodromo de las Americas puts on an eyelash finish as Even Chin, Bellarmine and The Giggler finish in a tie.

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UO, WSC Tie In '45 Coast Confab Race

By The Associated Press

The standings:

	W.	L.	For	Ags.	Pct.
Oregon	11	5	815	728	.688
Wash. State	11	5	753	673	.688
Ore. State	10	6	715	652	.625
Washington	5	11	714	797	.313
Idaho	3	13	603	750	.188

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For the fourth time since the north and south portions of the Pacific Coast conference were split into basketball divisions in 1923 the northern sectional race has wound up in a deadlock, and Washington State college and the University of Oregon must meet in a best-two-in-three series of the 1945 crown.

The Cougars of WSC bowled over Idaho Saturday night, 49 to 30, while Oregon was trimming Oregon State 47 to 38. The decisions left the winners tied with 11 victories and five defeats each for the regular schedule and it was announced the teams would meet this Saturday night in Pullman and the following Friday March 16, in Eugene. If a third game is needed, it will be played at Eugene, March 17.

The plum for the winner, in addition to the division title, will be a berth in the western NCAA tournament at Kansas City. The usual north-south playoff for the coast title will not be played. UCLA, southern division winner, will be unable to floor a team after this week because of navy regulations eliminating its trainees from competition.

Oregon, beaten in its last two meetings with Oregon State, trailed by 15-17 at the end of the first half Saturday night at Eugene but rallied sharply in the late minutes for its victory. The winning Webfoots rolled up a 7-point lead soon after the half opened, only to have it chopped to a single counter at 28-27 by the midway mark.

With only five minutes left the Staters began losing stars via the personal foul route. Red Rocha was whistled out first followed by Ted Henningsen and Bob Labhart, and the Webfeet could coast to their victory.

In Pullman the University of Idaho tried to concentrate on Washington State's scoring ace, Vince Hansen, but was able only to hand the big fellow nine gift tries, of which he sank five. Nor could the Idahoans keep him from caging five field goals to run his new division scoring record to 253 points.

WSC was in front by 28-14 at the half and never seriously threatened.

Someone Finally Hurt In Wrestling Match—Spectator, of Course

ROSEBURG, Ore., March 5 (AP) Clarence Grubbee, elderly spectator at a five-man battle royal featuring Saturday night's wrestling card here, was treated at a local hospital here for deep scalp wounds suffered when irate fans bombarded the ring with pop bottles.

Aroused by the "meanie" tactics of the Grey Mask in the final round of the intermediate bout with Milton Olson of Minneapolis, balcony occupants began hurling bottles at the hooded grappler. One bottle, falling short of the mark, struck Grubbee on the head. Several other fans were also hit, but none seriously.

Police restored order and a cash reward of $70 was offered for information as to the identity of the fans who started the near-riot.

GRENERT GREAT

NEW YORK — Howard Cann of New York university considers Al Grenert one of the best all-around players he has coached.

There were 18,480 traffic deaths in the United States during the first 10 months of 1944.

Looking for a Whopper

History to Record 1945 as Hanson Year in Coast Race

By The Associated Press

Nineteen hundred forty five will go down in northwest hoop history as Hanson year in the Pacific coast conference division.

The sky scraping sophomore from Washington State college, whose front name is Vince and whose altitude is 6 feet 8, knocked over two individual scoring records by pouring 253 points through the iron ring in 16 games to rank as the division's all-time tally champ.

His effort—and the big, quiet guy hardly seemed to work up a country sweat in doing it—surpassed the 16-game mark of 224 chalked up in 1943 by another stater, Gale Bishop, and even bested the 20-game total of 249 set in 1938 by Oregon's great Laddie Gale.

Towering Vince bucketed 98 field goals and 57 free throws, missing only 25 of his 82 attempted tosses.

But the Bishop record would have fallen even if Hanson had played hookey for the season, which would have been all right with Ephrum (Red) Rocha of Oregon State. Getting away to a slow start after joining his club just as the schedule began, the equally altitudinous Rocha piled in 93 field goals and 39 free throws for a seasonal total of 225.

Dick Wilkins of Oregon, who set the scoring pace through the early schedule, also passed the 200-mark with 207. "Bad boy" of the division was Smith of Oregon, who was charged with 116 personal fouls. Another Oregonian, Bartelt, was the free throw expert, missing only two of 116 chances. Among the regulars, Jorgensen of Washington had the least fouls, with 15.

The scoring leaders:

	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP
Hanson, WSC	98	57	25	33	253
Rocha, OSC	93	39	22	34	225
Wilkins, Ore.	90	27	26	46	207
Jorg'sn, Wn.	72	36	20	15	180
Hays, Ore.	67	24	21	34	155
Hamilton, Ore.	62	29	19	33	153
Hamilt'n, WSC	57	21	8	31	122
Pyne, Idaho	53	26	21	37	127
Carbaugh, Ida.	46	28	15	33	107
King, Wash.	50	19	5	29	119

The second 10: Smith, Oregon, 116; Bartelt, Ore., 112; McCord, OSC, 104; Labhart, OSC, [illegible]; Overholser, Idaho, 92; Jones, WSC, 90; O'Connor, Idaho, [illegible]; Taylor, Idaho, 90; Rennick, WSC, 89; McMillan, Wash., 88.

Unlucky Lady

Lucille Hecker, 26, claims she is only woman coaching male basketball team. For last two months she's been coaching boys' five at Bronx Vocational School, where her regular job is teaching girl students health education. So far her team has played four, lost four.

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