

Medford Lambasts Prineville; Oregon City Assured of Berth



Hays May Be Lost To Webfoots

Ken Hays, 6-foot 7-inch Oregon center, and the only man who could possibly stop 6-foot 8-inch Vince Hanson of Washington State, may quite possibly be lost to the Webfoots in the first titular tilt at Pullman Saturday night.

Colonel Bill Hayward, Oregon's veteran trainer, said yesterday that it was very doubtful if Hays would be able to play because of two sprained toes suffered in last week's bruising battle with the OSC Beavers.

Hays made the trek to Pullman, however, and Honest Jawn Warren, Oregon coach, was hoping he would see some action in the fray. If Hays is unable to start, Ed Allen, 6-foot 3½-inch reserve, will replace him in the pivot slot. Other Webfoot starters include Wilkins at one forward berth, either Berg or Smith at the other forward position, and Captain Hamilton and Bartlett at the backcourt posts.

If Hays is unable to play, it will be a severe blow to Oregon hopes. He is the only man on the Oregon roster that stands a ghost of a chance of stopping Hanson and his chances are none too bright. The elongated Cougar center had little trouble breaking away from his guard during the conference season and it is not likely that he will suffer any let-down in the first title collision between the two clubs.

Honest Jawn Warren is not a man to let dust collect under his feet, however, and will be shooting with everything the Webfoots have Saturday night. Hays or no Hays. The loss of their stellar center will be a near-calamity to the Webfoots, but may have the effect of spurring the boys on to victory. Oregon is undoubtedly the underdog in this series, but may rise to unprecedented heights and cop the ball game, not in spite of Hays' absence, but because of it.

Rasslers Vie For Right To Meet "Mask"

Tonight at the Klamath armory, six rasslers will vie for top honors in a "battle royal" and the doubtful pleasure of colliding with the "Grey Mask" next week. This free-for-all has been booked by Promoter Mack Lillard, the great white father of Cauliflower Row, with the winner promised a shot at Mr. Stoneface next Friday night.

Pete Belcastro, Tony Ross, Gust Johnson, Jack Kiser, "Blood and Guts" Davidson, and Georges Dusette are the six grapplers who will tangle in the free-for-all to determine which of the boys is best qualified to take on the hooded hoodlum.

It is to be sincerely hoped that nothing occurs such as the bottle-throwing incident at Roseburg last week in which a spectator was injured. The matches here have been conducted in the best possible fashion and due credit should go to the gendarmes, both civilian and military, who are entrusted to keep order.

When a large group of people gets out of hand, tragedy or near-tragedy strikes almost every time. With a few minor exceptions the conduct of the fans at the armory has been excellent, and that's the way it should be. After all, we go to the matches for enjoyment, not to create a riot.

There will be plenty of action for everybody right in the ring tonight and, whoever emerges victorious, the "Mask" will have his mitts full next week.

War Correspondent Finds Golf Scene Little Changed

(Editor's note: William F. Boni, an Associated Press sports writer before he turned war correspondent a couple of years ago, is back in the United States for a brief rest. He went out to the Miami Springs Municipal course to watch his old player-friends in action—and the old urge to write about what he saw overcame him, rest or no rest. So War Correspondent Boni turns Sports Writer Boni for the day.)

By WILLIAM F. BONI
MIAMI, March 9 (AP)—It is a very nice thing indeed to come back after three years away from the golfing scene and find little Ben Hogan still in there whipping out those crisp drives and iron shots and Sammy Snead still belting the ball that proverbial country mile.

Of course, the picture isn't quite the same. Hogan is a lieutenant now, on temporary duty coaching and instructing the boys at an army air force hospital here, and Sammy is not long away from a hitch in the navy.

Yet Sam came out of the navy to win six out of the first 11 tournaments he played in. Hogan, who until just the other day had played no golf at all since September and hadn't been in a tournament for more than a year, teamed with PGA President Ed Dudley to whip Ky Laffoon and Jack Grout, 8 and 7, in the first round of the four-ball invitation yesterday.

Benny was a bit erratic, but ever so often he'd uncork a shot every bit as good as the ones he put together back in March of 1940 when he won three Carolina tournaments in as many weeks with a total score some 27 strokes under par.

Because he did have streaks of looking so good and Dudley, at 43, still was getting there with the occasional money shot when needed, their match today with Byron Nelson and Jug McSpaden promises to be the top event of the quarterfinals.

BOXING ON LEND-LEASE
WEST POINT—With three of the nation's top coaches in Uncle Sam's service, intercollegiate boxing is operating on a lend-lease basis. Billy Cavanaugh, who led West Point's boxers to the Eastern Intercollegiate leadership last year, has been assigned to the Mediterranean theater as a civilian sports consultant for the army special service division. Penn State's Leo Houck is in Greenland on the same mission. Johnny Walsh of Wisconsin is a lieutenant of marines. Carrying on in the absence of this veteran trio are Maj. H. B. Pillsbury at the Military academy, Marty McAndrews at State college and Chief Specialist Tom Kenneally, former amateur, at Madison.

CHAMPAIGN—Charles Burghart, Illinois freshman hurdler, won 10 letters at Greenfield, Ill., high, three each in football and basketball and four in track.

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By The Associated Press
Another jigsaw fitted into the state hoop tournament picture today, with Oregon City, clutching a ticket to the March 15-17 fray and Medford one game nearer to another berth.

Fighting to a narrow 45-41 victory, Oregon City defeated Woodburn for the second time last night and tossed the duration league champion into the tournament spectators' benches. Medford's Black Tornado blew gustily at Prineville and roared off to a 59-18 victory in the first of a three game series.

The night's contests almost completed the picture of a razzle-dazzle state tournament which promises fast ball in both brackets.

Portland's Washington Colonials will roll onto the floor against the Eugene Axemen in what should be a ding-dong opener for next week's hoop classic at Salem. Their game starts at 3 p. m. next Thursday.

The other upper bracket is the only part of the jigsaw still missing. The second tournament game will pit either Hood River or Baker against either Lebanon or Newberg. Both entrants will be selected this weekend.

Drawing for places left equally powerful squads in the lower brackets, which open play Thursday evening, Medford—a cinch for a tourney slot when it hits Prineville again tonight—is paired with Vernonia. Hillsboro is matched with Oregon City in the other lower bracket.

Crystal ball hoopers see Medford emerge from the lower bracket to tourney finals. In the upper bracket, the crystal ball figure is a bit blurred. Some find the Washington Colonials playing Medford for the championship. Others say the figure looks more like Eugene.

And, of course, the crystal ball has been known to be all mixed up.

Hardy's Five, DeMolay Win V.L. Contests

Jerry's Delivery drubbed Hardy's Man Store 32-9 for the second half championship, and DeMolay dropped the Herald and News 32-14 for the runner-up spot in Victory league playoff games last night.

Jerry's, led by Bill Meade with 11 counters, outclassed the Hardy quintet, but both teams played spotty ball. Building up an early lead, Jerry's was never threatened as Hardy's could not seem to get started. Holloway, Bontic, Zinkle and Carter each sank two for the losers.

Playing for the runner-up berth, DeMolay had little trouble downing the Herald and News Trotters. DeMolay got off to an early lead and was ahead 19-8 at the half. Howard paced the winners with 11 tallies as Malory marked up eight for the Trotters.

Army-Navy will play Jerry's Delivery for the championship, and DeMolay will meet Hardy's in a battle for third place in the final games to be played Wednesday, March 14, at KUHS.

Portland Boy Stars In Title Cage Tilt In United Kingdom

LONDON, March 9 (AP)—The towering Bearcats of the first airbase depot met the high-scoring G-2 depot quintet today in push-seated Albert hall for the basketball championship of American forces in the United Kingdom.

T-4 Bill Zeimer of Zanesville, Ohio, sent the G-2s into the finals by sinking a tie-breaking foul in the last 30 seconds of a semifinal game with the 48th troop carrier group, PFC Don Stitt of Portland, Ore., was high for G-2 with 16 points.

The Bearcats whipped the 826th convalescent center, 48-43, in the other semi-final tilt.

OPA CHIMES IN AGAIN

PHILADELPHIA, March 9 (AP)—Unused golf balls may not be sold at higher than pre-war prices, the OPA here said, commenting on reports that pros were paying as high as \$4 apiece for them in Jacksonville, Fla.

COLEMAN TAKES BRIDE
CANTON, O.—Herb Coleman, center on Notre Dame's national championship football team of 1943, and now in midshipmen's school in South Bend, will be married here March 10, two days after receiving his ensign's commission. Eleanor Marshall of this city is the lucky girl.

Diving Star



HENRY F. McNAMARA

McNamara Swim Coach At Barracks

(Official Marine Corps Photo)
1st Lt. Henry F. McNamara, former swimming coach at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at one time one of the nation's top-notch divers, arrived at the Marine Barracks recently to take over the duties of assistant athletic officer.

McNamara will be in charge of all swimming facilities here when the huge tank, 50 meters long and 25 yards wide, is completed some time in May.

Like most of the sporting events at the Barracks, swimming will be incorporated with the regular training schedule, but will be used also for recreation, instruction and inter-company competitive activities.

Cochrane Slated To Fight "Sugar" In Title Clash

CHICAGO, March 9 (AP)—A 15-round title bout between Freddy (Red) Cochrane, welterweight champion, and Ray (Sugar) Robinson, No. 1 contender, will be held here some time in June. Matchmakers Jack Hurley and Jack Kearns said Cochrane, recently discharged from the navy, had agreed to defend his title against the New York negro.



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16 Teams Paired In Tourney

14 States Represented In Tournament Opening Monday At Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, March 9 (AP)—Sixteen teams from 14 states were paired today for first round play in the National Intercollegiate basketball tournament which opens a week's play in Municipal auditorium Monday night.

The Maude Naismith memorial trophy, first presented by the late Dr. James A. Naismith, inventor of the game, as a memorial to his wife, will go to the winner of the seventh annual tourney.

Eastern Kentucky State and Simpson college, Indianola, Iowa, will play the featured encounter of three games set for the first night.

Eastern Kentucky, one of the favorites, is led by Fred Lewis, sixth high scorer in the nation and has a record of 17 wins and four losses for the season. Emil Liston, director of the tournament, said Simpson has won 16 and lost 4.

Other first night games will bring together Eau Claire (Wis.) Teachers and Central college, Fayette, Mo., and Washburn university, Topeka, vs. Southern Illinois Normal, Carbondale. Central went undefeated through its 11-game season.

Other first round pairings: Tuesday—West Texas Teachers of Canyon vs. Wichita (Kas.) university; Eastern Washington of Cheney vs. Doane college, Crete, Neb., and Pepperdine college of Los Angeles vs. the Peru (Neb.) State Teachers.

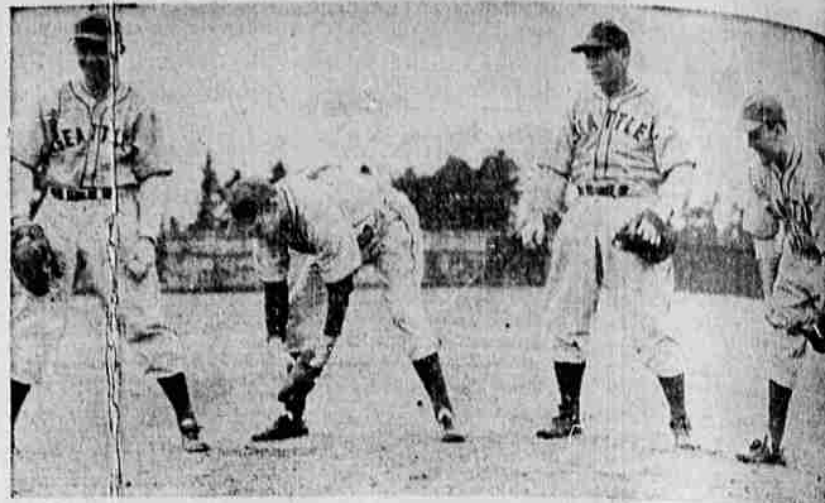
2 Additional Teams Accept Tourney Bids

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP)—Acceptance of bids by New York university and West Virginia left only one vacancy today in the NCAA and National Invitational basketball tournaments.

With NYU's entry in the Eastern NCAA competition, the New England section was the only one still unrepresented but there were indications a definite decision would be made today. Brown was reported the leading candidate. Kentucky and Ohio State previously accepted invitations.

Only a playoff series between Washington State and Oregon kept the Western NCAA field from being complete. Oklahoma Aggies, Utah and Arkansas were entered. Western play will be held in Kansas City, starting March 23, a day after the eastern competition opens in Madison Square Garden. The two winners meet in New York for the title March 27.

Rainiers Get Rid of the Kinks



First Baseman George McDonald and outfielders Jack Whipple, Roy Johnson and Maunie Vias (left to right) of the Seattle Rainiers, take their fielding the easy way as they work out kinks during early spring training at San Fernando, Calif., for the 1945 Pacific Coast League pennant tangle.

Texas Amateur Sets Pace In Rome Open, Shortage Of Golf Balls Problem

ROME, March 9 (AP)—Pvt. Tom Bolt, 28-year-old Abilene, Texas amateur, held a two-stroke lead on the field of the Rome Open golf tournament today as

Blackhawks Have Chance to Cop Hockey Crown

By The Associated Press
Chicago's playoff hopes in the National Hockey league brightened today as the Boston Bruins and New York Rangers continued their downward trend.

While the Blackhawks were idle, New York fell before Detroit, 7-3, and Boston dropped a 3-2 verdict to Montreal in last night's games.

The Bruins muffed a chance to take undisputed possession of the fourth and last available position in the post-season series by bowing to the first-place Canadiens.

Baksi Gains TKO Over Barlund In 10th Round

MIAMI, Fla., March 9 (AP)—Third ranking duration heavyweight Joe Baksi will keep a Madison Square Garden ring date with Lou Nova March 30 with one more victory to his string as a result of a technical knockout over Gunnar Barlund of Finland here last night.

A crowd of 6000 saw the 216-pound Kuip mont, Pa., coal miner score the TKO over the battered and bleeding Finn in one minute and 30 seconds of the tenth and final round. Barlund weighed in at 201 and three quarters.

Cage Results

By The Associated Press
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Washington (Portland) 62, Salem 36.
Milwaukie 57, Gresham 44.

Jeff Heath Refuses To Be \$1-a-Year Man

SEATTLE, March 9 (AP)—Jeff Heath has no intention, he said last night, of signing a \$1 per year contract with the Cleveland Indians.

Heath, hard hitting outfielder, said the contract provided for a salary to be settled upon when he demonstrated his injured leg was no longer troublesome.

Saying he would be late in reporting, Heath indicated he would welcome the sale of his services to Detroit.

Rainiers Hold First Full Practice Game

SAN FERNANDO, Calif., March 9 (AP)—George McDonald hit one two-bagger and Charlie Aleno clouted two as the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast Baseball league held their first full practice game of the season. The "Reds" trimmed the "Blues," 7 to 0.

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Roosevelt Clips Mills in Grade School Tourney

Mills eliminated Fairview by 32-14 count, and Fairview downed Mills 32-24 in "A" money game Wednesday and Thursday.

Paced by Chavez with 18 hits, Mills had no trouble downing Fairview. Myers chalked six for the losers.

Roosevelt had to come behind in the fourth quarter to down a determined Mills. Roosevelt took an early lead as Mills closed to within one run in the third quarter and ahead momentarily in the fourth. Derrah sank 11 for Roosevelt while Chavez made nine for Mills.

Coach Kaup's Fremont first will tangle with Roosevelt in the city championship tonight at 4:30 p. m. Coach Altemeyer Roosevelt quintet will try to avenge a former loss to Fremont and force the play-off into an extra game.

Yanks Set to Start Spring Training—But No Place to Go
NEW YORK, March 9 (AP)—The New York Yankees are set to start spring training chores at Atlantic City today but they have no place to go when the weather is bad.

The army has taken over the 112th field artillery area where the Yanks did their side work last spring and Col. Larry MacPhail is still looking for indoor quarters which the New Yorkers probably will share with the Boston Red Sox.

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Stars Bounce Eagles In Rough Puck Fray

SEATTLE, March 9 (AP)—A wild scoring rush in the last two periods, climaxed by a fist fight worth five-minute penalties to Roger Jenkins of the winners and Art Shuman of the losers, marked the opening game last night of the Pacific Coast Hockey league northern division playoffs, with Seattle's Stars trouncing Portland Eagles, 7 to 1.

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