Oregon City Upsets Medford For Surprise Win of Season; Washington High Raps Baker

Oregon Clashes With Washington State

We are forced to jump the gun a bit on this one and when this is read Oregon will either be crowned northern division, Pacific Coast conference king or the Ducks will face the Cougars again in a deciding game tonight.

We think that the title will not be clinched by the Webfoots and that the WSC hoopmen will still be in the running when this is read. Writing in advance of the titular tilt Friday night certainly comes under the heading of laying yourself wide open and we presume the Oregon rooters will waste no time taking advantage of their opening if we prove to be wrong.

HAINES

We will, of course, know by the time this appears how the battle came out, but we pledge ourselves to run it anyway, right or wrong. Our back is broad and there is plenty of room for the various knives which may be sticking out of it if the Webfoots do it again.

Vince Hanson, the Washington State record-breaker, is due to start connecting with the bucket and if the Cougars can stop Bob Hamilton and Dick Wilkins they should have no great trouble winning the second fray and forcing the series to the three-game limit.

IF Washington State wins Friday night, we believe the Cougars have enough on the ball to continue to set the pace Saturday and thus capture the toga. If Oregon rooters will notice, we do not say we WANT the State cagers to play it this way, but merely state that they COULD do it.

Whichever way the tide of victory turns, we wish the winning club luck in the national NCAA tournament as representative of the Pacific northwest and may the best ball team win.

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Oregon City Provides Upset

The scrappy Oregon City Pioneers provided the major upset of the year last night at Salem by bumping the Medford Black Tornado, undefeated in 26 starts, by the score of 41 to 40.

By virtue of this startling triumph, Oregon City will collide with Washington of Portland in the finals tonight. The Colonials had no trouble downing Baker, 51 to 41.

We said Tuesday that Oregon City might provide plenty of competition for the Tornado, but we had no idea that the Pioneers would actually whip the rough Medford club.

We have also stated upon occasion that we had no use for the type of basketball played by Medford and that we would welcome the defeat of Al Simpson's boys. That has finally come to pass and we are glad, glad, GLAD!

There seems little room for doubt that Washington will now become Oregon prep champion, but whichever team wins, one thing is assured, and that is that Medford will not be crowned prep cage titlist of Oregon. Even though we thought and predicted that the Tornado would cop the bunting, we doff the old lid to the Oregon City Pioneers, giant-killers of the 26th annual prep tournament!

SALEM, Ore., March 17 (AP)—The plucky Oregon City Pioneers, who squeezed past Medford 41-40 last night for the upset of the year will battle it out with Washington High of Portland tonight for Oregon's 1945 basketball crown.

The tall Washington Colonials trounced Baker, 51-41, in the first semi-final contest last night.

Reedsport and Clatskanie will clash for the state "B" championship. Reedsport swamped Arlington, 55-33, while Clatskanie walloped Grant Union of John Day, 44-27. The "B" game will start at 7:30 p. m., and the "A" finals at 8:45.

Grant Union high school copped the B school consolation championship today with a 28-27 decision over Arlington in a game that was tied 13-all at the half and nip-and-tuck throughout the final sessions.

A free throw in the last 50 seconds gave the point to Grant Union after Ray Crowder, Arlington center, fouled Glenn Eddy, Grant Union forward.

Oregon City turned the tables on the Husky Medford Tigers, unbeaten all season, after trailing through the entire first half. In the third with Darrell Riggs, Medford's star center, benched on five personals—Oregon City swayed ahead to 34-32.

It was anybody's game the fourth quarter. Howard Whillock, Medford sub, sank a goal to give the Tigers a two-point margin, 37-35, but towering Len Rinearson of the Pioneers retaliated to tie it up. Bob Misley then sank a free throw for Oregon City, and Keith Bakkum also tallied. Jerry Ross made two free throws to bring Medford up to 40, but the Pioneers held tight to their one-point margin.

With only 45 seconds left to play, a roaring crowd saw Medford's Bob Watson miss a free throw that would have tied the game.

In the other semi-final, Jerry Krafve, Washington All-Stater, again set the pace for the Colonials with 16 tallies — five field goals and six free throws. The Colonials streaked away to a 17-5 first-period lead, but the stubborn Baker Bulldogs hung on until the gap was reduced to 29-21 at the half.

Willis Urban fouled out, sounding a dark note for Washington half way through the third period, but his teammates were able to keep ahead for 41-33. Lavey and Krafve poured it on for the Colonials in the fourth quarter, and Baker was a goner. Peterson, who netted 14 points for Baker, was sent to the sidelines on fouls with four minutes to play.

Reedsport, pride of the B leagues, rolled over Arlington in a game which set a new individual high scoring record. Reedsport's 6-foot-3 center, Clyde DeWitt, potted 34 points, topping the 1944 record of 33 points made by Curt Luckey, Springfield. DeWitt connected for 12 field goals and 16 free throws.

Clatskanie's Tigers came through in top fashion after an 18-18 deadlock at the half and a narrow 13-12 first-quarter margin. Paced by Dan Erickson, who made 12 points, the winners raced ahead 29-21 at the third period, then drove home to an easy victory. Big Gordon Wilson, 6-foot-3 center, tallied 11 for Grant Union.

Lineups

OREGON CITY (41)	POS.	(40) MEDFORD
Thomas (6)	F	(6) Hayes
Nisley (3)	F	(8) Ross
Rinerson (14)	C	(7) Riggs
Bakkum (6)	G	(11) Fawcett
Jones (11)	G	(3) Watson

Substitutes — Oregon City, Sonderen, Mills, Holman, Larson (1); Medford, Spelle, Whillock (4), House, Bostwick (1).

WASHINGTON (51)	POS	(41) BAKER
Cowan (5)	F	(3) Henderson
Urban (7)	F	(2) Calderwood
Krofve (16)	C	(4) Johnson
Lavey (12)	G	(14) Peterson
Maxwell (11)	G	(11) Ballantyne

Substitutes — Washington, Tagellsell, Strader, Keller; Baker, Perry (4), Borgan, Lemon (2), Carpenter (1).

REEDSPORT (55)	POS	(33) ARLINGTON
DeWitt (34)	F	(5) Clough
Mooney (8)	F	(2) Jewell
Thornton (6)	C	(9) Crowder
Smith (5)	G	(1) Smythe
Colliver (2)	G	(8) Sofey

Substitutes—Reedsport, Pinnion, Henderson, Jenkins, Diehl; Arlington, Clark (6), Pearce, Roberts (2).

CLATSKANIE (44)	POS	(27) GRANT U.
D. Erickson (12)	F	(10) Eddy
L. Fountain (9)	CF	Belshaw
Vam (10)	C	(11) Wilson
W. Erickson	G	(6) Mullenex
Philbrook (9)	G	Trowbridge

Substitutes — Clatskanie, Parker (4), Grant Union, Gleason, Bruer, Livingston.

FIGHTS

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Jimmy Bivins, 185, Cleveland, and Melio Bettina, 191, Beacon, N. Y., drew.

Old Double X Shows Same Home Run Power in Drill

By JOE RICHLER

NEW YORK, March 17 (AP)—Jimmy Foxx's aging legs may have slowed him up a little, but his arms still have that home run power.

The 37-year-old former American league home run king, who in 1932 smashed 58 round trippers for the Athletics, only two shy of Babe Ruth's record, indicated yesterday that he can still hit for distance by poling three balls over the fence in the Philadelphia Phillies training camp at Wilmington, Del.

One ball cleared the heads of some painters who were busy freshening up a sign that read 423 feet. Old Double X, who owns a lifetime total of 527 home runs, including three of the National league, is expected to hold down first base for the Phils this season.

Other training camp notes:

Yankees— George Stirnweiss, league's leader in hits last year, ended holdouts siege and will report at camp Tuesday. Catcher Bob Collins and Pitcher Emerson also sign.

Giants—Arrival of Outfielder Joe Medwick gave Manager Mel Ott a complete starting lineup for first time. Rookie Pitchers Bob Barthelson and Andy Hansen signed to bring total to 25 on dotted line.

Dodgers — Pitcher Tom Warren signed. Catcher Stan Andrews and Pitchers John Wells and Otho Nitcholas arrived to swell squad to 29 in camp.

Athletics—Connie Mack said each of 28 in camp had signed a contract, including Pitcher Don Black.

Tigers—Pitcher Paul (Dizzy) Trout first Tiger to hammer ball out of park as Catcher Paul Richaris stars in batting practice.

Cubs — Engaged in majors' first intra-camp game with Coach Red Smith's "B" team beating Manager Charlie Grimm's "A" 7-0.

White Sox—Light batting and fielding drills comprise workout as Manager Jimmy Dykes awaited arrival of Wally Moses and Bill Nagel, who signed Thursday.

Red Sox — Outfielder Tom McBride, who signed yesterday, expected to arrive today. Manager Joe Cronin worried about his eight missing pitchers, for only five moundsmen, plus one catcher, have checked in.

Pirates — Manager Frankie Frisch still absent as Coach Spud Davis took charge of 24 athletes who went through two-hour practice session.

Senators — Manuel Nidalgo, Cuban-Chinese shortstop, has caught the eye of Washington officials. In his first infield workout, Hidalgo covered the ground like a cat and coaches said "He will do . . . if he can hit."

Indians—Manager Lou Boudreau, Pitcher Jim Bagby and Outfielder Ed Carnett reached camp too late to work out. Pat Sheerey, 22 years old today, sparkled in bat drills, lacing two over the wall.

Browns—Coach Zach Taylor stressed brisk infield drill as 14 players appeared in uniform. Don Gutteridge was at second, Vernon Stephens at short, Les Schulte at third and Milt Byrnes at first. Pitcher John Miller hurled in first day here.

Pepperdine In Finals Of Tourney

KANSAS CITY, March 17 (AP) George Pepperdine college of Los Angeles, which for three years has been striving to reach the finals of the National Intercollegiate basketball tournament, tonight will play Loyola university of the south for the title in Municipal auditorium.

Eastern Kentucky State Teachers, Richmond, Ky., will meet Southern Illinois Normal, Carbondale, for third place honors.

Pepperdine, with its best team in several seasons, has the opportunity to take the title back to the west coast for the second time in four years. San Diego, 1941 champion, was the last Pacific coast team to win.

Pepperdine advanced to the final round with a 52 to 34 triumph over Eastern Kentucky State Teachers last night. Loyola had to battle all the way to win over Southern Illinois Normal in the closing round, 37 to 35, when Captain John Casteix let go with a one-handed shot far out on the court to clinch the ball game.

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Dusette Draws With Meek Mr. Stoneface

By PAUL HAINES

The joint was really jumpin' last night at the Klamath armory as the biggest crowd of the year crammed into all available space to witness the titanic tussle between the "Grey Mask" and popular Georges Dusette, the French-Canadian strongman. The bout was officially declared a draw with both grapplers gaining a fall, but if ever a man was soundly trounced, that man was Mr. Stoneface last night.

Dusette either chased or threw the "Mask" from the ring so many times that the fans lost count. He deliberately let the hooded hoodlum clamp a full-Nelson on him, and then broke it with ridiculous ease. He bounced the masked menace off the canvas so many times that Mr. Stoneface resembled a Mexican jumping-bean and, in short, it was Dusette all the way.

After three rounds had passed with neither muscler able to cop a fall, the "Mask" resorted to tactics common to his many appearances here by grabbing fistfuls of hair, using his fist illegally, and sawing on the ropes for leverage. The combination of these quaint methods made Georges groggy and Mr. Stoneface seized his opportunity to employ his head butts and then take the fall with a half-crab.

In the fifth round Dusette passed up several chances to use his dreaded and powerful full-Nelson as the "Mask" refuses to unveil unless he loses two falls. Once Georges applies the Nelson, his opponent is in no condition to continue hostilities and, although Dusette would have won the bout, it would have been on a technical if the "Grey Mask" had failed to return to the ring.

No tumble was gained in that canto which saw the hooded heel pedal his bicycle all over the square. In the sixth and final heat, Georges went out after his rival and after pursuing him all over the ring he finally clamped on a full-Nelson amid a deafening roar from the crowd. Mr. Stoneface had had more than enough and Dusette hurled him to the canvas, where he lay, a badly beaten man.

In the semi-windup clash, Jack Kiser was awarded a decision over Pete Belcastro by Referee Wally Moss for the second time in two weeks. Once again Pete's tactics were beyond reasonable bounds when, after each man had gained a fall, Belcastro heaved Jack through the ropes twice into the lap of a ringside fan. When Moss attempted to hold Pete off until Kiser climbed back in the ring, the Weed assassin tossed him to one side, too, and continued to go after Kiser illegally. At this point Moss stepped in and gave the match to Kiser to the lusty approval of the fans.

Tough Tony Ross and Gloomy Gust Johnson rassled to a draw in the opener. The bout was fraught with action and saw Gust grab the first fall with a leg stretch, but Tony took the final fall with a grapevine to even the count.

Swede Star To Try Again In Mile Run

By JIMMY JORDAN

CHICAGO, March 17 (AP) — There may be no records broken, but the quality of competition won't suffer tonight when the nation's top track and field stars—so far as wartime conditions permit—get together in Chicago stadium for the ninth annual Chicago relays.

There'll be such aces as National AAU Champion Pvt. Barney Ewell of Camp Kilmer, N. J., and four-times winner Herb Thompson of the coast guard in the sprints; Ed Dugger of Dayton, O., another national champion, and Haakon Lidman of Sweden in the hurdles; Dave Albritton of Dayton, in the high jump, and Cpl. Milt Padway of the New York Engineers' club and Billy Moore of western Michigan in the pole vault.

And of course, there'll be Gunder (The Wonder) Haegg, feather-footed Swede, in the Bankers' mile, feature of the carnival. Haegg, who lost his first two starts on this tour of the United States, will match strides with Jim Rafferty of New York, winner in those two races.

Tiger Jack Fox KO's Opponent In First Heat of 10-Rounder

SPOKANE, March 17 (AP) — Tiger Jack Fox of Spokane laid claim to his 29th first round knockout win today, a 1 minute 21 second devastation of George Ecks, 175, Minneapolis, in a scheduled 10-round main event.

Frankie Gimbel of Yakima kayoed Jerry Brown of Portland in the opening round of their middleweight semi-final bout.

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Cougars Wax Oregon Five, 53-48

Hanson Paces WSC Quintet To Victory With 26 Points

EUGENE, Ore., March 17 (AP) Oregon's Webfoots and the Washington State College Cougars must meet tonight in the rubber game of a three-tilt playoff to decide the championship of the Pacific Coast conference northern division and the west coast representative in the NCAA Western Division tournament in Kansas City.

The deciding game became a necessity last night when the Cougars upset the dopesters to register a narrow 53-48 victory and even the series at one all.

Vince Hanson, the nation's leading collegiate scorer, put the Pullman contingent out in front with a lead they never relinquished a minute and 15 seconds after the game began. It was the first of 11 field goals for the elongated center who amassed 26 points for his night's work.

Never trailing, WSC pushed ahead at one point to a 16-8 lead, only to have Reedy Berg and Jim Bartlet cut the margin to 17-16 with six minutes left in the half. The midway figure was 33-24.

At 43-39, the ultimate victors spurted to a full eight-point margin in a minute and a half —a lead they held until a closing basket by Wilkins chopped the final count to 53-48.

Wash. State (53)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Joslin, f	2	0	5	4
Jorrisen, f	0	5	3	5
Hanson c	11	4	1	26
Gregg, g	1	1	4	3
G. Hamilton	6	0	4	12
Waller, f	0	1	3	1
Kellinger, c	0	0	1	0
Rennick, g	0	0	3	0
Noteboom, g	0	0	0	0
Johnson, g	1	0	0	2
Totals	21	11	24	53

Oregon (48)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Wilkins, f	4	1	4	9
Smith, f	0	0	1	0
Hays, c	2	0	3	4
Bartlet, g	4	2	4	10
Hamilton, g	3	3	3	9
Berg, f	5	5	5	15
Stamper, c	0	1	1	1
Hoffine, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	12	21	48

Referee: Emil Piluso. Umpire: Squinty Hunter.

Halftime — Washington State 33, Oregon 24.

Missed free throws — WSC: Jorrison 2, Hansen 6, Noteboom, Hamilton. Oregon: Wilkins, Berg 2, Hayes 2, Stamper, Bartelt 2.

Toronto Goalie Wins Puck Award

TORONTO, March 17 (AP) — Irish Frank McCool, Toronto goalie, couldn't have chosen a better time than St. Patrick's Day to celebrate his selection as the National Hockey league's outstanding rookie of the season.

The 26-year-old Canadian army vet and former sport writer yesterday was named winner of the Calder trophy, receiving 1424 out of a possible 3024 points in the voting by 28 reporters. Ken Smith, 20-year-old left winger of the Boston Bruins, was second with 1083 points, and third place went to 18-year-old Ted Lindsay of the Detroit Red Wings.

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The public is invited to attend this tussle, which will renew the rivalry between the marine corps and the navy, and any person may pass through the gates unescorted.

Firing Starts In Garden

NEW YORK, March 17 (AP)—The fireworks in search of a mythical college championship basketball team will be set off tonight at Madison Square Garden when Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N. Y., meets Bowling Green of Ohio in the opening game of the eighth national invitation tournament. Tennessee plays Rhode Island in the second contest.

The other quarter-final round will be played Monday with top-seeded De Paul of Chicago playing West Virginia and St. John's of Brooklyn winner of the last two years, facing Muhlenberg. The semi-finals will be played Wednesday with the final March 26.

The winners will meet the team that captures the NCAA championship for the mythical crown in the Garden March 29. The eight teams in the NCAA competition tangle March 22 and 24, with Utah, Oklahoma Aggies, Arkansas and the winner of the Oregon-Washington State game meeting in Kansas City and Kentucky, Ohio State, New York university and Tufts taking over in the Garden. The eastern and western winners will settle their argument March 27.

Music Makers, Warriors Draw Byes in Tourney

DENVER, March 17 (AP) — Pairings for the national AAU basketball tournament opening a week's play here tomorrow were announced today by W. N. Greim, president, as a vanguard of 15 teams arrived in the city.

Reflecting a growing sentiment that the defending champion Phillips 66 of Bartlesville, Okla., is the team to beat for the 1945 title, the cage committee placed the Oklahoma quintet at the top of the upper bracket.

Both the Fort Lewis, Wash., Warriors, also a seeded team, and Fees Music Makers, Portland, Ore., drew first round byes.

Millard Scores TKO Over Jordan In 8th

HOLLYWOOD, March 17 (AP) Outboxing and outpunching his opponent all the way, Buddy Millard of San Francisco scored an eighth-round technical knockout over Al Jordan of Chicago last night.

Sam Snead Fires Hot 65 in Open

Slammin' Sam Sets Co[urse] Record In Charlotte Op[en]

By FRITZ LITTLEJOHN

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Ma[rch] 17 (AP)—Sammy Snead, [...] a scorching pace as the [...] turned into the second [...] of the Charlotte Open [...] found himself in the rare [...] tion of sharing the spotlight with Byron Nelson, but with [...] unbelievably difficult golf [...]

Before the tournament sta[rted] all were agreed the vic[tory] would be settled, just as it [was] last year, on hill 455, Nu[mber] at the Myer Park club.

After the first round [...] by 100 players, hill 455 [was] still unconquered — no bird[ies] and among the low five [...] ers not a single par.

Terrible No. 9, a par [...] (it says on the score card) the top of a 215-yard [...] fairway, is nestled secu[rely] among trees, traps, tennis co[urts] and outbuildings. On top [...] that its rolling surface ha[s] the best putters. It got its [...] nation as hill 455 not from altitude but because Ne[lson] played it 4-5-5 in the first [...] rounds last year and then lost five shots to par and [the] title to Dutch Harrison, w[ho] played it in one under pa[r].

Snead was trapped and [...] a bogey on nine yesterday [...] batted out an eagle three [...] seven pars for a course-re[cord] 65 as he began his bid for [a] fourth straight open tourna[ment] victory and his seventh in [...] starts since leaving the n[avy] last fall.

He had a one-shot lead o[ver] Jug McSpaden, still riding a [...] putting streak that helped ca[rry] him and Nelson to top money [in] the Miami four-ball a week a[go].

Sam Byrd, the former [...] player, was another stroke [...] the pace with 67.

Nelson, leading money win[ner] of the winter swing, was in [a] four-way tie for sixth plac[e] 70. He got a par on nine, b[ut] only by blasting out of a trap within three feet of the pin.

Portland Eagles Rally to Defeat Stars In Puck Fray

PORTLAND, March 17 (AP) A five-goal rally, after trailing 4-0 as they entered the third period, gave the Portland Eagles 5-4 victory over the Seattle Stars last night and a 3-2 game edge in their best-of-seven semi-final divisional ice hockey league series.

The two teams meet again Sunday in Seattle.

Bobby Morin spearheaded the Portland victory drive with four of the five goals, batting in the clincher just 39 seconds before the horn.

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