



### Very Good Reason

At last the secret is leaking out. The reason why Rough Rufus Jones is unable to keep his Klamath Falls rassing date this week—he was signed to match muscles with Angelo Martinelli—is that Rufus came out second best in a Portland fray over the holidays.

It seems as though Jones allowed his cottonfield exuberance to lapse into disorderly conduct and came within notice of the City of Medford cops, whereupon he was taken in hand by the gendarmes, probably at least a platoon of them, and is at present a non-paying guest of the Medford city jail.

Anyhow, the dusky one's decision under duress to miss his Klamath appointment necessitated some switching about in this week's clutch card so a rassic royal putting Pete Belcastro, Angelo Martinelli, Jack Lipscomb, Herb Parks, Earl Malone and Gust Johnson in the ring has been arranged.



### Pay As You Go

Billy Southworth, ex-of the St. Louis Cardinals, has an intriguing financial setup for the coming year with the Boston Braves.

He gets \$35,000 flat for running the club an extra \$5000 if the Braves finish fourth, five grand more for third, another five grand for second and still another five thousand fish if Boston wins the National league pennant.

Should that happen—it's unlikely—he'd draw down around five thousand more series money, making a total of \$60,000 for the year. Not bad.

### Tony Zale Tunes For First Fight In Three Years

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 7 (AP)—Middleweight Boxing Champion Tony Zale knocks three years of dust from his gloves in a 10-round heavyweight bout with Bobby Giles, Buffalo, N. Y., here tonight in the first link of his program to "get ready for a championship fight with Jake Lamotta or Rocky Graziano."

The Gary, Ind., Polish-American puncher was discharged from the navy last October after more than three years of service and got busy with a training routine designed to bring him to peak form in a "few months."

In his last fight, early in 1942, Zale lost a close 12-round decision to Heavyweight Title Contender Billy Conn of Pittsburgh. P.Ker mgy 8

### Desperation Shot Wins For Merrill

Merrill Huskies edged out Lakeview Honkers in a saw-saw battle on the Merrill court Saturday night, 28-27, on Noonan's last-second desperation basket from far out on the floor.

The Honkers were trailing one point at the half, 14-13, but led all through the second half until Noonan's game breaker in the last three seconds.

Lineup and scoring: Merrill (12) F. (8) Reed Noonan (8) F. (5) Miles Fotherling (8) G. (8) Harlan Hammond (2) Moe Walker (2) G. (2) Bagley Substitutions: Merrill—Bowman and Hunnicutt; Lakeview—Taylor (2).

The Huskies have a game with Dorris scheduled for Wednesday night.

### Chiloquin Bakers To Play Marines

The Chiloquin AB Bakery commercial team will play the Klamath Falls Marines tonight in a game on the Chiloquin floor. The Leathernecks hold one win over the Bakers already.

Friday night the Bakers welcomed Chiloquin high, 43-18.

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### Martinelli's Grimace



A hold without a name is what Angelo Martinelli is using here to force Seattle Ben Sherman's shoulders to the canvas. Angelo will be back in the armory tomorrow night to take part in a rassic royal but Sherman went home for the holidays and won't be back for awhile. Pete Belcastro, Earl Morgan, Gust Johnson, Herbie Parks and Brutal Jack Lipscomb are also on the docket.

### Pels Come From Behind To Vanquish Lava Bears

#### 34-29 Victory Over Bend Runs Klamath Victory Streak To Six In A Row

After trailing all through the first quarter and sweating to make up a seven-point deficit, the Pelicans had to head off another last period Bend scoring spree to stop the Lava Bears 34-29 Saturday night and sweep a two-game series with the Deschutes county boys.

The victory puts the local lads' win streak at six straight or nine wins in ten games.

Bend got off to an early lead with a free toss and goal by Howes and two ringers by Moore, putting the Pels seven points down to start. Then the K-men began hitting the basket, Palmer, Hoyer, Coleman and Thorne all scoring, and the first period ended 13-12 for Bend.

Craig's tip-in of a pass from Palmer got Klamath in the lead early in the second canto and the score began to mount as the Pelican fast break started paying dividends. Halftime count was 23 to 15.

The first half was rough and ragged. Gene Hoyer had four fouls and Ray Craig three but Hoyer was managing to get control of the rebounds over the lanky Lava Bears. Bend scored only two points—a pair of free throws—in the second quarter.

Bend's second stringers started the second half and the Pels ran the score up to 30-20 by the end of the third frame. Then in the fourth James and Sheffield caught a spark for Bend and came within three markers of knotting the score.

Palmer sank two free tosses to finish the scoring and the Pels stalled for two minutes as the game ran out. The last two charity tosses made a seven straight for Palmer who was high scorer of the game with 15 points. Moore had nine for Bend and Sheffield seven.

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### Gus Lesnevich Begins Working For Kahut Bout

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7 (AP)—Light-heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich arrived yesterday for pre-bout workout sessions before meeting Woodburn's Joe Kahut in their ten-round non-title tilt here Friday.

A crowd of 300 fans packed the new Police Athletic league gym to watch the New Yorker exercise on the bags and with the skip rope. Gus will spar daily through Thursday and may get in some roadwork at Lincoln park to help bring down his waistline.

Kahut's manager, Jack Capri, announced the Woodburn slugger would make no Portland appearance before entering the ring Friday night.

The Japs were the only ones on the Missouri in full formal outfits. All dressed up and no place to go!



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## SPORTS

### Sam Breadon Slave Mart In Business

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7 (AP)—"Sam Breadon, baseball properties sold or traded," was open for business today and the big question was who would be next among his many St. Louis Cardinals stars to leave the home grounds of Sportsman park.

Shrewd Sam opened his 1946 business year over the weekend by disposing of Catcher Walker Cooper to the New York Giants for \$175,000 and Second Baseman Jimmy Brown to the Pittsburgh Pirates for an estimated \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Although he still has enough players left for two formidable major league entries, Breadon said he has no other deals pending at the moment. He indicated, however, that Shortstop Marty Marion was the only one of the more than 60 Red Birds who definitely was not for sale.

"Marion will be with us this year," the Cardinal owner said. He would not say as much for any of his other players.

### Portland Skier Wins Mt. Hood Slope Sprint

TIMBERLINE LODGE, Ore., Jan. 7 (AP)—William Devecka, Portlander racing unattached, led the field of skiers today in the revival of the annual Portland day trail race on the Mount Hood slopes.

Devecka raced the slow 3 and 3 1/2 mile trail in 7:18.4 for Class A men's honors and beat Nap Rocque, Cascade Ski club ace, who placed second with 7:31.4 as a record crowd of some 4000 ski fans watched the event over the Hood course.

Alma Hansen, Cascade club woman racer, won Class A women's honors with an 8:59.2 time, as Club Mate Maryanne Hill followed her down for second place.

Class B men's class: Frank Freeman, Blue Mountain club, led with 8:14.8; Jack Pennington, unattached, second, 8:22.4. Class B women: Rhoda Williams, Cascade, 9:04.4; second—Jeannie Svhramm, Cascade, 10:25.4.

### Malin Takes Two Tilts From Henley

The Malin Mustangs swept two cage tilts from the Henley Hornets last Friday night on the Malin maple.

In the opening tussle the Malin "B" quintet walloped its opponents, 30 to 18, and in the final fray the Mustang varsity trampled the stunglers, Hornets, 47 to 29.

The Malin "A" squad built up a substantial 24 to 5 lead at halftime and was never in danger of being headed at any time during the game.

Ellis collected 16 points to pace the Mustangs and Hess rang up 12 counters for Henley.

### Rod Giske Honored For Leadership

PULLMAN, Jan. 7 (AP)—Winner of the 1945 Bohler award for outstanding football leadership is Rod Giske, Tacoma, captain of last season's Cougar grid team.

Giske was honored, jointly with Phil Sorboe, WSC first-year grid coach, at a banquet here Saturday night. Giske was chosen by vote of teammates.

### BOWLERS START TOURNEY

PORTLAND, Jan. 7 (AP)—The men's state bowling tournament will be revived after a war-time lull when the keggers begin competition Thursday at the Central alleys here.

A record entry field of 134 bowlers is listed for singles and doubles events, almost twice the previous high since the event was started at Salem in 1938.

## Basin Cage Loop Begins Schedule

The first scheduled rounds of the Basin Basketball league, formed now with seven teams in the running, are to be played tomorrow night, Merrill and Henley, Bonanza at Chiloquin and Tulelake Merchants versus Tulelake Associated Oil at Tulelake.

Harold Hendrickson at Matt Finnigan's sporting goods store has agreed to manage the loop. A Klamath team makes up the league as matters stand now but there is time for additional out-of-school quintets to qualify and enter the play.

Team managers should contact Hendrickson, by tomorrow noon if possible, to enter their teams in the loop, presenting a list of players and \$15 entrance fee. For local teams wishing to enter he may also be able to locate a sponsor.

A Marine Barracks second string, sponsored by the Marine Corps league, inquired about getting in the basin roundup last weekend and may enter.

Various team managers will be responsible for making necessary arrangements—gyms, officials, tickets—for home games. Here in town arrangements are being made for the use of the Altamont junior high floor and the Marine Barracks gym may also be used, the games out there as preliminaries to the marine tilts.

Another meeting of persons interested in basin basketball is to be held in the city hall on Wednesday, January 23, to complete the balance of the loop schedule and discuss other business, and additional teams entering should have their bid in by that time.

- First half schedule:
- Tuesday, January 8
    - Merrill at Henley
    - Bonanza at Chiloquin
    - Tulelake Merchants vs. Tulelake Associated Oil
  - Thursday, January 10
    - Tulelake Associated Oil at Merrill
    - Bonanza at Tulelake Merchants
    - Chiloquin at Henley
  - Tuesday, January 15
    - Klamath at Chiloquin
    - Henley at Tulelake Associated Oil
    - Merrill at Bonanza
  - Thursday, January 17
    - Associated Oil at Bonanza
    - Klamath at Merrill
    - Chiloquin at Tulelake Merchants
  - Tuesday, January 22
    - Bonanza at Klamath
    - Tulelake Merchants at Henley
    - Associated Oil at Chiloquin
  - Thursday, January 24
    - Tulelake Merchants at Klamath
    - Chiloquin at Merrill
    - Henley at Bonanza
  - Tuesday, January 29
    - Klamath at Tulelake Associated Oil
    - Tulelake Merchants at Merrill

### Byron Nelson On Threshold Of Los Angeles Victory

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7 (AP)—Byron Nelson, the golfing nonpareil, was on the threshold today of capturing one of the new major tournament titles to elude his grasp—the \$13,333.33 Los Angeles Open.

With a 212 for 54 holes, Lord Byron ruled the gallery's favorite wrap up the \$2686.87 first place Victory Bond in the final round. A least half of the 9000 fans followed Nelson as he methodically stroked out a one-over par 72 in yesterday's third round to take a two-stroke lead.

Still tied for the runner up spot were Sam Snead, defending champion from Hot Springs, Va., and Jim Ferrier of Chicago, who posted 73's for 214 totals. Close up, and dangerous in case Nelson should slip, were Ben Hogan, Hershey, Pa., 216; color-

### Ironmen Outscore San Diego On Ice

SEATTLE, Jan. 7 (AP)—The Seattle Ironmen, apparently determined to make a new showing for the new year, outskated and outscored the travelling San Diego Skyhawks here last night, taking the Coast league hockey game 8 to 2.

The men from the south held the lead through the beginning of the second period, but the determined Ironmen slammed in two quick goals in the first five minutes of the session and the game was sewed up in Manager Frank Dotten's bag from then on.

The Ironmen tallied three goals in the second period and four in the finale.

Only five minor penalties marred the unusually clean game.

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### Nags Will Run into Dough Next Season

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Although the curtailed 1945 season ran only 154 days, the tracks broke practically every state record and many world records for pari-mutuel betting as 4,823,123 fans poured \$450,663,190 through the ticket windows. A world record \$5,000,000 betting day was established at Belmont Park and there were many \$4,000,000 days.

Purses also were raised last season and horsemen will continue to rake a good harvest this year. The Belmont Stakes already has been tilted from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and many other big events are scheduled to have their added values boosted.

The season will get underway at Jamaica April 6 and will close with the two-day United Hunt's meeting October 14 and 15.

### Cage Results

Far West  
California 37, UCLA 35.  
Southern California 43, Stanford 32.  
Oregon State 49, Idaho 45.  
Washington 46, Washington State 44.  
Denver 59, Hastings 51.  
Farragut Naval 44, Montana 43.  
British Columbia 52, Willamette 27.  
Nevada 43, College of Pacific 32.

Oregon High School  
Oregon City 39, McMinnville 38.  
Klamath Falls 34, Bend 29.  
Pendleton 23, Mac Hill 20.  
Lebanon 43, Redmond 40.  
The Dalles 21, Kennewick (Wash.) 17.  
Longview 44, Rainier, Ore. 31.

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