

Ducks Take Close Win From Idaho

46-45 Victory Opens Conference Play For University Of Oregon

By The Associated Press
Northwest conference basketball got off to a 1946 start for two teams last night, with the Webfoots of the University of Oregon taking a close game from the Idaho Vandals, 46-45, and Whitman defeating the College of Idaho, 40-20.

At Eugene, Ore., the Webfoots, playing their northern division Pacific Coast league opener, barely edged out ahead of the invading Idaho five, as both teams battled score for score until the very last.

With Regulars Dick Wilkins and Bob Hamilton off the court, the Oregon scoring laurels went to Seeborg and Williamson, both back from service after 1943 playing for the Ducks.

At Walla Walla, the Whitman quieted outlandish and far outscored the College of Idaho squad, banging up a 21 to 9 lead at the half. Hobbs, Missionary captain canned 13 points.

In other non-conference games, the Corvallis Naval Hospital team won a close 32-31 victory over Portland university in their meet at Portland. The Rose City squad played shy their star performer, Big Jim Manion.

Over at Farragut, Idaho, the Sand Point naval air station team came from behind in the second half to defeat the Farragut Bluejackets, 67-58. Bob Svendsen topped the scoring with 24 points for Farragut.

Fast Action Slated For Armory Card

Tonight's card, starting with a six-man raffle royal and ending with a trio of three-canto bouts, is slated to start the grapple year off with an explosion and is notable for the return of Brutal Jack Lipscomb to Klamath ring wars.

Surly Jack is even more surly now that he no longer sports the Pacific coast junior heavy crown, the diadem having been lifted from his well-muscled head by able-bodied Joe Lynam in a recent Portland scuffle.

Lipscomb will be tossed into the communal ring with Weed's pride and joy, Pete Belcastro, Angelo Martinelli, Herbie Parks, Earl Malone and Gloomy Gust Johnson to try his luck from there.

All tiffs after the mass muscle will be of three 10-minute rounds duration but the financial returns for the grapplers scaled on a main-event, semi-windup and curtain-raiser basis.

In other words, the first two men thrown in the roundup come back for three rounds at a prelim pay, next duo have three cantos with semi-final bracket pay and the two most hardy fight the main go.

This business is something new to Lipscomb, who refused to fight anything but headlines while he had the coast title. Herbie Parks also has a title behind his name, a Canadian crown, but he is easy to get along with and doesn't object to taking part in lesser bouts.

Tuesday night was selected for tonight's rassing and for all bouts this year because the old Friday night date conflicted with high school and other athletic events almost every week.

The scuffling tonight is slated to start at 8:30 in the armory, with Wally Moss as referee.

Leathernecks Scalp Bakers At Chiloquin

The Leathernecks from the Marine Barracks scalped Chiloquin's AB Bakery quintet in a game at Chiloquin last night, 71-50, although top scoring honors went to one of the Bakers.

Huff, playing guard for Chiloquin, hit 21 points. Hatfield of the Bakers and Doc Zautcke of the Marines each had 18 tallies.

Chiloquin opened the scoring with a free toss granted by the first of 28 Marine fouls, but Zautcke counted a long shot and the Marines were off to the races. The Marines led 32-21 at the half.

The under-the-basket play of Marine center Lambert was a highlight of the game. The win was the seventh in 10 games for the Leathernecks.

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\$175,000 Swabbie



Walker Cooper, star pre-war and wartime catcher of the St. Louis Cardinals, who has been swapped off to the New York Giants for a bag of currency reported to contain \$175,000, at present is earning some \$54 a month swabbing decks at Lambert field where he is stationed in the navy as a seaman. (AP wirephoto).

TAKES OFFICE
PORTLAND, Jan. 8 (AP)—Henry L. Hess, La Grande attorney, was sworn into office as United States attorney here yesterday in the court of Judge James Alger Fee.

Hess succeeds Carl C. Donagh, who served three terms.

SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Reluctant Elk Harem Moved To New Home In Wilderness

SEATTLE, Jan. 8 (AP)—Nine reluctant elk were barged off an island in a river, trucked 70 miles and turned loose in a wild and isolated valley of northwest Washington after an arduous day-long struggle by a crew of state game department men last weekend.

Game Director Don Clarke gave this account:

The elk, on 80-acre Snoqualmie island in the Snoqualmie river, had been problems for years. It was necessary to bury 20 of the animals, which had not survived last winter. A recent count showed 12 elk—one bull, two calves and nine cows.

A corral was built and stocked with food. Nine elk went into the corral; the other three nosed about dubiously outside. An employe closed the gate, and last Saturday the elk were shunted into trucks—a nasty, sweaty, loud-cussing job.

A barge had been borrowed from a timber company and the elk trucks were ferried across along a cable, the trips being delayed several times by snagging by deadheads.

"We took the elk to the wild headwaters of the south fork of the Nooksack river in Whatcom county, beyond the Lyman Timber company camp. When we got them there it was dark, and they refused to budge out of the trucks. So we scattered some forage around and left. We returned next morning and found they'd gone with the dawn.

"They should prosper in that area and should provide good hunting a few seasons hence."

The other three "We're going back and get 'em."

Tony Zale KO's Bobby Giles In Four Rounds

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 8 (AP)—Tony Zale was successfully past his first tuneup fight today in his conditioning campaign leading to the defense of his NBA world's middleweight boxing title.

The sturdy 162½-pound ex-sailor from Gary, Ind., in his first fight since February, 1942, ended a scheduled 10-round overweigh bout here last night with lean Bobby Giles, 162½, Buffalo, N. Y., Negro, in 1:33 minutes of the fourth stanza.

Zale absorbed several sharp rights from Giles before he turned on the power. His timing appeared none too good, but he had the kick to rack up knockout No. 31 in his professional career dating back to 1934.

A hard right and close-in left to the head put Giles away after he already had hit the canvas twice—once without a count and again for nine shortly after the fourth opening bell.

THE FATTED CALF
GALESBURG, Kas., Jan. 8 (AP)—The fatted calf actually was killed for PFC. George Pennington's homecoming from the Pacific wars.

His father, Arch Pennington, had invited all service men and ex-service men to a barbecue, featuring a plump calf and a 250-pound hog, to greet George back on the farm but bad roads held attendance to 200.

"We can do it all over again next year," said the father, who announced George had re-enlisted for a one year hitch.

NO WORK—NO EAT

The busy beaver has a good reason for keeping busy. If he stops using his chisel-like teeth for very long, they grow to such lengths that eating is impossible.

Nelson Cops LA Tourney

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8 (AP)—Mr. Big of Golf—Byron Nelson, that is—is off a-winging on the 1946 tournament trail.

Lord Byron, as automatic as ever, won the 20th annual Los Angeles Open yesterday with 284 for the 72-hole tour of the Riviera course. And as the golfing fraternity picked up sticks and left for the San Francisco Open, which starts tomorrow, the burning question was: Who's gonna stop him?

His 71-69-72-72 added up five strokes better than a Benny Hogan's 289, and nobody threatened Nelson after Sam Snead, defending champion, and Jim Ferrier, Chicago, faded after trailing by only two strokes at the end of 54 holes.

Nelson's first prize was \$2666.67 in Victory bonds, Hogan took \$1866.67 for second place.

Nelson, the Toledo, O., umbrella salesman, posted the same score, 284, as he did last year when Snead beat him by one stroke. Snead took a 78 on the final 18 yesterday and finished with 292—tied for 10th.

Nelson now has won 20 of his last 25 major tournaments.

Lakeview Quint Takes Twin Bill

LAKEVIEW—Lakeview high school took a double-header from Cedarville, Calif., on the local court last Friday evening, the B team winning 26 to 10, and the first stringers trouncing the visiting Californians 42 to 16.

Lasater and Barry paced the winning B squad with six points each, while Ash bucketed five points for the losers.

In the main event, the Honkers took an early lead and continued to pile up the score against a weak defense. Miles and Bagley paced the winners with 13 and 10 points, with Johnstone and McIntire getting five and four points for the losers. It was Lakeview's fifth win of the season.

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Harridge Sees Baseball Boom

By WILL HARRIDGE
President, American League
CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP)—The most interesting chapter in baseball history will be written into the 1946 records.

The return of scores of former stars, the bid for recognition of new players, the re-establishment of the all-star game, the home-coming of millions of fans who have been in service will combine to get our national game off to a flying start in its first peacetime pennant race since 1941.

The four wartime seasons which ended with the 1945 world's series themselves were notable in many ways. Millions of fans loyally supported every major league club, all of which were decidedly off in culture of play. Yet, battles for the pen-

Men through many mediums. Tremendous interests in baseball among soldiers, sailors and marines in all parts of the world was the greatest single factor in baseball's ability to keep going through the seasons of 1942-45. That interest, I am sure, has made thousands of new fans for our national sport.

Skiing Excellent At Fort Klamath

Almost perfect ski conditions were reported over the weekend in the Sun mountain and Camp Wilson vicinity near Fort Klamath, and some 300 snow lovers came out to negotiate the slopes.

The slides were covered with about 20 inches of new powder snow which has fallen since last Wednesday and more snow fell up there yesterday.

Brisk, bright weather brought the skiers out. Some 20 members of the Sun Mountain Ski club made use of the warm-up shacks erected last week.

Throughout the war, baseball went overseas to our fighting

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