



Ray Trulliger, sports writer for the Elks magazine, delved into the behemoth bear situation in a recent article and he scoffs at stories about "650-pound black bears," listing them along with the "mythical" 400-pound white-tail buck.

He says that the largest ever killed in Pennsylvania, where bears are reputed to grow big, was considerably short of that poundage mark. The coal-mining bruin was knocked off back in 1933.

All we have to say is Mr. Trulliger would do well to get acquainted with some Oregon and California bears.

The biggest black bearskin rug on record, still according to Trulliger's figures, measures three inches shorter, or 7 feet 2 inches, than the Seven Mile monster, but it was some 11 inches wider, probably giving the original wearer of the skin a roly-poly or drape effect.

It was killed in 1933 up in the Kupreanof Bay country of Alaska. The skull measured 14 and one-eighth inches, or an inch longer than the number two or Texas bear brought down for measurement in 1908.

For the glory of Oregon and north California we call for some official recognition of local mastodons.

In defense of Pennsylvania bruins, a marine informs me that he collided with one of the critters while driving on a public highway. The car stopped dead and the bear ambled away.

Ripley's Believe-It-Or-Not recently told of a Tennessee hunter, old-time, who killed 99 bears, and, if third-grade history is reliable, D. Boone also slaughtered one on a tree somewhere in Kentucky.

So have lots of other people.

## Martinelli, Lipscomb May Fight Again

There has been no announcement yet today of next week's grapple card but there is a good chance that Buck Lipscomb and Angelo Martinelli may crawl back into the ring together for the main event.

The two maulers split last week but only because Martinelli refused to accept the decision on a foul.

He was one fall ahead going into the third and final round when Lipscomb floored him over near the ropes and began to jump on Angelo's left arm and back, using the ropes occasionally to give his punishing kicks momentum while the crowd roared for Referee Wally Moss to stop it.

Jack was using a technicality in the rules—he was making use of the ropes all right, but he actually had no hold on Martinelli, so Moss couldn't stop the fight on that account.

But as the torture went along and Martinelli was past making a move to get up, Wally asked the decision on a foul and every time Angelo said no. So a fall-each draw was the finish.

Brutal Jack is one of the

# Basketball En Masse Slated For Leathernecks, Pelicans

## Marines Get Crack At Flyers

College caliber basketball can be had for the asking tomorrow and Saturday nights at the Marine Barracks when the boys on the hill take on the Fairfield-Suisun Skymasters in a two-game series.

The Skymasters have had one of the best service cage teams on the coast all through the war and this year's squad is reputed to be even better than the gang last year which gave the Leathernecks their best games of the season.

Advance notice from Vallejo, Calif., indicates that the Flyers are now moving along the current of a 14-game win streak. The Marines have seven wins in ten starts this season, having lost two tilts to the University of Oregon Ducks and one to the Astoria Navy Flyers.

Starting five for the Marines will probably put Art Vermont and Doc Zautcke at forwards, Jim Lambert, pivotman, and Jack McNeill and Paul Adams at guards.

Vermont and Zautcke are the scoring stars of the Leatherneck quintet and the under-the-basket play of Lambert has been a strong factor in the Leathernecks' last four or five wins.

The public is cordially invited to come up to the barracks to see these games, free of charge, and plenty of parking space right near the gym for all comers.

The Marine gym seats 1100 and the boys on the hill want it filled this weekend.

Before the main event two teams of the Basin league—Ashley's Chevrolet and Rickey's Jewellers—meet on the Marine court. That game is set for 7:30 tomorrow night, and another prelim is being arranged for Saturday.

## Pro Linksman Tee Off Today In Frisco Open

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10 (AP)—The touring PGA pros, still determined to break the spell of all-time money winner Byron Nelson, will tee off today in the first 18 holes of the \$15,000 war bonds San Francisco Open golf tournament.

Nelson's competition over the tricky Lakeside course include Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Harold McSpaden, E. J. "Dutch" Harrison, Sam Byrd and a host of others he bested in winning the \$13,000 Los Angeles Open last week.

Nelson, who gathered in \$66,500 in bonds last year, is shooting for his third straight win at San Francisco.

On the first round he matched shots with Marvin S. (Bud) Ward of Spokane, Wash., the duration national amateur champion who is making his first comeback after army airforce service.

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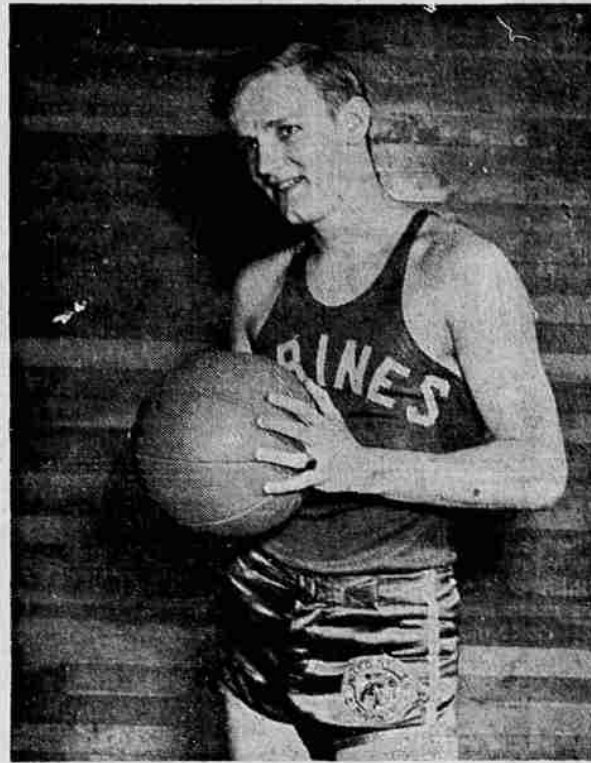
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## Marines' Young Sailor



Doc Zautcke, sailor who is starring at forward on the Marine basketball team, was only 19 years old last month, but his play in five games has earned him a starting berth on the older and more experienced Leatherneck squad. Zautcke will be on hand tomorrow night when the Marines play host to the Fairfield-Suisun Army Skymasters in a rivalry tilt.

## Buddy Young May Transfer From Illinois Out To UCLA

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10 (AP)—Buddy Young, a dusky edition of Mercury, is scheduled to pop himself into the middle today of the tempest he stirred up by announcing he may transfer from Illinois to UCLA.

The great negro halfback and sprinter's stay here—while he practices with some of his Fleet City navy teammates for an all-star football game January 20—may resolve the question once and for all. But again, it may not.

For dispatches from Champagne, where Young was working out with the track team at the university he attended before joining the service, quoted him as saying he had been promised a lucrative job after graduation from UCLA.

The Pacific coast conference eligibility rules read: "Alumni may not offer or promise any prospective student who is an athlete any inducement of financial value (including employment opportunities after graduation to influence... such athlete to attend a particular institution."

His transfer might well bring a conference investigation.

## Lesnevich Wants To Meet Either Louis Or Conn

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—Gus Lesnevich, light heavyweight champion who battles Oregon's fair-haired boy, Joe Kahut, here Friday night, said today he wants to try at the heavyweight title this year.

Lesnevich, favored to defeat the former-fighter boy from Woodburn, Ore., announced he plans to whip Bruce Woodcock in a scheduled March event at London, and then take on either Joe Louis or Billy Conn. Lesnevich, nearly 31, lost two close decisions to Conn before the war.

Nat Fleischer, editor of the RING, will referee Friday's 10-round non-title bout without judges. Lesnevich is expected to weigh in at about 185; Kahut at 181 or 182.

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## Pel Squad Will Meet Grizzlies

Full strength and getting stronger all the time, the KUHS Pelicans play host to the Ashland Grizzlies in two games here tomorrow and Saturday nights. These games are conference tilts.

In practice this week the Pels seem to be in good shape. The only player at all out of condition after the games last week with Bend was starting guard Leroy Coleman, who had a slightly injured leg received in the last tilt, but he is back in the play now.

So the original starting five will probably take the hardwood to open the Ashland series—Jim Palmer and Gene Hover, forwards, Jerry Thorne, center, and Leroy Coleman and Ray Craig at guards.

Coach Dutch French has been drilling his boys on a new block of set plays this week and also smoothing out the wrinkles in ball-handling on the fast break.

Last week against Bend the Pels lost numerous scoring chances by wild passing after ripping down the floor full speed on a fast break.

This weekend French may do a little experimenting with his lineup, trying to add some height by giving McLean more action with Hover and other tall lads in the field.

Tomorrow night a pair of preliminaries will be played before the varsity match. The Freshmen, coached by Ed Ryan meet the Tulalake B squad at 8 o'clock, then the Wildcats play the Californians A quintet at 7. The varsity game is scheduled to start soon after 8 o'clock.

## Cage Results

- By The Associated Press
- EAST**  
 Villanova 54, Bucknell 52.  
 Cornell 77, Rochester 49.  
 Harvard 65, Boston U. 48.  
 Dartmouth 58, Quonset Navy 42.  
 Princeton 50, Rutgers 37.  
 Pittsburgh 56, Carnegie Tech 45.  
 Yale 44, Columbia 32.  
 U. S. Military Academy 70, Swarthmore 38.  
 West Virginia 59, Long Island U. 51.
- SOUTH**  
 Duke 51, North Carolina 46 (extra period).  
 Virginia 63, Washington and Lee 25.
- MIDWEST**  
 Kansas 39, Kansas State 26.  
 Otterbein 62, Lockbourne AAF 15.  
 Defiance 57, Lawrence Tech 34.
- FAR WEST**  
 Willamette U. 59, U. of Portland 49.  
 U. of Nevada 51, Mather Field 42.  
 Colorado 66, Denver 30.

## New Finnigan



Matt Finnigan, owner of Matt Finnigan Sporting Goods, today announced that his brother Jim, recently returned from the service, will be affiliated with him as a partner in the business. Jim served for four years with the Seabees, first in the Aleutians and the remainder of the time in the South Pacific. He is here now to take over his interest in the Main street sporting goods store.

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## SPORTS

## Blazing Bob Inks Indian '46 Contract

CLEVELAND, Jan. 10 (AP)—The Cleveland Indians today had Fireballer Bob Feller under contract as the highest salaried pitcher in the history of baseball.

The 27-year-old right-hander signed a one-year contract which he termed "the best" of his career after a brief conference here yesterday with Indian Vice President Roger Peckinpaugh.

No official estimates were disclosed, but it was believed the former Iowa farm lad will receive approximately \$50,000 for his services in 1946.

Bob last affixed his name to a one-year contract in 1941, his final full season before entering naval service. At that time he signed for a reported \$40,000, including a \$10,000 bonus to be paid on attendance. The strikeout artist said no bonus clause was attached to this season's contract.

The \$50,000 salary would make Feller baseball's highest paid hurler. Although there are no official figures on the subject, old time diamond followers recalled that the previous top for pitchers is between \$20,000 and \$25,000, reputedly paid to such fingers as Dizzy Vance, Dizzy Dean, Charley Ruffing and Carl Hubbell. Bobo Newsom claimed to have drawn around \$40,000 for his services with the Detroit Tigers during the 1941 season.

## Seattle Acquires Pair Of Players

SEATTLE, Jan. 10 (AP)—Pitcher Ira Hutchinson and Shortstop Bill Heltzel of Indianapolis of the American association have been acquired by the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast league, Rainier officials said last night. Terms were not disclosed.

Hutchinson is a 33-year-old right hander who has seen big league service with the Chicago White Sox, St. Louis Cardinals, Boston Braves and Brooklyn Dodgers. Heltzel hit .252 last year.

## Leavenworth Ski Tourney Resumed

WENATCHEE, Jan. 10 (AP)—After a three-year wartime suspension, the Leavenworth Ski Jumping tournament will be revived this year, with the event set for February 10.

Chairman Earl Little said Olaf Ulland, who has jumped 265 feet on the Leavenworth course, and

# Portland High Whirling Toward State Cage Toga

Washington Colonials, Last Year's Champs, Have Won Five Straight In City Loop

By A. R. BURNS  
 Associated Press Staff Writer

Washington, the Portland cage squad that captured last year's state prep basketball championship, is whirling down the maple court toward another.

The Washington Colonials racked up their fifth straight victory in the Portland loop this week to jump a full game ahead of second-placer Roosevelt and clutch the only perfect record.

But it's two months and 15 opponents to laurel time; and those crowds rumbling in from upstate come from scores of top-flight hoopsters who don't want to see Oregon's big city hike off with another crown.

Medford, third finisher in last year's tourney and unbeaten through 1944 season play, initiates the Southern Oregon conference tomorrow (Friday) entertaining Grants Pass. Medford, perennial athletic powerhouse, is unbeaten in Oregon this season, but dropped one to Longview, Wash.

Klamath Falls, winner of the Rogue River valley tourney, will entertain Ashland tomorrow and Saturday in their first conference clashes.

Over Blue mountain way, where Mac Hill, Pendleton, Baker, and La Grande are knotted at one win, one loss apiece, Mac Hill will trek to Baker for Friday-Saturday tilts. Pendleton takes conference time out for a home-and-home set with Walla Walla.

A "Watch that Tiger" call is rising down in six-school district 6, where Junction City has walked off with two straight district wins. The Tigers roar down to Roseburg tomorrow. Eugene, its last week game postponed by flood, will open district play against Cottage Grove tomorrow.

Corvallis, which dropped a No-Name tilt to Salem Tuesday for a season total of eight victories, two defeats, will trek to Lebanon tomorrow for a district 7 tilt with the defending champion.

McMinnville, defending champion of the Tualatin-Yamhill Valley league which spreads over districts 8 and 9, travels to West Linn tomorrow as TVV play winds up its second week.

Oregon City, runner-up for the state championship last year and current district 12 favorite with 8 wins and 2 losses, plays a district tilt at Milwaukie tomorrow.

Hermod Bakke, Leavenworth ski master who last week soared 225 feet in practice, are among the prominent jumpers scheduled to compete.

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