

Vandals Trip Webfoots 50-46 To Hold Margin

STANDINGS

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| Idaho | 10 | 4 |
| Oregon State | 10 | 5 |
| Oregon | 6 | 8 |
| Washington | 6 | 10 |
| Wash. State | 5 | 10 |

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 26 (AP)—The University of Idaho basketball team and the Palouse Hills hereabouts had a lot in common today—they're both still riddled, and one is about as hard to get over as the other.

Oregon's defending northern division basketball champions knew all about it after bowing to the league-leading Vandals last night, 50 to 46, and if there's anything in this legend about the mountain coming to Mahomet they'd like to make the guy's acquaintance before bumping into Idaho again tonight.

It's enough to drive a high-geared, speedlined basketball team to clipping paper dolls, the way this Idaho outfit plays like as easy as scrapping a raw potato. This in spite of the fact only one of the starting Idahoans—Fred Quinn—was even born yet when the Vandals won their last hoop title 23 years ago.

Of course, the thing isn't in the bag. Oregon, smarting under the sting of three straight defeats on its current western junket, would delight in cutting the bottom out of the bag this evening. Another win for Idaho would assure it of at least a tie for the championship. Coach Babe Brown's take-it-easy boys played see-saw with Oregon through the first half last night, took a 29-27 edge at the midway spot and ruled the play for the rest of the route.

The visiting Webfoots knotted the situation once, at 35-35, but angular Jack Phoenix served notice that such foolery wouldn't be tolerated by scoring five quick Idaho points.

Oregon shaved the margin to two points at 43-46, but Idaho went into a stall with five minutes remaining and when Idaho stalls, the enemy might as well use the time to count its end of the gate.

The only Webfoot bright spot was the scoring of Dick Wilkins, who bundled 15 points into the netting and hopped from seventh to fourth place in the league standings with a season's total of 155.

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Brownie Holdout Watches Practice



Verne Stephens, star infielder of the St. Louis Browns who doesn't like the contract tendered him and hasn't signed it yet, sits alone in the stands and watches his teammates work out at the Browns' spring training camp at Anaheim, Calif. —AP wirephoto.

Phillies Not Kidding About Coming Out Of Basement

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 26 (AP)—Tacked on the wall of the Philadelphia Nationals' club house here is a large cartoon of a ball player with a "P" on his shirt coming blinking out of an old-fashioned cellar, a bat over his shoulder and a bemused expression on his face.

It was drawn especially for the Phillies by the well-known sports cartoonist, Willard Mullin, and it will be reproduced on the face of every score card sold in the club's home park this season. It not only is about the first instance on record of a ball club poking fun at its own infirmities, but it also sums up graphically what Manager Ben Chapman has to say.

"We're a-coming up out of that cellar," declared the old Yankee outfielder, who wound up his playing career last year as a pitcher of parts. "I hope everybody picks us for last again, just so we can make them look bad. We've got a real infield now and we've got power. If we get pitching and find a good catcher, we'll be up there somewhere."

"The way I see it, St. Louis and Brooklyn will fight it out

Pastega's Five Leads Pin Meet

By JOHN FOSTER
Louie Pastega's pin-smacking quintet rolled their way to top place last night in team events in the first round of the city bowling tournament. In the three-game event they totaled a sizzling 2933 to lead the rest of the field by a good 100 pins.

The Matines rolled a 2824 to come in second in the pin fray. Elk's club was third with 2787 and Bill Davis' gang hit fourth money with 2750. The other four top teams in order were Teamsters 2746, Great Northern goats 2730, Bonanza 2685 and Readers with a 2638.

First prize in the team event will be \$50; second \$40 and third \$15. Twenty-five dollars in merchandise will be given fourth place team, \$15 cash for fifth. The first eight teams will get awards of some description.

Frank Hall leads for the all-events title. After last night's kegling he rested on top with a sizzling 637 series. Close behind is the wonderboy of Bonanza, Charles Booth with 627. Otis Wilson is perched at third with a 607.

It's still anybody's ball game as to all events. Totals for team events, singles and doubles are all tabulated at the end of the tournament and the man who hits the most pins the most often . . . if we may put it that way . . . takes home pin honors.

Tonight will be the first leg of the doubles and singles events. Schedules appeared in Monday night's paper. On Wednesday the remaining pin men will tackle the maples and that will wind up the 1946 city tournament.

More about results to date will appear in tomorrow's paper.

Ortiz KO's Castillo At Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26 (AP)—Fiery-eyed Manuel Ortiz, defending his bantamweight championship of the world for the 13th time, knocked out Louis Castillo, Mexican challenger, in the 13th round last night after punishing him mercilessly most of the way.

The plucky 24-year-old challenger, who did most of his fighting in the third and fourth rounds and then took the champion's fusillade of punches with only occasional retaliation, took the count on one knee. Ortiz weighed 117½, Castillo 117¼.

From the fifth round Ortiz practically commanded the ring, and in the 12th he hacked the Mexican to his knees. Castillo came back almost blinded in the next round and went down on a right punch to the body in one minute 31 seconds.

Ortiz, 29, came out of the successful defense of the title he won from Lou Salica in 1942 with scarcely a sign of a tussle.

Ray Mangrum Snatches Win From Hogan

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 26 (AP)—Ray Mangrum, the steel-nerved pro from Los Angeles, today headed for St. Petersburg and the ninth tournament of golf's winter tour \$1500 richer after beating Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., in an 18-hole playoff yesterday for the Pensacola Open title.

Mangrum shot the front nine in an even par 36, and came in with a four-under 32 for a 68, as Hogan had a one-under-par 71 on the 6100-yard country club course. He was out in 38 and came in with 33.

The extra round was made necessary when Hogan blew a three-stroke lead on the final nine of the 72-hole event to finish in a 277 tie with Mangrum Sunday.

Hogan was no match for the lanky Californian yesterday and never threatened after both pined the first hole of the playoff round.

WASHINGTON—Aaron Perry, 151, Washington, outpointed Fritzie Zivic, 150, Pittsburgh, (10).

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Aggies Fail To Place On All-Division Quint

SEATTLE, Feb. 26 (AP)—Oregon State probably won't like this, but there are no Beavers on the AP's choice of an all-star northern division Pacific coast conference basketball team this year.

Rita Looks Toward Title Tiff

A victory over Clara Mortensen in their finish match at the armory Thursday night may give Rita Martinez a chance to scrap blonde Clara again for the title and would also create more of a hiatus in the women's title situation that already exists.

Clara's assumption of the title is under dispute by Mildred Burke of Kansas City, but Miss Mortensen has possession of the belt which is the badge of office and says that if Miss Burke wants to substantiate her claim she'll have to leave the mid-west and come out to the coast to do it.

Miss Martinez is the number one challenger on the coast and if when Clara defends the title, Rita intends to be in the vicinity.

The fiery Mexican girl officially ranks about number three in ladies grapple circles, but is ambitious to better that position at the expense of Clara Mortensen.

This coming bout will be to a finish, a win one way or the other, with no time limit.

The opener Thursday night pits Tough Tony Ross of Salem against that popular youngster, Pierre (Frenchy) LaBelle, for three cantoes or two falls out of three.

The main go is scheduled as a tag team event, the first ever held in this locality, between Pete Belcastro and Red Dawson on one hand and that sardonic duo, Gust Johnson and Bob Kenston on the other. Chief obstacle to that pairing will be getting any mutual cooperation between the Weed Wildman and the Michigan timber beast.

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Bishop May Quit At W.S.C.

PULLMAN, Wash., Feb. 26 (AP)—Basketball Coach Jack Friel indicated today there was a "strong possibility" that high-scoring Gale Bishop of the Washington State college Cougars might not play against the University of Idaho Saturday at Moscow, thus increasing Idaho's chances of winning its first northern division Pacific Coast conference crown in 23 years.

"There is a strong possibility that Bishop will not continue in school and as a result would not play in the Idaho game," Friel said.

The coach made the statement when asked about rumors circulating in Pullman that Bishop would not be in the W.S.C. lineup this weekend. Friel declined to elaborate on his statement.

Bishop, starting with the Cougars late in the season after his discharge from the army, quickly built up an imposing scoring total. Only last weekend, he had collected 57 points in two games against the University of Oregon.

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