

# SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

## Reedsport Gets Berth In State Prep Tourney

By The Associated Press

Reedsport grabbed its usual berth in the state B basketball tournament last night and four northwest Oregon squads moved into finals for spots in the A tournament as the season's biggest hoop weekend pulled into high gear.

Cagers in every corner of the state will be battling for tourney berths tonight, with nine district tournaments, two playoffs, and one crucial season game on the packed schedule.

Gresham and Central Catholic of Portland will meet for the district 13 title tonight at the Gresham tourney. Gresham downed Bandy, 38-29, in semi-finals last night, and Central's Rams overpowered their city rival, Columbia Prep, 38-23.

McMinnville cagers will battle the Newberg squad they already downed in regular season play for the district 8 tourney ticket tonight. McMinnville smashed Dallas, 41-20, and Newberg eked out a three-overtime edge of 34-32 over Willamina in the district tournament's opening games last night.

Medford, Myrtle Point and Hillsboro rank as heavy favorites in three more district tournaments opening tonight: the district 4 fracas at Ashland, district 5 at Coquille, and district 9 at Hillsboro.

Third round of the district 11 double elimination tourney which started a week ago at Mount Angel will eliminate two quintets tonight: losers of the scheduled Silverton-Woodburn and Stayton-Sacred Heart (Salem) contests.

The openers of two-out-of-three playoffs for tourney tickets send a pair of Blue Mountain squads onto the maple courts tonight: Baker at Ontario, Pendleton at The Dalles.

Down in district 7, which picks its titlist by season play, Lebanon will trek to Sweet Home set for a victory which would clinch a state tournament spot.

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## from MIDFIELD

By HALE SCARBROUGH

### Simpson To Salem

Al Simpson's decision to hook on with the Salem Vikings for next football season, thereby leaving Klamath Falls somewhat in the lurch, just about knocked the prows out from under the 1946 Pelicans.

The Pels still don't have a football coach, but while the school board was talking business with Simpson a few weeks ago a deal with another gridiron gentleman was also simmering, so the situation isn't entirely black.

The Simpson matter had progressed almost to the pen and paper stage. Al was leaving Medford, had been made a good offer over here and asked that the matter be kept quiet until after basketball season, figuring he didn't want anything to pop out while he is trying to pilot his Tornado to a state basketball title.

Well, it didn't pop out, although this corner did some tall hinting.

Then last week Simpson and the Tornado went to Salem for a couple of basketball games—which Salem won, incidentally—and now Al is going to coach the Vikings.

Salem, we hear, is planning a huge postwar football accentuation, building a new stadium, a new gym, etc., and there is very little doubt that Simpson's offer mentioned a nice piece of pocket change. Anyhow, he took it.

It might also be remarked upon that Al intimated to school officials here that the three best coaching spots in Oregon were Medford, Portland and Klamath Falls.

Now for some more hinting. The other Pelican deal involves a young man who produced a good team from nothing much to start on, just before the war, has spent four years in the navy and recently been discharged, and is now at a loose end.

The Simpson deal was so near a certainty that this other young man was not given much satisfaction, although he is well thought of, so now the school board is hoping it's not too late.

**Friel Picks His Conference Team**

PULLMAN, March 1 (AP)—Coach Jack Friel of Washington State, picking his version of an all-star northern division basketball team, named one from Oregon State college and two each from the Universities of Idaho and Oregon.

Friel listed Len Pyne, Idaho, and Bob Hamilton, Oregon, for guard posts; Red Rocha of Oregon State at center, and Dick Quinn, Idaho, at forward positions.

**Godoy Favored Over Lee Savold**

CHICAGO, March 1 (AP)—Arturo Godoy, South American heavyweight, and Lee Savold of Paterson, N. J., meet tonight in the 10-round headliner of a fight card in Chicago Stadium.

Godoy, making his Chicago debut, is a slight favorite. Two other 10-rounders and two four-round bouts complete the card.

**Robinson Joining Dodgers**

SANFORD, Fla., March 1 (AP)—Jackie Robinson, the first negro to crash the gates of organized baseball in modern days, is scheduled to report here today for the first training drill of the Montreal Royals, Brooklyn's farm link in the international league.

The talented infielder, who was a football and basketball star at the University of California at Los Angeles in 1939 and 1940, was reported en route from Los Angeles with his bride of a few days.

President Branch Rickey, delivering his daily lecture to the Dodgers' Diamond school, had paved the way for Robinson's arrival yesterday. He asked the other players to treat Robinson and Pitcher John Wright, also a negro, the same as any other athletes on the squad.

As was the case last October when Robinson was signed, Rickey insisted that the action was not influenced in any way by any pressure groups.

"My sole motive," said Rickey, "was to help the Dodgers by signing a prospect recommended by my scouts."

"If I thought an elephant could play center field better than the fellow we had out there, I'd sign the elephant," the Mahatma of Montague street explained in his usual unique fashion.

**Two Basin Games Slated At KUHS**

Two games, both Basin league tilts, are scheduled to be played on the KUHS court tonight.

Bonanza Woolen will play the Bonanza Merchants in the opening game at 7:30 and Rickys Jewelers meet the Tulelake Flying A at 8:30.

## Blonde Clara Uses Rulebook In Victory

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Frenchy LaBelle spent a trying evening at the armory last night.

In the first place he had troubles of his own making in gaining a draw with Tough Tony Ross in the opener, then he was called upon to referee the ladies tiff and the tag match.

Clara Mortensen relied upon the rulebook, seldom invoked in this arena, to get her highly unpopular win over Rita Martinez. The first frame ended with Clara getting a fall on a leaping scissors and press.

Then in the second Frenchy started having his troubles. Both girls were resorting frequently to the old hairlock and LaBelle was somewhat bashful about breaking unfair holds.

Finally, under duress from the crowd which wanted to see Rita win, Pierre twisted his hands into Miss Mortensen's curly locks and lifted her bodily off the prostrate Mexican Miss. Clara retaliated by cuffing LaBelle around and he was too much of a gentleman to resist.

Rita then resorted to the hairlock and tossed Clara out of the ring, pulled her back in and jumped on for a fall. When Pierre parted them Miss Mortensen flew into a rage and booted Rita in the belly, not once but half-a-dozen times.

The little Mexican was doubled up on the floor and LaBelle requested that she be given five minutes to recover. "What," screamed Clara, "she gets two minutes and that's all."

Clara stuck by her rulebook and Rita was in tears when LaBelle raised the Blonde's hand in victory.

The spectacular tag tussle was another four-way headache for Pierre, trying to keep an eye on Pete Belcastro, Red Dawson, Bob Keneston and Gust Johnson, and make all and sundry conform to the rules of that affair.

The Keneston-Johnson team won the bout, despite some classy headwork by Dawson and Belcastro, but not before Pierre had taken a beating at the hands of all four.

Bob Keneston refereed the initial fight between Ross and LaBelle, and proved to be as able a middleman as he is a grappler.

### .314 Average Takes Minor Batting Trophy

DURHAM, N. C., March 1 (AP)—Arden McCaskey, first-baseman of the Bristol (Va.-Tenn.) twins of the 1945 minor league batting championship with a .375 average in a hot four-way finish, the National Association of Professional Baseball leagues announced today.

McCaskey, a switch hitter, nosed out Lew Flick, of Milwaukee of the American association, by a mere point. Flick compiled a .374 average.

By finishing first, McCaskey will be awarded the annual Louisville slugger trophy, a full-sized sterling silver bat.

**Blues vs. Sea Scouts**

The DeMolay Blues shaded the Sea Scouts 27-26 in Victory loop play last night, by turning back an early threat. The Blues led all the way but the margin was never comfortable.

Jerry Meek tallied 13 points to pace the Sailors and John West accounted for 10 of the DeMolay markers.

**Eagle Pool vs. Hibbs**

Overcoming a lead maintained for three quarters last night, the Eagle quintet dumped Hibbs 25-16 in the last few minutes of play.

Lester Foster marked up 14 points for Eagles while the best Comet effort was Jim Cooley's six.

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## Blackhawks Lose High-Scoring Wing

CHICAGO, March 1 (AP)—Max Bentley, ace wing of the Chicago Blackhawks and leading scorer of the National Hockey League, will be lost to the team at least until the Stanley Cup playoffs last into this month.

Manager Johnny Gottselig said that an injury to a tendon in the knee, which Bentley suffered recently, was more serious than the original diagnosis disclosed.

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