



RAISE THE ANTE

The latest we hear on the football coach dilemma at Klamath Union high school is that Klamath is precisely where it was several weeks ago, except that most of the prospects seen then aren't prospects any longer. The job is being given a wide berth, apparently.



When Al Simpson decided that Salem was the place for him, the school board still had another string on its fiddle — Joe Houston, pre-war mentor at Bend.

Houston is back from the navy and has hooked on with Roosevelt in Portland. He was down here, looked over the plant, talked with officials and was made an offer to think over.

Well, the Simpson deal fell through, so Houston was contacted again. Now all is not roses with him either. Joe feels that his services in Klamath Falls would be worth \$3900 a year, and he's probably right, but that figure represents a number of American iron men more than the salary offered by the school board.

In a town like Klamath, where a good football team is the unanimous desire, \$3900 a year is not too much to pay for a coach. Not in times like these. The persons who watch the purse strings are going to find that out.

It leads us to wonder how much money football brings into the high school.

You don't hire anybody these days for what you could hire them ten years ago, and you sure don't hire a football coach with a college education and a future to look at for marbles. High school coaching is a career now, not experience enabling the mentor to possibly hook on with a college at some later date.

If you want quality you've got to pay for it, in anything. Just as a tip to the school board, Hank Nelson, who was co-coach with Houston at Bend in 1941, is back from the army and is at Bend now. Maybe he hasn't tied the knot for next year.

But the ante is going to have to be raised. In casual conversation you can find plenty of people in this town who wanted Frank Ramsey to have the job instead of a runaround, and there is little doubt Frank would have given us a team to shout about.

As one ex-serviceman to another, we can easily realize the thoughts that went through Ramsey's mind when he saw the gates closing here—and as one ex-marine to another, we can easily imagine Frank's vocal comments on the affair.

Ramsey is still in Corvallis, we hear, and has recently put a little money into a contracting business. He'll probably go back to Chicago and play for the Bears this fall.

**FIGHTS LAST NIGHT**  
By The Associated Press  
DES MOINES—Mel Cestac, 220, Buenos Aires, knocked out Clarence Jones, 199, Buffalo, 4, Del Cockayne, 133, Des Moines, TKO Billy Heath, 136, Des Moines, 2.

Reedsport Has Rough Time At B School Meet

ARLINGTON, March 8 (AP)—Four scrappy little schools will vie tonight for final spots in the state high school "B" tournament—Reedsport vs. St. Paul and Echo vs. North Powder. The Reedsport Braves, gallery favorites for the title, found it rough going against Pleasant Hill's Hill Billies but pulled a 47-45 overtime win out of the fire yesterday. A fast St. Paul five crushed Sacred Heart of Tillamook, 51-33, with no trouble. Echo, district 7 champ, overcame a first-period disadvantage to hand Rogue River a 40-27 setback. North Powder had to work for its 36-28 victory over Odell.

Two Bouts Climax In Defaults

Two of last night's rassing bouts ended in TKOs and if the final bell had held off ten seconds more the other would have ended the same way. Martinelli and Al Szasz drew in the opener, but when time was up Angelo was in no condition to do any more grappling.

Paavo Katonen, who has forgotten more rassing tricks than the majority of grapplers know, got the only fall in the finale, the tumble coming in the third frame on what appeared to be a questionably low knee jam.

Joe Lynam clutched that part of his body near the top of his trunks and hit the floor in agony, but Referee Wally Moss was unable to say whether a foul had been committed, so the bout went on. Paavo cannonballed Joe a couple of times, then flopped on him for a press.

Katonen was awarded the fight when Joe couldn't get to his feet.

Bob Keneston and Earl Malone punished each other for four rounds and a fall each before the Salt Lake City touch had to be peeled off the mat like a porous plaster. Keneston had just applied his Gold Hill crab, adding an extra wrench to Earl's spine in retaliation for a long series of uncouth Malone tactics.

Malone got his fall in the opening seconds of the third frame with a reverse crab, then as the next frame opened Bob caught Earl coming in for the kill, dropkicked him to the mat and clamped on his specialty.

Al Szasz in the opener proved to be the best man Angelo Martinelli has had his hands on in a long time, and the tumbling duo threw each other all over the ring for the full three frames.

**Basin League Title Game Played Tonight**  
Tonight on the Altamont court Ashley's Chevrolets battle the Chiloquin AB Bakers for the championship of the Klamath Basin independent basketball league and the handsome trophy that goes with the title.

The titular scrap is slated to take the floor about 8:30, immediately after the consolation or third-place game between Tulelake's Associated Oil and Rickys Jewelers, opening at 7:30.

Chiloquin and Ashley's survived Wednesday night's first rounds, although the Tulelake quint was top-seeded after finishing the season in a first-place deadlock with the Bakers.

PHILADELPHIA — Lennox Dingle, 150, Philadelphia, outpointed Indian Gomez, 156, Havana, 8. Jimmy Moore, 159, Chester, Pa., outpointed Johnny Craven, 151, Philadelphia, 6.

Joe Goes Into Real Training

WEST BADEN, Ind., March 8 (AP)—A four-year period away from strenuous training for ring warfare ended today for Joe Louis.

The world's heavyweight boxing champion launched a 49-day tuning up program at this village Spa in the first phase of his conditioning in preparation for the defense of his title against Chal'enger Billy Conn in New York's Yankee stadium June 19.

The second phase begins May 1 at Pompton Lakes, N. J., when he starts his boxing drills.

Louis, arriving tired with his party of four after a 287 mile drive from Chicago, found the signs of spring everywhere. Buds were swelling on trees, fat robins chirped and flowers were poking their heads up from the rapidly drying soil. The temperature hit 64 yesterday.

This stimulating spring advance was refreshing to Louis, discharged last October after serving three years and nine months in the army. He appeared eager to get started.

Louis, who will be 32 years old on May 13, weighs 220 pounds, 13 above his fighting weight. He plans to melt off this excess by walking and jogging over the hilly countryside for an hour each morning, engage in other outdoor exercises in the afternoon and eat only two meals daily.

**Croft Draws With Johnson In Tacoma Bout**  
TACOMA, March 8 (AP)—Bliss (Lee) Croft, 184, Tacoma, and Dave Johnson, 204, Pendleton, Ore., fought 10 rounds to a draw in the main event of a ring card here last night.

Milo Savage, 147, Seattle, knocked out Ralph (Red) Garrison, 147, Hoquiam, in the fifth round of the six round semi-final.

Buddy Hoffman, 144, Seattle defeated Don Fitzgerald, 147, Bremerton, and Joe Clemo, 122, Portland, defeated Paulie Cook, 125, Bellingham, in six-rounders. Lee Hunt, 157, Boston, Mass., defeated Mike Elnley, 143, Missoula, Mont., in four.

CHICAGO—Freddie Dawson, 136 1/2, Chicago, knocked out Nick Castiglione, 139, Chicago, 2. Willie Moore, 167 1/2, Chicago, outpointed Charlie Polk, 171, Chicago, 6.

NEW YORK—Shamus O'Brien, 185, New York, knocked out Mickey Hayes, 191, Milwaukee, 3. Frankie Zamoris, 180, Orange, N. J., outpointed Warren Peterson, 171 1/2, New York, 8.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

SPORTS  
By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Congdon Shows Way In Registered Shoot

Commander S. A. Congdon showed the way in last Sunday's registered trap shoot bringing down 97 targets out of a possible 100 at 16 yards, but his handicap firing dropped to 40 out of 50 and a tie for fourth spot with Pete Driscoll.

Ken Colwell's 45 was high in the handicap and Paul Hilton's 44 was next. Driscoll and L. Lane were second in the 16-yard marksmanship test with 95 out of 100 each.

One of these registered shoots will be held at the Wocus grounds each month and the scores filed with the Portland Gun club for qualification in the Pacific International trap shoot to be held in Portland next June.

**Registered scores:**

Table with columns: Name, 16-yd., Handicap. Lists names like S. A. Congdon, Pete Driscoll, E. Wolfe, etc.

**Non-Registered Scores 50 at 16-yards:**

Table with columns: Name, Score. Lists names like C. F. Harris, Rod Smith, etc.

**Victory League**  
Murphys vs. Sea Scouts  
By a score of 37-34 the Sea Scouts edged the Murphy Barber shop quint of the Victory league in the first game of last night's play.

The Sailors led all the way but the sensational scoring of Joe Garner of the Barbers was the highlight of the evening. Garner potted 27 of the 34 tallies. Wood was high for the Sea Scouts with 14.

**Golds vs. Red Shields**  
The Red Shields swamped the DeMolay Golds 52-17 in the other tilt last night. The Shields ran up an early lead which was never threatened.

Frank Matthews tallied 17 points to top the victors while Carter hit an even dozen for the Golds.

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Pacific Coast Title Series Opens Tonight

Vandals On Short End Of Odds Seeking First Conference Crown In 23 Years

BERKELEY, Calif., March 8 (AP)—The California Bears, plied in their quick breaking attack by the league deadeye, Andy Wolfe, take the floor at Men's gymnasium tonight favorites to beat scrappy little Idaho in the start of the Pacific coast conference basketball playoffs.

The Vandals last won the title in 1923 when they defeated the Bears at Moscow.

Besides the conference crown, the series outcome will determine the Pacific coast representative for the Kansas City NCAA regional playoffs and a possible New York trip for the championships.

The Vandals come here with a record of 25 victories in 33 games and a season's average of 47.8 points per game against opponents' 42. Five of their eight defeats, however, were in the 16 game conference season.

**More Trout Released In State Streams**  
PORTLAND, March 8 (AP)—The state game commission announced today that more than 108,000 trout have been freed in Oregon rivers and streams in the past 10 days.

A total 62,100 fall Rainbow trout went into the North and South Santlams, Little North Fork Santiam, and five creeks—Wiley, Hamilton, Thomas Mill, Milk and Crabtree.

Cutthroat totaling 46,000 were taken from hatcheries and delivered to the Kilchis, Miami, Trask, Wilson and Nestucca rivers in Tillamook county and the Necanicum in Clatsop county.

Trucks are delivering from the McKenzie hatchery now and soon will start on Oak Springs hatchery, Wasco county commissioners said.

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50 Skiers Enter Weekend Races  
SEATTLE, March 8 (AP)—At least 50 entries are expected to compete for the Pacific Northwest Ski association men's titles at Mt. Baker Saturday and Sunday.

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