

Reedsport Cops State B Tourney

Braves Knock Off North Powder; Echo High Wins Third

ARLINGTON, March 11 (P)—The Reedsport Braves wore the Oregon State B basketball crown today after winning 42 to 32 here Saturday in the finals of the 1946 tournament against the North Powder Badgers.

Consolation honors went to Pleasant Hill of Lane county while third place laurels were copped in a mild surprise win by Echo high of Umatilla county over St. Paul of Marion county.

The title game opened with Reedsport moving to an early 8-5 lead at the first quarter. The Badgers recouped quickly to tie it 12-12 early in the second, but Reedsport again drove hard and held a one point, 17-16, edge at the halftime. By the three-quarter marker, the lead was widened to 31-20 with Clyde DeWitt again setting the pace for the Braves. DeWitt scored 28 points for the lion's share of scoring honors.

In the contest for third and fourth honors preceding the title tilt, Echo and St. Paul fought to a 22-22 halftime score with the Umatillas holding the advantage. Then, trailing in the scoring wake of their pace setting Bud Jordan—who sank a total 33 for the game—the Echo crew ran the tally to a 52 to 42 finish as they drove hard in the final quarter.

Earlier that afternoon, the Lane county cagers from Pleasant Hill scored an easy 56-37 win over Rogue River to claim consolation honors. The half-time was 28-20 with Alvin Lindley tossing 13 total to lead the way as Don Dowdy and Don Kimball each sank 11 points.

War Knight Comes Home With Cash

ARCADIA, Calif., March 11 (P)—The scenario writers dream horse, War Knight, will have an opportunity next Saturday to prove that his stirring victory in the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap was no fluke.

The turf's latest ugly duckling hero is eligible for the \$50,000, mile and one-half San Juan Capistrano handicap, expected to draw First Fiddle, second by a nose in the big cap; Ball Bond, Texas Sandman, Paperboy, Jeep, Autocrat, Challenge Me, and others who competed in the richest race ever run.

In a four-horse finish—the closest of nine Santa Anita handicaps—lightly regarded War Knight, owned by Ethel Hill, Hollywood scenarist, beat favored First Fiddle in 2:01 3/5 for the mile and a quarter. The Fiddle was a nose ahead of Snow Boots, which in turn had a whisker margin on Ball Bond.

The blanket windup was a fitting climax for 80,200 spectators, who wagered \$4,601,461, including \$805,082 on the handicap alone. All three figures were new high marks for western racing.

The gross purse of \$137,900, was an all-time peak. It was J. Key Johnny Adams' second big cap victory, and broke a slump in which he had booted home only 12 winners in 148 starts this season. Adams scored with Kayak II in the 1939 handicap.

War Knight, bay son of High Quest, out of Chosa, was among the leaders all the way. A member of the heavily backed 11 horse wagering field, he paid \$15.50, \$5.50 and \$3.30, and brought his total winnings to \$175,060.

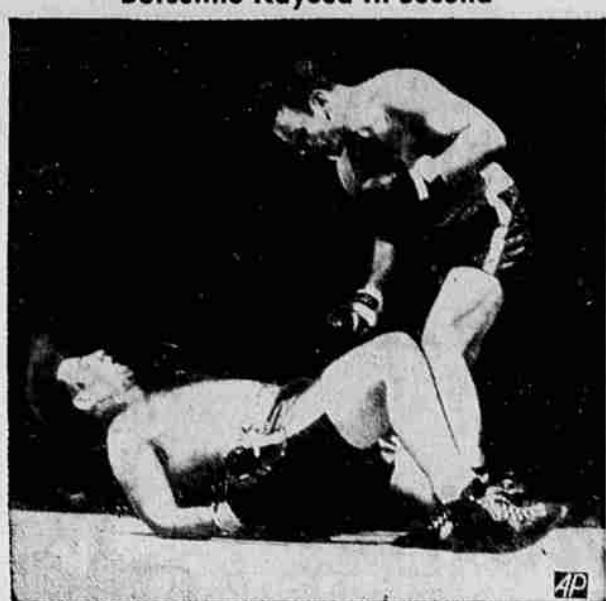
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Borsellino Kayoed In Second



Anthony Borsellino, Newark, N. J., heavyweight, tumbles to the canvas in the second round of a Golden Gloves semifinal bout in New York, a knockout victim of Ezra Gooderham (right) of Huntington, W. Va. —AP wirephoto.

Chandler Invites Contract Jumpers Back Into Fold

HAVANA, March 11 (P)—Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler left the door wide open today for all of baseball's wandering sheep to return to the fold before the opening of the U. S. league's seasons but held over their heads a threat of at least five years suspension for those who refused.

While inviting the "contract breakers" back in line, Chandler revealed that Cuban Sports Commissioner Luis Rodriguez had been given permission to act as a mediator in the hope of establishing uniform baseball contracts in the United States, Cuba and Mexico.

Chandler previously had refused definite comment on contract jumpers but now the way was open for almost all ineligibles to return. The commissioner ruled, effective immediately, that any player who broke a contract shall report to his club in organized baseball by opening day of the league to which the team belongs, and that in the future, any player who breaks a contract in organized baseball shall be suspended for five years.

Among the more prominent players signed by the Mexican league are Dan Gardella and Nap Reyes of the New York Giants, Tomas De La Cruz of the Cincinnati Reds, Alex Carrasquel of the Chicago White Sox, and Luis Olmo of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Seattle Man Grabs All Ski Honors

MOUNT BAKER, Wash., March 11 (P)—Karl Stigling from Seattle took top honors in both days ski events in the Pacific Northwest Ski association downhill and slalom championships, held here Saturday and Sunday.

Stigling won the downhill race Saturday, then clinched the slalom Sunday. The Penguin Ski club's entry nudged out Bert Irwin of the Amber Ski club with a time of 83.3. Irwin's time was 84.2. Times were for two runs.

Ann Volkman, of the Cascade club, took the women's slalom event to add to the downhill title she won Saturday. Bob Musson of Wenatchee was second to Stigling in the combined downhill-slalom, with Bill Bowes of the Cascade club third. Mary Ann Hill and Alma Hanson of the Cascade club ran second and third to Miss Volkman in the women's slalom. Their two-run times were 110.2, 112.0 and 117.1.

Miss Hanson was second to Miss Volkman in the women's combined, with Miss Hill third.

Beavers Bunch Hits To Defeat Oakland

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 11 (P)—The Portland Beavers evened their two-game exhibition series with the Oakland Oaks by bunching their seven hits Sunday for a 7-5 victory.

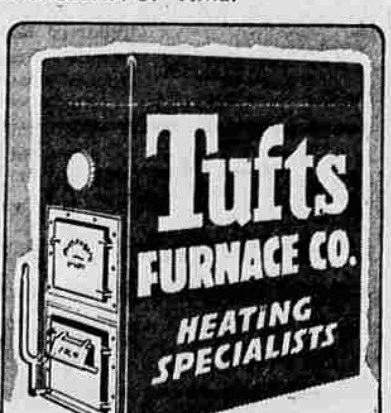
Each of the Pacific Coast league teams let four errors mar the game. The Oaks outthrew the winners, 13 to 7. Roy Helser, credited with the victory, allowed six hits. Gene Bearden, charged with the defeat, permitted six runs.

Oakland came from behind Saturday to win the opener, 6 to 4.

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Vandals Push Playoff Into Third Battle

BERKELEY, Calif., March 11 (P)—California's crestfallen Golden Bears and Idaho, the team that took the starch out of them, play off their even series tonight for the basketball championship of the Pacific Coast conference.

Those rags the Idaho Vandals wore in pursuit of riches at the start of the season and again in the championship playoff looked like fine silk when they tied the count at a game apiece by upsetting the Bears, 28 to 23, Saturday night.

After the opening game, in which California routed Idaho, 52 to 37, and raised some eyebrows over the brand of basketball the northern division put up for a conference crown, nobody but the Vandals and their ardent fans expected a third in the best two out of three-game series.

California, which had a comparatively easy route to win the southern division's nomination, frittered away its heavy odds for the title in sinking only about 15 per cent of its losses in the second game.

Idaho, becoming more accustomed to the Berkeley court, controlled the rebounds, smothered the Bear offensive and dictated most of the play in the second half.

Little Bill Carbaugh touched off Idaho's comeback with three field goals in a row in the closing minutes of the first half, that built up a 15-12 Vandal edge at the intermission.

In five minutes of the second half Idaho ran the advantage to 22 to 14. The Vandals declined easy shots in the fading minutes, protecting their lead while the Bears worried themselves.

With three minutes to go, the score favored Idaho 27 to 19. Then Andy Wolfe, the forward no California opponents have stopped for long, broke loose to pump in a couple of field goals, but the time was too short and the margin too much.

Carbaugh topped the scoring with nine points, and his teammate, Grant Mortensen, and California's Wolfe and Bob Hogeboom got eight apiece.

He also is, we hear, a very husky boy, constructed along the same lines as his worthy opponent, Earl Malone. Martino has been grappling on the northern end of the circuit for a few weeks with fair success.

Ironmen Move Into Flag Race

PORTLAND, Ore., March 11 (P)—By defeating the Seattle Ironmen 6 to 4 here last night, the Portland Eagles moved into the northern division, Pacific Coast Hockey league finals against the Vancouver Canucks.

In the first of three out of five playoffs, the Eagles meet the Canucks tomorrow night at Vancouver, B. C. The Portlanders came from behind after the game was tied four times, to win the playoff in a rally late in the third period.

Darrell McBride (2) and Robinson scored for Seattle, and Kyle (3), Carr (2) and Coleman netted the winning goals for the Eagles.

La Grande Graders Win Hill Meet

PORTLAND, March 11 (P)—The La Grande grade school basketball team won the Hill Military academy grade school tournament here Saturday by turning Vernonia 20-19 in the final game.

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By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Medford Will Clash With Portland Five

SALEM, March 11 (P)—Sixteen Oregon prep class "A" schools were listed today for the 1946 state basketball tournament opening here tomorrow night—Tuesday—when the 27th annual event gets underway with tip offs scheduled for two games.

Prospects of peak crowds at Willamette university gymnasium court faced officials, but the 1945 record of 14,000 paid admissions is not expected to be passed this week because of fire code restrictions cutting the previous capacity of 3000 to about 2500 for the court. The gym has been sold out for weeks.

The Medford Peapickers of district 4 and Roosevelt high, Portland, district 16, will lead off at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow, followed by last Saturday night's district 3 winner, Bend, and Rainier beginning at 8:45 p. m.

The playing tempo will speed up Wednesday with six games: Hillsboro of district 9 will test Eugene, district 6, at 1:00 p. m. Salem, district 11, will meet Marshfield, district 5, at 2:15 p. m. McMinnville, district 8, will tip off with Central Catholic, district 15, at 3:30 p. m. Baker, district 11, and Oregon City, district 12, will start at 4:45 p. m. for the last of the afternoon series Wednesday.

Two games are listed for Wednesday night: Washington high, Portland, defending state champion, and a gain champion of district 15, will meet The Dalles, district 2, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Astoria, district 10, and Lebanon, district 7, will close out the first preliminary playoffs beginning at 8:45 p. m.

Games Thursday will begin at 8:45 a. m. with four scheduled for the morning hours leading to the consolation series continuing Friday and Saturday mornings.

The Thursday afternoon and night games will carry Tuesday and Wednesday winners toward the championship quarterfinals.

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PULLMAN, Wash., March 11 (P)—Three new coaches were added to the Washington State college staff over the weekend.

Two will be assigned chiefly to assist Football Coach Phil Sorbo. They are Elmer Huhta, whose experience has been at Hoquiam high and with a rmy teams, and Jimmy Ennis, currently coach at Lincoln high, Seattle.

Art McLarney, a Washington State basketball and baseball great, will take over freshmen in football, basketball and baseball.

Huhta is a University of Washington man, a variety grid star of the 1929 era. He coached at Hoquiam, was offered an assistant's post at Washington, but undertook army duty and served as line coach for the second air force team.

Ennis is a College of Puget Sound grad who later coached at Buckley and Everett high schools and St. Martin's college.

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WINS CROSS-COUNTRY
LACONIA, N. H. — All Merrill of the Franconia Cross Country Skiing club won the 1:10.45. Walter Bletchling, Mich., won the ski jumping title with a point score of 174 and 108 feet on leaps of 174 and 108 feet. One hundredweight is 112 pounds.

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