Tornado Has Easy Time At Tourney

Medford Will Play Eugene Axemen In Semi-Finals Tonight

SALEM, Ore., March 15 (AP)—Washington high, 1945 titlist, will battle another Portland quintet, the Central Catholic Rams, in the semi-finals of the state basketball tourney tonight, while Medford meets the Eugene Axemen.

The Washington Colonials kept on their toes last night to edge the towering Lebanon Warriors, 36-34—but it wasn't easy. Another close game gave Central Catholic a 42-41 win over Baker. Downstate teams coasted to easy victories: Eugene downing Marshfield, 55-46, and the Tornado puffing out Rainier, 56-26.

Lebanon grabbed a quick lead in its game with Washington, but the Colonials sprang into action and were ahead 10-7 at the quarter. The Warriors bounced back to a 14-14 halftime tie. Then it was Washington again, leading 27-22 at the three-way mark before Lebanon spurted to within two points.

Lynn Hamilton, sinking buckets from all around the floor, tallied 19 for Lebanon. His teammates held Washington's Bob Lavey, all-stater last year, to 13 points—8 in the first quarter.

The Central Catholic-Baker clash was nip and tuck throughout, although the Rams had a one or two-point advantage most of the time. Central led 11-9 at the quarter, then the Bulldogs surged to a 19-16 halftime lead. The Rams were ahead 34-31 at the third quarter, but Baker—five points behind a few minutes before the final gun—closed the gap to one point with only 15 seconds left.

Fans cheered the Eugene Axemen as they maintained an ample lead over the Marshfield Pirates throughout their game. The Axemen hacked their way to a 18-11 quarter lead, 33-19 at the half, and a comfortable 48-30 at the three-way point. Ty Lovelace, Eugene captain, racked up 19 points to take scoring honors, while Dan Hendrickson made 16.

In the quarter-finals opener, Medford took the lead early and never gave it up. The Tornado romped to a 13-8 quarter advantage, 25-11 and 44-19. Medford's height at the backboards gave that squad clearcut superiority, and Rainier was a sorry-looking clan. Forward Jerry Ross swished 19 points through the hoop for the winners.

Medford and Eugene clash at 7:30 p. m. in the first semi-final tonight, while the two Portland clubs meet at 8:45. The 1946 crown will be decided Saturday night.

Now Mexicans Bid For Extra Umpires

BOSTON, March 15 (AP)—The Mexican league is reported bidding for unattached umpires with experience in the higher classes of organized baseball.

Gene Sullivan, former umpire in the eastern league, said he had rejected an offer of $4600 a season and all expenses to don his mask and pads across the Rio Grande.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jess Moraney, 154, Harrisburg, Pa., outpointed Johnny Walker, 156, Philadelphia, 8. Lonnie Clark, 211, Philadelphia, outpointed Wally Sears, 187, Minersville, Pa., 6.

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LA School Remains In College Meet

KANSAS CITY, March 15 (AP) George Pepperdine college of Los Angeles and defending champion Loyola university of New Orleans had the inside track on the 1946 national intercollegiate basketball title today as the six-day cage marathon moved into its semi-final round.

Remaining in the starting field of 32 teams with Pepperdine and Loyola after 28 games of play are formidable Indiana State Teachers, Terre Haute, and Southern Illinois Normal of Carbondale.

Pepperdine, whipped by Loyola in the championship game last year, outlasted Eastern Washington college of Cheney, Wash., 46-42, in last night's quarter-finals, while Loyola defeated Drury college of Springfield, Mo., 54-43.

Indiana State won its third game in beating South Dakota Wesleyan, 55-34. Southern Illinois shook off an 8-point deficit at the half to overcome the University of Nevada, 66-58.

Pepperdine, tallest of the quintets remaining in competition, is expected to lean heavily on its 6-foot 7½-inch center, Nich Buzolich, against Indiana State, a well balanced club, tonight.

Loyola pits its two-team system against Southern Illinois Normal in the second semi-final contest. The southerners have stuck to their unit substitution routine in winning three games and start down the home stretch with perhaps more energy to burn than any of the remaining teams.

Southern Illinois packs a potent wallop, however, in the scoring abilities of Forwards Bob Milosevich and Don Shefer and may have what it takes to topple the defending champions. Milosevich counted 21 points in leading his team to victory over Nevada.

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Fred Astaire's Nag Could Dance Past Classic Field

By BILL BECKER

ARCADIA, Calif., March 15 (AP)—Fred Astaire, the dancing man, may execute a jig or two at Santa Anita tomorrow.

Barring rain or rough racing luck, his Triplicate will be a threat to take the big end of the $50,000, mile and one-half San Juan Capistrano handicap, closing day feature at the golden oval.

Triplicate — in light at 111 pounds—rates with Texas Sandman, Bail Bond and Bric A Bac, winner of the 1945 Capistrano, as the solid horses among the 16 to 20 starters, now that War Knight, surprise winner of the $100,000 handicap, won't run.

Triplicate, five-year-old son of Reigh Count, hasn't given Astair much of a run for his money, winning only two races out of 25 in the past two years. But Astaire must have done at least a mild Mazurka last Saturday when Triplicate, closing like a runaway freight, finished six in the big 'cap, only two lengths back of the leading foursome.

He will be ridden by either Job Dean Jessop, who was aboard last week, or Ted Atkinson, the track's top winner.

The improving Triplicate, however, will have to be at peak form to win. Texas Sandman, top-weighted at 120, also closed fast in the hundred grander, finishing fifth, just ahead of Triplicate. All either apparently needs is the extra quarter-mile of tomorrow's race.

The same probably is true of Bail Bond, fourth last week. Bail Bond picks up three pounds at 115.

Bric A Bac, 118, sat out the big 'cap just for this one. The distance is made to order for the horse, but unfortunately Bric A Bac hasn't been too sharp recently.

Babe Brown, Idaho, Named Conference Coach Of Year

SEATTLE, March 15 (AP)—At a meeting here April 5, Coach Babe Brown of Idaho will be honored as "coach of the year" by the newly organized Seattle Cougar club, they announced yesterday.

Brown will be the first recipient of an annual award for the coach of the Northern division basketball pennant winner, said Huntley McPhee, program chairman.

Under Brown's tutelage, an Idaho hoop team which was lightly regarded at the start of the season fought through to the division championship.

Coaches of the state high school class A and B basketball champs will also be honored at the April 5 meeting. Colfax high won the B title last week at Cheney and the A crown is being decided now in Seattle.

McPhee said an annual inspirational award also would be established by the club for the state high school coach "who has done the best coaching job and received the least recognition for it."

Ad Liska Is Losing Big Cash

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 15 (AP)—Pitcher Ad Liska's holdout is costing him a $100 fine and a day's salary for each day's absence from training camp, General Manager William H. Klepper of the Portland Baseball club announced.

The sinker ball artist ranked No. 4 in the Pacific Coast league in 1945, winning 20 games and losing 12 for an average of .625.

Klepper described Liska as the "top money man" in the league and said his 1946 salary was "a boost over last year's."

The manager said the pitcher was notified he must be in condition before his salary would start and that failure to be in condition at the start of the season would mean a reduction in salary.

Portland has 15 more days of training and opens the season at Oakland April 2.

Hertz Stables Put Count Speed Into Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 15—Mrs. John D. Hertz, who has the distinction of being the only owner to start a horse in more than one running of the Kentucky Derby without seeing her colors beaten, is aiming at another record for the Derby book.

If her colt Count Speed proves good enough to lead the Derby field home on Saturday, May 4, it will be the first time that a brother to a previous winner ever won the Churchill Downs classic.

Count Speed is a brother to Count Fleet, which won the Derby in Mrs. Hertz' colors in 1943. Both are sons of Reigh Count, winner of the 1938 Derby for Mrs. Hertz. In addition to Count Speed, Mrs. Hertz also nominated Rich Mixture and Hired Man for the Derby.

Employes at Mrs. Hertz' Stoner Creek Stud at Paris, Ky., concurred in the owner's opinion that as a yearling Count Speed was a much better looking individual than his brother. However, as a two-year-old in 1945 Count Speed failed to show the racing qualities of Count Fleet, although he did win four of his seven starts, and was third in another. His money-winnings amounted to $12,095.

ORANGE, N. J.—Charlie Fusari, 144¾, Irvington, N. J., outpointed Ralph Walton, 145¾, Montreal, 10. Joe Marmo, 137, Paterson, outpointed Al Marrone, 136¾, Newark, 6.

BALTIMORE — Ray "Sugar" Robinson, 149¾ New York, outpointed Izzy Jannazzo, 154, New York, 10.

Mills Defeats Riverside For Grade Title

Mills school copped the grade A tourney on the KUHS court yesterday by beating Riverside 36-15. It was Mills' second win over Riverside.

The Mills team took an early lead and was ahead 6-2 at the end of the first quarter. Halftime count was 16-6.

Lineups and scoring:

Mills (36)	Pos.	(15) Riverside
Hafar (16)	F	(3) Hicks
Herrara	F	(1) Carr
Liable (8)	C	(6) Young
Huck (2)	G	(4) Beck
Dimmick (10)	G	(1) Heidrich

Reserves — Mills: Smith, McKinley, Brink and Reynolds. Riverside: Nitschelm, Johnson, Jones, Mason, Stewart and Rembert. Coaches: Harold Hicks, Mills and Darrell Potter, Riverside.

Bakers Not Through With Season Yet

The Chiloquin AB Bakers, runnerup team of the Klamath Basin league is not through with basketball for the season yet.

The Bakers will meet an independent team from Medford Saturday night at Chiloquin. The Medford team is reputed to be one of the top quintets among the independents across the mountain.

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarbrough, Sports Editor

Injuries Keep Paavo From Filling Ring Engagement

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Paavo Katonen showed up at the armory last night, leaning on a cane and with a no-duty slip in his mitt, thereby necessitating a hasty switch in the card. Katonen had injured his left knee in a bout up north.

So a five-man rassle royal was devised to work out pairings for two regular bouts. Bob Keneston, Earl Malone, Angelo Martinelli, Joe Lynam and Martino Angelo were all in the squared circle together.

Bob Keneston was out early and excused for the evening. Angelo Martinelli went under the pile next, then Earl Malone and Martino Angelo teamed up on Joe Lynam. Joe, however, was too slick for the pair of ruffians to get their hands on.

A few minutes of this, then Martino double-crossed Malone, slapping him to the canvas where both Lynam and Angelo dropped on Earl for the fall.

The Martinelli-Malone roughhouse was just that—no fall in the first round but the fighting was getting so heated the bell and rest period didn't halt the battle at all. Referee Wally Moss turned thumbs up and let them go. Martinelli got a fall with a full crab.

Malone wanted to knock off the rough play in the third round, offering to shake hands, crossing his heart and swearing to the skies he was through, and going so far as to break clean a few times to prove it. In the fourth frame he picked Martinelli up and spun himself and Angelo both dizzy. Martinelli got the second fall with a press.

For the second time in two weeks Joe Lynam has run into bad luck. Squat, dark, plug-ugly Martino Angelo took two straight falls.

In the second round Lynam fell on his left arm heavily after a dropkick and Martino wrenched the member some more with a stamping hammerlock for the fall. Moss wanted to stop the fight but Joe said no. As the third round opened Martino grabbed the wounded wing again and that was all.

Joyce Fights Third Bout In Five Days

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP)—Willie Joyce, one of the ring's most active fighters, goes after his second victory in five days at Madison Square Garden tonight when he battles Brooklyn's Danny Kapilow in a 10-rounder.

Joyce, a Gary, Ind. lightweight with an effective jab, knocked out Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson in Washington on Monday and agreed to meet Kapilow when the originally scheduled heavyweight bout between Tami Mauriello and Joe Baksi was cancelled. Joyce is favored.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Al Mobley, 143¼, New York, outpointed Freddy Sammons, 145, Chester, Pa., 8. Doug Carter, 142, New York, outpointed Johnny Fry, 142¼, Chester, 6.

DeVore In Boxing Finals Tonight

Ben DeVore, KUHS, will meet Lawrence Parker, Lebanon, tonight in the 175-pound finals of Oregon's 1946 AAU boxing tourney at Portland. Neither boy fought last night.

Two brothers, Lorentine and Ralph Weiser, of the Chemawa Indian school, will slug it out tonight for the 135-pound division title. Both have won all their previous fights.

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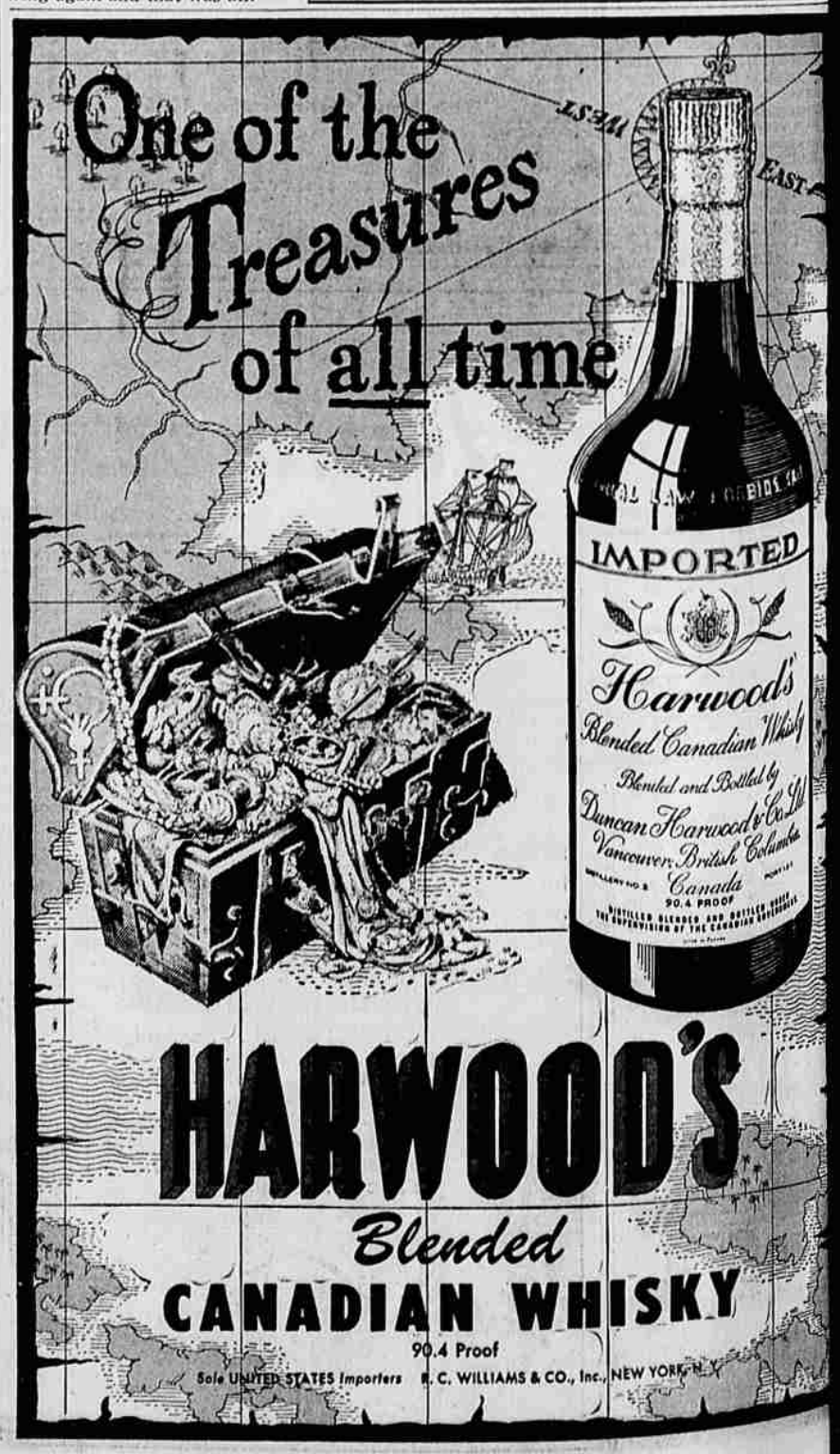
The Pelicans will field a baseball team this spring to compete in a revival of the Southern Oregon diamond conference against Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass.

More than 100 boys answered Coach Ed Ryan's first call for baseball players and tryouts will get under way as soon as the weather permits.

The first conference game will be played against the Grizzlies at Ashland, April 18. The loop is being rejuvenated after lying dormant since before the war.

The Pels will use Recreation field if it can be gotten into shape soon enough for practice. Last year the Marines and Navy did some work on the playing field, and used it for several games during the summer, but it was muddy and wet during the early season.

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