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Medford Hits Eugene Snag; Loses 33-32

SALEM, March 16 (AP)—The speedy Washington Colonials of Portland will be gunning for a repeat on the state basketball crown tonight as they tangle with the plucky, persistent Eugene Axemen.

Fans shrieked themselves hoarse as the two teams roared from behind to victories seconds ahead of last night's semi-final gun. Eugene, tagging until the final 50 seconds, literally slipped one over on the Medford Tornado and stopped the big breeze, 33-32. Washington met tough opposition in Central Catholic, a fellow city quintet, but managed to rescue its reputation in the last minute, 20 seconds, 39-36.

Washington's Bob Lavey, hotshot guard and the only 1945 all-stater in the tourney, sank a long field goal and a neat gift toss to win the game. His teammates had been on the short end of the score for about two and a half quarters.

The first quarter was hectic and the lead kept changing hands with every basket until halfway through the second period. The Colonials held a 12-11 first-quarter margin, but in the second canno the Rams poured it on and raced to a 7-point lead. Central stayed ahead until Lavey's winning bucket, leading 31-29 at the three-way point.

The tall central clan used its height to excellent advantage to monopolize the backboard.

In the Eugene-Medford fracas, the Tornado held a 32-29 advantage with only two and a half minutes remaining. Ty Lovelace tied the count shortly afterward with a field goal and a free throw. Gene Miner's gift toss, with less than a minute left, won the game.

The first quarter saw Medford take a quick 8-1 lead, allowing the Axemen only two more free throws before the quarter ended. Eugene began clicking and was only two points behind, 14-12, at the half. The Tornado blew to a 20-14 advantage during the third period but the stanza ended with Eugene only one point behind, 26-25.

Comeback Attempt Ends In Failure

HOLLYWOOD, March 16 (AP)—Rugged Tony Chavez, veteran lightweight essaying a comeback, dropped a unanimous decision to Bobby Yaeger in a 10-round scrap at the American Legion stadium tonight.

Yaeger weighed in at 142, five less than Tony. Both lads are from Los Angeles.

Mikan Signs \$60,000 Pro Cage Papers

CHICAGO, March 16 (AP)—When George Mikan was a lean, gangling kid in Joliet, Ill., high school he was too awkward to be of much use to his basketball team.

Today the bespectacled, six foot, nine inch DePaul university law student became the highest paid player in professional basketball history, after he signed a contract for \$60,000 to play five years for the Chicago American Bears of the National Basketball league.

That figures out at \$353 a game, on the basis of \$12,000 a year and a 34-game schedule, such as the league played the past season—not bad for a 22-year-old youth who will continue his law studies while the checks are coming in.

CORRAL

By "TOP WRANGLER"
Howdy, folks:
The scoop for the horse set is 'bout Hugh McNerney... he lost his saddle and him in it! Seems Hugh wuz a-gallopin' his thoroughbred, Sunny Cal, when the cinch busted smack in two, splatterin' saddle and rider so flat on the ground you'd think they'd been baked in a waffle iron. However, he's up at 'em but mighty touchy.

That attorney feller, U. S. Balentine, has been gettin' sum hoss swappin' outa his system outa Sunset Stables with Bud Howard. Young Howard is an operatin' the buckaroo hang-out this season and he sed he put a hayride on for the eight graders las' week... 26 hill-billes climbed in the hosedrawn conveyance at the court house with Mrs. Newt Nelson ridin' herd for the trip as one of them chaperones.

If Vern Moore comes home stiff it's 'cause he's a tryin' to see if a hoss can do everything a Ford can. Heerd he is gittin' western on his weekends.

Reckon yuh all know Mrs. W. D. Miller and daughter, I jist don't recollect the name they tagged her, but they've taken to bizin' the trails in Western paraphernalia gittin' out of the dude class and really settin' their saddles.

I got an awful kick outa seein' Maxine Cameron on a bay hoss las' Sunday... she put that bay thru' the traces and had enuff action left over to win a jitterbug contest. Don't say nothin' but I saw Don Kenyon and Beth Chase imbin' a milk shake at Claude Hibbert's Drive Inn.

Claud's cookin' will stretch the distance between yore hip pockets, reckon that's why they tied to the hitch-rail for a shake and stay slender. The Saddle club had a meetin' las' Wednesday to git sum' new hats for the summer to go with those store-bought duds they ride in. Two of the members, Clarice Moon and Alice Dale Peterson are down to Palm Springs takin' in the Desert Circus.

Dr. Stearn's little offspring, Sally, and Elmira Raymond are unbuttonin' their hosses' winter coats every day they're not in school.

I tuk in the Livestock Commission county sale this week and they sell cows, pigs, hosses which is really quite a show to watch. They've made a lot of improvements too. Gotta be gittin' want to tack sum shoes on my cayuse 'fore sundown. Bye now.

Break Puts Boxer Into Big Time

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP)—Danny Kapilow, a clever Brooklyn welterweight who was able to follow up a "break," is on boxing's "big time" today.

Called on short notice last Tuesday to help fill in an open date in Madison Square Garden, the stocky, willing battler gave Willie Joyce a terrific struggle in the 10-round main go in the big arena last night and earned a draw with the highly-rated Gary, Ind., lightweight.

It was Kapilow's first featured bout in the garden and off his performance against Joyce he probably will see plenty of action again as a headliner in the ranking swat salon.

Tami Mauriello of the Bronx and Joe Banks of Kulpmont, Pa., had been matched for the show but last week the former Pennsylvania miner bowed out because of a chipped elbow. Mauriello refused to meet Jersey Joe Walcott as a substitute and Promoter Mike Jacobs asked Kapilow to take on Joyce.

Check Planned On Salmon Taken In Willamette

PORTLAND, March 16 (AP)—The state game and fish commissions announced today plans for a survey to determine the number of salmon caught by sportsmen in the Willamette river this spring.

A check will be made at moorages and among boats in the river, with Chris Jensen, game commission biologist, and Don McKernan, fish commission biologist, in charge.

The question of the extent of sports catches came up after the fish commission requested a partial closure of the Willamette to allow more fish salmon to escape upstream.

The game commission also announced that smelt licenses would not be issued until the Sandy run starts. The run comes in March or April, but some years fails to materialize.

From MIDFIELD

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Tag Team Tussle

At the army Thursday night announcer Jack Frayne hinted quite publicly—over the public address system—that Mack Lillard is trying to arrange another of the sensational tag team matches for next week's clutch session.

The thing isn't definite yet, but in all probability a tag match will have been arranged by Monday.

Mack Lillard has contacted several rassiers about the proposition and today Angelo Martini and Martino Angelo have said that they'd be delighted.

One thing sure, though, Red Dawson, one of the innovators of the tag tussle here, won't be among those present, if grapevine reports from up north are reliable.

Dawson, we hear, is now confined to a Portland hospital with a leg concession suffered in a recent match up there. The burly, bald-headed Michigan lumberjack used his skull as a rassing weapon once too often.

He is reported to be in a very critical condition and there is little chance that he will ever take the mat again.

Injuries are a hazard of the occupation, but we're extremely sorry to hear of Dawson's trouble. He's one of the most colorful boys ever to appear here.

Speaking of injuries, Paavo Katonen underrated the knee wrench that kept him from taking his spot in the main go Thursday night. He's had trouble with his knee cartilage before and expected the limb would be ready for use Thursday, but is now under doctor's orders to stay out for a while.

Watch These Boys

Mills school currently has the most promising group of young athletes in town and one of the objectives of the city's planned athletic campaign is to see that just such youngsters as these some day reach Pelican varsity teams.

Mills won the grade school basketball championship just as handily as almost the same kids won the grade school football title last fall.

Prominent on Coach Howard Hicks' starting quintet were Gaylor Huck and Jerry Liable, guard and center, who were strictly excellent in the backfield of the Mills touch football squad. Also starting on the basketball team were Alfredo Herrera and Ronnie Dimmick, starters on the gridiron.

The other lad of the cage squad first string, Bob Hafar, who was high scorer in all of Mills' contests in the tourney, we don't recall as a member of the football eleven, but he might have been.

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarbrough, Sports Editor

DeVore KO'd In First Frame Of Title Match

By The Associated Press
Ben DeVore, Klamath Union high school battler, was knocked out in the first round of the Oregon AAU 175-pound title bout in Portland last night by Lawrence Parker of Lebanon.

It was the quickest decision of the evening's card. DeVore hit the canvas on a stiff left to the chin after a hail of rights and lefts.

The John Colon trophy for the meet's outstanding fighter went to Tommy Calhoun, 147-pound police athletic league boy. Calhoun's contest with hard-driving John Colton, last night's most colorful bout, ended in his third knock-out of the tourney. Colton was floored in the second.

In a final matching brothers from Chemawa Indian school Ralph Weiser won the 135-pound crown by knocking out his brother Lorentine with a short crop. The kayo followed two slow-moving rounds.

Curly Delorme, PAL winner of the Oregon and northwest golden gloves titles, added a third 112-pound toga by decisioning Gordie Alexander, PAL.

In the 128-pound class, Denny Quinn, Portland, dished out plenty to Arthur Johnson, Chemawa, who kept taking punishment despite hard blows about the head. Quinn got the decision.

Glen King, University Homes, won a close decision over Rudolph Leszar, PAL, in the 160-pound bracket. In a lusty heavy-weight clash that left them both walking on their heels, Cell Boettcher, MAC, outpointed Ken Toasevigen, PAL.

Hogan Fires 64 For One Stroke Lead

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 16 (AP)—Sam Snead, with another course record in his bag, was one stroke out in front to day as the professional golfing clan began the second round of the \$10,000 Jacksonville open tournament.

The long-driving pro from Hot Springs, Va., fired an eight under par 64 yesterday to better the Brentwood municipal course record by one stroke. In second place with 65 is Ed (Porky) Oliver, veteran pro from Taunton, Mass. Pele Cooper of Gainesville, Fla., and Chick Harbert of Detroit are next with 67's.

Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., leading money winner this year and a pre-tournament favorite, faltered with a 72 in the initial round.

Snead, who won the local meet last year with 266 for the 72 holes, collected seven birdies and an eagle and lapsed only once, three-putting the par three, 130-yard fourth hole and taking a four. He used 23 putts for the round.

Baseball Scores

New York (A) 8, Boston (A) 4.
St. Louis (A) 7, Chicago (N) 2.
St. Louis (A) "B" 11, Chicago (A) "B" 3.
Cleveland (A) 7, St. Louis (N) 6.

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