

Tonight's Tilts Should Decide

Oregon State Slams At Washington; Webfoots Go Up Against Cougars

By The Associated Press
It's a bit early to come out on two flat feet and assert that one week-end will make a season in the northern division, Pacific Coast conference basketball flag race, but after tonight and tomorrow night, the fans may be able to point at one of four clubs and declare (with crossed fingers): "There goes the champion."

Idaho, the fifth team and defending champion, has dropped seven straight and is unlikely to be the pointee of even the most optimistic alumnus.

Oregon State slams into Washington at the University pavilion while Oregon and Washington State clash for the second series of the year at Pullman. These are the questions:

Is Oregon State, which has lost only to Long Island U., in its so-far-brilliant campaign, actually faster than the traditionally fast Washington Huskies?

Is Washington State, which closed the damper on a Washington state that had been white hot, an improving team that can be expected to finish out the season with a rash of victories after a slow start?

Is Oregon snapping back for a pennant drive after its twin losses to the OSC Beavers?

You could think of a lot more, but here's one that has Corvallis and Seattle holding their breath:

Which is the greater scoring machine, Jack Nichols of Washington or Red Rocha of OSC? Nichols, with six games and 61 points, is the present leader in the division scoring contest. Rocha, well back with 56 points, has a comfortable lead for the entire season of conference and non-conference play. He's tallied 183 points in 17 games.

Least this pair think it's a two-man race, there's Stan Williamson of Oregon breathing on their necks. He's second in the division with 78 points in six games and tied for second with Nichols for all games with 180.

Another man the WSC Cougars will have to build a fence around is the Oregon forward, Dick Wilkins, who caught fire in the Idaho games to tally 28 points.

Trailing the leaders in the division scoring are John Evans, Idaho, 71 points; Bob Jorgensen, Washington, 64; Fred Quinn, Idaho, 61; Rocha, 56, White, Washington, 56; Hays, Oregon, 55; Gilbertson, Washington, 52; Hamilton, WSC, 52.

Golf Tourney Money Slashed

CHICAGO, Jan. 24 (AP)—The all-American golf tournament set for July 3-6 at Tam O'Shanter course probably will go on as scheduled, but sponsor George S. May will hand out only \$30,000 in prize money, instead of \$45,000, as originally planned.

May said yesterday that he was cutting the tournament booty as a result of the "lack of cooperation on the part of the Professional Golfers' association." He added that the tournament committee "hopes that nothing further arises between now and July 3 that would cause cancellation of the entire event."

Boxing Racket Undergoes Probe

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 24 (AP)—An investigation of professional boxing from every angle was under way here today after a declaration by Mayor G. G. McGeer that Vancouver fans "have been played for suckers in recent shows."

The investigation was ordered by Supl. Walter Mulligan, chief of the criminal investigation bureau. He said his report would be given to Prosecutor Gordon Scott for action, if any is necessary.

The probe was instigated after disclosure that "ringers" had been used in two recent fights.

Employment Heads Say Situation Good

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP)—Robert C. Goodwin, director of the U. S. employment service, said today he foresees continuing high employment for 1947.

Goodwin told a reporter his agency's survey of year-end job conditions shows slight rises in unemployment in a number of sections. But he said he was confident these are mostly seasonal and to be expected.

"I believe employment will remain high throughout the year," he said. "There is no indication in the labor market of a drop in total employment."

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All County Squads In Action Tonight

Tonight at 8:15 the Klamath Pelicans, zooming merrily along toward an inevitable collision with the Medford Black Tornado, get together with the Grants Pass Cavemen in the first of a two-game basketball series on the Pelican home court.

The game will be broadcast in its entirety over KFLW by Sportscenter Don Neal.

The Cavemen have not been too fortunate in basketball this season, having been held to one win in four league games for fourth place in the conference standings. Grants Pass beat Central Point one game, lost a tilt to the Pointers and two to Medford.

Klamath Falls and Medford both stand at the top of the heap, undefeated, but do not meet until next week-end.

The Chiloquin Panthers, undefeated in 12 games this season and shooting for the county basketball title, go up against Bly on the home grounds tonight in a league game, then Saturday night will play the KUHS Wildcats in a prelim tilt at the high school.

The last outing for the Panthers, Tuesday, saw a record score run up for the season when the Panthers ran over the Merrill Huskies 84-20.

Henley's Hornets, also undefeated in county league play this season, have a game with the Sacred Heart academy hoopers at Healy tonight.

Only three weeks remain before the tournament which will decide the county championship. The season's play determines each team's seeding in the play-off.

Mile Jaunts Off Tonight

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24 (AP)—Major 1947 mile competition gets off to a fast start tonight with Rune Gustafsson, Sweden's ace distance runner, challenging the American supremacy of Les MacMittell.

The 27-year-old Swedish policeman will be making his first start on a U. S. oval in the main attraction—the mile—of the third annual Philadelphia Inquirer invitation track meet in Convention hall.

Tonight's carnival tops a week-end of big track doings. At West Point, N. Y., tomorrow afternoon the U. S. military academy plays host at its annual relays, while in Boston—the same evening—is the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus meet.

The Inquirer mile will be MacMittell's first crack at that distance this season. He and Gustafsson will be competing against a small but select field including Bill Hulse, holder of the American citizens' record; Frank Dixon of New York university and Gerry Karver of Penn State.

Joe Warming Up

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24 (AP)—Joe Louis has started training for the Latin-American exhibition tour he will start February 5 in Mexico City.

Several among the 1400 who crowded into the Main street gymnasium yesterday and saw the world's champion heavy-weight box two rounds swore there was more action for the 20 cents admission than they witnessed for \$100 when Joe put out the lights in Yankee stadium for Billy Conn.

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Detroit Paper Says Hank Didn't Have Right Attitude

DETROIT, Jan. 24 (AP)—Baseball's hot stove league, still deep in contemplation over Detroit's sale of Hank Greenberg to the Pittsburgh Pirates, buzzed today over a newly advanced unofficial explanation.

A published report that owner Walter O. Briggs ordered Greenberg's sale in offense at statements attributed to the veteran slugger found no support from the club's official family, however.

Briggs with described in a newspaper (Detroit Free Press) story as having been "angered and hurt" because of Greenberg's attitude in regard, it was said, to his pay, bonus and future employment.

This account said owner Briggs was offended at Greenberg's reported demand for \$75,000 salary in 1947 and a statement attributed to him that he hoped to play with the New York Yankees. All this was attributed to an interview of Greenberg in New York.

Briggs was represented as provoked in view of Detroit's bonus agreement with Hank whereby he'd get \$20,000 in addition to his \$55,000 salary if he retired voluntarily or was released or otherwise disposed of by the club.

Bert Bell Gets Powerful Hand In Gambling Fight

CHICAGO, Jan. 24 (AP)—National Football league clubs owners started sparring on the 1947 playing schedule today after empowering Commissioner Bert Bell with dictatorial authority to combat the gambling peril which the owners said was menacing sports.

In their initial session, delegates of the 10-member league shoved all other matters aside and unanimously gave Bell the power to exile for life anyone connected with the league who becomes involved with gamblers.

The constitutional amendment provides that he can banish any player, official or employee:

- (1) Who fails to report knowledge of a bribe offer, or
- (2) Who received an offer directly or indirectly by insinuation or implication to control or fix or accept or bet anything of value on a professional game in any manner whatsoever.

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Vandal Bigwigs Aren't Worried

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 24 (AP)—University of Idaho Regents opened their annual meeting here today, but University President J. E. Buchanan said the Regents "will not consider" recommendations to fill the vacant head football coaching post.

"We have made no overtures to anyone about the job," Buchanan said, "and although we have received many applications no one has been invited to the campus as yet."

Tule 39, Malin 32

MALIN, Jan. 24—The Tulalake Associated Flyers of the Klamath Basin basketball league last night topped the Malin town squad 39-32. Tule led at the half, but Malin forged ahead briefly in the latter part of the tilt.

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Newhouse Says His Salary Figure High

DETROIT, Jan. 24 (AP)—Hal Newhouse, steady left-hand pitching ace of the Detroit Tigers, isn't exactly in a jealous stew after reading of the choice attendance-bonus contract that may boost the earnings of his No. 1 American league mound rival, Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians, to \$80,000 for 1947.

Newhouse, the former hot-tempered blond who since 1943 hasn't failed to win at least 25 games a season for the Tigers, doesn't figure he'll wind up so far behind the Cleveland fireballer in the 1947 salary derby at all.

"Don't feel sorry for me," said the 25-year-old southpaw who led the American league in strikeouts two years while Feller was in the navy, "I had a bonus clause based on attendance in my 1946 contract with the Tigers, too."

How Hal's bonus clause compared with the one written into Feller's contract this week the Detroit southpaw wasn't at liberty to say, but Feller's 1947 terms are reportedly figured on a base salary of \$50,000, which isn't far ahead of the \$42,500 salary Newhouse is believed to have earned for winning 26 games (the same as Feller) and losing nine in 1946.

"I'm not worrying about trying to match Feller's pay check," Newhouse declared, "but maybe you'd be surprised how they really compare."

Rickey Puts Out Hook For Frisch

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (AP)—Now that John Leonard (Pepper) Martin has joined his old St. Louis teammate, Leo Durocher, in the Brooklyn Dodger organization, President Branch Rickey is trying to lure a third member of the Cardinals' famous 1934 "Gas House Gang" into the fold.

The Dodgers yesterday signed Martin, outfielder-third baseman of the rampaging Red Birds of over a decade ago, as a field man and offered a similar position to Frankie Frisch, former player-manager of the renowned gang.

"There's a job in the Brooklyn organization for Frisch any time he comes for it," Rickey said.

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Not Until '48... Cal-Ore Ball Circuit Postponed For Year

By HALE SCARBROUGH
The new class D baseball loop, which was being talked for this section of the country, won't start at least until 1948, it was learned here today. The league is tentatively known as the Cal-Oregon circuit and Klamath Falls was mentioned freely as having a franchise.

Bob Freitas, business manager of the San Jose team in the Class C California State league, who has been doing the organizational work on the new diamond loop, said that the proposed D league is now in the hands of prospective franchise holders.

Reason for postponement of the league's inauguration was that it will take a full year to get 14 cities, parks in all the towns having franchises.

Medford, Klamath Falls, Santa Rosa, Marysville, Chico, Vallejo, Redding, Oroville, Pittsburg and Colusa have been mentioned as likely entries.

Major league support from the New York Yankees, Brooklyn Dodgers, Cleveland Indians, St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago Cubs and Boston Red Sox has been tentatively lined up.

Fred Robinson, member of the city recreation committee, said that his committee has taken no action yet toward deciding what the future of Recreation field, Klamath's town baseball diamond, will be, but that the group is ready to sit down and talk turkey with the Sons of Italy lodge over details of a proposal to take over operation of the park.

The Sons of Italy, sponsors of Klamath's entry in the Northern California amateur baseball league, has offered to take over Recreation park, install lights and completely re-plant it, then turn it back to the city when the improvements are paid for.

The recreation committee, reluctant to tie the park down

to one outfit, has been keeping an ear open for any other plans, but none has been offered and the time for baseball playing is drawing near.

According to Robinson, the next step should be for the Sons of Italy to get together with the city committee and talk over details of the lodge's offer.

Turning Recreation field over to the Klamath Sons has been the only solution of the baseball dilemma yet offered, and is one way out for the city because the recreation bank account doesn't begin to hold enough money to pay for the improvements needed on the field.

Ashland Elks Win

ASHLAND, Jan. 24—The flashy Ashland Elks independent basketball game beat a clowning House of David quintet here last night, 62 to 56.

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