

# Pressure On At Corvallis Gym

Two Wins Would Virtually Put OSC Out Of Danger In Northern Chase

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The pressure will be on Washington as the Huskies and Oregon State open the crucial two-game basketball series at Corvallis tonight. For the Huskies it will be a desperation series. A split of the two games would be almost as bad as a double loss. They need two wins to pull the Staters down to their level and make an even chase out of it.

The highest scoring centers of the northern division will lead the teams, Jack Nichols of Washington tops the loop with 107 points, an average of 13.4 a game. If he maintains that pace, he will better Red Rocha's effort of 194 for last season, best in the division.

Rocha, Beaver center, has the best chance of any this year to overtake Nichols. He's hitting for 12 points a game and has 10 more contests to play. Nichols has eight.

A month and a half to go and the state high school basketball tournament at Eugene already is the biggest financial success on record—\$5000 in the result of selling series tickets, the only reserved seats offered, for \$10 each. In addition there will be several thousand seats to be sold at \$3.60 for the tournament (not reserved) or 60 cents for afternoon games and 90 cents for night games.

Tickets to the final contest will be \$1.20. The highest previous income was the \$4745 last year at Salem. The Eugene Active club, which is handling the tournament, is adding other attractions to make it the best turnout yet—dances after the games, a snack bar, and roller and ice skating events. The club also is hunting up rooms for 5000 visitors. To date it has signed up enough for 1000.

## Klamath Trio Reach Finals

PORTLAND, Jan. 31 (AP)—The finals of the annual AAU Golden Gloves regional boxing tournament will be held here tonight. Results last night included:

130 pounds—Rudy Carlson, Klamath Falls, technical knock-out over John Gross; Portland.

105 pounds—Haskell Hood, Chemawa, decision Lawrence Edwards, Portland; Carroll Gensay, Chemawa, technical knock-out over Bill Gray, St. Lawrence.

118 pounds—Wendell Delorme, Portland, decision Curtis Stacoma, Chemawa.

The finalists:

105 pounds—Haskell Hood vs. Carroll Gensay, both Chemawa.

135 pounds—Rudy Carlson, Klamath Falls, vs. Eddie Tate, Portland.

175 pounds—David Shalle, Chemawa, vs. Bob Eastman, Klamath Falls.

Heavyweights—Leroy Hart, Longview, vs. Ernie Duffield, Klamath Falls.

## Barbers Win Slow Scoring

Murphy's Barber shop team in the American division, Victoria Basketball league, defeated the Eagles squad last night on Fairview court, 18-13, in a sparse-scoring tilt.

The Eagles led 1-0 at the end of the first quarter, bucketing only one foul shot, while the Barbers were held to nothing but misses. In the second frame the Eagles again had only one point, but Murphy's counted seven to take the lead.

John Paul Foster and Tom Edwards, with eight tallies each, accounted for the majority of the winning points, and Dale Lowther with four was best on the Eagles.

In the Federal loop the DeMolay Golds beat Balsiger 25-20. Jim Freeman and Ray Ledbetter had eight points each.

## Escape Injury

ATHENS, Ga., Jan. 31 (AP)—Charlie Trippi and his new boss, Charles Bidwell of the Chicago Cardinals, professional football team, were shaken up but escaped with minor injuries when their motor car overturned twice near here late yesterday.

## Bend Coach Quits

BEND, Jan. 31 (AP)—Claude Cook said yesterday he would resign as Bend high school basketball coach at the end of the season to become supervisor of the Bend schools' physical education program. A successor has not been designated.

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# Rocky Can Be Barred From Ring

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (AP)—Rocky Graziano fought for his fistic life before the state athletic commission today, while the district attorney aimed the big guns of his gambling and bribery investigation on undercover fight managers with gangster and criminal records.

Boxing's latest "golden boy" at the box office was summoned to appear before the fistic fathers today to tell his story of a \$100,000 offer to throw his scheduled December 27 fight against Ruben Shank of Denver. The fight was called off because Graziano complained of an ailing back.

District Attorney Frank S. Hogan said he was "more interested" in uncovering undercover criminals who control fighters through "fronts" acting as managers of record than he was in any other phase of his wide investigation of gambling and fixing.

Elimination of this particular evil—long a topic of common gossip in fight circles—has been regarded by boxing men for years as vitally-needed reform.

Graziano already has told his story to the district attorney—how three men approached him in Stillman's gymnasium, midtown training base of most fighters, and made the bribe offer and that he thought it was "a gag."

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## Hungry Birds Will Be Fed

Probability that birds, particularly pheasant and quail, are suffering because the deep snow has cut off their food supply has been taken up by the Klamath Sportsmen's association and arrangements are being made to feed game birds in this area through the critical period.

The Sportsmen will furnish and deliver grain and other feed which is known to be without food and farmers are asked to watch for pheasant and quail in the snow and call either Paul Winter or Win Southwell to arrange for feed.

Also the association is now having magpie traps built and they will be set out as a measure to protect young game birds this spring. The traps are being built under the direction of Virgil Davis, at Superior Troy laundry.

Farmers having magpie trouble can get a trap by contacting the Sportsmen's association.

## Whitey Inks Paper For St. Louis Cards

READING, Pa., Jan. 31 (AP)—George (Whitey) Kurovski won't miss spring baseball training with the St. Louis Cardinals of the National league this season.

Kurovski, who failed to ink a 1946 contract until a few days before the regular season opened, said yesterday at his Reading home that he has come to terms with Card owner, Sam Breadon. The third baseman declined to disclose his 1947 salary.

## Monte Hailed For Courage

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 31 (AP) Monte Stratton, the six-foot-five baseball pitcher who lost his right leg nine years ago in a hunting accident, was hailed today as the "most courageous athlete of 1946"—but the most former Chicago White Sox hurler says he owes his return to the mound "to my wife and two kids."

Stratton was saluted for his pitching feat last night by the Philadelphia Sports Writers association at the group's 43rd annual banquet.

Despite an artificial leg, the right-handed Stratton won 18 games, including nine in a row, for the Sherman club of the class C East Texas league last year. He lost eight.

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Pete Mead (above), a middleweight from Grand Rapids, Mich., endeavors to move closer to a title opportunity by engaging Harold Green, crack Brooklyn batter, in a ten-rounder at New York's Madison Square Garden tonight.

Since leaving the Auto State, Mead has made long strides in 160-pound ranks by winning 10 out of 11 fights. The only man to beat him in the East is Herb Kronowitz, whom Pete had previously defeated. Mead is a "walk-in" fighter with a long left which he uses effectively.

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## Too Big For Tuna Cannery



Fisherman Tony Ingrante measures the 6-foot 6-inch length of a 310-pound yellow fin tuna brought in at San Diego, Calif. The fish, one of the largest ever landed in San Diego, was too big for a cannery's receiving flume and had to be unloaded from the fishing boat Benito onto a truck. —AP wirephoto.

## Hart Draws In Six Rounds With Grey Mask At Armory

An embattled Frankie Hart last night struggled with the Grey Mask to a six-round, one fall each draw in the armory main event ressing match, but was on top of the tight most of the time and might have won had Referee Reuben Gracia been a little more lenient in calling misplays in the closing rounds.

The fight went three heats before a fall was accomplished, but in the second round the Grey Mask was tossed out of the ring twice and dived out once of his own accord. The Mask got the first fall with butts and a half crab.

In the fourth round Hart pinned the Hood with a reverse arm bar, and in the grey one's struggles to get free he kicked Gracia in the face. Rube then proceeded to give him the fast count and Frankie a fall.

Both men were limber-legged in the fifth and sixth rounds, but neither could gain a fall. Hart had the advantage but Gracia repeatedly broke up holds that another referee might have let pass.

Squat Tommy Nilan of Australia made a hit with the fans in losing the three-round opener to Roy Ross, and revealed that his favorite tactics were head scissors with his stumpy legs and sonnenberg butts.

It was one of the latter that Hunt License Sales At High

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—A record 9,854,313 hunters paid out \$19,805,444 for licenses last fiscal year, the fish and wildlife service said today.

The number of resident licenses, non-resident licenses and revenue collected, listed in that order, included:

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# Pels Face Tornado Quintet

Leaving by bus this morning, the KUHS Pelican delegation to Medford expects a hot welcome long about 8 p. m. tonight in the Black Tornado gym when the Pels and the Tigers come together for a game that will surely see a string of wins go by the board.

Both the Pels and Medford have six wins and no losses in conference play, both sitting squarely astride the top rung in the district basketball ladder, but one of the squads will have to move down a notch after tonight.

Coach Wayne Scott of the Pels has said that he would appreciate two victories, tonight and tomorrow, over the Tornado, but would be satisfied with an even split. He indicated that his team is at top strength for the series.

A sellout crowd is expected at the Medford gym for both games, including a hardy band of Klamath rooters. The tilt tonight will be broadcast direct from the gym by Don Neal over KFLW.

In county league play the big game for tonight is at Henley, where the Hornets play the high-scoring Chiloquin Panthers.

Both Chiloquin and Henley are unbeaten in conference play this season, and since the seeded spots in the playoff which ends the county basketball season will depend on percentages, in all probability the winner of tonight's game will rest in the No. 1 position for the playoff tournament.

Here in town at Fairview gym the Sacred Heart Academy team will take on the powerful Grizzlies from Gilchrist, two games starting at 7:30. The Grizzlies will pause here tonight, then tomorrow night play the Merrill Huskies at a Merrill, a March of Dimes benefit game.

The Huskies are visiting at Bonanza tonight, and the Malin Mustangs are at Bly.

## Webfoots Practice

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 31—A stiff week of practice is what the University of Oregon Webfoots have been undergoing. The Ducks are idle in northern division competition until February 3 and 4 when the Washington Huskies come to McArthur court.

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# By Your Leave . . . Army Football Stars Apply For Furloughs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—Three of the army's football stars have applied for furloughs so they can play professional football next fall.

Disclosing this today, the war department said the applications of Felix (Doc) Blanchard, Glenn Davis and Barney Poole are under consideration. Davis and Blanchard both have thrice been named all-America backs.

All three are in the West Point class scheduled for graduation next June. The furloughs, therefore, would be from the regular army in which they will receive commissions as second lieutenants.

The three asked for four-month leaves during the gridiron season.

War department officials could not recall immediately any previous grant of furloughs for this purpose but said that precedents are being searched for by those considering the applications.

The army pay of the three would be suspended during their furloughs, it was said.

The text of the department's statement:

"The applications of Cadets Davis, Blanchard and Poole for four months' leave this fall to play professional football, have been received by the war department.

"The matter is now under consideration by the war department."

## Ducat Standees Sue For Damage

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31 (AP)—Those people who stood up so long waiting for Rose Bowl tickets aren't taking it lying down.

Four plaintiffs, asserting they represent 400 men and women who lined up for tickets to the New Year's Day football contest and didn't get them, filed suit today for \$100 damages for each of the 400 from Tournament of Roses association, the University of California board of regents and the Associated Students of UCLA.

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