

# Wide Open Run Predicted For Northern Loop

Four Squads Seen About Even; Idaho Conceded Last Spot

SEATTLE, Dec. 18 (AP)—You might as well throw away the book, put four names in a hat and draw out the winner of the northern division, Pacific Coast conference basketball flag for 1948—it looks like it might be that close.

Here's the way it appears on paper—thin paper, small print and plenty of room between the lines:

1. Washington, for three reasons: experience, Center Jack Nichols and Forward Sammy White.
2. Washington State. The Cougars appear strongest in manpower and Coach Jack Friel will toss two teams of almost equal caliber against the opposition.
3. Oregon. Fastest, tallest, shoot-inest outfit in the circuit.
4. Oregon State. Hard hit by graduation but a definite contender, with the brilliant Cliff Crandall back to pace the Beavers in their title defense.
5. Idaho. When you put the four names in the hat you'd leave out Idaho, which could be the biggest mistake you ever made. The Vandals are low on experience, but if Coach Chuck Finley can dream up an offense to make full use of Jack Phoenix's 6 feet 9 inches altitude he might surprise.

Three new coaches in the loop complicate the problem of choosing the team most likely to succeed. The fact that one of them—Honest John Warren of Oregon—has been around before doesn't help matters. Big, genial John took over at Oregon while Hobbs was in the armed services and bobbed up with the 1945 pennant.

And he isn't bobbing for apples now. His starters in the front line—Forward Bob Amacher and Jim Bartlett and Center Roger Wiley—would fill the world's tallest smokesack if stretched end to end. All he has at guard is four sturdy lettermen and a flock of good newcomers anxious for a job.

Finley and Art McLarney at Washington are the real newcomers to northern division action, although Art was around last year as assistant to the veteran Hec Edmundson. He'll stick with the Edmundson system of the driving fast break, sifting into it a flock of McLarney specialists—plays keyed to shuffle one of his deadweight under the basket for a clean two points.

Nichols, one of the best big men the West has ever seen, will operate in the pivot and under the boards. And there's nothing smoother in the league than sophomore Sammy White—fast, an excellent shot from all angles, deadly on the short passing game and a top-notch team man. Off its starting club of last season Washington lost Boody Gilbertson, but Bill Vandenberg, a letterman, is filling the vacated forward spot capably.

The two old timers who will make it tough for the new coaches are Slat Gill at Oregon State and Jack Friel of Washington State. They have been making it tough for other mentors for many seasons and will see no reason to turn soft hearted just now, what with Slat's defending the division crown and the poker faced Friel bringing up a potent squad which has been rather too regarded in pre-season forecasting.

The two of them always come up to league play with teams perfectly conditioned and short on overconfidence. Friel lost Bob

# PGA Would Promote Golf 'World Series'

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP)—The Professional Golfers association plans a "world series" of big time golf—an international PGA tournament open to the recognized amateur and professional champions of countries interested in the sport.

The event will be held annually, officials announced yesterday, with the first tournament at Dunedin, Fla., in 1949.

PGA President Ed Dudley and Maynard (Scotty) Fessenden of Chicago, chairman of the tournament sponsors advisory committee, also disclosed plans for promoting golf among the youngsters of the country.

The program would be under the direction of Freddie Corcoran, former PGA tournament manager, described by Fessenden as "the man who has done more to put professional golf on its feet."

Tentative plans call for the best of the mercenary shotmakers to hold clinics in high schools and colleges under sponsorship of the various PGA sections.

An attempt also will be made to set up a single national junior championship. Two junior tournaments are now held under different sponsorship.

# SALEM MAY BE TOUGH HOOP ENEMY FOR PELS

Next set of games for the KU basketball Pelicans will be a pair with the Salem Vikings, and therein probably will lie the toughest work the Pels have come across this young season. Never a pushover, Salem might be as tough as a five-year-old rooster this time.

Tuesday night the Vikes edged Washington High of Portland 37

to 36. Washington is supposed to be the zenith of the Portland interscholastic league in basketball and the Colonials showed their mettle earlier by beating Grants Pass 50-40 and 47-35.

By the same token that Washington is considered tops in its division, Grants Pass has been rated the best in early-season play in the Southern Oregon conference.

That line of reasoning makes the Salem Vikings look pretty good. In Tuesday's game with Washington, it was a free throw by Keith Farnham that won for Salem in the last minute of play. Carlos (Cub) Houck and Hugh Bellinger were the top Vike scorers with nine points each.

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# Racing Enjoys Good Season But Bets Off

Attendance Also Down From Record Gates Set In 1946

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP)—Thoroughbred racing enjoyed a good year during 1947 although attendance and betting figures at most tracks failed to match the records of the previous year.

During the first ten months of the year Thoroughbred Racing association figures show that \$1,542,310,470 went through the parimutuel betting windows, a drop of approximately \$150,000,000 for a similar period during 1946.

In ten months 24,672,574 persons paid their way into the nation's racetracks.

The mammoth New York season of 188 days resulted in \$352,624,464 being wagered. This was a decline of \$54,481,284 compared with the previous campaign. Average daily attendance was 24,382 or 1149 less than 1946.

For Warren Wright's Calumet Farm the year was a tremendous success. His stable again led in money won, setting a record of \$1,388,511 in purses. The famed Devil's Red silks were carried to 91 victories—37 of them stakes—41 seconds and 26 thirds.

Among Calumet's stars were the Bull Lea offspring, Armed, Bewitch, Citation and Faudless. Citation, winter book favorite for next May's Kentucky Derby, won eight out of nine races including the rich Pimlico Futurity. The stable was trained by Ben Jones and his son Jimmy.

Whirlaway, former money winning king owned by Calumet Farm, was dethroned. The title changed hands five times with King Ranch's Assault, the first to pass Whirlaway's total earnings. Styrimie then passed Assault, the latter regained the crown, then lost it to Armed but only temporarily.

Styrimie eventually won the title, winning \$56,350 when he took Jamaica's Gallant Fox Handicap. Armed has won \$761,500, Assault \$623,370 and retired Whirlaway \$561,161.

Pilot, owned by Mrs. Elizabeth N. Graham's Maine Chance Farm, won the Kentucky Derby but he had such weak legs that he was retired seven weeks later. The chestnut colt, costing \$41,000 as a yearling, earned \$108,000 in two years, \$92,160 of it in the Derby.

Swamp fever claimed 28 horses during an 11-week quarantine at Rockingham Park, Salem, N. H., but the biggest loss to the racing world was the death of Man o' War. The horse that won 20 out of 21 races—losing only to Upset—died at 30 after having scored 172 winners of stakes worth \$1,776,520.

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# Whitey Would Forfeit Pay

To make Friday night's main wrestling event even more of a sporting proposition, Whitey Whittier, the barrel-chested Swede from Duluth, not only has spotted his adversary, Georges Dusette one fall but now has offered to forfeit his end of the purse to Dusette should the French-Canadian win the handicap match.

The bout is slated for one hour time limit in the armory ring, and Whittier's idea is to toss Dusette twice within that hour. The French-Canadian powerhouse can win with only one fall.

And Whittier at first said he would just fight for free if he didn't accomplish his aims. Now he says he won't fight free but will take his end of the purse and give it to Dusette.

The bout will top off a card which contains otherwise two matches set for five heats.

# The Dalles Cue Expert Wins Title

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17 (AP)—Tommy Boatman, of the Dalles, Ore., last night won the Pacific coast sectional pocket billiard championship in a 12-inning playoff with Jimmy Mills of San Jose, Calif.

The regular, six handed round robin tournament ended in a tie between Boatman and Mills, with each holding four victories to one defeat. Boatman won the playoff 125 to 53.

Third place went to Robert Lindholm of Seattle, who won three and lost two. Bob Archer, Portland, placed fourth with three victories and two defeats but a lower point score than Lindholm had.

Gene Rivers of Portland, with one win, and four losses, finished fifth, and Richard Johnson of San Francisco was sixth. He lost five straight games.

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# Briefs Trackmen Question Authority

PORTLAND, Dec. 18 (AP)—A challenge of the Oregon racing commission's authority to set specific dates for dog and horse race meetings brought adjournment of the commission's year-end session yesterday without action on pending applications.

Attorneys for the several organizations seeking meet approvals were directed to ask the attorney general for an opinion on the commission's power after the challenge was made by a Multnomah kennel club attorney.

Jay Bowerman questioned authority of the commission after Chairman H. W. Collins told the applicants the 1947 Oregon racing season of 132 days was excessive and recommended a voluntary 10 per cent reduction and adjustment of overlapping dates.

Bowerman said the commission was authorized only to grant or reject licenses.

The kennel club had asked a 60-day meet, Portland Meadows 40 days plus 14 for harness racing in addition to six for the state fair and six for the Oregon Thoroughbred Breeders' association. Dates for the three major meets overlapped.

The commission tentatively set a meeting for January 11.

Cronin Remains

WENATCHEE, Dec. 18 (AP)—Chuck Cronin, who finished up the 1947 season as manager of the Wenatchee entry in the Western International league, will continue in that position next season. President Joe Brownlow said today.

Cronin, a pitcher, took over the post in mid-season last year after the resignation of Buddy Ryan, now co-owner of the Spokane Indians.

Must Refurbish

SPOKANE, Dec. 18 (AP)—The 10,000 seats of Gonzaga university's football stadium must be resurfaced and the stadium's aisles and stairs replaced before it can be used again, the school was notified yesterday by City Building Inspector Arthur G. Hoeler.

Trojans Get Back To Work

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18 (AP)—Southern California's Trojans go back to work today.

The first of 10 practice sessions before the Rose Bowl engagement with Michigan was to be held at Bonard field, with more of the same Friday and Saturday.

Then the scene shifts to Santa Barbara for seven secluded sessions devoted to ways and means of stifling the tricky Wolverine attack January 1.

Among a 57-player squad due to assemble today was second string Right Tackle Jess Swape, who was injured in the Notre Dame game. First stringer Bob Hendren is probably out of the Rose Bowl game because of a broken jaw.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE INVITING BIDS  
The undersigned Police Judge will receive sealed bids up to 7:30 P. M. January 3, 1948 for one new dump truck which will be owned in the council room at the City Hall at 7:30 P. M. Specifications may be obtained from the city engineer.

The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
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# Back With Trophies



Montgomery's Sal, young Chesapeake retriever, brought in a bevy of ribbons and trophies from the Northern California retriever trials held at Gilroy, Calif., recently. Sal belongs to Mrs. Phil Montgomery.

# LOCAL DOGS COMPETE IN GILROY RETRIEVES

Four dogs represented the Shasta-Cascade Retriever club in a field of 50 entries at the Northern California retriever field trials at Gilroy, Calif., recently, and top honors for the local dogs went to Montgomery's Sal, a 19-month old Chesapeake female.

Sal is owned by Phil Montgomery.

Fred Barnes Chosen '48 Ikes Prexy

Fred Barnes of Keno was elected president of the Klamath-Medoc chapter, Isaack Walton league, last night at the Willard hotel and will serve during the calendar year 1948. Barnes replaces William K. Jenkins, 1947 prexy.

Also elected to official posts in the chapter were Bert Rohu, vice president; Don Chase, secretary; and Vern Chase, treasurer.

New members of the board of directors will be Lloyd Low, A. C. Cummings and Homer H. Slick, all for two-year terms, and Frank McCornack for a one-year term.

Before the meeting adjourned John Ehlinger, member of the legislative interim committee investigating the state game commission, gave a talk on the work of the committee, which has now held hearings in most parts of the state, including on here.

NEW GUNS IN STOCK FOR XMAS!

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- Marlin \$24.50
- Winchester Automatic \$29.90
- Winchester Repeater \$37.50
- Remington Repeater with Telescope Sight \$78.00

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- Single Barrel \$21.95
- L. C. Smith \$96.10

REVOLVERS

- K-22 Smith & Wesson \$65.00</