

U.S. In Olympic Comeback; Baseball Spring Dates Set

Sled Crewmen Stake Out Bid In Early Heat

Canadian Girl Is Women's Figure Skating Champion

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland, Feb. 6 (AP)—Rhythmic Barbara Ann Scott, Canada's darling of the ice, won the women's figure skating championship in the fifth winter Olympics today—giving the western hemisphere a sweep of skating titles that have been the exclusive property of Europe.

The pretty, 19-year-old Canadian skater gave an almost faultless performance in her final free skating maneuvers to take the crown won by Norway's Sonja Henie in the last three Olympic carnivals.

Her victory follows by only 24 hours that of Richard Button of Englewood, N. J., in the men's competition.

Before a water main burst, flooding the track and cancelling the day's activities on the treacherous ice chutes, the United States' sled piloted by Francis Tyler of Lake Placid, N. Y., made two of the fastest runs of the competition.

Tyler's team streaked down the 1610-meter (one mile, 35 feet) channel in one minute, 17.1 seconds on the first run and 1:17.4 on the second.

The first time was bettered only by the Swiss team piloted by the famous Fritz Fejerabend, whose time was 1:16.9. Fejerabend didn't get to make his second run before the accident interfered.

The other U. S. bobsled team—the No. 1 quartet headed by Driver James Bickford of Saranac Lake, N. Y.—was fifth after the first heat with 1:17.4.

END TOMORROW
Four heats are run to decide the championship. They will be concluded tomorrow.

In the unofficial hockey tournament, the United States team, virtually out of the running, defeated Austria, 13-2, while Switzerland moved into the lead with its sixth straight triumph.

The Swiss conquered Poland, 14 to 0, while their unbeaten rivals, Canada and Czechoslovakia, played a dogged scores tie. In the other round robin clash, Sweden defeated Great Britain, 4-3.

Meanwhile, the Star Spangled Banner rang out for the first time in victory over Olympic stadium today as Gretchen Fraser of Vancouver, Wash., received her gold medal for winning the women's slalom ski race.

America's other champion, 18-year-old Figure Skater Dick Button of Englewood, N. J., will be presented his gold award tomorrow. He captured the men's figure skating crown with the most overwhelming score ever made.

Mrs. Fraser also received a silver medal for finishing second in the Alpine combined skiing event—the first Olympic ski medals ever taken to the western side of the Atlantic.

RED RIBBON
Her pigtail tied with a red ribbon, she stood small and slender on the victor's platform as the American flag was raised and the national anthem was played in solemn ceremonies.

The presentation was made by J. Sigfried Edson, president of the international Olympic committee.

Yesterday's sweeping victories raised the United States from seventh to third in the unofficial team standings with 52½ points. Switzerland had 69 and Sweden 67 through Thursday's contests.

Barbara and Scott, Canada's 19-year-old skating symphony, practiced all morning for the final tests expected to bring her the figure skating title which Norway's Sonja Henie held through three Olympics.

KU Girls Will Stage Tumbling
The Klamath Union high school girls' physical education class will give a tumbling exhibition tonight at the KU gym, between halves of the Pelican-Grants Pass basketball game. Preliminary tilt to that same, starting at 7 p. m., will pit the Klamath junior varsity against the Grants Pass jays.

Tomorrow night another exhibition is being lined up for between halves—a basketball tilt between Mills and Roosevelt little fellows. The KU junior varsity plays Chiloquin high in tomorrow's preliminary.

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By
Hale Scarborough
Ever-Young Moe Sax Now Spreading News About Portland Track



Moe Sax, Webfoot quarterback of the early '20s and new publicity man for Bill Kyne and Portland Meadows track, was in town yesterday spreading the good word about what's going to come off next season at the Portland race course.

First thing Moe wanted the horse fans to know is that Bill Kyne is going to have "the best horses ever seen in the Northwest" at the Meadows next summer, bangtails that are now winning races at Santa Anita and other southern sporting tracks.

Portland Meadows season will open on or about May 15 for a 40-day stretch, with most of the running done at night. Saturday afternoon and Sunday probably will see day racing. The Meadows is said to be the only full-scale course in the country, and Kyne has long figured that night racing is the sport of kings of the future.

Secondly, Moe wished to tell about the new tote board Meadows is having put up. The contracts are out already. In the past a "universal tote" which gave only meager information was in use at the Portland track, but by opening night a new "American Totalizer" will be operating. That board, the kind used now at practically all the big tracks, passes along all the information worth having except hot tips.

It gives the total pool on win, place and show; total bets on every horse; jockey changes; weights; morning line and, within seconds after the race, the official payoff. The board is one of those mechanical brains, but still it takes a platoon of well-trained men to handle it.

Beaver Band Will Be Colorful
By the time another football season rolls around the big Oregon State college band will be regged out in resplendent new uniforms, replacing the sober military tones that had to be used last season to clothe the expanding musical outfit.

Funds have been set aside to pay for 100 new uniforms, and tailoring firms are being asked for bids. The uniforms will consist of eye-blinking orange military-type jackets, navy blue trousers with orange stripes and a military-type cap.

Klamath Boy On OSC Mat Squad
Collegiate wrestling returns to Oregon State tomorrow afternoon for the first time since 1942 when a Beaver mat team comes to clutches with a strong Multnomah Athletic club squad at Portland.

Included in the probable starting lineup for the Orange will be Glen Miller, Klamath Falls junior and former KUHHS student. Also in the bunch is a Silver Lake boy, Pat O'Keefe. Miller is in the 145 class. O'Keefe will fight in the lightweight or 175-pound bracket.

Basketball Arena Of 10,000
Still on the subject of Oregon State, a 10,000 capacity basketball pavilion at Corvallis is supposed to get a start in April, and might even be ready for use in plenty of time for the 1948-49 basketball season. The arena will outdo even Eugene's 7000-capacity MacArthur court, which is the only building in the state with enough room for a real crowd-packing basketball game.

GEORGE TEMPLE MAIN EVENTS WITH SAILOR

George Temple, big brother of sport of wrestling for a living. But Movie Actress Shirley Temple, will make his first appearance on the mat here tonight, fighting the main event at the armory.

Temple, a well-built ex-mariner, created quite a furore in his Hollywood family a year ago when he announced he was going to take to the water.

Jonas Switches To Mentoring
FOREST GROVE, Ore., Feb. 6 (AP)—Pete Jonas, who has been on the mound for Portland and Seattle in the Pacific Coast Baseball league and for Spokane and Vancouver, B. C., in the Western International circuit, has turned to coaching.

The former Whitman collegian will coach the Pacific university baseball squad this spring. Jonas now is a student in the college of optometry.

Acorns Hire Two
OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 6 (AP)—The Oakland Baseball club of the Pacific Coast league announced today the signing of two rookie prospects, John Conant, right handed pitcher from Burginville, Tenn., and John Ragni, outfielder from Portland, Ore. Conant, 25, won 19 and lost 10 for Phoenix of the Arizona-Texas league. Ragni, 23, hit .311 and batted in 118 runs for Stockton of the California State league last year.

Ole Miss Ready
OXFORD, Miss., Feb. 6 (AP)—Johnny Vaught, the southeastern conference's coach of the year last season, has signed up for another four years as head coach at the University of Mississippi, school officials said.

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Majors Slate 358 Contests In Exhibition

Two Clubs Shift Base From Florida To Pacific Coast

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP)—Complete plans for the 1948 spring training season of the major leagues disclose that the boys will be just as busy as ever despite their late start.

Although the conditioning period does not start until March 1, two weeks later than it has been for many years, the majors will engage in 358 exhibition games, only six less than last year. The record of 383 games was set in 1946.

Of this year's crop, the two leagues will see action against each other in 151 games. In addition the American league clubs will play 34 games among themselves while the National will provide all the competition in 41. Against minor leagues and college nines, the National will be in 41 contests and the American in 76.

Except for the Brooklyn Dodgers, who will spend the first month of their conditioning period in the Dominican republic, all clubs will train on United States soil. Last year the Dodgers, New York Giants and Yankees divided their training grinds between the United States and foreign countries. Unofficial reports have the Brooks training in the U. S. exclusively in 1949.

TWO MOVE WEST
Four clubs have shifted their training locale for 1948. The St. Louis Browns and Pittsburgh Pirates have forsaken Florida for the West Coast. The Browns have gone from Miami to San Bernardino, Calif. The Pirates have shifted from Miami Beach to Hollywood, Calif.

The Yankees, who divided their '47 conditioning between Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Havana and Florida, have stationed themselves at St. Petersburg, Fla. for the full spring training period, breaking camp early in April for their swing north. The Boston Braves have switched from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and moved further to the midwestern part of the state in Bradenton.

The Chicago Cubs in Los Angeles, and the White Sox in Pasadena, continue to hold the California fort. The Giants and Cleveland Indians remain in Arizona, the Giants at Phoenix and the Indians at Tucson. The rest will have their training base in Florida, making nine clubs in all which will train in the peninsula state.

EXHIBITION GAMES
The first exhibition games will be played March 6, between the Giants and Indians at Tucson and the Cubs and White Sox in Los Angeles. Nearly all clubs will get under way the next day.

The longest series between two clubs will be between the Giants and Indians who will oppose each other 17 times, with the last two games scheduled to be played in Cleveland's municipal stadium, April 17 and 18.

There will be five inter-city series. The White Sox and Cubs engage in three games as do the Dodgers and Yankees, and the Braves and Red Sox. The two St. Louis clubs meet twice and the two Philadelphia clubs also play each other twice.

Bambino Reaches 56th Birthday
MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 6 (AP)—Babe Ruth is 56 years old today, but won't celebrate until tomorrow. The home run king, recuperating at a hotel cottage here, will be honored guest at a small party tomorrow night. Ruth, accompanied by Mrs. Ruth and a male nurse, arrived by train from New York Wednesday. He spent yesterday resting from the trip and by taking an automobile ride along the ocean front.

He expects to be here until about March 15.

Over-inflation in tires is almost as bad as under-inflation because it increases the danger of skidding.

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Hanson On Spree For 2nd Place

By The Associated Press
Hotter than a fire in a haystack that smolders for weeks and then bursts out all over, Washington State's Vince Hanson roared into second place in the northern division scoring quartet this week with 112 points for nine games.

Vince wound up the pre-season schedule with an insignificant 70 points in 13 games. In his first four conference tussles he added only 18, but then he began to burn the flame that earned him the division scoring crown in 1945.

Hanson is in second place, trailing Jack Nichols of Washington by 17 counters, and he'll slip farther back this week-end as his team rests while all his rivals are in action. Washington and Oregon State meet tonight and Saturday in Seattle while Oregon and Idaho are colliding at Moscow.

High Harry McLaughlin of Pacific Lutheran kept bucketing baskets at a terrific pace to hold the lead over all the Northwest's deadeyes. Harry's tally at mid-week was 373 points, with Bob Johnson of Willamette second at 322. The northern division could place only three men in the top ten tally makers for the entire area and entire season—Cliff Crandall of Oregon State, Nichols and Rog Wiley of Oregon. Three men have scored more than 300 points.

Portland University and Willamette each landed two men among the leaders. Central Washington and Whitworth had one each. The pace makers:

NORTHWEST—ALL GAMES

McLaughlin, PLC	22	131	373
Bob Johnson, Will.	19	124	322
Cliff Crandall, OSC	24	100	303
Jim Johnson, Will.	19	104	283
Nichols, Wash.	20	104	279
Bob Devich, Portland	25	111	276
Nicholson, Cen. Wash.	19	109	273
Earl Morrlock, Whit.	23	104	268
Wiley, Oregon	20	89	247
L. Grosjacques, Port.	25	99	244

NORTHERN DIVISION

Nichols, Wash.	8	46	37	129
Hanson, WSC	9	27	24	112
Wiley, Oregon	8	27	31	85
White, Washington	8	29	17	75
Carry, OSC	7	33	9	75
Crandall, OSC	7	21	32	74
Wilkins, Oregon	8	21	12	74
Garda, WSC	9	26	19	71
Elliott, WSC	9	27	15	69
Vandenburgh, Wash.	8	25	15	65

Fox Brothers Top Diamond Aces At Hoop

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 6 (AP)—On one team there were Joe Gordon of the Cleveland Indians, Bobby Doerr of the Boston Red Sox, Bill Bevens and Don Johnson of the New York Yankees and Dick Whitman of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

On the other were D. H. E. F. K. and M. Fox.

The Fox brothers, captained by Howard, Cincinnati Reds pitcher, won the basketball game here last night, 45-30. It brought more than \$400 for the March of Dimes campaign.

Brother Delano Fox led scoring with 18 points and after things were in hand the Fox clan even ran in a brother-in-law, named Hickson, who tallied 2 points.

For the opposing All-Stars, Lake Leicht, Oregon halfback, came in as a reserve and led scoring with 10 points.

Oregon Riders Place In Rodeo

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 6 (AP)—Pacific Northwest performers placed in three events last night at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show rodeo.

Sonny Trueman, Pendleton, Ore., finished fifth in saddle bronc riding; Ross Dollardie, Lakeview, Ore., was second in steer wrestling, and Johnny Tubbs, Valley, Wash., won the first in the bareback bronc riding.

HIT-RUN KILLER
LEBANON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Police attempted today to trail a driver whose automobile killed Lloyd Lappe, 51, Lebanon plywood mill worker, here last night. Lappe was struck as he rode a bicycle.

It pays to use the Want-Ads!

Wily Walsh Ducks, Pie Sails Over

Walsh ducked and Neslin missed. But Sam caught up with Clyde in the dressing room.

That was how the pie-throwing basketball wager at Oregon Vocational school gym came out last night.

Clyde Walsh's Link River Motors team put up a terrific fight for half a game, but went down and down in the second half to an eventual 62-47 victory for the Oregon Woolen squad, managed by Sam Neslin.

The victory, according to a pre-game bet, gave Neslin the privilege of tossing an 11-pound specially-prepared chocolate cream pie in Walsh's face.

But Clyde ducked and the pastry sailed over his head and splashed on the OVS gym floor. Walsh tried to break the fat man's 40-yard dash to the dressing room, but Neslin scooped up a double handful of chocolate cream and crumbs and paid off his bet at the dressing room door.

The game was a good one, with wild extremes of the Wool sinking 23 points and Neil Mayfield accumulating 19 for the Motors.

In the preliminary tilt Ricks Jessen drubbed the Bluejays, 61-29.

Gretchen Has Painful Wait Before Title

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland, Feb. 6 (AP)—Gretchen Fraser of Vancouver, Wash., U.-S. A., was the first of 31 girls to plummet down the Mount Piz Nair course yesterday in the women's special slalom of the fifth winter Olympics.

She gave the others a mark to shoot at.

Her time was 59.7 seconds. The nearest anyone came to equalling that was Erika Mahringer of Austria, who missed by a tenth of a second.

Anyone that is, but Gretchen. The shy sweetheart of the high Cascades tossed her pigtail and pushed off for her second run.

Like a wind-flipped feather she cut a scalloped trail through the flags. The electric eye timing the run blinked her home in 57.7.

There was a long, agonizing wait. Then Gretchen was called to the official stand and declared champion. Champion of all the world. Gretchen was almost speechless.

"How am I supposed to feel?" she asked. "It beats me. I don't know."

Eugene Boys Win In Ring

FILED, Idaho, Feb. 6 (AP)—Three Eugene, Ore., amateurs and one each from Vancouver and Tekoa, Wash., won Pacific Northwest Golden Gloves fight championships here last night.

The winners were: Ted Baskett, Eugene, novice featherweight division; Bill Fleming, Eugene, novice welterweight; Paul Martin, Eugene, open lightweight; Leroy Clark, Tekoa, novice light heavyweight, and Eddie Taylor, Vancouver, open light heavyweight. All victories were by decision except Martin's, a third round TKO.

Pete Mischelowski, 118, Vancouver, dropped a decision in the open bantamweight finals; and Dick Wedon, 140, Eugene, was declared in the semi-finals of the open welterweight division.

Pels Face Cavemen For Crucial Series

Every basketball season produces a "crucial series" and the one for the Southern Oregon high school conference (district 4) starts tonight on the Klamath Union high school gym. The league leading Klamath Falls Pelicans entertain the Grants Pass Cavemen, league runner-up team, in games tonight and Saturday.

If the Pelicans sweep this series, they can't come out worse than in a tie for the championship of the conference if they lose the four remaining games.

Right now Klamath has six wins and no losses, while Grants Pass is right behind with four and two. Ashland and Medford are almost out of the running.

The opening series of conference play saw the Pelicans take two decisions from Grants Pass, 45-34 and 31-27. Since that time the Pels have been staying consistently good while the Cavemen have been getting better. Grants Pass even beat Marshfield to end a Pirate winning streak that dated back 38 games and into last season. The Cavemen also defeated the University of Oregon Frosh, a trick the Pels were unable to turn.

The fact that the Klamath boys will be playing on their own floor might give a slight edge to the local boys.

Cheerleader Wayne Scott probably will start Gary Dawes, if his leg injury is healed. Bob Barnes, Jack Lust, Jack Keutner and Don Zaroski. If Dawes doesn't start, Ed Whitney, left-hander, will get the nod at forward.

The Caveman lineup at the take-off probably will include Glenn Edwards and Jack Orr at forwards, Sherman Heater at center, Scooter McLean and Bill Birkes at guards.

The feature game will start at about 8:15 p. m., with a more-than-capacity crowd in attendance. A preliminary tilt goes on at 7 p. m.

The other league game for tonight has Medford playing the Ashland Grizzlies at Ashland.

There were but 140 miles of railroad in the entire United States slightly more than a hundred years ago.

Gilchrist Is In Danger Of First Defeat

Down at Astoria the Bananza Antlers, who have won only a single game this season in conference play, met the Mustangs who have not come up with a single victory. That game is a toss-up and might be a pretty good one.

Here in town at Altamont court the Sacred Heart Trojans may be in for another bad evening, playing the up-and-coming Henley Hornets.

KU Grapple Outfit Wins

EUGENE, Feb. 6—The University of Oregon Frosh swimming team won its second dual meet of the season here last night, defeating the Klamath Falls high school 47-19. The Pelican swimmers, coached by Bob Henderson, were taking part in their first outside competition for KUHHS in many years.

At Springfield yesterday afternoon Coach Dutch Simons' Pelican wrestling squad overpowered a Springfield high team, 32-20, to stay on the winning track.

The Pels took five of the 12 bouts by falls, one by decision, got two draws and lost four matches.

Tonight the Klamath wrestlers meet the Salem Vikings in a dual match.

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