

# NCAA Tips Brigham Young Gems' Ball Schedule Drawn

## Ruling Might Hurt Nichols Of Washington

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 24 (AP)—Brigham Young university's NCAA basketball tournament in New York city.

But, says Coach Floyd Millet, they knew last summer they would be if they won the Mountain States conference championship. And their sights are set instead on the Metropolitan invitational tournament.

Coach Vadal Peterson of Utah university, chairman of the district NCAA selection committee, said he received official notice last night from the national rules committee chairman barring the Cougars from consideration despite the fact they have just about clinched the Mountain States pennant.

Use of Guard Brady Walker, a fifth year man, barred Brigham Young from consideration, under a ruling of Dr. Hugh Willett of Los Angeles, chairman of the NCAA rule committee, Peterson said.

Walker was played under wartime conference rules still in effect. NCAA eligibility rules limit players to four years of competition.

Millet said at Provo last night "The Walker situation is nothing new to us. We know about it way last summer and cast our lot then."

"But we are definitely interested in a bid to the Metropolitan invitational tournament. And the fact that we have twice beaten last year's invitational champs (Utah) seems to put us in the running for an invitation there, especially since Utah had very much the same personnel this year as last."

At Seattle, University of Washington athletic officials said today they were not aware of an NCAA ruling barring basketball players from competing in district tournaments in their fifth year of play.

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## Negro Loops Still Trying

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP)—The Negro National and American Baseball leagues still hope today that they would gain admission to organized baseball.

But as recently as last December they were "turned down cold" by the Rev. John J. Johnson, president of the Negro National league, declares.

The Rev. Johnson said in a statement that formal applications of both circuits were turned down by the National Association of Minor Leagues at the Miami meeting in December.

He also reported both loops were in a "precarious situation" because of the drawing power of Jackie Robinson and other negroes now playing in the majors.

## Hart-Weaver Pairing Made

Frankie Hart and Buck Weaver, who are getting to be regular and appreciated performers on the Northwest gnarled ear circuit, will be on the Klamath Falls card again Friday night, fighting each other in the semi-windup.

The match is scheduled as a four-rounder and should be a good, clean one to offset some of the rough stuff which will undoubtedly come in the main event.

Frankie Hart, the lithe Canadian, lost to Bob Cummings his last appearance here, while Weaver was gaining a draw with Joe Dorsett.

The main event Friday has Tony Rose of Salem trying to stay away from Champ Frankie Stojack's towering airplane spin for five rounds.

## Swimming Date

The Klamath Union high swimming team, coached by Bob Henderson, will vie with the Oregon State Frogs swimming team Saturday morning at Corvallis.

## Juniors Compete

Freemont and Altamont junior high basketball teams wind up their season - long tandem competition Friday night with a game at Altamont gym, starting at 7 p. m.

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## Whitt Signs With Local Nine



Irvin Whitt, high school baseball star of the 1947 team, has signed a contract to play with the Klamath Gems of the Far West league this coming season. He played in the Cardinal chain at Carthage, Mo., and Lenoir, N. C., last season and has obtained a release from the Cardinals to play at home.

## Willie Pep Favored 11-5 To Take Sierra

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 24 (AP)—The rather common belief that Willie Pep will be defending his featherweight title tonight against a whittled-down lightweight appears to be slightly incorrect.

Pep takes on Humberto Sierra of Cuba in a 15-round title bout at the Orange Bowl and Humberto won't have any weight trouble.

In a checkup yesterday, Sierra scaled only 125½ pounds and the local boxing commission physician reported the runcy Cuban appeared to be in the finest condition he ever has attained.

Most of the support for Sierra—and odds favor Pep at 11 to 5—is based on his local performances and the fact that Willie never has been quite as good since he was seriously injured in a plane crash 14 months ago.

Pep spent some time in a cast recovering from a broken back and leg and the injuries still cause him some pain. Nevertheless, he has won 14 fights since he returned to action in June. At one stage he was knocking off an opponent a week for five weeks included among these 14 fights, which brought Willie's total to 124 as a professional, was one title defense. He knocked out Jock Leslie of Flint, Mich., in 13 rounds, August 22. Pep has scored 42 knockouts in his 124 bouts.

Promoter Clarence Kantowitz estimates a crowd of 18,000 and receipts of around \$100,000.

**Large "Pigmies"**  
"Pigmy" whales are larger than any mammal, except normal-sized whales. They reach a length of about 20 feet and are found in the seas off New Zealand, Australia and South America.

Ohio State plays at Michigan Saturday and Iowa visits Ann Arbor in the windup Monday with the title possibly resting on the outcome.

Ohio State's sophomore quintet, one of the most rapidly improving teams in the conference, moved into a tie with Purdue for fifth place last night by blasting Indiana 69-45.

In the only other league game last night, Wisconsin downed North-western 59-54 to keep alive slim hopes of retaining the Big Nine crown.

Other Saturday games send Minnesota to Iowa, and Purdue to Indiana. Northwestern meets Illinois in Chicago stadium.

## Sox Swap Lopat For Receiver

CHICAGO, Feb. 24 (AP)—Ed Lopat, who topped the Chicago White Sox pitching staff in 1947 with 16 victories, has been traded to the New York Yankees for Catcher Aaron Robinson and two rookie pitchers.

In making the announcement today, Les O'Connor, Sox general manager, said no cash was involved.

"Robinson may be the long-ball hitter we've been needing for a long time," said O'Connor.

Robinson, 27, in 83 games for the Yankees last season. He will be 32 in June.

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## Klamath Will Divide Series With Medford

A 126-game schedule for the eight teams of the Far West class D professional baseball league was announced today, play to start Friday, April 30, and finish on Labor Day, Monday, September 6.

For the most part the schedule is arranged so that each team will have home stands of a week's duration, playing two different visiting teams during each stand. Each outfit will play each other team 18 games during the season, nine at home and nine on the road.

In deference to the natural Klamath-Falls-Medford rivalry, series between the Gems and the Dodgers in several instances have been split into home-and-home affairs. For instance, Klamath would play the Dodgers here one night, move to Medford for the next night and come back here the third.

Doubleheaders are scheduled for May 31 (Decoration Day), July 5 (Fourth of July falls on Sunday), and September 6 (Labor Day). Games postponed by weather will be filled in to make Sunday doubleheaders whenever practical.

The Gems start their season on the road, coming out of spring training camp at Lodi, Calif., to open at Oroville April 30, May 1-2. Next stop is at Redding, May 3-4-5, and the first home series will be with Medford, May 6-8-10. The show will be taken to Medford, May 7-9-11. Klamath Falls home schedule:

Medford—May 6-8-10; June 5-6-9; July 27; August 6-7.  
Redding—June 11-12-13; July 21-22-23; September 5-6-6.

Oroville—June 14-15-16; July 24-25-26; September 2-3-4.  
Willows—June 2-3-4; July 7-8-9; August 8-9-10.

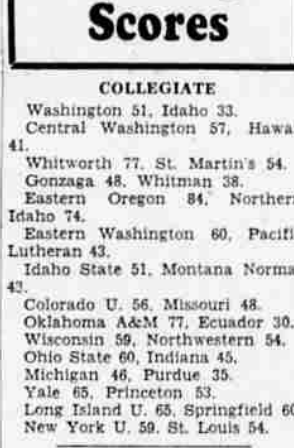
Marysville—May 31-31; June 1; July 10-11-12; August 11-12-13.  
Pittsburg—May 22-23-24; June 24-25-26; August 20-21-22.  
Santa Rosa—May 19-20-21; June 27-28-29; August 23-24-25.

## Late Cage Scores

**COLLEGIATE**  
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Gonzaga 48, Whitman 38.  
Eastern Oregon 84, Northern Idaho 74.  
Eastern Washington 60, Pacific Lutheran 43.  
Idaho State 51, Montana Normal 43.  
Colorado U. 56, Missouri 48.  
Oklahoma A&M 77, Ecuador 30.  
Wisconsin 59, Northwestern 54.  
Ohio State 60, Indiana 45.  
Michigan 46, Purdue 35.  
Yale 65, Princeton 53.  
Long Island U. 65, Springfield 60.  
New York U. 59, St. Louis 54.

**SALT LAKE CITY**—Remo Polidori, 160, Tooele, Utah, knocked out Bobby Herger, 160, Los Angeles (1),

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## WHOOOPS!

RENO, Nev., Feb. 24 (AP)—Bob Hector didn't win the ski jumping event because his skis came off—but what a broad jump!

Hector, Oregon State college skier competing in the University of Nevada winter carnival ski meet at Mt. Rose, lost both skis in mid-air after making a perfect takeoff.

He landed on both boots, slid and then ran several steps before doing a forward somersault to win unstanding and unhurt.

And the ski-less wonder had sailed through the air 63 feet before making his unorthodox landing—only five feet short of the winning 68-foot leap!

Judges gave Hector the maximum point score for his takeoff, but were at a loss in rating the remainder of his performance.

## Wagner In 37th Year As Pirate

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 24 (AP)—Honus Wagner, the man who couldn't quit baseball, celebrated his 74th birthday today by carving an 18-pound turkey and preparing for his 37th year in the National league.

Close friends of one of the game's greatest shortstops joined him in feasting on the big fowl presented by a Wagner admirer of 50 years standing—oil millionaire Mike Benedum.

Then the "Flying Dutchman," who batted an average of .329 over 21 big league years, finished packing his luggage for a trip to the Hollywood, Calif., training grounds of the Pittsburgh Pirates. At the movie capital, the barrel-chested Bud coach will continue the job of tutoring youngsters he began in 1932.

Restless at 58, after a 15-year lay-off from the diamond, he returned to the Pirates that year to ask for any job that would keep him in his beloved game. He was promptly assigned as coach.

"If it's left to me, I will be in baseball till the day I die," he declared today. "Baseball is all I ever knew."

That was all he needed to know. Some National league records he set more than three decades ago still stand. They rank him an early niche in baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N. Y.

## Huskies Pat 51-33 Score Over Idaho

MOSCOW, Ida., Feb. 24 (AP)—Washington's Huskies seek sole possession of second place in the northern division Coast conference basketball tournament, the district 3-B playoff between either Chiloquin or Paisley and Jacksonville is due to come off this week-end, and the KU Pelicans have two games with Ashland at the high school.

In view of all those factors, the basin circuit has shifted its dates so as not to contribute too much to the confusion.

**MOVED ON PROTEST**  
The previously scheduled Tuesday night playoff start was moved to Wednesday on protest of the Rickys squad because two members—Wayne Scott and Paul McCall—are going to Portland that day to scout the Washington and Roosevelt high school teams. The Pelicans will play one of the other in the first game of the state high school tourney.

Chiloquin's Panthers will try their next hurdle in the road to the state "B" school tourney tonight, playing Paisley a single game at Bly. The Panthers won the county pennant Saturday night but Paisley, the only "B" team in Lake county, has to be counted in. The arrangement is that the winner will play Jacksonville or two-out-of-three series for the district 5 title and invitation to the Arlington state playoff.

The Panthers probably will win from Paisley with plenty of points to spare.

## Hounddogs Take Ashton Derby

ASHTON, Ida., Feb. 24 (AP)—More than 5500 persons jammed this tiny mountain hamlet yesterday as Lloyd Van Sickle of Ashton drove his team of seven cross-bred hounds to victory in the 30th annual All-American Dog Derby.

New snow and deep drifts held Van Sickle's time to 48 minutes 35 seconds over the 10-mile course.

The pre-meet favorite, Austin Neely of Teton basin, took second in 57:25 minutes. He drove a five dog string of Tarheel hounds.

## TRAPPED UNDER SNOW, THINKS OF INSURANCE

WENATCHEE, Feb. 24 (AP)—Death never seemed closer to W. R. (Bill) Hoard, Wenatchee radio station news editor, than it did Sunday when he lay buried beneath a tremendous mass of snow following a barrier mountain avalanche near Stevens pass.

Hoard said he was going up a ski lift to get a toboggan for an injured skier when he was struck by the surprise avalanche. He was buried more than an hour. The weight of the snow prevented him from moving his arms or body.

"I couldn't seem to budge a muscle," Hoard said in describing his plight. "I ate some snow to make breathing room, and then when I tried to move my hand, I

found I was able to feed myself more snow for more air. I knew I was a goner, I forced every breath. "I thought of calling for help but realized it would waste precious air. I felt someone would have seen me disappear. I trusted they'd search for me."

"The events of my past life did not appear before me as I had often heard was the case in death by suffocation. I thought of my wife and two children, added up my life insurance and the next thing I knew, someone said 'He's still alive.'"

Hoard said the slide took him by complete surprise, and struck him as he turned to shout back to his skiing companion. It was his first accident in 15 years of skiing.

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## Basin Circuit Puts Off Play For Loop Flag

Tail-End Of Season Produces Scramble For Arena Surface

The tail-end of basketball season always produces a fine muddle of various teams and leagues trying to get the thing over with, and this season is no exception.

The projected playoff for the championship of the Klamath Basin basketball league, scheduled for tonight and Thursday night, has hit a snag and the first round has been postponed until Wednesday night. The second and final round doesn't have a date yet.

Altamont court, scene of one-third of the city basin league division's games this season, will be the site. Wednesday night's games start at 7:30 with the Oregon Woolen quintet facing the Tulelake Associated Flyers in the first game. Rickys Jewelers play Glenger's of Chiloquin in the nightcap. That puts the first-place city team against the second-place county team, and vice versa. Rickys and Tulelake finished the regular schedule in the lead.

The managers of the four teams will get together after the Wednesday tilt to decide the date of the finals. That game and the consolation tilt will come sometime next week, due to several other basketball games having to be played this week-end.

An all-star team picked from the basin league will go to The Dalles Sunday to enter the state AAU basketball tournament, the district 3-B playoff between either Chiloquin or Paisley and Jacksonville is due to come off this week-end, and the KU Pelicans have two games with Ashland at the high school.

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## Indians Win Rambler Mix

PORTLAND, Feb. 24 (AP)—Three Chemawa Indian school boxers won bouts here last night in a Rambler club show, one a first round technical knockout.

Ed Lopez scored the first round TKO against Bob Botshy, Salmon Creek, in their 100-pound division match.

Oscar Genshaw, Chemawa, dethroned Hugh Munster, Portland, and Dave Shellal, Chemawa, won from Zharas Zaharikus, Portland.

Two Chemawa boys lost. Joe Payton, Rambler club, scored a TKO over Larry Athur, Chemawa, in their third round. Jerry Donovan, Pal, dethroned Raymond Pete, Chemawa.

## Fish Protection Plans Talked

PORTLAND, Feb. 24 (AP)—Plans of the U. S. engineers to protect fish life on the Willamette valley streams under the proposed dam construction program will be described here Friday.

The Columbia Basin Fisheries association said the meeting would be open to the public. It will be held in the fish commission auditorium.

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# Hostak OK's Snapp Fight

Middleweight Bout Slated For Portland Auditorium March 16; Guarantee Heavy

Al Hostak, former world's middleweight boxing champion, has come to terms for a 10-round fight with Jack (Ginger) Snapp of Merrill, the fight to main-event a card at Portland, March 16. Eddie Marino, manager of the popular Hostak, made the announcement last night from Seattle.

Marino said that arrangements for the fight, which has been in the making since the night Snapp kayped Bobby Volk several weeks ago, were completed with Tex Salkeld, matchmaker and promoter for the National Boxing club in Portland.

Hostak is reported to have been guaranteed the largest purse ever dangled in front of a fighter in the Rose City, but the amount was not disclosed. Snapp's is slated to make a pretty penny on the 10-round duel, but not as much as Hostak. The Seattle veteran's guarantee is flat. He'll get it whether the fight makes any money or not. Snapp's pay is reported to be on a contingency basis.

Snapp is rated by ring followers as one of the best—if not the best—middleweights now campaigning in the Northwest. He holds wins over most of the better 160-pounders current and probably will be the best man Hostak has met since he quit the ring for the army in 1942.

Hostak long has been considered one of the top fighters ever to come out of the Northwest. The middleweight championship picture long has been in a muddle, and still is, and the version of the title Hostak held was that sanctioned by the National Boxing association.

He knocked out Freddie Steele in one round at Seattle, July 26, 1938, for the NBA championship.

Slightly more than three months later Hostak lost his grip on the belt, being dethroned in 15 at Seattle by Holly Krieger November 1, 1938. On June 27, 1939, Krieger was kayped by Hostak in four, Al's second time with the NBA crown.

Half a year later, January 29, 1940, Hostak and Tony Zale fought a 10-round non-title bout in Chicago with Zale winning a decision and getting into position to command a championship fight.

The NBA title was on the block in Chicago when Hostak was knocked out by Zale in 13 heats, July 9, 1940.

In the next couple of years Hostak had half-a-dozen fights, including a return with Zale and a loss to Kenny Overlin, then went into the army. Since coming out he has confined his activities to an occasional fight in the Northwest.

## FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

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