

New Grid Division Talked For Schools

KU Football Slate Needs Pair Of Tilts

A new-style football playoff for the larger high schools in the state is proposed by Ray Hunsaker, Coquille schools superintendent.

He would classify the 15 schools outside Portland which have over 700 enrollment into a sort of double-A bracket, throw in the Portland outfits, divide into four districts and play off for the state gridiron championship.

Other schools would continue in class A and B as at present and have their own playoff tournaments.

Hunsaker proposes that the big schools compete in this manner to determine district champions.

IN WITH MEDFORD

Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg and Bend in a Southern Oregon district; Eugene, Salem, Springfield, Albany and Corvallis in a central district; Gresham, Milwaukie, Hillsboro, Oregon City, Central Catholic in a northern district, and the Portland schools in a fourth district.

The winners of the four brackets would play semi-finals and finals for the state double-A crown.

Other schools of lesser population—Ashland, The Dalles, Baker and the like—would be in their class A, while schools of 150 enrollment or less would remain in class B as they are now.

Such an arrangement would give a closer bracketing of power than the present eight-district system in which some of the districts are spread pretty thin while others are loaded with big teams.

Football coaches of the high schools probably will meet at Eugene during the state basketball tournament and talk over the proposal.

LOCAL TROUBLES

Meanwhile there are some local football troubles that need attention. Joe Pease, athletic supervisor, said this morning that Klamath Union high school has carried only six major games for the 1946 season and is in the market for two more.

Thus far Grant, Salem, Medford, Ashland, Boise and Bend are down for games with the Pels. Friday night, October 8, and Friday night, October 22, are vacant.

The Dalles, Klamath's hottest competition of last year, has dropped the Pels from its schedule because the Indians have been shifted into the Blue Mountain district and had to cancel a couple of outside games—Klamath and Bend—to fulfill conference commitments.

Peak has the hook out for a couple more good games, writing to Eugene, Springfield, Albany, Corvallis, Eureka and others. He also is trying to contact schools in Washington for bookings.

Color Line At KC Cage Meet Eyed

KANSAS CITY, March 5 (AP)—A major problem confronted NAIB executives today as the 32-team bracket for next week's national intercollegiate basketball tournament neared completion.

Emil S. Liston, executive secretary of the NAIB, and his associates were faced with the problem of lifting the ban against negroes participating in the annual six-day cage marathon or losing a spot in the playoffs for the Olympic berth.

In New York yesterday, Harry D. Henshel, a member of the New York U. S. Olympic basketball committee, said he had suggested to Lou Wilke of Bartlesville, Okla., the committee chairman, that the Kansas City tournament winner be eliminated from Olympic consideration because negroes are not permitted to play.

Several Eastern teams, including Long Island university, Manhattan college and Siena college have rejected bids to the tournament here because of the rule.

Gonzaga has been chosen as a Washington State representative.

Klamath Matmen In State Meet

Coach Dutch Simons and 12 Klamath Union high school grapplers left yesterday for Corvallis and will compete tonight with some 200 other high school wrestlers at the Oregon State college gym for state honors.

Sandy high is the favorite in the tourney, despite the presence of a team from the defending champion school, Canby. The finals of the tourney come Saturday night.

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By Hale Scarbrough

Lesnevich Is Fighter Fans Consider Square In Game Often Not So

With the sport of the Marquis of Queensberry at its lowest moral ebb since the days of Primo Carnera, everywhere in this land of ours where boxing matches are promoted, fans somehow consider the purchase of a ticket in the same light as storing a family heirloom in a three-ball emporium—2 to 1 you get cheated.

However, there is one guy in the fight game you can trust to give the customer his money's worth, down to the final dime. He's always done it and as long as he stays in the ring as an active participant he always will.

We're referring, of course, to Gus Lesnevich, the man-dog gone near the only man—the big-time fight scene the breath of boxing scandal has not touched. Louis' last fight had an odor; Graziano kept mum on a bribe offer; Ray Robinson ducked wartime duties; LaMotta is under suspicion for taking part in a suspiciously mis-matched bout; Walcott once was barred in New York as over-age. The list is very long.

But Lesnevich is singularly illy-white in the blighted area. He's a fighter who came off the canvas many times and absorbed all the punishment coming his way to get the world's light heavyweight championship. And as a champion he has performed like a champion. His crown fits.

Gus Reportedly Very Well Off

Gus' square Russian-Polish face looks like it has caught every left hook and right cross in the bash business, and it has stopped plenty. Nevertheless, he's still walking on his own feet and tipping his hat to people and not fire plugs. He's reportedly in a much better financial position to retire than Joe Louis and all his earnings will ever be. Gus was smart enough to save his dough.

Lesnevich is 33 now and on easy street. But in 1938 his boxing career, then four years old, wasn't worth a lead dollar. He was in Australia, stony broke and fighting for eating money. He had five extra-long Australian bouts before he scraped up enough chips for a ticket back to the States.

Got Break When Conn Moved Up

Back in this country he knocked around for another year, still on the penny-ante corner, before he hit the big time—a match with Billy Conn, then lightweight champ. Conn decided Lesnevich twice, split vote both times. In '41 Conn stepped up to the heavyweight rank and Gus took over the abandoned throne.

He made it official by belting out something called Anton Christoforidis, a Grecian claimant, and decisioning Tami Mauriello. Lesnevich's first championship defense, that with Christoforidis, netted him \$1200.

Wrecked Kahut In First Round

Gus has Tami Mauriello in his trophy closet now—he's licked him four times. In '42 he went into the coast guard—as a combat man, not a physical education instructor—and when he came out in 1945 his first official act was to knock Portland's Joe Kahut into semi-oblivion in one round.

Since that time Lesnevich has been the most convincing champion in the whole book with the possible exception of Featherweight Willie Pep, who defends his title every other week-end. He even set a speed record by kayaking Mello Bettina in 59 seconds. He punches for keeps. Gus is an honest man and an honest fighter in a game that is no better than it should be.

Eiaht To Five Money Favorite

Tonight Lesnevich goes into what he says will be his last title defense, win, lose or draw, against Blackjack Billy Fox of Philadelphia. Gus says he'll make one more ring appearance—as a heavyweight against Louis if possible—and then quit.

Several months ago Lesnevich got off the floor to knock out Fox in 10. And he's 8½ to 5 to do it again.

DISTRICT CAGE FINALS UP FOR WEEK-END PLAY

By The Associated Press

One district title will be decided tonight and teams in seven other districts will fly in the climax week-end of Oregon high school basketball playoffs.

The title-telling game will be at McMinnville, where Dallas and Newberg clash for the district 8 crown. Newberg is odds-on favorite.

There was action in three class A districts and one in class B last night. In district 1-A Baker captured the important first game of a playoff with Vale, 41-29. The teams

will move to Vale for the second game tomorrow night.

In district 9 Tigard downed Forest Grove, 58-38, and Hillsboro noosed out Sherwood, 46-42. Tigard will meet Beaverton tonight, the winner to engage the defending champion Hillsboro team for the title tomorrow night.

In district 13 four teams emerged from the first round of a tournament. Play tonight will send Central Catholic of Portland against Estacada and Parkrose against Gresham.

In district 2 Pendleton will play at The Dalles tonight in the first game of a playoff. The second game will follow tomorrow night, and a third, if necessary, Monday.

District 11 will resume play in its double-elimination tourney with Stayton meeting Woodburn and Jefferson playing at Mt. Angel. The losers will be eliminated.

Club Plans Registered Trap Shoot

A registered trap shoot will be conducted by the Klamath Gun club next Sunday at the club's target grounds near Wocus. The shoot will be the first registered event of the season locally.

Last week's local contribution to the Oregon Journal's telegraphic shoot amounted to perfect scores, 25 hits on the first 25 targets by Al Hattan, Prent Puckett, Verna Moore, Clyde Fox and Cliff Dunn.

The Klamath club is now tied for fourth place in the telegraphic tournament.

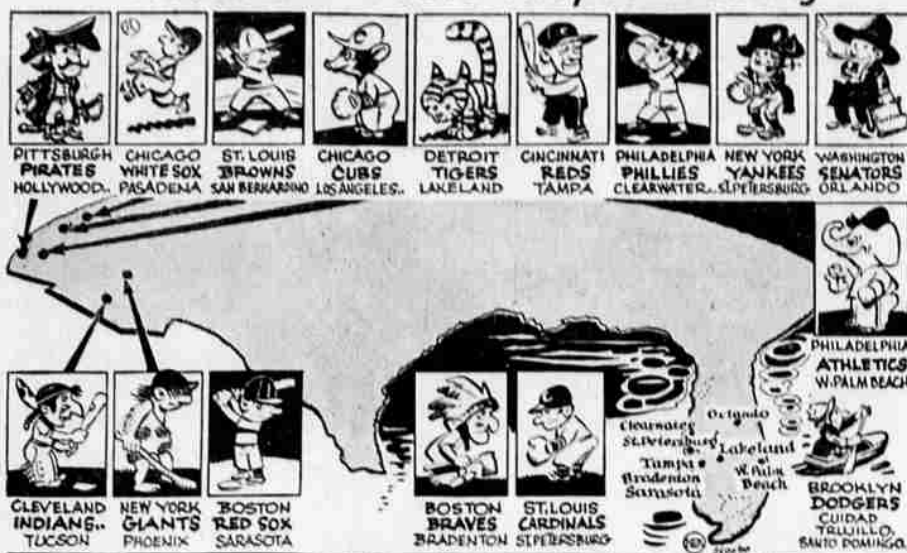
Clyde Fox added another 25 to his first 25 for a perfect score of 50 in Sunday's shooting from the 16-yard line, and he had 45 in the handicap. Paul Hilton and Cliff Dunn each had 48. J. M. Adams was high in the handicap firing at 47.

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Final Pair Called Out For Trials

GRAND JUNCTION, Tenn., March 5 (AP)—Judges in the national bird dog championship field trials called out the final brace here today.

Paired for the heat are Fossil Creek Boy, owned by Wade Cutching of Port Worth, Texas, and Oak Creek Queen, the property of Roy Stone of Spokane, Wash.

Yesterday's afternoon heat paired Tyson, owned by Harry E. McGonigal of Kokomo, Ind., and Tex-Tan, property of Kenneth Ousley of Spokane, Wash.

Tyson delivered a good ground race but was short on birds. He had independent bays finds in his first and third hours. He shared a bay with his brace-mate in the second hour.

Tex-Tan sniffed out his first bay eight minutes after being put down. Although he showed beautiful style on his first point, his second wasn't up to par. He was credited with two independent bay finds, a single bird and one shared bay.

Stojack Puts Belt On Line

Frankie Stojack, the wrestling storekeeper from Tacoma, Wash., puts his Pacific Coast Junior Heavyweight belt on the line tonight against Joe Lynam in the Klamath Falls armory.

The championship bout headlines a three-bout card which starts at 8:30.

Stojack's fight is called for an hour time-limit, or two falls out of three. The huskies will weigh in at ringside and both will approximate the 190-pound mark.

Opening the card will be a four-rounder between Bob Cummings and George Curtis, a pair of southern boys who like their grappling tough. The semi-windup also is called for four heats, matching popular Frankie Hart and Salem's Tony Ross.

John Sain Still On Holdout List

BRADENTON, Fla., March 5 (AP)—Johnny Sain, winner of 41 games for the Boston Braves the past two seasons, says the next move in his holdout campaign is up to the club.

"I'm still here (Bellefonte, Ark.) until I hear from them," said the tobacco-chewing right-hander. "I haven't made any plans to go to camp and I won't until I've signed."

General Manager John Quinn said "We offered him what we thought was a large raise."

"I called Quinn the day before training started," Sain said last night. "Now it's their turn to call me."

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Slicing Trouble

TUCSON, Ariz., March 5 (AP)—With a wealth of experienced talent at nearly every position, one of Cleveland Manager Lou Boudreau's chief problems is how to cut the 39-man Indian squad down to the 25-player limit by the May 15 deadline.

Boudreau smiles when the question is put to him, saying "I should always have such troubles."

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Epidemic Of Ailing Arms Not Developed

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP)—The expected epidemic of sore arms among major league pitchers has failed to materialize so far but the trainers of the 16 teams nevertheless are ready.

Due to the March 1 embargo on the opening of spring training and the fact that most teams are scheduled to start exhibition games in less than a week, managers and pitchers both were envious of plenty of sore arms.

However, no pitcher has reported a bad flipper as yet and injuries among players have been few.

The most serious injury so far was suffered yesterday by Eddie Dyer, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Dyer suffered a "slight concussion" when struck in the head by a batted ball during the Cards' morning workout at their St. Petersburg, Fla., base.

The blow knocked Dyer out. After he was revived and carried to the clubhouse, he was rushed to a hospital where X-ray pictures showed no fracture of the skull.

Dyer is expected to be released from the hospital today but he will not resume his field duties for several days.

Three other players suffered injuries yesterday. Dale Mitchell, outfielder of the Cleveland Indians, has a pulled back muscle and may be out of action for a while.

At Clearwater, Fla., Pitcher Curt Simmons of the Philadelphia Phillies slipped on the wet turf and pulled a tendon in his left ankle.

Simmons' teammate, Roy Cullenbine, suffered a badly twisted neck when his car collided with another automobile while he was driving to camp.

Mills Puts Grade Tourney To Limit

Mills school, with Vernon Alexander scoring 10 points, beat Roosevelt 15-5 in a grade school basketball playoff game yesterday and the final of the B class tourney is taking place on the Mills floor this afternoon.

The defeat was the first for Roosevelt in the double-elimination tourney and Mills also has one loss, administered by Roosevelt earlier. Winner today is the class B champion, today is the class B champion, today is the class B champion.

Kramer now leads the series 26-16. Dinny Pails of Australia trounced Pancho Segura 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 in a preliminary.

Robinson Draws Fans' Attention

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D. R., March 5 (AP)—Jackie Robinson is the center of attraction as far as the fans who turn out for the Brooklyn Dodger workouts are concerned.

Robinson arrived in camp yesterday and took part in the team's regular drill. Fans cheered Robinson's every move during the drill.

The negro first sacker, although 15 pounds overweight, lined three pitches to deep left center and spent some time around the bag.

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Lute Ace Sets Lofty Record

SEATTLE, March 5 (AP)—Harry McLaughlin undoubtedly had a grin on his face this week as he stored away his Pacific Lutheran college basketball uniform. He left the rest of the Northwest's scoring stars something to shoot at in years to come.

High Harry pushed his total over the half-thousand mark before his schedule closed, winding up with 502 points. One hundred and one points back—and also finished for the year—were Earl Mortlock of Whitworth and Dean Nicholson of Central Washington.

The only competitors with a chance to improve their positions were three men from the northern division and none could worry McLaughlin, Cliff Crandall of Oregon State rates fifth with 383 points, Laughtin, Cliff Crandall of Oregon State rates fifth with 383 points, Laughtin, Cliff Crandall of Oregon State rates fifth with 383 points.

Pels Test Big Floor

The Pelican basketball team gets a preview of the McArthur court floor, one of state tournament action, today and tomorrow in a scrimmage session and a full game.

The Pels went to Eugene yesterday and will practice with the University of Oregon high school squad this afternoon and possibly tonight. Then tomorrow night at 6:30 they will tangle with the University of Oregon Fresh in a standard game, preliminary to the Oregon-Oregon State northern division conflict.

Because the Webfoot-Orange game is the one on which the outcome of the northern division hinges, spurious McArthur court undoubtedly will be jammed to the rafters early. That makes another break for the Pels, a chance to perform before some six thousand persons.

The trial on the McArthur floor and the performance before the crowd is expected to acoustom the Klamath quintet to playing conditions of the state tournament which begins March 16.

In a previous game with the Frosh played here in Klamath Falls, the Ducklings took a 47-44 victory.

Marine Vet Bat Leader

COLUMBUS, O., March 5 (AP)—James T. Prince of Dallas, Tex., 15 king of minor league batsmen.

The 200-pound ex-marine, a 25-year-old first baseman standing six feet two, compiled a .429 a .429 in 108 games for the class D 2 land, Tex. club of the Longhorn loop last season to grab the championship, the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues announced today.

Thus, in his third year of professional baseball, Prince will receive the Louisville slugger trophy, an engraved, full-size sterling silver bat, awarded annually to the minor leaguer with the highest batting average in 75 per cent of his team's contests.

Big Jake Has 10-Game Bulge

SEATTLE, March 5 (AP)—Jack Kramer had a 10-match lead today in his cross-country tennis series.

Bobby Riggs, The former national amateur champions, now pros, went into deuce sets last night before Kramer edged out a win 8-6, 9-7.

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