

# North Loop Cage Reaches Last Round

## Jack Nichols Sets New PCC Scoring Mark

SEATTLE, March 6 (AP)— Jack Nichols will be gunning tonight for another Pacific Coast conference all-time basketball scoring record.

He cracked one last night, stuffing 39 points in the hoop as he led the University of Washington to a 77-57 triumph over Idaho. This feat by one point the single game, one-man scoring mark chucked up last year by Oregon State's Red Rocha.

Tonight in the season's windup game against Idaho, Nichols needs just 10 points to beat the all-time, 16-game record of 253 points set in 1945 by Vince Hanson of Washington State. On this tonight, Hanson was leading Nichols by 15 points in the current tally race. Nichols now has 244 against Hanson's 230 and the latter is through for the year.

Nichols had 8500 coaches last night. The crowd was fairly quiet as Washington ran up its 40-11 halftime edge. When the fans realized that Nichols was threatening Rocha's record, they began to make the big fieldhouse jump with their encouragement.

**FEED TO JACKIE**  
Whenever big Jack touched the ball they chorused "Shoot." When another Washington player got the ball, they begged him to pass to Nichols.

Nichols played the entire game but Coach Art McLarney used a total of 18 men. Washington took an 11-0 lead at the outset and ran it to 40 to 11 at halftime.

Idaho tried to stop Nichols last night by keeping two men on him. Dexter Lincoln and Wendell Christensen scored seven points each to lead the Vandals.

Washington needs to win tonight's final game of the season more than Nichols needs to break the scoring mark. A win over the Vandals will give the Huskies a chance for a tie for the Northern division crown.

**LAST ROUNDUP**  
Oregon State and the University of Oregon Webfoots go into their last roundup tonight before an assured turnaway crowd at McArthur court in Eugene. The Ducks, out of the race, have become the spotters of the division and a victory over the Orange tonight would certainly spoil Slats Gill's charges.

The Beavers can win the circuit's bunting by taking the Webfoots, no matter what Washington and Idaho do, but if the Beavers lose and Washington wins the season finishes in a dead heat and a playoff will have to determine which team meets California for the Pacific Coast conference crown.

**Ex-Soldier New Gloves Heavy King**  
CHICAGO, March 6 (AP)—Ex-Army Man Clarence Henry of the Los Angeles team scored a second-round knockout over Wayne Dubose of Nashville to win the Golden Gloves heavyweight crown last night.

A capacity crowd of 21,276 in Chicago stadium watched the bouts which determined the team to meet the New York Glovers in the annual inter-city matches at Madison Square Garden March 22.

Henry, 20-year-old negro serving an apprenticeship in a Seattle, Wash. upholstery school, scored the only kayo in the finals. He felled his 24-year-old opponent, who attends State Teachers college in Tennessee, with a vicious left and right. Dubose jumped up at the 10 count, but was too late.

Cincinnati and Oklahoma City each had two champions. De S Moines, Kansas City, Chicago and Los Angeles had one apiece.

**Posted 108 Leads Blind Golf Match**  
INGLEWOOD, Calif., March 6 (AP)— Differing and pros alike found it hard to believe when they saw the 108 score posted by Clint Russell of Duluth, Minn., take the lead in a golf tourney here.

But their amazement turned to admiration when they found out the 12 competitors, six Canadians and six Americans, are blind. They are playing in the International Blind Golfers' tournament.

Russell won the first meet of its kind here in December, 1946, and appears to have a chance of repeating. His main threat is Bill Gilman of Portland, Me., who is only two strokes behind as the 54-hole medal tourney goes into its second round today.

The tourney, sponsored by Blind Activities and Recreation, Inc., of Los Angeles, winds up tomorrow with the winner to receive the Bing Crosby-Bob Hope trophy. Hope will be present to play a round and give the award.

First round scores included: Harris Turner, Victoria, B. C., 91-87-178.



By Hale Scarborough

## New Ski Club Leader Working To Rejuvenate Snow Sport In Region

Phillip Duffy, new leader of the Crater Lake Ski club, is working with the strength of 10, so to speak, in trying to pump some vitality into his organization. A strong, adequately-financed snow sports club can do a lot to put skiing in this area on a sure footing, and Duffy has some ideas along that line.

Right now skiing at Crater lake, Klamath county's winter wonderland, is on a catch-as-catch-can basis, nothing organized. It may be due to a cold attitude toward competitive sports and large crowds on the part of the park service.

Outside of natural scenic beauty, there is nothing at Crater lake to attract tourist trade or winter sports fans comparable to inducements offered by Mt. Hood, Sun Valley or even Santiam. There are no rooming accommodations for large crowds in winter, no full-time public ski tow, no organized competition.

Crater lake and Klamath county are missing the boat while tourists and even our local skiers are going to Sun Valley or other resorts for winter vacations.

**Thankless Task, But Needed One**  
Possibly doing anything to buck the expensive proposition from here is rather like pounding your head against a brick wall, but Duffy plans to do some pounding. Also he'll work with the Pacific Northwest Ski association to try to get some help from higher up in the park service.

First off, though, the local ski club needs more members and more to offer prospective members. It is endeavoring to buy a motor-powered rope ski tow for clubbers to use at the park on week-ends. Later it might break the ice with small competitions among the members, and still later—with acquiescence of the park service—competitions with other Southern Oregon clubs.

**Indian Lads Enter AAU Fighting**  
Four young Klamath reservation Indian lads are up in Portland now to take part in the Oregon AAU boxing tournament coming up March 10-11-12. The quartet is composed of Charlie Ruff, 112 pounds; Jerry Captain, 118; Charlie Hill and Puppy Jackson, 126 pounds.

Fight fans here know Puppy Jackson from armory fights—a tough little customer who puts on a good show. They are to train at the PAL gym in Portland with possibly a day at Mt. Angel. Indian boys always play a leading role in the AAU, putting on the liveliest show and pulling down most of the crowns.

**Basin Loop Plays Off Wednesday**  
The long-delayed playoff games of the Klamath Basin Basketball league are coming up Wednesday night at the Altamont gym. In case you've forgotten, the championship game will be between Rickys Jewellers and the Oregon Woolen squad, with Tulake Flyers and Gienger's store of Chiloquin tangling for third place.

Rickys team now holds a big trophy, emblematic of the circuit championship, which the Jewellers won last year. It's a two-year possession cup, so if the Jewellers win again this time the Basin league will have to get another trophy.

**Staters Have So-So Grid Slate**  
Oregon State's 1948 football schedule, just released, apparently is designed to give the Beavers a 50-50 break in the record. It isn't too tough.

Lon Stiner's boys have big games with USC, California, Washington and Washington State, UCLA and Oregon, with somewhat softer touches in Idaho, Portland U, Michigan State, Utah and Nebraska. Of course, some of the soft touches might be sticky. And an 11-game slate can be a grind.

**Mills Snares Grade Title**  
PORTLAND, March 6 (AP)—The Oregon Journal said Friday Joe Kahut, Woodburn heavyweight, has been matched with Pat Comiskey, widely-known fighter, for an April 6 bout here.

The newspaper raised the question of how far Kahut has returned on the comeback trail following a farm accident a year ago, by presenting evidence that his last Tuesday night fight was a close one.

The championship game was a close defensive tilt throughout. Charles Boettcher of Roosevelt scored eight of his team's points for game high, while Ron Owings and Don Dexter had four each for Mills.

Dean Jones coached the championship team, Darrell Potter was th. Roosevelt coach.

**One Tilt Before Perfect Season**  
PALO ALTO, Calif., March 6 (AP)—One game—tonight's meeting with Stanford—is all that stands today between the University of California Bears and the first perfect season in the history of the Pacific Coast conference's southern division.

The Bears put away No. 11 in their win string last night at Berkeley by dumping Stanford 45-37. Tonight's contest is the last.

Next week-end California, southern division champion, goes against the northern division titleholder for the conference crown.

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## Gems Roster Slowly Being Rounded Out

### Squad Topheavy With Hurlers For Spring Drill Camp

Eight baseball players, all youngsters, and Manager Joe Gantenbein are definitely on the roster for the Klamath Falls Gems for the coming season and several others will go to Lodi, Calif., early in April for spring training and tryouts with the club. Probably half a dozen boys from this immediate area will show up at Lodi.

Also considered a potential source of material for the club and the Far West class D league in general are the major league and higher-bracket minor league camps and schools now in operation.

The Philadelphia Phillies, training at Clearwater, are expected to option some players to the Gems after the Grapefruit league season. When completely filled, the roster will have 16 players and a manager.

**FIVE HURLERS**  
Already in the fold are: Joseph Anselmo, first baseman, San Francisco.

John Lopez man, righthanded pitcher, San Francisco.

Louis Vitous, righthanded pitcher, Hollywood.

Eugene Bonner, outfielder, San Francisco.

Millard Burt, righthanded pitcher, Corning, Calif.

Ed Edmeister, righthanded pitcher, San Leandro, Calif.

Robert Blengino, lefthanded pitcher, San Francisco.

Irvn Whitt, outfielder, Klamath Falls.

Joe Gantenbein, manager and infielder, San Francisco.

Seven exhibition games for the Gems have been booked before the season opens, starting April 10 at Modesto with the Modesto Reds of the California State league, a night contest.

Reno of the Sunset circuit is the Gems' opponent for a day game April 11 at Lodi and on April 17 another game with Reno is slated for Woodland, Calif.

Back at Lodi, April 18, the Gems will meet the Stockton Ports of the California State league. The Stockton club is managed by Vince DiMaggio.

April 20, the troupe moves to Atwater, Calif., for a tilt with Ogdan, Utah, of the Pioneer league, a night game. April 25, the schedule is for a day game at Lodi against a Lodi semi-pro club, and April 28 a night game at Atwater with a semi-pro club.

**MORE MAY COME**  
One or two more exhibitions may be lined up before the Gems open their league season at Oroville, April 30.

Directors of the Far West circuit have scheduled a meeting for Marysville Sunday to talk over league matters and also to determine if some changes must be made in scheduling games because of the power shortage and drought in California.

The six California clubs in California probably will be forced to play twilight ball in part to conserve electricity but Klamath Falls and Medford, not strictly in the "dimout" orbit may not be deviated from night ball if lights are installed early enough at the park now being constructed.

**Miami Links Duel Slated Par-Busting**  
MIAMI, Fla., March 6 (AP)—The "Battle of the Birds" is on. Miami's \$10,000 international four-ball golf tournament opened today with 32 of the world's best pros participating. And for the next four days you can kiss par goodbye. It takes sub-regulation figures to win holes in this tournament.

Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., and Jimmy Demaret of Ojai, Calif., who have won the tournament the past two years, are favored to repeat. The locker room experts have set the odds at 9-5.

But the team of Bobby Locke of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Lloyd Mangrum of Niles, Ill., is rated a close second. Next in order is that of Sammy Snead of Hot Springs, Va., and Clayton Heffner of Charlotte, N. C. Both of these teams are in the lower bracket, with Hogan and Demaret on the upper shelf.

**CLEARWATER, Fla., March 6 (AP)**  
The Philadelphia Phils are in the market for pitchers. President Bob Carpenter said today the club "would be willing to consider a trade, but not unless we get a number one pitcher in return."

## Pro Golfers Sorely In Need Of Strong Commissioner

NEW YORK, March 6 (NEA)—By this time it is crystal clear that the playing professional golfers are sorely in need of a respected outside commissioner.

The Professional Golfers' association and its game rapidly lost prestige under the players' committee of seven, suggested and put across by Ben Hogan.

George Schnetter virtually became the Happy Chandler of pro golf following the flare-ups in the lower Rio Grande Open at Harlingen, Tex., but the group got no farther than the next stop, New Orleans, before it was evident that the little and obscure player from Ogdan, Utah, wasn't heavy enough for the post.

Schnetter, a competitor until very recently, is altogether too close to the party.

The New Orleans Open closed with a sour note, Bob Hamilton, the winner, being dissatisfied with Fred Haas Jr., who tied for second, at first dropped a picked-up ball behind him in a drain ditch.

Fred Corcoran, who picked up where Bob Harlow left off and built the pro circuit to what it is, dropped out as the tournament director when he couldn't control the players' control.

Things ran smoothly and pro golf became rather big business in the 12 years that Corcoran ran the works, and until the combatants decided to conduct their own business.

Turning pro golf over to the players was like the American league leaving final decisions to a group of seven athletes, which could tell the commissioner, league presidents and umpires where to get off.

After competing in the Ryder Cup matches in Portland, Ore., early last November, Henry Cotton called American golf a sacrifice.

"Golf here is no longer a game of honor," said the British stylist, referring to trick club facings, tee-up rules, changing balls on greens, telling players what clubs to use and other unethical things.

Professionals filed the grooves of their club facings and played the so-called winter rules because they said tournament sponsors wanted low scores on what frequently were sandlot courses.

No fewer than 33 sets of clubs were tossed out by the USGA committee prior to the National Open in St. Louis last June.

Yet, when following the flat fight and disturbances at Harlingen, PGA President Ed Dudley decided that henceforth the men would play strictly according to USGA rules, he made one exception. They could carry 16 instead of 14 clubs.

This was a bow to the manufacturers, who subsidize the stars. As Gene Sarazen points out, 40 tournaments a year are too many. With all hands attempting to play in all of them, incentive is lost, interest declines.

Many of the so-called professionals, no more fit to enter a better country club than some caddies, have lost respect for their own dodge, eating ice cream cones, candy bars and all that sort of thing on tees, drinking soft drinks while ankle-deep down fairways, and clucking the empty bottles out into the rough.

The call of the richer purses has taken too many pros away from the amateurs, who support golf. The pros buy little or no equipment.

It would pay the pros to refrain from playing for a while and develop some amateurs.

Anyway, professional golf needs a thorough house-cleaning, and a commissioner capable of cracking down and restoring the fine old traditions of the grand old game.

**Citrus Loop Collegian May Help At Boston**  
BRADENTON, Fla., March 6 (AP)—Alvin (Blackie) Dark, who almost lost his life from malaria and diphtheria, and turned to sports to build up a shriveled body, seems to be the key to the Boston Braves' fortunes for 1948.

The ex-LSU collegian from Lake Charles, La. can either make or break the Braves. If Dark can fill the bill at shortstop, an old Boston eyesore, the Braves stand a good chance to capture the National league pennant. If he flops, Billy Southworth's men will be lucky to finish as high as they did last year when they trailed Brooklyn and St. Louis.

Southworth was especially pleased with the youngster's ability to execute double plays with Second Baseman Connie Ryan, a fellow Louisiana. Dark appeared tremendously fast and ranged far and wide for 6,000 balls.

Dark batted 303 in 149 games for Milwaukee last year, his first in organized baseball. He was voted the circuit's outstanding rookie of the year.

**Harris Hopeful**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 6 (AP)—Manager Bucky Harris declared today that the New York Yankees are a better ball club than the Boston Red Sox, at least before the season starts. He rated the Yanks stronger than the Sox in the infield and in two of the three outfield posts.

**Intra-Squad Tilt**  
SARASOTA, Fla., March 6 (AP)—A full nine inning intra-squad game was the order of business in the Boston Red Sox camp today. Coach Del Boker's power-packed outfit included Dom DiMaggio, Johnny Pesky, Bobby Doerr and Ted Williams. Earl Coombs' ss. and consisted in part of Vern Stephens, Stan Spence and Billy Hitchcock.

**Home Run Power**  
HOLLYWOOD, Calif., March 6 (AP)—Clyde Klutts and Ed Stevens flashed home run power in the Pittsburgh Pirates' first intra-squad game yesterday. Klutts connected for the circuit in a pinch hit role. Johnny Hopp got three singles in three trips to the plate.

**Brecheen Agrees**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 6 (AP)—Harry Brecheen, last of the St. Louis Cardinal regulars to come to terms, signed yesterday for what he said was a "nice increase" over his 1947 figure which was about \$15,000.

**Seven Grapplers In Semi-Finals**  
Seven KUHS wrestlers will go into the semi-finals of the state high school grappling tournament at Oregon State college tonight, along with 10 boys from Salem and eight from Newberg.

## Late Cage Scores

- HIGH SCHOOL
- Astoria 58, Commerce 37
- Portland U. Frosh 49, Washington 42
- The Dalles 34, Pendleton 32
- Newberg 52, Dallas 28
- Tigard 60, Beaverton 27
- Woodburn 42, Stayton 27
- ML Angel 34, Jefferson 32
- Central Catholic 43, Estacada 35
- Gresham 52, Parkrose 33
- COLLEGIATE
- Washington 77, Idaho 37
- Denver 71, Colorado Aggies 58
- Southern California 68, UCLA 57
- California 45, Stanford 37
- Wyoming 39, Utah State 27
- Colorado College 59, Emporia 36
- Carroll (Mont.) 46, Montana Mines 38

## Stojack Retains Diadem

Local boy almost makes good in the way last night's grapple contest for the Pacific Coast junior heavyweight wrestling belt went. Joe Lynam, well known and well liked ex-GI from up Redmond way, went into the ring and came close to taking the haul away from the present champ, Frankie Stojack of Tacoma, Wash.

If the ring had been bigger, or if Stojack had chosen to fight it out instead of crawling for the ropes on occasion when Lynam got a hold, it is highly likely that Lynam would have been packing the top honors. Graded on a point system, if there were such a thing in wrestling, Lynam would be 20-10 in any judge's book.

Stojack took fall one of the one-hour time go in the first three seconds of the bout when he dropped kicked husky Lynam as he came out of his corner and pinned him with a body press for the count — administered with aptness and not much timing by referee Norville Stockstill.

Lynam evened up the fall meter by grabbing his favorite, a grapevine, at the end of 20 minutes. Stojack took the full count before getting off the mat, and then started his routine of crawling for the ropes every time Lynam got a hold close to the grapevine.

Final fall when to Stojack when he turned Lynam over with a double leg hold and pinned him with a body slam.

George Curtis and Bob Cummings fought it out through a four-round opener, the only highlight of which was the fact that it was an opener. Cummings took the victory on a default when Curtis failed to get up after a surf board. The hold, put on in the second round, lost one fall to Cummings on a foul when he put on one too many jerks after the ref called him off.

Tough Tony Ross, the Salem lad, scrapped it out with the pride of Canada, Frankie Hart, in the semi-windup.

Canada took the bout with two falls, one in the third and another in the fourth frame. It was the fastest match of the evening.

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## Lesnevich Poles Fox For First-Heat Kayo

NEW YORK, March 6 (AP)—The new Gus Lesnevich, a 30-80 boxer turned ring tiger, is the hottest thing around the fight game. Now he can call his own shots.

At the age of 33, when most fighters are looking for the carpet slippers, the durable light heavyweight king can write his own ticket for the future. He used to be a hit-and-get-away guy. Now he pegs bombs, righthanded.

There are rumors he may go to London to pick up some loose change after his explosive first round knockout of Philadelphia Billy Fox in 1:58 last night in Madison Square Garden. Nothing is definite. Lesnevich may never again fight as a light heavy. He had a terrific tussle with the scales yesterday, piling off four ounces to make the 175-pound limit.

The sell-out crowd of 18,453 which paid \$149.51C got a big bang out of Gus' power display.

After a few seconds of sparring in mid ring, Gus nicked Billy with a straight right. As the challenger scrambled out of range in confusion he slipped and fell on all fours, taking no count.

Carefully looking for his chance, Gus maneuvered Fox toward his own corner. As Billy threw a right hand, Lesnevich countered with a right to the body.

Then, he threw the book at Billy boy. A right to the head, another, another and six in all. Fox sank to the canvas. He wobbled to his feet at six and Lesnevich rushed after him, tugging at Referee Frank Pulliam, who was trying to wipe the resin dust off Billy's gloves.

When Pulliam let them go at it again, the champ drove home a murderous right that draped well-beaten Billy over the bottom rope. Helpless he rolled to the floor, tried weakly to get up but couldn't make it.

**NAIB Okays Negro Play**  
KANSAS CITY, March 6 (AP)—Manhattan college of New York was back in the national intercollegiate basketball fold today as NAIB officials rushed final preparations for the 32-team 6-day tournament beginning Monday.

Manhattan was re-entered by the New York-New Jersey district selections committee last night after the NAIB had lifted its ban on negro players in the national tournament.

San Jose State and Emporia (Kas.) State also qualified for the tournament in play-offs last night, bringing the field to 29 teams.

The winner of the tournament here, beginning at noon Monday, will qualify for an eight-team tournament in New York March 27, 29 and 31 to decide the U. S. representative to the Olympics.

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