

Biggest Sport Show Will Start Tuesday

Pelicans One Of Top Fives For Playoffs

EUGENE, March 15 (AP)—The state's biggest sports show—the class A high school basketball tournament—begins its annual five-day run here tomorrow.

Sixteen surviving teams from district playoffs will be on hand for the 26-game series that will see the state champion crowned in the concluding game next Saturday night.

The spectacle starts with two games tomorrow night, Newberg (district 8) vs. Tigard (9) at 7:30 p.m. and St. Helens (14) vs. Pendleton (2) at 8:45 p.m.

Thereafter the action grows with six games billed for Wednesday, eight for Thursday, six for Friday and the final four Saturday.

REPEATERS BACK

Six repeaters are back from last year's tourney—the defending champion Marshfield (district 5); Klamath Falls (4), 1947 runner-up; Newberg (8), the crowd's favorite last year; Washington (16) of Portland; Astoria (10), which has won six titles; and Salem (11), the only high school team in the state that has defeated both the Oregon Frosh and the Oregon State Rooks. Salem also has won six previous titles.

Other entrants include Baker (1), Jefferson (15) of Portland, unbeaten in high school play; Springfield (6); Prineville (3); Gresham (13); West Linn (12) and Corvallis (7).

The most-mentioned title contenders include Newberg, Salem, Jefferson, Astoria, Marshfield, Klamath Falls and Corvallis. But repeatedly surprise contenders have caught fire to sweep through to the crown.

TOUGH GOING

The Wednesday schedule will throw several of the stronger teams against each other.

The schedule:

9 a. m.—Salem vs. Baker.
10:15 a. m.—Marshfield vs. Springfield.
3 p. m.—Prineville vs. Gresham.
7:30 p. m.—Klamath Falls vs. Washington.
8:45 p. m.—West Linn vs. Corvallis.

Don Jappert Captures Ski

GOVERNMENT CAMP, Ore., March 15 (AP)—Don Jappert of Portland's Multnomah Athletic club scored 219 in downhill and slalom events here yesterday to carry off the Pacific Northwest Ski association class "B" championship.

Jappert placed first in the downhill and sixth in the slalom. His downhill time was 1:48.4 minutes.

Other combined winners: 2. Jack Warren, Portland MAC (second downhill; eighth slalom); 3. Lief Underdahl, University of Portland (eighth downhill; second slalom); 4. Bob Freeman, Blue Mountain Ski club (fourth downhill, seventh slalom).

Best slalom time was turned in by Bob Kuss, Seattle, who had 52.4 seconds first heat and 53.6 in the second heat for a total of 1:46 minutes.

Louisville Is NAIB Champion

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP)—Basketball tournament activity reaches its peak during the next six days. By Saturday night the U. S. Olympic tryout field will be completed.

Around 50 games will be played on such scattered fronts as New York, Kansas City, Brooklyn, Denver and Berkeley, Calif.

The University of Louisville won the grueling 22-team NAIB tournament in Kansas City Saturday night to become the first quintet to qualify for the Olympic tryouts in New York March 27, 29 and 31.

Chicago Keglers Command In ABC

DETROIT, March 15 (AP)—With a 2990 count the Peoria Tossers of Chicago held command of the American bowling congress team event today.

The Chicagoans mustered a series of 948-1080-962 on last night's late shift to move into the lead as Apex Grill of Rochester, N. Y., clicked with 2978, good for second place.

Peoria Tossers' middle game was the best of the tourney and their total was only 42 pins shy of last year's best at Los Angeles, a 3032.

HAMILTON, Ont.—Bill Hulse, New York A. C., won special mile run at Highland games in 4:19.3. Herb McKenley set new Canadian record of 32.2 in 300-yard dash. Stella Walsh won women's 60 and 220-yard dashes.

Spring Training It's Called



Baseball spring training isn't all drudgery for the slaves of the game. Here Brooklyn Manager Leo Durocher, excess weight and all, sets a sunbathe rubdown from his actress-wife, Laraine Day, at the Dodgers' headquarters in Ciudad Trujillo, Santo Domingo.

Tenpin Tattler

Split, split, split! Very discouraging! Doris Adams probably had the most unique assortment of anyone—everything from "rabbit-ears" to the 5-7-10.

The high team series for Thursday night was 2400 rolled by Pacific Fruit Express. Pepsi-Cola had high team game of 856. Captain Viv Ulrich rolled a nice series of 508.

Lady Bug Standings

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Dale's Used Cars	39	27
Houston's Beauty Shop	35	31
Anhueter Busch	34	32
Yellow Cab	33	33
Rogers Jewelry	31	35
Pacific Fruit Express	30	36
Pepsi-Cola	22	44

In the Spasmo league no mentionable highs for Friday night's efforts. Sports Association took two games from Leach Service; Klamath Falls dropped Jack's Shell all three to place them in the top bracket with 34 wins and 23 losses for the season.

Don't forget, all entry fees for women's city tournament must definitely be in by next Thursday night, March 18.

Church Quintets Start Tourney

The YMCA Inter-Church basketball league starts its championship playoff tonight in both "A" and "B" divisions. The class "A" tourney at 7 p. m. on the OVS gym puts First Christian against Latter Day Saints in the opener and Dorris Nazarene vs. Knights of Columbus in the second.

In the "B" division games will be played at Fairview gym with First Christian against IDS and Klamath Nazarene vs. Zion Lutheran.

Briefs

SAN MATEO — Mafosta (\$6.70) won \$10,000 added Spring Fashions handicaps, opening day feature at Bay Meadows. Favorite covered six furlongs in 1:12 3/5. Music Man was second, Fair Truckle third. Crowd: 19,965; handle \$943,690.

CHICAGO — Harrison Dillard of Baldwin—Wallace smashed both American indoor 70-yard high and low hurdles marks and Northwestern's Bill Porter matched Dillard in lows in 17th Illinois Tech relays. Dillard did 97.7 in lows and 98.5 in highs.

SMOKING SMOEL—The sense of smell is probably responsible for the original idea of smoking. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, this sense was much keener in primitive man, and along with the pleasure he derived from the aroma, he probably experienced a sense of mystery at the sight of the smoke rising up into the air.

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Citrus Loop Yankees Burning Circuit

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 15 (AP)—The New York Yankees have the baseball experts second guessing themselves today.

Before the start of spring training the experts figured the Boston Red Sox as shoo-ins to capture the American league pennant due to the acquisition of some grade A talent from the St. Louis Browns.

However, the Yanks are burning up the grapefruit league while the Sox are stumbling along. The Yankee pitching is especially hot.

Yesterday the Yanks met the favored Red Sox for the first time and took them into camp, 5-2, in ten innings with Joe DiMaggio's 300-foot three run homer breaking up the game.

Whitman Shines

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D. R., March 15 (AP)—Rookie Outfielder Dick Whitman's hustle has impressed Brooklyn Dodger President Branch Rickey. In addition to his hustle, Whitman is whacking the ball in fine style and appears to have an excellent chance to take over the right field berth vacated when Dixie Walker was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Shift Pondered

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 15 (AP)—In order to make room for another pitcher, Manager Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics is "seriously considering" transferring Carl Shieff into an outfield. The A's boss said such a move would increase competition among the farmhands to fill the mound spot.

Simmons Showy

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 15 (AP)—Curt Simmons, the Philadelphia Phillies' young pitcher, gave such an impressive performance yesterday in the Phils' 9-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers he had the opposition "ohing" and "ahing."

Stills Big Bats

SARASOTA, Fla., March 15 (AP)—Rookie Pitcher John (Windy) McCall is making a strong bid for a spot with the Boston Red Sox.

McCall, who won 20 and lost 10 for Roanoke last season and who is now with the Louisville Colonels, held the world champion New York Yankees scoreless for the first five innings yesterday.

Newhouser Works

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 15 (AP)—The Detroit Tigers called on Lefty Hall Newhouser today, hopeful of getting back over the 300 mark in the Grapefruit league at the expense of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Manager Steve O'Neill said Newhouser would work four or five innings and Hal White would finish.

Cubs Are Ailing

LOS ANGELES, March 15 (AP)—Arm and leg miseries have seven members of the Chicago Cub squad on the shelf and Manager Charlie Grimm is becoming alarmed over the injuries.

Out of action are Hank Borowy, Don Johnson, Phil Cavarretta, peanuts Lowrey, Rookie Lloyd Lowe, Bill Nicholson and Clarence Madern.

All-Time Record

CHICAGO, March 15 (AP)—Murray Wier, Iowa forward, who set an all-time Western conference season scoring mark of 272 points in 12 games, has been named the Big Nine's most valuable basketball player for 1948.

Wier was selected by conference coaches, officials and Chicago Tribune sports writers. He received 13 of the 21 first place votes.

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By
Hale Scarbrough
Gems Will Lend Support To Semi-Pro Ball Team In Southern Oregon Loop

A semi-pro team made up largely of baseball players who performed with some distinction last season under the banner of the Sons of Italy lodge will be fielded this spring and summer as the Klamath Red Sox and cavort in the Southern Oregon circuit. The Sox will be under the management of Clyde Carlstrom, the local and ageless curve-ball pitcher.

Some of the local mugs who will play for the Red Sox are Earl Brooks, Tus Tognoli, Hi Hatfield, Bart Golbar, probably Frankie Miller, Ernie Bishop and others. The old gang, you might say, and good ball players all.

The Sox will work as sort of an adjunct of the Gems, the class D Far West professional team, will try to tailor a schedule to blend with that of the Gems and use the Gems' field on Sunday afternoons when the pro boys are on the road.

They will also act as a farm club for the Gems, where players who need a little more salt can be loaned out for a few games. Non-local boys will be found jobs here and made to feel at home.

Ten teams will compose the Southern Oregon circuit this season—Klamath, two from Grants Pass, two from Medford and vicinity, Crescent City, Central Point, Ashland, Roseburg and Tri-City. The league opens April 25 and the locals expect to be at home for the first time May 9.

Fans Keep Watchful Eye On Field

Baseball fans are already beating a path out to the Crest street address of the Home of the Gems, keeping an eye on the work as it progresses. The fence poles are up now and some of the concrete poured for grandstand foundation, so the curious can begin to visualize what general shape the place is going to take.

Even with snow on the ground, baseball is in the air. It's the annual spring fever. The Klamath Falls Pelicans, under the tutelage of Coach Brannigan, will be playing games soon. They're practicing already.

Pel Scoring Records Loop Strong

Of most immediate interest, though, is the basketball tournament in Eugene. The Pelicans will go up tomorrow and be on the ground when Newberg and Tigard start the classic scrap tomorrow night at 7:30. Second game of the original evening will put St. Helens against Pendleton. The Pels don't play until Wednesday night.

In the tournament last year the Pelicans set two records which have a good chance of not being assailed this time out. One was the total of 233 points in four games, the other the result of dividing 233 by four, or 58.2 points per contest average. If those two marks are fractured this week, let the Pels do it.

Expense Account Won't Cover Much

The Oregon High School Activities association (OHSAA)—which made something over \$15,000 on the tourney last year—is defraying expenses of the competing teams all along the line this time, but not with a lavish hand. Each team will be given \$5.50 a day each for 10 players and a coach, or \$60.50 a day for hotel bills, meals, travel to and from McArthur court and the like. Each squad will also get 20 cents a mile, both ways, for travel to Eugene.

Having a personal knowledge of what expenses in Eugene are at basketball tournament time, I can see that there is no gentleman named Santa Claus on the OHSAA.

However, KUHS is helping its boys out with an extra \$200 or so. The Pels' budget for the trip of six days is \$639, of which \$400 will come back from OHSAA. Joe Peak has made some liberal allowances for the players and also for several non-playing boys who will go up with the team.

NCAA MIGHT DECLARE JACK NICHOLS VOID

BERKELEY, Calif., March 15 (AP)—Center Jack Nichols, University of Washington scoring ace, may be declared ineligible for the NCAA basketball playoff at Kansas City if the Huskies qualify.

Washington meets the University of California Bears tonight for the Pacific Coast conference title and the right to enter the NCAA western regional.

Nichols played two varsity seasons at University of Southern California, and is in his third at Washington. That is permissible under the NCAA's wartime rules, but not under the NCAA code.

Brigham Young university recently lost the NCAA district seven berth in the western regional tourney at Kansas City because its star forward was ruled ineligible by the NCAA for five years of play.

PCC officials said Nichols' case would be submitted to the NCAA's district 8 (Far West) committee. Members include Coaches Sam Barry, USC, and Mike Price, California. Barry confirmed that Nichols played two wartime seasons at USC.

California gets its season's toughest test against the Huskies. It probably will go into the championship game without Chuck Hanger. The rangy shotmaker and defensive ace went out of Saturday's thriller early with a knee injury.

With Hanger holding Nichols to nine points, Cal won the title series opener Friday, 64-51. Washington evened it Saturday, 64-57, when Nichols collected 18 points—14 of

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ABINGTTON, March 15 (AP)—Jacksonville's Redskins ruled today as champions of the class B school basketball circuit after triumphing in Saturday night's finals at the state tournament here.

Coach Don Kingsley's district 6-B titlists were too big for the Monmouth Wolverines as the Redskins grabbed the championship—their first—by downing Monmouth, 48 to 33.

Jacksonville had moved to the final by victories over Oakridge and Umapine.

In the championship tilt, the Redskins jumped to a 12-1 lead in the first quarter and withstood a Wolverine rally that brought a 17-12 halftime. Monmouth caught up to within three points, 21-18, before the Redskins unleashed another scoring spurt. The third period ended with Jacksonville in front, 29-20. Don Wendt's three straight field shots helped widen the gap.

Wendt collected 18 points for the title game to make his three-game tournament total 60 for high scoring honors.

Union's Roberts won third place in the tournament by defeating Umapine Chiefs, 51 to 33. Drain's Warriors captured consolation honors by carrying Oakridge, 57 to 38.

Championship game:
Monmouth (33) (48) Jacksonville
Sawteller 3 F (1) Offenbacher
Heide 14 F (2) Rolle
Howard 11 C (15) Harris
Ladenhoff 0 C (18) Wendt
Ladenhoff 3 G (12) Hueners
Substitutes for Monmouth—Simon 2, Reid, Grund, Condon 1. For Jacksonville—0. Referees: Walk and Kleigh. Halftime: Jacksonville 17, Monmouth 12.

Al Hostak Favorite In Battle

PORTLAND, March 15 (AP)—Al Hostak of Seattle and Jack Snapp of Merrill will fight a 10-round main event here tomorrow night at the auditorium, and Hostak continues to be odds-on favorite to take the youngster from Southern Oregon into camp.

However, fight fans believe that the Savage Slav will have to do it early to overcome Snapp's physical stamina and ability to get up punching after a knockdown.

Snapp has never been on the canvas while a referee tolled 10 over him. Although he has been downed, he has always managed to get back up and generally go on to win.

Hostak, on the other hand, has been stretched out several times—by such worthies as Solly Krieger and Tony Zale—in middleweight title defenses. He has also been able to score his share of knockouts. Hostak is 32 years old and Snapp 24. The age differential will be in Snapp's favor if the fight goes past the first few rounds.

Chuck Brown, Portland lightweight puncher, will meet Boykin Bourgeois, Haitian scrapper, in an 8-round semi-final.

Other preliminary bouts of four rounds each: Jerry Strute and Jimmy Jackley, both Portland lightweights in a rematch; Al Mendenhall of Salem goes against Pat Harrington, Seattle, in a middleweight bout; Al Jones, Portland, vs. Pete Smith, Seattle, a heavyweight match.

The pari-mutuel handle totaled \$943,690.

Bevos Would Like Hemsley

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., March 15 (AP)—Portland's Pacific Coast league Beavers have expressed interest in acquiring Rolfe Hemsley, General Manager Earl Sherry of the Seattle Rainiers said today.

He added, however, that Portland officials halted preliminary negotiations for the reluctant catcher when Seattle asked for Southpaw Roy Heiser in return.

Hemsley, veteran major league receiver, has been given permission to dicker with a major league team providing an acceptable replacement is received in the deal.

Meanwhile, Seattle looked forward to tomorrow's exhibition tilt against the University of Southern California nine. A scheduled go with San Diego yesterday was rained out.

them after Hanger was hospitalized with a torn cartilage. Jim Smith, who hasn't played yet in the series, probably will start at center. A good defensive player, he is not the high scorer Hanger is.

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