

Raiders In Forefront Of League

By HALE SCARBROUGH

The newly-created Oregon Collegiate conference will have to operate on a hit-or-miss basis for the current basketball season because schedules of play for the five schools involved were drawn before the league was formed.

Oregon Tech has already played one league foe—Southern Oregon—three times and has games scheduled later—Eastern Oregon College of Education (2) and Vanport (1). Another tilt with Vanport probably will come in a tournament at Portland December 29-30 but probably will not be counted in conference standings.

The Owls do not have a game scheduled with Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, the fifth member of the conference.

Only the OTT-OSC games so far this season are conference games—the other three teams have met no conference opponents.

Therefore the standings of the Oregon Collegiate conference to date are:

Team	W.	L.
So. Oregon	2	1
Ore. Tech	1	2
Vanport	0	0
Ore. College	0	0
East. Oregon	0	0

The conference, when it starts operating full blast, will fill a real need of the schools involved. There is nothing like the element of competition to stimulate sports interest.

Even several larger coast schools are beginning to talk up formation of a league. The big coast independents—St. Mary's, San Francisco, Portland, Santa Clara, Nevada, San Jose State, College of the Pacific and possibly others—may be united in a conference within the next few months.

Eugene may be admitted to the Far West baseball league for the 1950 season.

There is a report that Arthur Hadler, who successfully has owned clubs at Pittsburgh and Santa Rosa, has obtained a building permit at Eugene and intends to start construction of a stadium immediately.

If Hadler goes ahead and Eugene gets a franchise, the 1950 Far West lineup will be back to eight teams—Klamath Falls, Medford and Eugene in Oregon, Reno in Nevada, Redding, Willows, Marysville and Pittsburg in California.

The makings of a good league are there.

Met Carpenter, business manager of the Medford Nuggets, is dickering with the Cleveland Indians and Boston Red Sox of the American league for a working agreement with the Medford baseball club.

So far he has only tentative answers from both the big league clubs.

Cleveland has not been affiliated with the Far West wheel but has been reported favoring a club at Eugene. The Red Sox had the Groville, Calif., club in 1948 and produced a pennant-winner and some remarkable young talent, although not a money-maker.

The Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast league have expressed a wish to hook up with Medford.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

Detroit — Joe Louis, 225, boxed two five-round exhibitions against Johnny Flynn, 210, Rochester, N. Y. and Roscoe Toles, 225, Detroit.

Phoenix — Houston Brown, 126½, Cleveland, knocked out Billy Herrera, 128, Los Angeles, 6.

Strikes 'n Spares

Fireworks rattled in the Booster bowling league this week and first place in the circuit changed hands on a pair of clean sweeps. Great Northern lost four points to 20-30 club and fell out of the lead. Matt Finnigan's team took four from Superior Troy and moved into first. Specialized Service rolled into a three-way tie for third place by

All Shuff Teams In

Teams	W.	L.	Pts.
Sunrise	1	0	4
Vocue	1	0	4
Independents	1	0	4
Jack's	1	0	4
Schuss	1	0	3
Mecca	1	0	3
Swann's	1	0	3
Oregon Woolen	1	0	2
Gun Store	0	1	2
Buffalo	0	1	1
Suburban	0	1	1
Tat's	0	1	1
Western Wholesale	0	1	0
Yellow Cab	0	1	0
Pepsi-Cola	0	1	0
Driftwood	0	1	0

The rest of the cumbersome, 16-team city shuffleboard league got into the act last night, with Wocus, Jack's and the Independents taking four points each from their respective opponents to come in at the head of the standings.

Wocus beat Yellow Cab, Independents downed Pepsi-Cola and Jack's topped Driftwood. Mecca won three points in sliding against Tat's tavern.

All 16 teams have got in their first competition.

Bathless, Shaveless Day Ahead

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—The weather man's news today was not too good for water-short New Yorkers as they scrubbed with extra gusto in preparation for "Dry Friday," which will be ushered in at midnight.

No rain or snow was in sight to help fill the city's depleted reservoir.

Tomorrow will be a bathless and shaveless day — all on a voluntary basis — as part of the manifold efforts being made to save the dwindling water supply.

Bathing and shaving were only part of the water uses that New York's 8,000,000 are asked to forego tomorrow.

The auto washing industry—some of whose members had balked at the ban on their trade — was falling in line today with the emergency measures ordered by Water Commissioner Stephen J. Carney.

If tomorrow's water holiday shows an appreciable saving, it will be repeated weekly, to help stave off possible water rationing and lowering of pressure.

Union In Romp Over Cove Five

UNION, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—Union's defending state champion class B basketball team used 15 men last night in walloping Cove Five 75 to 7.

Cove made only one field goal in the Tu-Valley league encounter.

Union's scoring was spread widely with Ron McCormick, guard on the state class B championship football team, high with 12 points.

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Best In Money Game Await Sunday Action

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15 (AP)—Five of the 11 stars named today on the Associated Press 1949 all-pro football team will be on display here when the Philadelphia Eagles and the Los Angeles Rams collide Sunday for the national league championship.

The all-pros, Halfback Steve Van Buren and End Pete Pihos for the Eagles, and Ram Quarterback Bob Waterfield, Center Freddie Naudens and Tackle Dick Huffman, lend added interest to a struggle already packed with explosive possibilities.

Sharing attention with these grid artists will be a side attraction duel, featuring Pihos and Ram Tom Fears, who must have crowded ferocious Pete for first string honors for one of the end positions.

No one is discounting the terrific play of Peter Louis Pihos, who used to perform for Indiana. Even Ram Coach Clark Shaughnessy said: "You can't stop the Eagles unless you stop Pihos. It's that simple."

The reason for this is that Pihos is machine-like in accepting short passes from Tommy Thompson. He is always good for substantial gains, and he's liable to go charging down field for six points.

Pihos stands about 6 feet one and his listed weight of 215 is deceptive — deceptive, say his rivals, because he must weight 230.

In praising Pete, however, no one under plays Fears, whose 6 feet two, 216-pound figure are pretty legitimate. He doesn't operate on defense. But he set a new league record by snagging 77 passes during the regular semester, good for 1013 yards and nine touchdowns.

Pihos' yardage was 484 in 34 catches, and four touchdowns.

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Baseball's Biggest Swap Benefits Both Braves, Giants

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Baseball's biggest transaction in years—the New York-Boston deal that involved upwards of a half million dollars in talent — had buzzing bystanders asking today:

"Who got the better of the trade, the Giants or the Braves?"

In a spectacular eleventh-hour swap, the Braves sent their double play combination of Shortstop Alvin Dark and Second Baseman Eddie Stanky to the Giants in exchange for Outfielders Sid Gordon, Willard Marshall, Shortstop Buddy Kerr and Pitcher Sam Webb.

This swap easily overshadowed three other big league trades, the most important of which sent St. Louis Second Baseman Gerry Priddy to Detroit for \$100,000. The Browns acquired Pitcher Lou Kretlow in addition to the huge bundle of cash.

Priddy's sale added more than \$200,000 to the Browns' exchequer,

since late Tuesday night the club collected in excess of \$100,000 plus four players from the Philadelphia Athletics for star Third Baseman Bob Dillinger.

In a couple of other deals the Athletics traded Third Baseman Hank Majeski to the Chicago White Sox for Relief Pitcher Ed Klemm, and the St. Louis Cardinals re-acquired Outfielder Harry Walker in exchange for Flycatcher Ron Northey and utility infielder Lou Klein. The Cards are to get another player, from the minors, at a future date.

Lovers of power and punch are of the belief that the Braves got much the better of the big National league deal. They point out that in giving up Gordon and Marshall the Giants sent a pair of sluggers who hit 38 home runs between them in 1949 for a pair who collected only four. Gordon blasted 26

round trippers, Marshall 12, Dark three and Stanky one. Kerr had none.

Advocates of the fast-fielding, heavy hit-and-run type of athlete think the Giants got the edge. They point out that despite the 169 home runs hit by the Gordon-Marshall duo during their five years with the club the Giants could finish no higher than third. Three times they finished in the second division.

On the other hand, the Braves won a pennant and finished fourth in the last two years that Stanky and Dark played with them.

Actually the deal appears certain to help both clubs. Each unloaded a pair of unwanted athletes. The only reluctance involved was Giant

Manager Leo Durocher's surrender of Gordon.

Dark and Stanky were ringleaders of the anti-Southworth clique that voted Manager Billy Southworth a half-share of Boston's fourth place world series money last October.

Since the season's close, eight of the dissension-shot Braves have been disposed of — many of them malcontents. The eight are: Jeff Heath, Bill Voiselle, Marv Rickert, Bill Salkeld, Nelson Potter, Red Barrett, Darky and Stanky.

Durocher certainly will shed no tears over the departure of Kerr and Marshall — and vice versa. The fiery Giant skipper has maintained since practically the first day he took over the club that the hard-

hitting rightfielder and classy fielding shortstop were not his type of ball players.

St. Paul — Miguel Acevedo, 127½, Havana, outpointed Corky Gonzales, 126½, Denver, 10.

New York — Fritz Pruden, 146½, St. Catherine's, Ont., stopped Al Hersh, 146½, New York, 6.

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