new at this boys-what are

WHEN YOU'RE thinking of spring training camps in far-off, sun-bathed Florida and at the same time looking with some disgust at the mid-March snow here, it's bound to result in scattered thoughts while trying to bat out a sports column.

Like this: Like this:

THE PELICANS' first-round for the class A state basketball On Tonight ournament will be either Bend or

That'll be next Wednesday, 1:45 m., on the University of Ore-on's MacArthur Court, Baskteball fans planning to see

ment.

Powers is unofficially picked to win the shooting match on Willamette's court, having ranked high among the also-rans in the first few class A weekly Associated Press wells.

BRIEFS from the sports file:

The wire and mat service are doing nothing to alloy our confused state of mind. . . with stories of spring training, finally hitting the wire regularly after some prompting, come pics of ballplayers romping on the beaches with Florida cuties . . . and some big leaguers, with salaries in five figures, hold out for more money! out for more money! This falls in the last-straw de

This falls in the last-straw department:

Securing box scores on City League basketball games this season about 40 per cent of the time was as difficult a chore as finding a mink coat on skid row. . to cap the whole matter, scoresheets on the final game to determine the champion of the entire Basin were lost in the shuffle and didn't reach this desk in time for publication . . . two days later they showed up . . needless to say, they weren't printed . .

It's seldom one in this business gets the chance to give with "I told you so" . . . so I take some consolation in the fact that in this column, Jan. 8, I picked the Pelicans to win the Dist. 4 basketball title . . . but without Grants Pass' two final wins over Medford. I'd take my rightful place with a long line of bum guessers

Hoppe Rallies For Cue Win

SAN FRANCISCO (# — Willie Hoppe, the master cueist, gave one of his most persistent and dangerous challengers a heart breaking lesson in the World Three Cushion Billiard Tourney Wednesday night.

Joe Chamaco, 1939 world champ and three-time runnerup, staged a great run rally in the 29th imning to take a 36-32 lead.

But the great Hoppe quickly banged the door in Joe's leathery brown face. He cut the gap to 37-38 in the 34th inning and closed it out 50-38 in the 43rd inning.

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EUGENE & - University High

EUGENE (8 — University High of Eugene became the 14th team to qualify for the State Class A basketball tournament, by defeating Junction City, 53-39, here Wednesday.

University High won the District 6 title, turning the trick for the first time since 1940.

Only two district races remain unsettled. La Grande and Vale will play at Baker to decide the District 1 contest Friday night.

Bend and Redmond will meet the same night at Prineville for

NIT Semis

NEW YORK & — Mighty Duquesne tests its 22-1 record against LaSalle's giant-killing Explorers in the semi-final round of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament m., on the one of the court of the championship quarter-finals.

But then the doubts start to pop up. Because, if Klamath Falls manages to breeze into the quarter-finals, it will get either Lincoln or linels, it will get either Lincoln or salem.

would be tough. From the court of the court

en-foot-plus Wade (Swede) Halbrook.

But Pelican cage followers take some consolation in the fact that Klamtath Falls was the only team to de-rail Lincoln in last year's tournament.

IF BONANZA had out-distanced Rogue River for the State Class B state tournament that opens this afternoon, they would have gone from the frying pan into the fire. The Rogues met Powers in the first round. (This is written Wednesday, the day before the tournament.

Powers is unofficially risk of the state of the well sead of the wall here at Dodgertown. It says "Raiph Branca and Rex Barney will win 50 games in 1950." They accounted for nine victories that year.



DIXIE DANDY—Marguerite Williams, defending women's Dixie ski-jumping champion from Holland, Mich., zooms skyward on a Mexican Invitational Water Ski Tournament at Acapulco. The talented miss will try for a new world's record this year.

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PROOF THAT rainbow trout are being taken from Upper Klamath Lake is this fine string proudly displayed by Alvin Woldt (left) and Til Balliet. The biggest of this bunch is 4 pounds, 8 ounces, Neither Woldt, Great Northern fireman, or Balliet, Southern Pacific car inspector, would say which one caught the big one in their trolling trek.



Powers, Rogues Open Class B Tournament

BOISE (P- A Harry (Kid) Matthews-Danny Nardico rematch may be in the works for Boise. Promoter Tex Hager announced Wednesday he is trying to agrange an outdoor meeting between the two here in June.

Matthews decisioned Nardico at Cleveland several months ago.

SALEM CP— The best of the tourney last year, and has three of small high school basketball teams in the state open their annual them made the all-star team of tournament here Thursday.

It is the Class B tournament, and Duane Brady, who are cousins.





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Portland Gets Over

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KANSAS CITY (P) — Portland
University has drawn the stiffest
assignment in the National Intercollegiate Basketball Teurnament
—trying to stop three-time champion Hamline, rated with Southwest
Texas State as the best bets to
reach the finals.

The Pilots, one of three Pacific
Northwest entries, cruised to a 7248 win over Memphis State Wednesday might and were matched
against Hamline in Thursday nights
quarter-final.

COLSON HOT

Capable Whitworth of Spokane, which eliminated James Millkin of Decatur, Ill., 72-71 in Wednesday's round, meets Murray State (Ky.) Thursday Whitworth will be led by Ralph Polson who pitched in 38 points against Millkin.

The Pilots, who pulled away from a 48-41 three-quarter mark lead to smother Memphis State, will find Hamline a sturdler foe. The Joe Hutton-coached team coasted over Montana State of Bozeman 85-72 Wednesday night and was classed with Southwest Texas as a crobable finalist.

28 STRAIGHT

The Texas team outclassed New

The Texas team outclassed New Mexico A&M 69-52 to bring its season record to 28 successive victories. The Bobcats play Lawrence Tech of Deiroit Thursday night. In other games Wednesday, Morningside (1a.,) College scored the first tournament upset in dumping second seeded Eastern Illinois of Charleston 98-93; Springfield (Mo.,) State whipped Indiana State \$2-64; Lawrence Tech levelled Utah State 72-63, and Murray State climinated West Texas State of Canyon inated West Texas State of Canyon 75-73 in overtime.



By The Associated Press
Chicago — Jimmy Carter, 136 ½,
New York, outpointed Luther
Rawlings, 138, Chicago, 10 (non-Sacramento, Calif. — Woody Harper, Oakland, Calif., outpointed Enrique Bolanos, Los Angeles, 10.

Exhibition

Baseball

It is the Class B tournament, composed of schools smaller than 150 students.

Eight teams, survivors of district playoffs, are in the field with no established favorite.

One team, however, is getting prominent mention in pre-tourney speculation. That is Powers, an entry from Southwest Oregon.

Powers was runner-up in the Hager Seeks

Fight Rematch

Boise (Re A Harry (Kid) Mat-

Gun Repairing and Rebluing THE GUN STORE

DEEP THINKER - Pittsburgh Manager Bill Meyer is lost in deep concentration as he studies the Buc roster. The veteran baseball strategist is pessimistic about the 1952 campaign, doesn't figure the Pirates to finish in the National League's first division.

Willie Knapp, who rode Exter-minator to victory in the 1918 Ken-tucky Derby, is now a trainer at Hialeah race track.

Huskies Shatter Records

LOS ANGELES (# — Washington's Huskies, runner-up for the Pacific Coast Conference basketball championship, led the assault on Northern Division records in the season just closed.

Final statistics from conference headquarters Thursday listed the Washington center, Bob Houbregs, as the leading scorer and top shooter.

Houbregs missed three games because of injuries but scored 251 points in his 13 contests for an average of 10.3. It topped the old division mark of 19.0 points a game set by Jack Nichols, Washington, in 1948.

Washington's total points, 1,030, topped the division mark of 968 set in 1947 by Oregon State and tied by Washington last year.

Washington's 370 field goals exceeded the 365 registered by the 1951 Huskies.

The University of Flordia's only shutout grid triumph in '51 was a 14-0 job over Wyoming. The only time the Gators were blanked was a 0-27 loss to Georgia Tech.

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