

# CHIEFTAINS REACH "B" FINALS

## LaGrande Ties Down Berth

### Bend Can Qualify Tonight

By The Associated Press  
LaGrande defeated Vale, 42-38, Friday night to become the 15th entry in the Oregon Class A High School Basketball Tournament, which opens at Eugene next Tuesday.

The 16 team field will be completed Saturday night when Bend and Redmond clash for the Central Oregon title. Bend extended the district play-off to the limit by beating Redmond, 47-39. Friday night Dick Lannan and Dean Benson paced Bend with 11 points each.

Morris Buckwalter's 21 points were the big factor in LaGrande's victory, which sends the Tigers to the state tourney for their fourth successive time. They won two games of a three-game Eastern Oregon district play-off from Vale. **BEHIND**

Vale came from behind to tie the score at 37-37 with three minutes to go. Then Buckwalter bucketed a field goal and Francis Scott hit another basket and a free throw to give LaGrande its winning point.

Astoria and Hillsboro meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Tuesday tournament opener.

At 8:45, fans will be treated to what appears to be the feature game of the first round, Cleveland, the Portland prep league co-champion and ranked No. 2 in the Associated Press state high school poll, clashes with McMinnville, rated No. 5. Cleveland's record is 2-2, McMinnville's 20-4.

**OPENERS**  
Other opening round games will be played Wednesday. The schedule:

Marshfield vs. Scappoose, 9 a.m.; Central Catholic (Portland) vs. The Dalles, 10:15 a.m.; Klamath Falls vs. Bend or Redmond, 1:45 p.m.; Lincoln (Portland) vs. Salem, 2 p.m.; Corvallis vs. University (Eugene), 7:30 p.m.; and Milwaukie vs. LaGrande, 8:45 p.m.

### City Names All-Stars

Every team was represented on the City League all-star basketball team, announced Thursday night at the cage banquet in the Willard Hotel.

All-stars named are: Cal Bonney and Paul McCall, Nicky's, Querino Lelli, Coca Cola; Eddie Hall, Palmerton; Paul Heins and Jack Waybarr, Hilltop Cafe; Jay Griggs, Herald; and New Fred Floetke, Hercules; Jim Palmer and Rex Young, Payless Drugs.

### Cobb Goes To Hospital

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Ty Cobb was unable to manage the Major League All-Star team that opposes the Hollywood Stars in a charity game here Sunday.

The one-time Georgia Peach has been ordered into a Palo Alto hospital for a checkup and a week's rest, and his place probably will be taken by Charley Root, ex-Chicago Cub pitcher.

### Desert Dust Wins Amateur

CENTRALIA, Wash. (AP) — Desert Dust, male painter owned by Stanley V. Aek of Seattle, made four perfectly handled finds of Hungarian trick shots Friday to win the regional championship at the Northwest States Amateur Field Trials. Fifteen dogs were entered.

### CAGE SCORES

Friday's College Basketball  
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NAIB Tourney (semi-finals)  
Springfield (Mo) 70, Southwest  
Texas 67 (two overtimes)  
Murray (Ky) 58, Portland 57

### SPORTS in BRIEF

**HOOP FACULTY**  
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Four members of the University of Alabama faculty have served at one time or another as head basketball coach. In addition to the present mentor, Floyd Burdette, they are: Charles Bernier, now the University Alumni Office Director, Hank Crisp, present grid line coach, and Malcolm Laney, end coach of the football squad.

Kay Jensen, former riding champion of Sweden and Denmark, is now a trainer at Hialeah race track.

Willie Ketchum, who manages lightweight boxing champion Jim Carter, trained the late Marcel Cerdan.

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**PISTOL PACKIN' JUNIOR** — Roy Campanella is held up momentarily from spring training chores at the Dodgers' Vero Beach, Fla., camp by the playful antics of his three-year-old son, Roy Jr. From the looks of things, young Campanella is going to follow his talented father and take up catching as a profession.

### Lip Happy, Mound Corp On Beam

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Manager Leo Durocher of the New York Giants can relax a bit now—his well-beated pitching staff is back on the beam.

The Cinderella National League champions of 1951 looked anything but king pins during the early stages of exhibition play as they dropped four out of five games.

Durocher was fit to be tied but his ace in the hole, Sal Maglie, came to the rescue Thursday with a neat five scoreless inning performance in a 6-0 triumph.

**MOKE JOY**  
The little leader's other ace, Larry Jansen, and reliever George Spencer brought Durocher further joy Friday when they teamed up to pitch the Giants to a 6-1 victory over the St. Louis Browns.

Jansen blanked the "New Browns" on three hits in five innings. Spencer retired nine Brownies in order until the ninth when they clipped him for three hits in their lone run.

**SCORELESS**  
Until the ninth, Giant pitchers had held the opposition scoreless for 8 straight innings and hadn't yielded a walk in two games.

The Giants collected only seven hits off Lefty Bob Cam, a former farm hand, and Duane Pillette but one was a three-run homer by Army bound Willie Mays in the fourth inning.

### Saxton Wins, Felton Sour

NEW YORK (AP) — "Minelli ran, Felton held. I just hope Bratton fights."

A moaning low Johnny Saxton made the remark after he was named the winner over disqualified Lester Felton of Detroit in a boxing clutchfest in Madison Square Garden Friday night.

Many of the 3,958 paying customers, who booted from the third round on, walked out before Referee Harry Kessler disqualified Felton at 1:31 of the sixth round for continuous holding.

Felton's purse of about \$5,000 was ordered held up.

In his last appearance in the garden on Jan. 25, Saxton was awarded a technical knockout over Kivio Minelli of Italy. Referee Ruby Goldstein stepped that pursuit race in the seventh round, ruling the Italian was "over-matched." Johnny was awarded a TKO then. Friday night it was just ruled "a victory but not a technical knockout."

Saxton's next effort will be against former NBA Welterweight Champion Johnny Bratton in the Garden, March 28. Bratton originally was scheduled to fight Saxton Friday night but bowed out because of an injured left hand.

### FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By The Associated Press  
New York — Johnny Saxton, 148, New York, awarded decision over Lester Felton, 147, Detroit. (Felton disqualified in 6th round for continuous holding.)  
New Orleans — Joe Brown, 137 1/2, New Orleans, outpointed Walter Haines, 145, New Orleans.

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# SPORTS

## Dusette, Kurt Ink Rematch

Promoter Mack Lillard yesterday signed Georges Dusette and Kurt Von Poppenheim for a rematch, the headline bout on Wednesday's wrestling card at the armory.

The feature bout has strong support with the return of two favorites.

Cowboy Carlson, Montana cowpoke, appears in the opener.

Danno McDonald is down for a semi-windup appearance.

Carlson meets Doc Gallagher, a chiropractor from Ohio. A newcomer to the Northwest ring, Gallagher is catching on with matgoers.

McDonald faces Eric (The Great) Pedersen, self-loving weight-lifter who beat Jack Britton Wednesday night in Pedersen's first appearance in Klamath Falls.

Von Poppenheim, bleeding from a deep forehead gash in Wednesday's bout, called on his last ounce of strength to beat Dusette by sprawling Georges over backward by using the lower strand of rope as a springboard.

Reserved tickets are on sale at Castleberry Drugs.

## LaSalle Slight Favorite

NEW YORK (AP) — Two rank outsiders, LaSalle (23-5) and Dayton (27-3), clash Saturday night for the National Invitation Basketball Championship, and LaSalle's veteran coach, Ken Loeffler, says it's not the Flyers' height that's worrying him — "It's their breadth."

"We've played other tall teams this year, Western Kentucky, for instance, and done all right," Loeffler, a onetime pro tutor, said. "But we've never met anybody that's both as tall and as strong as these boys."

"Just look at the shoulders on fellows like Don Meineke, Chuck Grigby and that big Leland Norri. They take up a lot of room under the hoop."

Loeffler says the game should be rated a tossup but he adds: "I think we can win it." Dayton's coach, Tom Blackburn, won't predict but promises a better showing than in last year's finals when the Flyers were upended by Brigham Young, 64-43.

**FAVORED**  
LaSalle's "forgotten men" have caught the fancy of the experts and the Philadelphia team will enter the game a slight favorite although Dayton is more seasoned and boasts a 20-game winning streak.

The final is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m. at Madison Square Garden, following a consolation game between Duquesne and St. Bonaventure at 7:45 p.m. The top-seeded Ducks were beat by LaSalle and the Bonnies, third-seeded, were ousted by Dayton in the semi-finals.

## Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press  
One Year Ago Today — Dayton defeated St. John's, 69-62, and Brigham Young defeated Seton Hall 89-58, in semi-finals of the NIT at Madison Square Garden, N. Y.

Five Years Ago — Larry McPhail, then Yankee owner, requested that Commissioner Chandler investigate charges made by Branch Rickey that Dodger proxy, that gamblers were being entertained by McPhail at exhibition game.

Ten Years Ago — New York Rangers beat Chicago, 5-1, and clinched first place in National League.

Twenty Years Ago — Del Blissette, Dodger first baseman, was forced out of action for at least three weeks because of a pulled tendon.

"Wives are not on the team," says Manager Eddie Sawyer of the Phillies when asked why wives are being banned from training camp at Clearwater, Fla., this Spring.



**IN TUNE** — Crooner Bing Crosby, who owns \$300,000 worth of stock in the Pirates, was on hand to greet 20-game winner Murray Dickson at San Bernardino, Calif., after the Buc pitching star agreed to Pittsburgh terms and signed his contract. Dickson received a big raise, but he still hasn't quite reached the financial status of Mr. Crosby.

## Murray Squeaks Past Pilots, Gain Finals

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The Pacific Northwest's hopes for the national small college basketball championship were shattered Friday night when the battling Portland University Pilots lost a heart-breaker to Murray State of Kentucky, 58-57.

The victory sent Murray State into Saturday night's National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball finals against Springfield State of Missouri.

Springfield, seeded eighth in the 32-team, six-day tournament, upset previously undefeated Southwest Texas State, 70-67, in two overtimes.

Portland trailed all the way but almost pulled the game out of the fire in the last quarter. Murray State maintained a three-point edge throughout the fourth period until two minutes before the gun.

Then the Pilots twice refused free throws, and the second time drew within one point when Lloyd Bergman hit from the field. But Little Bennie Purcell, State's floor leader, engineered a stall that kept the frantic Portland players at bay until the game ended.

Jim Winters, clever guard, led the Pilots with 17 points. Garrett Behear was high for Murray State with 20.

The NAIB winner Saturday night gains the right to meet the NCAA titlist in the first round Olympic playoffs here March 29.

Portland and Southwest Texas state in the consolation game starting at 6 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

## SHUFF STUFF

Schuss blanked Wocus, 4-0, last night to win the second half of the city shuffleboard league play.

Schuss and Mecca, first-half winner, will meet in a playoff series at a date and place to be determined for the championship.

## Babe Clutches Plushy Lead

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The only thing Babe Zaharias needs in the next two days to win her third Titleholders tournament and shatter one of the top records in women's golf is a little luck and 36 holes of cautious shooting.

The Babe leads the Titleholders after two rounds with 147 strokes — five less than her closest challenger—Betsy Rawls of Austin, Texas. She shot a one-over par 73 Friday in the second round of the 72-hole tournament for the best mark of the meet.

Well down the list were Grace DeMoss of Corvallis, Ore., with 80-79-159, and Edean Anderson of Helena, Mont., with 82-84-166.

## Rogue River, Knappa In Title Go Tonight

SALEM (AP) — Two tight defensive teams, Rogue River and Knappa, will meet here Saturday night for the Oregon Class B high school basketball title.

Rogue River, the 1950 champion, entered the finals by defeating Mapleton, 46-42, Friday night for its second upset victory of the tourney.

Knappa, a dark horse entry, hobbled Sublimity and Knappa's CONSOLATION

In consolation games, Wallowa beat Powers, 52-48, and Echo overwhelmed Culver, 73-39. The two Eastern Oregon teams meet Saturday morning for fifth place. Wallowa lost to John Day in the consolation finals last year.

Rogue River's victory cut Mapleton's season-long string of wins at 27. The Chieftains knocked off Powers, another tourney favorite, in Thursday's first round.

Rogue River, which went the distance without a substitution, moved into an early lead when Forward Byron Kile hit four consecutive field goals. Mapleton never caught up, although Forward John Tuft and Don Snell sparked a rally that cut the Chieftains' margin to three points with 20 seconds left.

**HIGH SCORER**  
Kile was high scorer with 14 points. In the other semi-final contest, Semi-finals  
Rogue River 46 Mapleton 42  
Knappa 49 Sublimity 40  
Consolation  
Wallowa 52 Powers 48  
Echo 73 Culver 39

Center Max Kelley's shooting and backboard work and Knappa's tight zone defense proved too much for Sublimity.

The Loggers were in front all the way. Once in the third period, they held a 20 point lead after Kelley, who had a 23 point night, hit for four field goals and a free throw.

Duane Heuberger, who registered 14 points, sparked a Sublimity rally that cut the Knappa advantage to seven points late in the fourth quarter. But it was too late.

Sublimity and Mapleton will play for third place in the Saturday

## Catholic Cage Tourney Opens

TROY, N. Y. (AP) — The National Catholic Invitation Basketball Tournament opens Saturday night with a doubleheader at the Rensselaer Polytechnic fieldhouse. LeMoyné N.Y., plays Providence in the first game after which Iona N. Y., meets Gannon (Pa.).

Cellar-dwelling Baraboo Electric trimmed league-leading Nesbitt Orange-Tuesday in the Commercial Bowling League but the Nesbitts still hold a plushy 16-game lead.

M. L. Johnson Insurance rolled the high series, 2781; Oretsch Faculty's 1011 was the top game.

Individual honors went to Wilbur Courtney, Nesbitt, and Lundy Clinton, Ashley Chevrolet. Courtney's 533 was the high series, Clinton's 221 the best game.



**UNLUCKY 13**—Ralph Branca's first move after reporting to Brooklyn's Vero Beach, Fla., spring training base was to chuck his old number 13 into the ash can. After what the Giants' Bobby Thomson did to him in last season's final National League play-off game, the big Dodger right-hander has good reason to be superstitious.

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