

Weekend Will Fill 'B' Field

By The Associated Press
 Playoffs will settle every class B district title in the state this week-end, while class A high school basketball teams continue play that could see all but four district crowns awarded.

Of the top 10 teams in the Associated Press poll only one so far is assured of entry to the state tournaments. That is Cleveland of Portland, ranked No. 9 in the state. All of the ranking teams are in Class A.

The top-ranking team, undefeated The Dalles, must play Pendleton in a two-of-three series for the district 2 title.

Marshallfield, the No. 2 team, has a similar series with Reedport for the crown in district 5, Medford, tied for No. 3, faces Crater in a similar series in district 4.

Eugene, tied with Medford, for No. 2 in one of the districts that will not settle its championship until next week. Eugene is involved in a double-elimination tournament in district 6.

By districts, this is the class A schedule:

1. Baker at Ontario Friday night in the first game of a two-of-three series.
2. The Dalles vs. Pendleton Friday night in the start of a best-of-three series.
3. Lakeview defeated Prineville, 43-33, Thursday night to gain entry to a tournament opening Friday night. Redmond, Bend, and Madras are the other entrants. Redmond is ranked No. 7 in the state.
4. Medford vs. Crater Friday night in a two-of-three series.
5. Marshallfield vs. Reedport Friday night in the start of a two-of-three series.
6. Eugene favored in a double-elimination tournament.
7. Corvallis, Albany, Toledo and Newport in a two-day tournament opening at Corvallis Friday. Albany is No. 10 in the state.
8. McMinnville favored in a single-elimination tournament ending Saturday. Dayton, Dallas and Newport still in the running.
9. Fifth-ranked Hillsboro still in the running in a double-elimination tournament continuing Friday night.
10. Astoria favored in a tournament to end at Tillamook this week-end.
11. Salem favored in a double-elimination tournament not ending until next week.
12. Milwaukie, Canby, Oswego and Molalla still in the running in a tournament that will end next week.
13. Central Catholic and Gresham tangled Friday night in the key game of a double-elimination tournament to end next week. Gresham is ranked No. 8 in the state.
14. Clatskanie has clinched title.
15. Cleveland has clinched title.
16. Benson and Jefferson meet Friday night for the right to play Roosevelt next week for the district crown. Jefferson is ranked No. 6 in the state.

TIME OUT!



"Sure, he outclasses you, but that's all he's got!"

Washington, UO Dominate All-Star Five

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington and Oregon players dominated the Pacific Coast Conference Northern Division all-star basketball team announced here by PCC Commissioner Victor G. Schmidt Thursday, with three Huskies and two Ducks getting nods for starting berths on the mythical squad.

Heading the list of Northern Division cage talent was All-American Bob Houbregs of the University of Washington, who, as a center, cracked the PCC scoring record this season with 408 points in 16 loop games.

Houbregs, along with Oregon's Chet Noc, a forward, was a unanimous choice for the first team. It was the second time Houbregs was named to the all-star team, being named last year.

Rounding out the first team as selected by Northern Division coaches were guards Joe Cipriano of Washington and Ken Wegner of Oregon and forward Doug McClary of Washington.

The second team, forwards, Dwight Morrison, Idaho, and Pete Mullins, Washington State; center, Hartly Kruger, Idaho; and guards, Mike McCutchen, Washington, and Ron Robins, Oregon State.

Honorable mention went to Tom Flynn and Bruce McIntosh, Idaho; Ed Halberg, Oregon; Tony Vlastelica, Oregon State; and Charlie Koon, Washington.

Sauer Won't Aim for Fences This Year

By BEN OLAN
 Associated Press Sports Writer
 Hammerin' Hank Sauer, who nailed down the National League's Most Valuable Player Award in 1952, may not do as much fence-busting this season. He just wants to "get good wood on every pitch."

The husky Chicago outfielder, tied with Ralph Kiner for home run honors with 27 last year, concedes his race with Kiner caused a decline in his hitting. Actually, he slumped from a .350 mid-June batting average to a final figure of .270.

"Without realizing it until it was too late," he said yesterday at Mesa, Ariz., "I allowed myself to become a previous victim last season. In my desire to win the home run crown, I was swinging

for the seats almost every time I stepped to the plate.

"This year there'll be no more switching bats or shifting stances. I'll settle for my natural swing. I learned my lesson and it won't happen again."

Last season was the fifth consecutive year in which the 33-year-old flycatcher hit at least 30 home runs. He compiled his highest average, .275, in 1949 when he drove out 31 circuit wallops.

Meanwhile, Wally Westlake, an other veteran outfielder, had other ideas.

Westlake, on the comeback trail with the Cleveland Indians after a poor year, is aiming for the fences on the advice of Manager Al Lopez and getting results. He hit several over the left field fence at Tucson, Ariz., yesterday.

"Take a healthier cut," Lopez told him. "Be vicious. I don't care if you fall down because you swing so hard. Use your strength."

If his comeback succeeds, Westlake is sure of a regular job in right field. Lopez says, for "he's an excellent outfielder, can run well and his arm is strong."

Elsewhere, Mickey Manzie, who turned 21 last Oct. 20, has come of age in more than one way. The

flect-footed centerfielder will bat in the cleanup spot for the World Champion New York Yankees in the early exhibition games and may start the season in that position if he comes through.

"There are only two men on the club who can hit fourth," Manager Casey Stengel declared. "So it has to be either one or the other. Berra (who batted cleanup during most of 1952) doesn't like it so I'll use Manzie there."

Manzie was the American League's third leading batter last season at .311 but he struck out 111 times, a Yankee record. He also hit 23 homers during his second major league campaign.

Also at St. Petersburg, Fla., St. Louis Browns owner Bill Veeck said it looked like his club will stay in St. Louis. He said he did not discuss the rumored Milwaukee switch in his recent talks with William Harridge, president of the

American League.

Two more players signed their 1953 contracts yesterday. Outfielder Gus Zernial of the Philadelphia A's came to terms for an estimated \$22,000 and first baseman Eddie Waitkus of the Philadelphia Phillies agreed to a reported \$20,000 pact.

Other news: Catcher Joe Rossi smashed a 400-foot homer in Pittsburgh's intrasquad game... Manager Rogers Hornsby nominated Eddie Erault and Bud Podbielan to divide the mound chores in Cincinnati's first exhibition game against the Boston Red Sox tomorrow... Gus Niarhos, who made only six hits all last season, lashed out three singles as the Red Sox veterans routed the rookies... Rookie catcher Charley Thompson had two stitches taken over his right ear after being hit with a bat during a Brooklyn Dodger batting drill.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Southern Conference Tournay (First Round)

West Virginia 91 Purman 87
 Maryland 74 Duke 66
 N.C. State 88 North Carolina 54
NAIA PLAYOFFS
PENNSYLVANIA
 Geneva 71 Millersville 57 (final)

TEXAS
 East Texas 75 Texas Wesleyan 52 (final)

TENNESSEE
 East Tenn 64 Tenn Tech 62 (final)
 David Lipscomb 70 Austin Peay 66 (consolation)

WISCONSIN
 River Falls State 82 Carroll 77 (final)

IOWA
 Iowa Tech 90 St. Ambrose 78 (final)

NEW ENGLAND
 Arnold 78 Bridgeport 59 (final)

OKLAHOMA
 Southwestern Okla 77 Central Okla 74 (final)

Other Games
 Brigham Young 66 Denver 40
 McMurry (Tex) 80 Abilene Christian 68
 Wooster 84 Slippery Rock 76
 Oklahoma A & M 68 Houston 48
 Cincinnati 78 Miami (Ohio) 76
 Utah Branch Aggies 69 Ricks 66

HIGH SCHOOL
 District 1-B Tournament
 Garibaldi 44 Knappa 43
 Gaston 58 Star of the Sea (Astoria) 30

District 8-B Tournament
 Rufus 61 Culver 54
 Hesper 47 Sisters 32
 Arlington 54 St. Mary's (The Dalles) 45
 Cascade Locks 60 Fossil 34

District 13-A Tournament
 Sandy 52 Concordia (Portland) 45
 Estacada 50 Columbia Pep (Portland) 46

District 1-A Playoff
 Lakeview 43 Prineville 33

District 2-B Tournament
 Lowell 47 Philomath 37
 Brownsville 42 Triangle Lake 40

Huskies, Bears Mix Tonight

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington's Northern Division basketball champions square off Friday night against the Southern Division titlist, California's Golden Bears.

In the opening game of a best-of-three series to determine the Pacific Coast Conference kinglypin.

The Huskies, paced by All-American Bob Houbregs, whipped through a 16-game Northern Division schedule with only one loss, to Idaho, while the Bears took the Southern Division crown with a 9-3 record.

The Washington quiet, which rambled over the Californians in two pre-season games here, has an over-all season record of 25-2. California's was 16-8.

The second game of the series will be played Saturday night and the third, if necessary, is scheduled for Monday night.

The winner of the series will go into the NCAA western regional playoffs at Corvallis, Ore., March 13-14.

SHUFF STUFF SHUFF CHAMP

Suburban Tavern is the city shuffleboard champion after whipping Bill's Place two games of three last night for its second straight playoff victory.

Suburban won the American League title, Bill's Place the National League shuffleboard crown, leading to the best-of-three playoff.

Suburban supplants Mecca Tavern, winner of the shuffle title the past two years and will be honored in a party, plans for which will be laid Tuesday, 7 p.m., in a meeting at Swanson's Barber Shop.

The singles and doubles tournament opens Monday night at Shuff's Tavern. Registrations close Saturday noon.

Loyola Cage Coach Quits

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Loyola University of Los Angeles has accepted the resignation of its basketball coach, Ed Powell, and named Billy Donovan, his assistant to succeed him on a one-year contract.

Powell asked to be released from the contract to accept another offer, the nature of which was not disclosed in Thursday's announcement.

7 More In NAIA Field

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The field for the annual 32-team National Intercollegiate basketball tournament here next week added seven new teams Thursday night.

Twenty teams including Gonzaga and Portland Universities previously had been certified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' cage marathon opening in Municipal Auditorium Monday.

Schools qualifying Thursday night were Iowa Teachers, River Falls (Wisc), Southwestern Oklahoma, East Tennessee State, East Texas State, Geneva (Pa), Arnold, (Conn).

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Movie Studio Officer, Charles Petersen, says: "For a heavy-duty user like me, there's nothing like the new 'Eveready' D-99 flashlight battery. They give more brilliant, dependable light! They won't stick or swell in the flashlight either!"

Pro Grid Sale Off

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Co-owner Tony Morabito said a deal to sell his San Francisco 49ers of the National Football League to Texas bidders is "definitely off."

Morabito previously said Clinton W. Murchison of Dallas and his brother John had made an acceptable bid.

Morabito did not disclose why negotiations fell through, but said the team was still for sale.

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Marshall Clayton, 141, Washington, outpointed Charlie Smith, 139, Newark, N.J. 10.

A KIND — The Athletics are in catchers coming training drills in Beach, Fla., top to bottom, rookie Neal and Joe Astroth.

WYLING

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28 1/2	19 1/2	22 1/2
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26 1/2	17 1/2	20 1/2
25 1/2	16 1/2	19 1/2
24 1/2	15 1/2	18 1/2
23 1/2	14 1/2	17 1/2
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21 1/2	12 1/2	15 1/2
20 1/2	11 1/2	14 1/2
19 1/2	10 1/2	13 1/2
18 1/2	9 1/2	12 1/2
17 1/2	8 1/2	11 1/2
16 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2
15 1/2	6 1/2	9 1/2
14 1/2	5 1/2	8 1/2
13 1/2	4 1/2	7 1/2
12 1/2	3 1/2	6 1/2
11 1/2	2 1/2	5 1/2
10 1/2	1 1/2	4 1/2
9 1/2	0 1/2	3 1/2
8 1/2	0	2 1/2
7 1/2	0	1 1/2
6 1/2	0	0 1/2
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Six Tournery Refs Named

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon School Activities Association Thursday named six referees for the state class A high school basketball tournament at Eugene, March 17-21.

They are Ed Wellnitz from district 6, Frank O'Neill from district 2, Ralph Harper from district 9, Len Patterson from district 15, Len Echanis from district 1, and Virgil Swanson from district 14.

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