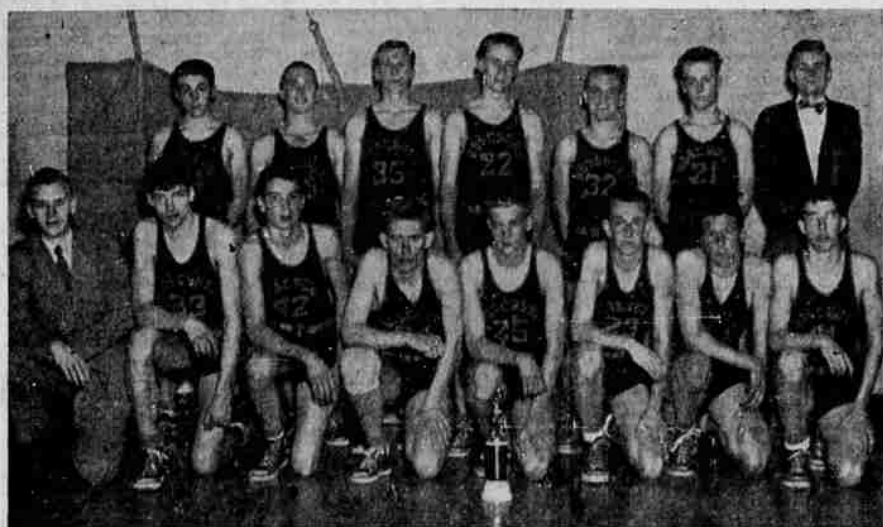


New General Interest Shown In Activities Of Roseburg Indians



SPRIT OF '52—Paralleling the undermanned Revolutionary War heroes, who made light of the odds, these Roseburg Indians went into the 1951-52 hoop wars against the state's best and battled them to a standstill. Front row, from left are: Coach Dick Ballantyne, Bruce Dalros, Bill Drake, Jim Gilbert, Harold Backen, Brian Booth, Dave Geddes, Irv Darling, Back row, from left: Larry Fisher, Ralph Rudzik, Cecil Simmons, LeRoy Elting, Jerry Parmeter, Ed Nolte and Manager Lewis Hallett.

By GEORGE CASTILLO
Success is an erratic quality which has strange and various ways of revealing itself. Take the Roseburg Indian basketball team. On a strictly statistical basis, the Indians couldn't be called a success in this day of astronomical scoring and virtually undefeated prep seasons. They won 3 games and lost just that many. Hardly a record to shout about. In 26 games, they scored 1,141 points, but opponents ran up 1,041 just 100 less. Swede Halbrook of Lincoln High in Portland scored half that many in 14 league games all by himself. Even Roseburg's average of 43.8 points per game was only about two baskets on an average better than Halbrook's individual efforts. Its highest total game score of 67 against Sutherlin was equaled or exceeded four times this year in the state. Thus, statistically, the Indians were no great shakes.

Success Comes
But success came in another way. Starting a new era of Roseburg High School basketball, the neophyte Indians drew a general interest that few former teams had experienced, no matter how successful. As a case in point, not one game went by on the local court when the house was at least just short of capacity. True, a large portion of the seating capacity was

taken up by the youngsters, but in previous years, even the students were deserting. In the last game of the year, the doors were closed a half hour before game time to reflect the heightened interest. Undoubtedly increased popularity can be credited for the high attendance records, but the principle still stands that unless a team shows some degree of success, it can count on drawing nothing but flies. Thus in the face of only so-so records, that success must be traced to something other than the record books.

It came in the form of a chronically under experienced squad which could make a game against any kind of competition and a never-say-die spirit that only the final buzzer could stifle.

Scanning back over the season is all the proof necessary. The Indians lost one game by a single point and four by two points. Only one game could be called a decisive defeat and that was the 46-27 setback by Grants Pass away from home. This margin of defeat was exceeded twice by last year's team.

Rise To Competition
Another reason for their success at the gate was their capacity of rising to their competition. At the first of the season, they went up against Cottage Grove, a team with five lettermen and an in-

dividual scoring star named Wes Malcolm. Instead of getting thumped badly, they lost their first two games by a total of five points, 30-26, and 33-32. Then, just before Christmas, they journeyed to Medford to meet another complete letterman squad, which at that time was rated eighth in the state on the Associated Press poll. When the smoke had cleared, the Black Tornado was a mere gust of wind which had been muffled, 39-37.

Klamath Falls was another state power which was expected to scuttle the Indians easily. The Pelicans had the height, shooting ability and individual starrng of six-foot seven-inch Ralph Carroll. The Indians lost them both, but not before the fourth-place Associated Press favorites had battled for their lives. The Pelicans won the first in the last minute and a half, 44-38, and the second in the last three minutes, 51-41.

Reach Peak
The Indians reached their peak, to that point in the season, against Medford on the home floor. Leading the Southern Oregon District 6 race, the Tornado was expected to prove that its first loss to the Indians was a fluke. Instead, the Indians slugged their way into an overtime to finally lose, 51-49, in a double overtime, after leading all the way.

A final proof of their undaunted

spirit against the odds was the sub-district tournament. The Indians had been licked twice before by the experience-heavy Braves, but in a rousing change of form, the Roseburg squad dumped the visitors, 60-50, in the fourth game of the tournament. With slightly less than a 500 shooting average in the second game of the final, the Braves won, 47-45, and for the first time in the three-year history of the tournament, an extra game was necessary. The Braves won that one, 47-36, for Roseburg's second worst defeat of the season, but to achieve the crown, they had to face Roseburg three times and Myrtle Creek twice.

Look At Material
Now let's look at the material. Roseburg started the season with two lettermen, Bruce Dalros and Ed Nolte. Neither had been first string material in Roseburg's 1950-51 bumper year. An unknown quantity was a Kansas transfer, Ralph Rudzik. A skippy foundation for a team, to say the least.

Another unknown quantity was Dick Ballantyne, a new coach fresh out of college. He had been a star on one of Oregon State's greatest teams, but good players don't necessarily make good coaches. In this case, the instances were parallel. He not only made a good player, but also a good coach.

With this untested combination of new coach and scanty material, the Indians would be lucky to win six games was the back fence comment. It was halfway through the season before they did win those six, but the skeptics were looking askance. By tournament time, they and a host of other paying customers were more than willing to see the latest display of good, fundamental basketball with the flair of occasional spectacle.

Now the 1951-52 season is over and with it apparently goes the darker days. The Indians lose four of their first five, Dalros, Nolte, Rudzik and the league's high scorer, LeRoy Elting. But a good building point of departure is Jim Gilbert, a six-foot-two sophomore who was a stalwart on the latest team when it came to boardwork. Other material of first string caliber is seen in Cecil Simmons, and Harold Backen, both juniors. Brian Booth and Irv Darling, two sophomores give the forward positions a bright hue. The weakest experience point appears to be at guard, but Sophomore Jerry Parmeter is getting his experience early.

In another year, perhaps two, the statistics sheets may tell the story as vividly as have the bloodied, but unbowed "Spirit of '52" Indians.

Post-Season Meets Swell Cagers' Totals

By The Associated Press
Post-season tournaments are swelling the scoring totals of the Northwest's basketball hotshots and it may be many a year before the Northwest—or the nation—sees another season as tally-happy as this one.

So far one player (guess who?) has passed the 1,000 mark, four have counted more than 500 points each and seven are above 400. Only a few seasons back 300 was a sensational season. Today it wouldn't get you in the top 20 here in the Northwest.

Johnny O'Brien of Seattle U. has beaten his own Northwest record, set last year at 766 points, by nearly 300. Playing in the National Invitational Tourney next week in New York he's almost certain to enlarge his all-time American college scoring mark, now at 1,030, to 1,060 or even 1,100.

Ralph Polsoh of Whitworth, second regionally with 610, placed third last year with 552. He has some action left in the NAIB tourney. Others in this week's Big Ten who can expand their totals are Jim Doherty of Whitworth, now in third place; Bob Houbreggs of Washington, ranking sixth, and Eddie O'Brien of Seattle U., ninth at present.

Whitworth, Seattle U. and Willamette each placed two men among the week's 10 leaders and Gonzaga just missed, with George Chalich in seventh and Chuck Goligoski 12th.

Polson became the latest player among several who have broken their school scoring records. His 610 was seven higher than the mark he chalked up a year ago as a Whitworth all-time high.

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x-Logue, William	27	178	121	477
Houbreggs, UW	25	170	128	468
Winters, Port.	28	149	105	403
x-Chalich, Gonz	31	163	67	393
E.O'Brien, SU	36	137	118	392

Ward Team Fails To Leave Cellar

YMCA ADULT LEAGUE	W	L
Luelien Construction	15	0
Sutherlin "Y"	9	5
J.C. Sporting Goods	9	6
West Side	8	7
Donut Bar	8	7
Umpqua Plywood	7	8
Christian Church	5	9
Faith Lutheran	3	11
Montgomery Ward	2	13

Montgomery Ward made a final spasmodic effort to crawl out of the YMCA Adult League basketball cellar Thursday night at the Benson gym, but failed.

After leading three times in the game, the Wardmen succumbed to Donut Bar, 34-29. John Guzzo and Ron Strickling led the Donut Bar attack with 10 and 9 points, respectively. But Floyd Williams racked up 14 points for the hapless losers. The score was tied at 10-all in the first quarter, but Donut Bar went ahead 16-12 at the halftime break and held a slight 24-21 lead at the third breather.

Bolsters Grip
In the only other game, Sutherlin "Y" bolstered its grip on the runnerup spot in the league by drubbing Faith Lutheran, 42-13. Tom Hasket dumped in 13 points for top scoring honors. His eight

32 Young Boxers Wait Golden Gloves Climax

CHICAGO (AP)—Thirty-two young boxers awaited the climax Friday of a long fist-swinging grind. They're all that's left of some 20,000 hopefuls who began swinging three months ago in preliminary Golden Gloves campaigns in nearly 400 communities west of the Appalachian Mountains.

Friday night came the semi-final and final bouts of the Western Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions. The matches, 24 in all, will be held in Chicago Stadium.

In addition to individual championships, a team crown will be awarded. The favorite is Los Angeles, the 1950 winner. The California city has three representatives on the cards. One is Kenny Davis, Marine featherweight who ripped undefeated through last year's Tournament of Champions and subsequent bouts with New York and European champions.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pts
Ford and Houck	19	1	26
Chrystalite Tile	18	2	25
Lockwood Motors	17	3	24
Co. 1	17	3	23
Todd Bldg.	17	3	23
Stewart Clothing	16	4	20
Roseburg Book	15	5	19
Yencalla Lions	15	5	19
Nyberg Lumber	14	6	18
Wayne's	14	6	18
Jackson's Newsboys	7	23	10
K and J	0	21	10

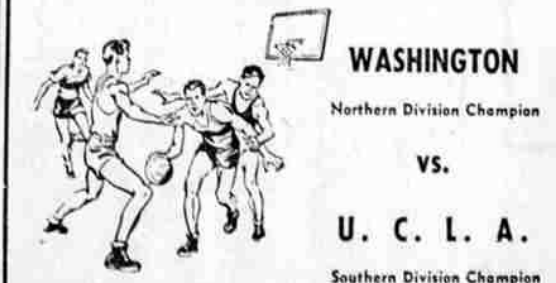
Fullerton Gra-Y Team Defeats Benson, 14-12

The Fullerton Gra-Y basketball team eked out a 14-12 sudden death victory over the Benson Gra-Y team Thursday night on its home floor.

Fullerton's Doyle hit a basket in the first-basket overtime to win the game. The winners celebrated the win by hurling a challenge to the Riverside Gra-Y club for Mar. 19.

The Fullerton squad is coached by Truman Goodwin with the assistance of Tom Kiel. Everett Wimer is the Benson coach and is assisted by Frank West.

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Record Turnout Reported For First Track Practice

With the basketball season in its dying throes, Coach Frank Purdy began putting his record turnout of prospects through the hoops this week.

A record mass of 65 track hopefuls made their appearance, Purdy enthusiastically called it a record turnout in both "numbers and attitude." Amid this host of prospective talent were 13 returning lettermen. They were: Seniors Ed Strickling, Leroy Pearce, Arlin Hill, Don Sudberry, Bill Moats, Ken Swift, Bill Sullivan and Allan Winter; Juniors Bob Brandt, Art McGeheey, Leroy Wehde, Richard Duvall and Sophomore John Desbiens.

Launching his third year as track mentor, Purdy called his bulky turnout to the races every day this week in a loosening up period before getting down to concentrated activity next week. He said time is pressing before the first meet Mar. 28, especially since spring vacation will break up practices Mar. 17 through 21.

Competes In 12 Meets
This Mar. 28 date marks the baptism of the squad for probably the best as well as most ambitious track season in Roseburg's school history. The entire squad or some of its members will participate in 12 meets.

From the meets-at-home standpoint, the most noteworthy factor is the inauguration of night meets on a large scale. Purdy has a fixation on night track that will be dispelled or enhanced by the end of May. He says, "It is my firm conviction that track is as good a spectator sport as any in high school, if run off right. In the East, night track meets are popular as well as financially independent. It is money well spent for both entertainment and interest and it is only at night that adults can come out."

The proof of the strength of his beliefs is in the schedule which follows:

Mar. 28 — Double dual meet at Roseburg with Sutherlin and Myrtle Creek. (Night meet)
Mar. 31 — Dual meet at Roseburg with Cottage Grove.

April 4 — Meet at Roseburg with Myrtle Point definitely and Coquille tentatively. (Night meet)
April 5 — Willamette Relays at Salem.

April 11 or 12 (date still undecided) — Dual meet at Hayward Field with Eugene.
April 18 — Roseburg Invitational. (Night meet)

April 24 — Dual meet at Roseburg with Grants Pass (night meet)
May 2 — Sub-district meet at Roseburg (Night meet)
May 7 — Dual meet at Roseburg with Willamette University Freshmen (Night meet)

May 10 — Sub-district qualifiers at Hayward Field in Eugene for district meet.
May 16-17 — State meet at Corvallis.
May 31 — Oregon Amateur Athletic Union Meet at Portland.

Danny Devine, 27-year-old graduate of the University of Minnesota, is the new coach of the freshman football team at Michigan State.

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Frenchy Roy, Billy Melby Meet In Wrestling Match

Frenchy Roy, Pacific Coast light heavyweight champion, will battle Billy Melby in the semi-final wrestling match in the armory arena Saturday night.

Roy hasn't appeared in the local ring since last summer, but he is still in top condition and will be out to add the Salt Lake City youngster's scalp to his belt.

The champion said he would put his crown on the block against any outstanding opponent and was immediately challenged by Buck Weaver.

Matchmaker Elton Owen says the contest will be staged if terms can be met. Incidentally Weaver strengthened his claim to a bout by unmasking the Galloping Ghost last week.

Team Battle Slated
But the highlight of the evening will be a battle between the Gorkys and a pair of poor challengers—Kurt von Poppenheim and Yorg Cretorian.

This will be a match to decide the holders of the Northwest tag-team championship. The Gorkys have claimed it since whipping the Parks boys.

Extra police will be stationed in

9-Game Grid Schedule Slated For Local Team

A nine-game football schedule was completed this week with the signing of Myrtle Point Sept. 26 for the 1952 Roseburg Indian grid campaign.

This gives the Indians a slate of five games at home and four away. Two here and two away are district games. The completed schedule follows: Sept. 12 — Roseburg at Eugene (district game), Sept. 19 — Klamath Falls at Roseburg, Sept. 26 — Myrtle Point at Roseburg, Oct. 3 — Coquille at Roseburg, Oct. 10 — Marshfield at Roseburg (district game), Oct. 17 — Roseburg at Cottage Grove (district game), Oct. 24 — North Bend at Roseburg (district game), Oct. 31 — Roseburg at Medford, Nov. 7 — Roseburg at Grants Pass.

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Huskies Picked To Retain PCC Crown In Bruin Test

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Washington Huskies take the floor Friday night favored to retain their Pacific Coast Conference basketball championship as they open a two-out of three game series with the Bruins of UCLA.

The series for the second successive year matches the Huskies, winners of the Northern Division title of the PCC, against the Bruins, who have won the Southern Division title four straight years.

Coach Tippy Dye's invaders from Seattle are favored on the basis of their No. 8 rating in the Associated Press national poll, as against the Bruins' No. 19, and because the Huskies twice defeated UCLA early this season.

71 wins were registered at Seattle, however. The present series goes on in the bandbox gym at UCLA, a setting which has led many to pick Coach Johnny Woodworth's freeshoot outfit to upset the Huskies.

Winner Qualifies
The winner qualifies for the Western Regional Tournament of the National Collegiate Athletic Association at Corvallis, Ore., March 22-23.

Washington's starting five includes two outstanding players, Center Bob Houbreggs and Forward Frank Guiness. Houbreggs has av-

eraged 18.7 points a game. A six-foot-seven performer, he was selected on the AP third team this year. Guiness, six-foot-three, an all-around player, has averaged 12.6 points as runner-up to Houbreggs in the Northern Division scoring race.

Doug McClary at forward, and Joe Cipriano and Mike McCutcheon at the guards round out the starting five from the Northwest.

The UCLA stars are Forward Jerry Norman and Guard Don Johnson. The two seniors made the All-Division team just selected. Teaming with them are John Moore at forward, Ron Livingston at guard, and Don Bragg at center. Moore, six-foot-seven, is the tallest of the group.

UCLA has a home court record of 55 wins and only three defeats in four years. The series will be resumed Saturday night, and Monday night if a third contest is necessary.

Major League Ball Clubs Begin Exhibition Games

By The Associated Press
All 16 of the American and National League teams are scheduled to open their spring exhibition game schedule on a broad southern and western baseball front Saturday.

The New York Yankees, world champions and American League pennant winners, will start off against the St. Louis Cardinals of the National loop at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Two clubs whom many think will be meeting in the World Series next October—the Cleveland Indians and New York Giants—open their Grapefruit League grind at Tucson, Ariz. The Giants are defending National League champions.

Duke Markell, 28, rookie pitcher who will receive a trial with the St. Louis Browns this spring, is a native of Paris, France.



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