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Blue and Gold Squeeze Past New Douglas High in Thriller, 47-45

Approximately 63 local fans spent a minute and 49 seconds Saturday evening experiencing one of sport's greatest thrills—a last ditch comeback, culminating in an almost unbelievable victory for the local high school basketball team. The game, played at the new Douglas High school about 10 miles south of Roseburg near the tiny community of Winston, featured an early Cottage Grove lead, 8-7 at the end of the first quarter, which melted away like March snow in the second quarter. The Douglas Trojans led 21-15 at halftime, principally through the efforts of forward, Bob Harty, who repeatedly plunked short pushers from just outside the key. If the return game here later in the season is a repeat performance, local medicine men are likely to notice a rise in heart attacks.

The Lions came out to start the second half as if Coach Donn Gassaway's halftime talk had been absorbed and hit for six straight points to tie the score at 21-21. This, however, was the high point for many long, futile minutes and the Trojans led 38-30 at the end of the third quarter. For six minutes and four seconds of the final period the trend continued and Douglas led by nine points. Suddenly, Leon forward, Leon Hayes hit a driving left-handed lay-in and added the foul shot to cut the Trojan's lead to six points.

At this point, with less than two minutes remaining, Cottage Grove went into a close-checking full floor press and Douglas couldn't get the ball out of their own back court for a minute and 23 seconds, that saw Hayes, Troy Perkins, and then Hayes again split the help with vital, absolutely essential baskets. Very few of the hundreds of spectators could believe their own eyes as the Lions swarmed after the ball like bees in a hive, until with 26 seconds left Tommy Wicks tied up the ball with a Trojan and Douglas finally had an opportunity to call a time out.

These final 26 seconds, with the score tied at 45-45, were like the start of a new ball game, and Trojan defenders forgot their Coach's final shouted bit of advice, "Don't leave #1 alone after the tip and missed a long shot from the side. With 11 seconds left the Lions started back up court and Hayes went down the right side as if to drive for the basket. Instead, he dribbled back two steps and drilled home a one-handed set shot from 25 feet out with exactly two seconds left on the score board.

Interesting sidelights on the game included a slight mix-up at the end of the third quarter when the scorer inadvertently punched the field goal button twice, accidentally giving Douglas four points for one basket. Lion center George Woodworth noticed the error and Coach Gassaway wisely checked with the officials, who held up activity until a quick check of both scorebooks confirmed the error. As the game ended, Hayes was hoisted up on the shoulders of happy teammates and got a free ride to the dressing room. One of the officials, Bill Borchert, former University of Oregon coach, was observed shaking his head perplexed as the game ended, perhaps wondering how the complexity of the game changed so quickly, but he wasn't alone in his bewilderment. One good question heard after the game was, "What position does this Hayes play?" A quick consensus of the local coaching staff supplied this answer: "He plays forward, center, and guard, depending on which game, what the score is, and where he happens to be on the floor."

Ernie Davenport's JV squad stumbled for the first time, losing 49-46, in a close contest. Gary Johnson and Skip McCoy led the younger Lions in scoring. The JV's came from behind, like the varsity, to a 46-46 tie with less than a minute left, but over anxiety led to three fouls and three additional Trojan points.

There are two games scheduled for next week: Crater, Thursday, and Ashland, Friday; and both nights the action will begin at 8 p.m. for the varsity squads. The Lions defeated both of these teams last year during Christmas vacation in the South and will be hoping to repeat this record next week on their home floor. Season records to date are: 2-2 for the varsity and 3-1 for the JV's.

Game Statistics:

Cottage Grove	Douglas
Leon Hayes 25	P. Amoroso 2
Bob Peters 4	J. McLennon 0
Tom Wicks 2	J. Taylor 7
G. Woodworth 4	T. McClendon 0
G. Kronberger 6	L. Hopper 4
T. Perkins 2	W. Shroder 9
Mike Thies 4	B. Hart 1
	D. Grass 0
47	45

JV's Overpower Wolverines 52-26

Coach Ernie Davenport's junior-varsity casaba squad got back to normal winning ways Tuesday night on the strength of some well-distributed scoring. Eleven boys saw action and 9 scored to roll up the impressive final 52-26. Quarter scores were 15-8, 27-18 and 43-22.

Leading scorers for the Lions were Skip McCoy and Jess Tucker with 10 points each, followed by Terry VanNortwick with 7 and Gary Schmidt with 6. Williamette's Funderburge and Cross scored 8 points apiece in a losing cause. The fast break worked well for Davenport's charges as one Lion or another got that vital drive for a lay-in. Williamette had considerable height, but couldn't put it to very good use.

Everyone suited up for Cottage Grove played as Davenport substituted freely from the end of the third period on. His kindness didn't help, however, as the JV's continued to build the lead.

Season record for the younger Lions is now 4-1. Next week they will meet Loran High's varsity in the curtain-raiser to the Crater and Ashland games Thursday and Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Statistics:

CG	WV
VanNortwick 7	Funderburge 8
Hoover 5	Hargrave 0
Schmidt 6	Sturdivant 6
Tucker 10	Shiermeier 4
McCoy 10	Cross 8
Owens 4	Strom 0
Burge 4	
Zuvich 0	
Jackson 0	
Lee 4	
Walker 0	
52	26

Girls Pick All-Stars

Volleyball All-stars have been chosen in the girls PE classes. Freshmen are: Mary Lou Woodward, captain; Lavonne Shepherd, Sharon Tanner, Joan Monroe, Valerie Owens, Donna Spellman, Margaret Stewart, and Joyce Jennings.

Sophomores are: Linda Vaughn, captain; Nita Monroe; Jeanette Carlisle; Lou Hass; Pat Ladd; Pat Olds; Joyce Weddel.

Juniors: Sue Tryk, captain; Corlene Riddle; Annette Monroe; Pat Vaughn; Joyce Barton; Linda Cranmer; Sandra Woodward, captain.

Seniors: Marie Longfellow, Ann Chapman, Linda Potter, Alice Lebow, Charlotte Spellman, Pat Weddel, and Judy Larsen.

Games have already started. Each team plays each other once, and the team winning all their games is the All-star champion.

Volleyball intramurals have finished except for all-star teams. The winner is period 6, Mary Lou Woodward, captain.

—Lions Roar

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Frosh Five Tips Willamette 51-46

The local high school freshman basketball team made its season debut a successful one on their home court Tuesday afternoon against Willamette High school's yearlings. The frosh jumped into an early lead and had the game well in hand most of the way. They led the young Wolverines at all four quarter stops 15-13, 26-21, 50-35, and 51-46. The final score might have been more one-sided but Lion Coach Wally Cicchetti substituted freely in the final minutes to give more boys game experience. Billy Roe led Cottage Grove scorers with 14 points, while Shepherd tallied 16 for Willamette.

Statistics:

CG	WV
Hultberg 0	Priddy 2
Shurek 0	Pruett 0
Roe 14	Paul 7
L. Carr 11	Beck 13
Shin 8	Shepherd 16
Shepherd 0	Hoyt 4
Hansen 10	Middleton 2
McCready 0	Wear 2
Rice 8	
Daily 0	
51	46

Wolverines Shade Lions 37-31

The varsity basketball game Tuesday night saw Willamette's Wolverines ship past the Lions in the second time this month. The Lions were ahead 12-7 at the first quarter and 13-9 at halftime after a second quarter which saw ball control at its extreme limits. The game ended 37-31.

Neither team wanted to force the ball in or take anything but the best shots and, consequently, the fans were treated to a fancy passing exhibition by both squads. This was undoubtedly the lowest scoring quarter seen locally in many a year, although Cottage Grove matched their 1 point effort last Friday in the first period at St. Francis.

The game was won, for all practical purposes, by Willamette in the third quarter as they outscored the Grovers 17-10. They employed a tight-checking, shifting zone in this stanza, and Forward Bill DeYoung slipped through four fielders from 15-20 feet out. Cottage Grove never caught up in the final period and could only pull up to 3 points, 29-32, once.

Leading the Lions again was Center Leon Hayes with 12 points and when he fouled out with 2 minutes left he took with him most hopes of a "come from way back" win like Saturday's Douglas game.

Action next week includes games against Crater Thursday and Ashland Friday, both games at 8 p.m.

Statistics:

CG	WV
Wicks 2	DeYoung 13
Perkins 5	Koepf 6
Hayes 12	Mikkelsen 0
Peters 8	Lengasher 9
Perkins 2	Saltmarsh 3
Thies 0	McBride 0
Picknell 2	McCabe 0
31	37

C.G. Lions Bow To Saints 32-48

The Cottage Grove Lions found the St. Francis Saints something less than completely hospitable last Friday on the St. Francis court. The Grovers appeared to detect an invisible lid on the baskets and hit on only a very small percentage of their shots from either the field or foul line. They were only able to muster 2 field goals in the first half. The Saints didn't have a particularly warm evening either, but were much more accurate from the field on their home court. Cottage Grove checked St. Francis well on defense, allowing a minimum of set-ups or lay-ins, but St. Francis center, Nick Robertson and guard, Jim Jungers kept the hemp warm with crisp set and jump shots from around the key, as they each hit for 16 points, duplicating the Lions total score between them.

Cottage Grove had only one lonely point at the end of the first period and trailed 1-14. St. Francis led 20-7 at halftime, 30-18 after three periods and 48-32 at the end. For Cottage Grove forward-center, Leon Hayes, barely made it into double figures with 10 points and was followed by Bob Peters with 7, Mike Thies with 6, and Tommy Wicks with 5. Checking game statistics briefly: The Lions missed 8 out of 9 lay-ins in the first half alone, and hit only 3 of 16 chances from the foul line. St. Francis, meanwhile, shot seldom and needed to hit only a reasonable per cent to garner a commanding lead. The Grovers had a respectable 25 points in the second half, but allowed the Saints 28, as Coach Donn Gassaway shuttled 12 boys in and out, hoping for a consistent performance from some combination. Local fans will undoubtedly join in a fervent wish that this was the season's "low" for the local team. An interesting sidelight on the game is that St. Francis led in fouling 15-14, a low total for each squad, but only Hayes for the Grovers turned his chances into points, hitting 4 of 4.

Ernie Davenport's JV Hoopers remained undefeated, topping St. Francis' JV's 36-32, despite a spirited second half rally.

Statistics:

Cottage Grove	St. Francis
Leon Hayes 10	D. Bershaw 6
G. Woodworth 0	B. Laron 0
Jim Perkins 2	B. Wellnitz 3
C. Peterson 1	N. Robertson 16
Bob Peters 7	B. Barbison 3
Tom Wicks 5	J. Jungers 16
Troy Perkins 1	R. Barnard 4
E. Northcutt 0	
E. Rolison 0	
D. White 0	
G. Kronberger 0	
Mike Thies 6	
32	48

Program by Blind Seen by Students

"The blind can do anything," Richard Smith, a blind person working with the Transcribers Society For the Blind proved this. With Mr. Cooper, a representative of the society, Richard presented a well-received assembly Tuesday, December 11.

Richard opened the program by playing several numbers on the organ. They were "The Indian Love Call" and "Under the Double Eagle." On the piano, Richard played "Jealousy."

An accomplished musician, Richard plays a total of ten different instruments. Some of these are chimes, steel guitar, drums, harmonica, auto harp and the three instruments used in the assembly.

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