

SPORTS --- Here, There and Everywhere

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS ARE CARD IN TOURNEY TODAY

Astoria, Myrtle Point, University High and Salem Win Yesterday's Basketball Games—Salem and Astoria Predicted as Contestants in Finals Tonight—Afternoon Games Start at 2:30.

FRIDAY RESULTS

Astoria, 34; Medford, 28.
Myrtle Point, 28; Tillamook 16.
University high, 35; The Dalles, 33.
Salem, 59; Joseph, 22.
Today's Card.
In the semi-finals, beginning at 2:30 p. m., Astoria will play Myrtle Point and Salem will play University high of Eugene. The winners of these two games will play the finals tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The crowd guessed right when it turned out on its toes to see the Medford-Astoria game Friday afternoon. It was a hair-raiser from start to finish. They stood 28-all at the end of the regular game period, and an extra five minutes was called to decide. The odds went to Astoria, with three field goals, but part of that was luck. For the teams had played so evenly all through. The final score was 34 to 28.

Coach Eddie Durno has said that his team was better than when Salem high won three straight in the early season series. He was dead right. They played close to a championship game. They were out of luck in having to meet one of the hardest competitors of the tournament and suffer elimination right at the beginning, on the fortune of a temporary lead for Astoria, after having played a wonderful game all the way through.

Masterful Game Played
But Astoria won fairly. Westergren, star forward last year and Kiminki, his running mate, played a masterful game. Westergren can't possibly miss a place on the mythical all-star team of the year, and Kiminki will run any other forward a close race for second place. They are not only clever players, but they go into the hard places without regard to consequences. A man who takes the desperate chance and wins even part of the time, earns the verdict as the valuable player. Diamond, the Astoria center, is valuable, especially in feeding the ball in to the other crack shots; he is genuine team player.

The players are:
Astoria—Medford
Kiminki 12...rf...Singler 6
Westergren 15...lf...Reaney 6
Diamond 4...c...Allen 8
Anderson...rg...Williams 4
Wahl 2...lg...Ghastain 4
Ralph Coleman, referee.

Tillamook Team Heavy
Myrtle Point, coached by Howard George, Willamette, won from Tillamook, coached by Capt. A. W. French, United States marine corps, on vacation from the service. The Tillamook team is the heaviest in the whole tournament, the average weight being about 170 pounds. They look like a squad of wrestlers, powerfully built lads who would make a football coach's eyes sparkle. They have not had a particularly successful season, but won in a district tournament over two fast teams, McMinnville and Newberg. The two Johnson twins, blonde giants, attracted a good deal of attention. But the team as a whole was not up to the Myrtle Point standard. Carter, center for Myrtle Point, is one of the real finds of the tournament. He will make even Okerberg step for first place. He made 12 points. With seasoning such as Okerberg has had, he would be a real star.

The two teams and their scores follow:
Myrtle Point—Tillamook
Gant 5...rf...A. Johnson 4
Shull 9...lf...C. Johnson 4
Carter 14...c...Gabriel 4
Schroeder...rg...Matthews 2
Peel...lg...Tone 2
Referee, George Bohler.

Attendance Increases
A yet bigger crowd than Thursday night greeted the Friday night games, and they got their money's worth in the first ten minutes. The University high of Eugene and The Dalles were the first pair up. There has been no such shooting and general floor work on the Salem floor for a long time past as they put up. It was a dead heat, up to the last second. The ball did not hit the floor after going through the hoop for Eugene's last two points, when the stopping gun closed the game, 35 to 33. It was as close-

There are four chances still open for the final championship, and any one looks good, for all the teams are fast and capable. The final game is to be called at 8 o'clock tonight.

The tournament as a whole is attracting more attention than ever before. The attendance, especially for Friday's game, was beyond all calculations, and the two night series have been regular riots. Willamette has held some other good tournaments, but this eclipses all others in attendance and enthusiasm.

All-star pickers will have their states made out tonight. All the players have appeared at least once, and Salem twice; there is a fairly good impression as to whom will be rated as the stars of the year.

Okerberg Is Star
Okerberg of Salem and Carter of Myrtle Point are the class for center. There has been nothing better than Liljegen and Patterson of Salem for guards, though no one could rightfully pick any team until after seeing at least two games, except for an outstanding flash like Westergren, forward for Astoria. Kiminki, his running mate, has a good chance also. Reinhart has far outscored him, but in both cases against decidedly weaker teams. They would make a hot fight for first place in equal company, with Kiminki the more aggressive and Reinhart having the better throwing skill and perhaps the better generalship. There is a good chance that these two will meet in the finals tonight, and it is quite certain that most of the stars will be picked from these two teams.

Joseph Outclassed
Salem played a runaway game with Joseph for the last game of the day. The Joseph players were out of luck in drawing what looks like the fastest team of the tournament, but they played a fine uphill game, and they can go home without dishonor. Salem was repeatedly penalized for holding. With a really first class foul shooter the visitors would have run their score away up. Cole of Joseph converted only 4 out of 13 tries. The final score of 59 to 22 tells the story of the Salem prowess. Fallon and Adolph, who went in a minute before the close of the first half, replacing Okerberg and Reinhart scored heavily. Cole for Joseph scored 19 points, a remarkably good record against as seasoned a team as Salem.

The players are:
Salem—Joseph
Brown 8...rf...Spray 2
Reinhart 15...lf...Cole 19
Okerberg 12...c...Lay 6
Liljegen 2...rg...Marr
Patterson...lf...Estes 4
Substitutes: Adolph 14, for Okerberg; Fallon 8, for Reinhart.
Referee, George Bohler.

Armory Opens Early
This afternoon the armory will be opened at 1 o'clock; though the semi-final games do not begin until 2:30. Then Astoria will play Myrtle Point and University high will meet Salem.

Squaring Accounts
Stories of the late Richard Croker were being told in a Democratic club.
"Croker was in a hurry to get to Albany one day," said a contractor. "He reached the station just as the train started, so he ran a step or two and grabbed the handrail of a coach when somebody clutched him by the coat-tails and pulled him off. It was a brakeman, very angry and blustering."
"There, I've saved your life," the brakeman said. "Don't never try to hop a train when she's in motion again."
"Then, as the train continued to gather speed, the brakeman skillfully swung himself on the steps of the last coach; but Croker, with a strong jerk, plucked him off like a ripe peach."
"You saved my life," said the boss. "Allow me to save yours."

When Ambassador Miles Poindexter reaches Peru his talented wife will have an opportunity of writing back to the old home paper in Spokane what she thinks of the social customs of the mummified Incas and whether the Marine band at Lima played on various occasions.

WORLD CHAMPS DEFEND TITLES

Six Title Holders to Box in New York During Coming Outdoor Season.

NEW YORK, March 16. — (By The Associated Press) — Six world's boxing champions will defend their titles in New York during the coming outdoor season, according to present plans of promoters. It is possible that this list may be augmented by one or two other championship contests.

Two of the bouts have been arranged as attractions at the Polo Grounds, the first between Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, and Eugene Criqui, his French rival, on June 2, and the other between Jimmy Wilde, English holder of the world's flyweight belt and Pancho Villa, former American 112-pound champion, on June 16.

Leonard to Fight
Four other championship bouts are in the making. Benny Leonard, lightweight title holder will be ready to defend his crown June 1, possibly against Lew Tendler, Philadelphia southpaw; Mickey Walker is likely to risk his welterweight title on July 4 against either Dave Shade of California, or George Ward; Joe Lynch, providing he is successful in retaining his bantamweight title in the meantime, may appear against Carl Tremaine of Cleveland while Johnny Wilson is understood to be tentatively matched to defend his middleweight championship against Tommy Robson of Malden, Mass., in June or July.

Heavyweight title contenders will occupy the limelight May 12 at the Yankee stadium, where under Tex Rickard's direction, Jess Willard will box Floyd Johnson, and Luis Firpo will fight an opponent as yet unselected. The South American's opponent, it was said today, is likely to be either Billy Miske of St. Paul or Bob Roper of Chicago. Jack Renault of Canada, also is a possibility.

Tunney May Get Chance
The outcome of these bouts will narrow down the list of aspirants for Jack Dempsey's crown and pave the way for a final contest to determine the champion's logical opponent. Dempsey is practically certain to defend his title in the fall, either here or in South America, the latter contingency depending upon whether Firpo emerges as the principal contender.
Gene Tunney, who recently regained the American light-heavyweight title from Harry Greb, may add to the championship program by engaging in a return bout with the Pittsburgher.

WHITE SPOT OF EUROPE

Szecho-Slovakia, the new Bohemian republic, continues to be the one white spot on the continent of Europe. While the other European peoples are occupied with external disputes or internal revolutions, the Czechs are growing rich. According to the last consular reports this country is producing about four times as much as is necessary for internal consumption. The balance of trade in its favor is unequaled anywhere in the rest of the world. Bohemia waited for nearly 500 years for independence. With them it was a kind of a national, racial religion. Now that the dream of the centuries has come true the Bohemians are working industriously to make the most of their opportunities.

Whatever may be the opinion of the policies of President Wilson in the rest of the world, he is regarded in Bohemia as a great liberator. A statue is to be erected to his memory in the square occupied by that of John Huss. The one represents to the Bohemians religious and the other national liberty. Another American is to receive recognition in marble, one who is almost without honor in his own country, outside Texas. It is none other than Col. House. He was the friend of the Czechs at Paris. He persuaded his chief that Czechoslovakia could and should be free; and the president persuaded in turn the other allied governments.

Czechoslovakia borrowed money of the American government with which to set its republican form of government in operation and Czechoslovakia has not forgotten. The government has appointed a commission to visit Washington and make arrangements for the repayment of the Czechoslovakian loan.

In the midst of wars and rumors of wars this little country is setting a courageous example to the rest of Europe. The Czechs are showing the other peoples what they might do if they would concern themselves less with politics and more with industry. The Czechs have been hit by the closing of the coal mines in the Ruhr, but they are wasting no time crying over it. They are making the most of the opportunities at hand. Perhaps the example of their prosperity in the midst of almost universal distress will not be lost on the rest of Europe.

Catching a seven-foot mountain lion by the tail was the recent experience of an American hunter in Sonora. This would seem to be a lot more exciting sport than checkers. After while all the cats will have themselves bobbed to save themselves from the activities of American sportsmen.

SIKI BOUT FILLED FULL OF DYNAMITE

Threats to Blow Up Theatre Where Contest Will Be Staged Received.

LONDON, March 16.—The Dublin correspondent of the Daily Sketch in a dispatch from the Irish capital described the extraordinary conditions under which the Siki-Morigue bout will take place tomorrow night. Already, owing to the pronouncement of the Republicans against the opening of theaters and other places of amusement, Free State troops everywhere are guarding public buildings, patrolling the streets, stopping and searching passing vehicles and examining citizens to ascertain if they are carrying arms.

The Free State government's reply to the Republican proclamation was to order all the theaters to open tonight and the terrified managers of the amusement resorts were bound to comply. Hence tonight, lights everywhere were blazing, but the audiences were sparse in the theaters, moving picture houses and other places.

The manager of the Scala theater, where Siki and McTigue will fight tomorrow night, at first refused to comply with the military command to open his doors tonight, because he had received mysteriously delivered threats to blow up the theater if it was opened. Similar threats are said to have been delivered to the promoters of the fight, but nevertheless they expressed their determination to hold the contest.

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Nine Cases Are Set for Early Hearings in Court

Nine cases to be considered by the circuit court during its March term were set for trial yesterday by County Clerk Merle Ivie. The new term of court will begin next Monday at 10 o'clock, following the report of the Marion county grand jury which must be made some time today at the latest.

Following are the cases set for trial.
Monday, March 19, 10 a. m., First State Bank of Plevna, Montana, against Henne.
Tuesday, March 20, 9 a. m., Brenner vs. McCoy; 1 p. m., Mays vs. Ashcraft.
Wednesday March 21, 9 a. m., A. M. Etchison vs. Zwicker; 1 p. m., Moisan vs. Gregoire.
Thursday, March 22, 9 a. m., Schuchle vs. Muehlaupt; 1 p. m., Christianson vs. Ried.
Monday, March 26, 10 a. m., Zielsch vs. Franke.

Tuesday, March 27, 9 a. m., Liebowitz vs. Silverton Food Products company.



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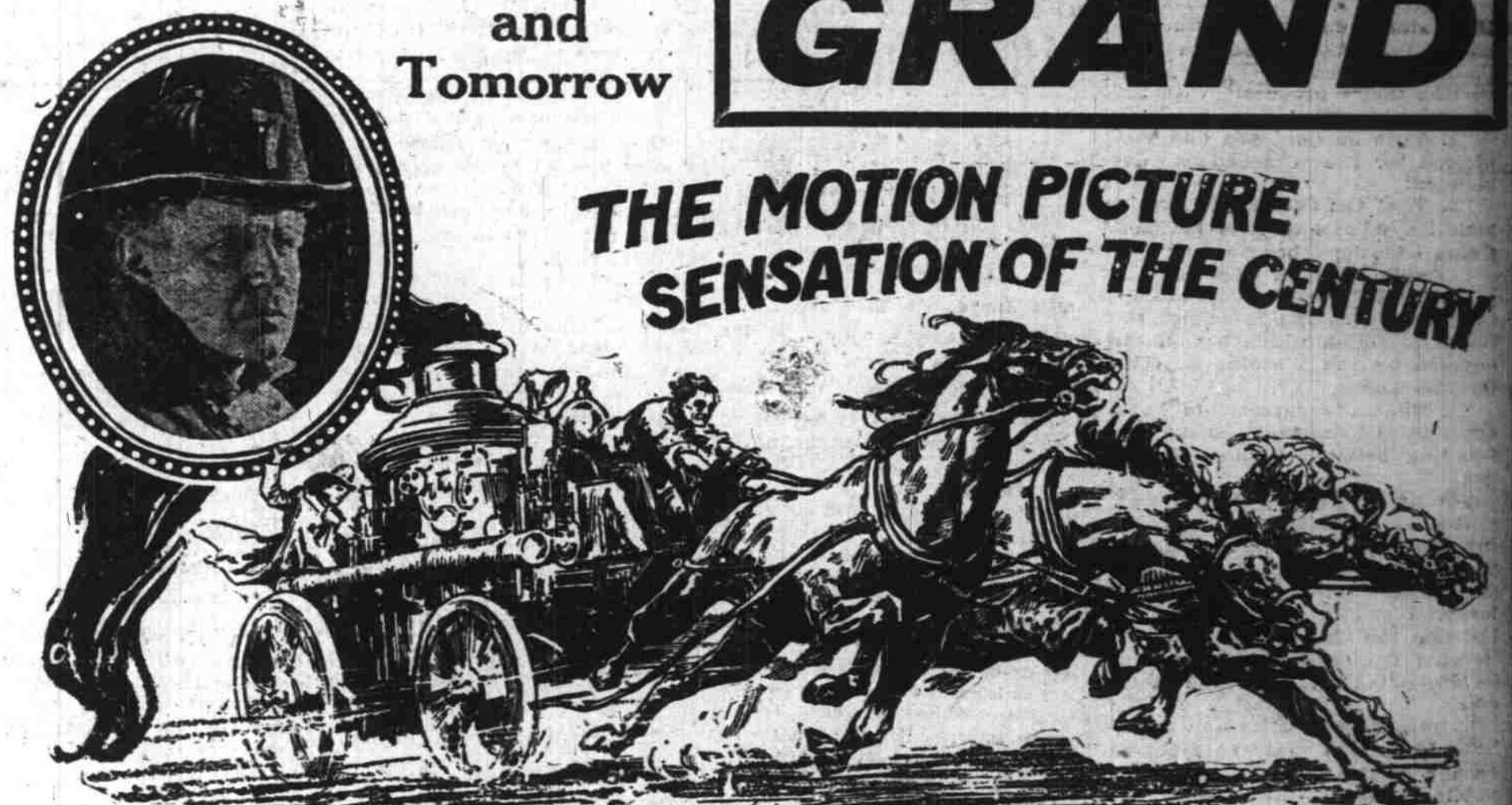
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