



Happy New Year, fans! Let's see if we can recall the high lights of 1929 in the local sports realm.

The first thing that looms up in the record of Willamette's basketball team, which gave O. S. C. and Oregon a pretty fair race and was clearly the best quintet in the Northwest conference.

Salem high busts into print like the cartooned football substitute running the wrong way with the ball, by falling for the second time in history to qualify for the state basketball tournament.

And that brings up a lot of matters which were highlights of the year, all right, but which by this time ought to be dead and forgotten except for the lessons they might have taught everybody concerned.

In sports, one fellow's hard luck is nearly always someone else's good luck. Chemawa—excuse it please, Salem Indian school—newly admitted to the high school athletic association.

The state tournament itself was decidedly up to standard, both as to attendance and competition. Attendance did not fall off, as has been intimated recently, as a result of Salem's elimination.

Medford won and while some folk here and elsewhere didn't like Medford's attitude, it's four years of building up certainly entitled it to the honors.

Let's not forget the bowlers. Salem had a banner season in this sport, and the Legionnaires' showing at the Northwest Bowling Congress brought this city prominently to the fore.

There was nothing quite so spectacular about the spring sports. Willamette won the baseball championship for the west half of the conference, but lost to Whitman in the inter-division playoff.

Salem high, under the interdict of the state association's board of control, was rather in eclipse during the spring season. It had a good baseball team, but had to play out of its class.

More golf was played in Salem in the past year than ever before. The town came very near going golf crazy.

Tennis was in a slump. One tournament was played early in the season, and some local players did well in tournaments elsewhere, but the game lacked organization here.

The summer baseball season was one of the best in years. The twilight leagues had more punch than usual and drew better attendance. The Senators had a strong lineup and after a poor start were leading the Oregon-Washington league when it broke up.

The football season was the big climax of the year, winding up with Willamette's first victory over Whitman in modern history and the local school's first Northwest conference championship.

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Bearcat Team Assembles in Time for Game Tonight

CLUBMEN HAVE SPEEDY CREW

Willamette's Hoopers See Job Cut Out in Beating Multnomah Five

Full "wartime" strength will be presented by the Willamette university basketball squad when it meets the Multnomah club quintet from Portland at the Willamette gymnasium.

Cardinal, regular center, arrived in town too late to participate in the workout with the rest of the squad, but he limbered up alone later in the afternoon.

The big question just now is whether the week of inactivity will bother the Bearcat players sufficiently to cut down their effectiveness in this opening game of the season.

Some of the players whom Leslie Sparks, acting coach, will start in tonight's game have had two practices since the layoff, some have had only one, and the team as a whole has not worked together at all.

The Multnomah club has one of the strongest quintets it has turned out in many years. At present it is leading in the Oregon-Washington league, and has given both Oregon and O. S. C. close battles.

Ed Cardinal has usually held his own against centers of every size and type, but he will have his work cut out for him tonight when he matches up against Ingles, the exceedingly rangy tip-off man for the M. club.

Coach Sparks had not announced his starting Bearcat lineup Tuesday night, but it will probably include Adams and Seales forwards; Cardinal, center; Houk and Carpenter or Gibson, guards.

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Fistic Artists to Cavort in New Arena Here Tonight

Willamette University's Athletic Conditions Show Substantial Improvement

Northwest Championship Won in Football and Basketball During Seasons of 1929 With Honors Taken in 2 Other Sports

Willamette university teams established the best claim to championships in two major sports, football and basketball, and placed second in two others in Pacific Northwest conference play of the past year.

The winning of the conference football championship came as a climax to four seasons of hard work by Coach Roy Keene. When Keene came to Willamette he found student interest and spirit at low ebb.

Badgers earned a victory of 68-63 from Willamette. In connection with this track record, though, it must be remembered that Tweedie of Willamette broke the conference-record in the half-mile race, running it in 2:02.

Take Second in Tennis At the conference tournament, played in Salem, May 24-25, Willamette placed second both in singles and doubles matches. As in baseball, the Bearcats led the western division of the conference, but was unable to make headway against Whitman.

Team Play Outstanding Although the 1929 Bearcat team had its stars, as witnessed by the various all-conference teams chosen since the close of the season, it won its victories essentially by team play rather than by the stellar maneuvers of individuals.

In the blaze of glory about the achievement of the football team, there has been a tendency to forget that the 1929 basketball season was almost equally successful. By winning seven out of the eight scheduled conference games, Willamette took first honors in northwest conference basketball.

The first conference game, with Linfield, and the last game, with College of Puget Sound, were shakily and the victory in each game was by a one-point margin. The worst defeat of the season, though, was handed Whitman in the second game with that school; the Bearcats won by a score of 55-24.

The freshman basketball squad, likewise, made a brilliant showing, and its work is a tribute to the untiring work of Coach Leslie Sparks, the Bearkitten, as they were called, came through a 12-game schedule without a single defeat, the best record of any freshman team in years.

In spring sports the record for the past year was hardly as favorable as that of football and basketball. In conference baseball Willamette won in the western division by defeating Linfield, Pacific and the College of Puget Sound.

The track season left more to be desired. In the conference meet held at Walla Walla on May 30, Willamette placed fourth, losing to Whitman, C. P. S., and Pacific. In dual meets the local team won 99-32 from Monmouth Normal, and 104-27 from Linfield.

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EAST VS. WEST BATTLE ON TAP

Grid Stars Ready to Scintillate in Annual Game at San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31 (AP)—With starting lineups for both teams tentatively decided upon, football squads of east and west went through light workouts today in final preparation for the annual all star battle at Kezar stadium here tomorrow.

Coach Percy Lacey sent his western stars through their paces at St. Mary's college in the Moraga valley, while Andy Kerr's men trotted through the formations on one of Stanford university's practice fields.

Although the west has a slight edge in condition, practically every one of the 44 players comprising the two squads was pronounced in shape for tomorrow's fray, which will mark the fifth annual renewal of the game played for the benefit of patients in the Shriners' hospital for crippled children.

East—Booms (Dartmouth) LE. Twomey (Notre Dame) LT. Cannon (Notre Dame) LG. Cox (Colgate) C. Gordon (Illinois) RT. Sleigh (Purdue) RG. Tanner (Minnesota) RE. Peters (Illinois) QB. Brazil (Detroit) LH. Glasgow (Iowa) RH. Nagurski (Minnesota) FB. Churchhill (Oklahoma) LE. Richards (Nebraska) LT. Sharr (California) LG. Riegels (California) C. Brombowl (Texas-Christian) RG.

West—Ackerman (St. Marys) RT. Striff (Oregon State) RE. Clark (Colorado College) QB. Lom (California) LH. Pomeroy (Utah) RH. Waldorf (Missouri) FB.

defeating the Newberg high team 37 to 21 on the local floor tonight. With three regulars from last year's team, Coach Wolf's men showed class in their first start, with Nehl, Gearin, and Schooler doing most of the scoring.

PANTHERS AND TROJANS READY

Annual Tournament of Roses Grid Battle to Draw Large Crowd

By RUSSELL J. NEULAND Associated Press Sports Writer PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 31. (AP)—Down where historic rose bowl rears its unromantic structure from a dry creek bed behind this city, Pittsburgh's Panthers and Southern California's Trojans will match football strength tomorrow in an inter-sectional classic that brings together the outstanding team of the east with one of the best in the west.

Undefeated and with nine victories written into its regular season's record, Pittsburgh comes to the far west with one of the greatest grid matches in its history. In its lineup are four players who climaxed a brilliant year by winning All-American recognition.

The Trojans, lacking the impressive record of their rivals in that they lost two games, nevertheless won nine contests and exhibited considerable more power in a point scoring way. In nine games, Pitt rolled up 277 points and allowed 42.

Two noted coaching systems will be tested on the green turf field. Jock Sutherland, Pitt leader, features an attack fashioned along the lines of the Glenn Warco-coached Stanford team. Sutherland was a star player under Warner when the latter held the reins at Pittsburgh.

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Man for man, the two elevens stack up on fairly even terms. Tampa, Fla., produced 491,000,000 cigars in 1928.

On the Sidelines

By BRIAN BELL

"I had another odd experience," Laval continued. "I went up to a little town to look at a prospect playing semi-pro ball. It was a hot day, and I soon grew thirsty. I did not see any soft drink vendors, so I asked a boy if they did not sell drinks in their ball park."

The combination football-baseball man made the unusual mistake of offering one player too much to sign. "I offered him \$100," said Billy, "and he was so dazed I thought he wanted more, so I raised the bid to \$300. That practically knocked him out, as he could not sense that amount, and I never did get him. I believe if I had offered him \$10, or \$20 at the most, I would have landed him."

Woodburn's HOOP SCHEDULE CHANGED

WOODBURN, Dec. 31.—Two definite changes have been made in the basketball schedule at Woodburn high, the games with Salem high have been reversed, the first one being played at Salem instead of at Woodburn, and the game with the Willamette freshmen will be played Thursday afternoon in Woodburn instead of the evening of January 3 in Salem.

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2 SOUTHPAWS TRADE BLOWS

Akers to Clash With Kentworth in Main Event of Fight Card Here

TONIGHT'S FIGHT CARD Main event—Art Akers, 138. Salem, vs. Jack Kentworth, 140. Salem, ten rounds. Semi final—St. Flock, 118. Mill City, vs. Jack Kileen, 116. Independence, six rounds.

Special—Ray Hayes, 155. Stayton, vs. "K.O." Summer, 155. West Salem, four rounds. Special—Pat Haley, 128. Independence, vs. Jack Young, 126. Siletz, four rounds.

Preliminary—Jack Ellis, 125. Salem, vs. William Brown, 125. Salem, four rounds. Time, 8:30 p.m. Place, Armory. Referee, Tom Loutitt.

The shiny, new, roomy, solid arena which the Salem boxing commission has been preparing for use in local boxing and wrestling shows at the armory, was set up and ready for use Tuesday, and will be utilized for the first time in the New Year's fight card tonight.

This arena is constructed of rigid sections bolted together, thus eliminating the sway and vibration which have caused fighters to wonder whether their necks were going to be broken when appearing on the rickety old platform which has been used here in the past.

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SANTIAM HIGHWAY WORK GOES AHEAD

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LOCAL CHURCH FIVE WINS HOOP CONTEST

The Salem Presbyterian church basketball team defeated the Portland Y. M. C. A. quintet in the latter's gymnasium Monday night by a score of 28 to 23.

The Presbyterians got a three point lead in the first period and stayed about that far ahead until the last quarter when the Y. M. boys closed up on them and tied the score just before the end of the regular playing time.

A return game will be played here January 18, and it is expected to be equally hard fought, as the Portland team will bring two of its regulars who were unable to play Tuesday night.

Summary: (23) Portland Hale, 2 F. Thompson E Sigmund, 10 F. Chappell Graber, 8 C. Chalfan H. Colgan, 7 G. Mastham Taylor, 1 G. Higby L. Colgan S. Hope

WOODBURN HOOPERS WIN OVER NEWBERG

WOODBURN, Ore., Dec. 31. (Special)—Woodburn high school started its basketball season by defeating the Newberg high team 37 to 21 on the local floor tonight.

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KID SUMMERS vs. RED HAYES 4 ROUNDS
JACK YOUNG vs. PAT HALEY 4 ROUNDS