

Tight Tournament Games to Start First Day, Forecast

SALEM QUINT'S CHANCES EYED

The Dalles - Jefferson and Silverton - Klamath are Early Headliners

Salem's population swelled appreciably Tuesday and will gain still more rapidly this forenoon with the steady arrival of visiting basketball teams and their partisans, incidental to the opening of the state high school basketball tournament at 1 p. m. today in the Willamette university gymnasium.

Salem itself meanwhile has become even more basketball-minded than it has been ever since December; speculation as to the fate and championship prospects of various teams has been an almost universal topic of conversation since Sunday when the tournament lineup became practically complete. A number of fans invaded the Willamette gym Tuesday afternoon and evening to watch the workouts of various teams and attempt to visualize how they will stack up in the competition. All of them were impressed with the size, speed and cleverness of the Klamath Falls hoopers.

Past experience of basketball fans who have patronized the state tournament is likely to be confounded in this year's event. With a few outstanding exceptions, the normal course of events has been a series of fairly decisive games early in the tournament as the "unfit" were weeded out, close and exciting semi-final games and then a whirlwind final.

Close, Exciting Games To Start First Day

The close semifinals and the classic climax are assured this year, but with at least ten teams in the race which are real contenders, the hard battles in which pressure is extreme and the outcome momentous, will begin the first day—and not wait until evening either.

Outstanding contests, as viewed from the background of season performance of the various teams, on the first day's program will include the third afternoon game, between The Dalles and Jefferson of Portland at 3 o'clock; the first night contest at 7:30, bringing together Silverton and Klamath Falls; and the last clash of the day, between McMinnville and Jefferson. These are the spots at which pre-tournament favorites meet; the Dalles-Astoria game at 4 p. m. is of greater sectional interest than some of the others, and of course the Salem-Pendleton game at 8:30 is the one toward which Salem fans are looking with greatest anticipation and almost as much anxiety.

Interest among the fans lies naturally first and foremost in the fate of the Salem team, and is enhanced, rather than diminished this year because of Salem high's strange, not to say eerie, record for the season. The word "enigma" is the only one which describes the Salem high quintet; "puzzle" leaves room for an orderly solution through the use of judgment and analysis. Nothing of the sort works in figuring out this sometimes brilliant, sometimes disappointing Salem basketball team.

Peters and Roth Back in Harness

Coch Hollis Huntington's boys held their workout on the Willamette floor Tuesday afternoon; it was the first time in more than a week that Peters, regular center, and Roth, regular forward, had been in uniform. Both appeared to be reasonably well recovered from their ailments; both will need a few strips of tape to bolster up some weak spots. The rest of the squad was pronounced fit and ready to go. Pendleton is considered to be an ideal trial horse for the red and black; not one of the outstanding favorites, neither a set-up; Salem has a good chance to lose but if it does there will be no need for tears; there are bound to be tougher teams than Pendleton in this tournament, and Salem might as well start hunting a berth on the consolation ladder tonight as any time.

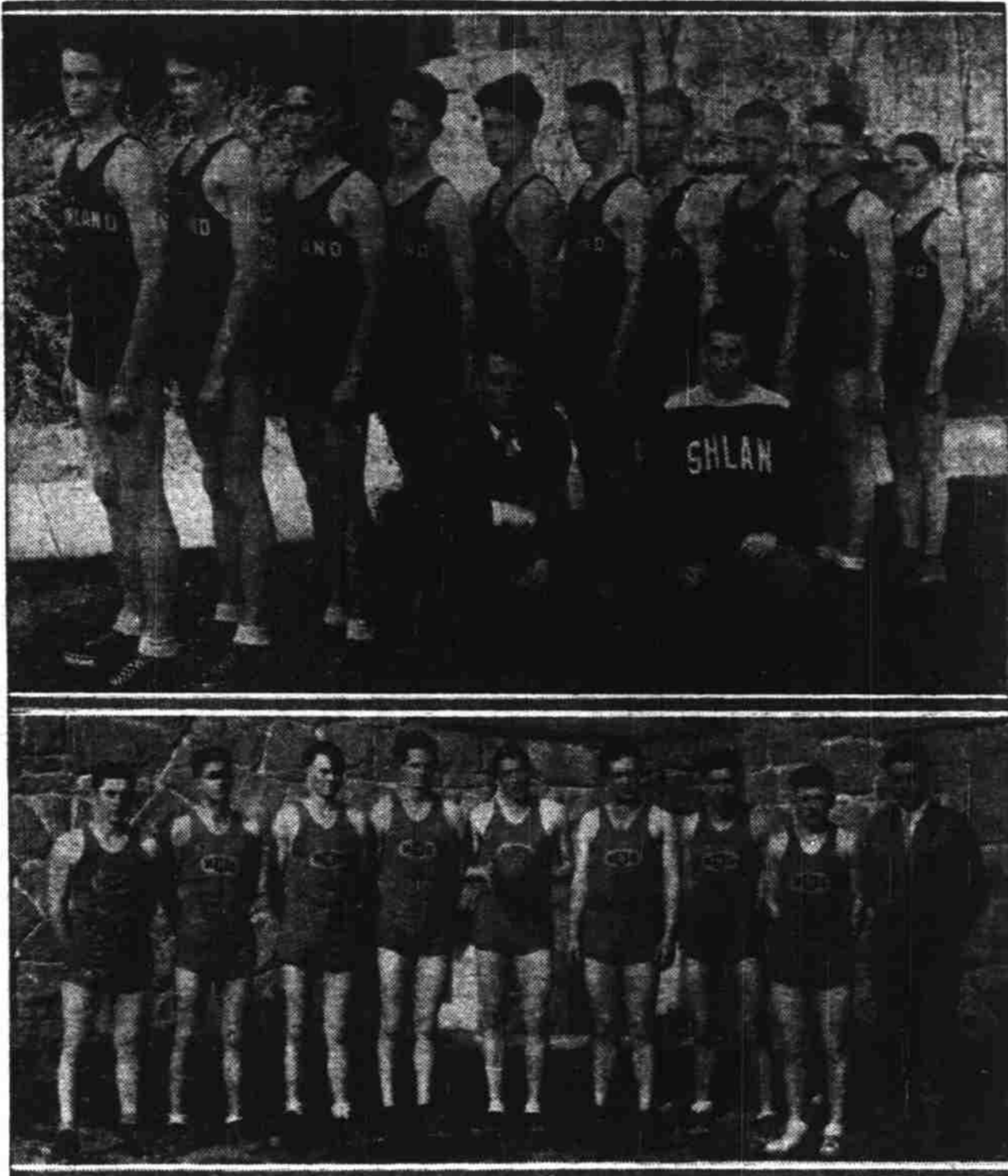
LAWRENCE TO SIGN WITH DUCKS TODAY

VENTURA, Cal., March 20.—(P)—One more wrinkle was taken from the managerial brows of the Portland Coast league baseball club as President Tom Turner announced today that Bill Lawrence, star outfielder and longtime hold-out, had at last agreed to terms. "Lawrence will sign his 1934 contract tomorrow morning," Turner said. Lawrence, last of the Beaver holdouts, arrived here yesterday in time to don a uniform and play a few innings in the outfield. Manager Walter McCredie unloaded some new bats today and the Beavers went to work to regain some of their hitting prestige lost in the game with the Chicago Cubs here Sunday.

Orsatti Holdout Gesture Ceases

BRADENTON, Fla., March 20.—(P)—Ernie Orsatti, holdout outfielder and utility first baseman, finally signed a 1934 contract with the St. Louis Cardinals today. Terms of the agreement were

Figure in First Two Games of Tourney



At top, the Ashland high school basketball team which meets Columbia Prep at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the second game of the state tournament. Lower row, kneeling, Coach Don Faber, former Willamette university star, and James Voss, manager. Top row, from the left, Bob Hardy, Bill Hoxie, Carl Harris, Parker Hess, Bill Hungenwirth, John Murphy, Ken Shillings, Hylmar Kanuasto, Hebrick Boughman and Dore Lindsay. Lower picture, Mitchell high, the only "B" team in the tournament, which plays Coquille in the opening game at 1 o'clock. From the left, R. Woodward, H. McPhetridge, F. Cole, S. Quant, G. Folston, Captain L. Howden, H. Jones, B. Monroe and Coach Frank W. Smith.

JONES AND DUDLEY ARE BADLY ROUTED

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 20.—(P)—Bobby Jones, paired with Ed Dudley, took a sound lacing today from Paul Runyan, the professional ace of the winter season, and Horton Smith. The Jones-Dudley combination was beaten six and five. Runyan, regarded as the professional's leading contender in the Master's Invitation tournament starting Thursday, and Smith, New York pro, had 71's, one under par, while Jones and Dudley, Augusta pro, had 76's. The Little White Plains, N. Y., star, played the second nine in 34 strokes, Jones was even par coming in after straying to a high 40 on the front nine. Bobby appeared tired and was off line with approaches. He sliced his drive into the woods on the ninth and failed to sink a sizeable putt during the round. Today was the last available for practice rounds, for tomorrow most of the players are entered in the two ball foursomes competitions, a preliminary attraction to the big four-day medal play tournament.

Pirates Defeat Chicago Cubs in Tight Ball Game

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—(P)—With Darrell Blanton, 25, rookie hurler from the St. Joseph club of the Western league doing heads up mound work in the pinches, the Pittsburgh Pirates turned back the Chicago Cubs 7 to 5 at Wrigley Field today. Blanton struck out Chuck Klein, powerhouse of the Cub attack, with a man on second base and two runs needed to tie the score in the ninth inning. R. H. E. Pittsburgh 7 9 0 Chicago 5 11 2 Birkhofer, Blanton and Grace, Veitman; Ward, Tinning and Phelps, Taitt.

Chemawa Beats Gervais Tossers

CHEMAWA, March 20.—Chemawa Indian school's baseball team won its first practice game of the season here this afternoon, defeating Gervais high 4 to 3. The Indians outbit the visitors, but played rather spottily in the field. Gervais 3 3 4 Chemawa 4 15 6 Kuhn and Lescher; Spencer and Zundie.

Smoker Tonight at Independence

INDEPENDENCE, March 20.—The annual smoker presented by the Letterman's club of the high school will be held Wednesday, March 21 in the gymnasium. The card will start at 7:30 o'clock. Referees will be Jack Wattenberger and Gerald Newton. Time-keeper is Bill Mattison.

REED DEFEATS COWBOY HEINZ

Both Rough but Editor Also Tricky; Curtiss Beats Achiu, Fast Bout

Tricky as ever, the eminent Mr. Robin Reed of Reedport slugged and kicked his way to win over "Cowboy" Heinz in the main event of last night's wrestling show at the armory, after losing the first fall to the long-nosed gentleman from Burns. Practically nothing was barred, and the boys kept the crowd happy with all the dirt available under the laws of the state.

Heinz was not quite as tricky as Mr. Reed, thereby losing the match. Reed kept twisting and pulling the Cowboy's nose, and Heinz couldn't think of anything to match that. Three times both grapplers rolled out of the ring, and Reed once crawled under the platform, whereupon Referee Harry Elliott dragged him out by the heels. Reed and Elliott put on a feud of their own just to make things more exciting. Elliott showing surprising ability at kicking Reed where it would do the most good.

The semi-final was as clean as the main event was dirty. Handsome Jack Curtiss coming from behind to take the last two falls from Walter Tinkit Achiu. Achiu wouldn't bite on Curtiss' pet rope swing, but the latter got results with sonnenbergs and a Boston Crab. Achiu as usual used his face to help the show along, mimicking Curtiss' gestures. Both grapplers broke clean, stayed away from hair-pulling and such, and got a big hand when they left the ring.

Stan Crawley took the opener from Joe Kirk on a foul when the latter punched him too freely after they had a fall apiece. Crawley got the first fall with a surfboard, and lost the second when Kirk socked him silly. Kirk and Curtiss issued challenges to Reed for a match.

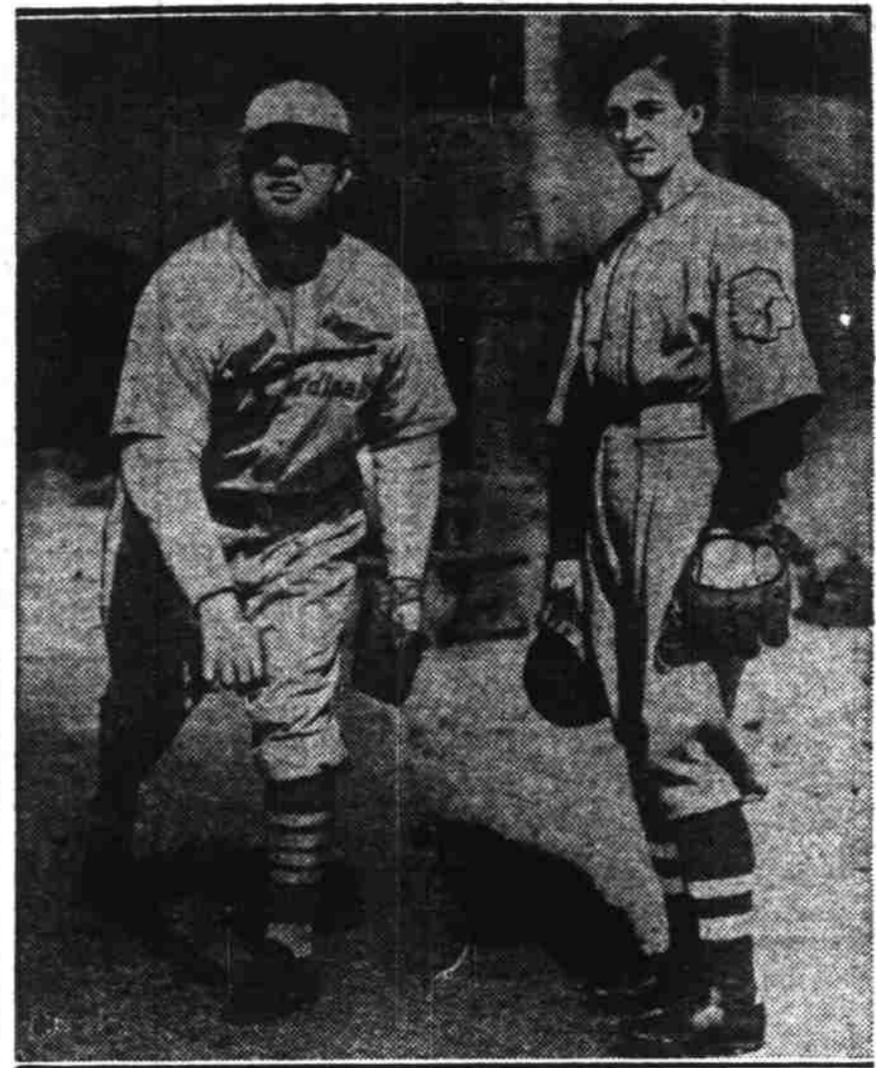
Set-Ups Defeat Technocrats in Parrish Tourney

The Set-Ups eliminated the Technocrats from further play in the non-league basketball tournament at Parrish when they defeated the Technocrats 6 to 2 Tuesday noon. Set-Ups Technocrats Cross F 2 LeBouef Gutekunst F Nichols Dallas 1 C Walters McKay G Hoffert Upston G Rudin Wagner 5 S

Suds Win Easily Over Semi-Pros

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., March 20.—(P)—Behind the pitching of two rookies, Fisch and Hake, who held the Santa Barbara Cubs to four hits, the Seattle baseball club of the Pacific coast league romped in with a 6 to 1 victory in spring training camp here today. Santa Barbara 1 4 4 Seattle 6 14 2 Bonetti and Fehrenbacher; Fisch, Hake and Bradbury.

A New Babe in Baseball



Another distinction seems to be in the offing for Mildred "Babe" Didrikson, noted woman athlete and Olympic star, who may be the first of the "weaker" sex to crash into big league baseball. She is shown getting a few pointers from Burleigh Grimes, of the St. Louis Cardinals, at the all-star baseball school, Hot Springs, Ark.

White Sox Head for First Division; Some Uncertain Factors in Team Observed

PASADENA, Cal., March 20.—(P)—Chicago's hustling White Sox are going somewhere along the American league trail but just how far may depend on a number of baseball uncertainties.

Possibly Lew Fonseca's athletes will not reach their first division objective but the manager with the tenuous voice has developed an inspiring spirit in the team and the Sox promise to come out fighting. They may go down the same way. Henry "Zeke" Bonura, big first sacker from the Texas league, carries more responsibility than most rookies. Since Manager Fonseca, a good first baseman in any league, was hurt last year, the Chicago Americans have been out of first basemen. Then big Zeke brought his heavy bats on from Dallas. If Bonura can hit major league pitching the stock of the Sox will move up.

In an active training season Fonseca has spent much of his time watching his young pitchers. The seasoned moundmen, led by George Earnshaw, will be satisfactory but they need help from the new crop.

Whitlow Wyatt, the former Detroit Tiger, has a blazing fast ball and should fulfill the promise he has shown in his brief major league career. Ed Durham is another pitcher who should win his share of games. Ted Lyons, Sam Jones and Milton Gaston are veterans with a lot of good pitching left in their right arms. Incidentally all the pitching for the Sox will be done by right handers. Lee Stine, former San Francisco Seal, will get a chance to show his

wares under fire, and John Pomorski, up from Montreal, and Phil Gallivan, graduated from Buffalo, may do something. Two tall flingers, Joe Heving and Paul Gregory, may help.

Few changes will be made in the infield and outfield. Bonura will take over the first base chores with Minter Hayes at second, Luke Appling at short and the irreplaceable Jimmy Dykes at third. Al Simmons, Mule Haas and Evar Swanson probably will get the starting call in the outfield but two fast recruits from the Pacific Coast league, Bernie Ubal and Stanley "Frenchy" Bordagarri, may make some uncomfortable moments for Haas and Swanson.

At first glance the team seems none too strong behind the bat. Mervin Shea from St. Louis and John Pasek from Detroit are having a mild battle with Morgan Snyder, promoted from Topeka, and Harold "Muddy" Rue has stepped into the picture to complicate it further. Rue, a great hand with pitchers, will be something of a catcher-coach but it would not be surprising to see him do more catching than coaching.

PARKER PING-PONG TEAM HOLDS LEAD

Parker's "B" team beat the Y. M. C. A. "B" last night at the Y to hold its lead in the local ping-pong league. Parker's "A" won over the Marion hotel, and the Y. M. C. A. "A" nosed out the Salem mortuary in other games.

Summaries: Parker "B" Y. M. C. A. "B" Davis 3 1 Hale R. Clark 3 F. Albrich R. Blatchford 3 R. Smith Griffith 3 1 Robertson Bell 2 3 Moore

Parker "A" Marion Hotel Perrine 3 Hagemann Albrich 3 Corey Hendrie 3 Hartley Wetzel 2 3 King Saunders F. Blatchford 3

Y.M.C.A. "A" Salem Mortuary F. Smith 3 2 Headrick Wirtz 3 Armstrong Moore 2 1 Lamport Adams 2 3 Rafferty E. Clark 3 Viesko

Healey May Take Mancuso's Place

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 20.—(P)—Young Francis Healey, candidate for the first string catching job with the New York Giants which was left in an uncertain state by the illness of Gus Mancuso, came in for a lot of extra coaching today as the world champions went through two long drills.

Three of Salem Cagers Honored

George Scales, Don Magee and John Steelhammer of Parker's Salem hoopers, were named on the all-star quintet selected following the state independent tournament at Eugene which Parker's won. Scales, forward, was chosen as captain.

BOYS ARE WINNERS

SALEM HEIGHTS, March 20.—The Salem Heights boys' basketball team defeated the Liberty team on the Liberty field Monday, 29 to 8. The Liberty girls' basketball team defeated the Salem Heights girls' team on the Salem Heights field, 9 to 8, Monday afternoon.

TEACHERS WIN OUT OVER PARRISH FIVE

Teachers still hold supremacy over their pupils even in the sports of youth—or at any rate the faculty team, otherwise known as the Teachers, City-Y, minor league quintet, defeated Parrish junior high school's hoopers 28 to 23 Monday night on the Parrish floor in the last game of the season for the junior high hoopers.

It was a tight contest, 14-all at half time and 19-all at the end of the third period. Parrish reserves took the floor for a few moments at the start of the final quarter, then the regulars were rushed back in but in the interval the Teachers had gained ground that Parrish could never recover. Chiles led Parrish in scoring and Hauk topped the faculty point getters.

To make up for lack of numbers, the Parrish faculty rooters substituted organization; they had a well-drilled rooting section which was something of a dress-up affair. After the game the winners were presented with "letters" which when combined spelled "Champs!" Vernon Gilmore's "letter" was the exclamation point.

Phillies Defeat Cardinals 12 - 7

BRADENTON, Fla., March 20.—(P)—Jimmy Wilson, erstwhile catcher of the St. Louis Cardinals, today led his Philadelphia national league club in a 12 to 7 exhibition game victory over the Redbirds.

Paul Dean, young brother of "Dizzy" also a Card right hander, pitched the first three innings for St. Louis and held the Phillies scoreless.



Welcome, champion hoopers from here and you! We're glad to greet you to Salem, the city beautiful, the Cherry City, capital of Oregon. Yes, we have weather like this all the time (hope it doesn't turn in and rain cats and dogs before the paper is delivered). We wish you all good luck and an enjoyable stay in Salem. Inasmuch as only eight out of the 128 of you can receive the highest honors Saturday night, we wish to point out that all success is relative and so is all failure. You are all champions in your home districts. You are already successful; any failure now will be the result of striving for still higher success.

It isn't right—all-star teams should be a secondary consideration even if they merit any notice whatsoever—but even before a tournament starts there is some speculation as to who will be the chosen five. It is therefore appropriate to mention at this time that only one all-state player from the 1933 tournament is returning; Wayne Scott of Silverton.

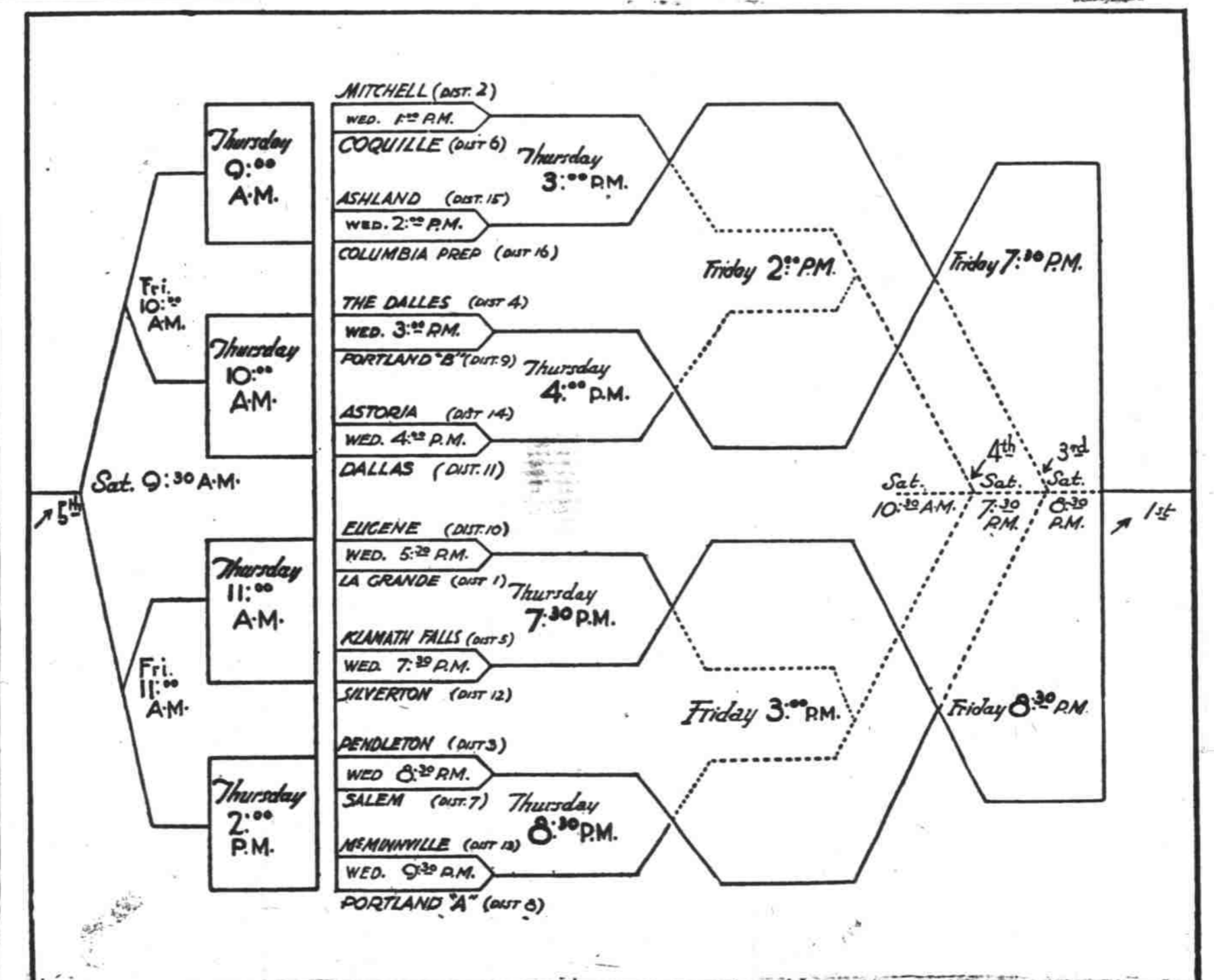
Only seven of the schools that were represented in the 1933 tourney are here again; there are nine new ones this year. The repeaters are The Dalles, Astoria, La Grande, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Silverton and Salem. Schools that have never been represented before are Mitchell, Coquille and Columbia Prep.

It used to be that only one basketball team coached by a Willamette grad, would be in the state tournament each year and that coach usually was Russ Farcy of Tillamook. Last year it mounted to two when Paul Brown's West Lin outfit also came. This year there are two again, but a different pair: Don Faber of Ashland and Hank Hartley of Coquille. The present generation at Willamette knows about Faber but doesn't recall Hartley, who was allowed to graduate and the pros got tired of seeing him around, in 1927.

Hartley is an older brother of Marshall Hartley who was captain of the Willamette hoop team this year; Hank was captain in his senior year, when the Bearcats missed the conference championship by one field goal. Hank was a center in basketball and a bruising, fighting tackle during the football season. Faber's achievements in basketball and track, and to a slightly less extent in football, are recalled by most of the present Willamette rooters and downtown fans.

Jack Routh, who used to circulate quite freely in Salem but is now sports editor for the Astorian-Budget at Astoria, must have gone right up in the air when he read that we denied any conviction, after seeing Astoria high play here, that the Fishermen were any better than the Salem high team. Jack offers to bet anything he owns that Astoria will win if these teams get together in the tournament, and he declares furthermore that Astoria would beat Salem five out of six games if such a series could be arranged. Before taking him up, we plan to look around and see if the Salem high boys are red headed the ears this morning after reading young Mr. Routh's disparaging remarks.

How the Teams Will Play in 15th Annual State Tournament



This diagram, published through the courtesy of George Lloyd, tournament program editor, shows the manner in which the state basketball tournament will progress, and the time of each game. It should be clipped out for future reference, as it will not appear in The Statesman again because of lack of space. Winning teams Wednesday proceed thereafter to the right, along solid lines until once defeated, thereafter along the dotted lines until defeated a second time which eliminates them. Teams defeated Wednesday proceed to the left and drop out when defeated again. Eventual winner of the left bracket takes fifth place in the tournament. Teams defeated Thursday compete thereafter for fourth place, those defeated Friday contend thereafter for third place. Second place goes to the defeated team in the championship final. Portland "B" is Jefferson high and Portland "A" is Franklin.