

Sarpola is Third-Time All-State Selection

Benson Downs Vikings 31-28

One of Closest Tournery Games With Tie, Two Minutes to Play

Benson Tech of Portland collected fifth ranking in the Oregon basketball tournament Saturday morning by noosing out Salem high 31 to 28 in one of the tightest games of the four-day session—on outcome that disappointed Salem partisans not so much in the mere fact of the defeat, as in the obvious one that the Vikings, through no failure to try, were not able to show at their best.

The score was close nearly all the way, with Benson unable to break through Salem's zone defense for a field goal in the first quarter but keeping even by sinking free throws. Incidentally 30 fouls were called during the game, equally divided between the teams, and Salem would have won had it collected on its share of gift shots. Benson scored 13 points in this manner and Salem eight, while the Vikings scored one more field goal than the Techmen.

Benson forged ahead to a 15-10 halftime advantage. Salem cut the margin down to three points in the third period, and in the fourth with Skoppl back in the game, played basketball in the fourth quarter as the home fans knew it could. Salstrom hit the hoop twice and Luther once and the score was tied with two minutes to go.

Burns put Benson ahead again in the hectic two minutes, the Techmen adopted the novel "stalling" method of fouling somebody whenever Salem threatened. With seconds left, Skoppl intentionally missed a free throw in the hope a field goal could be made to tie the score, but the strategy didn't work, and Benson got another free throw before it was over.

Williams and Luther played outstanding ball for Salem and Marchi was Benson's most prominent performer.

Salem 28 Benson 31
Skoppl 4, Williams 3, Salstrom 5, Warner 5, Williams 6, Luther 7, Queseth 1, Benson 31
Marchi 8, Greig 4, Woldt 6, Burns 6, McKown 1, Lohr 1

Sarpola Leader In Scoring With 59 For Tournery

Ted Sarpola, Astoria's three-time all-stater, led scoring in the state basketball tournament by turning in a total of 59 points. All but five of Sarpola's total came from field goals of which he sank 27.

He was trailed closely by Moore of Tillamook who scored 50 points, Hansen of Franklin with 45 and Kessler of Bellfountain and Kruger of Corvallis with 45 each.

Scoring of the top 25 players besides those mentioned follows: Stoneberg, Tillamook, 37; Kokko, Astoria, 35; Skoppl, Salem, 35; Williams, Franklin, 35; Blackledge, Corvallis, 33; Woldt, Bellfountain, 32; Greig, Benson, 32; Parker, Astoria, 32; Marchi, Benson, 30; Salstrom, Salem, 30; Monahan, McLoughlin, 30; Seim, Mill City, 27; Copeland, Myrtle Creek, 26; Kennitzer, Franklin, 27; Crockett, Corvallis, 25; Williams, Salem, 21; Stitt, La Grande, 20; Woldt, Benson, 20; Pflugrad, Corvallis, 22.

Four Salem Lads Still in Tournery

All four of the Salem Y.M.C.A. entrants in the preliminary Oregon A.U. boxing matches at Portland last Thursday night will return to the Multnomah club there next Thursday afternoon and night for the finals. Oregon winners will have to fight for northwest A.U. honors.

Horse Racing Schedule For Washington Listed

SEATTLE, March 21.—(AP)—The Washington state horse racing commission today announced 51 days of racing for Seattle and 24 for Spokane this summer. The dates set are July 3 to September 7 for Longacres at Seattle, and September 4 to October 4 for Spokane. Racing will be held every day except Mondays and Tuesdays at both cities.

Cinder Track Will Be Constructed, Lebanon

LEBANON, March 20.—Work has begun on the new track, under the supervision of Coach Reed Clark, through a WPA project in conjunction with the National Youth Administration. It is a standard 300 yard track. The school hopes to take more interest in track this year and to turn out some splendid athletes under the coaching of Robert Small.

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No Time Limit On Mat Event

Costello and Curtiss to Class Tuesday Night; Sugni on Program

"No time limit and may the best man win" will be the referee's admonition when Dick Costello, Syrian menace, and Jack Curtiss, madman-handler from Mississippi, meet in the main event of the American Legion wrestling carnival at the armory next Tuesday night.

Curtiss and Costello are billed to wrestle it out to a finish regardless of time. Oldtime fans remember when Henry Jones and Robin Reed once wrestled to 1 o'clock in the morning on the same kind of a proposition. Whether the Curtiss-Costello mix will be as long winded is doubtful but fans are certain to get their money's worth of grappling.

Bobby Burns, Irishman with a Scotch name, who downed Costello last week, will be matched with another villain, the bone cracking Monsieur Jean La Belle from Canada, in the 45-minute semi-wind-up. Burns showed some classy grappling in his first appearance here last week.

Don Sugai, pride of Lahias, will meet Jack Lipscomb, cold-hearted ruffian from Indiana, in the 30-minute opener.

Bear Tops Cougar In Track Contest

EDWARDS STADIUM, Berkeley, Calif., March 21.—(AP)—The University of California track and field team opened the 1936 season today with a 95 to 35 victory over Washington State college.

The California team was weakened by the loss of four star performers, out through injuries. Lorin Benke's inability to close approach his best times and marks in the low hurdles, and a broad jump; Roy Carrier's failure in the mile and Jack Orr's comparatively slow quarter mile cut down Washington State's chances in the point column.

Tom Moore, California's crack hurdler, scored a two-yard victory over Benke in the 220-yard low barrier event in the time of 23.6 seconds. Benke is co-holder of the Pacific Northwest record of 23.3 seconds but he appeared out of condition today.

Bulldogs Launch Diamond Season

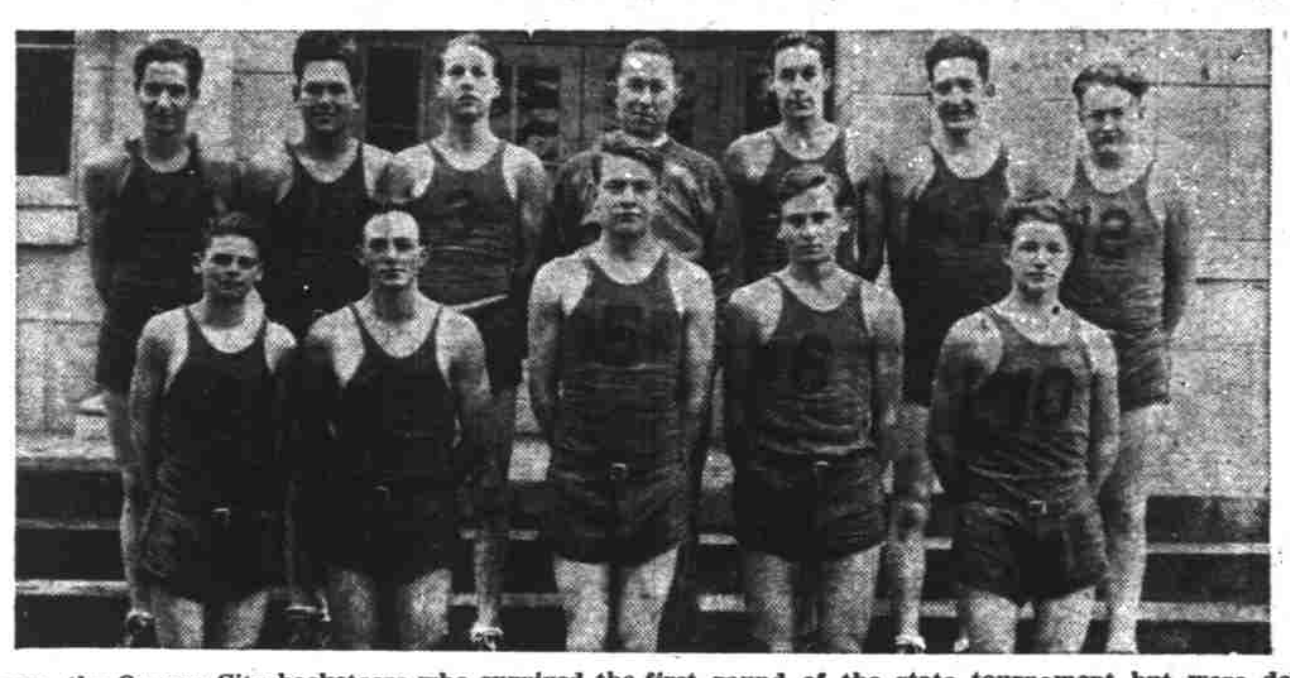
WOODBURN, March 21.—Baseball practice is well under way at Woodburn high school with prospects of a strong team for the coming season. Most of the players will be experienced, including Delbert Voreis, last year's pitcher; Robert Bonney, who played in the outfield last year; Merrill Reed, Charles Shaw and Richard Whitman, who have all played good games. Other players will probably be Donald Biely, Wilbur Brunale, Rognar Anonby, Otto Halter, Wallace Lee, Charles Kaufman, George Racette, Arlie Skiller and Hugh Boyle.

Earnshaw, Jr., Helps Dad Train

When George Earnshaw, Sr., veteran hurler, went into training with the Brooklyn Dodgers at Clearwater, Fla., his "first assistant" was George, Jr., 11, who helped his dad to warm up.



More of District Champs Who Played in Tournery



Above, the Oregon City basketball team who survived the first round of the state tournament but were defeated twice thereafter. Front row, from left, Manager Fischer, Heiden, Freeman, Maulding, Coach Hudson. Back row, Lind, Sturdivant, Eberly, Mrak, Dickson. Below, Myrtle Creek's strong southern Oregon B champions who defeated Mill City but lost in the state B finals to Bellfountain. Front row, from left, Whetzel, Richardson, Dyer, Elliott, Starbuck. Back row, Copeland, Marcum, Breedlove, Coach Ireland, Rhodes, Heath, Baldwin.

SPORTS BY PAUL HAUSER

Champions are those Corvallis boys. They were champions all along and just had to go through four basketball games to prove it. They proved it well enough when they tumbled Astoria in that second game and they went on to prove it every time they played. Rarely has there been a team, even a championship team, that had the smooth, easy-working class of those unbeatable Spartans from Corvallis who needed no shields to be sent home on. They should have gone home on the shoulders of their supporters.

Coach Mush Torson, the man who taught that basketball team how to be a bunch of passing fools that handled a basketball like it was the easiest thing in the world, was a happy man last night. For the first time since he has been coaching at Corvallis, in fact,

for the first time in history, Corvallis held the state basketball championship and there was no one to say they didn't deserve it.

While dwelling on the merits of the Corvallis team we can't pass over that ace of forwards, Captain Roy Pflugrad. Pflugrad wasn't a great point getter and perhaps that accounts for why he was overlooked on both the first and second all-state teams. But Pflugrad was the boy who whipped the ball in where the other Spartans could lace it through the net. He passed so fast and so accurately that the basket was made before one could realize he had thrown the ball. Besides being the finest passer in the tournament, a guy who threw a basketball like a bullet out of an elephant gun, he was one of the best dribblers. What he could do with a basketball was worth learning. We predict that the college coaches, who know a good basketball player when they see one, even if the all-state pickers don't, will be hot after Pflugrad.

As for all-state teams, just what could be wrong with the Corvallis team as a whole for the all-staters? We don't know a man on the starting five we would want to replace if we were coaching that team. Venting our opinion of all-state teams we say phooey. This is an accusation that there are politics in the selection of one of those mythical five that would put Tammany to shame. We think the coaches would be happy if there were no such thing as an all-state team.

Best crack at the microphone last night came from Captain Frank Marchi of Benson. Said Ed from Dr. Bruce Baxter the trophy his team won: "We're sure glad to win this fifth place trophy—again." It's coincidental that Benson, twice Portland champion, has twice won fifth place while the Portland runner-up went into second place in the tournament.

Ed F. Bloom, the new proxy of the state association, had a little trouble with the public address system last night. There was a loose connection somewhere that made Glenn Greig scramble down under the bleachers. Bloom started out his speech, "I can't tell..." No result from the loudspeakers. Again he started, "I can't tell..." A third time and some wag in the back rows of the press box piped up, "Well, then, keep it quiet."

All of Corvallis was shaking Mush Torson's hand and the poor gentleman had to hide out under the stairs to get away from it all. Ted Sarpola summed up Astoria when he said "It took the champions to beat us." Captain Wallace of Bellfountain, who had to come forward three times, once for his outstanding sportsmanship award, twice for his team's two trophies, got to be an old hand at talking into a mike here they were through with him.

CURT COMMENTS

Keeping firmly in mind that this column is supposed to be about golf, it's going to be impossible to avoid mention of the basketball tournament today, said hoop festival having been on every sport fan's mind during the past week. The best tournament ever in many ways, chief of these being that the B teams got the recognition they have been seeking all these years, by being allowed to settle their own state championship.

There were close, exciting games every day, a pleasing development inevitably offset by the elimination of some teams that deserved to stay in the championship round longer. The crowds came when an important game was in sight and stayed away when it didn't look so promising. On the other hand the real sport fans, according to our estimation, were there whenever they could get away from whatever duties they might have—finding their own peculiar type of entertainment in every game, close or one-sided, expert or inept. Trying the puzzle out the whys and wherefores, to read the mental reactions of the boys who were going down to overwhelming defeat—figuring out why one team was better than the other and why, occasionally, a team couldn't play.

By beating Risko as he has met 77 of the 84 opponents he has met since 1930, Steele can climb to the No. 1 challenging position for the crown. In his five years of professional battling, Steele has scored 38 knockouts, won 41 bouts by decision, fought five draws and lost two battles. He has knocked out 19 of his last 27 opponents.

Aumsville Downs Shaw Softballers

AUMSVILLE, March 21.—A game of softball was played between the seventh and eighth grade teams of the Aumsville school and the grades of Shaw. The score was 28 to 8 in favor of Aumsville.

Boys and girls of the local high school are going out for baseball practice since the close of the basketball season. A picnic will be held at the school house Tuesday evening for the benefit of the baseball fund. The event is being sponsored by the athletic association of the high school.

Visitors who fouled the local course during the past week included Roy Mason, a pro from Walls Walla, and Ed Shea, Lions International director from Portland. They had a lot of nice things to say about the Salem layout.

Riggi, Thomas Head Up Card

Experience Advantage Is on Visitor's Side in Thursday Battle

Headlined by a ten round bout between Frank Riggi, aspirant for northwest heavyweight honors, and Cyrono Thomas, former northwest heavyweight titlist, 32 pounds of boxing will be offered to Salem fans in a show at the armory next Friday night under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Riggi, northwest boxer whose career this year has marked him as a comer, on the up trail and has been taking on tougher and tougher opposition. In his last fight he knocked out Red Rader of Tacoma, the first time the Puget Sound veteran was ever counted out in over 300 fights. Before he had floored Wes Hayes, promising Portland negro, in Thomas, Riggi will be up against an experienced fighter of top class rating who is still in his prime.

Norris Meets Curly Eddie Norris, sensational lightweight prospect who is a top favorite with local fans, will be pitted against Jack Curly, tough Portland boy, in the six round semi-final event. Curly Feldman has ticketed Norris, a natural fighter, as a coming lightweight champion and many who have seen him fight will back up the promoter's prediction.

Four four-round preliminaries will complete the card. Three of them are in welterweight classifications and the promoters have offered a fighting robe to the boy among them that puts up the best scrap. Zackie Shell, fast Gervais youth, will meet Harry Kessley, 142, Portland. Alva Anderson, 144, rangy Seio lad, meets Eddie LaValley, 146, St. Johns. Battling Stoutenburg, 145, Salem, mixes with Dick Query, 147, Seio. A four-round opener will be announced later.

Olympic Playoff Opens Wednesday

SEATTLE, March 21.—(AP)—With a chance to reach the Olympic stadium at Berlin as the incentive, the four top intercollegiate basketball teams of the Pacific coast will clash here Wednesday and Thursday in an elimination tournament. The winner will represent the Pacific in the final Olympic basketball trials in New York City April 1 to 4.

Wednesday night Stanford will meet Oregon State, and Southern California will tangle with Washington. The winners will clash Thursday night for the honor of representing the coast in New York. The losers also will meet Thursday in a consolation battle.

Steele May Get Chance at Title

SEATTLE, March 21.—(AP)—Freddie Steele of Tacoma will get his big chance in the fistic business here Tuesday night when he meets Eddie (Babe) Risko of Syracuse, N. Y., world's middleweight champion, in a 10-round no-title fight in the civic auditorium.

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All Tournament Team
Tommy Hansen, Franklin, forward
Ted Sarpola, Astoria, forward
Stewart Warren, Corvallis, center
Merle Kruger, Corvallis, guard
Jack Kennitzer, Franklin, guard

Second Team
Elwood Moore, Tillamook, and Frank Marchi, Benson, forwards; Henry Kokko, Astoria, center; Elmo Crockett, Corvallis, and Stanley Fisk, McLoughlin, guards.

HONORABLE MENTION
Pflugrad, Corvallis; S. Buckingham, Bellfountain; Stoneburg, Tillamook; Williams, Franklin; Wallace, Bellfountain; Burns, Benson; Parker, Astoria; Blackledge, Corvallis; Walker, Tillamook; Skoppl, Salem, Luther, Salem; Salstrom, Salem.

All-Tournament B Team
John Seim, Mill City, forward
Stanley Buckingham, Bellfountain, center
Richard Kessler, Bellfountain, center
Harry Wallace, Bellfountain, guard
Darrell Copeland, Myrtle Creek, guard

TED SARPOLA, Astoria's free flipping forward, became the second man in the history of the tournament to make the all-state team three years in a row when he and four other players were named as a mythical all-state five by coaches, officials and sports writers at a luncheon yesterday at the home of Coach R. S. Keene.

Grappling Moguls Badly Off Stride

Shikat's Thoughtless Act in Taking Title From O'Mahoney Upsets

NEW YORK, March 21.—(AP)—Thrown badly off stride by what now appears to have been an entirely unscheduled "shoot" in a match, moguls of the wrestling industry have adopted a policy of watchful waiting before moving to retain their most cherished possession—the heavyweight championship.

In hitting the all state mark for three successive years Sarpola equaled a record established by Glen Sanford of Salem who was an all state guard in 1930, 1931 and 1932.

Kruger Tops List Sarpola was second only to Merle Kruger, sharpshooting Corvallis guard, who received 53 votes. Stewart Warren, Corvallis center, easily got the center position with 24 votes while Tommy Hansen of Franklin gained the other forward berth with 22 ballots.

The closest race for first team positions was for the second guard post. Jack Kennitzer of Franklin received 12 votes to nose out Stanley Fisk of McLoughlin by one count.

Elwood Moore, Tillamook's easy going but ever present forward, took top honors with 27 votes in balloting for second team positions. The other forward was Frank Marchi of Benson with ten votes, lowest received by any player for second or first string posts; Henry Kokko, Astoria center, nosed out Stoneburg of Tillamook for the pivot position although Stoneburg played rings around him in yesterday morning's game. Kokko received 13 votes to 10 for Stoneburg.

B Stars Selected Stanley Fisk, sparky Mac-Hi guard, was first choice for a guard position on the second team after being nosed out of a first string post. He received 23 votes, while Elmo Crockett, Corvallis' sophomore guard, gained the other post with 22.

For the first time in tournament history an all state B team was picked. John Seim, Mill City forward, led voting with 28, giving him a forward post. Stan Buckingham, red-headed Bellfountain midget, took the other with 17 ballots.

Richard Kessler, Bellfountain's hard-working center, was an almost unanimous choice for the center job with 26 votes.

Harry Wallace of Bellfountain received 27 votes for a guard position to give the Benton county team its third man on the all state B. Copeland, Myrtle Creek sharpshooter, received 23 counts for the other position.

Gates Wins Last Game

GATES, March 21.—The wind-up game for the Gates town team was played Tuesday night at Gates between Gates and Mill City. The score was 44-36 in favor of Gates.

WRESTLING

3 Big Matches!

DICK COSTELLO vs. JACK CURTISS 1 Hour

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