

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Mark down February 10 as a "must" date on your calendar that is already filled. That's the night Astoria's new drive-in-off-the-floor high school hoop team meets Salem's new drive-in-off-the-bleachers high school hoop team, and if it isn't one of those things you can't afford to forego we'll miss our guess.

Mike DeLella, Molalla, quite some shucks as a prep team themselves, encountered Wally Palmberg's mad-dashing Finns last Friday night at Astoria and came off second best, 52-37. Mike, upon his return here, says that Astoria team is the fastest breaking outfit I've seen for a long time.

The Molalla mentor hasn't seen the Salem team slashing up and down the court and passing the trigger from any old place the notion strikes it, so couldn't compare it with the fast break employed by the Flying Finns. But if the Astoria fast break is any swifter, any more successful or any more realistic than that employed by the 1935-40 Salem high school edition, we most certainly do not wish to miss seeing it.

It's not only that they drive the court, both offensively and defensively that makes the current Viking club so impressive. It's also a sweet ball-handling crew, it is terrifically aggressive both defensively and offensively, it consists of individuals who combine trickery with their rushing tactics, and above all, it is backed up by reserves who can take up the mad charge with almost equal effectiveness when the regulars weary a bit from the dizzy pace.

OSHSAA-Portland Problem.

There is stronger sentiment around the OSHSAA circuit (OSHSAA being a much shorter way of saying Oregon State High School Athletic Association) in favor of booting the Portland schools completely out of the association if they do not comply with state association rules.

Last year and last fall the Rose City prep institutions were free to enter such affairs as the state wrestling tournament, and to schedule games with upstate teams, providing they used players eligible under OSHSAA rules. It is now the contention of association members, including the Boardman of Medford and Secretary Vern Gilmore of Salem, that the Portland schools took advantage of this permission only when it was to their private advantage to do so.

The split between the Portland and State association, which is due for an airing at the annual OSHSAA meeting in Portland next week, has been precipitated by the adoption of the ninth-grade rule by the state association. Portland, under Eldon Jenne's directorship, has installed an eligibility ruling that makes eligible for competition any youngster until his 19th birthday, regardless of terms attached to the State association eligibility rule.

The State association maintains its ninth-term rule gets rid of the "athletic" term attached to it for an additional term just to compete in athletics and who generally impairs the school's morale. The Portland association maintains its problem is to provide for the numerous ninth-termers who do not participate in athletics in one way of doing it.

In other words, the Oregon State and Portland associations, exactly like the Seattle and Washington State associations, have different problems to be met, and the solution seems to be for them to each go its own way. Which will probably be the decision reached, so we've been advised, next week.

Catego a Strategist.

"Bad News" Catego, the Tennessee back, is said to be the best playing strategist in college football, in addition to having superior mechanical gifts. Nile Kinnick, the Iowa back who gathered up just about all the individual catch balls for the year, and the two were prep school athletes. . . . Scottie Sebern, Salem high's all-star, would probably average around 15 points per game if he could get the same amount of catching that he gets when the two were prep school athletes. . . .

Anybody got a fin for the Finns? Now that Connie Mack has left Al Simmons' barn, suppose he'll get a finer Chief Bender?

The major bowl games, for the benefit of numerous inquirers, are: Tulane and Texas Aggies in the Sugar bowl at New Orleans; Tennessee and USC in the Echo bowl at Pasadena; Georgia Tech and Missouri in the Orange bowl at Miami; and Clemson and Boston college in the Cotton bowl at Dallas. . . . The two tackle on the AP all-America squad, Harry Stella of Army and Lee Artoe of California, are first cousins. . . . Stella, who captained the cadets, hails from Kankakee, Ill., and Artoe from Tacoma.

Bearcat Mentor To Attend Meet

Willamette Coach R. S. "Spec" Keene, accompanied by Mrs. Keene and two daughters, Jerry and Madeline, left yesterday for Los Angeles, where he will attend the National Coaches association convention December 28 and 29, and the Rose Bowl game January 1.

Also going south with the Keenes was Al Walden, stellar freshman back on this year's varsity, who is going to his home in LaJolla, for the Christmas holidays.

Bearcats Outfight Whistle for Win

SPORTS

Salem, Oregon, Thursday Morning, December 21, 1939

Boxing, B'Ball Billed Tonight

Middleweights Top Vets Card

Triple Main Event Headed by Leo Turner; Finn Fighter to Show

TONIGHT'S FIGHTS
8 Rounds—Leo Turner vs. Kenny Austin; Sig Barlund vs. Jack Hibbard; Buddy Peterson vs. Al Gaynor.
4 Rounds—Young Nationalists vs. Ernie Bailey; Johnny Woods vs. Johnny O'Connell.

Three eight-round middle weight mixes top tonight's VFW fight card at the armory, with Leo "The Lion" Turner, the state titlist at this weight, getting the finale against Kenny Austin, ex-Nebraskan now making his home in Albany.

It marks the first appearance here of Champion Turner since he, six weeks ago, easily outpointed Logger Jack Hibbard despite the fact he kept his severely injured right hand well out of the fight. Turner's title will not be at stake, the dusky dynamite refusing to put it up until Austin proves himself worthy of a shot at it.

Sig Barlund, Finnish middleweight who assertedly is on the coast in hopes of getting a fight with Al Hostak, the world middleweight champ, will be tested in the second eight-rounder by the old reliable, Logger Jack Hibbard.

Buddy Peterson, ever-popular Independence farmer boy, goes in against Al Gaynor, San Francisco scrapper, in the first of the triple main event bill. Buddy, should he get over Gaynor, has promised to meet Tony Kahut here on New Year's night.

Two four-rounders, a return go between Young Nationalists and Ernie Bailey and a rematch of Johnny Woods and Johnny O'Connell, complete the card. Popular demand brings Nationalists and Bailey together again. Two weeks ago this pair staged a slugfests here that brought forth an appeal for a rematch.

The first preliminary goes on at 8:30, with the armory doors swinging wide at 7:30.

Pair Win Titles In Mat Tourney

Two champions were crowned as the Salem high interclass boxing tournament concluded its preliminary schedule yesterday. Jack Knedler, a sophomore, decided Fabien Nelson, a brother sophomore, to take the 95-pound title, and Bob Bohannon, a junior, decided A. G. Davis, sophomore, to annex the 105-pound title.

Balance of the championships will be held January 3, according to Director Vern Gilmore. Other bouts yesterday: Quarter-finals: 135 pounds, Bob Bailey, junior, decided Elmer Leek, junior; Worthington, sophomore, decided Barrett, junior; Pete Hauser, junior, decided Rogers, junior; Mulkey, senior, scored a technical knockout over Byron Shobar, sophomore, in 1:44.

Semi-finals: 135 pounds, Bob Bailey, senior, decided Dale Worthington, sophomore; Jerry Mulkey, senior, decided Pete Hauser, junior. 145 pounds, Cy Williams, senior, won by default from Lloyd Lytel, junior; Austin Wilson, junior, decided Jack Woodfield, junior. 165 pounds, Don Wilson, junior, decided Wendell Halseth, senior. 175 pounds, Don Largest, senior, decided John Burton, senior. 125 pounds, Carl Johnson, sophomore, scored a technical knockout over Henry Tanaka, senior, in the third round.

Center Battle for Shrine Game



A battle of great centers will be a feature of the battle of football greats in the Shrine East-West all-star game January 1 in San Francisco when Santa Clara's John Schick faces John Hansen of Washington, reputed greatest center in the east. West team completed its list of 22 men with announcement recently that Herb McCarthy, Beaver U fullback, had wired acceptance to play in the charity classic.

As Pro Grid Star Weds



It's wedding bells for Marshall Goldberg, the pro football star and former all-American at Pittsburgh, who takes as his bride Florence Deutebaum, 19, in Pittsburgh. The two will live in Chicago.

Football "Overemphasis" Beef, Old As the Game, on Down-Grade Now, But Was Editorial Subject in '93

By WHITNEY MARTIN
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—There has been comparatively little talk of football overemphasis of late, possibly because the viewers-with-alarm have discovered, like the man who tried for nearly 50 years to turn around fast enough to see the back of his head, that all it gets them is a pain in the neck.

Hutson Ties All Pro Pass Records

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—After only five years of professional football, Don Hutson of the champion Green Bay Packers either holds outright or shares every pass-receiving record in the books of the National Pro League.

The past season the former great Alabama end caught 34 passes for 846 yards and six touchdowns, breaking three former records and leading the league in that department for the third time in five years.

His yardage total was a new mark for one season. He raised his lifetime record to 159 catches for 2890 yards, passing the former records of 135 catches for 2755 yards set by John Blood in 14 seasons with Milwaukee, Green Bay and Pittsburgh.

Other leaders were Vic Spadacini, Cleveland quarterback, with 32 catches for 229 yards, and Herschel Ramsey, Philadelphia who caught 31 for 359 yards.

Ward Cuff of the New York Giants, who never kicked a field goal in college, led the league in this specialty for the second straight year. He booted 7 out of 16 attempted, while Ralph Kercival of Brooklyn scored on 6 of 13 tries. Clark Hinkle of Green Bay compiled the worst record, cutting the bars only once in 10 attempts.

Kercival kicked the longest field goal, a 47-yarder. A total of 52 were kicked during the season, breaking the former record of 48.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Promoter Bill Rand announced tonight he had concluded negotiations for a non-title bout here January 19 between Middleweight Champion Al Hostak of Seattle and Tony Zale of Gary, Ind. The overweight match at 10 rounds will be held at the Chicago stadium.

Hostak Signed

Apparently the overemphasis agitation abate and flows. It flowed like old man river early this year at Pittsburgh, where the game, under Jock Sutherland, seemed to be growing bigger than the school, with the result that football emphasis was cut down and Jock Sutherland so cut up about it he resigned.

On the whole, however, the public at large seems to take the sport for what it is—a big business with the emphasis on winning. In fact, the trend is for more aid to athletes than toward making it tougher for the boys who take the bumps.

The big ten and the big six conferences permitted training tables this year, which is a virtual admission that they believe the boys who fill the stadiums deserve at least a little consideration above that accorded the student who just jogs up knowledge. The very idea, just going to college to learn.

The system of athlete-aid may be all wrong, but so long as the emphasis is on winning, and a school can find a place for the money which the public contributes in \$2.30, \$3.50 and \$4.40 chunks, it always will be with us, despite periodic attempts to take the dollar signs off the pigskin.

Chicago did it, and look what happened. Or don't look now, it's too terrible.

Local Sports

Come to you first in The Statesman and are always first with The Statesman.

Salem Vikings Oppose Dallas

Undeclared Prep Quintets Vie at 8; Marshfield Coming Tomorrow

Casaba clash number two of the week for Salem's supercharged high school basketball club is set for tonight, with Dallas' smooth, rangy quint providing the opposition. A preliminary is billed at 6:45, with the varsity game going on at 8.

Both clubs are undefeated for the season. Salem holds wins over the Willamette Bearkittens and Silverton, while Dallas has twice defeated the Bearkittens and once shellacked Albany.

Coach Harold Hauk's local quint which is well on its way to becoming one of the most colorful, most spectator-appealing teams ever developed here, finishes this week's three-game campaign here tomorrow night with Marshfield high's team providing the opposition.

Coach Harold Hauk's local quint is the defending Coos county champion and runner-up to North Bend for the district title. It boasts four returning lettermen who last year helped the club to a record of 18 games won to but five lost. They include Guard Jack Caderet, Forward Dick Davis and Center Jack Liljeborg, all two-year lettermen, and Guard Dick Ring, a one-year award winner.

It is probable Coach Hauk will stick with the five youngsters who have started every game so far this season, although several transfers are slated by him as almost on a par with 17 on team members. All-State Scottie Sebern, the only returning member of last year's state championship team, and lanky Bob McKee work in the front court on this five, while Don Barnick and Jim Healey reserves of 1st season, handle the back court. In the pivot position is Russ Satter, who played most of last season with the Jayvees but who saw enough varsity action to win a letter.

Bowling

Handicap table for PARKERS with names like Kasper, Woodry, Austin, etc.

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Handicap table for KARRS with names like Steinbock, Trunk, Page, Karr, Swan, etc.

Handicap table for BEACK & WIKES with names like Patterson, Johnson, Murdoch, Cline, Jr., etc.

Handicap table for RED CROSS FEARMAN with names like Pratt, Husey, Husey, Kellogg, Hanson, etc.

Handicap table for GLENNS COFFEE SHOP with names like Cline, Sr., Kirtson, Young, Poulin, etc.

Handicap table for BILL DAVIS with names like Handwick, Handwick, Abbott, Pfaffinger, Ryer, etc.

Handicap table for CAPITAL BREWING CO. with names like Fathin, Handwick, Hiharger, Bernice, etc.

Handicap table for WOOLWORTHS with names like Handwick, Handwick, Wilson, Amich, Short, Gibbons, etc.

Handicap table for FLOYD'S BISHFIELD SERVICE with names like Moody, Lloyd, Averman, Nuffer, Garbarino, etc.

Handicap table for KEN'S FOOTBATH with names like Nash, Kitcher, Averman, Meyers, Miller, etc.

Handicap table for OOGA CO. with names like Handwick, J. Miller, Williams, Carson, Lochridge, etc.

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Sord's 1939 Sports Parade

MARCH



MAR. 7 - BOSTON BRUINS CLINCHED THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE TITLE BEATING THE TORONTO RED WINGS 3 TO 0 IN BOSTON.

MAR. 12 - HENRY ARMSTRONG STOPPED LEN FELLOWAN IN ONE ROUND AT ST. LOUIS TO SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND HIS LIGHTWEIGHT AND MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLES. HE WON HIS WESTERNWEIGHT CROWN IN ANOTHER ROUND, MAR. 21, HAVING DROPPED DAY IN THE 12TH ROUND AT NEW YORK.

MAR. 5 - JOCK SUTHERLAND, HEAD COACH OF FOOTBALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, RESIGNED AFTER 15 YEARS AT THE POST. HE WAS APPOINTED HIS SUCCESSOR MAR. 20.

Pardon the Yawn but Yanks Are Good Defensively, Too

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Baseball's most powerful machine, the New York Yankees, is just as impressive catching a baseball as battering it against or over the wall.

The precise Yankees not only led the American league in fielding, as shown in official averages released today, but committed only 126 errors in 152 games, two more errors than the low league mark set by Philadelphia in 1932. Their team fielding mark was .978. Six points behind in second place was the Chicago White Sox.

The eight teams executed 1,133 double plays for the season, compared to 1,282 for last year. Washington led in this department with 167, the Yankees trailing eight behind as runnerup.

Three Yankees topped the fielders at their respective posts. Little Frank Crossett, second baseman, had the fewest errors, only 11, ahead of the other regular short-

Bucks, Lions Vie On Portland Ice

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The Portland Buckaroos will meet the Vancouver Lions here in two important hockey games Thursday night, starting at 8:30 o'clock, and on Sunday afternoon, starting at 3 o'clock.

Vancouver at present is leading the league, two points ahead of Portland, which is in second place. A double victory for the Bucks would place them in top position.

For the first time this season, the Portland Buckaroos will be at full strength. All season long the team has been plagued by injuries and illness to players. Walter McCartney, stellar wingman, ill for the last two weeks with flu, has rejoined the squad and is able to take his regular turn in the workouts. Red Coan, all-coast defense, and Louie Holmes, chosen the league's most valuable player for 1935-39, both out with injuries much of the season, have completely recovered and are showing up to advantage in the practice sessions. The addition of Glenn Vickers, who alternates at wing, also has bolstered the Bucks.

Pavalunas to Be Back in Uniform For Wayne Game

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Matt Pavalunas, high scoring member of the barnstorming University of Oregon basketball team has recovered from influenza enough to play ball.

Although he was in bed two days, Pavalunas will be in uniform when Oregon plays Wayne university at Detroit Thursday night.

The squad spent today sightseeing in the capital after defeating the University of Baltimore last night. Coach Howard Hobson called on his old mentor, Billy Reinhart, former Oregon hoop director now at George Washington university.

Williams Sparks 'Kittens to Win

Willamette's Bearkittens, with Otis Williams taking 18 points, scored a 53 to 17 victory over the Hubbard alumni last night.

Bearkittens 58 17 Hubbard Williams 18 3 Cody Thomas 4 3 Farmer 10 4 Hopkins 10 10 Beal 10 10 Bailey 4 4 Sub. for Bearkittens: Inglis 10.

Oilers Beaten In Last Half

Late Arrival of Opponents Slows Start; White Scores 13 Points

Held up nearly an hour after the scheduled start by failure of the Oilers to appear, the Willamette vs. Signal Oil hoop bill was further impeded by a total of 37 personal fouls and loud technicals last night before Willamette emerged with a 51 to 41 victory.

Car trouble by one of the autos transporting the Oilers caused the delayed start, but it was some plain, fancy drill and loud whistle-toting that barred its progress after the game did open.

Four Oilers—O'Donnell, Patterson, Merrymann and Pflugrad, and one Willamette, Sum Gallaher, was ejected from the, to say the least, overwhitened game.

Behind, 24-20 at halftime, the Bearcats put a large third-quarter together to run out a 38-31 lead at its duration, and stayed about that margin to the fore as Coach Maple kept fresh men going into the game.

"Powder" Bob White, who scored 13 for the night's high, led the third-period assault, amply assisted by Johnny Kolb, who turned in one of the best performances in the tilt. Once in the lead, White used every one in his arsenal, totaling 12 players, to keep the pressure on the Oilers.

Art Merrymann, former Oregon State star, staged a solo rally late in the final period, to whittle the count to 43-39 before Bob White, Ely and Skopli clicked for baskets while Merrymann was adding one more.

Willamette (51) S G Ft. Pt. Gallaher, f 11 2 0 4 Eberly, f 9 3 0 2 White, f 12 6 1 2 Daggart, g 0 0 1 Murray, f 3 1 2 0 Hill, f 0 0 0 1 Farmer, c 0 0 0 2 Skopli, c 9 3 0 3 Kolb, g 9 4 1 1 Ely, g 7 1 1 1 Robertson, g 1 0 0 0 Ragsdale, g 1 1 0 0 Totals 62 23 5 17

Signal Oil (41) Hollingsworth, f 20 2 5 2 O'Donnell, f 18 4 0 4 Sarkela, f 3 0 0 0 Patterson, c 23 4 1 4 Merrymann, g 10 4 2 4 Pflugrad, g 8 1 1 4 Salvadore, g 6 0 0 2 Totals 88 16 9 20

Technical fouls: Gallaher, White, O'Donnell. Free throws missed for Willamette: Gallaher 3, Hill, Farmer, Kolb 2, Gungoth 4, O'Donnell, Oil: Hollingsworth 4, O'Donnell, Patterson 2, Merrymann 4, Pflugrad 2. Officials: Max Allen and John Steelhammer.

Gates Closed on Trojan Practice

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Drilling behind closed gates, the University of Southern California football team added another workout today in its preparations for the New Year's day game with Tennessee in the Rose Bowl.

Once again Coach Howard Jones stressed practice on offense, apparently figuring his Trojans can take care of themselves and the Vols' attack in the coming struggle.

Word was awaited on the exact time of arrival at Pasadena of Major Bob Neyland and his Tennessee warriors. The Vols are to reach the Rose Bowl scene sometime Christmas eve.

Southern California will move over to Pasadena for the final days of practice, occupying the same quarters used a year ago preparing for Duke.

Virtually all of the USC players are in good condition, the squad thus far escaping training injuries. Dummy scrimmage was pursued to avoid possible suspensions.

Tennessee Youth Is Determined to See Bowl Contest

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Walter Maples, Jr., 14-year-old Knoxville high school boy, hitchhiked into town today, declared he hadn't missed a University of Tennessee football game in three years and didn't intend to start January 1 when the Vols play in the Rose Bowl.

A laugh greeted a suggestion that tickets were a bit scarce out there at Pasadena for the Tennessee-Southern California matinee. "I'll go in with the players—I've done it before," he said as he tilted a thumb westward.

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