Oregon State Snatches Loop Lead

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Whispering whisps of whatnot, and wondering how long it will take the Russinskis to find outski they can't cope with the Finn-on-skis? . . . Crushed ping-pong balls will probably be as numerous as motor vehicle operators who insist upon making right hand turns from left hand lanes around these parts for the next week or two. All the kids about the countryside will be attempting to pick up the little table tennis nuggets with their feet after witnessing the experts, Barna and Bellak, in action up Willamette way Friday night.

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Until Friday night Salem high had never taken Oregon City for a No Name league win at Oregon City. . . It was Coach Harold Hauk's birthday, so the lads went out and galloped to a win. . . "Galloped" is the word: Within the first three minutes each side had taken three shots and each side had six points. . . It was too much for the boys—they took time out to find out what was wrong. . . With one week of play in the books, only the Vikings, Tillamook and Corvallis remain in the undefeated ranks of the No Name loop.

The East-West Shrine game now has 649 alumni throughout the United States. . . And not a "wolf" among 'em. . . Don Hendrie, Salem's perennial athlete, who has wagered he will run a mile in six minutes or less come April Fool's day, is training diligently. . . He was eating spinach soup yesterday, and that's no Popeye.

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Netter Nets Net, Wins Game.

"Spec" Keene is due back from the Rose Bowl regions tomorrow . . . The way the Finnish varsity is rolling up yardage against the Russians we're beginning to suspect there has been some pretty fair proselyting. . . Apologies to Freddie Andrews, the ex-Salem high fullback. . . . Freddie will be 19, not 20, come April. . . But he'll be just as ineligible for Oregon high school competition as if he were 20.

D. Strite, Eugene Register-Guard guardian of the sports field, relays a story told by Hobby Hobson, the Oregon hoop boss, on how USC beat out DePaul in Chicago Dec. 18 . . . USC Coach Barry, during the closely played tilt, noticed the ball was checked momentarily when entering the basket by a net pulled too tight. So, with the score tied and 20 seconds remaining to play, and a DePaul player awarded two free throws, Barry sent in a sub with instructions to stretch the bottom of the net to save every possible second.

The sub went in, jumped to open up the net but instead pulled it clear off the hoop. . . It required 10 minutes to repair the damage and by that time the DePaul shooter was so cold he missed both charity shots and the game went into an overtime with the Trojans winning, 44-42.

Under the new rule, other American league clubs are forbidden to trade with the Yankees. . . . But they still have to play 'em, so the situation hasn't changed. . . Happy Howard Maple saw Big Bill Anton, who broke the Northwest conference scoring record last year, bucket 18 counters in the City Major loop Thursday night, and came darn near enrolling the big Greek again. . . Only he happened to think Whitman, or some of the other education mills, might object.

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Braves, Dragons Pace WVI Hoop Race.

The New Mexico Aggies consider it a bad night when their hoop team doesn't score at least half a hundred points . . Last season the Aggies averaged 59.4 points per game . . And the Finns think it a bad day when they don't roll up 500 Russians. . . They averaged, it is reported, about 571 per day last year.

Dick Weisgerber, who has had a big year with the Green Bay Packers, national professional football champs, is expected in Salem most any day now. . . The Jersey Juggernaut is with the Packers in Los Angeles, where they play the Los Angeles Bulldogs.

Maybe it isn't possible to take the farm off a farmer, even after getting the farmer off the farm, but the Maple gent is going to attempt to make basketballers out of a couple of huge Farmers. . . . . Ralph Farmer, the 230-pounder who was out for football last fall, has been brought back to the varsity after a sojourn with the freshmen, and Brother Howard, a 190-pound Montana specimen, who enrolled last fall but who was hit by homesickness, is back in school this term and is working out with the Bearkitten quint. . . Brother Howard holds the Montana state high school shotput and discus records.

The Finns had the real holiday spirit, anyway. . . They did their level best to get the Russians home for Christmas. . . Who remembers away back, when college basketball scores were in the 20c?

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Coupla Farmers Hoopin' for WU.

Something is going to have to be done about the sad situation of Chemawa's Frank Backbone not being able to get more than 24 points a game in WVI league play. . . A week on its way, the WVI league race finds Chemawa and Dallas out in front—just as was predicted . . . . Don't look now, however, but Molalla and Lebanon are still in that race.

If Salem's Senators are half as good as Biddy Bishop thinks they're going to be, the Yanks will have at last found a worthy antagonist. . . Bubblin' Biddy vows each of his lads will be .350 hitters and says all his pitchers are potential 20-game winners.

Gene Kessler, Chicago sports writer, was the first to see championship promise in Joe Louis. . . Kassler now sees plenty of possibilities in Lightweight Pete Lello and Booker Beckweight, colored light heavyweight who "may in time be another Brown Bomber" . . . While this corner has plenty of respect for 77-year-old Connie Mack, boss of the A's, it doesn't think venerability a license to kid the customers. . . Signing of ancient Al Simmons wouldn't appear the best start in the world toward "winning one more pennant."

One of those poll affairs picked Joe Louis as 1939's outstanding heavyweight. . . It might have added the fact that Joe was 1939's only erect heavyweight, too. . . Portland U's Matty Mathews was the only other coach at the NCAA meeting who agreed with Georgia Tech's Bill Alexander that the huddle is doomed. . . Most of the rest felt that the roar of the crowd made the huddle a necessity.

'Tis rumored that Mike Pecarovich, who went from Gonzaga to Loyola this last year, may not have his contract renewed. . . Four Coast conference games in Portland next fall: OSC vs. Stanford, Oct. 11; Oregon vs. California, Oct. 18; Oregon vs. WSC, Nov. 1; and the Oregon-Oregon State clash, Nov. 29.

Badgers Beat Wolves 32-27

Lack of Practice Cripples Monmouth Team in First Game

MONMOUTH—A smooth-working Pacific university quintet clicked nicely here Saturday night to defeat the rough-edged Oregon College of Education Wolves 32 to 27. The Badgers' better condition and more recent practice told the victory tale, after a close first half.

Scores by Siem, Teller and Eilertson put the visitors in the lead 8-2 early in the game, but O'Connell, Miller and Willis came back to tie the count at 8-8 soon after. First half ended with Pacific in the lead 17 to 12.

O'Connell paced the home team with 11 points, and Siem scored eight for Pacific in a fast game which was nicely handled by Harold Regele of Salem as referee.

Summary:

Pacific 32		27 OCE
Siem 8		6 Miller
Teller 4		11 O'Connell
B. Cooney 6		8 Willis
Osburn		Tuthill
Eilertson 2		Haworth

Substitutions: for Pacific—McCabe 7, D. Cooney 5; for OCE—Vleck 2. Referee: Regele, Salem.

Who's Hoop

No-Name League

	W	L	Pct	Pts. F	Pts. Agt
Salem	2	0	1.000	74	59
Tillamook	2	0	1.000	57	52
Corvallis	1	0	1.000	37	30
Milwaukie	1	1	.500	51	53
Ore. City	0	2	.000	58	67
Albany	0	2	.000	46	55
McMinnv'le	0	2	.000	56	64

Leading scorers: Satter, Salem, 28; Piper, Tillamook, 22; Sebern, Salem, 21; Metzler, McMinnville, 19; McKenzie, Oregon City, 17; Witchen, Tillamook, 14; Gettel, Oregon City, 12; Warren, Corvallis, 12; Strebig, Oregon City, 12; W. Christensen, Tillamook, 11.

WVI League

	W	L	Pct	Pts. F	Pts. Agt
Chemawa	2	0	1.000	98	40
Dallas	2	0	1.000	61	43
Woodburn	1	1	.500	35	70
Molalla	1	1	.500	60	53
Lebanon	1	1	.500	73	49
West Linn	1	1	.500	51	58
Indep'ndce	0	2	.000	30	46
Silverton	0	2	.000	41	90

Leading scorers: Backbone, Chemawa, 48; Medley, Lebanon, 32; Simpson, Lebanon, 22; Woundedeye, Chemawa, 20; Scaipcane, Chemawa, 18; Dornhecker, Dallas, 15; Jackson, Dallas, 15; Low, Dallas, 14; Kern, West Linn, 14; Bolme, Silverton, 13.

City Major League

	W	L	Pct	Pts. F	Pts. Agt
Brooks	2	0	1.000	81	61
Schoens	1	1	.500	56	52
Simmons	1	1	.500	86	76
Chemawa	1	1	.500	52	81
Parkers	1	1	.500	56	59
Papermakers	0	2	.000	52	64

Leading scorers: Anton, Brooks, and Wilkinson, Makers, 24; Burrell, Simmons 21; Birghonr, Chemawa 20; B. Williams, Brooks, 19.

Angling Hearing Set February 16

The annual hearing of the state game commission pertaining to angling regulations will be held in Portland on February 16, at which time sportsmen's organizations and others interested will be given an opportunity to submit their recommendations concerning seasons and bag limits for game fish.

Of particular interest is the proposed closure of coastal waters to fishing for trout over 10 inches in length for a period of about three months for the purpose of protecting cutthroat trout coming in from the ocean to spawn in the streams.

Plow Pins in Statesman Tourney

The team of Mike Steinbock and Kenny Austin, entry in The Statesman championship handicap doubles bowling tourney, snapped as it went into action last week.—Statesman staff photo.

Only Six Teams Left to Bowl Second Round in Statesman Annual Doubles Tournament; Thursday Score Is High

But six teams had not bowled in the second round of The Statesman-sponsored championship elimination doubles handicap bowling tourney at the close of last night's play on the Perfection alleys, and high teams of the 10 which had posted scores included Pat Patterson-Walter Cline, jr., Mike Steinbock-Kenny Austin and Don Murdock-Tony Masser.

The 1236 posted last Thursday by the Pat Patterson-Walt Cline, jr., duo continued to top the field, pressed by the 1207 rolled Friday by the team of Mike Steinbock and Kenny Austin.

Entrance for The Statesman-sponsored singles tourney will continue to be received until January 10, it was announced by Manager Hi Haman.

Scores posted yesterday in the doubles meet:

Bowling	Score	Hdcp	Total
Mike Steinbock	578	54	632
Kenney Austin	542	33	575
			1207
Bob Hauser	445	78	523
Bill McClary	477	81	558
			1081
Gene Kellogg	549	48	597
John Moe	527	42	569
			1166
W. Larsen	539	57	596
E. Bergsvik	597	96	593
			1189
E. T. Sims	548	84	627
Ken Smith	509	42	551
			1178

'Cat Bill-of-Fare Includes Angels

The Angels of Mt. Angel college are next on the basketball menu for Willamette's Bearcats, who have been hitting the training trail steadily during the past week after an over-the-holidays vacation.

Tex Marx's Angels come here Thursday night for the first of a two-game series with the 'Cats. They'll bring with them the Mt. Angel Preps, who'll oppose the Bearkittens in a preliminary.

Happy Howard Maple is still experimenting with his frontline five. Dissatisfied with performances turned in to date by some of last year's stellar quint, of which there are four members available, Maple has been giving his freshmen and sophomores every opportunity to oust the veterans.

Pilots Victors

FOREST GROVE, Jan. 6—(AP)—The University of Portland defeated Pacific university, 36 to 34, last night for its sixth straight basketball victory.

Wife of Ex-UO Tennis Star Awarded Divorce

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Mrs. Stanley J. Almquist, wife of the former University of Oregon tennis star, obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce today after charging that Almquist was frequently intoxicated.

New York Yanks Give Lou Gehrig Retired Rating

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The New York Yankees gave another bow today to Lou Gehrig, the great first baseman who was forced to retire last season because of a form of infantile paralysis.

President Edward G. Barrow of the world champions announced that Gehrig would not be given an unconditional release, but instead his name would be placed on the voluntarily retired list.

Furthermore, Barrow said Gehrig's uniform number—a big four—never will be allotted to any other Yankee player and that his locker over by the window in a corner of the clubhouse will not be used by any other player. Gehrig's name will remain on the door and it will always be available for his personal use.

Gehrig became a member of New York City's prison parole board January 1.

Italians to Meet For Coast Title

Championship at Stake in Wrestling Matches at Armory Tuesday

P & B, a couple of Italians, are going to rassle each other for the Pacific coast lightheavyweight championship at the top of Tuesday night's armory card here, announced Promoter Herb Owen yesterday.

P owned the title as recently as last Monday. B owns it now, by virtue of a clean-cut, but otherwise murky match staged in Eugene last Monday night.

P, who is none other than the ever popular Ernie Piluso of Portland, asked for the chance to redeem his once highly prized hardware. B, who is Pete Belcastro of Klamath Falls, informed Piluso he could have the opportunity any time he wanted it.

Piluso said, "I'll let myself be known as nothing but a 'wop' if I lose. Belcastro returned, "And I'll go on record as a dogone 'dago' if I lose."

So there it is: A couple of Italians bent on unbending each other.

Supporting the championship clash will be a 45-minute duel between Bobby Chick, the Wyoming cowboy, and Ben Sherman, sturdy Portland, while a 30-minute opener pits Sgt. Kenneson against Joe Lynam.

Prep Rules Group Make Two Changes

Illegal Shift, Foul Place Determination Noted in Regulations

CHICAGO, Jan. 6—(AP)—The National Interscholastic football rules committee wrote two more changes into the 1940 book today.

Their action, added to yesterday's alterations, represented a total of four changes in the high school game during the committee's two-day meeting. Several other proposals were rejected to permit further study and experimentation.

Today's changes:

1. The referee will be instructed to whistle the ball dead as soon as he observes an illegal shift. Thus there can be no declination of a penalty for this foul. The change is designed to eliminate waste action.

2. The penalty for any foul which occurs on a rushing play will be invoked either from the spot of the foul or where the ball is dead, the offended team having the option of choosing the spot. The only exception will be when the foul occurred in advanced of where the ball is dead, in which case the penalty will be enforced from that spot.

The two rules changes yesterday were designed to clarify forward pass regulations.

The committee made it legal for two eligible receivers of the offensive team to touch an aerial before a defensive player had touched it. The other change ruled that any penalty on a forward pass into the end zone is always invoked from the spot of the previous down on the first three downs.

Other proposals on which action was deferred included:

Remove all limitations on the number of times a player can reenter a game, allow any number of forward passes on a single down so long as all are thrown from behind the line of scrimmage and whistle the ball dead immediately for any foul that happens while the ball is being snapped, provided the infraction comes under the referee's jurisdiction.

Monmouth High School Defeats Airlie Quint

MONMOUTH—Monmouth high defeated Airlie high here Friday night in a nip and tuck battle, 36-34. The score was tied four times with a reversal of lead at different stages of the game. Airlie held a 20-18 lead at half time. Toedmeier led the scoring parade with seven field goals and five free tosses. Williams with nine and Hylton with eight points were high for the home team.

Idaho Beaten 2nd Straight

WSC Evens Count With Husky Quintet in Fast 51-35 Contest

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Oregon State college took advantage of Washington's defeat by WSC at Seattle tonight to vault ahead in the northern division of the coast basketball conference by beating Idaho, 42 to 38.

It was the second triumph over the Vandals for the giant Orangemen.

The game, closer than yesterday's 48-36 encounter, was highly seasoned in the second half. The bitter battling produced 45 fouls. Twenty-eight were against Idaho. Four Idahoans and two Orangemen were benched on four penalties.

The Beavers lost John and Frank Mandic, both starters, late in the game after two Idaho regulars, Atkinson and English, and two reserves had been banished.

Idaho again took an early lead as Ramey scored two baskets in the first two minutes. The visitors remained ahead or in a tie until late in the half when Frank Mandic's goal broke a 14-14 deadlock. Hunter increased the Orange lead with another field goal before Valenti banged in two field goals and a free toss.

At the half Oregon State had a six-point lead, 24-18.

Idaho threw everything they had at the big Beavers in the last half in a scoring effort to win. Once they slashed the Beaver lead to three points. Oregon State pulled away but a second Idaho rally—engineered chiefly by subs—whacked the margin down to four points as the gun sounded.

SEATTLE, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Washington State college evened its Pacific coast conference basketball series with the University of Washington here tonight, winning 51-35 for its fourth victory on the university's home grounds since 1920.

Breaking a jinx which was still in good working order only last night, the State players swarmed over a Washington team that was no match for them from the opening gun.

Washington held the lead only once, 2-0, in the opening seconds. Washington State got under way and ran the score to 15-2 before Washington could get another point. The half-time count was 33-15 for Washington State. Tonight's game evened the opening two-game series of the conference season here and partially justified dopesters who had made Washington State one of the favorites for consideration in the northern division race.

Service Begun

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 6—(AP)—Airplane service between Klamath Falls and Portland via Bend, opened today with arrival here of an Oregon Airways ship.

Filly Is First in Santa Anita Race

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6—(AP)—Neil S. McCarthy's Kentucky-bred filly, Augury, romped home ahead in a field of 14 to capture the $10,000 added Santa Maria stakes at Santa Anita today.

With Lloyd Knapp in the saddle, Augury found the sloppy going to her liking and covered the six furlongs in 1:14 2-5. Camp Verde was second and Liberty Franc third.

It was Augury's sixth victory in her last seven starts. All her campaigning has been done in California. She was a $1000 bargain in the Saratoga yearling sales of 1938.

Coupled with Certainty, which finished fourth, and Big Ben, a temperamental campaigner, Augury paid $5.40, $3.00 and $2.40; Camp Verde $5.20 and $3.60, and Liberty Franc $3.40.

Augury's victory was worth $9950 to McCarthy and he picked up another $500 on Certainty.

Amateur Fighters Scheduled by Elks

Amateur fistics go on in Salem's armory next Friday night, with the top attraction featuring Keller Wagner, Salem Elk heavyweight, against either Marvin Splawn or Bud Stevenson, of Portland's Multnomah club.

The card, bringing together Salem and MAC fighters in the main, is to consist of nine or 10 bouts or a total of 33 rounds, according to Matchmaker Clay Foreman.

Tommy Moyer, the recently crowned Pacific coast Golden Gloves lightweight king, and believed the best amateur lightweight in the US, will once more take on Sammy Shoulderblade, Salem Indian scrapper who has yet to win over Moyer.

Other scraps lined up include Zeb Smith, Salem light heavyweight, against Hadley Wahlen, fast coming MAC light heavyweight; Eddie Volk, MAC featherweight, against Jimmy Pifer, Eugene Elks; and Johnny Cobell, Chemawa, against Douris Dillingham, Eugene Elks.

WRESTLING

Ernie Piluso
vs.
Pete Belcastro
For Pacific Coast Light-heavyweight Championship
1 Hour

Bobby Chick
vs.
Ben Sherman
45 Minutes

Sgt. Kenneson vs. Joe Lynam
30 Minutes

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Tickets: Cliff Parker's and Lytle's - Auspices American Legion
Herb Owens, Matchmaker

"Hobby" Tells Duck Trio How to Defend Titles

Coach Howard Hobson explains to three senior members of the University of Oregon basketball quint just how they should act to successfully defend the northern division crown. They'll start their defense Monday night at Eugene, against the Idaho Vandals.

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