

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Two just two years and one day ago this very night that Salem high's hoop band was last defeated on its own court. It was accomplished by the Chemawa Indians, 17-16, and you can tell by the size of the score that they were still playing center jump basketball.

Since then, January 22, 1938, the Viking lads have won 23 consecutive games on their own mapleboards, and the nearest they've come to being whipped was in this year's district and McMinnville games, which they won by the overtime route only.

Tillamook's Cheesemakers, who will attempt to bring Salem's consecutive home court win record to a halt tonight, was the only team to twice defeat the locals last season. (The catch here is that Tillamook whipped Salem on the Willamette court last year.)

From January 22, the 1938 record of home games is:

- Salem 2, Astoria 23.
- Salem 2, Eugene 19.
- Salem 2, Corvallis 14.
- Salem 3, McMinnville 24.
- Salem 3, Astoria 19.
- Salem 3, Udon City 21.
- Salem 3, Clatsop 22.
- Salem 4, Seaside 37.

The 1939 home game record:

- Salem 39, Corvallis 25.
- Salem 39, Eugene 25.
- Salem 39, Astoria 25.
- Salem 27, McMinnville 25.
- Salem 27, Clatsop 27.
- Salem 26, Medford 19.
- Salem 30, Clatsop 22.
- Salem 33, Albany 11.
- Salem 20, Astoria 17.
- Salem 46, McMinnville 22.

This year's home record to date this year:

- Salem 31, WU Fresh 20.
- Salem 51, Silverton 25.
- Salem 43, Dallas 33.
- Salem 29, Marshfield 18.
- Salem 19, McMinnville 27.

Double Count Clash.
Tonight's Cheesemaker-Viking clash is, therefore, of major portent on two counts. One, the matter of preserving and continuing that home court record and, two, the matter of deciding the current leadership of the No Name league, of which both schools are members.

Rus Satter's Mooks have won five straight in the loop; Salem has posted four consecutive league wins. Neither has been defeated in league competition. The Mooks are the defending No Name champs, and the Vikings are the defending state champs.

Coach Hauk, of the Vikings, credited the all-state member of his crew, Eddie Salstrom, with playing the best game of his career against Eugene last week, and the worst games of his career against Medford the following two nights. Star of the Medford series, Hauk said, was Medford's Ray Crosby, whose long shots and floor drive was Medford's mainstay.

Last year, you may remember, Medford played a slow, set game despite having the fastest men in the state tourney. This year, according to Hauk, the Medfords will be boasting three sprinters, have taken to the fast-break, swarm-under style that carried Salem to the title over Medford in the state meet. They beat us at our own game in Saturday night's game," said Hauk.

Pivoter Sought.
Any chances the Vikings may have of successfully defending their state title depends to a large degree upon the development of a pivoter. It is Mentor Hauk's belief. Of the three candidates who have been taking cracks at the post, tall Russell Satter is the best equipped but to date has been a defensive bust.

A fine offensive pivoter, Satter so far has shown little inclination to "get tough" on the backboards and lacks the defensive fire so necessary under the Hauk system. His number one understudy, Daryl Mason, has the necessary aggressiveness but doesn't have the ball-handling or scoring ability. Number three, Don Harms, is perhaps the best ball-handler of the three, but isn't rugged enough for backboard duty and hasn't so far shown any offensive drive.

Outside of these three, Hauk has two other possibilities for the position. One is big Bob Boardman, the football pivoter, who has been seeing service with the junior varsity and the other is lanky Bob McKee, who has been handling one of the forward slots in creditable fashion. McKee, who played outstanding ball at Medford, measures up to all requirements except physical stature. He's aggressive, a good ball hawk and has a nice pivot shot he can get off with either hand.

Should McKee take over the pivot slot, it is probable fiery Red Kernes will get his forward spot, while Eddie Salstrom, perhaps the surest shot on the squad, will move up to first line replacement for either Sebern or Kernes.

Bouncers Win
The Baptist Bouncers last night defeated the Casper & Catter Furnacemen 41 to 39 in a fast basketball game.

Scotts Mills Posts Win
SCOTTS MILLS — The local high school hoop team took over the lead in the North Marion county B league race here Friday night, defeating Hubbard 29 to 17. This week Scotts Mills plays St. Paul there Friday night.

Airlie Double Victor
AIRLIE—Airlie's Panthers took an overtime basketball game from Valsert here Friday, 31 to 20, and won a volleyball tilt from the Loggers, 20-12.

Roy Helser Signed by Salem Senators

Owen to Give Women Passes

Each Woman With a Man to Be Admitted Free to Armory Tonight

Pa may get ma, brother may get sister or beau may get sweet heart tonight's raffle in the armory. It was the announcement of Promoter Herb Owen, who billed a whirlwind team match at the top of the card.

Each woman accompanied by a male is to be ushered into the armory free of charge, so the maestro of maidom stated, and what each will see is a tandem tussle that pits Gold Hill's Sgt. Kenneson and Klamath Fall's Pete Belcastro against the buckaroo brothers, Dude and Bobby Chick.

And, Harry Elliott returns after a long, long absence to referee the bouts.

It's the mean marine and Italian ruffian against a couple of Colorado waddies. Brother Dude Chick, until recent years a top bronco buster and still one of the better steer ropers and bulldozers, boasts a personal friendship with Gene Autry, champion of the horse operas. Brother Bobby, in rings as Dude, is nevertheless not quite his equal in rodeo arenas.

To back up the team match, Promoter Owen has billed an hour, or two-of-three falls, struggle between Portland's ever popular Ernie Piluso and Herb Parks, the most scientific of light heavyweight grapplers.

The army doors swing open at 7:30 and the Piluso-Parks match goes on at 8:30.

CI Loop Leaders May Fall Today

Both City Intramural league leaders, the Giants and Greens, are expected to encounter stubborn resistance in today's loop bills. The Giants go against the Reds, who are given an outside chance of drawing an end to the former's undefeated status, while Leslie is given better than a 50-50 chance of dropping the undefeated Greens.

The loop's third hill pits Parrish against the Yankees, and the northern juniors are expected to hang up their second league victory.

Friday's games will be featured by the first meeting of Parrish and Leslie, the game is billed for the Leslie court at 7:30.

Grizzlies Tripped By Cougar Quint

PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 22.—(AP)—The Washington State college Cougars defeated the Montana state university basketball team 57 to 47 in a slashing, free-scoring game here tonight in which the Cougars led all the way.

Paced by a pair of sharpshooting guards, Bud Olson and Kirk Gebert, who scored 14 and 12 points respectively, the Cougars won the game in a 10-0 run in the final 10 minutes. The Grizzlies to within a point of the hosts—once at 11-10 and again at 16-15. But the Grizzlies never quite could catch up.

Oregon Will Be Harder to Beat

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Howard Hobson, University of Oregon basketball coach, predicted today the Webfoots from now on will be a pretty hard ball club to beat.

The methodical leader of last year's national champions hailed last Saturday's 15-point victory over Washington as the first fruits of a major shake-up. All think we'll go places from now on," he said.

SPORTS

Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, January 23, 1940

Tillamook Plays Here Tonight

Viking String Will Get Test

Cheesemakers to Try for First Home Defeat of Salem Five

Vikings versus Cheesemakers for leadership of the No Name basketball league, at 8 o'clock tonight at the Viking villa, with a Jayvee-Bee bust preceding the varsity clash at 6:45.

And the local preppers, who returned Sunday from a road trip upon which they smothered Eugene only to drop two straight to Medford's fast-mushing Black Tornado, have a record that dates back to January 22, 1938, to preserve.

Since that date, two years and a day ago, the Vikings have not lost a single contest on their own court. On top of that, Tillamook was the only team to last year twice defeat Coach Harold Hauk's state champions. (PS—When Tillamook played here the game was held in the Willamette U court, hence the preservation of the undefeated home court record.)

Hauk brought back with him plenty of respect for the dashing, aggressive game being played by the Medfords this year plus a burning desire to uncover a center with some defensive and ball-hawking ability. The Viking boss used three pivoters, Russ Satter, Daryl Mason and Don Harms, against Medford, and was disappointed with the work of each.

Tonight's clash is but one of three for the Salem team this week. Thursday night the Vikings entertain Coach Eldon Cone's Bend Lava Bears here, and Friday night they move out to Clatsop to do battle with Jerry Gastineau's swiftness, the Chemawa Braves.

Dr. Eddie Baker To Coach Carnegie

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Dr. Eddie Baker, for three years first assistant and backfield coach, today was named head football coach at Carnegie Tech, succeeding William F. "Bill" Kern.

He steps into the post that Kern resigned to become head coach at West Virginia university because the outlook at Tech seemed as grim as the Tartans' 1939 grid record. He was given a two-year contract.

Baker enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh from Nanticoke, Pa., and was graduated from the school of dentistry in 1931. Like Kern, he was an assistant at Pitt under Dr. John Bain "Jock" Sutherland, but accompanied Kern to Tech at the close of the 1938 season.

Mt. Angel Bills Linfield 'Cats

MT. ANGEL—Mt. Angel college will do its part towards helping infantile paralysis victims by donating a half of the proceeds from the basketball game between the Angels and Linfield college Tuesday night, January 23, to the fund.

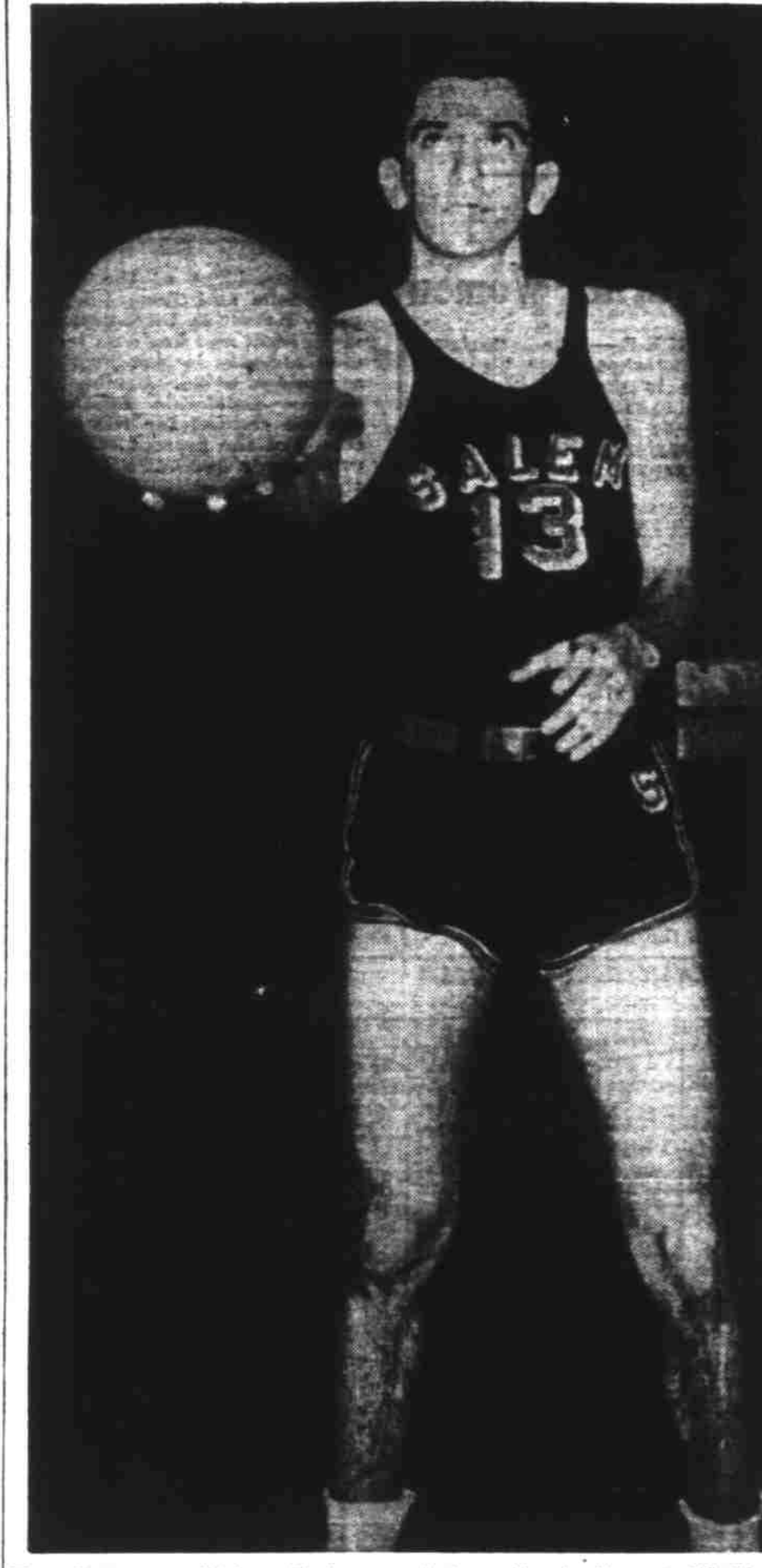
The game will be played on the college floor and the Angels will be out for revenge for the 37-35 defeat suffered at the hands of the Wildcats at McMinnville January 12. The leading Marxmen lost a two-point victory in the last few minutes of play.

The starting Angel lineup will probably include Albert Alley, Salem sophomore, who made a good showing during the recent two game series with the SOCE.

As Louis, Godoy Sign for Bout

Fish, John Humphrey; pheasants, Vern Kirkland; ducks, James McCormick; deer, Fred Shay; legislation, Chris Kowitz; finance, Duane Gibson; house, Willis Ward; entertainment, Graham Sharkey; publicity, Walter Minier, and membership, Morris Hunt.

His Pivot Position in Doubt



Russ Satter, caught by a Statesman photographer in the act of letting loose one of his over-the-head, sight-and-unseen shots. The tall pivot finds his varsity job insecure this week as Coach Hauk casts about for more defensive power in the pivot role. Satter, however, will probably see service tonight against Tillamook's racy, rangy Cheesemakers.

Volk-Johnson Amateur Battle Seen As One of Best of Series Put on By Elks in Local Fight Emporium

Oregon State expectations are that Merle Johnson's fight with Multnomah club's Bobby Volk on the Salem Elks amateur card here Friday night will be one of the finest of the season. These boys met twice last year and Johnson earned hairline decisions both times. Since then Volk has won the northwest Golden Gloves lightweight championship and with the added experience it will give him an even chance with Johnson, who is rated an outstanding prospect for the pro ranks.

Word that reached The Statesman from the Oregon State campus yesterday is to the effect that Eberle Schuits, the Beavers' famous football player, will be making his first public fight against Keller Wagner in the main event. Schuits, listed by the OSC correspondent as weighing 240 pounds and standing 6-foot-8, has fought in college intramural ranks only.

The Oregon State roster, as listed by Coach Jim Dixon, is: 120 pounds, Dave McNary and Dick Livingston; 127 pounds, Merle Johnson; 135 pounds, Hal Peterson and Harry Hansen; 145 pounds, Joe Cordona and Arnold Hildebrand; 155 pounds, Bob Persson; 165 pounds, Bill McKee; 175 pounds, Carl Larson; heavy-weight, Eberle Schuits.

Oregon State and the Salem club divided victories in two matches last season, the local outfit being the only club to defeat the Beavers during the entire season.

Crosby's Actors, Hagen's Pros to Golf in Benefit

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Jan. 22.—(AP)—The Firms will benefit by an extraordinary golf match at Lakeside club tomorrow.

The contest will be between eight motion picture actors, captained by Bing Crosby, and eight members of the United States Ryder cup team with Walter Hagen as captain.

The Professional Golfers' Association of America, sponsors of the match, will tender all proceeds to a Finnish war relief fund.

Local Sports

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

Games Certainty For Pan-America

Possibility of Permanency Expressed by NAAU President

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The stout and genial president of the National Amateur Athletic union, Lorenzo Di Benedetto, declared today the Pan-American games were "a certainty" for this year and might become a permanent series for western hemisphere nations.

"This would certainly solidify relations of the Americas," he said. "Of course it takes time and first we must get a full organization set up to start the 1940 games."

He said plans for staging the games in the United States this summer, in lieu of the Olympics which are among the war casualties, had "passed the talking stage," with work already under way for organizing a definite program.

But the AAU committee which he appointed to take steps for the 1940 games, he added, is looking beyond this year toward a permanent periodic meet for the Americas.

"The committee, with other organizations taking part, expects to prepare a constitution for an international association to have jurisdiction over the Pan-American games every four years or oftener if desired," he said. "The association would award the games to different countries just as the international Olympic committee does."

The AAU president said Latin American countries were "ready to participate," and that the first suggestion for Pan-American games to supplant the Olympics this year came from Alexander Hogarty, an American who is athletic director of Occidental.

Cities bidding for the games include Philadelphia, with a \$500,000 offer; Los Angeles, offering to match any other city's cash and throw in whatever is available from 1932 Olympic facilities; and San Francisco.

Bowling Scores

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE			
COLYEAR MOTOR SALES			
Handicap	99	99	99
Kleinke	140	145	103-448
Mapes	161	169	123-452
Riedel	127	133	107-419
Hauer	158	178	175-508
Hutchins	104	126	131-361
Totals	814	840	805 2252

WASH FURNITURE CO.			
Handicap	99	99	99
Woodry	152	192	158-509
Mars	127	133	107-419
Brown	134	140	142-436
Perry	169	143	149-461
King	174	174	166-514
Totals	801	850	795 2446

WILLAMETTE WRECHING CO.			
Handicap	99	99	99
Cherrington	152	198	164-514
Schultz	183	204	178-565
Gustafson	145	203	136-484
Ward	127	133	107-419
Dahlberg	200	220	190-610
Totals	829	968	825 2617

WOODBURN			
Handicap	61	61	97-149
Shaw	128	161	132-471
Mars	127	133	107-419
Smith	131	131	120-380
Austin	116	121	107-337
Wilford	162	163	161-487
Sims	141	185	168-504
Totals	802	846	837 2485

PITTSBURG FAINTS			
Handicap	99	99	99
Peterson	145	166	194-505
Hendrie	179	168	184-531
Bartons	125	125	110-419
Blatchford	133	148	188-444
Lindstrand	133	139	174-445
Totals	731	791	868 2390

PORTLAND GAS & COKE			
Handicap	10	19	19-48
Larson	160	174	168-492
Lindstrand	150	158	169-477
Bergrook	120	137	237
Keyser	158	135	142-435
Ricketts	193	181	191-577
Totals	850	776	806 2482

BUD'S PLACE			
Handicap	167	166	146-479
Burch	197	179	163-539
Walker	150	158	169-477
Wolf	146	161	150-457
Hart	179	174	202-555
Totals	855	871	841 2507

ALLEN HARDWARE CO.			
Handicap	173	204	166-543
Ehner	135	125	131-391
Bunkowski	150	158	169-477
Zahare	191	170	182-543
Masser	202	181	176-559
Totals	910	863	843 2616

Yakima First on 73-Game Schedule

Broadcasting Rites Are Sold for Home Baseball Games at new Park; Opening Contest April 23

"I just signed Roy Helser," gasped Biddy Bishop, business boss of the Salem Senators, shortly after his return here yesterday from a two-day Western International league meeting at Tacoma.

"We'll open our 73-game home stand against the Yakima Pippins," was number two statement from bubbling Biddy.

"We get 12 week-end datings but no holiday games on our home schedule," was number three.

Number four—"Our season opener will be with the Spokane Indians at Spokane, April 23."

Number five—"Broadcasting rights were sold to Wheaties and Goodrich."

Number six—"I'm still after Bunn Griffiths, San Diego shortstop, to manage the Senators."

Number seven—"I bought Outfielder-Catcher-Infielder Charley Peterson from Yakima and Second Base man Robert Baer from Spokane."

Number eight—"League admission prices were kept at 45 cents general and 35 cents bleachers."

Number nine—"Bob Brown, Vancouver manager, fairly gasped when he inspected our park here Monday, saying, 'without question, it will be the finest in the league.'"

Helser, the chunky southpaw named outstanding player of the national semi-pro congress in Wichita last fall for his efforts in pitching the Silverton Red Sox to four straight victories in that meet, signed for no inducement other than a substantial salary, Bishop revealed. While Helsler had other, and possibly more lucrative offers, the hard-hitting former Linfield college athlete admitted he'd rather take less and stay in the west.

The 12 week-end dates on the home schedule means that 24 Sunday games, one each Sunday afternoon and one each Sunday night, Bishop is entirely satisfied with the schedule, including the fact that there are no holiday games on the home bill.

Griffiths still sought the deal on Bunn Griffiths has been handing fire because San Diego wanted Griffiths to manage its club in the proposed class C league that was being considered by the PCL, Bishop said. Now that the proposed league has fallen through, he expects to get Griffiths.

Baer played 62 games at the keystone for Spokane last year, driving in 32 runs and hitting 254 in 236 times at bat. The versatile Peterson played in all 142 games for Yakima, hitting .287 in 561 times at bat and poling home 58 runs.

"We're going to make it possible that no seat in the park will sell for over the 45-cent top tax," said Bishop. Enlarging on the statement, he said reserve seats will be sold at the 45-cent top if purchased for the season. Boxes, of which seven have already been sold without solicitation, will command a rental fee for the season but renters will pay regular admission prices only for seats.

Bishop said the park would be completed by March 15 and that an open house for the public would be held March 30, at which time the league directors will be here for a banquet the night of the 30th and an inspection of the park the following day, March 31.

The league salary limit remains the same, \$2500, despite efforts of some club managers to get it hiked, Bishop stated, as does also the player limit. Clubs may carry 22 players for the first two weeks and for the last two weeks of the season, during which time there is no salary limit, but must cut rosters to 16 active players during the rest of the season.

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