

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Dabbling in daubs of dissa and data, and whatever became of the boy who batted a thousand in the three-star league only to ground out in the double-A? ... And wasn't HIS name Hennessy, too? ... Witnessed: A bet by Biddy Bishop with Edvard "I Like Duck" Donnelly, Statesman production sup't, that Bernie "Cocky" Brewer will win more games for the Senators than Roy Helser. ... What long, long faces the Viking frontline five had as it sat on the bench and watched the reserve quint show it how to drive in the second half of the Salem-Bend game!

He doesn't look like he could fight his way out of bubble bath, this Pinky Pinkston kid who clashes with Mark Diaz on the Vets' card at the armory his Thursday, but he has a right hand that plays tag with loads of "it". ... Over at Independence they still think Buddy Peterson will explode Kabut's dreams. ... The C's front name banner line has had the Russians repelled by the Pinks almost daily for a month. ... Sort of a self-repel.

Turnover of team bosses in the Western Inter-national has been just a snail's eyelash short of terrific. ... Tacoma takes the toss-out-out cake, with four skippers in three seasons, but Lewiston is close behind with three brains in one year. ... Bellingham, succeeded by Salem's Senators, had three in two seasons.

WI skippers on deck now include Hal Rhyne at Tacoma, Goldie Holt at Yakima and Eddie Leishman at Spokane. ... Bob Brown is south looking for a replacement for Johnny Kerr, who skippered his Vancouver Capitanos last year, and Biddy Bishop is still making the old college try for Bunny Griffith of the San Diego. ... Wenatchee's chief will depend upon what happens to the Chiefs.



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Long Lost Conference to Open.

Just when we were beginning to believe the Northwest basketball conference was passe, up pops Willamette with the announcement the league is to start. ... Happy Howard Maple's 'Cats will do a couple of conference catwalks this week—entertaining Pacific here Tuesday and traveling to Linfield Friday.

It strikes us that if Long Johnny Gee, the 6-foot-9 Syracuse pitcher up for a tryout with Pittsburg, is but every other inch a pitcher he'll do it. ... Flisky: An Olympia fisherman was recently reported to have caught a 10-pound salmon on his hook, which entangled a 12-pounder in the line, and he bagged 'em both. ... Nothing was said about the one that got away.

Reason why the Yanks are for sale, for a price, 'tis said, is because the bank which holds a lot of mortgage against the club wants to cash its chips. ... Looks like Otto "Scooter" Skopil, the chubby Bearcat guard, is beginning to scout again. Skope has scored 22 points in his last two games out, after dilly-dallying around in his usual early season style. ... Skopil finished number two in the Northwest conference scoring race last year.

Congrats to the Salem Elks, Chemawa, Multnomah club and Oregon State for a really fine amateur fight card. Nine bouts, each one a honey, and all of 'em staged in just one hour and a half. ... Best boxers on the card: MAC's Bobby Volk and OSC's Carl Larsen. ... Hardest puncher for his size: Chemawa's Dan Snipe.

California Hoop Havens NG.

Headline: "Yankies Still Tight for Coming Year". ... Who wouldn't, if they had the world's championship? ... Basketball is still a stepchild in southern California, and even in San Francisco. Facilities for staging the hemp-harassing sport haven't kept up with its growth. ... There's a lot to be said in favor of eliminating the second-half kickoff in football. Widdy Neale, Yale's intramural sports director, reports after two years of experimenting with the kickoffless second half that it decreases injuries and increases scoring.

A southern Cal sportscaster prior to this week's northern division hoop games, said his northern scout advised him Oregon was still the team to beat for the northern division title despite Oregon State's tremendous lead. ... He pointed out that four of the Heavers' six wins were from Idaho, whom everyone beats.

Few know that Sonia Henle, the ice queen from Norway, is part Irish. ... Her grandmother on her mother's side was Irish. ... Henle, one of the top money makers of the country, started skating when she was five years old. ... New white hope: Leroy Berg, curly haired Finn who was found milking cows on a farm near Arriba, Colorado, by Jack Kanner, long-time Denver promoter and manager. ... Is 20, 5 feet-11, 150 pounds and is said to have a blinding right hand.

Rilly Sherrard, the Independence old-timer who was fighting such fellows as Jack Billings back in 1910, Kid Lavigne even earlier and some of the best of 'em before the turn of the century, says the Peterson-Kahut rematch is going to be even better than their first setto, and that Kahut will most assuredly win again.

Colorful Boxing Names no More.

Ray Goates, the new Silverton high hoop boss, learned the fast-break system he's installing there at Utah State under Dick Romney, who Goates credits with originating the ball-for-leather style. ... Goates played on the 1936 Utah squad that won the western and mid-western titles and earned the right to enter the finals of the Olympic finals at Madison Square Garden.

Biggest and best Ye Olde Timbers banquet yet, announces Prexy Biddy Bishop. ... The get-together and feed is set for a week from Wednesday night at Portland's Woodcraft hall. ... Bill Chandler, the Marquette U basketball coach who was chiefly instrumental in getting the rule reinstated which permits a team to decline a free throw in favor of taking the ball out of bounds, now thinks the rule is abused.

Why is it few modern-day boxers have flat-out sounding names? No more One-Round Hogan, Battling Nelsons, Killer Coateses, Slaple Maxies, Gunboat Smiths, et al. ... There was the dignified era: John L. Sullivan, James L. Corbett, Robert L. Fitzsimmons and James J. Jeffries.

The coming of Shaughnessy to Stanford preserves intact the tight little circle of non-graduate coaches throughout the Pacific Coast conference. ... Howard Jones came to USC from Yale, with stopovers -enroute: Oliver to Oregon from Arizona; Silvers to OSC from Nebraska; Jimmy Phelan to Washington from Notre Dame via Purdue; Horrell to UCLA from Berkeley; Hollingberry from San Francisco to WSC; Allison from elsewhere to Cal.

'Twas Eddie Salstrom who hooped Salem's winning baskets in the Chemawa game, instead of Kernes, as The Statesman correspondent had it. Salstrom got the final two buckets. ... Most improved hooper on the Viking squad: Big Bob Irish, of the Jayvees. Bob has come up the hard way, but if he continues his stick-to-it-iveness, he'll make the grade one of these days.

Hubbard Defeats Colton, 24 to 26

HUBBARD—Hubbard high school, unbeaten hoop team scored a 24 to 16 win over Colton here Friday night. Donald Lemen scored 10 points to top the totters.

Hubbard 24
Lemen 4
Miller 4
Poppings 16
Moon 4
Vredenberg 4
Hersherberger 6
Subs, Hubbard: K. Lemen 4, D. Lemen 10, Colton: Walker 1.

Ducklings Winner Over Multnomahs

EUGENE, Jan. 27.—(P)—The University of Oregon freshman basketball team handed the Multnomah club intermediates of Portland a 49-24 defeat here this evening. The Ducklings were given strong opposition before hanging up their tenth victory in 11 starts and their fifth straight. The frosh led 28-15 at halftime. Quentin Sidesinger of the frosh and Walt Knuts of the clubmen shared scoring honors, each with 10 points.

Oregons Speed up to Drop Husky

Dick Is Tops In 50-43 Win

Webfeet Overcome Early Washington Lead in Second Half

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 27.—(P)—The University of Oregon overcame a 26-19 halftime deficit here tonight to win its second consecutive northern division, Pacific coast conference game, from Washington. The score was 50 to 43.

John Dick, who paced the Webfeet Friday night with 20 points, was in the saddle again tonight. He made 22.

The defeat practically eliminated Washington as a northern division pennant contender. Tonight's loss was the Huskies' fourth.

Heat Turned On

Until Oregon turned on the heat early in the second half it looked like a walkaway for Washington. The Huskies, led by Hank McDonald, Bob Lindh and Schilling ran up a 20-6 lead in the first 12 minutes and held it until a mild Oregon rally—pre-view of what was to come in the second half—trimmed the score to 26-19 at the recess.

John Dick, whose 42 points in the present series gives him a total of 93 and a chance for the division individual scoring record, inflamed the Webfeet with a brilliant display of scoring as the second period opened. With Anderson and Pavlanas giving him important aid, the Ducks whacked the Washington margin to four points, 39-26, in two minutes. Three minutes later Archie Marshik dumped in a free throw that tied the count at 32-32.

Lead Changes Twice

The lead changed hands twice thereafter before Anderson and Dick got the range a 3 in and lifted the Webfeet, defending champions, into a 46-40 advantage. Washington, tiring rapidly, did not threaten again.

About 6000 saw the Webfeet score 19 baskets in 56 shots, Washington made good on 18 out of 67. Bob Lindh, Husky forward, was high scorer for Washington with 14, although he was benched on four fouls early in the second half.

WSC 66, Idaho 42
MOSCOW, Idaho, Jan. 27.—(P)—The University of Idaho absorbed its eighth straight northern division, Pacific coast conference, basketball defeat tonight by a 66 to 42 score, with Washington State college on the long end of the count.

Score at the half favored the state college Cougars, 29 to 23.

State Loop Meet At Eugene Today

EUGENE, Jan. 27.—(P)—The Oregon state baseball league, leading semi-pro circuit of the state, will hold its annual meeting here Sunday morning with the Eugene Athletics and Hills Creek Hillbillies as host clubs.

President George J. Wilhelm of Eugene said the league will consider night baseball at a general discussion at which time officers for the current year will be elected. Representatives from member clubs in Portland, Silverton, Albany, Toledo, Bend, Pleasant Hill and Eugene will attend.

New franchises will be sought by Roseburg and Medford and other southern Oregon cities, according to Wilhelm.

Ashland Teachers Drop OCE Quintet

MEDFORD, Jan. 27.—(P)—The Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland defeated the Oregon College of Education of Monmouth, 46 to 44, in a basketball game at Ashland Saturday night.

The upstate quint tied the score four times, and had the edge eight times in the hard fought contest. Claud O'Connell was high man with 17 points for the visitors. Sether dropped in 13 points for the SOCS.

Bucketed—Here

Your basketball results are bucketed here daily. Dip 'em out each morning.

Bearcats to Open Conference Play Tuesday

Pacific U First League Opponent

Coach Maple Is Undecided Upon Lineup; 'Cats Seek to Repeat Title

Willamette's Bearcat basketballers get their Northwest conference baptism this week, meeting the Pacific Badgers here Tuesday and journeying to McMinnville Friday for a joust with the Linfield Wildcats.

Coach Maple is yet undecided what his frontline five will be when he starts off in pursuit of his second successive conference championship, but is pretty certain his three holdover all-conference stars, Howard Eberly, Otto Skopil and Bob White, will be in there.

Diminutive Cecil Queseth, the fourth remaining member of last year's championship club, has so far not displayed the same verve and drive that typified his play last year. Queseth is up to his ears in law school, wherein a maximum of book work is necessary, and this is probably the reason.

Bidding strong for the open spots in the lineup are Sum Gal-laher, Johnny Kolb, Ralph Farmer and Jimmy Robertson. Gallaher and Farmer are battling it out for the pivot role, while Kolb and Robertson have been vying for the guard position.

Pacific has already opened its conference season, breaking even in two games played with CPS at Tacoma two weeks ago. The Badgers lost the first, 51-38, but came storming back to run out a 41-36 win the second night. Coach Pete Miller has virtually a veteran lineup.

Woodburn Quintet Drops Bend Squad

WOODBURN—Bend's Lava Bears lost the second game of their invasion of the Willamette valley Saturday night by another close score. Woodburn was the victor 34 to 33. Friday night Bend won from Silverton 31-30.

Bend fouled twice in the last 30 seconds of a game that was close throughout, and Woodburn took the ball out. Gurney of the Bulldogs flipped in 15 points for scoring honors.

Woodburn 34
Pearson 9
Garner 7
Gurney 15
Dunton 4
Povilleck 11
Subs. for Woodburn: Murray 4; for Bend: Laliberte 5.
Referee: Noble.

Leslie Y Quintet Loses to Baptist

The Leslie H-Y quintet, leaders of the YMCA Sunday school league, lost Saturday as Hank Fox paced First Baptist with eight points to a 21-16 win.

United Brethren teams won both their games. The A's nosed out Leslie Methodist 11-10, and the Bees won over the Y Preps 14-10.

Parrish H-Y smothered Jason Lee A 45-21. First Methodist ran over Monmouth with a count of 18 to 7. Jason Lee Bees gained a 14-8 win over Court Street Christian.

Scores in Gray play were: Englewood 21, Garfield 6; Bush 10, Washington 3; McKinley 32, Highland 2; Richmond, forfeit to Grant.

Our Mat Wins Felipe

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27.—(P)—A high-price outsider, Our Mat, won the \$10,000 Santa Anita park today. Lassator was second and Sun Egret third.

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Bowlers: Champs and Runners-up



Don Murdock and Tony Masser (left), receiving congratulations from W. Larson and Lief Bergvik, whom they Friday night defeated for the championship of The Statesman handicap doubles bowling tournament.—Statesman Photo.

Brother Ted Trains Brother Buddy For Scrap With Kahut, Says He'll Fight Tony if Buddy Should Lose

Tony Kahut, the flatie terror from Woodburn, and his challenger for Marion county middle-weight honors, Buddy Peterson of Independence, are both training at the Salem Elks quarters for their 10-round return engagement here Thursday night of this week.

Brother Ted Peterson, who holds a kyo over Kahut, is coaching Brother Buddy, teaching him how to throw a right hand punch in the manner he did in putting the Woodburn wallop-er away.

"A good right hand will stop Kahut every time," says Brother Ted, "and if Buddy cuts loose with his right the way I know he can, he'll beat Kahut."

Brother Ted is doing a lot of talking in fact. He is even talking of returning to the ring long enough to take Kahut himself, if Brother Buddy doesn't explode what he terms the "Kahut myth."

John Friend, Kahut's manager, merely grins at Brother Ted's remarks. "My Tony'll be ready," he says.

The Vets announce they have signed Pinky Pinkston, the trail-looking but hard-hitting youngster who chased Mel Reese all over the arena on the last card, to fight Mark Diaz, durable little

Vikings Schedule Two League Tilts

Winners in 12 of 16 appearances to date, including four of five league encounters, the Salem high Vikings continue in No Name league competition this week by entertaining Albany here Wednesday night and Corvallis here Friday night.

The Vikings, who had a narrow, 35-34 squeak over the Chemawans Friday, won two out of three last week. Their loss was to Tillamook in an overtime clash, that put the 'Mooks out in front in the No-Name race.

Coach Harold Hauk expects both of this week's encounters to be of the "rough variety," as Dwight "Smokey" Adams Albany Bulldogs have been getting steadily better as the season has progressed, and the Corvallis Spartans boast a team but twice whipped this season.

Snow Conditions Said Good in All Immediate Areas

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—(P)—Weekend conditions at the principal Oregon skiing centers included:

Government Camp—Roads clear, chains advised, 18 inches snow, trace new, sticky on crust, temperature 37, intermittent rain and snow, skiing fair.

Timberline—Roads clear, chains required, 40 inches snow, one inch new, powder on crust, temperature 28, skiing good. Santiam area—Hoodoo bowl; North and South Santiam highways open and good, chains advised, 34 inches snow, 16 new since Wednesday, temperature range 12 to 32 degrees.

Jock Sutherland Takes Brooklyn Dodgers Post

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 27.—(P)—The Sun Telegraph said today Dr. John B. Sutherland was expected to sign a contract tomorrow as coach of the Brooklyn Dodgers professional football team.

The newspaper said Sutherland and Dan Topping, owner of the Dodgers, would meet Sunday in Pittsburgh and the contract would be signed then.

Ward Leading Crosby Field

Spokane Golfer States He's Through With Open Play

By ROBERT MYERS

DEL MAR, Calif., Jan. 27.—(P)—Led by National Amateur Champion Marvin (Bud) Ward and Professionals Harold McSpaden and Ed Oliver, par took a beating today as the first round of the annual \$3000 Bing Crosby golf tournament came to an end and the decks were cleared for the final 18 holes tomorrow.

Twenty-nine golfers—two of them amateurs—bettered par 73 of the Rancho Santa Fe Country club when the day's firing had ended, and 70-odd pros go into the last round on the 1940 California winter tournament circuit.

Oliver, pro at Horrell, N.Y., posted his 68 early and the March was on. McSpaden, of Winchester, Mass., equaled the figure and then Ward, the pride of Spokane, Wash., and Host Crosby, came in with his sub performance.

Big Guns Go

The big guns of golf sounded in today's round in contrast to yesterday, when the first half of the record field of more than 300 played the initial round. Only ten players, led by Cliff Spencer of Washington, D.C., with a 69, broke regulation figures.

Scores of 74 and under in the first round qualified for the medal play tomorrow.

Weather Good

Perfect weather again prevailed and several thousand spectators trailed the various featured pairings, including the twosome of Bud Ward and Ken Tucker, straight driving young pro from Everett, Wash. Tucker had a 33 going out but slipped to a 39 for the par 36-36—72 layout.

Ward, after announcing that this would be his last appearance in open competition, proceeded to knock four strokes off par and put in a strong bid for the championship in the final 18 holes tomorrow. The Spokane, Wash., title holder had little success until today in the winter tournaments in California.

He said he was "over-golfered" and his game had "suffered from too much advice, good though it was."



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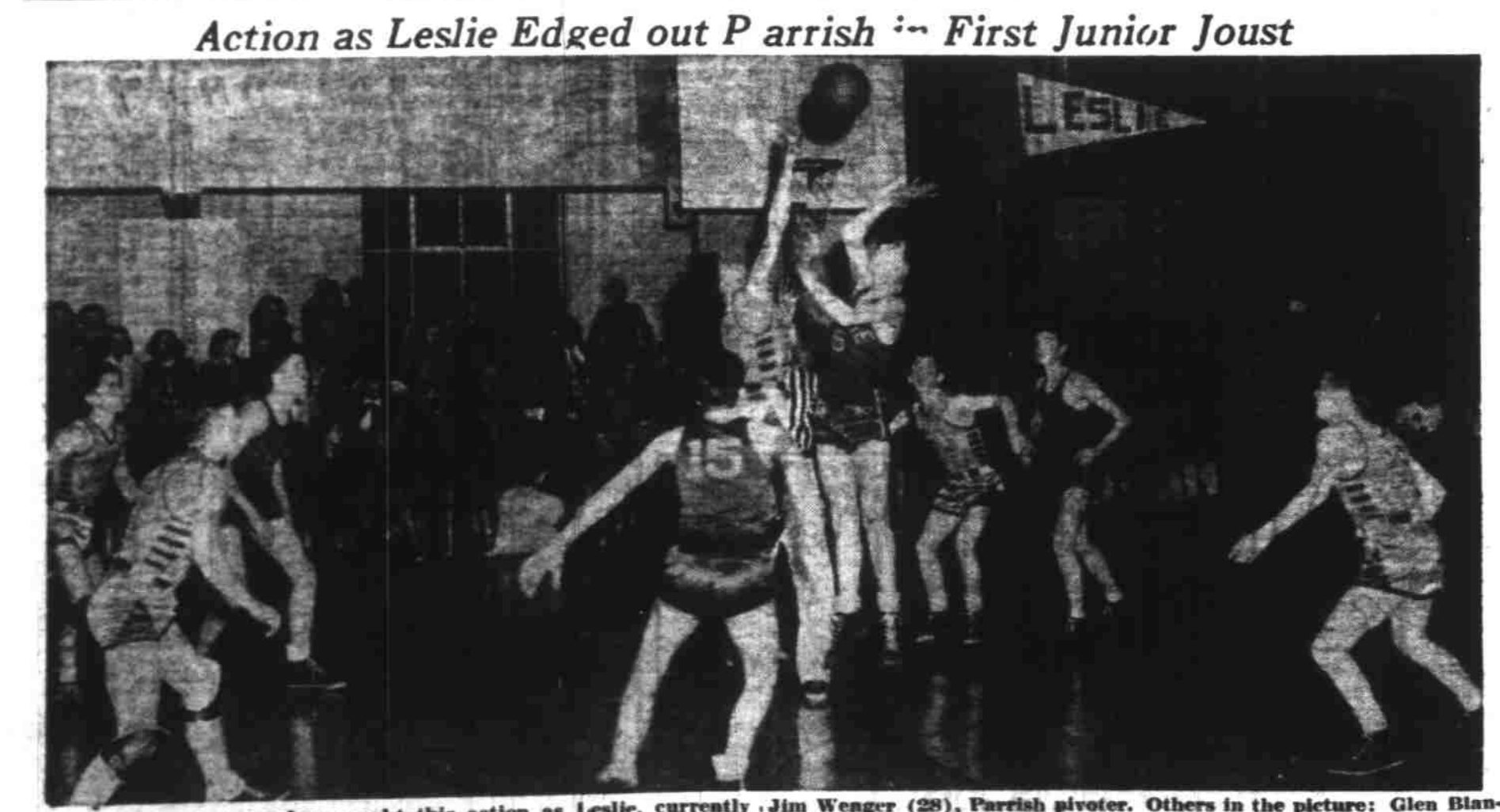
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The Statesman photographer caught this action as Leslie, currently tied for leadership of the City Intramural hoop race, scored a 22-21 win over Parrish in the first of a three-game city junior high school series. Up for the ball are Warren Sharp (8), Leslie center, and Jim Wenger (28), Parrish pivot. Others in the picture: Glen Blanton (22), Wally Gemmell (10), Gene Ransom (30), Lloyd Straw (15), Wendell Downey (at extreme left), Bud Litwiller (16), and John Clark (14).