

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Basketball is about to reach its peak bloom all across the hoop orchard. Let's take a quick look on all fronts:

1. Northern division—Oregon state with the title almost inched; 10 wins to two losses and but four more to play, one at Eugene this Saturday, one with Oregon at Corvallis February 23, and two at Seattle March 1 and 2. Oregon and Washington State, only teams still having a chance, have four games to play against each other (including last night's), and in addition Oregon has two with Oregon State and two with Idaho while WSC has two with Washington and one with Idaho.

2. Northwest conference—College of Puget Sound, with five wins to one loss, appears already in. Willamette, should it win all the rest of its conference games, which include two against College of Idaho this week, two against Whitman next week and one against Linfield, could tie CPS.

3. No Name league—Tillamook, with only one loss, meets Oregon City and Salem at home, Salem, with only two losses, travels to Corvallis and Tillamook. Salem could tie Tillamook by winning both games, providing the "Mooks didn't lose to Oregon City, and practically no one does.

4. WVI league: Dallas, with but one defeat, has Woodburn, Independence and Silverton yet to play—and Silverton is the only club figured to have a chance with the Dragons. Chemawa, Dallas' only real competitor with two losses, has Molalla, Silverton and Independence left, and both Molalla and Silverton may give the Indians trouble.

5. Staters Nearly Cinch. A "guess" summary would give Oregon State the northern division, Coast conference flag, CPS the Northwest conference pennant, Tillamook the No Name bunting and Dallas the WVI loop knifon.

6. Oregon State won but two of its four remaining games, neither WSC nor Oregon could lose more than one more and get as much as a tie. Whichever team loses last night, can't hope for a better than a tie if it goes on to win all the rest, providing the Orangemen win two of their remaining four.

7. Should Oregon State take three of the remaining four, which the Beavers should do, either Oregon or Washington State would have to win all remaining games. Oregon State thus becomes, at this stage, about a 100 to 1 shot to walk on in.

8. As for the screwy Northwest conference, it would take a Philadelphia lawyer and a couple of CPAs to figure it out. Willamette doesn't play CPS, and if anyone knows how many games CPS does play in the conference they're keeping it a secret. It appears, however, that the Tacoma collegians are "in," and have only to sit by and wait for Willamette to be snuffed before running up the pennant.

9. Salem, if it played the brand of ball it did against Astoria last Saturday night, could easily turn in defeats over both Corvallis and Tillamook, and thus gain a tie for the No Name title.

10. Dallas doesn't figure to lose any more, although Silverton is bound to be tough for the Dragons. Therefore, Dallas is pretty definitely a cinch in the WVI circuit.

Where to Title? Whatever you do, and we handed out the same advice about this same time last year, don't sell short the Vikings for state tournament honors. Not after last Saturday night, anyway. Those kids have it, when they make up their minds to turn it loose. And when they do there isn't a high school team in the state that can beat 'em.

11. Like last year's state titular team, this year's Viking edition isn't one of poise and precision, even in its best moments. It's a rip-roaring, get-down-the-floor, get-and-get-low type of team, and when the kids start going they just naturally make things too hot for the opposition.

12. The pivot position has been the biggest headache for Coach Haulk all season. Tall Russell Satter has all the physical ability for a great center but has been prone to what appears to be mental releases during the stress of tough competition. When he looks good he looks unstopable, and when he looks bad he's awful. For about half the Astoria game he was an all-American; in two or three instances he was plain dumb.

13. If tall Russ can play the superior ball he did for a time in the Astoria contest, if Don Barnick continues to drive the floor as he has been in the past few games, if Scottie Sebera continues to hawk that

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Salem, Eugene Hoopers Clash Tonight

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Ducks Swamp Cougars, 71 to 41

Can 30 Shots In 96 Throws

Anderson Gathers 18, but all UO Men Have Field Night at Hitting

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—The University of Oregon's national championship basketball team ran up a modern scoring record for the northern division of the Pacific Coast conference tonight in defeating Washington State, 71 to 41.

The victory lifted Oregon into second place a half game ahead of WSC.

The Oregonians seemed to hold a charm when they heaved the ball at the basket, which they did practically every time they got hold of it. For minutes on end, especially in the second half, they sank every shot attempted and final tabulations showed they fired 96 times and hit 39.

Washington State, weary after two grueling games with Oregon State last weekend, was ragged both in passing and marksmanship.

Halftime 34 to 24. The visitors managed to make a ball game out of it during the first half although Oregon never relinquished the lead. After the intermission changes had worked up a 13-3 lead in the first four minutes, Washington State battled back desperately and managed two minutes before the end of the half, to scissor the disadvantage against them to six points, 30-24. Paul Lindeman and Bill Chase were chiefly responsible. In the last 30 seconds, however, Matt Pavlunas and Townsend scored for Oregon and the Ducks recessed with a 10-point lead, 34-24.

The second half was a stampede. From far and near, corner or keyhole, with one hand or two the Oregonians peppered the hoop and the iron ring seemed to hold magnetic attraction for the ball. Under the blistering drive WSC wilted. At the peak of the storm Oregon led, 46-35. Coach Howard Hobson, who had worked up a second and third string reserves. A crowd of about 4000 saw the game. The win put Oregon within 2 1/2 games of the leading Oregon State Beavers.

CHIEF OF LIONS



POTSY CLARK, NEW VICE PRESIDENT AND COACH OF THE DETROIT LIONS, PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM

Hurlers Helped, Baseball Rules

Leeway Given In Leg Action

Pitcher may Have one Leg Back of Rubber; Can Get Full, Swinging Stride

By GAYLE TALBOT
BELLEAIR, Fla., Feb. 12.—Baseball's playing rules committee finally got around to giving the pitchers some help at their meeting here today. They passed a new rule which will permit the hard-pressed flingers much more latitude in the use of their legs on the warm-up.

Sponsored by Owner Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators, the new rule provides that the pitcher may take his position with one leg outstretched behind him and have the advantage of a full, swinging stride as he goes forward to deliver the ball.

Previously, the moundman has been compelled to stand facing the batter with his pivot foot in front in contact with the plate, and he gained only what momentum he could in swinging his free leg forward from that awkward position. The greater freedom now permitted might have a revolutionary effect upon pitching and batting averages.

Collins Opposes Rule
The new rule, which was bitterly opposed by Eddie Collins, general manager of the Boston Red Sox, stipulates that the pitcher's foot must be in contact with the rubber. His other foot is free, except that he cannot step to either side of the plate, and that he cannot raise either foot until in the act of throwing. He may, in the wording of the rule, "take one step back and one forward."

Collins fought the motion, he said, because it "will cause more cheating than ever on the part of pitchers." He declared he would rather have voted for the return of the spit-ball.

"You'll see," he prophesied, "that if they can start from a position like a sprinter, pitchers will be lifting that front foot off the rubber and taking what amounts to two full jumps before they turn loose the ball."

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Marion B Title Won by Millmen

42-23 Win From Colton 5 Clinches Northern Half for Scotts Mills

N. MARION CO. B LEAGUE
W L Pct.
Scotts Mills 9 0 1.000
Sacred Heart 6 3 .667
Hubbard 6 3 .667
Gervais 2 6 .333
St. Paul 3 6 .333
Colton 0 9 .000

SCOTTS MILLS—Scotts Mills clinched the North Marion county B league title by defeating Colton 42-23 in a game played at Colton Friday night. The Millmen took the league with nine wins and no defeats, and have one remaining league contest, Hubbard, in overtake the leaders, as they have two league defeats.

Playoffs with the champions of the South Marion county B league will be held as soon as the winner of that section is determined. In contrast with Scotts Mills' early victory in the north, the south has had a close race all season, with Gates, Turner, Mill City and Stayton as possible champions.

SCOTTS MILLS 42 23 Colton
C. Wellman 15 4 Newcomb
Moyer 4 5 B. Martenson
Smith 18 6 Rank
Sacy 3 2 Miller
Duff 2 6 D. Martenson

"Trainers" Trip Gervais, 41-28

The Oregon State Training school "Trainers" continued their winning ways last night, defeating Gervais town team, 41 to 28, with Hoffer hitting 12 points.

55 Gervais
Mayfield 2 4 Colby
Williams 2 7 Jelderks
Kuni 6 5 A. Jensen
Duffy 7 4 P. Jensen
Hoffer 12 4 Hood
Subs. for OSTs: Mark 4, Vost 2, Gervais: Brown 4, Coon 2.

Who's Hoop

Church Leagues	W	L	Pct.
A Church League	7	2	.777
Congregational	5	2	.710
Presbyterian	5	2	.710
Nazarene	5	4	.555
Jason Lee	2	7	.222
Mormons	1	8	.111
B Church League	W	L	Pct.
Presbyterian	6	0	1.000
Calvary Baptist	4	1	.800
First Christian	3	2	.600
Methodist	0	0	.000
C. St. Christian	2	3	.400
A. Lutheran	2	3	.400
Jason Lee	1	4	.200
C Church League	W	L	Pct.
First Methodist	5	1	.833
Jason Lee	5	1	.833
First Baptist	4	2	.666
C. St. Christian	2	4	.333
Presbyterian	2	4	.333
West Salem ME.	1	5	.166

Winkleman Named San Jose Mentor

SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Ben Winkleman, former assistant coach at Stanford and an exponent of the Warner wingback system, today was appointed head football coach at San Jose State college.

He will succeed Dud DeGroot, who resigned to accept the head coaching berth at the University of Rochester. The contract was for one year.

All-Salem Ski Meet Slated for Sunday

Anderson Tournament Will Be First For Locals; 18 Entries Are now in; Course Is Set at Timberline

Next Sunday marks the first all-Salem ski tournament ever to be held—the W. E. Anderson Downhill tournament, sponsored by Anderson's sporting goods store, which will be staged at Timberline on the south slope of Mt. Hood.

The races will include women's, junior, men's novice and men's expert. The women's event is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. with the other divisions following in order.

Tom Hill, successor to Otto Lang as head of the Timberline ski school, will set the course. It will extend downward from the head of the new chair lift to the bottom of Breakleg hill on the upper end of the Alpine trail. Hill plans to establish six or eight control gates over the course, to serve the dual purpose of safety features to guard against injuries and to bring out full proof of abilities of the participants. The gates will be placed in an open manner, not closed flush as in slalom racing.

No Wait Necessary
Fred Van Dyke and Linn D'Arcy, of the Oregon Winter Sports association, will be in charge of the officials. Officials of long experience, these men will assure proper timing, recording and starting.

Contestants will not be compelled to stand in line to get on the lift for reaching the top of the course, as entrants may ski to the head of the line.

The course will be marked with red flags, and the gates, which skiers will be compelled to pass through, will be marked with blue flags.

Entry Blanks Available
Entry blanks are available at Anderson's and all Salem skiers are invited to enter and make this first tournament a success.

Entries already received include:
Women—Margaret Stevenson, Junior—Ted Gordon, Jr., Tom Roberts, Herb Hoffman and Nap Roemer.

Men's novice—Reg Saunders, Bob Forrester, Oran Robertson, Alfred Hoffman, James Whalen, Donnell Sanders and Hugh Wilkerson.

Salem's expert—Bud Moriarty, Glen Stevenson, Bill Bowen, Gus Herren, Bruce Gordon and Bob Crawford.

M. Jacobs Denies Buenos Aires Mix
MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Promoter Mike Jacobs said today he had not been approached regarding a return match in Buenos Aires between Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and Arturo Godoy, and added that any bout involving Louis would be staged by Jacobs himself.

That's the first I had heard of it," Jacobs said when informed Argentine promoters had opened negotiations for Godoy, Chilean who stayed 15 rounds with the titleholder last Friday, to fight the champion again May 25 at Buenos Aires. "I am the only one to trade with where Louis is concerned."

Asked if he would be interested in a \$500,000 guarantee the Argentine promoters said they were offering, Jacobs remarked: "Any time Louis fights, Michael S. will put the price on it."

Boyd-Crowell Mix Set for Seattle
SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Chuck Crowell, six-foot, five-inch heavy-weight from Seattle, and Wild Bill Boyd, former navy champion from Seattle, mix in a 10-round boxing main event at the civic auditorium tomorrow night—but the wagering public is keeping its hands in its pockets.

A check of some of the bet posters today disclosed no action and no favorites picked.
About the only basis of comparison is that Crowell stopped Jim Robinson in two rounds while Boyd dropped a decision to him. Both have records studded with knockouts.

Salem Tenpin Clubs Win
Cline's bowling team of Salem Sunday out-bowled the Portland Alleys quint, 2901 to 2879, while Acme Wreckers of Salem shelacked Central Alleys of Portland, 2842 to 2642.

These flags will spell big NEWS for motorists See Page 10

Axemen-Viking Go Is at 8 pm

Coach Hawk Undecided Starting Quint; Locals Won 16 of 21

Salem high's hooping Vikings, who opened the throttle the widest yet this season in submerging Astoria last Saturday, tonight at 8 o'clock meet the Eugene Axemen here in a Kings-No Name league encounter. At 6:45 preliminary will pit the Eugene B team against Salem's Jayvees, winners in 14 consecutive clashes.

With stars popping up out of his reserve ranks, Coach Harold Hawk currently faces a problem in what to call his starting lineup. All-State, Scott Peterson, lanky Bob McKee, driving Don Barnick, heady Jim Henery and tall Russ Satter have been "it" for the major share of the season, recent games turned in by Red Kernes, Bud Coons and Eddie Satter, have placed them in line for starting jobs.

Kernes and Coons, the former a forward and the latter a guard, turned in brilliant performances in the Astoria game, and one or both may get the call tonight.

Coons, however, a sustained a sprained ankle in the Fishermen fray, and may be held out of competition this week.

Salem shellacked the Axemen, 28 to 16, in their game at Eugene, a tilt Coach Hawk named as one of the best played by his team this year.

The Viking record to date reveals 16 wins in 21 games.

Peterson-Dunstan Bout Signed Here

Buddy Peterson, Independence rambler who battled to a rousing draw with Woodburn's Tony Kahut two weeks ago, will face Salto Dunstan of Chehalis, Washington, in the double main event VFW card at the armory Friday night. It was announced here yesterday by the Vets.

Dunstan, a rugged righthand puncher who holds a knockout victory over Brother Peterson, is scheduled to move into Portland to wind up his training before coming to Salem Friday.

The top 10-round, between hard-hitting Sig Barlund of Marshfield, and Kenny Austin of Albany, is the first step in an attempt to bring out a capable challenger for Lee "The Lion" Turner, state middleweight titlist. Salem's boxing commission has agreed the winner of this match will get a chance at Turner whether the latter wants to bout or not.

Knickerbocker Is New S'Ball Head

Harry V. Collins, for three years president of the State Softball association, Sunday during the annual meeting held here resigned that position and Clifford Knickerbocker, McMinnville, was elected. Collins was named director at large.

Dave White, Portland, was elected vice president; Ralph Guyton, Oregon City, secretary; and Dwight Adams, state director.

An invitation was extended by President Howard Maple, of the State association, to the State association to hold its 1940 state tournament on Sweetland field here.

Towns represented at the meeting included Portland, LaGrande, St. Helens, Klamath Falls, Cottage Grove, Corvallis, McMinnville, Knickerbocker, Gresham, Mt. Angel and Salem.

WRESTLING

Cowboy Dude Chick vs. Babe Small
1 Hour
Silent Rattan vs. Pete Belcastro
45 Minutes
Bobby Chick vs. Herb Parks
30 Minutes
Salem Armory Tonight, 8:30
Lower Floor 50c, Balcony 40c, Reserved Seats 75c (No Tax)
Tickets: Cliff Parker's and Lyle's - Auspices American Legion Herb Owens, Matchmaker