

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Count 'em: 21 days to the Oregon State High School Athletic association's 21st annual hoop tournament, which according to the best authority starts March 13 and continues daily through Saturday night, March 16.

Scene: Willamette university court.

Some of contention: State high school basketball championships.

Principals (as nearly as we can estimate): Helix, Thurston, Butte Falls and some team from the coastal district in the B bracket; Klamath Falls, Baker, North Bend and Salem in the upper bracket along with the Bees; and Pendleton, University high of Eugene, Ashland, McMinnville, Dallas, Lebanon, Molalla and Astoria in the lower bracket.

Question: Who'll win?

Answer: Let's play 'er out.

What! Salem Here?

The upper bracket: Wednesday, 1 p. m.—The district 13 champion, which we have named as Helix, is beaten by the district 16 champion, probably Thurston.

Wednesday, 2 p. m.—Butte Falls (maybe), the district 14 champ, whips the district 15 titlist (which you can name).

Wednesday, 3 p. m.—Klamath Falls, our nomination for the district three championship, eases out Baker (the Colossus district one champion unless beaten out by La Grande).

Wednesday, 4 p. m.—Salem, which by some hook or crook (so they'll as usual say) won the district 10 title, will (by the same hook or crook) oust the district eight champ, which we have chosen as North Bend, a repeater.

Dallas Hurdles Opener.

The lower bracket: Wednesday, 5 p. m.—Pendleton, our choice for the district two title (although The Dalles may spring a surprise), will meet the district 12 champion (which will be either University high of Eugene or Corvallis or Lebanon, depending upon which division of the district seven championship goes where). Pendleton, with All-State Lewis Beck back, should win.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Ashland, the district nine titlist (if Medford doesn't beat 'em out), will go down before the district six champion, which we have named as McMinnville.

Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.—Dallas, runner-up in the district six race and therefore in the meet as the district 11 representative, will drop the district seven champ, either Lebanon or Corvallis, and we're naming Lebanon.

Thursday, 4 p. m.—Astoria, the district five titlist, after a tough battle, wins from Molalla, the district four champ (if Park Rose doesn't beat the Bucks out of the district championship).

Thursday, 5:30 p. m.—Salem wins the B title.

Thursday, 4 p. m.—Salem drops Klamath Falls.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—Pendleton wins from McMinnville.

Thursday, 8:30 p. m.—Dallas surprises by dropping Astoria.

The semi-finals: Friday, 7:30 p. m.—Salem whips the B champ.

Friday, 8:30 p. m.—Pendleton knocks over a very tired Dallas team.

Repeat Championship. And now it is 8:30 Saturday night, March 16. The Willamette hoopery has been a bedlam of noise up to a minute ago. The teams are lined up, Pendleton with All-State Lewis Beck defending the east goal and Salem with All-State Scottie Sebern defending the west bucket.

There's the ball in the air

GIANTS HOPE

By Jack Sords



WU Wins in Overtime, 47 to 43

Murray, White Hit for 'Cats

Double Overtime Necessary to Defeat Missionaries; Skopil Heads Attack

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Willamette field goals by Murray and White brought the retiring champions a 47-43 decision over Whitman tonight as less than 30 seconds remained in the second overtime period of a Northwest conference basketball game.

College of Puget Sound won the title yesterday by virtue of Willamette's first game loss.

It was a heated see-saw issue all the way, with a 39-all tie just before the end of the regular playing period and a 43 knot after nearly five minutes overtime.

In the last extra piece, Skopil, who led Willamette's dominating second half play, fired a high looping shot to set the stage for Whitman's victory surge.

Whitman 43 47 Willamette Bullock 7 12 Eberle Pepin 14 12 White Gentry 10 11 Skopil Webb 10 3 Kolb 3 5 Lilly Heidenreich 2 3 Sub: Willamette—Robertson, Galaher 2, Murray 2.

for the opening tipoff, and there are the Vikings and Buckaroos battling for the state championship.

And it'll be a battle—a battle reminiscent of the one staged by teams representing these two towns back in 1931, when Pendleton's Kidder, Hill, Erwin, Stroble and Terjesen beat out Salem's Bone, Kitchen, Sanford, Foreman and Seigund in an overtime session, 31 to 29.

In fact, it'll be the battle this observer thought should have been played last year, for it was our opinion Pendleton last year had at least the second best club in the tourney.

The winner? Well, it's time Salem evened up for that 1931 defeat.

Everything's Just Ducky



Presenting the Ducky-Wucky Joe Medwick of baseball, Joe, Sr., who outfields for the St. Louis Cardinals, and Joe, Jr., snapped at St. Petersburg, Fla., where the old man is preparing for another baseball season.

Viks Drop Pioneers, 54-30

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Chemawa Cinches Second, WVI

No. 17 Is Cinch For 'Eagle Eye' Watkins, Golfer

TACOMA, Feb. 20.—(AP)—O. A. Watkins has an eagle eye and an eye for eagles. A week ago, Watkins, playing with his regular Tuesday afternoon golfing gang at Fircrest country club, sank his second shot on the 355-yard 17th hole for an eagle two.

Today, playing with the same crowd, Watkins hit the same shot on the same hole and got another eagle.

Spring Drills Set

LEBANON—Coach Jack Woodward last week set March 2 as the date when drill begins in baseball and spring football. He expects to have a bigger percent of experienced men out.

Backbone Hits For 38 Points

Misses Record Narrowly Despite 1 Less Game; Molalla Is Third

CHEMAWA—Frank Backbone hit 38 points here Tuesday night as Chemawa cinched second spot in the WVI league race by handily outscoring Independence 69 to 37 shellacking, and the keen-eyed Indian forward lacked but eight points of breaking his own league record of 280 points despite playing one less game.

Backbone's total for the 13 games is 272 points, an average of 20 12-13 points per game, 12-13 of a point better than his record of last year. If the 15 points he scored in the no-contest Silverton game last week counted, he would have broken his own record by nine points.

Chemawa's Bees put away the Bee championship with a 42 to 21 win in the preliminary. The Brave Bees won all 14 of their league contests.

Chemawa 69 87 Independence Backbone 38 14 Rogers Bird 10 8 Byers Woundedeye 14 8 Jones Youngman 6 3 Graham Shoulderblade 1 2 Primus Subs, for Independence: Algzooos 1.

DALLAS—Mel Dornhecker hit 24 points as the Dallas Dragons emphasized their WVI league championship here Tuesday night with a 61 to 30 shellacking of Silverton, giving the sharpshooting local lad a total of 207 counters for the 14 games.

Dallas was behind at the finish of the first quarter, 8-10, and held but a four-point, 18-14 halftime lead. But the Dragons gathered momentum in the third period to run up a 43-21 count at its expiration and were off to the races from there.

Silverton's Bees, with Zahler hitting 9, registered a 31 to 16 win in the preliminary.

Dan 11 30 Silverton Dornhecker 24 10 Peavy Low 9 3 Henjun Jackson 11 7 Anderson A. Kroeker 2 9 Johnson Peters 8 Zahler Subs, for Dallas: Boydston 5, E. Kroeker 4, Blackley 2. For Silverton: Burr 1.

WOODBURN—West Linn's Lions cinched sixth place in the WVI basketball league race for 1940 here Tuesday night, defeating the Woodburn Bulldogs by a 29 to 16 count.

The locals led for the first quarter, 6-5, but the Lions drew ahead to post 13-9 halftime and 19-12 third quarter advantages. Kern, with 10 counters, topped the scoring.

West Linn's Bees took the opener also, 38 to 21.

West Linn 29 16 Woodburn Merkle 2 6 Murray Bauerfeldt 7 3 Garnero Courtney 11 11 Stroud Elliott 4 1 Duntton Kern 10 Pavlycek Subs, for Woodburn: Ellis 1, Bovee 1.

MOLALLA—Staving off a last-quarter rally, the Molalla Bucks beat out the Lebanon Berrypickers here Tuesday night, 45 to 39, to put a stranglehold on the WVI league's third position.

The Bucks led all the way but Lebanon crawled up 10 points on them in the last 10 minutes. Helno, with 13 points, topped the firing and stretched his total for the league season to 198 to finish third in the scoring race.

Molalla's Bees won the preliminary, 18 to 15.

Molalla 45 39 Lebanon Helno 13 2 Miller Jaatinen 4 1 Standley Hampton 11 11 Stroud Woods 9 12 Medley Schiewe 8 8 Simpson Subs, for Lebanon: Michels 4, Ellis 1.

'Musher' Baum, Defending Titlist Of Idaho Dog Derby, Says Canines Run to Win and Have Fun in Races

ASHTON, Idaho, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Sled dogs run to win once they learn it's fun to race, Driver Caley Baum contended today in explaining the secret of 10 victories in 11 races.

"The dogs like to race and knock of putting across to them the idea that it's 'pleasure' rather than 'work' in the training routine is an important factor in developing a winning team," explained the Ashton "musher" whose teams have won him \$2,455 in prize money.

His victories the past two years extended through Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

Baum, young in years but a veteran driver, "pals" with his string of Irish-Llewellyn setters, but he always lets them know who's master.

24th Annual Running Baum warmed up his team today for the 24th annual running of the American dog derby in this eastern Idaho community come Washington's birthday.

He's the defending champion and favorite to repeat.

The race, which brings hundreds of dog lovers to this sled mecca, is attracting unusual interest.

Baum has won two legs on a large gold trophy, which with cash, goes to the winner, a feat duplicated by Lloyd Van Sickle of nearby St. Anthony, the defending champion and favorite to repeat.

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Seven or eight drivers expect to compete.

Painters 26, Bank 21

The Dunsmuir Painters defeated US Bank, 26 to 21, in a city minor league game here last night.

Painters 26 21 US Bank Olson 2 6 W. Bertelson Joyce 8 J. Bertelson Swenson 8 6 Stockwell Steink 3 3 King Forrest 6 Reinwald Subs, for Painters: Sturdevant 5, Smith 2.

Leslie Loopers All but Cinch CI Title in 30-24 Win From Giants; Parrish, Greens Are Victorious

Though having five games yet to play and two of them with their most formidable rival, Parrish, Leslie junior high school's hoop team yesterday virtually assured itself of the 1940 City Intramural pennant with a 30 to 24 victory over the Giants, the only team pressing it closely in the standings.

The victory gave the Leslies their ninth win to one loss, while it was the Giants' third loss.

as against but seven wins. Lloyd Straw, the league's leading scorer, boosted his lead with eight points, making a total of 105.

Parrish moved nearer the second place Giants with a decisive 25 to 14 lacing of the Reds, which was paced by Neimeyer's 10 points and Cross's eight, and the Greens dropped the Yankees by a 23 to 18 count.

Leslie 30 24 Giants Kelly 6 Toombs Straw 8 4 Nelson Jones 8 10 Page Lappin 1 7 Williams Gemmell 8 3 Fairhurst Subs, for Leslie: Butte 2, Applegate 1.

Parrish 25 14 Reds Cross 8 Carver Neimeyer 10 2 Dahlen Wenger 1 2 Lind Clark 4 2 Page Litwiller 3 3 Dietrick Sub, for Reds: Wodreska 5.

Greens 23 18 Yankees Storiz 2 10 Crothers Lowery 8 8 Bacon White 1 Booth Hardy 7 2 Pettit Schur 5 8 Fitzsimmons

Bowling Scores

STATE LEAGUE			
Handicap	20	30	90
Harvey	149	190	121-406
Bird	97	105	114-316
Uster	127	98	218-448
Dorfler	118	139	112-369
Totals	591	502	590-1623
TABULATING			
Young	135	177	168-478
Parks	150	102	177-429
Gould	143	139	121-403
Kemp	159	175	180-514
Totals	587	593	644-1924
BENEFITS			
Handicap	87	87	87-111
McMahon	134	147	169-450
Smith	132	178	145-420
Herron	134	148	156-436
Rhode	118	153	145-411
Totals	593	656	650-1858
COMPUTING			
Payne	188	148	181-517
Harrison	145	204	132-481
Bessie	132	188	123-420
Witt	147	179	188-514
Totals	612	719	624-2005
MERCANTILE LEAGUE			
GOLDIE'S			
Carey	143	121	155-419
Jones	136	159	132-427
Tove	160	158	118-420
Herr	145	138	137-409
Goldie	137	161	168-464
Totals	721	725	723-2179

STANDARD STATIONS			
Handicap	22	22	22-66
Paucette	122	129	132-377
McCall	132	141	134-407
Delk	151	129	148-299
McCall	157	166	153-476
Totals	708	701	747-2151

WOOLWORTH'S			
Handicap	217	211	164-592
F. McCarroll	123	123	127-413
Bonner	123	148	164-444
G. McCarroll	132	148	164-444
Vernon	152	160	181-426
Schneider	159	154	158-449
Totals	756	798	782-2334

SALEM BREWERY			
Handicap	159	181	132-473
Graham	155	138	147-460
Waters	120	150	104-379
Courtney	120	150	104-379
Perrash	77	138	105-320
Kunney	114	141	149-404
Totals	687	825	695-2207

Visit From Canada

BETHEL—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carruthers had as their house guests for several days Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sparks and Miss Margaret Sparks of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada. These families were formerly neighbors in the north. The guests had spent the winter in California and were enroute from Los Angeles to their home. Sparks was for some years a member of the provincial parliament from the Wetaskiwin constituency.

Sebern Paces Salem With 19

Locals Fire at .479 Rate in Fast Game; Have No Name Chance

All-State Scottie Sebern got into all-state gear here last night, throwing nine field goals from far and near and adding a gift toss to pace Salem's spirited Vikings to a 54 to 30 No Name league victory over Oregon City's Pioneers.

The locals had no trouble with the Pioneers after the first two minutes of play, despite Coach Hank freely experimenting with his lineup.

Coincidentally, Sebern had a .450 firing average in dunking his nine buckets while the team average for the night was .479. But Scottie was getting the shots, driving in these close or cannonading 'em in from away out when the Pioneer defense hemmed the Vikings out on fast breaks.

Hank opened with Red Kernes paired with Sebern in the forward positions, as Bob McKee was ill and not in suit, and Sophomore Bud Coons started in Jim Henery's guard berth. But before the easy romp was over, Hank had used almost every possible combination.

McKenzie, shifty Pioneer forward, was the only consistent firer of the visitors. He hit seven field goals and a free toss for 15 points, just four under Sebern's 19.

The victory made it possible for the Vikings to tie Tillamook for league honors providing they score a victory over the Cheesemakers at Tillamook Friday night.

Kernes and Satter amply aided Sebern in the first half, which ended 30-11, while Eddie Salstrom hung home three crumples to assist Scottie in the second canto.

It was a fast tilt all the way, both teams putting the emphasis on offense rather than defense.

Salem (54) S G FT FF Sebern, f 20 9 1 2 Kernes, f 9 4 0 4 Salstrom, f 7 5 1 0 Satter, c 4 3 3 2 Mason, c 0 0 1 0 Barnick, f 2 0 2 0 Coons, g 1 0 0 1 Barclay, g 0 0 0 2 Henery, g 4 1 0 1 Hatms, g 1 0 0 0 Totals 48 23 8 12

Oregon City (30) McKenzie, f 12 6 1 3 Gettel, f 8 2 0 1 Prochnow, f 4 0 0 1 Jordan, c 3 0 1 2 Strebig, f 8 1 0 0 Leathbury, g 5 0 3 2 Boyce, g 8 1 1 2 Barry, g 3 1 0 2 Totals 51 12 6 13

Free throws missed, by Salem: Satter 2, Mason 2, Barnick, Salstrom, Henery 2. By Oregon City: McKenzie 2, Gettel, Strebig, Boyce 2.

Shooting percentages, Salem .479, Oregon City .235. Referee: Max Allen, Salem.

Stater Meets MACman, Elks Card



Carl Larson, one of the state's leading light heavyweights in amateur ranks, who meets Multnomah club's Hadley Whalen on the Salem Elks club card here Thursday night. Larson is one of 10 Oregon State boys who will show on the card.

Penna, Demaret Tie, Open Title

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Tony Penna, jaunty little Italian who didn't know he had a chance, and Jimmy Demaret of Houston, whose friends wouldn't let him forget it, tied for the western open championship today in a garrison finish seldom equaled for sheer drama. They will play off the tie tomorrow for 18 holes

for \$1000 top money of the \$5000 tournament.

Penna and Demaret lagged behind Sammy Snead, the West Virginia slammer, starting the final round, but mournful Sam wilted with the title in sight and dropped to third place, a stroke behind.

A nine over par total of 293 gave Penna and Demaret top honors, founded on Penna's last day rounds of 74-73 and Demaret's 76-71 over the par 71 River Oaks course.



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