

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Turning the prop in propaganda, unwinding the tape from tapestry, spinning the spoke out of unspoken and wondering whoever put the gorge in gorgeous? ... It seems Elmer Layden was the unanimous choice of everybody but the National league and the American league for commissioner of professional football. ... Apparently the editorial scribes believe Colonel Lindbergh to have a lot of freight in his train of thought.



Lee Shinn

When money talks, Howard Hobson, the Oregon hoop coach, doesn't miss a word of it. ... Hobby is probably the first mentor in University of Oregon history to build his teams with one eye on the financial returns they might bring. ... Maybe Hobby had both eyes on the gate when the Ducks were in the inland Empire.

Seen: A couple of kids playing catch with a baseball, a flock of robins on a lawn, a guy spading a garden plot and a stray yellowjacket buzzing about. ... S'pose old G. Hog could have been wrong?

In beautiful shape for this time of year, is the Salem golf course, and I ought to know for I've been over every inch of it. ... Improvements under way include a new tee for number 5 and a new green for number 4. ... As for me, a new backswing, I hope.

It's just possible there is a touch of sarcasm in the statement of Billy Hulen, Medford Mail-Tribune scribe, that he, too, would pick Salem as the next champion, but for a reason other than ability. ... Perhaps, Billy boy, you'll agree on the ability part, too, after next weekend.

Sports Scribes Caught in Draft, too.

Uncle Sam is catching sports writers as well as sports performers in his draft, and who was that in the audience, please, who said: "That's fine?" ... "Pelican" Bill Cummings, Klamath Falls chronicler, stuck a "30" on the end of his Friday column and trudged off to punch a parade ground instead of a typewriter.

The Dalles hoop fans declare the youngest of the Dicks, Eddie, who is now hooping for The Dalles high, is the best of the lot, which includes Brother Bill, who performed as a freshman on Oregon, Brother John of the national collegiate championship Orecons and Brother Roger, currently playing for the Oregon Frosh. ... The last of the Dicks, who stands 6-foot-2 and weighs 175, has been averaging around 15 points per game this season.

Nolan Skiff, Pendleton columnist, is willing to wager that whichever team wins the district two championship, it will also win at least 50 per cent of its state tournament games. ... A hot fight is expected in that district, comprising Hood River, The Dalles, Hermiston, Pendleton and McLoughlin of Milton-Freewater.

Head: That Lee Shinn eyed his 1941 Salem Senator contract, scratched what is left of his brown coiffure and decided to dicker a bit before making his mark. ... The dicker, however, is to be done with Skipper Bunny Griffiths instead of Manager Howard Maple.

Jerry "The Mule" Gastineau, ex-Bearcat from Missouri, who tutored athletics at Chemawa for two seasons, is doing quite well at his Ashland post, thank you. ... Gastineau's team up to Friday night had walloped Bend twice, Chemawa twice, Grants Pass twice, split with Roseburg and Medford and whipped the Little Sons of SOCE. ... Then it ran into Klamath Falls.

WI Skipperhood Apparently All Set.

Now that Tacoma, which can probably boast the highest mortality rate on baseball club managers in the USA, has signed Horace "Pip" Koehler to pilot the Tigers this season, the Western International skipperhood apparently is pretty well set. ... At this writing it is: Salem, Bunny Griffiths; Tacoma, Pip Koehler; Spokane, Ray Jacobs; Yakima, Goldie Holt; Wenatchee, Ted Mayer; Vancouver, Bob Brown. ... Repeaters include Griffiths and Holt.

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Oregon hallmarks are evidently taking their cue from Len Isberg's experience last season. ... Isberg, it may be remembered, began carrying and kicking the football to great lengths following his marriage. ... Now comes the announcements that Curtis Mechem, the kid who carried that 42-yard reverse against the Beavers last autumn, and Buck Berry have left backdoor ranks. ... Berry, incidentally, married the sister of Stonebreaker, USC's great end.

Basketball Assists of Minor Import.

Item that should be of interest to D. Hendrie, H. Hauk, and probably numerous others: Wes Ferrell, refugee from major league mounds, flung his clubs 13 times by actual count in the qualifying round of the baseball players golf tournament at St. Petersburg. ... He broke two woods and two irons in posting a 75-76-151, at the same time getting slightly better distance with his woods than with his irons.

Argument: Dick Strite, Eugene scrivener, voices a belief that assists are as important in basketball as in baseball and should therefore be kept as religiously as shots taken, etc. ... This department has always argued against basketball assists on the grounds that it is more often the ability of a hooper to maneuver into position to take a pass than it is the ability of a passer to get the ball to him that counts. ... Exceptions, yes, but generally the success of an assisting pass could be better credited to the passee than the passer.

The basketball box score The Statesman has used for the past two years has enjoyed such hearty approval from coaches, players and fans that I'm wondering why others don't try it. ... It carries individual shots, field goals, free throws and total points in the main box, with free throws missed, personal fouls and shooting percentages in the summary, whereas the standard press association boxes carry only the total shots.

At the risk of getting mobbed by college coaches, it is your correspondent's opinion that Johnny Leovich did right to forsake football at Oregon State in favor of a professional baseball contract with the Athletics—providing he assured himself of a college education no matter what he does or doesn't do in pro baseball. ... Football is no business for a prospective major league catcher.

Swegle Wins 25-12

SWEGLE—Boy Scout troop four of Salem was defeated 25 to 12 by the Swegle graders here Friday. R. Dickey led the scoring with 10 points.

State Grapplers Win

EUGENE, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Oregon State's wrestling team defeated Oregon, 36 to 0, Saturday, winning five matches by forfeit, two by decision and one by a fall.

Hank Does It Again in Overtime Fracas; Cougars Defeat Vandals

Idaho Hoopers Lead at Half

Seventh Straight Win Keeps Washington State on Top

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Washington State's Cougars, setting the pace in the northern division, Pacific Coast conference basketball race, won their seventh straight game Saturday night with Idaho's Vandals as third-time victims. The score was 55 to 47.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, Pts. Rows for Washington State, Oregon, Idaho, and Oregon State.

Forward Ron Harris of Idaho staged a brilliant one-man scoring show, pouring 21 points through the hoop in a futile effort to hand his mates a win over the league leaders.

Vandals Open Scoring Idaho opened the scoring on a field goal by Mike Sullivan, but state knotted the count at 6-all and hitting a hot streak, piled in 11 points before the Vandals could tally again.

With the score at 23-12 for WSC and just 8 minutes of the half remaining, Harris and Irving Hopkins sparked the rally that gave Idaho its halftime edge.

The count saw-sawed through the second half until the Cougars pulled into a one-point lead at 38-37 and remained in front for the final 10 minutes.

Guard Kirk Gebert provided the spark that kept the state offense functioning after Ray Sundquist, Dale Gentry and Marvin Gilberg were thumbed from the floor on fouls.

In Closing Minutes Most of his 11 points came in the closing minutes as WSC slowly widened the gap to four points and Idaho tried to move nine points ahead with three minutes of play remaining. The difference was too much for the wearying Vandals to challenge.

State was charged with 24 fouls and Idaho, which lost first stringer, Ray Turner on personals, had 15.

Far behind Harris in the scoring were Cougars Gebert and Paul Lindeman, who tallied 11 and 10, and Hopkins, who scored 10 for Idaho.

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Viking Swimmers Whip Vancouver

Salem high's swimming team Saturday afternoon defeated Vancouver high, 39 to 27, in the Vancouver pool—marking the first time in eight years the Vixs have been able to outpace the Washington team.

Pete Hauser, scoring wins in the 50-yard and 100-yard free style events, led the capital city preppers to six of the eight first places.

Results: 50-yard free style—Won by Hauser, S, in 1:01.1; Boetcher, V, second; Seneschal, V, third. 100-yard breast stroke—Won by Tryon, S, in 1:24.3; Tholmen, V, second; Dunbar, V, third. 220-yard free style—Won by Merritt, S, in 2:52.2; Cocklin, V, second; Poole, S, third. 100-yard back stroke—Won by Boardman, S, in 1:17; Hultenberg, S, second; Miller, V, third. 100-yard free style—Won by Hauser, S, in 1:03.4; Watson, V, second; Tripp, S, third. Diving—Won by Keller, V; Schunke, S, second; Ruecker, S, third. 150-yard medley relay—Won by Salem's team of Boardman, Tryon and Schunke in 1:34. 200-yard free style relay—Won by Vancouver's team of Boetcher, Seneschal, Morelins and Watson in 1:46.2.

Aumsville Winner

AUMSVILLE—Aumsville high defeated Turner 32 to 36 here Friday night in a fast, closely played hoop game.

Firing Final Season for 'Cats



Soaring Johnny Kolb, steady performing three-sports man at Williamette U, who is midway through his fourth straight varsity basketball season and who will soon be starting on his fourth straight baseball season. Kolb finished his fourth straight varsity football year last autumn.

Wolcott of Rice Sets Third Indoor Record

Great Hurdler Tops 45-Yard Timbers in 5.6; Les McMitchell Wins Famed Hunter Mile; Meadows Sets Vault Record

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The nation's premier milers, long the idols of the Boston track public, were forced into the background tonight when Fred Wolcott, Rice institute's great hurdler, chalked up his third world indoor record in a week by winning the Boston AA's 45-yard high timber event in 5.6 seconds before 14,000 at the Boston Garden.

The splendid 4:10.7 performance Les MacMitchell of New York university turned in to win the famed Hunter mile by eight yards from Walter Mehl of Wisconsin aroused but little enthusiasm from the overflow crowd, which was expecting something nearer 4:08.

Wolcott only last night set a new mark of 6.1 seconds for the 50-yard high hurdles in Philadelphia and last Saturday he lowered the 60-yard record to 7.2 seconds in the Millrose meet in New York.

Earl Meadows of Los Angeles set a new world pole vault mark of 14 feet 6 1/2 inches, seven-eighths of an inch higher than the world mark Connie Warmerdam made in this meet two years ago. Meadows soared over that height on his first try. When the bar was remeasured, however, it was found to be up only 14 feet 6 1/2 inches, three quarters of an inch better than the old mark.

Two others, Kenny Dill, also of Los Angeles, and Dick Gansler of Roanoke, Va., cleared 14 feet 4 inches.

While Meadows was setting himself for his successful record-breaking try, the two-milers got under way. But only a few of the spectators saw all of the strides Greg Rice of South Bend, Ind., took to gain his 13th consecutive triumph by defeating Don Lash of Indiana by 20 yards in 9:03.3.

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The stake: A shot at Terrible Tony Kahut and the state middleweight title two weeks later. And the Vets make no bones about the fact they hope and believe this scrap will wash away the bad taste left by their efforts to import something big for Salem boxing fans. By "something big" they of course referred to the Simms-O'Malley heavyweight fiasco last week.

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Webfooters Tip Beavers 36-35

Anderson Comes to Rescue With Deciding Point in Last 27 Seconds

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Long, lean Hank Anderson, still limping with a knee injury, came to Oregon's rescue for the second time within a week Saturday night, as the Webfooters defeated Oregon State, 36 to 35, in an overtime basketball game.

The towering forward entered the tense contest with only a minute and a half remaining in the five-minute overtime. But it was long enough for him to sink the winning field goal and give Oregon its third straight northern division victory.

It was much the same kind of a shot that Anderson fired only last week to give the Webfooters a last-second triumph over Washington. He fired from inside the keyhole after taking a pass from George Andrews.

Dramatic Climax Anderson's performance was a dramatic climax to a wild second half that saw Oregon climb from a 10-17 halftime deficit to a 23-29 deadlock with three minutes of regular playing time left.

Forward Sam Dement put the Beavers in front 31-29 with a field goal from under the basket, but Oregon was not to be denied and Center Bill Burcher again knotted the count at 31-31 on a pivot shot with less than two minutes remaining.

Neither team was able to score a goal in the regular playing time ended at 31-31. Guard Clayton Shaw put Oregon State ahead with a set shot at the start of the overtime, but Center Archie Marshik came right back with a field goal that tied the count once again at 33-33.

Hank Takes Over Center John Mandic potted a field goal that gave the Beavers a 35-33 margin but the advantage was reduced to one point a few seconds later as Andrews sunk one of two free throws. At this point Anderson entered the contest and took over.

The loss was Oregon State's fourth in conference competition and moved it back into a tie with Washington for second place. It was Oregon's fourth win and second over the Beavers.

The box score: Oregon (36) FG FT PF TP Townsend, f-g 3 0 3 6 Fuhrman, f 0 0 0 0 Borchers, c 5 0 2 10 Andrews, g 0 0 4 2 Jackson, g 2 2 2 2 Marshik, c-f 2 0 0 4 Anderson, f 1 0 1 2 Kirsch, g 1 0 0 2 Borrevik, f 2 2 3 6 Totals 14 8 14 36 OSC (35) FG FT PF TP Mulder, f 2 2 1 6 Dement, f 2 4 1 16 Mandic, c 5 4 1 14 Valenti, g 0 0 4 0 Durdan, g 0 0 2 0 McNutt, f 0 0 0 0 Shaw, g 2 1 3 5 Totals 12 11 12 35 Halftime score: Oregon State 17, Oregon 10.

Free throws missed: Fuhrman, Andrews 2, Jackson, Kirsch, Dement, Mandic, Durdan. Officials: Hunter, Mitchell.

Woodburn Slates 10-Bout Smoker

WOODBURN—A 10-bout boxing card, under sponsorship of the Woodburn FFA chapter, is scheduled for the Woodburn high school gymnasium Thursday night, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Past punching Richard Mathieson of Woodburn and Jack Stockton of Molalla will vie in the main event, with Eugene Schlecht of Woodburn and Leo Cooper of the state training school for boys meeting in the semifinal.

Other bouts: Oliver Hecker vs. Floyd Johnson; John Zak vs. Billy Neal; Arthur Gates vs. Marsden Dunham; Oren Ostrom vs. George Lechelsmeier; Earl Nally vs. Earl Mattson; Virgil Schlecht vs. Robert Brock.

Pilots, Badgers Slated by Angels

MT. ANGEL—Two games are slated here for the Mt. Angel college hoopers next week. Saturday afternoon they tangle once more with the Portland university and Tuesday night they entertain Pacific university.

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an edge, the lithe, swift hitting Proctor has many supporters in Salem.

Both boys made their starts in the Salem ring. Proctor has never been beaten, while Turner's only two local losses were both much disputed look-to-look work.

Proctor has been in training for over a month, working for two weeks as a sparring partner for Tiger Jack Fox, while Turner, when advised two weeks ago of the possibility of the bout, immediately took to road work.

It is expected that the growing Turner will not only have to bear down in training but also will have to take several sessions in the steam to make weight for the scrap. When he fought Peterson last June he entered the ring at 164 despite a steam session.

Proctor, always in trim, isn't concerned about Turner's weight. He wants the shot regardless of Turner's heft and doesn't mean to let a few pounds stop the bout.

Sports

Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, February 9, 1941

Rooks Nip Vikings 21-18, 4th Period

One game here, with Eugene Wednesday in a No Name league encounter, and two away, with Medford Friday and Saturday, is the Viking schedule this week.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 8.—(Special)—Lewis Beck went into action in the final quarter here this afternoon to toss in six points and grab a 21 to 18 victory for the OSC Rooks over Salem high's Vikings after the capital city prep team had held a 16 to 10 third quarter lead.

It was the second game this season that the Rooks came from behind to stop the classy Salem team that has been beaten but once this year in high school competition, and both times it was the final-period distance firing of Beck, former Pendleton hooper, that did the trick.

Salem, with Irish and Simmons contributing, led 4-3 at the end of the first period. The Rooks, with Atwood doing most of the damage, took a 9-7 halftime lead but the Vikings held them to one point in the third quarter while scoring nine themselves.

Bob McKee, ex-Viking, helped Beck to ruin the Salem chances in the final quarter—hitting a basket when it was the most.

Salem 18 21 Rooks Salstrom 7 7 Beck Engstrom 7 2 McClusky Irish 4 1 Warren Coons 2 2 Helmo Rower 2 6 Atwood Subs for Salem: Cutler, For Rooks: McKee 3, Hiatt.

Locey Condemns Signing of Star

Locey's statement followed by one of his announcements that John Leovich, Oregon State football and baseball letterman, had left school to sign as a catcher with the Philadelphia Athletics of the American league.

Locey indicated that he would refer the matter for action at the next meeting of the Pacific Coast conference.

State Mat Meet Set Here Again

Dates February 28, March 1; District Tussles Are Scheduled

The Oregon state high school wrestling championships are slated to be held at Salem high school under direction of Vern Gilmore again this year, making the fifth consecutive year he has directed the big meet, but due to district alignments adopted this year the entries will be cut better than half.

A no-contest decision was handed down on the Blackley-McCuin melee last week, following McCuin's kayo of Referee Harry Elliott, and the lad is out to settle the issue this week.

Sneeze Achlu, Chinese jiu-jitsu expert, returns to Salem after a two-year absence, to meet Prince Haki in the other half of the main event. The Sneeze was a popular grappler here in years past, and is expected to draw a record turnout.

Young Gotch and George Kitzmiller open the three-match show at 8:30. Harry Elliott will again be on deck to officiate, promises Promoter Herb Owen.

West Salem Wins Two Hoop Clashes

WEST SALEM—The West Salem grade school girls' hoop team defeated Liberty's girls 15 to 14 here Friday, while the West Salem boys were defeating Liberty at Liberty, 18 to 10.

Players and scoring, for West Salem: Michael 10, Ashcraft, Truxall 8, Monson 5, Farnell 3, B. Barlow 1, J. Barlow for Liberty, R. Danch 5, A. Danch, R. Judd 2, Campbell, P. Rank 3, Sargeant.

Molalla Slates Smoker

MOLALLA—Sandy and Mollie high schools meet in a boxing smoker here Monday night, with boxing and wrestling matches between the two schools.

Leading scorers: Freeman 13, Nelson 12, M. Fitzsimmons 11, K. Fitzsimmons 10, Lind 10, Cooper 9, Fries 9, Sealand 8, Welby 8, Sharpshoot 7.

City Major League W L Pct Pts Pa Simmons 1 1 1.000 25 15 Chicago 1 1 1.000 27 25 Chicago 1 1 1.000 44 24 Toledo 1 1 1.000 31 20 Pap-makes 0 1 .000 24 44 Bearkittens 0 1 .000 25 23 Leading scorers: McDonald 12, Adams 15, Bradshaw 12, Peay 10, Sattalion 9, Fox 8, Gamble 8.

City Minor League W L Pct Pts Pa Bearcats 1 1 1.000 27 16 Alpha Psi 1 1 1.000 40 21 Hollywood 1 1 1.000 32 21 Toledo 1 1 1.000 32 20 Kelly 0 1 .000 18 27 Postoffice 0 .000 21 49 Leading scorers: Balch 32, Schaefer 20, Atwood 15, Monahan 12, Shinn 9, Skopli 8, Bell 8, C. Rawlins 8.

Basketball Scores

College Basketball College of New York 41, Fordham University 40. Columbia 42, Harvard 28. Ohio State 49, Iowa 44. University of Maryland 45. Arkansas 36, Baylor 31. Penn State 43, Temple 25. Navy 34, Duke 33. Iowa State 35, Oklahoma 33. Wisconsin 59, Butler 55. Minnesota 50, Illinois 25. Dartmouth 55, Princeton 40. Purdue 48, Chicago 36. Notre Dame 47, Northwestern 26. Kentucky 46, Alabama 28. Drake 58, Washington 28. Montana 59, Gonzaga 43. Whitman 42, Linfield 26.