

# Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

From where this observer sits (and you just ought to see the recover-head position), seven of the 16 Oregon state high school hoop clubs which will begin battling for the 1941 silver here two weeks from tomorrow (didn't realize it was that close, did you?) have clinched on tournament berths while a couple others need only to go through the motions to assure theirs.

In the clinch category you may include, if you haven't anything better to do, Klamath Falls, North Bend, Eugene, McMinnville, Astoria, Columbia Prep and Salem. Of these, only Salem, Astoria and Eugene are at this writing (for lack of something more appropriate to call it) dead mortal clinches, but the others are so near to it you could smell 'em if your cold was better.

Other teams with at least one-handed grips on district titles include Corvallis and Silverton, while pretty fair bets to come through are Pendleton, Ashland and Oregon City. Question mark districts include numbers one, nine, 13 and 14—all very good numbers if you happen to be fond of numbers.

## District Data.

The district-by-district dope as of 3 p. m. (PST) Monday, February 24, 1941, looked something like this:

**In the east:**  
No. 1—LaGrande and Baker tied; to play one game for the title. I still like Baker.  
No. 2—Pendleton to play The Dalles, winner of last night's game with Hood River for title. Will take Pendleton, thank you.  
No. 3—Burns and Bend battled for the right to play K. Falls a two-of-three series, with Bend winning. The Lava Bears are just wasting their time.

**In the deep south:**  
No. 4—Ashland leading but needing wins over Grants Pass and Medford to clinch it. Should Ashland beat Grants Pass tonight but succumb to Medford Friday, the district would be thrown into a three-team tie between Medford, Ashland and Roseburg. Ashland has the edge.  
**Along the coast:**  
No. 5—North Bend has sweet-pitching Sammy Crowell, so that's that.  
No. 10—Astoria is in.

**Central stations:**  
No. 9—Unreported, but the fighting apparently is between Forest Grove, Sherwood and Beaverton.  
No. 13—Looks like an Estacada-Gresham scrap.  
No. 14—Scappoose appears to have edge, but I don't know how sharp it is.

**Willamette valley:**  
No. 6—Eugene a clinch.  
No. 7—Corvallis a game in front but Albany and Lebanon on the Spartans' tails.  
No. 8—McMinnville has little competition under the new redistricting program. Wonder why?  
No. 11—Silverton substantially ahead and apparently on the way in.

No. 12—Oregon City and Molalla destined to play for title.  
No. 15—Columbia Prep has no competition to speak of.  
No. 16—Salem, and no remarks from the pear country, please.

## Maple Names Stars.

H. Maple, the Unemployed Man, came back from the Western International meeting at Yakima with a yen for some sleep and a strong dislike for the disparaging remarks you've sincerely authored in regard to this year's Northwest conference casaba circuit.

To give the lie to this column's opinion that the conference teams were far below par for that court and that there wasn't one outstanding player in the league, the Happy One names an all-star cast which he says is a very fine one indeed.

His nominations: Norm Walker of CPS and Sum Gallaher of Willamette, forwards; Howard Eberly, Willamette, center; Turman Osborn of Pacific and Johnny Kolb of Willamette, guards. Team two includes Cross of CPS, Hansen of Linfield, Van Camp of CPS, Kretschmer of Whitman and Gronquist of Linfield.

Alas, it is this observer's opinion the 1939 Willamette team of Quessett, Skopff, Anton, White and Eberly or Kolb would have swept through the 1941 competition in a breeze.

## WI League Schedule Appears Saturday In The Statesman

For convenience of baseball fans, the official 1941 Western International league baseball schedule will appear in The Statesman sports section Saturday morning, March 1.

Fans are advised to clip the schedule for reference during the season.

Salem plays at home for the first two series, meeting Wenatchee May 1-2, and Yakima May 3-4 before taking to the road.

## Introducing New WI Skipper



Horace "Tip" Koehler, who was recently named manager of the Tacoma Tigers of the Western International league for the 1941 season. Koehler piloted the class C Akron club of the Mid-Atlantic circuit to the title in 1940.—Courtesy, the Tacoma Mail-Tribune.

# Idaho Drops Washington, 44-38

# Vandals Move 'Second Choice' Reason Wicks Declines, Report Step From Cellar Slot

W	L	Pct	Pt	Pts	
W.S.C.	11	2	.846	613	522
Oregon State	7	4	.636	400	380
Oregon	6	7	.462	340	302
Washington	4	9	.308	456	357
Idaho	3	9	.250	423	491

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 24—(P)—The University of Idaho Vandals moved another step away from the northern division Coast conference basketball cellar, tonight with a 44 to 38 victory over the wobbly University of Washington Huskies.

The halftime score was Washington 11, Idaho 17. With the exception of a few minutes at the end of the two halves and at the opening of the second half, the game was a dull, dragging affair with neither team showing any speed or basket hitting ability.

Both teams used a man to man defense and a slow breaking, set formation style of offense.

Ron Harris, Idaho forward was the top point getter, scoring 11 points and followed by J. Voelker, Washington, with 10.

Wsh.	Id.	Fg	Ft	Pt	Tp
DalThorp, f	2	0	3	4	2
Nelson, f	1	0	2	2	1
Lindh, f	1	3	1	5	2
J. Voelker, f	3	4	1	10	3
Schlichting, c	1	0	2	2	2
Gilmur, c	2	1	3	5	2
Morris, c	2	1	2	5	2
Leask, g	2	0	1	4	1
Fillett, g	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	14	10	15	38	

Idaho (44) Fg Ft Pt Tp Steele, f 1 0 1 2 Turner, f 2 2 4 6 Harris, f 3 3 11 Hopkins, f 2 1 4 5 Hilton, f 1 5 2 7 Link, g 0 0 0 0 Sullivan, g 4 2 2 10 Thompson, g 1 1 0 3 Anderson, g 0 0 1 0 Totals 15 14 15 44 Halftime score: Washington 11, Idaho 17.

Free throws missed: DalThorp, Nelson, J. Voelker 2, Schlichting, Gilmur 2, Leask 2, Turner, Nelson 3, Anderson.

Referee, Eddie Chinske, Montana; umpire, Archie Buckley, Washington State.

## Angels Play Last Conference Game With Angel Preps

MT. ANGEL—Making a desperate attempt to break into the win column of the Oregon Intercollegiate conference, the Angels face their last conference opponent Wednesday, when they go up against a strong Oregon college of Education team at Monmouth.

This marks their tenth and final conference game. The Monmouth Wolves eked out a win from the Angels last month.

**Hawaii Film Set At Waller Hall**  
Films of Honolulu and of the Oregon State-University of Hawaii basketball game played there a year ago are to be shown in Waller hall tonight at 7:30 by Dr. David B. Hill.

R. S. "Spec" Keene, director of the Hawaiian tour that will take the Willamette football team to Honolulu for a game with the U of Hawaii next December, is sponsoring the picture.

# U O Frosh, Viks Vie Here Tonight, 8 p. m.

## Marks Final Home Fling For Sizzling Salems

Fail to see Salem high's sizzling Viks in action at 8 o'clock tonight against the Oregon Ducklings, and you won't have another opportunity to see 'em here for 353 hours.

Reason: It's their last home game of the regular season and the next chance to watch 'em here won't come until 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, when they tee-off the 1941 state tournament against the district 13 champ, as yet unknown.

It is also the last home floor romp for three regulars, Irish, Bower and Salstrom, and for two reserves, Pearline and Ling.

Reserve seats are on sale at Cliff Parker's.

Honest John Warren's baby Orecons come to the capital city with a reputation of knowing their way around a hoop haven at either the full-charge or apply-

the-brakes systems, but preferring the rapid ramble.

The Ducklings have dunked the Oregon State Rooks in two of three slow-'em-down games, while the rest of their victories have been fast - running, high - scoring affairs that include a 65-49 decision over the Viks at Eugene.

It is probable Warren will open with Simonsen, ex-Astorian, and Christensen, ex-Tillamook, at forwards; Jackson, ex-Dallas, at center; and Newland, ex-Medford, and Wrenn at guards.

Coach Hauk means to start his regular quint of swiftness—Salstrom, Simonsen, Irish, Bower and Coons.

The Vik Jayvees play a 6:30 preliminary.

## Wolves Wallop Pacific 37-34

MONMOUTH—The Eastern Oregon College of Education Wolves walloped Pacific University's Badgers 37 to 24 here Monday night.

The Wolves opened the game by bucketing in 12 points before the Badgers scored, but Substitute Reed came in to heave through 11 points on a solo shooting exhibition and narrow the advantage to one point before the Monmouth collegians pulled out a 19-15 halftime lead.

Junior Hartman, with four baskets, headed a second half OCE offensive that enabled the Wolves to pull safely away.

Coach Al Cox put Mascall on Pacific's Red in the second half, Mascall holding him to three corners in the period.

## Olds Appointed To Game Body

Francis R. Olds, retired shoe store proprietor of Klamath Falls, was appointed by Gov. Charles A. Sprague Monday as a member of the state game commission succeeding Kenneth Moody. His term, beginning today, will run for five years.

Olds received the endorsement of several sportsmen's associations in Lake county. Now the manager of one of Klamath county's largest estates, he is a former city councilman.

## Dragons Bill Mix With Angel Preps

DALLAS—The Dallas Dragons this week meet the Mt. Angel Preps in a game which will go a long way toward determining Dallas' chances in district 11 basketball competition.

Dallas hopes for victory increased with the return of sharp-shooting Bill Blackley, who has been out of the lineup due to illness. Blackley will pair with Richardson in the guard slots. Kroeker will play the center slot and J. Boydston and McMorris will be at forwards.

## Aumsville Nips Jefferson Five

AUMSVILLE—A see-saw hoop game resulted in a 23 to 22 win for Aumsville over Jefferson high in a game here Friday night, hooping the winning points in the last few seconds.



Bob Irish

He plays his final home game for Viks tonight.

## Bowling Scores

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE	Handicap	State Street Market	Handicap
Friesen's Furniture	34 34 24-102	Hausler	157 139 251-456
Handicap	172 176 182-500	Roth	143 113 158-414
Friesen	126 128 188-497	Mapes	182 152 182-460
Peterson	130 135 144-429	Scaler	131 107 148-487
Simon	128 136 111-443	Harvey	167 139 148-457
Patterson	150 175 161-496	Grant	221 168 198-497
Jack Cherrington	198 149 168-513	Totals	765 718 948 2431
Totals	864 839 870 2573	Nicholson's Insurance	
Straw & Straw	157 179 169-505	Handicap	34 34 34-102
W. Straw	179 147 114-440	Utter	141 90 128-360
B. Straw	126 178 181-495	Hanson	168 108 158-465
Averill	150 175 161-496	Nicholson	137 154 182-473
King	233 180 150-563	Harvey	148 144 181-473
Newman	177 188 161-526	Gage	221 168 198-497
Totals	872 872 778 2519	Totals	862 764 806 2482
Boiler Electric	2 2 2-6	Nicholson's Used Cars	
Handicap	168 180 178-526	Harrington	181 166 194-541
Lama	138 150 151-448	Higgins	168 108 158-465
Parker	154 175 161-496	Hanson	182 152 182-460
Kenyon	128 132 156-416	Shrook	115 118 137-390
Boiler	177 182 131-430	Swan	191 171 184-546
Clark	177 182 131-430	Totals	810 804 863 2477
Totals	767 774 763 2304	V-S, Dallas	
Pittsburg Paints	185 158 187-530	Handicap	33 33 33-99
Peterson	148 158 188-497	C. Collinsworth	213 141 223-577
Hendrie	132 134 126-393	Hanson	168 108 158-465
Blackford	189 153 188-497	Woodman	163 148 171-502
Lindstrand	189 153 188-497	Berg	157 150 182-489
Carstensen	169 189 163-516	Grant	221 168 198-497
Totals	820 773 822 2415	Totals	876 841 917 2634
Shaw's Handicap	151 134 111-396	Senator Barber Shop	
Hunt	171 178 168-478	Cherrington	182 178 179-539
Austin	140 182 146-477	Quintan	158 161 181 509
Barker	142 109 176-426	Dahlberg	123 103 152-468
Griley	153 147 203-602	Ricketts	285 198 223-624
Willford	153 147 203-602	Masser	148 200 201-549
Totals	808 786 844 2438	Totals	808 828 836 2670

## OSD Five Shatters 15-Year Record

Oregon state deaf school hoop team accomplished its first victory in 15 years over the Washington state deaf school team here Saturday—winning by a 38 to 35 score.

Home and home games are played between the two schools annually. The Washington team won the first game of this year's series, as it had every game for the last 15 years, or 30 meetings.

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## Portland Buckaroos vs. Vancouver Lions

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# 'Cats Get Conference Crown Back as Linfield Defeats CPS Loggers, 54 to 53

The Linfield victory returns the Northwest conference championship to Willamette after an absence of one year. The Bears' last full-fledged title was in 1939, when they won 15 games, including "double counters" to but a single loss, and scored 927 points to 541 for opponents.

TACOMA, Feb. 24—(P)—Willamette university backed into the Northwest conference basketball championship tonight when a last minute scoring spree by Linfield college defeated College of Puget Sound 54-53.

CPS would have had to win both tonight and tomorrow from Linfield to cinch a tie with Willamette for the crown. Field goals by Ben Jones and Don Hansen in the final seconds of play brought the Linfield victory.

High scorers were Norm Walker and Tom Cross of CPS with 18 points each and Hansen with 17.

## Three Win in C Church Loop

Christ Lutheran defeated Congregational 50 to 41, Court Street Christian defeated Summit Methodist 48 to 32 and Presbyterian defeated First Baptist 46 to 19 in C church league basketball play last night.

High scorers included Battalion of Lutheran with 24, Bradshaw of Congregational with 20, Armstrong of Court Street Christian with 24 and C. Priem of Court Street Christian with 22.

Lutheran 50	41 Congregational
Fox 6	20 Bradshaw
Mimmerman	5 Pevee
Battalion 24	Smith
Meyer 9	16 Yocom
Ernderson 11	Smith

CS Christian 48	32 Methodist
D. Armstrong 24	5 A. McDowell
C. Priem 22	7 Dorn
L. Armstrong	1 R. McDowell
Winkenwerter 2	12 Adams
R. Armstrong	5 Southwick

Presbyterian 46	19 1st Baptist
McDonald 18	2 Fox
Patton 6	6 Robertson
Burns 8	4 Morley
Adams 8	4 Gallagher
Bates 4	1 Casteel

Substitutes: for Presbyterian: Gahlsdorf 2. For Baptist: Goffier, 3.

## Church Named SPRA Prexy

Elmer J. Church of Salem, president of the Salem Hunters and Anglers club, added another presidency Sunday when the Sportsmen's Recreational Protective association of Oregon named him its head.

Church succeeds T. Leland Brown of The Dalles as the organization's second president and will preside over the next quarterly meeting here in Salem. The date is tentatively set for the second Sunday in May.

Others elected at Sunday's session, held in Troutdale, included: John Lynch, Madras, secretary; and Shtyn, Redwood, vice-president.

The SPRA, which has a membership of 25 sportsmen's clubs in Oregon, originated three years ago out of the Deschutes river problem.

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