

Sport Sparks

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Perhaps it comes under the definition of sacrilege to speak of baseball in the middle of the state hoop show, but our current "unusual" weather, the news trickling in from major and Coast league camps, plus the old itch to hear the sound of willow on horsehide again, moves your correspondent to ask how you would like to see a Salem Senator batting order something like this:

Babe Schwab, 2b.
Eddie Adams, c.
Herm Reich, 1b.
Bill Harris, rf.
Charley Peterson, mf.
Bob Bergstrom, lf.
Lee Shinn, 3b.
Bunny Griffiths, ss.
Ray Helser, p.

No, it isn't in the bag, nor is it yet even probable. But since both Portland and San Diego have signified intention of assisting our Senators, and since news from those camps doesn't at this time indicate the above mentioned boys will have much chance of sticking where they are, it is highly possible.

Added to the phantom nine listed, Catcher Cliff Barker and Pitchers Dell Oliver, Gene Fenter, Lee Fallon, possibly Bud Brewer and another righthander such as, say, Swope of the Beavers.

No Authority.

Even should Oscar Vitt of the Bevos and Cedric Durst of the Padres at this time know exactly whom they have available for Salem, baseball law does not allow them to release the information. Nor does it allow the Senators to even surmise whom they may be able to obtain.

Players under contract, says the Landis-enforced baseball legislation, must be given opportunity to make the club during the training season before they can be optioned out.

Hence your correspondent has no authority for the mythical lineup herein listed, but he is at liberty to suggest possibilities from the rosters of the teams that have designated their willingness to assist the Solons.

Although the situation may change before the Coast leaguers go into action in April, right now it doesn't appear there will be any place in the Portland lineup for Bergstrom, Reich, Adams and Schwab, and while the Padres may want to keep young Oliver, it is more than likely they would rather send him out for another year of class B experience.

Need Lefty Hitters.

Potential .300 hitters on this mythical batting order include Bergstrom, who hit .289 with Portland in his first year of professional play; Reich, who batted only .230 for Portland last season but who hit over .300 for Tacoma in the Western International two years ago; Adams, who went down to .213 for Portland but who whaled the ball well above the .300 mark in the Pioneer wheel before he was recalled by the Beavers; Shinn, who finished with .340 last season; Harris, who has never finished under .300; Peterson, who ended with .297 last year; and likewise Helser, with .297.

Biggest bug in this lineup is the shortage of leftside hitters, with Harris the only one. Ideally, the Solons should have at least one more southpaw swatter, probably at the second base stand, while two more wouldn't hurt. It is to be remembered that the 1940 Senators were at their best when Wilson, Clabough, Baer and Harris, all leftside hitters, were in the lineup.

The through-the-middle defense of this mythical club would leave little to be asked. Schwab, ever a smart fielder but never too heavy with the stick, would team with the Little Skipper in a pretty slick keystone combination; Adams would provide the behind-the-plate headwork lacking last season; and Peterson, with his powerful, accurate arm would add something that wasn't there even with Wilson patrolling the middle patch in the 1940 season.

Cougars Set For Stanford

PULLMAN, Wash., March 12-(AP)—The Washington State college basketball team will be at top strength for its Pacific coast conference championship series against Stanford Friday and Saturday, Coach Jack Friel said Wednesday night.

Vern Butts, big senior forward who missed the Washington series and sat out the final Oregon State game because of a touch of influenza,

Tiny Thornhill, Ex-Stanford Coach Seeks Job at Idaho

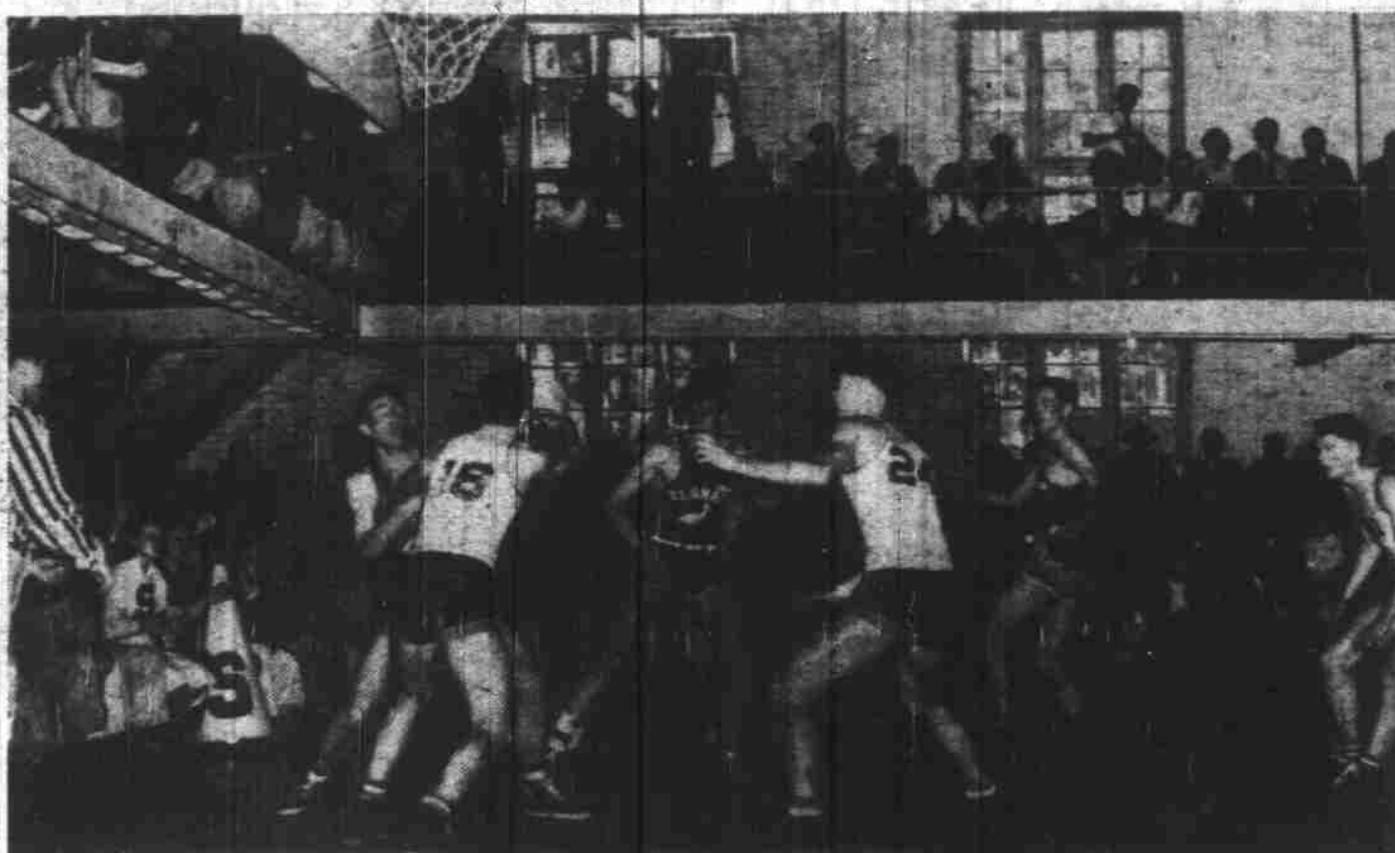
MOSCOW, Idaho, March 12-(AP)—Claude E. (Tiny) Thornhill, former Stanford university football coach, has applied for a similar post at the University of Idaho, a university official who refused use of his name, said Wednesday.

The position was vacated with the dismissal this winter of Ted Bank, athletic director and head coach.

The university official said he had no information other than that Thornhill was "interested enough to apply" for the post.

He added that he "understood"

They Thrilled Themselves and Cheering Crowd



Here's action plus, as caught by The Statesman photographer in Wednesday's opening round games of the state hoop parade. Above photo shows Klamath Falls and Roseburg, the tourney's tallest tossers, going at it under the Roseburg basket. Klamath Falls took the decision, 31 to 18. In the photo: Roseburg's Schimpf (26) and Hughes (24), and Klamath Falls' Reginato, Erlanson and Bocchi.

At the left, Salem's Don Cutler (4) goes up in a held ball with Columbia Prep's Morrison, while Salem's Eddie Salstrom (12) and the Preps' Lair stand ready to grab the ball. Salem won, 41 to 32.



Sammy Crowell Breaks Scoring Record in North Bend's Win

Klamath Pelicans Bolt Roseburg 4-Run Homer Indians With 31 to 18 Score

Sunny Sammy Crowell, husky North Bend forward, put a new one-game individual scoring record in the Oregon state high school record books Wednesday afternoon as he tanked 31 points in leading his team to a 57 to 26 victory over Parkrose in the 1941 meet's fourth game.

Crowell's assault on the nets,

Bowling Scores

CITY LEAGUE				
Arme Auto Wreckers	50	50	50	150
Handicap	176	142	144	462
Tope	176	142	144	462
Gage	146	196	166	511
Masser	191	142	180	513
Hart	146	196	166	511
Coe	151	196	166	513
Steinbock	150	168	143	471
Totals	874	881	867	2632
Parkers				225
Handicap	194	211	214	619
McCarroll	211	147	111	469
Koen	196	224	190	620
Donnelly	146	196	166	511
Kertson	151	196	166	513
Totals	973	1028	921	2922
Nish Furniture				243
Handicap	150	158	164	472
Hogland	125	146	188	500
Putnam	146	158	148	453
Hart	162	153	141	456
Woody	159	185	165	509
Kitchen				923
Totals	923	898	868	2689
Keeno Lunch				200
Cooley	200	170	199	569
Lloyd	145	190	140	475
Foreman	166	118	174	458
Welch	198	215	168	581
Barnica	183	146	192	521
Nuter				980
Totals	980	927	901	2808
Copeland Yards				158
Handicap	159	243	178	581
Cline, Jr.	174	211	196	581
Patterson	180	215	192	587
Murdock	267	213	163	643
Thruoth	201	213	168	582
Totals	1037	1151	958	3146
Karrs				56
Handicap	56	56	56	168
Miller	125	135	186	456
H. Barr	177	150	159	486
Lee Tallman	194	247	165	606
Savin	158	243	202	603
Page	180	183	156	519
Totals	930	1014	924	2868

enza, is "feeling perk," the coach said. Friel considers the big backcourt his best all-around player. State's starters for the Friday night battle will be the veteran combination of Butts and Dale Gentry, forwards; Paul Lindeman, center, and Cap. Ray Sundquist and Kirk Gebert, guards.

Thornhill would be in Boise Thursday to talk with "Walter York, president of the Idaho Alumni association, and member of an alumni-faculty-student committee named to help in selection of a successor to Bank.

Viks' Volley Mows Down Preps In Opener; Grizzlies Win Easily

Mazerian Fouls Host Club, Sans Center Out to Rattan; Referee Tough

Mazerian, the "wild Armenian" Wednesday night at the Armory "pushed" out of the ring, through the aisles, and down the stairs by Harry Elliot, referee, when he refused to leave after losing the final fall to Silent Rattan on a foul. Punched to the midsection, rope choking, and out of the ring kicking caused the disqualification.

The Armenian won the first fall by a half Boston crab but lost the second to Rattan in an aerial attack of flying head scissors that finally grounded him for the count.

Swooping down under Bulldog Jackson in the first period of the 45 minute event, Prince Ilaki lifted Jackson to his shoulders for an airplane spin and a slam which netted him the first fall.

The air-minded Prince was not so fortunate when he attempted the same trick again and found his spin stopped in mid-air by Jackson who cut off his pilot's power by strangling his arms, and put him to the point of saying "uncle" or going into a nose dive.

The third fall went to the Yukon grappler, who stomped the Arabian's strangled arms until the referee at the request of the damaged Ilaki, gave Jackson the motion.

"Sneeze" Achui and Billy McCum went to a draw in the opener, the Irishman winning the first with a Boston crab and the Chinese the second with a body scissors spin.

AAU Hoopster Tilts Near

DENVER, March 12-(AP)—The entry list for the 34th renewal of the national AAU basketball championships, opening Sunday, stood Wednesday at 44 teams from 24 states.

Willard N. Greim of Denver, national AAU basketball chairman, said "it looks as though we're a cinch to go over 50." Last year 50 teams from 26 states competed in the week-long cage marathon.

The defending champion Phillips 66 Oilers of Bartlesville, Okla., will be back to bid for another title. No team has won two in a row since the Tulsa Oilers triumphed in 1933-34.

Entrants this year will come from widely scattered sections of the country—the Naval Air Station team at Pensacola, Fla., the Seattle Savages, the New York Ohrbachs, the Los Angeles Lockheed Aircraft, the Minneapolis Ascension club and Dallas Wilsons.

So far only seven college teams are entered. The Dallas Wilsons, however, include most of this season's Southern Methodist players from the strong Southwest conference. Only four college 4-a-m's ever have won the national title and the last one was Washburn of Topeka, Kas., in 1925.

The campus outfits so far in the fold include Southwestern Teachers of Weatherford, Okla.; Adams State Teachers of Colorado, Boise, Idaho, Junior college, Phillips university of Enid, Okla.; Regis of Denver, Ouachita of Arkansas and Greeley, Colo., State, Rocky Mountain conference champion.

Pirates Fined
SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., March 12-(AP)—Pilot Frankie Frisch of the Pittsburgh Pirates disclosed today he fined one of his players \$250 for failing to take training rules seriously. He declined to identify the offender.

their two-game exhibition series. Hal Schumacher, Bob Carpenter and Bill Lohman held the Nationals to six scattered hits while their New York teammates were making seven, count heavily.

Three Hot Tempers, Hired Help Loses, Says Mungo

MACON, Ga., March 12-(AP)—Van Lingle Mungo, having learned "every time I open my mouth somebody with the right amount of authority steps right into it," says he has decided to keep it shut for a while.

The unpredictable Brooklyn pitcher, who was fined \$200 and banished from the Dodgers' training camp at Havana last Sunday for drinking, told Poy Evans, Macon news sports editor, in an interview Wednesday that he'll "surprise everybody," by doing just exactly what the Dodgers' management ordered him to do.

Mungo said last Sunday he received a note from Club Secretary John McDonald which advised him "you are being furnished transportation from Havana to Macon. You are to leave the Dodgers' camp tonight."

The fiery fireballer did, and silently—much to the surprise of many who may have expected a

Host Club, Sans Center Coasts in 41 to 32; McMinnville Wins 40-22

Though displaying little of their regular season's drive, Salem's host team scored a 41 to 32 win over Columbia Prep to open the 22nd annual state high school hoop tournament Wednesday afternoon, and advanced into the second round, where the Viks tangle with their No Name league brethren, McMinnville, at 3 p. m. today.

McMinnville made the grade with an easy 40 to 22 victory over Beaverton, the first Washington county team ever in the tourney.

The Viks took a 4-2 lead on Bud Coons' keyhole cast with three minutes played, and were never again headed although Paul O'Toole kept the Irishers in the ball game right up to the final minutes.

Coons and Salstrom, who played the steadiest ball for the Viks, worked with Dutch Simmons to push the first quarter count to 12-7, while Bower, Salstrom and Cutler combined to bring it to 18-10 by halftime. The Viks played with their regular center, Bob Irish, on the sidelines due to a severe cold.

The Preps, with O'Toole doing the major tossing, cut the margin to 29-20 at the third quarter and were within eight points with but two minutes of the game left, at 38-30, but Cutler and Bower each bagged a bucket in the final minute while O'Toole was getting one for the Preps.

Salem lost Coons, who did a nice job of checking O'Toole despite that smooth ball handler's 15 points, when he left the ball game on personal fouls with two and a half minutes left, while Salstrom, who was Salem's chief scorer with 11 points, was ejected three minutes before.

Columbia Prep's only lead was in the first minute and a half of the game, when O'Toole tanked one gifter and Curran another before Salstrom and Coons hit field flips to put Salem in front. The Preps punched in but one field goal in the first quarter.

Gene Peterson and Maurice Prater paced the McMinnville offensive that enabled the Grizzlies to run away from Beaverton after the first five minutes. Peterson one-handed six field goals into the net, while Prater added a free throw with his six.

McMinnville, with B. Caviness, Prater and Peterson all hitting, held a 15-9 first quarter lead and raised it to 25-13 by halftime. Both teams were terrible at the free throw line, Beaverton missing 15 of 19 and McMinnville caging but two of nine.

The Grizzlies were hot from the floor, however, pumping in 19 of 61 for a 311 shooting average.

Play Tie Game

POLK STATION—The Polk Station school baseball team played a 7 to 7 tie with Buell here Friday.

Griffith Breaks Hank's Mark

BUCKHANNON, W. Va., March 12-(AP)—Ken Griffith, lanky Alderson Broadus, forward, who broke Hank Luisetti's scoring record for four years of college basketball January 30, closed his college career Wednesday night with a total of 1941 points.

This exceeds by 345 points the mark of 1596 set by Luisetti, the former Stanford star, several years ago.

Sports

Salem, Oregon, Thursday Morning, March 13, 1941

Astoria Flying Fishermen Top Hot Vale Five in Final Ticks Of Clock; Seeborg Shines

No hotter hooping can take place in the championship game of this 22nd annual state tournament than was displayed in Wednesday afternoon's finale, in which Astoria's Flying Fishermen, pre-tourney favorites, had the fight of their lives to edge out a gallant, hard-charging Vale outfit by a 41 to 35 score.

The win, which came after Vale had held a lead throughout a major portion of the clash, sends Astoria into the second round against the winner of the Eugene-Corvallis game at 7:30 tonight, and drops the swift charging Fishermen into the consolation round against the loser of the same game.

Astoria held a 31-25 lead going into the final quarter, and increased it 32-25 on Lovvold's free toss of Sproul's infraction, but Sproul, Atkins, Wilcox and Keel began bailing the hoop from all angles to draw Vale into a 34 to 32 lead with but three minutes and 45 seconds remaining in the game.

Roy Seeborg, only returning all-stater from the 1940 selection, paired with Peterson to send Astoria to the fore, 39-35, with a minute and 15 seconds remaining, and then Seeborg hit a final basket just at the gun to give the Fishermen a six-point victory margin. Seeborg scored 15 points.

First quarter of the board-burning contest ended in a 6-6 tie. Vale went into an 18-17 half-time score, and then Astoria barged into a 31-25 lead at third quarter's end.

Sproul and Wilcox were Vale's most potent guns, the former registering 13 and the latter 10.

Woodburn Slates Letterman Smoker

WOODBURN—At the last meeting of the Lettermen's club of Woodburn high school, April 5 was the date decided upon for the Lettermen's smoker.

The committee for advertising consists of Tony Pavlicek, Marlin Hammond, Kenneth Schiel and Charles Filbin. They also chose resolution committee to add a new clause to the constitution. It includes Carl Gustafson, Bill Erwert and Leston Dunton.

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