

Vik Speedsters Open With 38-26 Win; Navycats Drop 28-23 Nod to Beavers

Brownies Show Class, Speed In Fast Game

Cross, Gibson Pace Scoring in Opener

Salem high's Viks won't be wanting in the speed department this basketball season. And if they keep giving off with the zip and fire they had in whipping McMinnville's Grizzlies 38-26 last night at the Villa in their opener, they won't be wanting in the class department either. This they showed in romping to the closer-than-the-score-indicates win over another band of quickies, the Grizzlies.

Coach Frank Brown's fire-laddies exhibited to the 800-odd assorted fans something which made most of 'em go home predicting "Salem's gonna have a right good outfit this year."

The Viks proved they have a share of everything—speed, accurate passing, scoring power, teamwork and rebound ability. The latter item, very important, was well taken care of by 6-foot 4-inch Don Burlingham, center, and 6-foot 1-inch Doug Gibson, guard. In fact Gibson timed so well three "follow-ins" he unostentatiously accounted for three buckets and six points early in the game.

The Brownies took the unbelievable total of 72 shots—33 more than McMinnville took—while further bears out their speed and ball controlling ability.

The Grizzlies led the scoring last night just once, in the first minute of play when Church swished a long one-ender. Cross tied it at 2-all with his long one seconds later and then teamed with Gibson to run it to 4-2 midway through the quarter. Gibson made the second of his follow-ins to make it 8-2, but a surge by the lightfooted Grizzlies, Allison leading the way, brought it to 8-6 at the quarter.

McMinnville tied it at 8-8 starting the second heat on Immer's pitch from the key, but Bib Burlingham took personal command of things from here and shot Salem into a 14-8 lead midway through. They were never headed from here and led 19-10 at halftime.

The Viks shot 33 times the first half, hitting seven. McMinnville, controlling the ball only about half as much as Salem, fired 17 times and hit eight, mostly long ones over the Vik zone defense.

Allison sparked another Grizzlies surge as the third period opened, but Bobby Zeller, not his usual scoring self last night, finally hit one from the side to start the Viks off to a 26-19 third-quarter advantage.

Burlingham, Cross, Gibson and Zeller kept the pace the fourth quarter to give the reserves a chance in the closing seconds.

Accuracy from the free-throw line by Salem—they made eight of 10 tries—was helpful also.

Cross and Gibson tied for Vik scoring honors with 11 each, but Allison, the McMinnville freshman of a year ago who even then had the coaches drooping prizes, pitched in 15 to lead all scorers.

The prelin game an accurate passing McMinnville Bee team dumped the helter-skelter tossing Jayvees 21-15. Burgess, McMinnville forward, led scoring with 10. Bunny Mason's five were high for Salem.

JAYVEES (15)	(21) McMinnville
Hendrickson (5)	F 21
Helbert (4)	F 12
Slater (2)	F 7
Barlow (2)	F 6
Mason (2)	F 5
Substitutes:	For Salem, Clay 2

SALEM (38)	McMinnville
Cross, f	21
Zeller, f	12
Burlingham, c	7
Chapman, g	6
Gibson, g	5
Helmholt, f	1
Deacon, f	1
Bollinger, c	0
Low, c	0
Henderson, f	0
Harrison, g	0
Totals	72 15 8 28

McMinnville	SALEM
Allison, f	15
Thompson, f	5
Immer, c	3
Church, g	2
Hammond, g	2
Hearing, f	1
Norris, g	2
Totals	39 10 8 26

Personal fouls: Salem 19—Cross 3, Gibson 2, Burlingham 2, Bollinger, Deacon, Chapman, McMinnville 9. Hearing, Allison 2, Hearing, Church, Hammond.

Free throws missed: Salem 2—Gibson 2, McMinnville 9—Allison 2, Thompson 3, Immer 2, Church, Norris. Shooting percentages: Salem 30. McMinnville 28.

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STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

"Wunner if I oughta bring along a pair of brass knuckles?" worried Packy McFarland when he learned he was to referee the Wagner-Ross scrap Tuesday night. . . . May not be such a bad idea, for Bantamweight Packy will be in there with two over-

weight lighthteaves who know all the tricks and in past rassin' rumpuses haven't failed to use 'em. . . . Have an idea the two gladiators, despite the heat between them, will at least try to abide by the rules so there'll be no kickbacks as to the better man when it's over. . . . Just in case, we have a 36-ounce baseball bat Packy can borrow if he wants to. . . . It's a guaranteed persuader, too. . . . Salem high's donation to the infantile paralysis fund-raising campaign will be made by turning over the net gate from the Viking-Tillamook hoop clash December 21, says SHS Athletic Boss Gurnee Flesher. . . . Song title description of the Faculty-General Finance City league hoop tilt Thursday night: "They're Either Too Young or Too Old."

The Financiers are all 'teen-aged high schoolers not yet ripe for 1-A—the Faculty, or Dairy Co-Op, a mixture of over-38s, 4-Fs, and 3-As, all of 'em has-beens at least. . . . "We could probably make it two straight Duration league championships at Woodburn this winter," reports Coach Jiggs Burnett, "but I've lost four lettermen via enlistments to the armed forces, so we don't have much. The kids who went in are Don Peltz, Leo Erwert, Ed Murphy and Lloyd Kestall. Might add they were all football players, too, and would have been on the team this fall had they been here. . . . Since Burnett's eleven was unscored on in league play as it was, what would it have been like had the four additional regulars been around!"

Maybe After the War, Says Sick

We couldn't believe this if it weren't in her own handwriting, for we were sure she had more than merely the weather to talk over with one Judge W. G. Bramham during the Major-Minor baseball meetings at New York. But a note from Mrs. George E. Waters, boss of our Senators and still in the big town, includes: "Judge Bramham is a grand man—perfectly fair and honest. . . . Pass the smelling salts, and to us. . . . Wot a cagey gent the judge must be. . . . Also included was a clip from a New York Journal-American sports column by Bill Corum, who claims the Minor league internal squabble was badly timed. Same would have had a much better chance of unseating Bramham had the war been over and all minor league factions been represented. . . . The Senator major domoette made no mention of any deal with Emil Sick wherein the Salem franchise might be taken over by the Seattle Coast league club as a farm. . . . And speaking of Sick, the expansion-minded gent with the million-dollar smile told us while in town the other day, "The Seattle club is definitely in the market for a farm club and we (he and his party) like the City of Salem very much. But these are not times to be talking of baseball farms—especially since your league isn't operating. Maybe after the war we can consider taking over the Salem franchise. . . . One little catch, even after the war: The price tag on the village club might throw even expansion-minded Mr. Sick. . . . Having a well-heeled club such as Seattle financing and stocking the village nine wouldn't be hard to take at that. A Coast league club can afford hiring players a B league nine can't afford to think about."

Stagg's Tigers Pitted Against Flyers in Gridiron Tilt Today

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10—(AP)—With only one loss—to Southern California—marring their season's record, Coach Amos Alonzo Stagg's College of the Pacific Tigers meet the March Field Fourth Air Force Flyers in the Coliseum here tomorrow in a game which may provide a happy climax for one of the best collegiate football teams on the west coast.

'Slicker' Meet In 2nd Round

Despite an epidemic of colds that has spread through Army Coach Paul Schiesler's hard-biten squad, the venerable Stagg faces tough opposition. Although recent navy replacements have restored Pacific's punch after the loss of Halfback Johnny Podesta, the Flyers have three or four teams, including two varsity outfits, to meet the 29 Tigers Stagg is bringing to town. Pacific's only defeat this season, at the hands of the Trojans, was by a 6-0 score after the Tigers had suffered annulment of a touchdown because of a penalty. Individual honors were taken from the half dozen bowlerettes who usually corner safe when Holt of the Sears Roebuck team gained both high series and high game with 504 and 214 respectively.

Tangent Trims Jeff Hi, 23-20

JEFFERSON — Coach Pat Beal's Jefferson high school basketball team dropped a 23-20 encounter to the Tangent quintet on the coal floor this week. Weddle of Jefferson and Schrock of Tangent led all scorers with 9 each. Tangent's "B" squad trounced the Jefferson "A" 30-12 in a preliminary.

Yanks' Keller Classified 2-B

FREDRICK, Md., Dec. 10—(AP)—Charlie "King Kong" Keller, slugging outfielder of the World champion New York Yankees, was given a six-month deferment from military service today, but Yankee fans can derive little joy from the fact.

Commander C. H. Bryant, assistant director of selective service in Maryland, said that under existing selective service regulations Keller would be subject to immediate reclassification into 1-A should he leave his war job.

The Yankee slugger said he had not yet received his 2-B reclassification card and had not given the matter of playing baseball next season much thought.

'Cats Engage Music Makers Here Tonight

8 p.m. Tilt Listed For Willamette Gym

Willamette's Navycats attempt to break their losing streak at four tonight with an 8 p.m. clash against the Fee's Music Makers of Portland. The Musicmen are at present leading the Portland City league in which they play. Their lineup is dotted with former college and high school stars. The WU Frosh will pre-empt the tussle with a 7 p.m. date against the Mt. Angel Preps.

CORVALLIS, Dec. 10—(Special)—Oregon State's Beaver basketballers opened their season here tonight with a "defensive" 28-23 victory over Willamette's V-12-13 Navycats.

The Beavers, with a lineup of nearly all freshmen, stood out on defense the first half to the extent that Willamette could score but one field goal. The Navycats weren't doing so badly themselves in the defense department and were behind only 13 to 7 at halftime.

It was exactly 9½ minutes into the game before Jim Catterall, the All-State prepster of last year from Pendleton, pitched in the first points of the contest. Oregon State then held the lead throughout, although a Willamette rally late in the game, with Bunyan, Brownlee, Folquet, and Adams doing the scoring, closed the gap to four points with four minutes left to play. Goals by Allen Anderson and Bud Fortier offset this rally, however, and Coach Slats Gill's Orange maintained their margin.

So tight were the defenses—Oregon State's a man-to-man with a shift, Willamette's a zone—that the Beavers could take only 38 shots during the tilt. Coach Duke Trotter's 'Cats, which have a habit of outshooting every team they play, pitched 41 times, a little more than half their usual quota.

The Beavers played without the services of Guard Fred "Happy" Lee, ill in the hospital. Also, George Sertic, starting forward, was injured halfway through the game in an argument with the seats in the bleachers.

Trotter, who has been shuffling his 12-man team in an effort to find the best combination this season, tonight saw his starting five of Oberst, Director, Stroud, Warner and Frank turn out to be as potent as any five he's tried this far.

WILLAMETTE	G	F	Pt	Tp
Oberst, f	2	1	2	5
Director, f	2	1	2	5
Brown, f	0	0	1	0
King, g	0	0	1	0
Folquet, f	1	0	0	2
Stroud, c	0	1	2	1
Adams, c	0	1	1	1
Warner, g	0	1	1	1
Frank, g	0	1	0	2
Bunyan, g	0	1	0	2
Brownlee, g	1	0	1	2
Rustak, g	0	1	1	2
Totals	7	7	12	23

Bowling Scores

It was a bad night for the biggies during Ladies' league bowling at Perfection Thursday night as the Broadway Beauty Shoppers knocked off Miller's Furniture 3-0, Sears Roebuck swept three from Rialto and the league-leading Keglettes dropped two of three to Acklin's Bootery.

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Broadway Beauty Shop (3)

Handicap	50	50	37	137
Hammer	106	155	178	300
Orvye	127	109	98	334
Riley	101	105	138	344
Peaches	129	127	95	351
Rowan	158	140	138	436
Totals	721	686	677	2102

Miller's Furniture (6)

M. Poulin	178	206	98	412
Hubbard	127	146	125	398
E. M. Poulin	126	158	138	422
Strigley	143	127	149	419
Meyer	134	165	128	427
Totals	711	663	563	1987

Sears Roebuck (3)

Handicap	5	5	5	15
Allen	155	130	137	422
Carlin	172	140	138	450
Holt	120	113	125	358
Cutman	128	138	128	394
Totals	584	602	568	1794

They Know Difference Between Jab and 'Roundhouse' Not the First Fisticuffing for Either Georgie or Ross

NOT THE FIRST — 4-30-1. spt—Neither Gorgeous Georgie Wagner nor Tough Tony Ross, the latter the pride of Four Corners, will be like the duck-out-of-water when they settle their beef once and for all in Tuesday night's boxing ten-rounder at the army—not by a long shot. Both have pitched with the leathery dukes before, and many times.

Take Ross for instance. He didn't get that start-hered-over-there nose from sleeping face downward—it was cultivated only by bulleseye lefts and rights picked up over countless boxing and wrestling engagements.

Portland ring fans should recognize Ross at first glance as he who pitched and caught on a

few of Matchmaker Joe Waterman's National Boxing club cards. He pitched mostly in two scraps with one Zeb Smith, whipping Smith both times. And the first time Lou "Yogman" Nova hit the northwest to headline one of Waterman's efforts by battling Ernie Nordman, it was Four Corners Ross who spent a full week as Nova's sparring partner.

In fact, close-to-home fight followers may recall the semi-windup event on the Nova-Nordman cloutier. If they do, they'll remember it was Ross who fought villager Keller Wagner in an up-and-downer—Ross downed Wagner three times before Keller finally up and downed Ross in the fourth round for keeps.

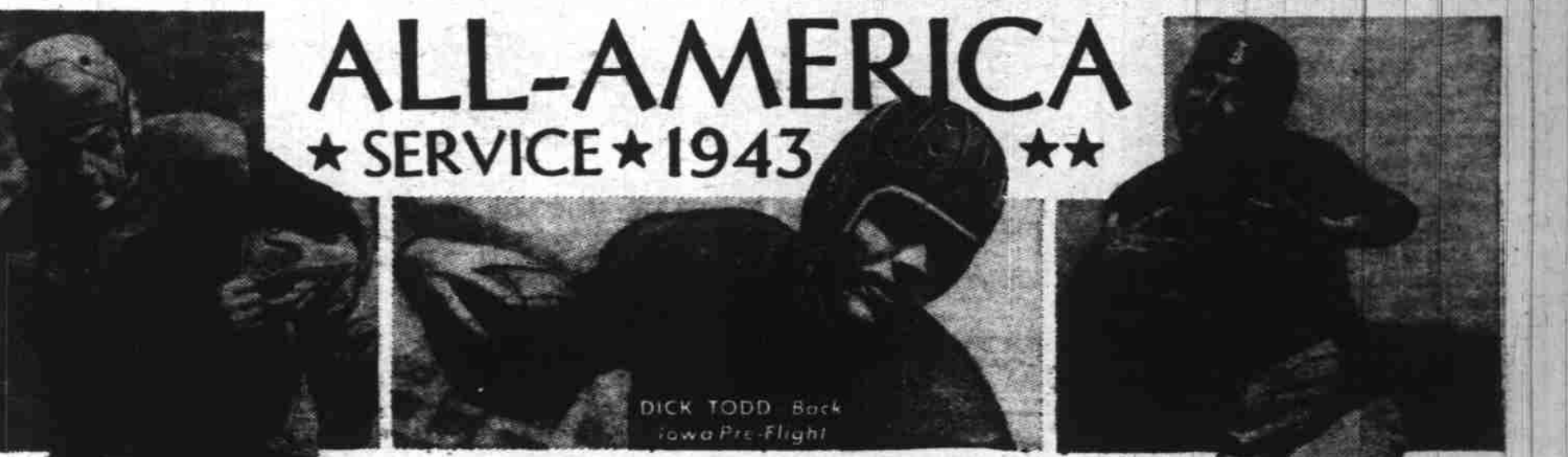
As for Gorgeous Georgie, he also knows on which hand which glove goes. While attending the U of Washington, Wagner biffed in amateur ranks. He turned pro in Texas later and as a middleweight waltzed off many a skirmlish. He says he turned to the more lucrative wrestling business when he decided there were too many "shopkeepers" in the pugilistic racket—too many managers who keep all the earnings.

Of course, it's been some time since either have fought strictly with fists, although it could be said both don't overlook the fact they have some when rassin'.

Both are actually training for the coming titanic—the fact that it's a winner-take-all

party has made both think scientifically, Wagner, on his Eugene turkey farm, reports he's "doin' road work every day and my speed and cleverness will offset the few pounds I'll give Ross." And Tough Tony, despite finding no one to spar with him, claims he'll nevertheless "be ready."

Ross adds that what the last Wagner (Keller) did to him definitely won't be duplicated by this Wagner (Georgie). Packy McFarland, the local ring referee who has been busy on the Waterman shows in Portland, yesterday accepted his assignment to work the Tuesday fight. The Salem Boxing commission, in sanctioning the American Legion sponsored scrap, named McFarland referee.



Associated Press' All-America Service Team 'Coaches' Dream

By CHIP ROYAL
AP Features Sports Editor

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—Did you ever see dreams (of football coaches) playing on the country's gridirons? Well, the lucky fans who saw service teams in action this year did.

If you were one of the less fortunate, slant your eyes at the 1943 All-America Service team selected by The Associated Press, the first of its kind. And don't forget to look at the second team and the honorable mention group. There are enough All-America and All-Pro candidates there to make a coach's heart do flip flops.

First, the ace backfield: Cpl. Glenn Dobbs, Randolph Field, Tex.; Ensign Dick Todd, Iowa Pre-Flight; Lt. (jg) Len Eshmont, Del Monte Pre-Flight, and Cadet Bruce Smith, St. Mary's Pre-Flight.

What ball carriers, kickers, passers and backs!

Then the line ends, Sgt. Jack Russell, Blackland, Tex., Air Field, and Chief Specialist Bob Fitch, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; tackles, Cpl. Johnny Mellus, Camp Davis, N.C., and Ensign Ray Bray, Del Monte, Calif.; Free-Flight; guards, Seaman Garrard Ramsey, Bainbridge, Md., Naval Training Station; Sgt. Marion Rogers, South Plains, Texas, Army Air Field; center, Ensign Vincent Banonis, Iowa Pre-Flight.

Maybe they are better known by their colleges. All-America Dobbs went to Tulsa; Todd, Texas A & M; Eshmont, Fordham; All-America Smith, Minnesota; Russell, Baylor; Fitch, Minnesota; Mellus, Villanova; Bray, Western

Sirde Carries Top Weight

SAN MATEO, Calif., Dec. 10—(AP)—Sirde, 2-year-old colt sensation of the current Bay Meadows meeting, was assigned top weight of 122 pounds today for tomorrow's running of the one mile, \$5000 added Salinas handicap at the Peninsula track. The race is for 2-year-olds.

Winner of five of seven starts here in shorter races, Sirde probably will go postward as the favorite in spite of the weight. Veteran Georgie Woolf will be in the saddle.

The colt, from the Walla Walla, Wash., stable of Allen Drumheller, won a six furlongs feature last Saturday handily, packing 119 pounds. He is a Kentucky Derby eligible.

Other entries: (a) Sun Goss (no boy) 105; Barnelo (West-royal) 114; (b) Big Kay (no boy) 105; Royal Casino (no boy) 108; Bizerze (Bianco) 109; Rose Canyon (Peterson) 108; Okana (Woodhouse) 103; Jade Boy (no boy) 111; Touchback (no boy) 100; Mon-o-Haste (P. Johnson) 106; Autocrat (no boy) 114; Valdina Andre (Zufelt) 111; Skillman (no boy) 106; Shut Up (Lasswell) 110; Sandy Watson (Dubois) 108; Six Trix (Turk) 104.

Among honorable mention: Dale Gentry, St. Mary's Pre-Flight end; Hank Norberg, March Field end; Don Duran, Bainbridge Navy base; Cecil Hare, North Carolina Pre-flight; Norm Standlee, Camp Davis.

Michigan; All-America Ramsey, William & Mary; Rogers, Maryville Teachers, Mo.; Banonis, Detroit University.

Of these top service team grid-ders, Fitch is a coast guardsmen from North Carolina's Camp Lejeune. Five others now are stationed at navy stations and five at army bases.

Mellus was one of the big New York Giants linemen before Pearl Harbor. Banonis was with the Chicago Cardinals, Bray, the Chicago Bears; Eshmont, also of the Giants; and Todd, the Washington Redskins.

Getting down to the so-called vital statistics, the average age of the "dream team" is 24, the average weight 201 pounds. Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Michigan and Texas each claim to be the resident states of two men, while the other three came from Missouri, Tennessee and Oklahoma.

Todd, at 29, is the oldest man on the first team, Ramsey and Banonis, both 22, are the youngest. Glenn Dobbs, towering 6 feet 4 inches, is the giant, while Todd also is the midget of the eleven at 5 feet 10.

Gervais Holds Grid Banquet

GERVAIS — The annual football banquet of Gervais high school was held Thursday in the high school gym, attended by faculty, coach, players, and invited guests. Speakers were Professor Khale, Coach Glen, and the co-captains of the grid squad, Howard Matlock and Dean Booster. Lettermen are: Henry Berning, Dean Booster, Warren Lundy, Ivan Rounge, Matlock, Glenn Skeels (graduating seniors) Bill Nibler, Carl Jorgenson, Dick Grassman, George Toole, Ed Schlecter, Lloyd Brown and Charles Patterson.

The team chose co-captains for next year, naming Bob Harper and Lloyd Brown. Richard Grassman was named most improved player, while the most inspirational player chosen was Dean Booster.

Cougars Trip Whitman 36-34

PULLMAN, Dec. 10—(AP)—The Washington State College basketball team struggled throughout most of a game tonight to close a small margin and then captured a 36 to 34 victory in the last minutes of play from a team of Whitman College trainees.

Whitman led from the start until the last six minutes and bowed in a nip-and-tuck finish.

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