

Viks Open Two-Game Series With Astoria Here Tonight

State's No. 1 Hoop Rivals Meet on Villa Court; Salem Out to Shatter Lengthy Losing Streaks

The topmost prep basketball series of the season in the village, Astoria's Flying Fishermen vs. Salem's Vertiginous Vikings, usually basket binging at its thrill-laden best starts tonight around eight o'clock at the Villa and winds up tomorrow night starting at the same time and place. And when the point-flinging Finns trot onto the SHS floor tonight they'll exhibit for all interested customers to see the quint which will no doubt be bedded and watered down with the district 5 title in the town when state tourney time comes March 16-17-18.



Of Charlie Schanz, once of Salem's Senator mound staff and now awaiting spring training with the Philadelphia Phillies (providing there are enough of same left to hold a training quorum come springtime), General Manager Herb Pennock has this to say: "Schanz shapes up as the most promising of our new pitchers, and most of 'em are new."

And after having poked at his stuff off and on for three seasons, we still say Chas. will show the would-be big leaguers something to gawk at once in awhile. An off - and - on pitcher, huge Charles is right rugged when he's "on." ... Speaking of ball-gamers, be careful who you're balling "ya big knothed" next time you're parked in peanut row. Hugh Luby, Oakland's Coast league "player of the year" second sacker, one and same who battled our Solons here two seasons back and next spring goes to the New York Giants, is spending his off-season this winter making a living at helping Bay Citizens figure out their income taxes! And anyone who can make a living at that this year should be ranked with the Einsteins, Platos, Socrates—well, at least with the Quiz Kids. ... Chicago sports editors have rated the Albina Hellships basketballers as "the best in the nation." Guess they don't read the papers—last time we looked we saw where a Gonzaga quint has 57 points to Albina's 47. Mebbe the Chicago boys just haven't heard of Gonzaga. ... Answer to rattle fans wanting to know how come slightly terrific Sgt. Billy Goetz grapples in Portland and not in Salem: The bemused sergeant with the body beautiful is stationed at Fort Lewis and his weekend passes don't give him sufficient time to appear in Portland on Monday and then here on Tuesday nights. However, Matchmaker Don Owen has promised that just as soon as Goetz gets a three-day ticket he'll book him in our village. Which won't make the mat customers mad—the guy's good. ...

Even worse as far as the SHS hoop-suiters are concerned is their losing streak to the Fishermen. Astoria has copped the duke the past 10 consecutive times against Salem. So the weekend series will present two "musts" for the Viks — busting losing skeins in both instances.

The Purple visitors, under the tutelage of one Bill Bowers this time since incomparable Wally Palmberg is durationized, won't have any frightening all-stars with 'em, such as Cliff Grandall or Fred "Happy" Lee, but they will have a quint molded by Bowers which has proven again this season that Astoria is still Astoria, home of fine basketball squads.

Only Center Don Nopson — is back from last year's Astoria tourney team, but more than taking up the slack left by the departure of Crandall, Lee & Co., are cagers Howard Lovvold, Roddy Kvistad, Jim Parker and Leo Hill. These four, along with Nopson, have been Astoria's starting five and will likely open against Salem. Messrs. Parker and Hill are the two ace Fisherman point pitchers. In the first two Salem-Astoria games this season, both won by the Finns by 3-point margins, first it was Hill who led the way through the Vik bucket and then it was Parker the next night.

Although it remains to be seen come tossup time, Salem will probably be at full strength for the series. Guard Doug Gibson, the Vik sparkplug, has been out with illness the last two games but is expected to be back and ready tonight. Captain Travis Cross is back in a romping mood after his illness.

Both batties, and that's the word for it whenever these two teams get together, will be preceded by 6-45 preliminaries. And both will doubtlessly be witnessed by the hottest crowds to see basketballing in the village this season.

Probably starting lineups:

ASTORIA	Pos.	SALEM
Lovvold	F.	Cross
Parker	F.	Helmbout
Nopson	C.	Burlingham
Hill	G.	Gibson
Kvistad	G.	Chapman

Jones Bucketing for Wabash

Add local boy makes good chapter: Apprentice Seaman Courtney Jones, Salem's try-hard court center last winter is now a No. 1 forward on the Wabash college (Crawfordsville, Ind.) navy V-12 quint, same upsetting Indiana conference leading Indiana State the other night, James making eight points. Tall Courtney must be doing okeh at that, for in the post-game writeup appeared this recognizable piece: "Every time Wabash made a basket Coach Loren Ellis would grin all the way from here to Salem, Oregon."

Coast league ballgamers won't exactly go hungry next season—they'll get three bucks a day to eat on while on the road. It used to be two and a bowlingout if you overdid. But with steaks at two bucks a pitch in most eateries the boys will still have to stick with the Wheaties a lot. ... Quips the Sporting News on recent honors to Bill Dickey as "Player of the Year" and Branch Rickey as "M-an Who's Done Most for Baseball Through the Years": Two of most convincing men we know—Bill with that wagon tongue at the plate and Branch with that wagin' tongue. How true.

For the benefit of those hopeful kids who tried out in the Brooklyn Dodger camp here last fall—(we've been asked by a few persons)—no, we haven't heard a single word from the Gowanus talent-seekers since they left here. Nor do we think we will. Ivory-tuscling ball clubs operate on the fly side, you might say. If they discover a kid who has possibilities they'll keep it to themselves and eventually contact the kid or his parents unbeknownst to anyone. By so doing they avoid having another club, hearing of the kid's possibilities, step in and beat 'em to the ink bottle.

Although there isn't really an outfit in the village which could be called classy, any amateur basketball bunch which thinks it could do okeh in the annual Oregon AAU tournament is urged to contact AAU Chairman Ray Brooks in Portland immediately. The meet is billed for March 5-11 on the Portland Jefferson high court. Brooks is of course the same gent who guides all state semipro baseball as commissioner.

BOWLING SCORES

Cline's Coffee Shoppers found the "new wood" to their liking Wednesday night at Perfection and took three straight from Acme Auto Wreckers in major league kegling. Ramage's 7-Up grabbed two of three from Bert's Pros and City Cleaners dropped two of their three to Army-Navy store.

High individual honors were garnered by Clem Kertson of the Cleaners—he tossed games of 169, 235 and 202 for a 606 series, the only "600" bowled in the league, and the 235 game stood high for singles efforts.

Corvallis Eyes District 4 Win

CORVALLIS — Coach Earl McKinney's Corvallis Spartans play Lebanon's Warriors here Friday night in a southern district 4 basketball game, and a victory over the visitors will clinch for Corvallis the southern title. Corvallis will be favored as it has defeated Lebanon twice during the season.

"Should the Spartans win they will qualify to meet the winner of the northern district 4 title for the right to represent the district in the state tournament at Salem. So far in the north, Salem, Woodburn, Dallas, Silverton and Mt. Angel are battling for the championship.

Ware Whips Moroz

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 10-(AP)—Spotting his opponent 54 pounds and a foot and a half in height, Al Ware, 218, Oakland, used Big Ben Moroz, 272, Philadelphia, as a punching bag here tonight to win a 10-round decision over his giant foe.

AMBY & NAVY (7)
Handicap 74 74 74 222
Kilgore 174 174 174 518
Shed 174 174 174 518

Spies Addresses Hunters and Anglers Club

River Pollution Battle On When War's Over

Kenneth Spies, acting state sanitary engineer, advised Salem Hunters and Anglers club members and their guest members of the city council, city and state engineering departments, and many others from up and down the Willamette valley during the open meeting Wednesday night, that at the close of the war enforcement of authority over stream pollution in the state will go into effect.

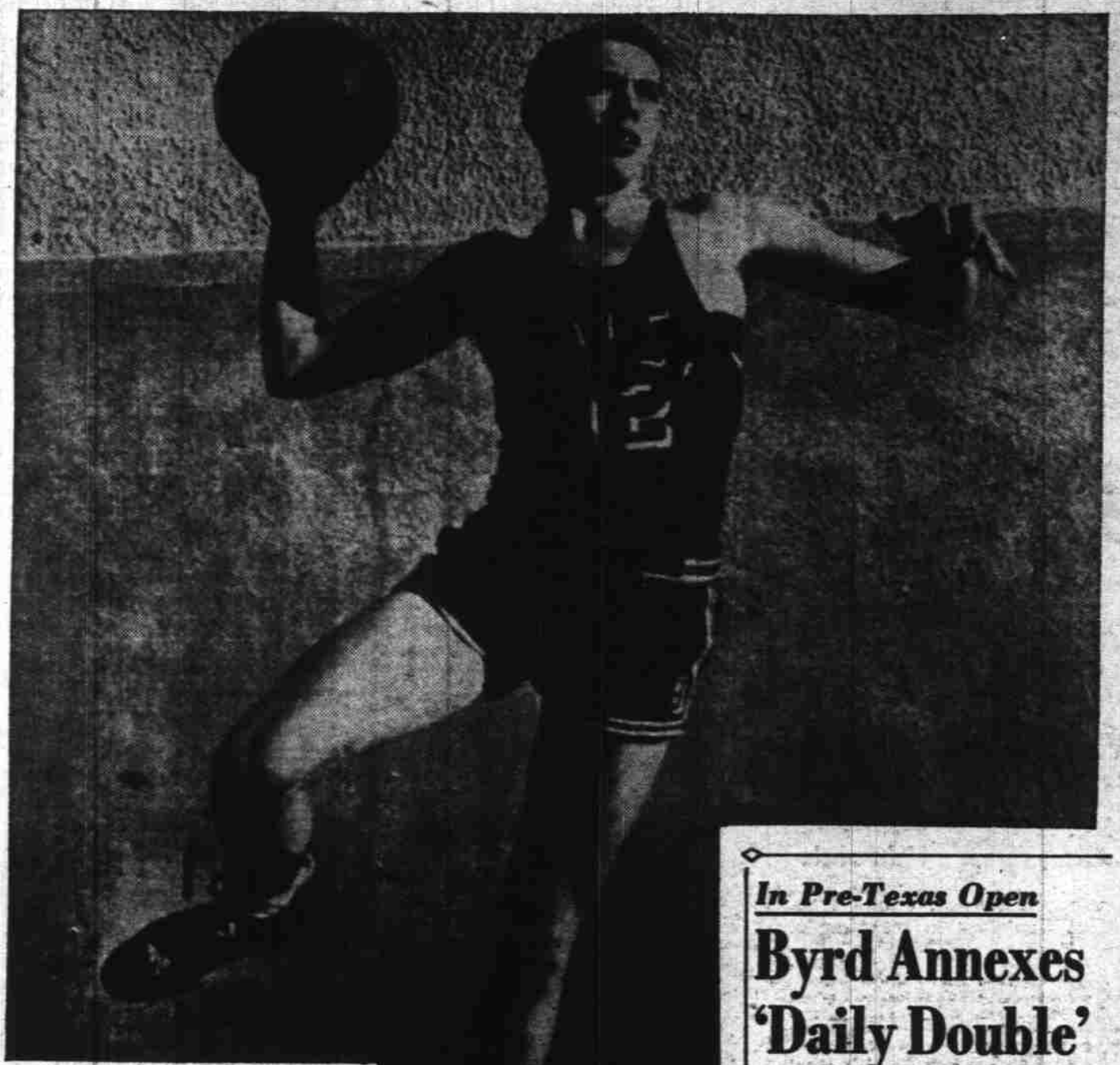
Spies estimated that it will cost from 15 to 20 million dollars to install primary filtration plants and interceptor sewers on our principal streams. He stated that fish life was on its way out unless something was done at once to check the vast amounts of stream pollution.

The five paper mills on the Willamette and Columbia rivers dump more pollution into those streams daily than would a city of 700,000 population, he said. Canneries present another problem in the matter of stream pollution, he added, but in their case a series of filterations installed within their own plants would remove a vast amount of the heavy matter that is the chief cause of worry in the op-

eration of a filtration plant. Springfield, Eugene, Albany and Corvallis are now working on the financing, or have already financed various types of bond issues or sewage charge programs towards the installation of disposal plants. Salem has already voted and sold \$200,000 worth of general obligation bonds toward the completion of a similar plant. It is estimated that an additional \$200,000 will be required to complete Salem's plant.

In the May election the City of Portland will vote on a \$2-million dollar bond issue for the building of a vast disposal plant. Portland now uses a sewage charge plan that has built up a reserve to be used in connection with the bond issue if same is passed.

CAPN CROSS



Mighty Zags Set for Whits

SPOKANE, Feb. 10-(P)—Gonzaga university's mighty basketball team will be at full strength when Whitman college comes here Friday and Saturday intent on stopping a second Zag victory run, Coach Chuck Henry indicated today.

Paul O'Toole, who was called to Portland by the death of his father and was unable to play in the Albina Hellships game last Sunday, is back in the lineup. However, Henry said O'Toole's substitute in that game, Jack Hafner, is expected to see much action this weekend as a result of his sharp defensive work against the Portland team.

Whitman is the only team ever to beat Gonzaga.

Stagg Awarded Writers' Cup

STOCKTON, Calif., Feb. 10-(AP)—The National Football Writers association trophy was presented to Coach Amos Alonzo Stagg of the College of Pacific today.

The trophy is given annually to the person who contributes most to football during the year and will remain in Stagg's possession until a new recipient is designated at the end of the 1944 season. Last year, when the award was inaugurated, it was presented to Lt. Cmdr. Tom Hamilton of the navy for his efforts in developing the navy's football program.

Hopsters Play Salem Quints

INDEPENDENCE — Coach Ray Scott's Independence high school "A" and "B" basketball quints face a busy evening Friday—the varsity plays the Salem high Jayvees and the Bees meet Salem's Sophs in the two preliminary games to the Astoria - Salem "main event."

The Indep Bees play at 5:30 p. m. Friday and the varsity quints on at 8:45.

Stayton Keeps Atop League Casaba Chase

STAYTON — Stayton high's Packers kept pace with Jefferson at the top of South Marion county B league basketball standings Tuesday night by hooping out a 25-21 victory over the Aumsville Rangers here. Stayton led 12-8 at the half. Stayton led the scoring with 12 points. Stayton Bees tripped Aumsville's 22-15 in the preliminary game.

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Gibbs (4) (1) Dombrosky
Lans (1) (12) Friele
Killing (2) (1) Nelson
Rebo (2) (1) Giel
M. Killinger (3) (3) Johnson

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Silverton Set For Woodburn

SILVERTON — Coach Guy "Pop" DeLay's Silverton Silver Foxes are ready and waiting for their Duration league basketball clash with arch-rival Woodburn here Friday night. Expected to be as hotly contested as the game itself is the individual scoring race between Woodburn's Charlie Sauvain, leading the league with 100 points, and Art Zahler, last year's champion for Silverton who now has 95 markers.

DeLay's probable starting lineup includes Zahler and Hartley, forwards, Johnson, center, and McCullough and Bennett, guards. Woodburn will probably counter with Nelson and Baglien, forwards, Miller at center and Sauvain and Mattison, guards. The game is billed for 8:30.

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The tournament proper starts tomorrow with \$5000 in war bonds going to the winners in the 72-hole test.

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STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

In Northern Division Race (?) Idaho vs. Beavers; WSC Plays Huskies

Navy Ruling Denies Washington 5 Use of Veterans in Weekday Tilts

The Northern division basketball derby, if that's what you want to call it, sparks on two fronts tonight and tomorrow night—Idaho's Vandals tangling with Oregon State at Corvallis and Washington State meeting Washington's soaring Huskies at Seattle. All games are tabbed for 8 o'clock commencement.

Thriving 'AA' Set to Sail Again in '44

CHICAGO, Feb. 10-(P)—The American association, one of the country's most prosperous minor league baseball leagues, has been in business since 1902, will be in business in 1944 and in all probability will add pro football to its curriculum after the war.

"You won't find any crepe on our door," President George Trautman declared today after a special meeting of the league's directors. "Reserve lists of all eight clubs are in good condition, and those cities which have advance ticket sales report that the sales are 20 per cent above normal."

In the reserve list of about 290 players, Trautman estimated that 20 per cent were youths 16 and 17 years old and 15 per cent were 4-Fs. Old-timer Mike Kelley, president of the Minneapolis Millers, has four "kids" who will join the team after graduating from high school in June. He said they were stars of the Minneapolis Richfield team which won the American Legion national baseball championship last year.

Coach Hec Edmundson's Huskies received a blow last night when a navy ruling knocked all their veterans out of tonight's clash, leaving the load to the freshman-combated "civvies," themselves potent enough.

Capt. Eric Barr, head of the navy training program on the UW campus ruled that the only week nights the navy trainees could play would be alternate Fridays, the first and third of each month.

That counts the Husky veterans out of the first WSC game, although they are expected to be on deck Saturday night. They probably will not be able to play in either game against Idaho at Seattle February 21-22, as those days fall on a Monday and Tuesday.

Dodger Roster Swells to 30

NEW YORK, Feb. 10-(P)—The Brooklyn Dodgers boosted their roster to 30 today with the signing of Veteran Catcher Ray Hayworth, 39, who was with the Dodgers early last season and who dropped out of baseball after being released, and Rookie Pitcher Tommy Warren, a right-handed pitcher from Tulsa, Okla., who holds a medical discharge from the armed services.

Bill Lee Now 1-A

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10-(P)—Pitcher Bill Lee has been placed in 1-A classification, according to information released today by Herb Pennock, general manager of the Philadelphia Phillies. The former Chicago Cubs ace was acquired by the Phils last summer.

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