

Viks Whip Maroons, Clinch Tie League Division Crown

38-27 Victory 3rd Straight For Villa Five

Pop To in 2nd Half To Overpower Foe

NO-NAME LEAGUE (Northern Division)

Team	W	L	Pct.	Pt	Pa
Salem	3	1	.750	122	112
Oregon City	1	1	.500	103	93
Milwaukie	0	3	.000	82	105

Showing both the kind of caging which brought them their two victories over Astoria last week and the gruesome kind which had the city's hoop citizens looking on 'em with disgust awhile back, Salem high's hoop-suiters touched off enough of the former to offset the latter and whipped Milwaukie's Maroons 38-27 last night at the Villa. The win, Salem's third straight, gained her Viks at least a tie for the Northern division, No - Name league title. Should Oregon City beat the impotent Maroons again the race will wind up in a deadlock between Salem and the Pioneers.

Last night's first half brought about a maze of poor pitching, sloppy ball handling and slow-footedness, both sides answering "guilty," and it looked much like the glitter which was Salem's against Astoria had left the Viks flat. They managed to squeeze five points out for the quarter while the ineffective visitors were getting but two. A clever tip-off play, Captain Travis Cross on the pay-off end, netted two of Salem's five.

Not much better the second period at both sides kept trying but missing. Salem was getting good shots from in close but couldn't buy a two-pointer. Milwaukie was having trouble with the Vik zone defense and left the floor at half-time 8-11 behind.

But the spark came back for Coach Frank Brown's club with a hit by Doug Gibson from a corner early in the third period. Before the Maroons could collect themselves Bobby Zeller and Don Burlingham took turns sneaking behind the seive-like Milwaukie defense to collect easy lay-ins and the Viks were on their way. So much so that they canned 15 points for the period to Milwaukie's seven, making it 26-15 at the third rest stop.

Zeller, Gibson and Allan Bellinger kept it up to start-off the fourth frame, and then with Salem enjoying its longest lead of the game, 31-17, the Maroons started hitting with those long casts to make a ball game of it from there on in.

As was the case in the Astoria series, there were no individual scoring stars on the Vik side, eight of the 10 players Brown used taking part in the point bookkeeping. Gibson, back in shape again after a siege of the flu, led the attack with eight points, followed by Burlingham and Captain Travis Cross with and seven and Zeller with five. Actual honors were gobbled by Jack Cooper of the visitors with his 10 markers, all gained via the heave-ho from far out method.

Excepting for the comeback in the second half when they made most of their shot count, wild Vik shots in the opening half pulled their shooting percentage down to a final .259. Considerably below the average compiled both nights against the Fishermen.

The tussle wound up the regular home season for the Viks although they play Dallas at Willamette on the 24th in a district 4 game. Friday night they trek to Albany to chase with the Bulldogs and next Tuesday to Tillamook.

In last night's prelim the Milwaukie seconds nabbed a 27-17 nod over the Vik Jayvees.

Player	Points	Rebounds	Assists
JAYVEES (17)			
Slater (9)	10	2	1
Helms (3)	5	1	1
Boardman (4)	3	1	1
Fitzmaurice (1)	2	1	1
Subs scoring: For Jayvees, Pickett 2, Deacon 1, Barlow 2; for Milwaukie, Ecklund 2, Sawyer 2.			
SALM (38)			
Cross, F	10	2	1
Helms, G	8	1	1
Burlingham, C	8	1	1
Gibson, F	8	1	1
Chapman, G	8	1	1
Bellinger, C	8	1	1
Mason, F	1	0	0
Boardman, C	1	0	0
Zeller, F	5	1	1
Cooper, F	10	1	1
Snider, C	8	1	1

SHOOTING PERCENTAGES: Salem .309; Milwaukie .277. OFFICIALS: Tom Drynan and Al Lightner.

'Queen Helen' of the Court In Midst of Third Comeback

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14-(P)—Queen Helen is making still another comeback on the court, less than a year after former doctors believed she might never wield a tennis racket again.

In May of last year, Helen Willis Moody Roark injured her right (and racket) hand while trying to "QUEEN HELEN" stop a fight between her German shepherd and another dog. Bones were fractured and infection set in. After an operation to remove some of the bones, physicians feared she might never recover use of the hand.

Title Match Still On if Champ Katonen Arrives Today

Achii vs. (?) Headlines Star Mat Card at Armory Tonight

It'll still be a Pacific Coast Highheavy raslin' championship bout tonight at the armory if Beltholder Paavo "King Kong" Katonen makes an appearance — dramatic — or otherwise — by three o'clock this afternoon. Match maker Don Owen set the mid - afternoon deadline Saturday, at which time he had yet to hear from the Finn musclemann with the draft board troubles.

"I'll give him until Tuesday at 3 o'clock. If he doesn't get here by then it will be Walter Achii against Pete Belcastro in Salem's main event Tuesday night," rendered the master of the musclemann from Eugene.

One way or the other paper lar "Sneeze" Achii tussles on tonight's main event, and whether against Katonen for the title or debuting Belcastro the session is expected to top an evening brimmed with blood-and-thunder action. Belcastro, remembered hereabouts by cauliflower customers as the inimitable "Walloping Wop from Weed", a raucy cuss who bashed with his biceps buddies strictly on the meanie side before turn-

ing to his California gas station business, is making a comeback. Always a top-notch, he'll drop to a preliminary role in the place of Billy McEain should Katonen get back.

The semiwindup brawl stacks up as inviting as the mystery main event, of Bulldog Jackson to match meanness, moans, muscles, etc., with Bury Buck Davidson. Since they scored a tremendous hit with the thunder-loving clients three weeks ago by tearing things up in general, including Jackson's battered nose, they'll no doubt give the galleryites much cause to hiss and hoorah again tonight. It look cops 'n everything to quell

the young riot these two cooked up last time.

Speedy Tex Hager, a cleanie who goes for the scientific stuff entirely, grapples with Billy McEain in the 8:30 curtain-raiser. That is, if McEain isn't ousted by Belcastro, in turn ousted from the main event role by Katonen. Bashin' Billy, an ornery Texan, has been shelved the past few weeks with illness, but is reported as being more than ready to regain his place in the cauliflower clan.

Tickets for the card, which looms as one of Owen's better efforts of the season, are on sale today at the Pioneer club and at Maple's sporting goods store. There is no advance in prices.

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Oregon 4 1 243 486 511
Idaho 4 7 364 487 459
Oregon State 4 8 333 438 354
Washington State 1 7 300 422 324

Monday's results:
Game 62, Idaho 54.
Game tonight:
Idaho at Oregon.

Ducks Wallop Idaho, 62-54; 3rd Straight

Take Firmer Grip On Second Place

NORTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 14-(P)—The University of Oregon Webfoots pulled away from a 31-31 half time tie with Idaho to defeat the Vandals, 62-54, tonight and tighten their hold on second place in the Northern division, Pacific Coast conference basketball race.

It was Oregon's third triumph over Idaho. They will conclude their series here tomorrow night. The first half was nip and tuck. Neither team could score in the first five minutes of the second period. Then Wally Borrevik, Oregon's 6 foot 8 inch center, got hot and piled up six field goals to make his evening's total 23, compared to 20 for Abin, Idaho's leading point-getter.

Idaho lost Fyfe and Collins via the personal foul route in the fourth and tumble second half. Fyfe left the game about midway through the period after scoring 15 points. Collins had tallied 11 when he went out about five minutes before the end. Oregon lost Phillips in the first half on personals.

Idaho closed the gap to 45-44 after nine minutes of the second half but then Oregon pulled away on successive field goals by Henwood, Bray, Borrevik and Hamilton, while Idaho's Collins was making one.

With 3 1/2 minutes to go, the Webfoots had their widest lead, 57-46. Then Idaho rallied to pour through eight points while Oregon was scoring five but the gun found them still eight points behind.

Player	Pt	Reb	Ass	St
ABIN (54)				
Carbaugh, F	2	2	2	2
Gano, C	3	0	0	0
Collins, G	4	3	4	11
Fyfe, G	4	4	12	12
Anderson, C	0	0	0	0
Brown, G	0	0	0	0
Berlin, F	0	0	0	0
Morse, G	0	0	1	0
Totals	23	8	13	24
OREGON (62)				
Humphries, F	2	3	2	7
Bray, F-C	6	3	2	12
Borrevik, C	11	1	1	12
Henwood, G	1	1	1	1
Hamilton, G	5	0	3	12
Danner, F	0	0	0	3
Wimberly, G	0	0	0	0
Phillips, G	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	8	14	53

Half time score: Idaho 31, Oregon 31.
Free throws missed: Idaho—Collins, Abin 2; Carbaugh 2; Gano 2; Fyfe 3; Oregon—Bray, Hamilton, Humphries 2.
Officials: Emil Piluso and Hal Lee.

District Four Tilt Tonight

SILVERTON — Whether it will be Woodburn or Mt. Angel against Silverton in round two of the northern district four basketball championship will be decided on the Silverton high hardwood tonight, where Coach Jiggs Burnett's Duration league champion Bulldogs vie with Coach Paul Reiling's Preps in a crucial first-round game. The tilt is set for 8:15 p.m.

Woodburn, favored since it downed Mt. Angel twice in Duration play, will probably open with Nelson and Baglien at forwards, Miller at center, and Sauvain and Mattison at guards. Reiling will probably counter with Epping and Traeger, forwards, Wolf center and Biemealer and Grosecques guards. Silverton will play the winner on a neutral floor next week.

Allied Boxing Tourney Opens

ALGIERS, Feb. 14-(P)—An uproar over a referee's decision marked the opening today of a week-long allied boxing tourney to determine the north Africa championships in 16 classes, amateur and professional.

The disturbance broke out when the referee ruled Dave Steinweller, US army scrapper from Dayton, O., the winner over Addadaine Abdalkader, Algerian Arab serving in the French navy, in the amateur middleweight class.

The 125 are the survivors of a field of more than 1000 who competed in the preliminary competition in their various stations and camps. Many have seen recent action in the front lines in Italy.

Southern City Balks at Move

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 14-(P)—Tacomans made the first payment of \$10,000 today toward the purchase of Sacramento's baseball franchise in the Pacific coast league and criticized as "unreasonable" a request by the California capital's chamber of commerce for a two-week's postponement of the transfer.

San Diego, 'Frisco, Oakland Veto Move

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14-(P)—A telegraph poll among Pacific Coast League baseball club owners on whether the Sacramento franchise may be transferred to Tacoma, Wash., will not be concluded until tomorrow, President Clarence Rowland said tonight.

Rowland said he had read in the newspapers that Maj. Charles Lott, president of the San Diego club; President Graham of San Francisco, and C. D. Laws of Oakland were quoted as saying they opposed the change.

It requires a three-fourths majority to transfer a club and three votes against would prevent the move to Tacoma.

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The Sacramento chamber asked for the delay to give baseball fans there an opportunity to take over the franchise, which is owned by the St. Louis Cardinal management.

T. A. Stevenson, manager of the Tacoma chamber, after a long distance telephone conference with Sam Bredon, the St. Louis owner, said that "Bredon told us that we had bought a ball club and that it was up to us to tell Sacramento how much time it had."

The Tacoma committee said the chamber of commerce had backed efforts here to purchase the franchise, guaranteeing \$75,000 as a starter. The actual sale price has not been disclosed.

Peack said \$150,000 has been pledged and the committee expects the figure to reach \$200,000 after a permanent baseball committee is formed Wednesday.

The sale was reported to involve 20 active players and a number of others now in the armed services.

Tacoma was a member of the class. B. Western International league until war suspended its operation. A report from Spokane today said the approval of WIL directors would be necessary before the coast league could enter Tacoma. WIL President Robert Abel said here:

"Due to the inactive status of the Western International at this time, I cannot conceive of any legitimate objection to the Pacific coast league entering the WIL's former territory."

Jack, Berger Bop Tonight

CLEVELAND, Feb. 14-(P)—It's westward ho! for Beau "The Jumping" Jack tomorrow night—his first venture out of eastern fight rings since he swapped a Georgia shoe shine brush for boxing gloves.

Armed with the New York lightweight title and 1 to 2 betting odds, the Beau meets Montreal's veteran Maxie Berger in a 10-round non-title bout in public hall.

Tacoma Makes Down Payment On Sacs' Coast League Nine

Albany Bulldogs Next



GUARD DON CHAPMAN, key man on the suddenly surging Salem high Viking quint, will be set to make it four straight wins for the Viks when they meet Albany's Bulldogs at Albany Friday night.

Dodgers May Lose Quartet

BROOKLYN, Feb. 14-(P)—The Brooklyn Dodgers received word today that outfielder Dixie Walker, Catcher Bobby Bragan, Pitcher Bill Sawley and infielder Billy Herman may not play baseball this year.

The Dodger front office announced that Walker and Bragan had been reclassified 1-A by their Birmingham, Ala., draft board; that Sawley, after passing his pre-induction physical examination at Portland, Ore., had enlisted in the army air corps; and that Herman, star second baseman, had applied for a defense job in a war plant near his New Albany, Ind., home.

Robert R. M. Carpenter, jr., 26-year-old president of the Philadelphia Phillies of the national baseball league, became the first major league club president to be accepted for army service today when he passed his physical examination at the Camden armory. He will report for active duty after the customary 21-day furlough.

Revolta Finishes One Stroke Over Nelson, Nabs Texas Open

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 14-(P)—Imperturbable Johnny Revolta of Evanston, Ill., laid down a three-under-par 68 today to gallop in with the Texas open championship and \$1000 in war bonds.

The finish was one of the most dramatic in the 22-year history of the tournament — Revolta closing out with a fine 273 for the 72 holes. Byron Nelson was just one stroke behind coming to the eighteenth.

Nelson, the former national open champion from Toledo, had staged one of the finest comebacks in tournament history to enter the last round today with a 206 to Revolta's 205.

On No. 18 Nelson needed a birdie to tie for the lead. He drove within 25 feet of the cup and took a lot of time getting ready to putt.

As the huge gallery roared, Nelson's shot went straight for the hole but stopped a foot and a half away—and that was the championship for Revolta.

Playing in the threesomes with Nelson was Harold "Jug" McSpaden of Philadelphia. McSpaden came into No. 18 six under par and on that hole he sank a 20-foot putt for a birdie that gave him a total of 274 and a tie with Nelson for second place.

Basketball Scores

HIGH SCHOOL NN NN NN NN NN
Salem 25, Milwaukie 27.
Marfield 25, Roseburg 22. (Sat.)
ASHLAND 20, Klamath Falls 21. (Sat.)
COLLEGE
Oregon 62, Idaho 54.
Great Lakes 60, Purdue 42.
Notre Dame 59, New York U 55.
Catholic U 49, American U 34.
Camp Grant 56, Minnesota 38.
Iowa State 58, Nebraska 35.
DePaul 37, Indiana State 22.

Spink 'Spoke For Himself

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12-(P)—J. G. Taylor Spink, publisher of the Sporting News, said today he was speaking only for himself, on a matter of news for his weekly sports paper, when he wrote recently asking President Roosevelt for an expression on the status of baseball in the war effort.

Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis commented in Chicago yesterday that Spink was not a spokesman for baseball and that "nobody authorized to speak" has requested preferential treatment of any kind for any player."

Fischer Ski Champ

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14-(P)—Alan Fischer of the Portland Multnomah club won first place in the male expert division of the Cascade Ski club's initial winter meet on Mount Hood yesterday.

Player	Points	Rebounds	Assists
Wright, G	10	1	1
Hicks, G	5	0	1
Martinson, G	5	0	0
Pratt, G	5	0	0
Ecklund, F	0	0	0
Farnsworth, C	1	0	2
Totals	46	10	37

Personal fouls: Salem 12 — Helms 2, Gibson 2, Boardman, Lowe, Mason, Bellinger, Chapman, Burlingham, Cooper 2, Milwaukie 11 — Cooper 3, Wright 2, Pratt 2, Snider 2, Gersbach 2.
Free throws missed: Salem 2, Cooper 2, Martinson 2.
Personal fouls: Salem 30; Milwaukie 27.
Shooting percentages: Salem .309; Milwaukie .277.
Officials: Tom Drynan and Al Lightner.

Albany Hosts Dallas Quint

ALBANY — The Albany high Bulldogs will play Dallas in a return basketball game here Tuesday night. Last week the Bulldogs were defeated at Dallas by a score of 35-19 in a wild and rough battle. Friday of this week the Bulldogs host Salem high's Vikings. Since Dallas plays Salem next week in a district 4 game, a comparison can be made by the Bulldog team.

Army Accepts Bob Carpenter

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From the BLEACHERS

An Astoria-Salem basketball series ended and not even so much as a young riot on the town's streets. Times HAVE certainly changed . . . From our angle the Friday-Saturday sessions were the most friendly between the two schools in years—in fact during one game we actually saw a Salem player shaking hands with an Astorian, And all proving that you don't have to use a gun or an axe to whip your No. 1 rival . . . About the only thing we did see which reminded of the once ferocious emulation between the Finns and the Viks were the remains of what were once probably palatable morsels in a fish market showcase — believe they were over-ripe smelt — strewn promiscuously around the front gateway to the Vik arena. Just wouldn't be a Salem-Astoria get - together if there weren't a few quite dead fish around some place. Seems Salem kids feel they just gotta make the Coasters feel at home.



LT. NORVILLE MAY

Wouldn't bet too much on the Fishermen getting here for the tourney, either. Al Pietela, lieutenant in the Astoria school system who was coaching the Finns while here due to the absence of regular man Bill Bowers, and the same Al Pietela who matriculated at Willamette in the late '30's, looks upon both St. Helens and Rainier highs as no little toughies to take for the Astorians. Although the Finns have nosed out both St. Helens and Rainier this season, district 5 playoff games are upcoming with both and Pietela dreads to think of what might easily happen.

"Between the two," reports Al, "St. Helens seems to have the better club. Big and fast and look just as good as they did a year ago. (St. Helens finished fourth in the tournament last year.) They've a kid named Alan Kinney who's just as good as any prep player I've seen this year. (Kinney came very near making the 1943 all-state team.) Rainier has a fine team, too. We had to come from behind to beat both this season."

Checking back we find St. Helens lost to Baker 54-36 last year, then walloped Salem 44-27 and Eugene 35-24 to finish up in fourth place.

Palmberg Back to Hoop-Suiting
Although it just wouldn't be a state basketball tourney without Astoria, Pietela claims the scarcity of Fishermen reserves as another reason why the Coasters may sit this one out. You'll notice in the two box scores of the recent series Astoria used only one substitute, and he for only two minutes. "We just haven't got 'em," says he. Understandable since only 300 students, counting both boys and girls, are now enrolled at Astoria.

A few "who's" and "where's" also picked up through the Astoria visit: Ensign Wally Palmberg, who the Coasters believe is the best danged basketball coach who ever died a thousand deaths a season, is now at Corpus Christi and playing for the station's crack team. And Johnny Mandic, Oregon State's All-American center is playing at the Texas base also, both he and Palmberg being in physical education departments of the various service branches.

Lt. Norville May, the durationized Astoria football coach has been transferred from the navy's physical education ranks and is now connected with amphibious landings in the south Pacific, and an up-and-coming profession these days. Three more former Astorians, Wally Johannsen, Bobby Anet and Bob Bergstrom have eluded the recent searchings of home-town friends, although it is known that Johansen has been transferred from the navy's overloaded athletic program, Anet is still in and Bergstrom, the former Senator outfielder, is no longer at St. Mary's preflight.

Tourney Field Evenly Matched

Room for "pushover" accusations this year in the tournament bracketing set-up, released by the OHSAA Saturday. District 6 (Portland public schools) playing district 1 (Medford, Baker or La Grande) and district 2 (Klamath Falls, Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Roseburg) playing district 5 (Astoria, Rainier, St. Helens) in the upper bracket first round; and district 3 (Eugene, Springfield, Marshfield, North Bend) playing district 4 (Salem, Corvallis, Dallas, Woodburn, Mt. Angel) and district 7 (Oregon City, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, McMinnville) playing district 8 (Bend, Hood River, The Dalles, Prineville, Burns) in the lower bracket first round.

We've named the leading teams to date in all districts. And at this writing it looks to us like the hoop-suiters will line up against each other as follows on tourney take-off day, March 16:

Upper bracket: Washington of Portland (No. 6) vs. La Grande (No. 2) and Klamath Falls or Ashland (No. 2) vs. Astoria or St. Helens (No. 5). K-Falls providing Frank Ramsey can keep his two ace Pelicans, Wilbur Welch and Jim Conroy from going serviceward before meeting time.

Lower bracket: Eugene of Springfield (No. 3) vs. Salem (No. 4), providing Eugene doesn't get "upset" again by Springfield and Salem can keep on playing ball as it did against Astoria over the weekend.

The Viks can make it if they keep up with the glitter stuff. Oregon City (No. 7) vs. Hood River (No. 8) in the other game.

All wild guesses for the most part but an idea of how the land lies at present.

District Two Tourney Set

ASHLAND, Feb. 14-(P)—Southern Oregon's entry in the state basketball tournament will be selected in a tourney to be held at Southern Oregon College of Education here March 3-4.

Two top quintets in the district 2 race are Klamath Falls, defending state champions, and Ashland high, which stands one game behind the Pelicans despite two weekend victories over them.

Klamath Falls had requested that the state high school activities association declare Klamath the district winner on the basis of its league leadership. Leonard P. Mayfield, principal of Medford high school, said members had voted for the tournament.

Hunting Dates Urged

PENDLETON, Feb. 14-(P)—Umatilla County Wildlife Federation urged today that the 1944 deer season run from September 20 to October 25, and the elk season from November 5 to 20, to avoid an overlap.

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Independence Tips Willamina

INDEPENDENCE — Pulling away from a 20-24 deficit at the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Independence high school basketball five staged a final period rally opposite the Willamina quintet here Monday night to set back the visiting outfit 30-28.

Independence built up a 7-0 advantage in the first canto, and led 16-11 at the half way mark. Center George Howard led the winners with 14 points, four more than Willamina's top scorer, Johnson.

Player	Points	Rebounds	Assists
INDEPEND. (30)			
Langston (5)	5	4	Baker
Irving (2)	5	5	Busswell
Howard (14)	14	5	Baister
Gottfried (3)	3	4	McNamon
Brown (6)	6	10	Johnson

Referee: Joe Rogers.