

Surprise: Salem's Viks Have Excellent Chance of Capturing State's Cinder Classic Title at Corvallis This Weekend

Crystal ball counter: Seven newspaper clippings, nine phone calls, a few wags with two guesses, one case of emptied aspirin, a nightmare and a visit to a swamper's ouija board—result? We've doped out the upcoming 1946 annual Oregon state track and field meet for the prepsters, due next Friday and Saturday at Bell Field, Corvallis. Won't make us mad if you change that "dope" from a verb to a proper noun and point at us when you do it, for picking a cinder winner is quite like picking the ponies. The ones which "can't miss" often never do—that is, if you pick 'em to finish any place but first.

But we've calculated, added, subtracted and compared, and

every time we've arrived at the same answer for the state championship—Salem's high Vikings. Fantastic, what? Especially so since only last spring the Vikings were represented in the classic by only one man, sprinter Bob Warren. And he finished in a dead heat for ninth place if we recall correctly. But this time it's different. Salem goes to Corvallis 20 strong, the largest squad in the scrap, and included in that 20 are Vikings capable of scoring over 20 points. A contab with Coach Tommy Drynan, who incidentally sluffs off point blank track questions with an "aw, we'll get a point or two," convinced us that the team which can come up with 20 points Saturday will cop the no. 1 cup.

And although they would only grin while we doted out the points through the 63 schools which will be represented, we handed the Vikings (and leniently, too) 23 of 'em, enough to hook it.

Of course this is all "on paper" stuff and concerns only what we could clip from results of the state's district meets. A lot can happen between now and Friday, to say nothing of the inspiration which will affect some kids by performing in the big ribbon gigantic and the 100-yd. in-stomach tightness which will blanket others for the same reason. But were the meet ribbons passed out solely on how the boys performed in their district sessions, it would be Salem in first place. Here's

how come:

100-yd. dash: Bob Weber's 19.15 best in the state, and Willie Bach not too far behind. Other marks were 19.3 by Gerwald of Beaverton and Hayden of Central Catholic; a 19.45 by Erlabane of More and a 19.65 by Walker of Washington. Salem 5 points and more more. 200-yd. dash: Bach's 34 flat ignored after spotting the 23.5 of Eugene River's Fitzgerald, the 23.7 of both Lilly and Boardman and Kirry of Forest Grove, and the 23.7 of Schlavlin of Jefferson and the 23.8 of Clark of Bend. 300-yd. run: Benny Lambert's 2:03.4 best in the state and Bob Macy not far behind. Others were Ellyers of Jefferson 2:05.1, McCann of Hillsboro 2:07.4, Dawson of Klamath Falls 2:07.5 and

Clark of Corvallis 2:09.5. Five more points for Salem and maybe more. Macy has a good habit of checking in closely behind Lambert whether it be in 2:10 or 2:35. Call it a hunch if you will, but we figure Tom Grimm a fifth in the mile for another point. He's been on the improve side and could hit that 4:50 Saturday, if he does he'll probably wind up behind the 4:57.4 of Rogue River's Clark, the 4:44.2 of Franklin's Howe, the 4:48.1 of Scappoose's Jones and the 4:46.1 of Molalla's Dick Marquardt. Lyle Williams' pole vault of 11' 6" is good for a third and perhaps a second. Only Dale Neidermeyer of Medford has bettered it with his 11' 11 1/2". Hammussen of Bend went 11-3 at old Hunter of Cor-

vallis. Three points here, leniently.

A blank in the high jump by Dick Gaska and his 5-3. He'll have to hit at least 5-10 to get a ribbon. Cottage Grove's Ken Hathaway went 5' 1 1/2", Grants Pass' Spaulding 5-10 and four others from as many schools 5-3. Nothing in the shot put by Mel Hilleker and his 42-foot 11 1/2" inches. Smead of Bend has a 51-5, Anderson of Scappoose a 48-6, Nelson of Junction City a 47-4 1/2. Altenhofen of Central Catholic a 44-7 and Fitchell of Benson a 44-5. The 125' 11" plover twirling by Art Gottfried could rate a fourth place behind the 144' of Scappoose's Anderson, the 140' 11 1/4" of Junction City's Nelson, the 130-foot of Beaverton's Springer.

Rinsonson of Oregon City and Tank of Klamath Falls can also hit the 125-foot mark. Weber's 20' 8" broad jump (and he goes over 21 in practice) we rate third behind the 21-6 of Newberg's Mardock and the 21 of Grants Pass' Huskey. Lilly of Boardman also sneaks over the 20-foot mark. The 19-3 of Dick Brown of the Viks won't get far enough. Another fifth place, but an all-important point on Don Wilson's javelin toss of 245-2 1/2. Springfield's Bud Boqua hit 175, Mac Hill's Coe 168-9, Beaverton's Springer 160-6 and Milwaukie's Werthington 150-2. The rest are below Wilson's Norm Dalko at 146-2 1/2. The Vik relay quartet of Bill Robbins, Dave Gelsendamer, Bach and Weber

should get a fourth with their 1:26.4. Beaverton looks best with 1:26.5, Parkrose next with 1:26.9 and tied by Rosevelt, and the rest behind Salem at from 1:37 on up.

Shuffle 'em all together and you get 23 points for Salem. And the fact that 63 schools will be hitting at points here and there is a good reason why 23 points could easily take home the line. If you'll check back you'll find that the other schools with best times represented aren't mentioned nearly so often as the Viks, another point on the SHS side. But remember, anything can happen in a track meet—this effort is merely a suggestion of what COULD happen. And for Heaven sake, don't bet on it.

From the BLEACHERS

Odd one comes in from Pat Beal, all-around man from principal on down at Jefferson high, wanting to know how to correctly solve this situation: Jefferson was playing Aumsville in a baseball game not long ago and was two runs ahead, 5-3. Aumsville, the visiting team, was at bat with the bases loaded and with one out in the agreed-upon 7-inning game. It had been raining the entire game, but at this point the storm turned to cloudburst proportion and it simply had to be called. The Jeffersons claimed the win in lieu of the fact that over half the 7-inning game had been played. Aumsville claimed the Jeffs were all wet in two ways and protested officiously. That's just where it hung when Beal was still trying to scratch out the answer during the district 7 track fiesta last week.



EDDIE ADAMS

Naturally, had the game been of 9-innings duration beforehand, it would have gone on the books as no contest since the official 4 1/2 innings were not played. The Aumsville protest would require from where it left off—bases loaded, one out, etc.—in order to decide it. That is, if it had been scheduled for nine heats instead of seven. But then if it had been scheduled for nine, Aumsville wouldn't have had cause to protest, for Jefferson couldn't possibly have claimed victory. We've thumbed through every record book in the joint and can find nothing which alleviates a situation such as 4 1/2 innings played in a 7-inning game being enough for a win. Under 9-inning professional rules, the game would have to be played over in entirety. But it was an amateurs' game scheduled for seven.

A problem needing an answer. Anyone who can solve it rightly, please get in touch with Principal Beal. Our helpless response finally amounted to, "Wot'n'll you playing in the rain for in the first place?"

'Salem Senator Day' Sunday

Could well have been called "Salem Senator Day" Sunday at Portland's Vaughn street park—enough former village favorites were around to warrant it for sure. For instance that second game. There was Roy Helser pitching it, Eddie Adams catching it and belling that familiar "C'mon, Roy, show me whatcha got!", Charlie Petersen in center field, Duke Windsor in the bull pen and Frisco Edwards umpiring. And we saw no less than 50 villagers in the stands watching, another familiar touch since many were the times no more than 50 braved watching the boys when they were class B performers.

Quite a day they had, too. Helser won his game, "Frisco got no real load boos, Pete got three hits, Adams drove him in once with another and Windsor was the envy of the multitude lying out on the bull pen grass in the warm sunshine. And when the boys had so much to do with Portland's winning that last game, we just couldn't help but think of an old baseball adage—"If you can't beat 'em, get 'em on your side." Recalling of course the fruitless efforts of the pre-war Beavers against the village nine when those starwars were on our side.

Pete's love for the game has already cost him six bottles of arnica and two rolls of tape, and before the season is out it'll probably cost him a lot more. He's frozen to his war industry job, which requires that he be at work at 7 a. m., stand on his feet all day and finish around 4:30 p. m. He then fights the traffic to get home to eat, leaves right afterward and goes to the ball park. It's at least midnight before he gets home following the game and he's up again at 5:30 so's he can be to work again at seven.

A guy must love baseball a lot to whip off a schedule like that every day, eh? And on top of it all, Chas. hadn't touched a baseball all winter or spring when he was bought by the Bevsos and put to work in center field! After Sunday's double bill he could hardly walk.

Bum One Minute, Hero th' Next

Couldn't help but catch this proof of how superbly fickle a ball fan really is, offered by a talkative gent parked directly behind us Sunday: Petersen had just looked at a third strike go by, same thrown by 49-year-old Herman "Old Folks" Pilette in the first game. He had hit three consecutive line drives in previous times at bat, all being caught, but it made no difference to the long-winded customer behind us. "Lookit that," hissed the fan, "what th' hell did they do and spend good money for a player like him? He never could hit. Phooey!"

Came the second game and Pete walloped out his three straight hits, the third of which was a well-tagged double to left-center. "Ah!" beamed the same guy. "That was the smartest deal Portland ever made, buyin' him. Yes sir!"

It'll never change in the customers' mind, either. One minute a ballgame is a first class bum—the next he's a hot favorite for mayor.

Hunters & Anglers to Discuss Walton Switch, 8 p.m. Meeting

The Salem Hunters and Anglers club, which becomes a full-fledged chapter of the National Izaak Walton league July 1, will discuss that switch amongst other business during tonight's meeting at Eagles hall starting at 8 o'clock, an announcer Publicity Chairman Don Madison. A new set of league officers will be nominated tonight to replace those of the disbanded H&A club. It is also the intention of the club to draw up a new charter tonight.

Bernard W. Torpen, consulting engineer for the United States army engineers will be one of tonight's speakers and will talk on the Detroit dam and Willamette valley project. H&A Club President James Loder, recently returned from the convention of the Federation of Western Sportsmen's clubs in Arizona, will also talk and give a report on that conclave.

The meeting is expected to be one of the largest in months, and anyone interested in the club is invited to attend. The usual refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Greeners Win a Pair

HAZEL GREEN—Hazel Green school's softballers added a couple of wins to their record here last week, defeating Hayesville 19-9 Thursday and setting back the North Howell-Lake Labish aggregation Friday, 8-3. The Greenies will face Central Howell in a return engagement here Friday.

Gresham Sates Meet

GRESHAM, May 9—(P)—The spring horse race meet will start here June 5, with eight races nightly, A. E. Lee, fairgrounds track manager, said today.

Parks Debuts, Wins Thrilling Battle Royal

Herb "Pinky" Parks, still as dynamic as ever he was when he rashed here a few years ago, made his 1944 debut in slam-bang style last night at the armory before nearly 1000 customers and won himself the top stipend of war stamps in the thrilling battle royal. He whipped Toothless Tougie Porter in the finale, two falls of three, the latter requiring a brief overtime period.

Almost as welcome as Parks' win over the Tacoma heel was the discomposure of Gorgeous George Wagner in the first five minutes of the strictly hilarious "royal." Parks, Tex Hager and Walt "Th' Sneezie" Achiu, all cleanies, took care of George in A-1 shape. They took turns butting him into the proper position and then all fell topside. Hager was next when Parks and Billy McEuin hopped aboard together. It took all three left to send Achiu out a few minutes later as the royal hit its peak and had most of the multitude on their feet. Then a rugged leg-stomper on McEuin by Parks while Achiu sneaked back in the ring to jujitsu Porter out of the way took care of the Texas meanie pal of Wagner's. That set it up for an Achiu-McEuin mainwindup and the Parks-Porter main event.

Achiu and McEuin went 20 minutes in a corker before Th' Sneezie finally put the crusher on Mac with a long series of leg locks and stomps. He did it so effectively McEuin couldn't answer for the next fall and Achiu took down the \$100 in war stamps.

Porter grabbed the first fall over Parks with hammerlocks when the pair went at it in their thriller. But Parks, exhibiting a crop of fresh mat tricks, roared back and brought more roars by taking the second with a "Canadian stomp"—Porter flat on his back and helpless beside an arm bar with Parks kicking him triphammer style smack in the face. He must have kicked Porter fully 250 times while the mob howled and howled before Porter finally gave up. They were still going at it in No. 3 when the time limit intervened, and when Referee Elton Owen couldn't decide who to give the win to they agreed on another five minutes. It took like Parks just 1 1/2 minutes to butt, drop-kick and slam Porter for the victory and \$200 worth of Uncle Sam's best. Toothless Tougie got \$100 worth.

Walker Paces National Loop

NEW YORK, May 9—(P)—Dixie Walker of Brooklyn is the No. 1 hitter in the national league as well as the people's choice in Flatbush with his league-leading .421 average on the eve of the eastern clubs' first western invasion.

With Stan Musial of the Cards, the 1943 king and last week's leader, losing 68 points and dropping to third, at .379, the runner-up spot went to Joe "Ducky" Medwick of the New York Giants, with .381.



How They STAND...

COAST LEAGUE W L Pct.
San Fran 20 10 .667 San Diego 16 15 .516
Portland 18 12 .600 Los Ang 14 15 .483
Hillsd. 17 13 .567 Oakland 12 20 .375
Seattle 17 15 .531 Sacramento 8 21 .276

Last night's results:
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GRIMM TAKES OVER: Going to work as though he never had been away, Manager Charlie Grimm (right) starts his first day as pilot of the Chicago Cubs by getting acquainted with his players in the team dugout at Wrigley Field before a doubleheader with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Grimm was manager of the Cubs 1932-38. P. S. The Cubs lost both games for Grimm's debut. (AP Wirephoto).

Statesman Clinches 2nd Half Industrial Loop Bowling Bee

The Statesman took two of three games from M & F Grocery last night in the Industrial league bowling session at Perfection, and by so doing clinched the second half pennant. One more session remains next week before the Statesman meets first-half winning Wahl Bros. for the championship. In other outings

VALLEY OIL CO. (3)

H. Valdez	179	181	100-320
H. Noffsinger	197	197	197-351
Riches	166	166	224-356
W. Valdez	174	150	157-481
Erisgaard	174	134	124-432
Totals	850	828	862 2540

Travel Woes Hit PCL 9s

War-time transportation and the Pacific Coast league baseball schedule wouldn't jibe yesterday and two games were postponed because of it. Hollywood and Portland, slated for Vaughn street park in Portland last night, was one contest—the Stars couldn't make it in time from southern California. San Francisco got to Seattle, but wet grounds forced postponement of their game. San Diego couldn't get to Los Angeles in time from Seattle.

M & F GROCERY (1)

Morgan	124	144	140-418
Griffith	129	147	128-454
McCluskey	127	137	151-435
D. Griffith	161	168	168-495
Forsgard	127	154	143-404
Totals	650	690	782 2452

WAHL BROS. (2)

Pederson	161	189	172-542
West	200	148	136-481
Hagenson	127	111	150-388
West	196	200	172-558
Wahl	105	108	170-463
Totals	779	633	800 2413

BRITISH SPOT (1)

Griffith	42	42	42-126
Patterson	138	127	144-329
Galagher	148	161	171-470
Collins	150	137	137-444
Olney	167	178	173-520
Kenyon	163	134	235-572
Totals	648	619	804 2461

CAPITAL CITY LAUNDRY (1)

Kirchick	119	113	171-519
Riley	121	176	112-419
Blaekie	159	141	179-479
Collins	127	111	150-388
Larson	144	194	165-493
Totals	747	666	862 2315

PAPERMAKER'S (2)

Bolton	29	39	39-117
Hart	178	147	183-518
Cady	149	167	168-483
S. Brennan	120	120	120-360
Coleman	130	133	170-433
Totals	706	701	866 2397

SCRO (6)

Hendicap	18	18	18-54
Denamore	170	173	151-494
Krejel	201	202	179-582
Hendrickson	173	151	145-464
Caswell	110	127	150-387
Schrunk	122	129	119-369
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Webfoots to Definitely Floor Basket Quint Next Season; Hobson Takes Absence Leave

EUGENE, Ore., May 9—(P)—Rumors that the University of Oregon will drop basketball, its only remaining wartime intercollegiate sport, and give coaches indefinite leaves for the duration were squelched by Orlando J. Hollis, acting president, today.

Hollis announced administrative approval of a request for sabbatical leave by Howard A. Hobson, veteran basketball and baseball coach, but said the school definitely will continue its basketball program next winter.

Hobson will spend a year at Columbia university studying for a doctor of physical education degree. He will resume his coaching duties July 1, 1945, Hollis said. Hobson recommended his coaching duties be assumed by John Warren, acting head football



HOWARD HOBSON

Etten Leads Amerk Hitting

CHICAGO, May 9—(P)—Nick Etten, the New York Yankees' 29-year-old first baseman, led American league batters with a powerful 478 mark in averages computed through Sunday's games but he had to share the statistical spotlight with the St. Louis Browns' young pitcher, Jack Kramer.

Kramer, a 26-year-old navy dischargee who won eight of the 10 games he hurled for Toledo of the American association last season, is out to become the first 20-game winner of the 1944 campaign. He already has collected five victories without a defeat.

Based on 30 or more times at bat, Etten was followed in the first ten list of leaders by Washington's George Myatt, last week's pace setter who dropped from .444 to .391; Bob Swift, Detroit, .371; Lou Boudreau, Cleveland, .364; George Stinnesweiss, New York, .340; Epitacio Torres and Rick Ferrell of Washington and Bob Johnson of Boston, each with .333; Irv Hall, Philadelphia, .316; and Guy Curtwright, Chicago White Sox, .308.

Probable Hurlers In Major Loops

NEW YORK, May 9—(P)—Probable pitchers in tomorrow's major league baseball games. (Won and lost records in parentheses.)

NATIONAL LEAGUE—New York at Cincinnati (night)—Voiselle (3-2) vs. Walters (3-1); Boston at Pittsburgh (night)—Javery (0-3) vs. Strincevic (1-0); Philadelphia at Chicago—Brooklyn (1-0) vs. Fleming (0-2); Brooklyn at St. Louis—Wyatt (0-1) vs. M. Cooper (0-2).

AMERICAN LEAGUE—Detroit at New York—Trout (1-3) vs. Bonham (1-1); Chicago at Philadelphia—Ross (0-1) or Lopat (1-1) vs. Hamlin (0-2); Cleveland at Boston—Harder (2-0) vs. Woods (1-1); St. Louis at Washington (night)—Potter (3-1) vs. Neggeling (1-0).

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Three Softy Tilts Today

Willamette university's Golds, resting in a tie with the WU Cardinals for first place in Salem city softball league standings, will face Maple's Sporting Goods on Sweetland field today at 6 p.m. in one of three city wheel games listed for that time.

Other tilts will pit Papermakers opposite Golden Pheasant at Leslie field and Keith Brown against Willamette's Blues at Sweetland. Papermakers' Percy Crofoot and the Pheasants' Bob Knight will probably be opposing pitchers in the former battle.

Louis Claims Baer Toughest Boxing Foe

LONDON, May 9—(P)—Staff Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion, surprised American soldiers and others—before whom he has appeared almost nightly in exhibitions—by naming Max Baer today as the toughest opponent he ever met. He nominated Baer in an all-opponent team selected for Stars and Stripes, servicemen's publication.

Billy Conn, who came close to lifting Joe's crown at New York's Polo Grounds in 1941, and the challenger he probably will meet first in the post-war era, was named five times in the mythical lineup, however. Louis rated Conn not only as the smartest of all his opponents, but also the fastest, the possessor of the most effective left, and the one with the best offense and best defense. In another surprise, Joe named Jim Braddock as having the most potent right—not Max Schmeling who flattened him in 12 rounds in New York in 1936.

"I pitched more strikes against Baer than I did against a half dozen ordinary opponents," Louis said in explaining his choice. On the other side, Joe said the hardest punch he ever landed was the one that chilled Paulino Uzquidan in the fourth round in New York in 1935.

DAN HARMON FOR CONGRESS

The Republican party expects to get our country out of this mess, but it can't do so by re-electing the same old crowd of lawyer-politicians who got us into the alphabetical soup. To be progressive, the Republican Party must get the "old timers" out and put some progressive men in Congress. DAN HARMON is such a man. He is successful.

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