

Viks, Silverton Clash In District 11 Crucial

Win for Salems Clinches Berth in Tournery; Silverton Victory Causes Saturday Finale

District eleven's rapidly fading fight to determine its representative in the state hoop classic here next week reaches nearer the do-or-die stage tonight at Mt. Angel college gym when Salem's Vikings tangle with Silverton's Silver Foxes in an eight o'clock game. A win for the favored Salems drops the captain on the playoffs, for the Vikings have yet to be beaten. But a win for the surging Silvertons, victims of Salem 46-21 in their first meeting, will extend the tourney to Saturday night for a final game.

Since bowing to Salem at the outset of the meet, Coach Ray Boe's band had waded through opposition handily. The Foxes eliminated Mt. Angel earlier this week with a 49-31 setback. The same night the Salems were absorbing a 45-32 beating at Oregon City which, along with handing the Vikings a surprising jolt, bolstered the Silverton chances for an upset win tonight. Salem had been bouncing along in championship style until the Oregon City mix.

Boe will probably start high-scoring Dale Bennett and Carl Wickham at forwards, Glen Nado at center and Hartman and Trimble at guards tonight. Regular Guard Alan Terp was lost to the navy early this week. Coach Harold Hauk, hoping to have Captain Al Bellinger back in, suit after the illness which kept him from playing at Oregon City, will likely start Jack Fitzmaurice, Gene (Bunny) Mason, Dick Hendrie and Al Chamberlain along with Bellinger. Carlos Houck will be up front if Bellinger isn't ready.



STEELHEAD CATCH: Mrs. Michael Kennedy and Ralph Harvath of Seattle display what can be had in the way of steelhead from the rock-flanked riffles of the Skykomish river in Washington. The catch represents a two-person daily limit of six steelhead. Beauties, eh?

Ross, Bruno Net Rematch Go For Armory Mat on Tuesday

Chapter two of the Tough Tony Ross vs. Tougher Barefoot Bruno Angelo rassin' rumpus bursts forth at the Ferry Street Garden next Tuesday night. Matchmaker Elton Owen announced yesterday he had signed both biceps for the rematch after their short-lived brierest this week, the one which was capped when Ross, his noggin boasting an egg-sized lump, was declared winner via foul over nasty man Bruno.

Angelo and Anthony Q. were all square in the first two falls when the former rammed groggy Tony's head into a ring post as he was staggering around outside the ring. The neat little move nearly caused a riot among the clients, and certainly would have done just that had Referee Angelo Martinelli not given the win to Ross via the technicality. "I know the winner was supposed to meet Joe Lynam for the belt," declared Owen yesterday, "but Lynam is down with an attack of malaria and won't be able to wrestle next week. Besides, Ross' win over Angelo certainly wasn't decisive, so I'm all for them meeting again. The winner will get a shot at Lynam and the title belt just as soon as Joe has shaken his malaria."



TOM HOLMAN

Lynam's illness is a carry-over from his months of service in the Pacific with the 41st division. The balance of Tuesday's card will be arranged later and may include four matches instead of the usual three. Also, Matchmaker Owen hopes to sign on Walt (Sneeze) Achlu to referee the show.

Leslie, Parrish Hoop Off Title Go Tonight

Aspiring Southerners Slight Favorites to Take Crown; Record Crowd Likely at Villa

The basketball battle of the village mites hits the city championship finish line tonight when Leslie's Southern Missionaries go against Parrish's Northern Pioneers in a 7:30 o'clock Junior high school playoff game on neutral Salem senior high floor. Eighth grade teams from both schools scrap off a preliminary at 6:15 o'clock, but this will be king's-X as far as a title is concerned. The Leslie 8ths have already sailed down the crown, in that division with two straight wins over their arch rivals.



Coach Bob Keuscher's Southerners, only by virtue of the fact that they downed Parrish by a larger margin last week than Parrish downed them the week before, will be favored to wait to the title tonight. The Bob Metzger club nailed the Southern boys 26-25 in the opening game two weeks back, but Keuscher's clan came back last week to take a more lopsided 29-21 decision.

A throng second to none ever to witness a Junior high championship game in Salem is fully expected to jam the arena. Record crowds have witnessed both the previous games played at Leslie and an all-time high in attendance for the series is due tonight. For the Keuscher clan, which will be battling for something it hardly ever takes away from Parrish — a city hoop crown — it will likely be Bill Sproule and Jim Moore at forwards, tall Tom Paulus at center and sharpshooters Don Ray and Benny Pitzer at guards. Ed Baker and Dean Paulus, forwards, Keith Farnum, center, and Bud DuVal and Frank Osborn, guards, will probably form Metzger's opening five. Baker and DuVal were Parrish siege guns in the intramural league season, but the play of Osborn and Loren Spence, respected sub, has stood out in the playoffs.

Painter First In Alibi Meet

Tony Painter had a 24, minus a 2 1/2 handicap, for a net 31 1/2 to capture top honors in the alibi tourney at the Salem golf club Thursday evening. Archie Shults, with a 36-3 1/2-32 1/2 wound up second. There were about 20 entries. Sunday will see the final round of the two-week eclectic meet at the club.

Dads' Meeting Called Monday

The Salem Dads' club, its sleeves rolled up to battle for retention of the state basketball tournament in 1947, holds an important meeting next Monday, 8 p. m., at the chamber of commerce. Plans for the entertainment of visiting coaches and basketball officials next week during a noon luncheon from his month of service in the Pacific with the 41st division. The balance of Tuesday's card will be arranged later and may include four matches instead of the usual three. Also, Matchmaker Owen hopes to sign on Walt (Sneeze) Achlu to referee the show.

Colorado Five In NCAA Meet

BOULDER, Colo., March 7-(AP)—Colorado was chosen today to represent the seventh district in the western NCAA basketball playoffs in Kansas City and also was reported reliably to have been invited to the metropolitan invitation tournament in New York.

The university athletic department announced acceptance of the bid to the four-team NCAA meeting March 22-23. An authoritative source in the department disclosed that an invitation also had been received to the Madison Square Garden classic but said it probably would not be accepted.

Feller Denies Mexican Offer

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 7-(AP)—Bob Feller, Cleveland Indians' fireball pitcher, today denied a "strictly a rumor" report that he had been offered \$100,000 a year for three years to jump to the Mexican league. President Jorge Pasquel of the so-called "Outlaw" league made the announcement in Mexico City today.

Feller recently signed his 1946 contract with the Indians at a figure reported to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Sparks Relieved--Tournament Tickets All Gone

Les Sparks, business director of the 27th annual state high school basketball tournament which begins at Willamette university Tuesday, breathed a bit easier here Thursday. The tickets were all assigned and only a few general admission ducks to individual morning and afternoon consolation series were available.

Sparks announced that more than 1000 written applications had been received by his office exclusive of the telephone and written applications from the city of Salem. The demand is the heaviest by far in tournament history.

The Oregon State High School Activities association, under whose authority the tournament is staged, allotted tickets, both season and general admission, on the following priority ratings. 1. Players participating. 2. Parents of participating players. 3. Student body of participating teams, for the games in which their schools are playing. Rulings of the fire marshal have further curtailed the avail-

able seating of the Willamette gymnasium, which at best runs close to 3000. The floor has been completely sanded and the gymnasium recleaned in preparation for one of the best tournaments in history. Initial games will be played Tuesday night, with the strong Medford Black Tornado meeting the hottest team in Portland's city league at the end of the season -- Roosevelt's Teddies. Rainier will meet the still unselected entrant from district three in the second contest on that evening's twin-bill. Wednesday's schedule calls for six more first round tilts, starting at 1 o'clock and running through the afternoon and evening. Thursday consolation competition will take up the morning and one afternoon game with the quarter-finals slated for afternoon and evening shows that day. Friday's program will follow a similar pattern, with the semi-finals scheduled for Friday evening. Consolation play winds up Saturday morning, the afternoon that day will find the gym quiet, and the finals are set for 8:45 p. m. Saturday night.

Vandals, Bears Mix in Playoff Opener Tonight; St. Paul Wins, Meets Reedsport Quintet Today

Saints Defeat Sac. Ht. 51-33

Billies Force DeWitt & Co. Into Overtime

ARLINGTON, March 7-(AP)—Reedsport and St. Paul gained the quarter finals of the state high school class B basketball tournament in today's opening play and will meet tomorrow in the semi-finals.

Reedsport had trouble with a stubborn Pleasant Hill five but won 47-45 in an overtime period. St. Paul trimmed Sacred Heart of Tillamook 51-33. Lindy Phillips led the St. Paul five, scoring 10 field goals and a free throw for 21 points. The count was knotted in the last minute and a half of regular time by two Pleasant Hill baskets netted by Alvin Lindley and John Dowdy.

In the overtime, Clyde DeWitt of Reedsport, who rolled up 21 points, threw a long pass to Dick Mooney under the basket. Mooney dropped it through for the winning tally. Echo romped all over Rogue River in the second half of tonight's opener after the count was tied at 10-all at the half, and won 40 to 27. Rogue River tried gamely but couldn't match the pace. Meechan took scoring honors with 15 for Echo.

In the evening's final clash, North Powder and Odell battled on fairly even terms until the third quarter. Then North Powder forged ahead to a 36 to 28 victory.

STATESMAN SPORTS



VANDAL ACE: Leonard Fyne, veteran 5-foot 9-inch guard from Spokane for the Idaho Vandals, will be in Coach Babe Brown's starting lineup tonight when Idaho meets California's Bears in the first game of their Coast Athletic conference basketball championship series at Berkeley, Calif.

Pair of Sams Pacing Meet

MIAMI, Fla., March 7-(AP)—The two Sammys — Snead and Byrd — served notice that they were out to win Miami's \$7500 international four-ball golf tournament today when they burned up the fairways to eliminate Clayton Heafner of Charlotte, N. C. and Jimmy Thomson of New York, 8 and 6, in a first round match.

The "Gold Dust" twins—Byron Nelson of Toledo, O., and Harold (Jug) McSpaden of Sanford, Me., won a difficult 2-1 victory over the veterans Willie Klein of Miami Beach and Willie Goggin of White Plains, N. Y.

Little Benny Hogan, of Hershey, Pa., and Jimmy Demaret, of Houston, Tex., one of the four seeded teams, defeated George Schneider, of Salk Lake City, and Herman Barron, White Plains, N. Y., 3 and 2. The seeded team of Henry Picard, Cleveland, O., and Ky Laffoon, of Orlando, Fla., went down to defeat before Chick Rutan, of Birmingham, Mich., and Claude Harmon, of Manhattan, N. Y., by a 1-up score. Lloyd Mangrum, of Los Angeles, who was wounded twice while fighting with Patton's Third Army in Europe, paired with Lawson Little, of San Francisco, to defeat Leonard Dotson, of Kansas City, Mo., and Jim Ferrier, of Chicago, 1-up in 36 holes. The veteran Craig Wood, of New York City, and Bret-Wearing Tony Penna, of Dayton, O., won the day's toughest match, 1-up, when Jimmy Hines, of Miami, and Ed Oliver, of Wilmington, Del., battled them to the 38th hole.

Riggs vs. Budge

NEW YORK, March 7-(AP)—Bobby Riggs, former United States and Wimbledon tennis champion, will face Don Budge in the featured matches of a professional tennis show scheduled at the seventh regiment armory here March 23 for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Northern Five 'Ready to Go'

Cal Coach Looks For Battle of Pivot Men

BERKELEY, Calif., March 7-(AP)—A confident but train-weary Idaho Vandals basketball team arrived today and held a limbering up workout for their Pacific coast conference title series with California's high-scoring Bears, starting tomorrow night.

Vandal Coach Babe Brown called an 8 p. m. practice in the Berkeley gymnasium, reporting that his 12 man squad appeared in top shape and "ready to go." Idaho finished its season in a rush only last week, while California grabbed the southern division crown as far back as Feb. 8.

California's coach Nibs Price doesn't appear worried about inactivity. "Sure, we may be a little stale Friday night," he said. "But if we've got the better ball club we ought to win in a three game series."

He explained the series hinges around the centers. "Our Jim Smith has his work cut out for him in opposing Idaho's 6 foot, 9 inch Jack Phoenix. Smith stands 6 feet 5 inches. "And the Idaho fellow is supposed to be dynamite on the backboards. But Smith turned in two beautiful games against the highly touted Trojans pivot man, Dick Niehols, and if he repeats, that may tell the story."

'Y' Cage Fives Slate Tussles

Members of three basketball teams from the First Presbyterian church will visit Corvallis Friday night for games with the Federated church. A rooting section of young people of the Salem church will accompany the teams.

Teams going to Corvallis include the senior "B" team, coached by J. H. McConville; the Aces, coached by Ted Ogilahi; and the Scouts, coached by Don Douris.

Saturday the senior "A" team, recent champion in the Salem church league and coached by Paul Bale; the senior "B" team, and the Scouts, will go to Portland for games with the Westminster Presbyterian church.

Hoop Results

State "B" Tourney at Arlington Reedsport 47, Pleasant Hill 45 (overtime). St. Paul 51, Sacred Heart (Tillamook) 33. Rogue River 27, Echo 40. North Powder 28, O'Dell 29. State AAU Tourney at Portland Roleridrome 51, Page-Woolens 43. NW Insulators 47, Pen Forest 51.

COLLEGE

CCNY 49, NYU 44. DePaul 67, Bradley Tech 46. St. John's 48, St. Francis 39.

Sundquist Shines

SENDAI, Japan, Friday, March 8-(AP)—Capt. Ray Sundquist, former Washington State eager, led the U. S. 24th division into the semifinals of the All-Japan invitation basketball tournament with a 43-40 win last night over the Kobe base All-Stars. Sundquist racked 18 points for scoring honors.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

Sportie sorties: Yakima's Redskins are to present one Spencer Harris at first base and another Harland Cliff at third next summer, and there, baseball buggies, will be a pair of bat-handling headaches for the WJ loop flingers. Harris is a batting stylist of long standing after years of effective service in the Coast loop, and Cliff, at 33, isn't an overripe slugger stepping down from the Washington Senators of the American league...

Those wondering if any more Smead Jolleys, Wes Schulmerichs, et al, will haunt the postwar league have their answer in Harris and Cliff as far as Yakima is concerned. Just to show you what the little guys can do once in awhile, Lew Uhrhammer's St. Paul Saints, currently battling in the state "B" basketball tournament at Arlington, represent a school student body of 50 pupils, only 16 of which are boys! Which just about equals the startling fact that the state "B" champion Powers high Cruisers of two years ago (led by that cracker jack basketballing kid, Jack Bushnell), represented a student body of exactly 10 boys, all of whom played on the Cruisers team! Bushnell, incidentally, is now in the navy. How he did with the college ivory seekers drooling during his spurge in the state meet! We've been calling the St. Paul team the "Saints" ever since we can remember, and simply because we didn't know their real nickname. But now it develops the Saints are really the St. Paul Buckaroos, a handle derived no doubt from the fact that St. Paul plays host to that annual and very popular rodeo show...

Local 10 to Help With Beaver Boosting. Too

Portland's Beaver, in the person of Booster Boss Tommy Luke, has invaded the village for assistance with this year's Beaver boosting task. "We want to organize our boosters committee for this coming season bigger and better than ever before and will try to make this a standing baseball boosters committee," says Luke to Tom Holman, the latter the village brewery man who has annually been local plucker No. 1 for the Portlands and their seasonal take-offs. So Tom has signed up 10 new members for the Portland committee, the same 10 to no doubt do considerable boosting also for Portland's pet offspring, Salem's Senator, next summer. The 10 are Spee Keene, Howard Maple, H. L. (Herb) Stiff, Judge E. M. Page, F. W. Shepard, L. D. (Squee) Kitchen, W. L. (Bill) Busick, H. V. (Harry) Collins and Guess W. Who, all of Salem, and W. B. Muetze of Lebanon. Lotsa boosting talent there.

"I would like to submit a name for the re-naming of the No-Name league," cards in a customer. "How about 'Big 6'? Don't you think that's a good as any?" Yes, we do. Even better than "Big Name." The "big" angle is appropriate enough, but the league does boast six sizeable schools in Salem, Eugene, Corvallis, Bend, Albany and up-and-coming Springfield.

Springfield Recreation Program a Dandy

Speaking of the up-and-coming Springfields, they now have installed a district recreational program which is one of the dandiest we've ever heard of. "Willamette Park and Recreational District" is its official handle, same derived from the Willamette river and Lane county tieup. And the whole shebang is being paid for, lawfully, by the citizens of the community via tax levying and collection. Walter Hansen, a top hand in the recreational business after 26 years of assorted coaching and directing, and an old coaching foe of Spec Keene, is governing the Springfield layout after starting it up last December. The program is a year-around-day-and-night affair styled to accommodate just every interested person who lives in the district.

"After all," says Hansen, "they pay for it, so are entitled to have it arranged for them. State law permits the levying and collection of taxes for support of recreation—park acquisition, development and supplies to operate a complete service. We try to do just that—give a complete service. "If persons are interested in music, learning how to sew or to sing, to do wood-working or painting, to dance or draw, or just about anything else in the book, it is our job to see that they are given an opportunity to pursue their interests. We utilize the school shops, classrooms and gymnasiums, hire qualified teachers and coaches and form classes either during the day or night. We have organized clubs for the boys, sports leagues in basketball, boxing and wrestling and dancing clubs for both the boys and girls. The kids are really going for it wholeheartedly. We even have a class in fishing fly-tieing, and it's well attended."

Wonderful program that, and Hansen "would be very happy to speak to Salem's chamber of commerce to explain the entire program in detail."

Bowling scores for various leagues including Arkin's Bootery, Zimmerman, Oliney, Farthing, McKinnney, Possell, Searls-Roebuck Co., Paterson, Roth, Alben, Thrush, Quisenberry's, Judson, Brooks, Taylor, Dougherty, Merritt, Schatz Furniture, Poutin, Hubbard, Boyd, Strigley, Meyer, Good Housekeeping Co., Peart, Jones, Lil Albrich, Lou Albrich, Whitworth, Vince's Electric, Clark, McCarrill, Paslay, Rodakowski, Anderson, Chamberlain, Thatcher, Klegletts, McCarrill, Paslay, Rodakowski, Chamberlain, Thatcher, McKillop's Insurance, Peavy, Peebler, Smith, Cushing, Muehlaupt.

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