

Fircrests Top Salem Again; Home Opener Thursday Night!

Bishop Again Paces Bellinghams With 17, Mascovich Tops Locals

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Bellingham's Fircrests trimmed the Salem Trailblazers 59-26 tonight to make a clear sweep of their opening Pacific Coast Professional basketball series.

Again it was Gail Bishop who paced the Fircrests to the win. Following up on last night's performance when he canned 31 counters Bishop couldn't do as well tonight—potting 17 tallies—but they were good enough to give the local club a winning margin.

For Salem it was Ernie Mascovich at forward who spearheaded the attack with 13 points. Center Bill Osterhaus was close behind with 10.

Salem's Trailblazers open at home on the Armory floor Thursday night against the Yakima Ramblers. The Yaks, who will make the trip down by plane, boast an array of potent basketballers. Height is one of the attributes of the Ramblers. Center Hal Schlichting towers 6' 6", while Joe and John Matanich at forward hit 6' 5" and 6' 3" respectively. The Ramblers also carry Pat Dorsey, former Washington star and Jack Jennings, late of the Cougars, which adds up to quite a scoring punch for the Yaks.

Business Manager Frank Shone announced that John Kolb, ex-Willamette ace, would be in uniform for the Salems Thursday night. Kolb will perform in home games only. Game time Thursday night is 8:30.



EDDIE WHARTON Signed for Armory Go

Denver Cancels SMU Tussle

DENVER, Dec. 3.—(AP)—A post season football game between Denver university and Southern Methodist university was canceled tonight by Athletic Director Clyde Hubbard after being informed that Denver's Alamo bowl appearance New Year's day prohibits it.

Hubbard was told by R. R. Connor, chairman of the Alamo bowl committee, that the contract for Denver's game with Hardin-Simmons at San Antonio Jan. 1 prohibits either team from playing between Dec. 7 and Jan. 1.

The lineup: Bishop 17, Mascovich 13, Osterhaus 10, Johnson 5, O'Brien 1, Salem Subs: Yandle 4, Bellingham Subs: Smith 8, Wark 2, Simon 1.

Rollin' Along

By Jerry Stone

Men's City league results last night at B. & B. Bowling courts included: Comet Cafe 3, Stevens Jewelers 1; United Growers 3, Neumanns Men's store 1; Larson Home & Loan 4, Remington Rand 0. Emory Raboin had high series and game with 591 and 228.

Frank Wickhorst is on the pan and how at California. The students and some of the "influential" alumni vow to do away once and for all with the Bears' long-time policy of conservative football. Wickhorst, being the present mentor, is the poor lad who's going to get it in the neck. The Bears have never been noted for a daring, wide open brand of pigskin pyrotechnics. It's true—whether it is Stub Allison or Wickhorst guiding 'em. And yet the Berkheims did it in the days of Vic Bataari and Bob Herwig. Maybe it's the answer which is usually applicable in such hemming and hawing. Material. If the Bears had had sufficient line strength this year and power in the backfield their straightaway grid tactics might have paid off handsomely instead of netting them a 2 win, 9 lost season. . . . But to soothe the school's injured pride and scarred reputation the hatchmen turn to the most convenient fall guy—and it's always the to-be-pitted guy who may be the year before signed a two year contract. But the contract can always be easily gotten around for when the "volves" howl inevitably comes the "resignation under pressure."



VINCE HANSON

Notre Dame's Frank Leahy moaned at the beginning and through most of the season that he didn't have a talented breakout back. If Coy McGee, the lad who was a streak of swift against Southern California, isn't just such an article then there just ain't such an animal. Answer probably is that the Irish have been so over-loaded with capable backs that Leahy couldn't see the tree for the forest. At that ND has any number of packers that rival the veterans would give six feet, seven inches altitude. Coach Jack Friel has converted Vince to floor exercises through this winter, figuring that the high-scoring pivot man will be in shape for the '48 campaign. Seems Hanson's ability to maneuver is impaired by the disproportionate size of his dogs. . . . The Cougar grid club leads the nation in matter of pass defense (up to the Michigan State game). But 26 forwards completed against Coach Phil Sorboc's lads in 95 attempts good for only 401 yards. . . . On the surface Oregon's double pastings—AND pastings they were—of the UBC hoop Thunderbirds last week point to a mediocre 'Bird season. BUT three of the UBC regulars didn't tangle with the Ducks so beware accordingly Willamette and the rest of you Northwest conference teams. . . .

Cecce Connors, who played most of the year with the Bearcat Jayvees, proved the key man in Willamette's 7-0 win over Whitman. Called to a front line spot after regular Fullback Al Wickert was stricken by illness, Connors' line plunging proved the deciding factor at Walla Walla. . . . High school grid games pull up Tacoma way as witness the 16,000 crowd which sat in on the Stadium-Lincoln city championship battle. . . . On the surface Oregon's double pastings—AND pastings they were—of the UBC hoop Thunderbirds last week point to a mediocre 'Bird season. BUT three of the UBC regulars didn't tangle with the Ducks so beware accordingly Willamette and the rest of you Northwest conference teams. . . .

Cats Prepare For Vanports

Aspirants Wage Hot Fight for Positions

With but a minimum of time in which to get their shooting eyes and the feel of the ball what with the opening game of the year looming with the Vanport Athletics here on Friday night, Willamette's Bearcat hoopers again went at it hammer-and-tong Tuesday in practice sessions.

The Bearcats got along without Coach Emer Schaeke however, the Willamette head-man being over in Corvallis on a scouting foray to glimpse Slat's Gill's Orange in their opening action against the Preferred Stock independents of Portland. The Cats met the Bevos Dec. 10.

Still a puzzle was just what would be in the starting line-up for the Cats in their Friday night go. One of those most likely to open is Forward Fred Graham, last year's high scorer. With the fight hot among all 13 first team candidates Schaeke in the end may fall back on experience. And that means Lettermen Wes Saxton, and Marshall Barbour, forwards; and Guards Duane Ragdale and Ollie Williams as well as Graham may have the best shot at front and rear spots. Al McRae, 6' 3" former Salem high star and Milt Baum loom as good bets for the pivot post.

Not to be overlooked, however, are some hoop gems from the rest of the lot. Schaeke has been impressed by the work (and the height) of 6' 3" Al McRae; Scotty Sebern and Frankie Page -- all ex-Salem high stars. Also definitely in the picture are Ted Johnson, forward; Milt Baum, center; and Bob Mezey, forward.

Schaeke announced that Otto Skopik, former Bearcat ace and at present practicing law in Salem would handle the Jayvees, replacing Bunny Bennett.

Cadets Merit Award Again

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Army's football team was named winner of the August V. Lambert Memorial trophy, symbolic of eastern college gridiron supremacy, for the third straight year, today by the unanimous vote of 102 football writers and broadcasters.

Army thus becomes the first team to win the trophy three years in succession. Two schools have won it twice—Pittsburgh in 1936 and 1937 and Boston College in 1940 and 1942.

Beavers Open Impressively

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 3.—(AP)—Coach Slat's Gill's Oregon State Beavers played a fast breaking game of basketball here tonight while trimming the independent Portland General Grouches 75-31 as OSC made its 1946 debut on the hardwood. Shorter on the average than Gill's recent basketball squads, the starting lineup notched a half-time 42-11 score.

Low Beck, an OSC 1943 all-conference guard, hauled in 16 points to high man honors while Red Rocha, last year's northern division high scorer, netted 13.

Softball Session Set for Y Tonight

Plans for the 1947 season and business matters will be discussed at a meeting of softball managers and sponsors to be held at the Y.M.C.A. tonight at 7:30. Charlie Davis, president of the Salem Softball association, urges a good attendance.

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CONFAB GREETING!



AT BASEBALL MEET in Los Angeles Frank Lane (left), new president of the American Baseball Association, and Johnny Neun, recently appointed manager of the Cincinnati Reds, greet each other and prepare to get down to business. (AP Wirephoto)

Notre Dame Replaces Army As Country's Top Grid Club

Cadet 3-Year Reign Smashed

Georgia 3d, Ukes 4th, OSC 22 in Final Vote

Majors Frown On PCC Idea

Success for 'Major' Plan Held Not Bright

Whether the National and American league executives will accede to the demand of the Pacific Coast league for recognition as a third major circuit appeared improbable to many observers close to the picture.

Coast loop directors, renewing a request made a year ago, were prepared to press for action. They passed a resolution yesterday for presentation to the heads of the two big leagues.

Parity is sought by the present Triple "A" league in an effort to eliminate the draft by which many of its star hired hands are vulnerable. As a partial concession, the majors boosted the draft price from \$7500 to \$10,000 at the last meeting. The Coast people also consider themselves grown to major league stature now in view of the population migration to the west. Opinions on this matter were at variance, however.

The general sentiment indicated the belief the Coast loop eventually will become a third major league—within the next ten years. Doubt was expressed the time is ripe now.

It was held likely that the majors, in lieu of requested recognition, would offer such concessions as overhauling of the major-minor league agreement to give the Coast circuit iron clad territorial rights. At present, a big league team can invade the Coast area by payment of \$5000, plus certain other indemnities to the league proper.

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Mr. Moneybags Suffers Stroke

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Michael S. (Uncle Mike) Jacobs, 66-year-old boxing promoter who controls the services of virtually every championship fighter from Joe Louis down to the lightweight divisions, collapsed in a Broadway office today and was taken to St. Clair hospital.

Dr. Vincent Nardiello, Twentieth Century Sporting club physician and Dr. Peter Croce of the St. Clair staff after a consultation announced Jacobs had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

"At the moment, his condition is quite serious," Dr. Nardiello said. Jacobs' Twentieth Century Sporting club said he had been suffering from a bad cold for the past three weeks and was visiting a business acquaintance today when he was stricken.

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