

'Blazers, Seattle In Local Series Armory Opener Tonight at 8:30; Locals Eye Hike to 4th Place

The fast-breaking, quick-shooting Seattle Blue Devils, studded with former U.S. Olympic stars, tonight open a two-game Pacific Coast Pro basketball league series with Salem's Trailblazers in the Ferry Street Gymnasium, a series which could see the up-and-coming 'Blazers wind up in fourth place in the standings. Now perched on the fifth rung, but a vastly improved quint against the leading Vancouverians earlier this week, the Len Yandle crew is going for a pair of wins over the Devils and the step up in the standings. The second game of the series will be played Friday night. Both games start at 8:30 p. m.

PRO LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Vancouver	4	1	.800
Portland	3	2	.600
Seattle	2	3	.400
Salem	2	3	.400
Yakima	1	5	.167
Spokane	1	5	.167

day's prelim sends the Knights of Columbus against the Talbot Mintmen.

Seattle's quint, much like Salem's in that it is often outscored but never out-hustled, is led by a pair of remembered Husky greats, Wally Leask and Norm Dalthorp. Bill Fleming, another ex-Husky at 6-feet 5-inches; Bob Parsons, former Nebraska U star, and Johnny Katoa, once the ace of St. Martin's college, round out the starting Seattle five. Against this five Coach Yandle intends starting the following five: Ernie Maskovich and Jack Vaughn, forwards; Bill (Stretch) Osterhaus at center and Sharp-eyed, Don Stitt and Dave Tevema at guards. What with gent's like Vaughn and Osterhaus in the lineup, Salem will enjoy a light height advantage. Maskovich and Stitt are expected to match any shooting capabilities boasted by Messrs. Leask and Dalthorp also.



CHALK TALK: Coaches Andy Kerr (left) of Colgate and Bernie Berkman (right) of blackboard) of Minnesota, give members of their East All-Star football team a chalk talk at Northwestern U. Evanston, Ill., before the team left for San Francisco to play in the annual Shrine East-West classic New Year's day. (AP Wire-photo.)

Cats Drop 50-45 Nod to Humboldt Californians Take Rough Battle From WU's to Even up Series

ARCATA, Cal., Dec. 18.—(Special)—The Humboldt State Teachers college quint, losers to Willamette U last night, tonight evened up their two-game series by grabbing a 50-45 victory in as rough and tumble a basketball game as has ever been seen on the local court. Last night it was 39-34 for Willamette in an overtime period.

Although the Bearcats led tonight at halftime, 31-28, the home team surged ahead late in the last half. The Bearcats, minus the services of Wes Saxton, who went out on fouls, faded near the end. Al Brown, Humboldt center who was quite a basketballer during his days with the St. Marys Preflight quint, was red hot last night and scored 24 points. Willamette's Frankie Page, high scorer in last night's game, again paced the Cats with 11 markers.

Willamette now extends its barnstorming trip further south to San Jose where the Spartans will be played Friday and Saturday nights.

Willamette (45) (50) Humboldt
McRae (6) F (5) Moses
Saxton (13) F (6) Eshelman
Ragsdale (4) C (24) Brown
Sebern (8) G (10) Maloof
Page (11) G (1) Davis
Willamette subs—Graham, Medley 4, Barbour 2, Runyan 3, Lombardi 3, Klingendorf 2, Johnson 6, Honebrink 3, Oliver 6.

Beavers Trip Brunos, 68-31

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Oregon State Beavers romped to a 68 to 31 victory over the independent Bruno Studio cagers here tonight with big Red Rocha switched to forward spot and grabbing the scoring honors.

Coach Slat's Gill put the big Hawaiian, who headed the northern division Coast conference game last year, in his customary center position to forward all the time Rocha was on the floor. At center was Doug Martin, who has been subbing for Rocha previously this season and doing well on the tip job.

Bruno Studio (31) (68) Oregon State
Harvey 4 F 4 Anderson
Warren 3 F 13 Rocha
Miller 14 C 9 Martin
Jeffries 0 G 10 Beck
Ellis 1 G 8 Silver
Bruno subs—Hollingsworth 5, Patzke 2, Oregon State—Crandall 9, Carry 6, Roelandt 2, Peterson 3, Half-time—Oregon State 15, Officials: Coleman and Emigh.

Bearcat JV's Face Vanport

Coach Otto Skopil's Willamette university junior varsity quint hits the road tonight for a game with the Vanport quint at Vanport. The Cat seconds hope to regain the win column after their narrow loss to Oregon State's Jayvees last Saturday night.

Skopil will likely start the following for Willamette tonight: Haynes and Fedje, forwards; Bryant, center; Lakkie and Cline, guards.

Eagle Skaters Nudge Seattle

SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—(AP)—In a wild scramble in front of the Seattle nets with Phil McAtee, Seattle goalie, flat on the ice, Pat Desbiers pushed in a goal shortly before the final gong tonight to give the Portland Eagles a 2 to 1 win over the Seattle Ironmice in a Pacific Coast Hockey league clash. Desbiers' tally, on an assist from Jim Planché, came two minutes, 13 seconds before the end of the third period.

'HOT' JOCKEYS SIGNED

ARCADIA, Calif., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Trainer Graceton Philpot of Louis B. Mayer's stable said today he had signed leading jockeys Eddie Arcaro and Basil James of Sunnyside, Wash., to ride for the movie magnate in the \$50,000 added California Breeders' stakes, Santa Anita opening day feature, December 28.

Bowling

MAJOR LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Capital Bowling Co. (7)	167	168	180-515
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McCluskey	195	174	206-575

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Rosten 171 181 191-530
Walters 177 191 188-436
Scalens 192 177 182-531
King 192 177 182-531

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Buckley 182 197 182-541
Larson 187 186 183-558
Parker 164 172 112-448
Page 195 203 171-553

Salem Hardware Co. (2)
Thebe 219 185 136-543
W. Valdez 215 183 182-529
W. Valdez 215 178 185-555
McFarlane 155 198 169-522

Hamann 194 198 160-552

Cupboard Cafe (3)
Henderson 159 177 165-501
Mann 224 174 225-602
McCurdy 179 165 156-503
Coe 175 196 176-547
Glodt 161 156 212-529

Colonial House (6)
Soyce 169 165 181-515
Garbarino 149 150 149-448
Bore 192 180 178-551
Murch 180 180 234-530
Murdoch 139 155 190-484

Chuck's Tavern (1)
Olinger 160 180 171-511
Hartwell 166 180 174-516
Perry 197 180 168-525
Kenyon 186 183 201-569
Adolph 186 139 147-474

Cline's Coffee Shop (2)
Hartwell 179 198-556
Lutz 168 179 122-469
Evans 201 203 201-605
Cline, Jr. 149 180 201-530
Keel 178 145 154-477

Rollin' Along

By JERRY STONE

"Listen, pal, it'll be worth \$2500 bucks with an extra grand bet on the game for you—how about it?" Fateful words those which were relayed by phone somewhere in Manhattan a few days ago. The answer was "No," but that's incidental.

For once again gambling thrusts its nasty head into sport. This time its professional football. And what a stink is circulating about from the Big Town and environs with disclosure that Merle Hapes and Frank Filchok, two of the New York Giants top offensive cogs, were propositioned—propositioned about "throwing" the Giants pro title tilt with the Chicago Bears. The plug-uglies who made the contact weren't sufficiently convincing BUT the offer was made.

The insidious element, not alone in New York but all over the land, is awaiting the chance to crucify the entire sports foundation of the country—if sufficient safeguards aren't set up.

Baseball Watchful

Baseball's always had the betting band pretty well hog-tied. For the professional diamond men have had the good fortune or the gumption to place men at the helm who recognized the menace early enough—and who acted promptly enough to stamp it out. Judge Bramham, in his retiring speech the other day at the minor league convention, WARNED the assembled moguls to beware and to fight with no holds barred the easy money boys to whom dough in the pocket is easily worth the reputations of a bunch of kids.

Now this guy whom the cops nabbed as the "fixer" on the Giant-Bear deal—he'll probably get off with a stiff fine and if there's a jail sentence at all it won't be more than a year. He's the "front" man; he's got pals back of him who still have bright ideas buzzing about in their bonnets. These mugs always operate under a calculable risk. One goes up the river but that one's expendable. The show goes on. AND to some kids who've never had much, big dough is sometimes awfully tempting.

Siftings

Pair of ideal guards: Slat's Gill's Beck and Silvers. How those lads drive and handle that ball. And you have a smaller edition of them in Salem high's Roger Daseh and Dick Hendrie. . . . Heavy Brain lead in the coaching department. All-American backfielder (he's made every squad thus far), carries 15 scholastic hours this year. Guess what they are!—10 hours of football theory and five hours of leadership and hiking. The guy oughta know his subjects, certainly, but he'll never develop into a nuclear scientist. . . .

More Snubs

Bringing up Gill's Beavers once more, the Corvallis quintet is obviously a club with POTENCY this season and the same might be said for Howard Hpbson's Orecons. But do you find either of these teams mentioned in the basketball ratings which have appeared in some of the recent periodicals? No! One list by Dick Dunkel, so-called "expert," included 40 teams—among them UCLA, but nary a touch of northwest flavor to the ratings. We hope the Beavers and Webfoots make those eastern "know-all's" eat their words when the time comes for the Oregonians to appear in Madison Square Garden. Just another case of being outside the orbit or, if you choose, the spheres of influence.

In fact the entire Pacific Northwest oughta leap up and shake OSC's Bill Gray's hand for having made ONE All-America—the Williamson. Will has the goods but considering the handicaps of performing in this corner of the United States, it was quite an achievement. Recognition—she's an elusive and temperamental dame. . . .

Illini's Young Plans to Show Ukes Heels

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Claude (Buddy) Young, who streaked to 28 touchdowns in 1944 and 1945, but was a scoring flop this season with three paltry pay-off prances, is fixin' to bust the Rose Bowl game wide open. Coaching decorum prevents Mentor Ray Eliot of Illinois from saying so, and Buddy, a Mr. Five-by-Five with mercurial heels, gaily comments only that "California air is fine this time of year."

But you get the feeling that a hepped-up Illini team will give it all to shake Young loose against undefeated UCLA at Pasadena, New Year's day and that Young intends to run like that he never scampers before. Coaching decorum prevents Mentor Ray Eliot of Illinois from saying so, and Buddy, a Mr. Five-by-Five with mercurial heels, gaily comments only that "California air is fine this time of year."

to accelerate his lightning-like take-off and improve his wind. There is no prima donna in Young, who was the work-horse ball carrier of the "big nine" champion Illini this year, hustling leather 85 times more than any other team mate, and gaining 353 yards the hard way. Eliot says Young has worked off all the leg ailments which "sloved him up an important step" most of the regular season.

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Material Witness Picked Up in Football 'Fix' Case

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Jerome Zarowitz, 28, was held tonight as a material witness in the investigation of the alleged attempt to "fix" last Sunday's Chicago Bears-New York Giants championship football game—the second person taken into custody in the case. Assistant District Attorney George F. Monaghan, describing Zarowitz as an employee of "a combination of gamblers and bookmakers," asked General Sessions Judge Francis L. Valente to fix ball of \$50,000 but the amount finally was set at \$10,000. Zarowitz was unable to produce the ball and was lodged in Tombs prison. Earlier, Judge Valente had denied bail to Alvin J. Paris, indicted on bribery charges in the case, on the ground that Paris' life might be endangered if he were released.

Detectives said Zarowitz was mentioned in telephone conversations on Paris' line, which was tapped last week as part of a general bookmaking investigation. Monaghan told the court Zarowitz "admitted that he knew Paris. In my conversation with him, he asked me if a well known gambler was back in the city, and I asked him what his interest was, did he expect that man to put up ball for him if he was held. He replied, 'Yes.'"

Judge Valente, in denying bail to Paris, said "release of the defendant on bail at this time may be fraught with grave danger to him." Monaghan had said yesterday that police had received telephone threats against Paris' life.

However, Paris' attorneys declared the judge's decision was based on "the flimsiest kind of testimony." William V. Breslin, an associate defense attorney, said if witnesses were in danger, Merle Hapes and Frank Filchok, the two Giants' backfield stars to whom bribes reportedly were offered by Paris, also should be held in jail.

Jenkins Named I-Walton Boss

Local Club Conducts Regular Meeting

Harold H. Jenkins was elected president of the Salem Chapter, I-Walton League of America, during its regular meeting at the Dairy Co-op building last night. Jenkins will serve for the next year.

The new vice president is Emory Lebold and the new secretary Don Harger. Monroe Cheek was voted in as treasurer. Directors for a two-year period are Wayne Doughton, M. F. Baker, J. L. Loder, Monroe Cheek, L. C. Reinhold and Chris Kowitz, Jr.

The sportsman's group also discussed various fishing regulations during the meeting last night.

Cardinals Picked As 'Team of Year'

Redbirds Nose Out Notre Damers In Poll by Sportswriting Crew

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Eddie Dyer's St. Louis Cardinals, who upset the heavily favored Boston Red Sox to win the world series, were named the team-of-the-year for 1946 today in the annual Associated Press poll of sports editors. In danger of being tabbed the "flop of the year" when they trailed the Brooklyn Dodgers by several lengths in mid-season after most of the "experts" had picked them to win the flag, the Red Birds staged a game stretch drive to nose out the Braves in the first modern day playoff.

Their world series success was capped by Enos Slaughter's dramatic dash for home while Shortstop Johnny Pesky of the Sox momentarily hesitated in relaying an outfield throw to the plate. The Cards' ingenuity in stopping Ted Williams, their spirited team play in September and October and their opportunism in the series earned them the vote of participating editors and sports writers.

Although the Notre Dame football team was a close second to the Cards in the final point total, compiled from the votes of the 62 participants, the baseball champs earned 24 first place ballots to 19 for the Irish Army's unbeaten Cadets, who had won the team-of-the-year prize the last two seasons, picked up only nine first place votes and a total of 66 points. The Cardinals had 110 points to 105 for Notre Dame.

Despite their world series failure, the Boston Red Sox, who made a runaway of the American league race in bringing Boston its first classic since 1918, earned 23 points for fourth place. The Oklahoma Aggies, NCAA basketball champions in the 1945-46 season, were only a point back of the Red Sox in fifth place, followed by the Chicago Bears, national football league playoff winners.

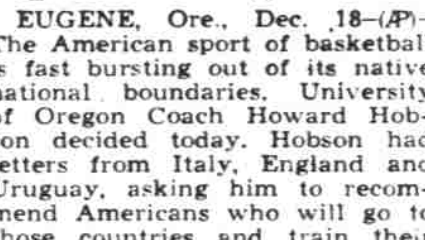
Famed 'Valley' To Open Soon

SUN VALLEY, Idaho, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A motion picture star who joined ten years ago in Sun Valley's opening festivities—and who later married a ski instructor she met here—will take part Saturday in the Idaho mountain resort's postwar opening.

Norma Shearer was one of the first guests when Sun Valley opened in 1936. She returned nearly every season until war closed the resort, used for the past several years as a navy convalescent hospital.

General Manager W. P. Rodgers said 80 per cent of the pre-war employees would be back Saturday. As they did before the war, waiters on ice skates will serve tea at the skating rinks and bus boys on skis will provide refreshments for guests enjoying the resort's ski courses. Alaskan Huskies will pull bob sleds and sleighs; St. Bernard pups will romp in the snow—just to add the proper atmosphere.

YEAR'S BIGGEST: This 339-pound buck, shot by Miss Margaret Whelpley of Portland, Me. (above) is claimed to be the year's biggest kill by Game Commissioner George J. Stople of Maine. She bagged the buck with one shot.



Basket Sport Spreading Out

WEST SALEM—The Salem academy quint, led by Center Mikkelson's 24 points, Wednesday night drubbed the Falls City high squad in basketball, 49-37. The Academy quint, still seeking dates with any "B" squad, plays Friday at Astoria, Ore. and the next game for the West Salem court is with Chemawa on December 30.

Falls City (37) (49) Academy
Torn 4 F (5) Friesen
J. Bowman (9) F (8) Goertzen
Regele (8) C (24) Mikkelson
H. H. (1) G (1) Anderson
Ames (1) G (4) Billings
Falls City Subs—Russell 8, Crawford 3, Academy—Shaff 2, Delapp 1.

Torgeson Runs Afoul Court

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Earl Torgeson, young southpaw first baseman sold this year by Seattle to the Boston Braves for a reported \$100,000 in players and cash, was convicted here of disorderly conduct. Police Court Judge Bert Kale suspended the \$25 fine, but ruled Torgeson should pay the \$2.50 costs.

Torgeson was arrested by police early Sunday morning on a charge of fighting on a downtown street. The baseball player, testified he attacked a man who used foul language in the presence of Mrs. Torgeson. A few hours before Torgeson's arrest he had been released by the Bellingham club of the Pacific coast professional basketball league.

OSC Plans Return To Crew Racing

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Oregon State may return to varsity crew racing competition on the Willamette here next spring, according to Crew Coach Ed Stevens. Crew was just coming into its own at Oregon State before the war with Stevens' men competing against Washington, California, British Columbia and UCLA. The Beavers' last year of competition was 1942. Rowing classes were held in this fall and Stevens says a number of likely candidates for a varsity crew have been developed in these classes.

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Church Results

In "C" league basketballing at the YMCA last night the Pringles defeated First Methodist, 50-21. The "A" league basketballing at the YMCA last night the schedule in the "A" league: St. Mark's vs. Salvation Army, First Evangelical vs. Salt Creek and Court Street Christian vs. United Brethren at Leslie. "C" league: Jason Lee vs. First Baptist, St. Mark's vs. Leslie, Methodist vs. First Presbyterian Juniors at Parrish. "B" league: First Christian vs. Deaf School at the deaf school. "B" league: Deaf School vs. Presbyterian Second and First Baptist vs. Salt Creek at the deaf school.

28 BEYONS AWARDED

CORVALLIS, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Junior varsity letters will go to 28 members of the Oregon State college squad which won three games and lost two during the gridiron season.

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