

SPORTSLIGHTNER

Target for the OSC palouse tour, the shattering of a precedent. Never in history has an Oregon State basketball team won all four of their annual tries in the northeast end of the conference. And don't for a minute think this great Beaver aggregation isn't hot to do something about that bit of history in the next five days. . . . Looking back on the division season, the "experts," or those gents who don't mind risking their reputations vocally, opined at the beginning that the Oregon-Washington series of



ROY HELSNER

this weekend in Seattle would decide the 1947 championship. Much to the chagrin of both Messrs. Ed Edmundson and Howard Hobson, the boys blew that one but badly. . . . Who does Sals Gill lose off this outfit for next year? Merely three of the starting five and his best reserve, Lew Beck. Red Rocha and Morris Silver are the senior regulars—and losing that threesome is enough to crack even Sals' faith in human kindness. . . . And the departing reserve is Silvertown's Erland (Andy) Anderson. Gill is well fixed following that devastation, however. In fact, only Norm Carey, the former Gates high sharpie and Doug Martin, the big 6-foot 7-inch-er are Juniors. The rest—40 (randall, Ernie Neal, Alex Peterson, Frank Roelandt and Dan Torrey—are either sophomores or freshmen. . . . We'll be "expert" enough right now to bet you Gill is still a threat for the title a year hence, however. . . . Although they didn't do as well as expected this season, Hec Edmundson's Washingtons should be much tougher next. He loses only Boody Gilbertson and Charley Sheaffer off the current club and has coming back such memorables as Jack Nichols, Bob Jorgenson, Sammy White and Bill Taylor, merely four of his present starting five. . . . Maybe we'd best recall that bet. . . .

Gilmore Happy Gent

One native especially grateful for the week's unshaking Vern Gilmore, about to return to his chores as Salem high's track coach after being off to war four springs. Officially, track practice doesn't open at the Villa until next week. But the athletic department master who has turned out his share of cinder winners has had the SHS early birds out on the brand new oval all this week getting in a few tuneup rounds. . . . And what a fine oval this time. The new cinders have been rolled in, and altogether this modernistic layout with its 220-yard straight-away stretch is sure to be one of the finest prep track and field yards in the state. . . .

Former Senator favorite Roy Helsner, a 20-game winner again last season for Portland despite the fact that Br'er Bevo finished last, is a holdout. And little wonder. We're told Roy was offered a contract calling for nothing more than he got for his big 1946 season. . . . Another Bevo nixing 1947 offers is Vern Reynolds, the infielder who saw much of his 1946 season in our townies' infield. Vern doesn't want to take a cut in salary, so figures he'll hang 'em up and stick with his sporting goods job with Mike Moran in Portland. . . .

Ber 'Loves' Puerto Rico

Other than finding the weather brutally hot, no white people, no natives who can speak English and no Yankee male who can chatter in the Puerto Rican tongue, no leniency in Bucky Harris as a manager, no good sleeping weather at night, no danger sign on a cement wall in the outfield and no good reason to believe other than he'll be in tip-top shape a lot sooner than expected. Villager Bill Bevens is finding spring training in the tropics so marvelous that he'd like to swing back to the mainland tomorrow, if he had the chance. Bevo's first day in camp after a record 6-hour flight from New York was a dinger. Manager Harris singled him out of 17 pitchers for extra-curricular duties as a measure of tightening up Bill's porous defensive play. And then, while chasing down fungoes in the outfield, William duelled with a cement barricade, lost and wound up with a wrenched hand and skinned arm and face. . . .

The weather is such that excess poundage drips off even at night, the people look at the ballgames as if the circus is in town and the daily drills are long and hard. And to make it even worse—perhaps worst of all—Ber says Puerto Rican beer is steekee. . . .

Colonials Eye Title

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Washington high's Colonials, twice in a row champs of the Portland prep basketball league, needs but a win over Lincoln Friday to clinch at least a tie for the 1947 crown and a ride to the state tournament. In another crucial Friday game the Roosevelt Teddies played Jefferson. Both are tied for second place.

Waldorf Arrives, Eyes Cal Gridders

BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Lynn Waldorf, the bishop's son the University of California called to lead its tarnished Golden Bears out of the football wilderness, arrived today from Evanston, looked over candidates and said that physically they appeared stalwart enough. He'll get a much better idea of their potentialities after he begins spring practice. Only then will he decide whether to throw the single wing, double wing or T offenses at Pacific coast conference rivals. He is experienced in all.

Waldorf came from Northwestern university, from which he resigned to tackle California's football problem. It was not until late afternoon—after a meeting with



BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Lynn Waldorf (left), new California football coach posed with Director of Athletics Brutus Hamilton (right) upon the former's arrival here today. (AP Wirephoto).

university officials—that Waldorf, nine games last fall but with whom he is expected to win oh, so many, next fall.

Vikings Seek Title In Eugene Showdown

The battle for the Big-6 basketball championship of 1947, certain to jam in over 3000 customers at the Eugene armory, takes place tonight when the Salem high Vikings, now half a step in the lead, tackle the defending champion Eugene Axemen on the latter's home court. The game is the last of the regular season for Coach Harold Hauk's gang and a win clinches the first Big-6 title

BIG SIX STANDINGS:
Salem 2 178 Corvallis 1 1 500
Eugene 6 2 750 Bend 3 6 333
Albany 5 4 530 Springfield 1 8 136
Tonight's game: Salem at Eugene
Saturday night: Eugene at Bend, Corvallis at Springfield.

in history for it. Also, a victory will be the first SHS nod over a Eugene quint in the last five years.

Coach Hank Kuchera's Axemen, defending state champs and heavy favorites to snatch the Big-6 race this season, romped over the Vikings here 46-36, last month. But the locals head south today a determined lot, certain they will smash the Eugene jinx and snatch the coveted title. Salem will also be seeking its 17th win in 24 starts for the season. Carlos Houck, Waldo Unruh, Bill Hill, Dick Hendrie and Roger Dusch, a smooth-clicking outfit in the past four games, all wins, will likely open up for Salem.

Coach Loren Morris' Vik Javees will try for their 24th straight victory in the prelude with Duane Mellem's Eugene seconds.

Linfields Face Unbeaten C-Is

WEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS:
C-Idaho 8 0 1000 Willamette 4 7 354
UBC 8 4 665 Clark 4 8 333
CPS 6 4 600 Pacific 2 3 286
Linfield 6 4 600 Whitman 3 9 250
Tonight's games: College of Idaho at Pacific, College of Puget Sound at C-Idaho.

McMINNVILLE, Feb. 20.—(Special)—Linfield's most important Northwest conference basketball series to date takes place here today and Saturday nights when the undefeated College of Idaho Coyotes visit for two games. Prospects point to a nip-and-tuck series. Elsewhere in the conference this weekend, College of Puget Sound's third place Loggers play two games at Forest Grove with Pacific.

College of Idaho moves to Salem next Monday and Tuesday nights to play the Willamette Beavercats.

Catcher Kerr Okehs Terms

Tedd Kerr, last season's No. 2 Salem Senator catcher who hit .267 in 81 games and belted six home runs has signed his 1947 contract, Club Business Manager George Emigh announced yesterday. Kerr was at first a holdout. His addition to the Solon ranks leaves only Pitchers Paul Soderburg and Jim Hess, Outfielder Frank Lucchesi and Infielder Lou Kubiak of last year's team still unsigned. Lucchesi will attend spring training with the Portland at Riverside, however.

Eagles Fail In Title Bid

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—The Portland Eagles lost a chance to sew up the Pacific Coast Hockey league northern division title tonight as the Seattle Ironmen defeated them, 2 to 0. The win kept alive Seattle's slender hope to replace the Eagles atop standings. To do it, Seattle must win all of its six remaining games.

'Mixed' Mat Rematch Set For Tony Ross, Gray Mask

The "rassler vs. boxer" argument, always a king sized plum for the fans, has taken over in the Tony Ross-Gray Mask feud. Matchmaker Elton Owen announced yesterday, after receiving an oke from the Salem commission that Villager Ross would tangle in a rematch with Mr. Stoneface next Tuesday night at the armory. Ross taking the part of the boxer and El Goato that of the rassler. The mixed brawl—and that's exactly what it will be—will see Tony wearing boxing gloves and forced to knock out the hard-headed butler if he is to win. On the other hand, the hooded hoodlum must pin Ross twice

County Teams Resume Tournament Tonight

The Marion county Class B basketball championship tournament, now down to a three-team duel after last week's elimination of the pre-tourney favored Chemawa Indians, invades Willamette

U's arena tonight for the third round. Only one game is on tonight's ticket, that pitting Astoria against Mill City. The loser is eliminated and the winner advances to a Saturday night date with the so far unbeaten St. Paul Saints, defending county champs.

Tonight's 8:30 o'clock game will be preliminary at 7:30 by a non-counting game featuring the Jefferson and Gervais varsity quints. In the regular tourney tussle, should Johnny Seim's Rangers eliminate the Mill City team it will be faced with the task of playing St. Paul twice Saturday night in order to gain the title. Astoria was a pre-tourney favorite along with Chemawa and is heavily backed to thump the Timberwolves tonight. The tournament ends Saturday night.

Polk Tourney Gets Started

MONMOUTH, Feb. 20.—(Special)—Valsetz, downed Perrydale, 34-19, and Salem Bible Academy defeated Falls City, 56-36, here tonight at OCE as the annual Polk county "B" basketball tournament got under way. Tomorrow, starting at 10 a.m., Perrydale plays Falls City and Valsetz plays the defending champion Monmouth quint. Two games will be played tomorrow night, starting at eight o'clock in the double elimination tournament. The title game is set for Saturday night.

In girls' volleyball today Perrydale downed Valsetz, Salem Bible tipped Falls City and Valsetz also conquered Falls City.

VALSETZ (34) 19 PERRYDALE
Head (4) F (10) B. Jones
Palmer (13) C (11) Muller
Hilton (6) G (5) Vandervoort
Bills (10) G (3) Martin
Beyer, For Perrydale—Gilson 3.

ACADEMY (56) 36 FALLS CITY
Friesen (16) F (6) Bowman
Goertzel (16) F (10) Russell
Mikkelsen (18) C (5) Regie
Bills (9) G (4) Richards
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Academy subs: D. Mikkelsen 5, Henricks for Falls City; Pack, Graham, Hayes, Crawford.

Mollala Tops Preps

MT. ANGEL.—Mollala's Willamette Valley league leading Indians polished off Mt. Angel here Wednesday night, 48-27, after Mt. Angel Bees had won the preliminary cage tilt.

Hunt of Estacada Leads WV Scoring

WOODBURN, Feb. 20.—(Special)—Fred Hunt, Estacada center is leading the Willamette Valley basketball league scoring with 176 points in 14 games, according to statistics compiled by Gerald Burnett, Woodburn coach and league secretary. In second place is Carl Wickham of Silverton with 162 points in 15 games. Bill Charles of Mollala is third with 139. Leon Berning of Mt. Angel fourth with 136 and Ron Johnson of Stayton fifth with 135. The statistics do not include the Mt. Angel-Mollala game of Wednesday night. The next 10 top men, not including the five mentioned:

Steenason, Sandy 133; Hartman, Silverton 131; Williams, Sandy 127; Owens, Dallas 122; Ostad, Canby 118; Clarkson, Sandy 115; Nado, Silverton 111; Brock, Mollala 108; Fischer, Dallas 108; Krasberger, Mollala 107; Wolf, Sandy 102.

UOs, Bevos Open Road Tilts; Leslie, Parrish in 2nd Game

Missionaries Seeking Title

Crucial Tilt Falls On Southern Court

It's Leslie vs. Parrish time again tonight—this second game of the annual and colorful cage series rigged for the Leslie pavilion at 8 o'clock—and for another of the very few times in history the Southerners will be favored to snatch the 1947 toga. Winner over Parrish in the opener last week, 29-25, Coach Bob Keuscher's crew needs only this one tonight to snatch the third city championship in history for the Missionaries. Parrish has won eight titles and will be perfectly eligible to try for No. 9 should Bob Metzger's hustlers bounce back with a win tonight.

A jam-packed pavilion is certain for the second meeting which will be preliminary at 6:45 o'clock by Leonard Warren's Parrish eighth graders and Harry Mohr's Leslies. Last week the Warren's nipped the Mohr's in their opener.

Tonight's game will be the 30th varsity basketball date for the two rival schools. In the past, and including last week's addition Leslie has won but 10 of the tilts.

Starting lineups tonight for the varsities will likely be the same as they were a week ago when Leslie got off to a fast start and then fought off a belated Parrish rally which almost caught the Southerners. For Leslie it will likely be Dick Garver and Jack Anusen up front; Doug Rogers, a star in last week's game, at center and Ralph Blakely and Dick Norton in back. Metzger will probably counter with Tom Sodemam and Gordon Bacon at forwards, Jim Rock at center and George Frederickson and Gene Lebold at guards. Rock and Lebold shone in the opener.

Despite the outcome of tonight's game the third mix will be played at the senior high school next Tuesday night.

Portland Lists Toma vs. Clemo

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Aurel Toma, veteran Rumanian featherweight, and Joe Clemo, young Portlander, will be pitted in the 10-round main event of tomorrow night's boxing card here. Chuck Brown, Portland, in a six-round lightweight affair. Another six-rounder will match two welterweights, Al Davis, Tacoma, and Johnny Scott, Pago Pago.

Two four-rounders wind up the card: Ray Garcia, Denver, vs. Sonny Jackson, Portland; middleweight, and Bill Boatman, Longview, vs. Henry Lee, Seattle, light heavyweights.

Speaker Speaks For Big Salaries

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Big salaries paid today's top-name baseball players are justified, T. Speaker, one of baseball's immortals, declared in an interview here today.

"Today's big salaries aren't out of line," Speaker said. "The clubs have increased the capacities of their parks. They have sold the game to the public. Attendance has grown, and so have receipts. Some players are terrific drawing cards. If a club owner wants to pay such men \$80,000 or \$200,000 it's up to him."

Yankees Engage In Lengthy Drill

SAN JUAN, P. R., Feb. 20.—(AP)—The New York Yankees staged the longest workout of their 1947 spring training today, hustling through a three-hour drill in which the athletes spent most of the time correcting their base-running faults. Nick Etten and Jack Phillips, the ailing first basemen, were in uniform but worked out only lightly.

Huskies Booked For Garden Date

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—(AP)—On an eastern trip next winter for basketball games with Ohio State and Minnesota, the University of Washington team will also play in Madison Square Garden at New York against an opponent not yet named, Coach Clarence S. (Hec) Edmundson said today.

Creamers Top Chuck's

The Marion Creamery team of the Commercial bowling league last night won the pin-topping duel of their "gold-bowling" duel with the Chuck's Tavern quint of the Major league, 2759 to 2713, at Capital Alley. Next week comes the golf part of the team argument. Floyd Kenyon, Cliff Barker, Millard Pekar, Lloyd Davenport and Harry Gustafson are on the Creamery team. Ernie Garbarino, Rex Adolf, Vern Perry, Clayton Foreman and Harold Olinger form Chuck's.

SKI JUMPERS NAMED

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Wilmer Hampton, Wenatchee ski jumper, and John Ellertsen, jr., Field Ski club member from East Stanwood, will represent the Pacific Northwest Ski association at the national ski jumping championships this weekend at Ishpeming, Mich.



IN THE FOLD: Wally Flager (above), smooth Salem shortstop last summer has okehd his 1947 contract with the parent Portland Beavers. Should he not back it with the Bevos, Wally would be a welcome addition to Jack Wilson's townies for sure.

Wools, Baptists Cop AAU Basket Openers

The pre-tourney favored Page Woolens and the First Baptists, champs of Salem "A" Church league last night walked off with opening wins in the AAU basketball scramble to determine a local representative in the state meet at Portland next month. The Woolens, although given a thorough pressing by the scrappy Valley Motors quint in the first half, rambled off in the second to win their game 62 to 40. The Baptists, paced by a 27-point barrage by Forward Doug Coe, eliminated the Independence Taylors after leading all the way, 48-35.

The Baptists go back into action again next Tuesday night against the Warner Motors. The winner of that one will play the Woolens Wednesday night for the championship, according to district AAU Commissioner Jim Dimitt, in charge of the local meet. Last night's games were played at the high school through the courtesy of the Vix athletic department.

Frankie Page, with 14 points, and Al McKee, with 10, paced the Woolen victory. Nelson with 11 and Jim Sheldon with 10 were high for the Motors. Next to Coe's 27 for the Baptists, Howard of Inep had 14 for high in that game.

WOOLENS (62) 40 MOTORS
Page (14) F (8) Morris
Sheldon (10) F (10) Sheldon
McKee (10) C (3) Mason
G. Gennell (7) G (3) Fitzsimmons
Sehrin (3) G (2) Clark
Woolens subs: McKee 4, Chae 2, Jones 2, Wolf 2, W. Gennell 2, Valmeyer, Moore, 2, N. N. N. N.

BAPTISTS (48) 35 TAYLORS
Coe (27) F (13) Taylor
Goley (2) F (2) Weddle
O. Morley (7) C (14) Howard
D. Morley (2) G (5) Agard
Coe (2) G (1) Brown
Baptist subs: Goffner 5, Officials: Cross and Brittan.

Hamilton Nays To Pro Rumor

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Capt. Tom Hamilton, navy football coach, issued this formal statement tonight in reply to a rumor he would resign to become commissioner of the all-America professional conference:

"I have not signed with the all-America professional football conference and have not received any definite offer from any member of their committee."

Beaver Basketeers Now 3rd in Nation!

The Dick Dunkel - Converse Rubber national basketball rating system's latest calculation, received last night, lists the Oregon State college Beavers as now third best in the country, beneath Kentucky and Notre Dame, in that order. The Beavers had been rated fourth for a number of weeks by the nationally-known system. Behind OSC in the far west are UCLA, Oregon and Washington, in that order.

BAKER HOT, VANS WIN

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The amazing shooting of Norm Baker, Vancouver Hornet's "one man gang," led the Vancouver team to a 57 to 55 win tonight over the Seattle Blue Devils in a Pacific coast pro basketball league game. Baker scored 31 points.

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Washington 7 7 500
Tonight's games: Oregon State at Idaho, Oregon at Washington.

The mighty Beavers of Oregon State, regarded by opposing coaches as one of the great all-time basketball clubs in the Pacific Coast conference northern division, start down the home stretch toward the pennant this week and next with their annual Pacific coast conference game with the Beavers, beaten only by Long Island U. and the University of Washington in 24 games this season, tangle Friday and Saturday with Idaho at Moscow, Washington will close out its schedule as host to Oregon's challenging Web-foot in Seattle. Oregon and Washington, who came up to the division openers with unblemished states, are battling for third spot in the final standings.

After the Idaho series Oregon State moves on to Pullman and two clashes with Washington State, a team that piled up eight straight wins after it was smothered by the Beavers at the start of the season.

The scoring race between Centers Jack Nichols of Washington and Oregon State's Red Rocha will be a major point of interest for the fans. Nichols is the division leader with 176 points in 14 games. Just 12 points back of him, Rocha has five more games and is averaging 15 per tussle. If he holds this pace, Rocha will beat the 194 that made him top man in the division last year.

Beaver Bosses Off for Camp

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Jim Turner, new Portland Beaver manager, left for Riverside, Calif., today to open spring training camp Monday. Ted Gullie and Jack Wilson will act as his aides, with Wilson taking over the Salem Senators later.

William Mulligan, general manager who will fly south Saturday, announced today that William Woop, a southpaw from the Yank club at Newark, N. J., was coming to the Pacific Coast league club.

BRISKEY INKS SUDS PACT
SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Infielder Dick Briskey of Naches, Seattle Rainiers' utility infielder before entering the armed forces, sent in his signed contract today. He saw some duty at shortstop and third base and even took a brief turn on the pitching mound while with the team before.

Vandals' Grid Sked Readied

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The University of Idaho will play four of its eight football games next season in Moscow and a fifth "home game" in Boise. Announcing a schedule described as "the best we've ever had," athletic officials said three of the Vandals' five Pacific coast conference games would be played away from home.

Two "homecoming" celebrations are planned, one for the Washington State-Idaho game in Moscow Oct. 4 and one for the Idaho-Utah contest in Boise Nov. 15.

Scotts Mills Okehs Jefferson Challenge

SCOTT'S MILLS.—The Scotts Mills grade school basketball team, unbeaten in 11 games and coached by Duane Owens, Mollala high school player, has accepted the challenge of Coach Royal Hart's Jefferson graders for a series to decide the grade championship of Marion county. Dates will be announced later.

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