

Valley Quints Resume Basket Action Friday

WILLAMETTE VALLEY LEAGUE		W. L. P. Pts. P.A.
Estacada	5	2 212 246 267
Woodburn	4	3 200 240 253
Silverton	4	3 200 240 253
Canby	3	4 220 212 239
Friday games: Silverton at Woodburn, Mt. Angel at Canby, Estacada at Canby.		

WOODBURN, Jan. 28 (Special) - Willamette Valley league basketball teams resume hostilities Friday night in the opening round of games in second half play. Two key battles are on the menu, Estacada at Dallas and Silverton at Woodburn. In the other two tilts the Molalla Indians will be top favorites to down Mt. Angel's green team in a date at Molalla and Sandy's strong quint is just as heavily backed to whip the winless Canby Cougars in a Canby game.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

Many thanks for the northern responses to our recent ditty on basketball officiating in the western division. Of the 11 we received, only one disagreed with our insistence that the type of cage play nowadays demands an active whistle. That disagreement came from an oldtimer who, like a few others would have no whistling at all. They would settle for a ball being tossed onto the floor and letting the players take it from there. You can imagine where they'd take it, too. . . . The Jack Snapp vs. Bobby Volk retake falls next Tuesday night at Portland, and if you're a fistic fan who likes your action loaded with tooth-rattling punches, don't miss it. The rematch could be even better than the New Year's night 15-round lulu. This time it's for 10 heats, and were the last one for that distance Volk would have been winner hands down. So the Klamath Falls kid will have to button himself much earlier Tuesday. To make it even more interesting, Matchmaker Salkeld has put on an extra \$100 for he who smacks the other to the canvas first. . . . Added attractions on the show find Leo (The Lion) Turner back in action in a six-rounder, and Bobby Richards against one Joey Ortega, a youthful comper from Vanport. In another . . . Our own fistic picture isn't one of gloom either. Not after that Richards-Montgomery dandy of last week, as good as a show as Salkeld has dished up here since his post war comeback. Dick Abney gets his big chance to step forward or backward in next Wednesday's mainer with Joey Albina, and if Tony Kahut at 25 is still the Tony Kahut he was at 20, he will not disappoint many of the customers. Ton, Montgomery is to be rewarded for his great showing against Richards. Salkeld vows he will have the Indian youth in a local main event soon with featherweight pride of Portland . . . Speaking of Montgomery, his mix with the veteran Richards becomes even more of a war when you learn that he is 19 years old and that fight was only his seventh professionally! . . .

They Got Us Again!
Although the bowlers know what they're doing, couldn't they have plucked other than Eugene as the site of their 1949 state tournament? Damage that place takes more tournaments away from Salem. . . . Rumors that Ben Geraghty would be retained to boss the Spokane Indians under the new Spoke regime go by-bye with the announcement that Ben has signed to the Meridian, Miss., Southeastern loop nine, a Cleveland farm. Ryan expects to be Spokane field general. We'll miss Geraghty and those losing yap-yap sorties he had with theumps. . . . At least one of thoseumps will be back, however. League Prexy Bob Abel signed Frank (Moose) Dehoney in Tacoma the other day when the noisy and colorful character passed through with a vaudeville show. No. Dehoney isn't listed as clown with the troupe. He's an electrician. . . .

Looks Bad for Beros
We're afeared it's naught but woe for the Beavers in the week end mixes with Washington's talented Husky. Stopping the great Jack Nichols is project No. 1 for E. G. & Co., but even with six-foot, five-inch Alex Peterson back in harness the task looks too big. Peterson is no center and his main forte isn't defense ability. His capabilities are limited mostly to playing forward on the left side, preferably on offense. Perhaps Gill will have two or three of his men converge on Nichols every time he gets near the ball. But that would leave the others free to shoot, and score. However, you never can tell what Gill will come up with. He makes nothing out of nothing quite regularly. At least he has the latter ingredient right now when it comes to a stout defensive player to ride herd on the likes of Nichols. . . .

Rocky Offers Big Sum
NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP) - Al Weill, boxing promoter and manager, said today he had offered Rocky Graziano \$120,000 to defend his middleweight title against Tony Zale at the Atlantic City, N. J., convention hall in May. . . .

WOTTA BALL GAME
GALLIPOLIS, O., Jan. 28 (AP) - Rio Grande cagers nosed Wilberforce Church in a college basketball game tonight, 118-116, but they took three overtime periods to do it. The score was tied, 104-104 at the end of the regulation game. At the end of the first overtime, it was 114-114 and it was 116-111 at the end of the second extra period. . . .

FRIEL AIDS OFFICIALS
PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 28 (AP) - Coach Jack Friel of Washington State college agreed with basketball officials that the fans were booing too much. So he gave a brief talk at a recent game intermission, asking for crowd cooperation. Several of his players supplemented the lecture with a demonstration of how fouls are committed. The boos subsided noticeably. . . .

BISHOP HITS 36
BELLINGHAM, Jan. 28 (AP) - Bellingham's Firecasts stood with one game of winning the first-half title of the Pacific Coast Pro basketball league's split season tonight by defeating the Portland Indians 95-63. . . . Gale Bishop led the Bellingham squad with 36 points, five short of his record racked up against Portland in their last meeting. . . .

Basketball Results

COLLEGE		Score
Boston College	60, Tufts	30
Grinnell	44, Washington State	40
Illinois	58, Marquette	66
Waynesburg	63, Carnegie Tech	38
Lasalle	60, Texas	42
Seton Hall	56, Syracuse	55
North Carolina State	73, Furman	34
Villanova	54, Army	36
PROFESSIONAL		Score
Bellingham	95, Portland	63
Astoria	61, Vancouver	57

Yankees Sign 'Fireman Joe'



JOE PAGE, ace relief hurler of the World Champion New York Yankees, hands over his signed 1948 contract to beaming George Weiss, the club's general manager. Looking on (center) is Manager Bucky Harris. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Bearcats Taper Drills For Friday's PU Game

Faced with winning or falling perhaps too far behind in the Northwest conference cage title scramble, Willamette's Bearcats yesterday began tapering workouts for their loop skirmish with Pacific U's last place but ambitious Badgers. The game, WU's eighth in conference play, comes Friday night in WU pavilion. It will find Johnny Lewis's second placers heavily favored, but nonetheless cautious for fear of a costly upset. . . .

The Badgers, licked 51-41 by Willamette at Pacific Grove in the first game, sneaked over one of these upsets against Lewis & Clark. Pacific won that one 56-54. Linfield managed to beat PU only by a 56-52 count. And since the Badgers have nothing to lose, they'll be in the proper mood to lower the boom on the Lewis quint. . . .

The ten-point win Willamette took over Pacific earlier amounted to the lowest margin of victory any NW team has held the Cats to this season. . . .

HOPE "IN"
PITTSBURGH, Jan. 28 (AP) - Johnny Hopp, fleet - footed outfielder of the Pittsburgh Pirates, today returned his signed contract which calls for "better than \$10,000" and told Buc officials he expects to have a big season in 1948. . . .

KC's, Navy's Karpets Win
The City hoop league's American division launched second half action last night with the Knights of Columbus and Army - Navy stealing the show as they battled through an overtime session, the KC's finally winning out, 38-34. The Page Karpets racked up their sixth straight circuit victory with a 27-24 win over Valley Motor, while Salem Navigation stopped Warner Motors, 43-30. . . .

Ironmen Top Eagles
SEATTLE, Jan. 28 (AP) - The Seattle Ironmen, carrying the game to the Portland Eagles all the way, defeated the visitors for the 10th straight time 5-4 tonight in a Pacific coast hockey league tilt. Roy McBride hat-tricked Portland with three goals to lead Ironmen scoring. . . .

MORDECAI BROWN 'CRITICAL'
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 28 (AP) - Mordecai Brown, 71-year-old former major league pitcher, was taken to Union hospital today and his physician said he was in "critical" condition with diabetes. . . .

MAJOR LEAGUE		Clines Coffee Shop 2
Hartwell	190	201 207-508
Braden, Stan	226	147 192-545
Cline, Jr.	189	152 188-489
Young, Don	191	181 187-508
Totals	958	887 896-2711
Pink Elephant 1		Boyer
McFarlane	209	212 186-501
Garbano	182	148 180-523
Mirich	225	188 173-366
Bone	138	187 208-513
Totals	958	952 894-2814
Capitol Bedding 3		Poulin
Friesen	186	168 192-546
Olney	179	204 181-364
Coe	210	182 186-578
Totals	965	944 976-2885
Valley Motor Co. 0		Price, Bob
Barr	173	205 213-591
Page, Don	142	162 207-511
Wilkinson	158	188 185-515
Page, Harvey	180	201 184-545
Totals	653	918 953-2733
Cupboard Cafe 1		Evans, Frank
White, Bob	128	146 174-544
Henderson	189	184 177-530
Clodt, John	182	189 191-523
McCluskey, Ed	164	186 182-495
Totals	630	875 908-2703
Salem Hardware 2		Merrell
Wheatley	187	173 171-537
Phillis	173	189 186-502
Haugen	182	214 139-532
West	179	178 206-563
Totals	641	959 894-2764
Church Tavern 1		H. Olinger
V. Perry	159	179 187-525
B. Drager	164	170 142-487
M. Allen	181	176 180-480
C. Foreman	166	192 178-536
Totals	630	945 894
Keith Brown 2		Murdoch, Don
Parker	237	165 200-602
Kitchen, Sque	145	158 170-482
Walters, M. E.	157	171 119-447
Totals	541	511 589-1531

Longhorns Sparkle as Charity Shot Artists

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP) - There's a good reason why Texas is regarded as tops in the southwest conference and one of the nation's best teams in collegiate basketball—the Texans seldom miss from the foul line. Statistics released today by the national collegiate athletic bureau, covering games played by major teams through Jan. 24, show the defending champs have converted 189 to 259 charity tosses. That's an average of nearly three in every four attempts (.730) and tops in the nation. This is a distinct advantage for the once-beaten Texas since many games are decided by the 15-foot mark. . . .

Beavers Wait Series with Huskies; Swiss Okay AHA Team for Olympics

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Jan. 28 (Special) - The battle for what might well be the ultimate northern division basketball championship of 1948 starts here Friday night when the Washington Huskies invade Men's gym to play the Oregon State Beavers. A second game will be played Saturday night, and then a week later the two quints get together again in Seattle for two more games. . . .

Washington currently leads the division by half a game over the Beavers. Should Art McLarney's pre-season favorites take all four of the games, or even three of the four, they probably will walk off with the pennant. Coach Slat Gill's underdog Orangemen hope to get an even split with the visitors in both series. . . .

Snead Nearing End of Trail

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 28 (AP) - Sam Snead may be nearing the end of the tournament trail that 16 years ago led him from West Virginia to international fame on the golf links. Snead, here for the \$10,000 Tucson open, said today he will be leaving for the Los Angeles tournament at the White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., this April. . . .

Tucson Meet Opens Today

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 28 (AP) - Dapper Jimmy Demaret and steady Bobby Locke from South Africa will share the favorite's role when the \$10,000 Tucson open golf tournament gets under way tomorrow. . . .

Sauer, Navy In Conference

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 28 (AP) - George Sauer, 47-year-old Kansas football mentor, headed for home tonight after doing "a lot of listening and talking" about the same post at the naval academy. Sauer is one of the two hottest prospects to date for the navy coaching berth. . . .

Duck Pins
"B" league - Calvary Baptist 53, First Congregational 12; Memorial-Lutheran 26, First Methodist 24; St. Marks 55, First Baptist 25. . . .

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COMMANDER - Lt. Gen. John E. Hull commands a joint task force which will conduct atomic energy experiments at a new base on Eniwetok, in Marshall Islands.

Wildlife Hurt By Weather

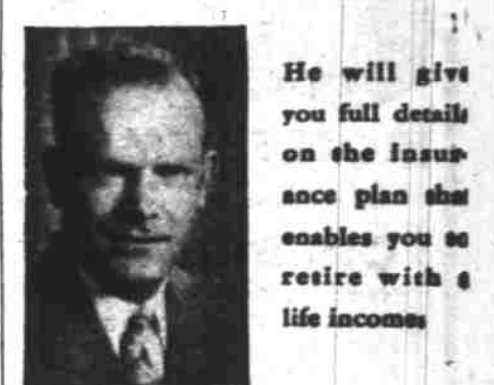
Elk, Deer Starving As Storms Strike
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP) - Wildlife authorities expressed concern tonight over the fate of birds and animals caught in the series of storms sweeping much of the nation. . . .

Fish Closure Rule Defended

PORTLAND, Jan. 28 (AP) - The closure of the Nehalem, Trask, and Willamette rivers to sports fishing from March 1 to Sept. 15 was defended by the state game commission today as essential to preserve the Chinook salmon run in those streams. . . .

Whits Seek New Name
WALLA WALLA, Jan. 28 (AP) - The Whitman college student newspaper is looking for a new title to replace the "Missionaries" that has described the college athletic teams for nearly 50 years. . . .

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