

# SPORTSLIGHTNER

One of the top topics in the neighboring Willamette Valley basketball circuit is confined to slightly built but grotesquely potent Woodburn forward Ken Gibson, and what he is about to do to the league scoring record. Just in case you haven't been keeping astute the warmly contested WVL chase, Gibson has escorted Jiggs Burnett's Bulldogs into the league lead and a possible championship with as fine a spurge of basket-making as has ever been unbacked by a prepper in these parts. Not a big lad who depends upon size and brute strength for his points, the 5-foot, 9-inch, 150-pound Gibson has pitched 209 of these in 12 games for a 17.4 average. He needs only 16 markers in his final two tilts to erase the league record of 224 set by Dale Bennett of Silverton in 1945. All told, Gibson will have played in 14 games. Bennett amassed his total in 16 games, the league having had one more member in '45. So it's a virtual cinch the Woodburn slaphooter will rack up a record in the finals this week that is, if his opponents don't tie his hands behind him. Even then he might punt enough through to alter the mark, as he at times looks that agile and finished.

The opinion has been in WVL



erics that one Frank Backbone, a cage terror at Chemawa in 1938-39 when Jerry Gastineau was coaching there established a scoring record in '39 that at the time looked as if it would stand forever. Backbone, a 5-foot, 9-inch 145-pounder built along the same lines as Gibson, meshed 280 points in 18 games, a 15.6 average per outing. We checked the files to make certain of this. Inasmuch as Backbone played in the Willamette Valley Interscholastic Athletic conference, his total has not been recognized by the new Willamette Valley league. The WVL voted to start anew in '45 after having pulled out the wartime duration league.

**Gibson Has Top Average**

Merely for comparison, here are the totals and game averages for Backbone, Bennett and Gibson. Backbone, 280 in 18 for 15.6 per. Bennett, 224 in 16 for 14 per. Gibson 209 in 12 (two more games to play) for 17.4 per.

Gibson will be Woodburn's No. 1 hope for an upset conquest of the district 11 tournament opening at the Villa here March 1. He will be no slouch in the prelims, for he was good enough as a Farrish junior high schooler to be pulled onto the Salem high varsity during Frank Brown's final year as Viking coach.

**Two More Umps in Line**

Two more umpires have been signed by WIL Prexy Bob Abel for the season and, with already documented Frank (Moose) Dehane, that makes three now in line. The newbies are holdover Bob Last and one Jerry Matthews, the latter a Coast league lee hockey referee in the wintertime. He should therefore be well acquainted with beefs . . . .

Ancient Spencer Harris likely will do more patrol work in Yakima's outfield this year, and if he does he'll likely be the only assistant general manager of a pro ball club who doubles as a player. Stylist Spence, a 25-year vet in the game has been hiked to assistant gm. mgr. in the new Yakima setup. Incidentally, the Yaks have dropped the "first" handle and from now on are to be known as the "Packers" . . . "Bullet Bob" Jensen, hard-having Victoria righthander the past two seasons has been elevated to the Newark Bears in the Yankee chain on a 30-day "loan." If the Bears are looking for someone who throws hard, Jensen will stick . . .

**Coasters Nominated**

Of the 221 players nominated for the Associated Press All-America basketball team, 14 are members of the Pacific Coast conference. The northern division got in with eight to the southern division's six. From the north Oregon's Dick Williams, Roger Wiley and Stan Williamson. Oregon State's Cliff Randall and Norm Carey, Washington's Jack Nichols and Sammy White, and WSC's George Hamilton are on the ballot. Of the pack only Nichols stands a chance, on the strength of the heavier publicity he has had . . . .

**Bowling Scores**

Commercial No. 1 league results last night at Capitol Alleys saw Keith Brown down Walton-Brown. 2-1; Good Housekeeping stop Woodburn. 2-1; Luis Florides beat Star. Fruit, 2-1; and Court St. Radio rap Marion Creamery. 2-1. Hick's 884 for Woodburn was top series.

Feature of the evening was a match between the Oldsters and the Youngsters with the kids coming out on top, two games to one and boasting a total pin edge of 880 to 825. Ely Hartwell's 813 for the Oldsters was high pot. Frank Evans' 883 paced the kids.

## Many Notables Among 300 for Ball Banquet

The Salem Breakfast club's first annual banquet attended by a capacity throng of 300 assorted diamond greets of the past and present, minor leaguers, baseball executives, Legion Junior players, athletic coaches, state, county and city officials and plain diamond fans, rolled off in great style last night at Marion hotel. The lively pow-wow, first of its kind in Salem and certainly the biggest ever held in Oregon, convinced the sponsoring clubbers it was only the beginning of similar baseball get-togethers every spring here.

## Vikings Eye Cage Title Grab Tonite

Win Over Eugene Quint in Villa Game Will Net 2nd Crown in Row

Salem high's expectant courtiers, on the threshold of their second straight Big Six league championship, can salt away that coveted toga tonight at the Vik Villa with but a single "if" standing in their way. They must turn back the lowly Eugene Axemen, a team the Vikings walloped by a 47 to 30 count in an earlier mix at Eugene. A win in the 8:15 o'clocker will be Salem's eighth in league play, against one loss. Second place Corvallis has dropped three games, the last a 49-47 upset to Eugene Friday night, and cannot possibly catch Coach Harold Hauk's charges if they capture

**BIG SIX STANDINGS**

Team	W	L
Salem	7	1
Eugene	2	3
Corvallis	3	4
Albany	3	4
Bend	1	6

the expected victory tonight. Salem finishes up Big Six play at Springfield next Friday night. Coach Loren Mort's Jayvees, victimized by the Eugene seconds for one of the scant few times they have been downed this season, seek revenge in tonight's prelim, starting at 6:45 o'clock. Even though Hank Kuchera's Eugene tapped Corvallis Friday and Corvallis holds the only win over Salem in Big Six play this season, the Hawks will be heavily favored in their mix. Salem has been a terrific outfit on the home boards this season. Probable starting lineup: ADD Vikings Eye - 3-30-3; Eugene Pos. - 3-30-3; Salem Lewis - F; Uruhu - F; Murray - F; Miller - C; Johnson - C; Chamberlain - G; Hoff - G; Bellinger - G.

## Solons Sign Rookies; Moore Asks Retirement

Business Manager George Emigh reported Monday he had received the signed contracts of two more Salem Senators rookie prospects, James Cobb, a young pitcher from Portland who was recommended by Beavers Manager Jim

## Sailors Pace National Play

The Naval Reserve quintet remained the only unbeaten club in second half play of the City League's National division following last night's action. The Middies racked their fourth straight with a 34-25 decision over Master Bread. The Marine Reserves sustained their initial loss of the second half as they bowed to Elmstrom's revitalized crew, 24-20. The National Guards licked Montgomery Ward, 31-24.

Ralph Morgall of the Naval Reserves captured scoring honors for the night with 18 points.

**Marine Res. (28)**      **Middies (34)**

Naval Res. (28)	F	(8) Straw
Hartley (5)	F	(8) Brousterville
Morgan (18)	C	(4) London
Gibson (4)	C	(4) Cowan
Harbaugh (3)	G	(8) Logan
		(8) Brennan
Marine Res. (28)	F	(8) Miller
Hicks (2)	F	(8) Miller
Hood (3)	F	(8) Woods
Henry (10)	G	(3) Nashe
Williams (10)	G	(18) Scrivens
Subs: Elmstrom - Bolliger (1).		

**JEFFS TO TRAVEL**

**JEFFERSON** — The grade school Cubs will play Siletz Saturday night and remain overnight at the home of Coach Pat Beal's parents at Toledo. Making the trip will be Art Ramseyer, Jimmie Blackwell, Leroy Cameron, Lewis Norton, Dale Wattenbarger, Robert Beal, Jimmie Higgins, Coach Beal and Kenneth Gorman, team manager.

## Third Slicker Round Completed

Salem Golf clubbers finally completed third round play in the Slicker tourney over the weekend and totals at that juncture of the links event showed the EIL team of Bill Goodwin and Leo Estey on top with nine points. Goodwin and Estey slammed out their third straight shutout win Sunday when they downed Campbell and Jaskowski 1-0.

Other league leaders include: American - Williams - Cope-land, Loucks - Shafer, Langren-Hendrie, all with six points. National - Wise - Baxter with seven. Pacific Coast - Sheldon-Burns with eight. WIL - MacLaughlin - Nash, Paister-Erly with six.

Complete third round results: American - Williams - Cope-land 3, Miller - Gwynn 0; Paul-

introduced the 40 special guests who were present.

Those introductions: Curt Coleman, Carl Mays, Moose Clabaugh, Johnny Oravec, Wade Williams, Johnny Lewis, Howard Maple, Bill Klepper, Wes Schmitt, Ed Branner, Henry Lever, Bill Mulligan and Jack Curry, all ex-leaguers and diamond associates from the majors on down; Bill Bevens, Larry Jansen, Harvey Storey, Pete Jonas, Joe Bielemeier, Al Russell, Ted Kerr, Bud Peterson, Duke Windsor, Vince Pesky, Bill Hanauka, Dick Gendekow, Ed Province, Mayo Smith, Bill

## Armory Tag Teamer Set

The always thrill-filled and equally welcome tag team match comes back to the armory tonight to cap Matchmaker Elton Owen's weekly mat menu, and the muscles maestro has lined up four genta who should easily provide an interesting evening. On the clean side are Frankie Hart and Buck Weaver, second to none in the scintillating and scientific stuff. On the meanie side it's Joe Dorsetti and Sammy Kohan, already well known as top culprits heretofore. There's will be two bouts, limited to an hour, and they will follow a pair of prelims, first of which opens the show at 8:30 o'clock.

In the opening struggle, a 20-minute one-faller, one of the top nannies of many years in the northwest makes his first Salem appearance in months. He is Jack (The Jaw) Lipscomb and he goes in with George Curtis. The somewhat special, two of three falls or 30 minutes, plus Joe Lynn against an upring Bob Cummings. The latter gladiator asked for this match to prove to Owen he is ready for more important mat dates. Billy Hixon will handle the refereeing chores.

## Key Games Due in WVL Basket Round Tonight

Woodburn can clinch at least a tie for the 1948 championship, the Bulldogs' Ken Gibson can establish a new scoring record, Dallas can toss a monkey wrench into the title, Silverton can assure itself of a finish in maintain a chance to at least tie Woodburn for the crown. Those are few of the more pertinent items wrapped up in tonight's four games in the Willamette Valley league basketball derby.

Coach Jiggs Burnett's leaders, one game up on Molalla and with only two to play, can clinch at the very least a tie by beating the lowly Canby Cougars at Canby. Gibson is only 16 points from a new scoring mark and stands a

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Silverton	3	5
Canby	2	6
Salem	1	7

good chance of making that many against the Cougars. Gibson has 209 and the record is 224. Molalla must win its game at Dallas or Woodburn will tie the Bulldogs win. Bobby Daggett's Dragons can move into first division contention with an upset victory over Molalla and will be shooting for exactly that.

Jerry Gastineau's Foxes go to Mt. Angel and will assure themselves of a first division finish if they can down Verdell Ragsdale's unpredictable Preps. Estacada goes to Sandy for the fourth game and needs a win to keep abreast of Silverton in third place, should the Silverton's get by Mt. Angel.

All games will start at 8:15 o'clock, after Be teams open hostilities at seven.

## Local Gunners In Trapshoot

Over 80 trapshooters took part in the Sunday shoot sponsored by the Salem club on its Turner road range. In the 16-year event three tied for first with 48. Werline, McKee and Bob Iliff. Hurley's 47 topped the handicappers and Orey ranked down 23 to win the doubles event. In the local club's participation in a telegraphic shoot, Don Cannon scored 25, Kohn Waln 24 and Doug Heater 24. Top men in Sunday's events (first name not available): 16 yards: Werline, McKee and Iliff 48; Rvals, A. Nusom, Thompson, Dunkel, Girard 47; Shepherd, Townsend, Campbell, French, Hurley 46; Scribner, Vlesko, Storey, Weiting 45. Handicap: Hurley 46, Newton 44, Stapleton 45, McKee 45, Girard 44, M. Case 43, Milligan 43, Heater 42, Pule 40, Georgia Tech 39, Orey 38, Farmer 43, A. Nusom 43, Thompson 43.

## Greenberg Hints Tribe Tieup

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 16 (AP)—Hank Greenberg, who arrived here by plane late yesterday with his wife, for a brief vacation said today, "If I play ball next summer, it's a pretty good bet it will be with Cleveland."

Greenberg said he is "just taking it easy" and marking time until Bill Veck, president of the Cleveland Indians, comes here later this month to talk about a player-coach contract.

## Basketball Results

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Monmouth 47, Jefferson 19.

Oregon State 52, Idaho 45.

PS 67, Whitman 25.

Clatsop-Clark 70, College of Idaho 61.

Pacific Lutheran 43, St. Martin's 41.

Conestoga 72, Seaside 49.

Iowa State 48, Missouri 47.

Ohio State 83, Wisconsin 47.

Puke 46, Georgia Tech 39.

Colorado 65, Oklahoma 54.

Rice 84, Texas 47.

**PROFESSIONAL**

Portland 57, Tacoma 38.

**Italian in Debut**

CHICAGO, Feb. 16 (AP)—Italian heavyweight champion Enrico Berthely will make his American ring debut tomorrow night at the Coliseum in a 10-rounder against Jimmy Bell, Washington, D.C. Bell boxed 136 rounds against Joe Louis in training and never was floored by the heavyweight champion.

**CHURCH BASKETBALL**

A League—First Baptist 45, Nazarenes 35; First Presbyterian 33, EUB 22; Jason Lee 43, Latter Day Saints 41.

## Some of Dignitaries Here for Ball Banquet



These 14 baseball men were a few of those who last night helped make the Salem Breakfast club's annual banquet at Marion hotel a huge success. Left to right seated: Moose Clabaugh, Carl Mays, Bill Klepper, Dorsetti (Tubby) Graves who was one of the principal speakers, Bill Mulligan who is general manager of the Portland Beavers, Robert B. Abel, president of the Western International league and principal speaker, and Leonard Younce, all-pro football guard for the New York Giants. Back row: Wes Schmitt, Joe (Red) Bielemeier, Jack Wilson, Bill Bevens, Bill Beard, Freddie Hutchinson of the Detroit Tigers and Mayo Smith, Portland Beaver outfielder. (Don Dill photo for The Statesman.)

## Mangrum Nabs Orangemen Defeat Idaho Club, 52-45

HARLINGEN, Tex., Feb. 16 (AP)—Lloyd Mangrum's playoff victory in the \$10,000 lower Rio Grande valley open golf tournament today put the Chicagoan out in front among the winter circuit money players.

Mangrum, who fired a five-under-par 31-34-65 in the playoff with Jimmy Demaret, Ojai, Calif., took top prize of \$2,000 to raise his earnings to \$8,188. Demaret won \$1,400, bringing his winnings to \$7,448, second only to Mangrum. Demaret shot a 34-35-69.

Mangrum and Demaret battled to a tie for first place yesterday over the 6,045-yard municipal course here. Each rung up scores of 269, 15 strokes below par for the distance.

The tournament was marked by a fist fight between Henry Ransom of Ravinia, Ill., and N. G. Von Nida, Sydney, Australia, and the resignation of Lawson Little, Cleveland, as chairman of the rules committee.

Out of the turmoil came an announcement that George Schneider, Ogden, Utah, chairman of the PGA tournament committee, had been granted blanket authority to enforce all rules.

## CPS Bolsters Circuit Lead

WALLA WALLA, Feb. 16 (AP)—College of Puget Sound slaughtered the Whitman Missionaries, 67-28, last night, leaving the Loggers more firmly entrenched about the northwest conference standings and dumping the Missionary quintet into a cellar tie with College of Idaho and Pacific. The Loggers led 28-18 at the half. Five foot nine inch Bob Angeline led the Loggers with 22 points.

Whitman (28)      CPS (67)

Anderson (3)	F	(10) Fincham
B. Day (8)	F	(12) Hoff
Garrett (3)	C	(2) Hinker
Gehrett	G	(7) Sawyer
Cameron (6)	G	(3) Angeline
Whitman subs: Mitchell (3), Smith, Hagwood 3, G. Garrett 3, Golden, Wright, D. Wright, C. B. sub: Seier, Brown, Danielson 2, Havel, wood 2, Stivers 5.		

## Meissner Faces Jaunt Alone

PORTLAND, Feb. 16 (AP)—Jack Meissner, the Cascade Summit, Ore., woodsman who plans to ski from Mount Hood to Crater Lake, was on his own again tonight. Meissner insists he'll start Wednesday.

## Pioneers Rap Coyote Quint

CALDWELL, Idaho, Feb. 16 (AP)—Lewis and Clark college paced by Forward Dean Semper with 23 points, defeated College of Idaho 70 to 65 tonight in a northwest conference basketball game.

## Zale-Graziano Bout Probable

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 16 (AP)—Al Seifer, this resort's only boxing promoter, agreed tonight that a ring meeting is in the making between Middleweight Champion Rocky Graziano and Tony Zale here next May.

After a telephone conversation with Mayor Joseph Altman, he announced a meeting is being backed by a group of "Wall street financiers." He said he did not know who they are.

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**Table of Coastal Tides**

Tides for Tolt, Ore., compiled by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.

Feb.	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
17	4:30 a.m. 6.4	12:12 p.m. 1.2
18	4:26 p.m. 6.3	11:40 p.m. 1.1
19	4:17 a.m. 6.8	1:25 p.m. 0.8
20	4:00 p.m. 6.3	1:00 p.m. 0.8
21	3:48 a.m. 6.8	1:25 p.m. 0.8
22	3:30 p.m. 6.3	1:45 p.m. 0.8
23	3:18 a.m. 6.8	2:00 p.m. 0.8
24	3:00 p.m. 6.3	2:15 p.m. 0.8
25	2:45 a.m. 6.8	2:30 p.m. 0.8
26	2:25 p.m. 6.3	2:45 p.m. 0.8
27	2:05 a.m. 6.8	3:00 p.m. 0.8
28	1:45 p.m. 6.3	3:15 p.m. 0.8
29	1:20 a.m. 6.8	3:30 p.m. 0.8
30	1:00 p.m. 6.3	3:45 p.m. 0.8