

Salem Team Poised For Tourney Start

Eugene Classic Opens on Tuesday Night: Viks Play Wednesday Morn

Salem high's Vikings, considered as one of the best Harold Hauk basketball teams of recent years, made into the 30th annual state tournament this week at Eugene, in huge McArthur court, for the 26th time in the 29-year-old history of the prep playoffs. The 16-team tournament, located with strong entries, including 13 of the champions and numerous state, Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock with two games. But the Vikings don't go postwar until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, when they clash with the Baker Bulldogs, champions of district 1.

The fall and rugged Salems, a fast team with the ability to score, go into the tournament with a record of 24 wins and seven losses for the season, including a sweep of the district.

Salem Radio Station KOCO will broadcast a play-by-play account of all state tournament games in which Salem high's Vikings participate. It has been reminded by Bruce Williams, KOCO sportscaster.

through the recent district 11 playoffs. They are active in prep in the state to defeat the Oregon State Rooks, and are one of the few teams to down the U. of Oregon Frosh.

State champions in 1920, '25, '26, '33, '39 and '40, the Salems will be seeking their seventh Oregon title. They face stern competition in the likes of defending champion Marshfield, runner-up Klamath Falls, both Jefferson and Washington of Portland, Newberg and Astoria, however. If the Vikings get by Baker Wednesday, and they will be favored in that game, they likely will go against Jefferson, champions of Portland, at 1:15 o'clock on Thursday. Jefferson plays Astoria in a first round game and will be favored to top the Fishermen. Salem plays the winner Thursday.

Named for tourney action are these 10 Vikings: Forward, Captain Carlos Houck, Keith Farnam and Waldo Unruh; Center, Jack Miller and Tom Paulus; Guards, Hugh Bellinger, Dave Chamberlain, Bud DuVal, Mike Glenn and Cliff Gird.

The Vikings will live at the Osburn hotel in Eugene during the tournament.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

The old beef was that Salem should earn her way into the state tournament, instead of being recipient of the host's ticket. And now that the Vikings are paying their way via victories, the same guys are moving over the interior competition Salem plays in the district. We agree that Woodburn, Silverton, Mt. Angel, etc., all of them much smaller schools, are entitled to a better fate than rassing with the Villa crew ever. Maren, and mebbe some of these nois birds with the "beat Salem" complex, all of whom reside south of Marion county, might use some of those guys to get the OHSAA to re-route some of their "beat Salem" Bossma! Jerry Little, now occupied with what he hopes will be Willamette's best track campaign in years, will have a spring football turnout later on. He plans a three-week stint the later part of April. Don't forget that Little came to Mt. Angel with a Grade-A reputation as both a football and track general. . . . Luther (Red) Harvel, Tacoma's fiery manager the last two W.I.L. campaigns, has signed on as baseball coach at College of Puget Sound. Which means the college umps, who aren't too sharp anyway, are in for some lovely afternoons when Luther the Red is around. . . . Verlyn Kraxberger, long-time Molalla high track star has turned out this spring with the Pacific Lutheran college squad in Washington. Which amounts to another miss by Oregon colleges. Last fall it was Elmer Spieldel, Newberg high's "state" basketballer, who felt he was slighted by the home states, so enrolled at Seattle college and wound up a first-stringer. . . . Big 6-foot, 5-inch Bob White, Victoria's slugging outfielder last summer is now getting a shot at Triple-A ball with the Portlanda at Riverside. White belongs to the Yankees. . . .



SAMMY WHITE

The Same Old Story at Hand Again
The same old diehards are again filling the papers with the guff that Jack Nichols' new scoring mark of 265 points is apt to stand for years in years. They promised the same thing when Wally Palmberg notched 187 points in 1936. In 1942, however, Idaho's Ray Turner pitched 192 and that was to last next to forever. It survived until the next season when Gale Bishop threw in 224. Nobody would ever beat this one, they said. Then along came Vince Hanson two seasons later with his 253. And now, after the same routine with the never-ever stuff, Nichols has 265, plus the promise he will be king for at least a couple of centuries. We believe one of the guys most guilely cautioned that Nichols, needing almost 50 points in his last two games, faced an impossibility. So he up and batted 60, making it further impossible to believe anything this particular gent writes on basketball.

It isn't the least bit unreasonable to think of some future division eager having a 300-point season. In 16 games that would average only slightly more than 18 points per outing, and 18 points per is practically nothing for some of the more talented basketballers of the present era. We wouldn't be at all surprised to see Oregon's Roger Wiley go point-crazy next season. For instance, he'll be the biggest player in the league and, if he can master the art of going for the basket with both right and left hands instead of merely his left, he'll be a wicked scorer. Wiley picked up 219 points this season, you know, and he had some awfully sparse evenings along the way.

Tourney Man Cross Holds a Record
Speaking of basketball, Bob Cross of Eugene must hold some kind of a record as a result of his playing days at Washington State. Cross is now director of the state basketball tournament for the Eugene Active club part in it. In 1932 at WSC he played in all 16 conference games, was among the 10 leading scorers and in those 16 tilts committed exactly nine fouls; in fact he never in his career fouled out of a game, a marvel boasted also by Hal Lee, of the Washington Husky All-American of the early 'thirties who played many times against Cross. . . . Incidentally, Lee insists Washington's Sammy White is no less than the finest basketballer ever to play in the conference, rating him as one of those rarities who can do everything expertly as well as swiftly. Furthermore, Sophomore White already has been offered \$12,000 (fabulous for basketball) if he will sign to play next season for an eastern professional team, and the scout who made the offer picked him over every other player on the Coast, including Jack Nichols, White both played two left hands instead of merely two right during the war, and both he and Nichols might easily be in pro ranks next season despite the collegiate eligibility they have left. . . .

Forty Senators to Train at Corvallis

Two weeks from today the Salem Senators check into their Corvallis spring training camp, and Club Business Manager George Emigh expects no less than 40 aspirants to be in the entourage. The Solon Skipper will be busy shaping the squad that will open the West-ern International league baseball campaign here Friday night, April 16. Wilson has many of the Senator aspirants in the Portland Beaver spring camp at Riverside now, and a number of them have been highly impressive in early drills.

Ready to Take Fling in 1948 Prep Classic



COACH HAROLD HAUK

Emigh announced Saturday that the deal for big Cal McIrvin has been completed and that the left-hand pitcher-outfielder who was a standout with Lincoln of the Class A Western league last season should be a big help to the Solons in the coming campaign. McIrvin is a power hitter from the left side and when he wasn't leading the Lincoln pitching corps he played in the outfield there.

The signed contract of outfielder Chester Hartman also is on file after a brief holdout by the former Stockton, Cal., gardener who was secured via trade during the winter. Even the season's tickets are on hand at the local park office, and they will go on sale late this month, according to Emigh.

"It is too early now to predict just what kind of a team we will have for the season," Emigh reported yesterday. "But I know we have some fine prospects as well as holdovers contracted, and Manager Wilson feels we are much better off now for talent than we were at this time a year ago. Consequently, I look for a good season for the Senators."

Huskies Even Coast Playoff After 64-57 Win Over Bears

BERKELEY, Calif., March 13 (AP)—The Washington Huskies bounced back into the running for the Pacific Coast conference basketball title tonight by defeating California 64 to 57 in a wild, rough second half. Tied at 29-29 at the end of the first period, Washington splurged out to an eight-point lead three minutes after the second half opened. Two field goals each by Bill Vandenberg and Jack Nichols, and one by Sammy White, while Gordon Cuneo was scoring two points for California, gave the Huskies a lead they never relinquished.

Second Period Rally Nets Win

The Bears were handicapped by the loss of Chuck Hanger, who was forced out early in the first period when he crashed into the stands, badly injuring his knee. Washington's Jack Nichols thereafter controlled the ball consistently off the backboard. White scored 21 points for Washington and Nichols 13. Andy Wolfe dropped in 23 points for California, 21 in the first half. A field goal and free throw by Wolfe started the Bears out with a 3-0 lead but Nichols and White quickly made it 4-3 for Washington.

Talbert Wins In Net Meet

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP)—Marcel Bernard of Paris and Bill Talbert of New York, who are expected to battle it out for the vacant U. S. indoor tennis title, paced the men's singles field into the third round today at the 45th annual tournament.

Ryan Promises Spoke Winner

SPOKANE, March 13 (AP)—The Spokane Indians have scheduled 12 practice baseball games in California and plan to slate seven more during their spring training program. Manager Buddy Ryan said today.

Reddish Wins Downhill Race

ASPEN, Colo., March 13 (AP)—Jack Reddish of the Alta Utah Ski club copped the downhill race today in the first event of the North American open ski championships. Slalom races are tomorrow.

Rooks Defeat Vik Paddlers

Oregon State's Rooks yesterday nosed out Salem high's swimming team, 36-30, in a meet at Corvallis. Salem was leading 20-29 before the final event, the 200-yard relay. High scoring honor went to Ness of the Rooks with 113 points. Salem's Nelson had 92, and both Hamblin and Loggan of Salem had 65 each. Results:

150-yard medley relay—Won by Salem (Hamblin, Loggan and Nelson) in 1:36.
200-yard freestyle—Won by Nelson of Salem, Feary of Rooks second and Allison of Salem third 2:33.5.
50-yard freestyle—Won by Ness of Rooks, Feary of Rooks second and Powell of Salem third 26.9.
Diving—Won by Sargent of Rooks. Ness of Salem second and Rucker of Rooks third.
100-yard freestyle—Ness Rooks 1st. Davis, Rooks, 2nd. Powell Salem, 3rd 1:06.6.
100-yard backstroke—Hamblin, Salem, 1st. Feary, Rooks, 2nd. Garrett, Salem, 3rd 1:44.
100-yard breaststroke—Loggan, Hagen, 1st. Sanders, Salem, 2nd. Hagg, Rooks, 3rd 1:52.
200-yard relay—Won by Rooks (Thompson, Davis, Colorado, Ness), 1:52.

Lone Chemawa Kid Nabs Win

PORTLAND, March 13 (AP)—Only one Chemawa youth will go to the national AAU boxing tournament this year. He is Melvin Eagleman, Chemawa, who won the 118-pound title by a TKO over a fellow-Chemawan, Ray Pete, in the finals of the Oregon AAU boxing tournament last night.

Cal Ray Tallies In Gun Tourney

KANSAS CITY, March 13 (AP)—J. R. Cobb of Waterloo, Neb., today shattered 149 of 150 targets at 16 yards for the best target round of the 41st interstate trapshooting tournament here. Cobb was followed in the class B bracket by Tom Palmer of Kansas City, Kas., and A. F. Jones of Thief River Falls, Minn., each with 147.

Cal Bears Rained Out

BERKELEY, Calif., March 13 (AP)—A scheduled Rugby game between the Australian Wallabies and the University of California was rained out today. It was rescheduled for Wednesday. Rain also delayed a California-USF baseball game until Monday.

LOGGERS LOSE TO WSC

PULLMAN, Wash., March 13 (AP)—The Washington State college wrestling team tonight defeated College of Puget Sound 28 to 10 in the 165 pound division. Bob Wagnild of Puget Sound handed Walt Rohde of WSC his first defeat in 15 matches.

FOLDBERG SIGNS BROOKLYN

BROOKLYN, March 13 (AP)—Henry Foldberg, end on army's all-winning football team of 1945 and 1946, has signed to play with the Brooklyn Dodgers of the All-America football conference.

Game Commish Losing Trout

Winter hold-over trout are being currently released from Oregon's state game commission hatcheries, according to C. A. Lockwood, state game supervisor. From Oak Springs hatchery at Molson, 300,000 legal-sized rainbow trout are being liberated by two tank trucks. These trout are allocated mostly to Deschutes, Jefferson, Wasco, Crook and Harney counties, although some will be planted in the Mt. Hood area.

Ski Dope

Mount Hood Timberline—162 inches snow, 8 inches new snow, surface powdery, weather overcast, light northwesterly wind, skiing good, all tows operating, roads clear, chains needed, ample parking space. Forecast: Sunday partly cloudy, increasing cloudiness in afternoon, temperature range 20-32 degrees.

Mat Card Lineup Set

Matchmaker Elton Owen last night completed the booking for his Tuesday grappling bee at the armory when he applied the two prelims to the Frankie Hart vs. Gordon Hess 111 main event. Another prelim may be added by the maestro Monday, he added.

Monday's Special

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