

Surprising Spartans Smash Vik Hopes With, 47-43 Victory in Tourney Title Battle; Marshfield Third Last Minute Salem Splurge Falls Short; Edwards Hits 21

By Al Lightner

McARTHUR COURT, University of Oregon, Eugene, March 20 (Special). The totally unexpected happened here tonight as the thirtieth annual Oregon state basketball tournament roared to a climax, and it cost the Salem high Vikings a championship. The Vikings, at the start a shoo-in for the top prize, were downed, 47-43, by the Corvallis Spartans.

For the Spartans who tonight found that height is golden, it was their first state title since 1936, when a Corvallis team downed Franklin of Portland. For the Vikings, who simply were not the terrifics they had been in their previous three games this week, it was a very bitter pill. They had been picked by a great majority, by as much as 3 to 1, over the distant seven representatives in this all Big Six league finale.

Earlier today Klamath Falls grabbed the fifth place trophy by downing Newberg in the final consolation clash, 50 to 37. Washington's swift Colonials of Portland took home fourth place via a 50 to 37 nod over the scrappy but outclassed Tigard team, one of the big surprises of this playoff. In tonight's showdown for third place the defending champion Marshfield Pirates had to have an overtime period before they downed St. Helens, 56 to 48, the close fought game having been tied 47-47 at the end of regular playing time.

The combination of six foot, six inch Bob Edwards and six foot, three inch Sammy Baker, certainly two demons so far as the Vikings are now concerned, proved too much for the Salems in the title game. These two controlled the backboards almost throughout, and Edwards, the Big Six league scoring champ with 196 points in 10 games, threw in 21 markers to break the Salem back. The Vikings were beat at their own game—capturing rebounds and tossing a stout defense at the enemy.

That's how the Salems managed to storm over Baker, Astoria and St. Helens before tonight. But with the two Corvallis giants playing a game typical of all-stars (both were selected on

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
(For fifth place)
Klamath Falls 43, Newberg 34
(For 4th place)
Washington 50, Tigard 37
Marshfield 56, St. Helens 48
Title and 2nd place
Corvallis 47, Salem 43

the 1948 mythical team), the Vikings found possession of the ball hard to get. When they did have it for decent shots, up popped a gangling arm or a big hand to bat the try off its course.

Playing cautiously and at times dreadfully slow, the Spartans threw a stout zone at the Salems at the start. The Vikings couldn't seem to dent it, and when they did their shots were swatted down. They in turn held off the slowly moving Spartan offensive with their own zone, and the first quarter, highlighted only by a late Salem splurge for three straight points, ended 11 to 9 for the Vikes.

Tall Tom Paulus, inserted by Coach Harold Hauk to try to ride herd on Edwards, dumped in a whirling try from the key to put Salem in front, 13-11. But then both Baker and Edwards netted free throws after Edwards potted a lay-up to close the gap to another of the four ties up to this time.

There were only five more points made in the quarter as both teams played raggedly and handled the ball sloppily. But it was entirely evident that Corvallis was getting possession most of the time, and that Salem had no means of checking the one Corvallis play that thwarted the Vikings.

The Spartans players were passing over the top of the Salem zone to big Edwards, and he was merely jumping into the air, whirling and dropping the ball through for points.

The Salems managed only three points for the entire second period and left for the halftime rest trailing by 17 to 14.

Also quite conspicuous for the two quarters was the fact that Captain Carlos Houck, the big gun for Salem all week, hadn't tallied a single point.

The third period was little better for scoring and ended with the Spartans still in front, 27 to 23. (Continued on page 19)

Anxious Moment for Vikings



Things were indeed serious for Coach Harold Hauk (nearest camera) and his five Viking reserves early in last night's state basketball championship game with Corvallis at Eugene. Tom Paulus (17), Bud Duval, Cliff Groat, Mike Glenn, Waldo Unruh (hidden behind Hauk) and the Salem skipper have all eyes focused on the heat of the blue ribbon battle. Expressions were even more glum later on, however, as the Vikings lost their struggle for the title. (W. Kirk Braun photo, Eugene)

Mangrum Nabs Tourney Lead

Hot Round Fired, Greensboro Open Go

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 20 (AP)—Lloyd Mangrum seared the Sedgewick golf course with a sizzling 67 today to take the lead at 36 holes in the \$10,000 Greensboro open golf tournament.

Mangrum, leading money winner among the pros this year, reached the halfway mark of the tourney with 136. The 1946 national open king was four under par today in equalling the summer rules record for the 6,720 yard course.

Tied in second place for the second straight day were two North Carolina pros, Clayton Haefner of Charlotte and Stewart (Skip) Alexander of Mid Pines. Each had par 70s today to go along with yesterday's 68s.

Durham Named Linfield Pilot

McMINNVILLE, Ore., March 20 (AP)—Linfield college today named Paul Durham, Portland high school coach, to take over as football mentor here next fall.

He will succeed Wayne Harn, who resigned to enter business. Durham, a 1936 graduate of Linfield, has been coach at Franklin high in Portland. Previously he coached at Yamhill and was assistant mentor at Commerce of Portland.

UCB RUGBY CHAMP

BERKELEY, Calif., March 20 (AP)—The University of British Columbia Rugby team won the world cup series by defeating the University of California 9 to 6 today. The visitors took the series three games to one.

Houck, Bellinger Land All-State Team Berths

EUGENE, March 20 (Special)—Both Captain Carlos Houck and Hugh Bellinger of the Salem Vikings were selected on the 1948 state basketball tournament all-star team here tonight, by the votes of coaches having teams in the thirtieth tourney. Both Houck and Bellingerling joined Bob Edwards and Sammy Baker of Corvallis and Ken Hunt of Washington on the first team.

Keith Farnum, another fine player for the Vikings this week, was voted into a second team berth, along with Don Schube of Washington, Don Bruce of Marshfield, a first team selection last year, Bob Lewis of Tigard and Don White of Washington.

Honorable mentions went to Bill Korpela of Astoria, Maynard Serboucek of St. Helens, Don Hoy of Newberg, Don Neveau of St. Helens and John Reardon of Corvallis.

The last time a Salem player made the "all-state" team was in 1941, when Eddie Salstrom was a selection.

Drills Occupy Bevo Athletes

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 19 (Special)—Oregon state's four spring sports teams are getting in their last practice links of the term before final examinations this week before going home for a week's vacation. All four squads will go into full-scale action with the start of spring quarters March 29.

Pitching and catching candidates for the varsity baseball team have been working out in the gym and the armory for nearly a month and Coach Ralph Coleman has already had his entire squad outdoors for batting practice a couple of times. When spring term opens Coleman will have less than a week to get his squad ready for the non-conference openers against the Salem Senators here on April 2 and 3.

Ski Dope

By the Associated Press
Timberline — 188 inches snow, 8 inches new snow; surface powdered; drifted; skiing good; roads clear, chains needed; limited parking space at present. Forecast: Mostly cloudy with occasional snow through Sunday.

Government Camp—111 inches snow, 12 inches new snow; surface powdered; drifted; skiing good; all tows operating; roads clear, chains needed; ample parking space. Forecast: Same as for Government Camp.

Santiam Pass—126 inches snow, 13 inches new snow; surface light dry; drifted; skiing good; tows will operate all next week; packed snow on highway, chains needed; ample parking space. Forecast: Same as for Government Camp.

Cooper Spur—41-50 inches snow, over 8 inches new snow; powder; skiing excellent; tows and sno-cats operating; road cleared. Forecast: Same as for Government Camp.

Coolosal Winner

MIAMI, Fla., March 20 (AP)—Coolosal, a 12 to 1 shot, today won the \$15,000 added first division of the Tropical park doubling event before 14,389 racing fans. With Jockey Ronnie Nash aboard, the Argentine import, Hays (20), G. (19) Osterhaus Akins (5), G. (15) Peden Dorr (6) and J. (7) Nichol Baker 4, Gaffney 6, Vancouver sub-Vaughn 4, White 8, Chapman 5, Wirkkunen 4.

Title Tiff Set Tuesday

Gypsy Joe Dorsett, the mustachioed villain who hates to lose and who goes to almost any extreme to keep from it, tosses his Coast Night-helms and wraps in over a belt on the Ferry Street Garden block Tuesday night, and Gordon (A Tomie) Hessel, the hand-dandy, the hand-dandy who has captivated the grasping customers since his arrival in these parts, takes his Joe Dorsett belt as the coveted trophy. The brawl will cap Matchmaker Elton Owen's weekly fare, and a rugged conclave it is expected to be. Hessel has been terrific in

Oilers AAU Titlists

DENVER, March 20 (AP)—Bartlesville's mighty Oilers, after 30 minutes of rough, tough action, turned on the heat tonight to rout the Denver Nuggets 62-48 and take the National AAU basketball championship back to Oklahoma for the sixth straight year.

Slow and ragged in previous tournament appearances, the Oilers were breaking fast tonight and cashing most of their scoring opportunities as they smashed the Nugget challenge with a deadly attack in the final ten minutes.

Cab Renick, a Choctaw Indian with the drive of a toy tank, put the clamps on Vince Boryla, the Denver scoring ace, and nailed six decisive baskets to play a major part in Bartlesville's victory, which gave the Oklahoma town twice as many national titles as any other city has ever collected.

Gerald Tucker drove through the Nugget defenses for 13 points and massive Bob Kurland got 11 points off the post to stand out in the brilliant Bartlesville performance.

Hornets Snare Playoff Tilt

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 20 (CP)—Vancouver Hornets gained an easy 90-68 victory over Bellingham Firecrackers here tonight in round robin play-offs of the Pacific Coast pro basketball league.

Hornets led from wire to wire, enjoying leads of 25-16 at the first quarter, 43-29 at the half and 62-47 at the third.

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They Made a Gallant Try for State Honors



Salem high's Viking basketballers were turned back by Corvallis in last night's State tourney championship game but before they'd found their hearts out. The Vikes pictured above include: left to right, front row — Bud Duval, Dave Chamberlain and Cliff Groat. Second row — Coach Harold Hauk, Mike Glenn and Mr. Jerry Taylor. Third row — Captain Carlos Houck, an all-state selection at forward, Bill Johnson, Ted Covalt and Hugh Bellinger, who landed a guard spot on the all-state team. Back row — Keith Farnum, picked on the second all-state squad, Tom Paulus, Waldo Unruh and Jack Miller.

Baylor Wins West NCAA Toga; Kentucky Takes Eastern Title

Wildcats Rip Crusader Five

NEW YORK, March 20 (AP)—Kentucky's mighty Wildcats ousted defending champion Holy Cross in the eastern NCAA basketball playoff finals tonight, 60 to 52.

The victory gave Kentucky a berth in the Olympic playoffs. The Wildcats will play here for the national title Tuesday against the winners of the western playoffs in Kansas City tonight.

Kentucky assumed the lead early and led almost all the way. The southeastern conference champions were sparked by big Alex Groza and All-America Ralph Beard. Groza, a 6-7 ball of fire, racked up 23 points and played a terrific game at the backboards. Beard, who connected on his first four set shot attempts in the first half, was the Wildcats' steady influence as well as their playmaker.

It was Kentucky's 15th straight victory and their 33rd against two defeats. Michigan easily defeated Columbia, 66 to 49, in the consolation game.

After a ragged first half in which they assumed a 24-21 lead, the Wolverines started to drive for the first time and soon piled up a commanding lead.

Y Volleyists Pocket Title

PORTLAND, March 20 (Special)—The Salem YMCA senior men's volleyball team captured the Northwest Y Class B title here tonight as they whipped Portland Y club, 15-13 and 15-9.

The Salem crew came out the winner in four matches as they moved toward the title. They turned back Olympia, 19-17, 15-0; stopped Portland, 15-8, 14-16, 15-3; beat Seattle, 16-8, 15-9, and again downed the Portlands in the finals.

Members of the Salem team included: Lloyd Gregg, George Roth, John Bone, Squee Kitchin, Charles Nee, Neve Kukahiko, Dale Bates and Bill Ewaliko.

Babe Leader, Women's Meet

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 20 (AP)—Babe Didrikson Zaharias, the defending champion, took the lead in the ninth annual Women's Titleholders Golf tournament here today with a third-round 73 for a total of 230.

Her two-under score for the 6,627-yard country club course was the day's best and left her two strokes in front of Dorothy Kirby of Atlanta, and Patty Berg of Minneapolis. Miss Kirby, the leader until today, soared to a six-over par 81, while Miss Berg carded a 78.

O'Leary Forsakes Irish for UW

HOOD RIVER, Ore., March 20 (AP)—Don O'Leary, much-sought football triple-threat in high school here two years ago, said today he would enter the University of Washington next week.

Talbert Takes Tennis Title

NEW YORK, March 20 (AP)—Dead game Billy Talbert won the men's national indoor tennis championship today on a cracked left foot.

Cougars Capture Cinder Event

PULLMAN, Wash., March 20 (AP)—Washington State college amassed 89½ points in its invitational indoor track meet today to double the points gained by the next competitor.

Goodwin, Estey Capture Match

Bill Goodwin and Leo Estey combined to chalk up a 2 to 1 victory over Jimmy Sheldon and Bob Burns in a Slicker playoff duel yesterday at the Salem Golf club. Playoff match set for today is that between Tony Painter and Dave Eyre and the team of Archie Schultz and Jim McNeil.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

One of the busiest gent during the Eugene tournament was James P. Aiken, the harly-burly U of Oregon grid boss. Jim's office was a mecca for prep athletes all week (mostly muscular lads), and they absorbed the gospel of the "U," as delivered by the loquacious Mr. A. All perfectly legal, too. In accordance with the Coast conference code, any member coach can talk turkey with a prepster so long as the party of the second part is within the realm of the school's campus...

And while John Warren has his eye on Salem's Carlos Houck as a basketballer, Aiken makes no bones about his visions of the Viking stalwart in Webfoot football livry later on.

Speaking of Aiken, there is little question that he is building for great Oregon grid seasons in the future. Already in school, and eligible next season, are three transfers who are considered on the disgustingly sweet side. One is Bus Newcomer, a 210-pound center from Colorado A&M who is said to be faster than Duck and Brad Ecklund and who will give Ecklund a plain or fancy fight for the No. 1 pivot post. Another is Sam Neville, a 245-pound tackle from Purdue who is said to be nothing short of terrific. A third is Johnny May, a 170-pound center back also from Purdue who catches passes as if he's equipped with radar. Then there is a fistful of others coming up from southern California, among them a back who apored a 8.7 yards per try average while operating for Los Angeles City college last autumn. Aiken will open Oregon spring football practice April 5, and from the looks of things he'll not be lacking in material—good material.

Luckless Road Trip Is What Hurt Ducks

The truth on Oregon's "foul 'em" basketball season popped up during the tournament also. The players weren't scolding from John Warren's union, nor were they engaging in any personal conflict amongst themselves. All was well until that woeful road trip to WSC and Idaho, during which they lost three games, two by one

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