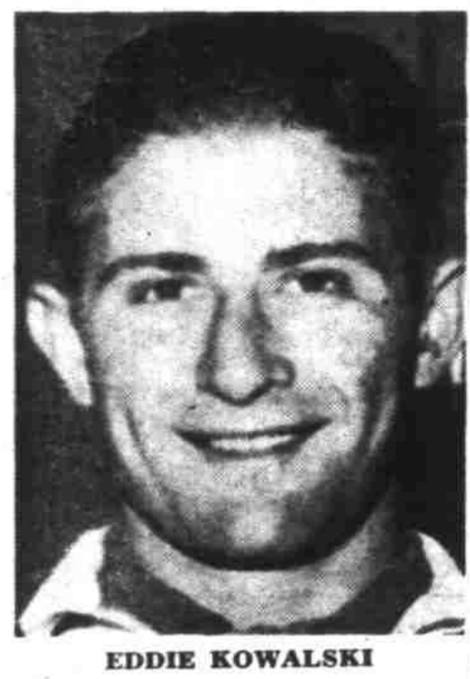


SPORTSLIGHTNER

Midweek meanderings:
Bill Austin's decision to play in the Shrine game at San Francisco instead of with his Beaver pals in the Pineapple Bowl in Honolulu has something besides sentiment behind it. Bill fully intends playing pro football and knows the Kezar stadium stands at SF will be dotted with prominent team scouts. Speaking of OSC footballers, that sortie we took awhile back, on Carlos Houck being one of the first ex-Salems to land on either an Oregon or Oregon State team since



EDDIE KOWALSKI

the days of Jimmy Nicholson and "Butch" Nelson at Oregon, brought this reminder, from Corvallis faithful: Don Coons did quite a bit of playing for the Beavers, too...
Almost lost in the shuffle recently was news that the Chicago Cubs had drafted Pitcher Eddie Kowalski from the Beavers. Eddie was the hard-throwing, but equally wild Saginaw, Mich., lad with the town Senators in 1946. He was recommended to the parent Portlanders by Joe Gordon, who had Eddie on his G team during the war. As we recall, both Gordon and the late Frisco Edwards early in '46 opined Eddie would be a major league one day... Tacoma's new manager, Bob Johnson, a bit of a "kick off" the San Francisco Cow Palace tournament December 27 by playing against each other in the first game... In case you missed it earlier, the other opening round games toss Washington State at UCLA, Oregon against Stanford and Washington opposite California, in that order...

That "Little Rose Bowl" deal in Pasadena, featuring the nation's "best" junior colleges, is already big business. Not once in its three-year history has the early-December game pulled less than 50,000 paid customers. And at \$3 and \$4 per seat, mind you. Here's how the pie is cut: The Eastern representative, as well as the Western, gets 25 per cent of the net. Charity gets 10 per cent and the California Junior College association another 10. The sponsoring Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce plucks the other 50 per cent. Figuring that the gross take is \$150,000, each school plucks a cool \$30,000 after taxes, etc., are deducted. Also, the sponsors pay the expenses incurred by the invited teams. Thirty thousand claims isn't a bad haul for a junior college, girls...

The new "let 'em go" basketball writ, when players are going after rebounds and other loose balls, makes for all the ruggedness you believe you'll care to see in games this season. The rule book says officials shall not call a held ball unless two players have a firm grip on the ball and it doesn't come free after one tug. Of course if there is danger of injury a held ball should be called. So far you've perhaps seen the result. The players go after those rebounds with added gusto, for they know they'll not be penalized if they are merely "bounced" at an attempt to get the ball. Also, they go after the loose ball on the floor just as willfully. Naturally, if a player's position is bad in these mad scrambles, and he lands on an opponent's back, he gets fouled. In short, to be with the glue on his fingers gets the glory, and possession of the ball. But to be with butter thereon goes bumps and bruises, legally...

Bill Bevins unloaded a sigh of relief when he learned just who was headed for the St. Louis Browns in the deal for Pitcher Fred Sanford, for he figured he was "it." Bill doesn't necessarily want to work for the Yankees any more. But if he has to land elsewhere, he'd just as soon get a bet as any is Charley Petersen, who really is nothing new in these parts...

Yakima is supposed to name its new manager for 1949 some time today, and just as good a bet as any is Charley Petersen, who really is nothing new in these parts...

Church League:

"A" league results last night saw the Latter Day Saints top Salem Youth Center, 32-29; First Christian beat First Baptist, 26-16; and First Presbyterian slaps Mennonite Brethren, 37-22.

Vikings Tally 53-46 Victory

Farnam Swishes 27 In Torrid Contest

MARTHUR COURT, Eugene, Dec. 15 (Special)—Salem high's Vikings, mostly in the person of six-foot, three-inch Keith Farnam, tonight outlasted the Eugene Axemen in their Big Six league basketball opener here and snatched a 53-46 victory. Blond Mr. Farnam, firing sensationally from all angles, potted 27 points on 10 field goals and seven free tosses.

It was Farnam and his 12-point crusade against the Eugene basket in the third quarter that gained the necessary edge for Coach Harold Hawk's hard-running lads. In fact, the dozen Farnam points in that period were all Salem made. But they brought the Vikings down from a 29-29 halftime to a 41-31 third period lead.

Salem combated the gigantic Eugene surge by Farnam in No. 2 turned out to be the ball game. The Viking Bees, bossed by Loren Mort, made it a clean sweep in the prelim with a 36-32 win.

Reserves score: Salem—Walling 0, Chamberlain 8, Norton 2, Teselle 3, Stewart 2, Coats 1, Kleinsmith 4, Eugene—Saito 2, Niven 2, Vermont 2. Halftime score: Salem 15, Eugene 18.

SGC's Slate Meet Tonight

The Salem Golf Men's club will hold its annual business meeting and dinner at the clubhouse tonight, with principal end of the agenda being the election of officers for the coming year. John Emien is outgoing president.

Trapshooters Set Big Sunday Meet

Shotgunners will fire for turkeys, hams and bacon next Sunday, starting at 10 a.m. in the big pre-Christmas Salem Trapshooters club shoot on the 25th and Turner road range. Club Secretary Clarence Townsend reminds that the public is welcome and it is not necessary to be a club member in order to enter the competition.

Skiers to Meet

Members of the Santiam Ski Club have been called to a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Cherrian room of Salem Chamber of Commerce. Howard Mater, president, will conduct the meeting.

Duck Pins

Chevrolet 3, Buick 1; Oldsmobile 3, Hudson 3; Cadillac 3, Dodge 3; Oldsmobile 3, Buick 3. Kaiser-Frazer 1 were the results of Automotive league duckpin bowling last night at B & B courts. Johnny Coater of Dodge had a 477 high series and Herb Hald of Hudson rolled high game of 81. The Fords had a 2027 high series and 748 high game.

BOWLING Scores

MAJOR LEAGUE
Acme Motors: W. Valdez 533; Nuber 507; Merrill 542; Steinbach 522; Hartwood 528; Fink 513 (3); Kaiser-Frazer 547; D. Murock 620; E. Garbarino 682; C. Miele 664; Bone 524.
Maples Sporting Goods: (3); Barr 566; B. Valdez 504; Karr 559; Page 586; H. Page 562; Salem Hardware: Larson 487; Phillip 518.
Theede 502; West 528.
Capitol Bedding: (2); Poulin 586; Wilkerson 542; Key 608; Friesen 541; Coe 563; Clines Coffee Shop (1); Cline Sr. 589; Braden 526; Strode 535; Cline Jr. 431; Young 469.
Cupboard Cafe: (1); Henderson 510; McFarlane 549; McCluskey 547; Evans 518; Giod 375; Woody Furniture: Olinger 527; Foreman 568; Perry 505; Kitchen 546; Adolph 511.
High individual series: 664 Mich. High team game: Capitol Bedding: 3022.
600 scores: Cline Jr. 631; D. Murock 620; E. Kay 606.

All Eyes on One Thing—Ball



The action was hot and heavy in Tuesday night's WU-OSC cage mix, a thriller finally won by the Beavers, 43-41. In this action shot, Willamette's Johnson Brothers, Bob (6) and Jim (16) angle for a rebound with Ray Snyder (35) of OSC while Cliff Crandall, Beaver captain looks on at left. (Dave Scott photo for The Statesman.)

Cage Meet at Stayton

STAYTON, Dec. 15 (Special)—The Golden "S" club of Stayton high will sponsor a four-team basketball tournament Thursday and Friday in the high school gym. Aumsville, Mill City, Sublimity and Stayton will be in the action. The teams will assemble at 7 p.m. Thursday to determine first-night pairings. The winners of Thursday's games will play Friday night for the title, after the two Thursday losers play for consolation.

Sublimity's strong team, representative in the "B" district tournament last year at Monmouth, has been rated the favorite. Mill City also has a veteran club. In a recent game between the two Sublimity won by two points.

Basket Exam Due Tonight

The annual Oregon High Schools Activities basketball examination and clinic will be rendered tonight, 7:30 o'clock at the senior high school, by Oden Hawas, representative of the OHSAA. All basketball officials must take the exam in order to be certified. Salem Officials association President Harold Hawk urges all members to be in attendance.

Wolves Sched Humboldt Five

MONMOUTH, Dec. 15 (Special)—The Oregon College of Education quint will Thursday night play the Humboldt Stars here, starting at 7:45 o'clock. Bob Knox's Wolves have thus far won four and lost two. The visitors will be playing their second game of the season, but are a veteran crew under Coach Joe Forbes. No prelim will be played.

Cal Commences Bowl Workouts

BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 15 (AP)—California's football team had a short blocking drill and then ran through basic plays today in preparation for the New Year's day Rose Bowl game with Northwestern.

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Taft, Oregon — December, 1948					
HIGH WATER		LOW WATER		Tide	
Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.		
10:07 a.m.	5.1	5:29 a.m.	3.5		
11:32 a.m.	7.6	7:00 p.m.	-1.1		
12:58 p.m.	6.2	8:13 a.m.	2.5		
12:13 p.m.	7.7	7:42 p.m.	-1.2		
1:27 a.m.	5.3	6:39 a.m.	3.6		
12:35 p.m.	7.7	8:25 p.m.	-1.1		
3:22 a.m.	4.4	7:52 a.m.	3.5		
1:44 p.m.	7.4	9:11 p.m.	-0.9		

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Yankee Second Sacker Shines

Stirnweiss Smashes Two Fielding Marks

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (AP)—The world champion Cleveland Indians set the defensive pace in the 1948 American league campaign, missing by one point of tying the major league fielding record they established in 1947. Cleveland fielded .992 to lead the league and also boasted three players who were the best defensively at their individual positions. Manager Lou Boudreau excelled at shortstop with .975, while Eddie Robinson, now traded to Washington, led first basemen with .975 and Dale Mitchell ran off with the top mark for outfielders with .991.

The official averages released today show that George Stirnweiss, New York Yankees, was the best fielding second baseman with .993 in 141 games; Hank Majeski of the Philadelphia Athletics was the league's best third baseman, finishing with a .975 percentage, and Bob Swift of Detroit was the highest ranking catcher of .991 percentage.

Stirnweiss smashed two major league records in leading the second sacker. His .993 percentage blotted out the old mark of .992 and his five errors in handling 713 chances was a new season low.

Thirty-six pitchers fielded flawlessly, but Freddie Hutchinson of the Detroit Tigers led the league with most chances when he handled 64 without an error.

Humboldt Next For Bearcats

The Humboldt State college quint from Arcata, Cal., is next on the Willamette U. schedule. Friday and Saturday nights in the WU pavilion. The Humboldts are members of the Far West circuit, and it was last year, while on an excursion to the southland that Willamette opened relationships with the Loggers. They will bring in a tall and veteran team.

Snead Cops Meet

HAVANA, Dec. 15 (AP)—Sam Snead of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., leading all the way, won the Havana best-all golf tournament today with a score of 193, 23 strokes under par. E. J. (Dutch) Harrison of Little Rock, Ark., who fired a 67 over the 72-par course on his final tour, finished second one stroke off the pace.

Interest Lags In ABC Classic

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 15 (AP)—Officials of the American Bowling Congress, to put it mildly, are disappointed about their 1949 tournament. They made quite a hullabaloo about how terrific the tournament would be. There would be more alleys than ever before, they said.

M-CITY DOWNS TURNER

MILL CITY, Dec. 15 (Special)—Mill City Timberwolves handed Turner a 42-25 defeat in basketball here Tuesday night. Forward Hunter's 17 points led the win.

JEFF VICTORS

JEFFERSON, Dec. 15 (Special)—The Lebanon grade school hoop team racked up a 29-26 victory over the Jefferson graders here today in an overtime contest which was tied 26-26 at the end of regulation time.

COUGARS TRIUMPH

PULLMAN, Dec. 15 (AP)—The Washington State college basketball team ticked off its fifth consecutive win in non-conference play tonight by turning back Gonzaga university 40 to 33.

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STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

Murakowski or Stuart--Tossup

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Either Art Murakowski of North-western or Bobby Jack Stuart of Army pulled the most electrifying play of the 1948 football season, depending upon which expert does the voting.

Murakowski produced his gem in the second half of the Northwestern-Notre Dame classic, when he plucked an Irish pass

out of the air and tore 90 yards down the sideline to put the Wildcats in front 9-6. That Notre Dame rallied to win did not detract from Murakowski's valiant effort.

More than half the sports writers who participated in the annual Associated Press poll to pick the most spectacular play of the recent campaign voted either for Stuart or Murakowski, with opinion about evenly divided.

Running third for the distinction was a play in the same game in which Stuart made his run. That was when Arnold Galiffa, Army quarterback and passer, shot a pass to End John Trent in the end zone in the last 35 seconds to win the contest and keep the Cadets undefeated.

Game Commission Meet Here; Fish, Hunt Problems Buzzed

By Al Lightner

The Oregon State Game commission, that oft-unappreciated body which shoulders the huge load of keeping streams and fields abundant with fish and game, regulating their future and absorbing the thousands of complaints from sportsmen,

Padres Name Bucky Harris

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (AP)—Stanley "Bucky" Harris, former manager of the New York Yankees, will manage the San Diego, Calif., club of the Pacific Coast league next season.

Harris signed a one year contract with William Starr, president of the Padres, to manage the team. The 1949 season will mark Harris' second minor league venture. He managed Buffalo in the International league before assuming the management of the Yankees in 1947 and went on to win a world's championship the same year.

\$22,500, Whew

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 15 (AP)—The signing of Bucky Harris as manager of San Diego baseball club of the Pacific Coast league was front page news in all papers here today. The Tribune-Sun and the Daily Journal both said the one-year contract reportedly called for a salary of \$22,500.

Fischer Voted Outland Trophy

DES MOINES, Dec. 15 (AP)—William (Moose) Fischer, captain of the undefeated Notre Dame football team, today was declared the winner of the Dr. John H. Outland trophy by the Football Writers association of America.

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Pete Traded For McCormick

Annual Major League Session Winds Up

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (AP)—Pistol Pete Reiser, once the pride of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was traded to the Boston Braves today for outfielder, Mike McCormick and an unnamed player.

No cash was involved in the swap of veteran outfielders that closed the annual winter baseball meetings during which players with a total value of well over a million dollars changed hands.

Reiser, who has made a career out of running full speed into ball park fences, struggled through the worst season of his career in 1948. He hit only 286 in 64 games as compared with his brilliant rookie year in 1941 when he led the league with 343. Bone chips in his ankle and severe headaches kept Reiser on the bench most of the time. When he did play it was only in spurts. He was shunted from the outfield to third and even played first base briefly. At the end of this disastrous year, he told newsmen he wanted to be traded although his contract called for between \$18,000 and \$3,000. He can't be cut more than 25 per cent.

Boston has been combing the majors and high minors looking for an outfielder, the weakest spot on the 1948 pennant winning club. Manager Billy Southworth of the Braves has been most effective in reviving the drooping spirits of players whose play has fallen off with other clubs.

Reiser will be 29 by the time the next baseball season opens. McCormick, 31, is a veteran of Cincinnati's fine teams of the early 1940's. A righthanded hitter, he enjoyed his best season, .301 last year, while Reiser was having his worst.

There was no mention of the name of the other Boston player to be delivered to the Dodgers later.

The meetings provided the most trade action seen in many seasons. No less than 23 big leaguers changed hands in seven transactions involving only major league teams.

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