Foxes, Molalla In Top Clash

WVL Basketball Race Now in Big Dogfight

WILLAMETTE VALLEY LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	pf	pa
Silverton	2	1	.667	116	113
Molalla	2	1	.667	109	99
Mt. Angel	2	1	.667	80	77
Estacada	2	1	.667	102	87
Dallas	1	2	.333	91	98
Woodburn	1	2	.333	88	77
Canby	1	2	.333	115	130
Sandy	1	2	.333	108	131

Tuesday night games: Woodburn at Estacada, Molalla at Silverton, Mt. Angel at Canby, Dallas at Sandy.

Silverton and Molalla, sharers of the Willamette Valley league basketball lead along with Mt. Angel and Estacada now that the race has developed into a dogfight, play in the loop's feature clash Tuesday night at Silverton. At the same time Woodburn's Blue Bulldogs go to Estacada, Mr. Angel's Preps travel to Canby and Dallas' Dragons trek to Sandy. All varsity battles will start immediately following Bee team tilts at seven o'clock.

Helping to make the standings grow tighter last week were upset losss handed both Mt. Angel and Estacada, previously undefeated. Dallas nipped the Preps in a tightly-played battle at Dallas, and Budd Gronquist's Molallans handed the Rangers their bitter pill at Molalla. Both games were very close. Sandy also pitched in an upset by downing Woodburn in a three-pointer at Woodburn. Silverton served impressive notice by whacking Canby, 46-35.

Marion-Polks Slate Action

MARION-POLK STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	pf	pa
Salem Acad.	1	0	.1000	39	28
Independence	1	0	.1000	33	27
Monmouth	0	1	.000	27	32
Stayton	0	1	.000	28	39
Sacred Heart	0	0	.000	00	00
Philomath	0	0	.000	00	00

Tuesday night games: Sacred Heart at Philomath, Salem Academy at Independence.

Marion-Polk basketball leaguers go into the second round of play Tuesday night when Sacred Heart Academy of Salem plays Independence and Salem Academy plays at Philomath. Both the Hopsters and Hornets are now tied for the league lead as a result of Friday night's opening games.

Stayton and Monmouth, beaten in the first round, draw byes Tuesday night. Bee teams will play prelim games Tuesday also.

TOURNEY SLATED

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 10 -(AP)-The fifth annual Jacksonville $10,000 invitational golf tournament will be staged March 18-21, Links Chairman Harry Fromme of the sponsoring junior chamber of commerce said tonight.

Set to Pitch Against Pilots

Big Ted Loder, last year an outstanding prep cager with Milwaukie and now possessor of a starting berth on the potent Willamette U team, will be in the WU-Portland U action at Willamette gym tonight. Loder's all-around ability has been a big help to the Bearcats this season.

Bearcats, Pilots Meet In Cage Battle Tonight

One of the top basketball plums of the local season—Willamette vs. Portland U — blossoms on the WU pavilion floor tonight at eight o'clock. And from all appearances of past mixes the two teams have had this campaign against common opponents, the clash looms as much a thriller as have been so many WU-PU scraps of years gone by.

Coach Mush Torson brings in a veteran outfit, including such hardwood prominents as Jackson Winters, Leo Grosjacques, Hal Holden, Bob Devich and Fred (Happy) Lee. They helped break even in two games with Willamette last year and on Saturday night spanked Linfield, 64-41, a score that outshines the 51-44 by which Coach Johnny Lewis' locals thumped the Wildcats Friday night. On the other hand, however, Willamette fared better in point-making against Oregon State than did the Pilots this season.

The Bearcats will have almost as much experience and just about as much height to pitch tonight as have the Portlands. Jim, Bob and Ted Johnson, Tommy Warren, Dick Allison and a few others were around for the Cats last year against PU.

Another sizzler is expected in the 6:30 o'clock prelim also, when the schools' strong Frosh teams bang away. Jerry Lillie's WU's are unbeaten, and the Pilot Yearlings can boast a mark almost as glossy. Probable varsity lineups, with heights:

Portland			Willamette
Foleen (6-1)	F	(6-1)	B. Johnson
Devich (6-1)	F	(6-3)	Loder
Winters (6-5)	C	(6-3)	J. Johnson
Gros. (5-11)	G	(5-10)	T. Johnson
Lee (5-6)	G	(5-8)	Warren

Slicker Start Again Delayed

Poor playing conditions over the weekend forced another postponement of the first round in the Salem Golf club's annual Slicker tourney. An icy wind and considerable snow on the fairways and greens discouraged any action whatsoever and officials moved the first round deadline back to next Sunday night.

The Slicker openers had earlier been postponed because of the holidays.

Aiken Speaks To C-C Group

Witty Oregon Coach Delivers on Football

Oregon Football Coach Jim Aiken, as sharp and interesting with the after-dinner words as he is as a grid mentor, made no bones about two things in his Salem talk Monday:

He's seriously considering a football coaching job offer from University of Nebraska.

He'd like to stay at Oregon, "and I hope to fix myself up to be able to stay here," he added with a twinkle.

Otherwise, Aiken said bluntly, "I don't know what I'm going to do," in referring to the Nebraska offer in his talk before Salem Chamber of Commerce at luncheon yesterday. He said definitely he'd visit Nebraska to look the place over.

The gravel-voiced mentor of the U of O Webfoots regaled a packed house of 230 chamber members and guests with football stories and sidelights of the Cotton bowl game in which his team bowed to the Southern Methodist eleven.

"Our team never quit in the Cotton bowl but we just weren't quite as sharp as we might have been," Aiken said flatly, without apology.

Aiken's other remarks virtually conceded the loss of Oregon's passing great, Norm Van Brocklin, to professional football. "I think Van's going pro, and I don't think we can do anything about it," the coach remarked. He added, "I believe he was spending some of that pro money around Dallas."

Aiken admitted to being an optimistic type of coach and proved it by saying he looked forward to another good Oregon team next football season. "Sure we'll lose lots of linemen, but we could put a good line on the field right now," Aiken stated.

Anticipating Van Brocklin's loss, the coach said Oregon would be looking for another passer and if one turns up, "you can be guaranteed he'll be protected."

Aiken said the entire Oregon team which visited Dallas, Tex., for the Cotton bowl encounter was impressed by Texan hospitality. And of all characteristic Texan things, the boys liked best that Texas drawl, said the coach. "Why those boys could stand around talking to the Texas girls for hours just to hear that drawl."

Aiken told a yarn on Bob Anderson, husky U of O gridder, who had to report a breakage to the hotel desk in Dallas, in accordance with one of the team's rules to the effect that any player breaking something in his room would report the incident to the desk immediately.

Aiken said Anderson was wrestling around and managed to break an old-fashioned "thing" under the bed. Reporting this breakage, Anderson became embarrassed, but when the woman at the hotel desk asked him if he meant "the pitcher" in the room, Anderson replied, "No, ma'm, I mean the catcher."

Beavers Obtain Eddie Fernandez

PORTLAND, Jan. 10 -(AP)- The Portland Beavers of the Coast league today announced the signing of a catcher and two pitchers.

The hurlers were Tommy Bridges and Bill Fleming. Both were with the Beavers last year. The catcher is Eddie Fernandez, picked up as a free agent.

CHARLES BOUT SET

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10-(AP)-Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati contender for the world heavyweight championship, and Johnny Haynes today were matched by Johnny Attell for a 10-round bout at the arena, Feb. 7.

OOSTERBAAN TALKS

PORTLAND, Jan. 10 -(AP)- Ben Oosterbaan, Michigan football coach, visited here today. Sponsored by a Michigan alumni group, he spoke at a noon luncheon and at

STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

Ross, Clements in Top Beef

Tough Tony Ross and the rapidly ascending Bulldog Jackson protege, Bulldog Clements, will do the romping and stomping in the main event on tonight's armory mat card, but Matchmaker Elton Owen, in order to make the party the "stupendous card" he claims it is, has also added a full-fledged tag team as another part of the top feature. Four men will uncork the tag teamer—Tex Hager and Rene LaBell on the cleanie side and Tarzan (New Look) Zimba and Irish Jack O'Reilly on the meanie team. Theirs will be 2-of-3 falls or 45 minutes, same as main eventers Ross and Clements.

TONY ROSS
Would scramble bulldogs.

As an 8:30 p.m. commencer, Owen has brought in Filipino Panteleon Manlapig for a debut, and against giant whirl artist Billy Weidner. Buck Davidson will referee.

Since making his recent comeback, Ross has been heading for bigger things on the local mat. He asked for the Clements match and insists that if the pesky Bulldog Jackson gets too gay as Clements' second, he (Ross) will flatten the both of them.

Local Trundlers Rank High in State Tourney

Four Salem entries held down top spots as the first week of action ended in the State Bowling tournament at Eugene Sunday.

The local Cupboard Cafe five boasts high score in the Class A team event with a 2721 score and in Class C it's the Master Breads holding the number one rung with a 2589 total. Local women trundlers also are making a strong bid. Lutz Florists' feminine rollers pace the Class C team field to date with 2111. And, individually, Charlotte Possehl of Salem stands out with her 1504 which gives her the lead in the race for gals' Class B all-events honors.

Walt Cline, jr., Salem, stands second in men's Class A singles with a smart 637 which he turned in Sunday. Don Ferguson, Klamath Falls, is current A singles leader with an imposing 668.

The Walt Cline father and son combination ranks third in Class A doubles with 1159. Ed Dilich and Chet Staples, Portland, lead that event with 1169.

In women's action Carla Robertson, Salem, rates second in Class B singles with 486 and Eleanor Lutz is runnerup in C singles with 388.

Ranking second in women's B doubles are Possehl and Dorothea Olney with 968.

Northern Fives Resume Friday

NORTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	pf	pa
Wash. St.	2	0	.1000	89	83
Oregon St.	1	1	.500	95	104
Washington	1	1	.500	104	95
Idaho	1	1	.500	108	102
Oregon	1	3	.250	185	197

Northern division, Pacific Coast conference basketball teams go back into action Friday with Idaho playing at Oregon and Washington at Washington State. Following Saturday night second games, only Idaho holds over until Monday and Tuesday nights of next week to play Oregon State at Corvallis.

Results thus far indicate that those experts who picked the race as close were right. Washington State bumped Oregon twice, but only by three points in both games. Oregon and Idaho broke even, as did Washington and Oregon State in two-game series last week.

Albany Downs Vik Grapplers

Hank Juran's Salem high wrestling team suffered a setback in its opening match of the year here Monday night, losing to Albany, 41-34. The Albany crew copped 11 of the 19 battles.

The Viks next meet Newberg here Thursday night.

95 pounds — Southwick (A) decisioned Neufeldt. 98 — Baxter (A) decisioned Moore (S). 112 — White (A) decisioned Keppenger (S). 123 — McClean (A) decisioned Lewis (S). 125 — Lebold (A) decisioned Long (S). 135 — Eshleman (S) decisioned Sease (A). 136 — Benson (S) pinned Hodges (A). 135 — Logan (S) decisioned Peterson A). 129 — Hageman (S) pinned Goode (A). 145 — Schweitz (S) pinned Opprock (A). 136 — Geister (A) pinned Spriggs (S). 147 — F. Yellen S) pinned Reuland (A). 154 — Dryden (A) decisioned L. Yellen (S). 152 — Lay (A) pinned M. Karn (S). 151 — Mel. Karn (S) decisioned Kraft (A). 155 — Lamb (S) pinned Durr (A). 162 — Gilliam (A) pinned Kennedy S). 191 — Earl (A) pinned Thompson (S). 200 — Huffman (A) decisioned Paulson (S).

WI Loop May Take Over Spokane Club

Abel Says Temporary Action Eyed As Action to Team's Difficulties

SPOKANE, Jan. 10-(AP)-The Western International baseball league is ready to take over Spokane's league franchise temporarily if necessary to get a Spokane team on the field next spring, President Robert B. Abel said today.

League directors will try to work out a solution to the tangled Spokane problem tomorrow.

Abel said at a sports writers' meeting that the league "is willing to come to the assistance" of Co-owners J. Lamar Butler and Buddy Ryan in rebuilding a home field destroyed by fire last October.

The league might take over the franchise in trust, he said, and operate the team.

"If the owners settled their difficulties they could come back in and get their franchise back," he added.

This solution would be "one idea," Abel said. He admitted that "it will be no simple thing to satisfy the claims of all the interests involved."

Butler has insisted he intends to rebuild Ferris field by spring, but Abel commented "We know we can't have any steel and concrete field out there by April."

He suggested that Spokane might have to operate with temporary type seats for a year or two.

Abel said Ryan had told him he intended to dissolve his partnership with Butler. Butler has been trying to get insurance problems settled, and this has been delaying a decision on reconstruction plans.

Abel said he was confident baseball could continue here next season if Butler permits the league to help.

Moe Gives Up Grid Position

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10-(AP)-Hal Moe resigned as football coach at the University of Portland today to devote full time to his position as athletic director and head of the physical education department. The former Oregon State backfield star has held all three positions since 1946. His teams had won 5, lost 19 and tied 2.

The Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, president of the university, said Moe's letter of resignation explained that his duties had increased with the school's growth and he had decided to devote his time only to the directorship. Father Mehling said the school now would accept applications for the football job. He added that no candidates yet have been interviewed.

Coyotes Chew Badger Outfit

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 10-(AP) -A second half drive gave College of Idaho a 66 to 51 victory over Pacific university of Forest Grove, Ore., in a northwest conference basketball game tonight.

Coll. of Ida.			Pacific
Larsen (1)	F	(6)	Rooney
Jensen (8)	F	(2)	Moran
Adamson (6)	G	(9)	Whitbeck
Faylor (5)	G	(8)	McKenzie
Lee (8)	C	(6)	McDonald

Substitutes: College of Idaho — McCollum 12 Sayre 2 Dunn 4 Lonergan 9, Jones 5, Keyes 6. Pacific — Sickler 4, Melton 5, Dall 5, Morgan 6.

Pioneers Top Whitman Five

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 10-(AP)-Lewis and Clark clung to a slim lead for the last 10 minutes of the game to edge out the Whitman Missionaries, 61-56, in a northwest conference basketball game here tonight.

L. & C (61)			(56) Whitman
Mills (11)	F	(15)	Blickenstaff
Sempert (14)	F	(9)	Garrett
Pollard (15)	C	(13)	Heron
Wilson (2)	G	(3)	Green
Downey (18)	G	(14)	Iglehart

Lewis and Clark subs — Peterson 1, Kelsay; Whitman subs — Boyes 1, Morris 1, Anderson.

Howell Heads Coast Coaches

MOSCOW, Idaho, Jan. 10-(AP)-The new president of the Pacific Coast conference Football Coaches association is one of the youngest of the PCC mentors, in both tenure and age. Idaho's M.F. (Dixie) Howell confirmed today that he had been named president of the group at a recent meeting in San Francisco.

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Taft, Oregon, compiled by U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Oregon.

Jan.	HIGH WATER Time	Ht.	LOW WATER Time	Ht.
11	9:02 a.m.	7.1	2:40 a.m.	3.4
	11:31 p.m.	4.7	4:40 p.m.	-0.1
12	9:48 a.m.	7.4	3:34 a.m.	3.5
			5:24 p.m.	-0.6
13	12:15 a.m.	5.0	4:28 a.m.	3.6
	10:35 a.m.	7.6	6:06 p.m.	-1.0

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

Smatterings: Jack (Ginger) Snapp took a pasting from Al Hostak in Seattle the other night and it was the same old buggaboo that has given the Klamath puncher such a bad time in the past—a left hand—that did most all the damage. It has been noticeable all along the Snapp career that anytime he jumped in with someone who could hit with a left hand, that someone could also hit young Jack often and solidly. Bobby Volk, possessor of one of the best southpaw shots in the business, proved it. So did Hostak by decking Snapp three times with portside punches. . . . Incidentally, Hostak is dead serious about his current comeback tour. Twice middleweight champion of the world, the Seattle idol celebrated his 33rd birthday by kayoing Snapp. When asked what he thought of his future after the fight, Hostak beamed, "Marcel Cerdan (middleweight champ at present) is 34 years old, you know." . . .

Al Hostak

Speaking of the fistics, we have had no publicity from Tex Salkeld for what was to have been the regular armory fight night Wednesday. After the empty houses the gloved gladiators were greeted by on the last two shows, Tex likely has decided to either give up here or wait until he has something good to sell. . . . Meanwhile there's supposed to be a battle on between Salkeld at Portland and Joe Waterman, Seattle matchmaker to lure the services of Joe Kahut in a mix with the prominent heavyweight, Turkey Thompson. . . .

He figured for years the White Sox was one of three clubs he didn't want to join, the Browns and Washingtons being the others. But now Bill Bevens also figures he might be able to do the Sox and himself some good. Bill has been shaping up in daily sorties at the "Y", and says his lame arm, the one that kept him from serving up a single pitch in a major league game last season, "feels pretty good." Important also is the fact that Bevens has rode tight herd on his weight all fall and winter. At this time a year ago he looked down on the 250 mark. Right now he's flirting with 220, his regular fighting weight. In a way, 'tis good to see the guy go to the White Sox, if it had to be. For the Sox just so happened to be one of the clubs that gave Bill most of his fits in the four years he was with the Yankees. . . .

Collegiate football winning records may come and go, but it will take one of miraculous hue to better that compiled by the late Gil Dobie when he bossed the Washington Huskies in pre-World War I years. In Dobie's nine seasons with the Huskies he merely won 58, lost NONE and tied three! Brother! . . . Lucky guys: A look at a winter league baseball box score in a Sacramento paper listed the following WIL'ers in one game—Ed Samcoff, Bud Sheely, George Valine, Gene Petralli, Ray Perry, Frank Nelson and Gene Babbitt. Of course it didn't say whether they were wearing mittens and ear muffs, and swinging at snowballs. . . .

Lew Beck, the ex-Oregon Stater who has been dubbed as "one of the finest all-around basketball players the Phillips Oilers ever had" by Coach Bud Browning, still sports the No. 11 he wore as an OSC'er. He had that identification during the Olympics also. . . . Another court whiz who has latched onto the same number is Sammy White, the do - everything Washington Husky. . . .

Had the pleasure of buzzing with Howie Odell, Washington football coach, the other night, in Seattle and heard some interesting comments on the Rose Bowl game from a gent who analyzed it critically and professionally. Odell believes Northwestern not a single bit better than California, if as good. In fact, had the Bears turned to their passing game more they might had whupped the Wildcats but good. "Northwestern at times played eight and nine-man lines on defense in midfield, and left itself wide open for passes," attested Odell. "But no passes came. I would have passed them dizzy. It's amazing to me that California made as much ground yardage, over 200 yards, as it did against that kind of defense. I thought California outplayed them."

Odell is completely over the illness that kept him hospitalized throughout last season and anticipates a fine campaign for the Huskies next fall.

Ironmen Accused

OTTAWA, Jan. 10-(AP)-T. P. (Tommy) Gorman, president of the Ottawa Forum company, charged today that the Seattle Hockey club of the Pacific Coast league is attempting to lure several players away from Ottawa Senators of the Quebec senior Hockey league.

Woolens Lose

OREGON CITY, Jan. 10-(Special)-The strong Pearson's Tavern quint edged out the Salem Page Woolens, 69-64, here tonight.

Page Wool (64)		(69) Pears. Tav.
Page (11)	F	(9) Lantz
McRae (17)	F	(9) Deller
McElravy (12)	C	(2) Hoivell
Bower (10)	G	(14) Misley
Mason (12)	G	(18) Metzler

Reserves scoring: Woolens — Bates 2. Pearson's — Hoffman 7, Matile 2, Leonard 8. Halftime score: Pages 40, Pearsons 31.

Church Results

In A league action last night the Nazarenes topped the Saints, 35-23; Mennonites beat First Baptist, 34-27; and First Christian edged the Presbyterians, 30-29. In the B loop it was First Baptist 38, Salvation Army 18; First Church of God 35, First Congregational 34; and Court St. Christian 34, Leslie Methodist 21.

Basketball Games:

Following is a list of college and high school basketball games Tuesday night in this area, or involving teams associated with this area:

COLLEGE

Portland vs. Willamette in WU gym, 8 p. m. (Frosh teams play at 6:30. Linfield vs. OCE at Monmouth.

HIGH SCHOOL

Woodburn at Estacada, Dallas at Sandy, Mt. Angel at Canby, Molalla at Silverton, Sacred Heart Academy at Philomath, Salem Bible Academy at Independence, Corvallis at Eugene (Wednesday), Springfield at St. Mary's, Redmond at Bend, Monmouth at Falls City, Turner at Sublimity, Gervais at Oregon School for the Deaf, St. Paul at Hubbard, Detroit at Mill City, Jefferson at Chemawa, Gates at Aumsville.

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