N'West Conference Slates Final Games

Bearcats Plan Title Tie on Wins Over Coyotes, Whits This Week

The Northwest Conference basketball race crosses the finish line this week, after five games, three of which will have a definite bearing on the 1949 pennant winner. The Lewis & Clark Pioneers, with only Pacific to play Friday night, can clinch no worse than a tie for the title with a victory over the second division Badgers. That game ends conference play for both teams.

Willamette's Bearcats, in second place half a game behind the Pioneers, play College of Idaho here Friday night, and Whitman Saturday night. Two WU wins, plus the expected L-Clark conquest of Pacific, will end the race with Willamette and the Pioneers tied for the title. A loss either Friday or Saturday for Coach Johnny Lewis' Cats will hand them a second place finish for the season, however.

The other two finals for the week find the Coyotes and Whits changing off with Willamette and Linfield. While C of Idaho is here Friday, Whitman is at Linfield. On Saturday the Coyotes play at Linfield.

The Bearcats are this week busily preparing for their windups, after which they will enter the district NAIB tournament with Portland U, Lewis & Clark and Southern Oregon February 28-March 1, in Portland.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
L-Clark	7	2	.816	Whitman	4	4	.500
Willamette	6	2	.750	Pacific	3	6	.333
C-Idaho	4	4	.500	Linfield	1	7	.125

This week's games: Friday—College of Idaho at Willamette, Whitman at Linfield, Pacific at Lewis & Clark. Saturday—Whitman at Willamette, College of Idaho at Linfield.

Hornets Meet 'Hawk Icemen

Salem's Hornets, second place holders in the Oregon Hockey league, will attempt to gain on the loop - leading Eugene Red Wings tonight as they collide with the Portland Blackhawks on the local ice arena at 8:30.

Manager Doc Guyer announces his starting lineup as Bill Faminow and himself at forwards; Howie West and Steve Faminow at the defense spots and Lynn Orton at the goal slot.

Tickets for the clash can be obtained at Maples.

TRAINING CALLS ELLIOTT

ROSEBURG, Feb. 22-(AP)-Glenn Elliott, Boston Braves' pitcher, will leave here Saturday to join the Braves' training camp in Florida. Elliott, who lives at Myrtle Creek, works in the shipping department of the Fir Manufacturing Co. in the winter.

Double Main Event Heads Boxing Show

Abney-Kennedy, Wolfe-Cliff Mixes On Top for Armory Party Tonight

Captained by a pair of eight-round main events, both in the 150-pound class, Matchmaker Tex Salkeld's 28-round fistic show will be pitched tonight at the armory, starting at 8:30 o'clock. The dual mainer will be backed by a trio of four-rounders. The entire show has been drawing more interest among the fans the past week than any one of the last three gloved shindigs Salkeld has installed here.

In the feature scrap, Salem's Dean Abney steps forth in his first role as a main eventer. The hard-working Dean, a much improved fighter in recent weeks under Handlers Manny Morrell and George Masters, goes in with Paul Kennedy, the muscular and capable negro lad from Longview with whom he wafted to a four-round draw in a corking battle on a Portland talent show a few weeks back. Kennedy downed Abney for a nine count in the second round, but Dean came bouncing back to earn a tie.

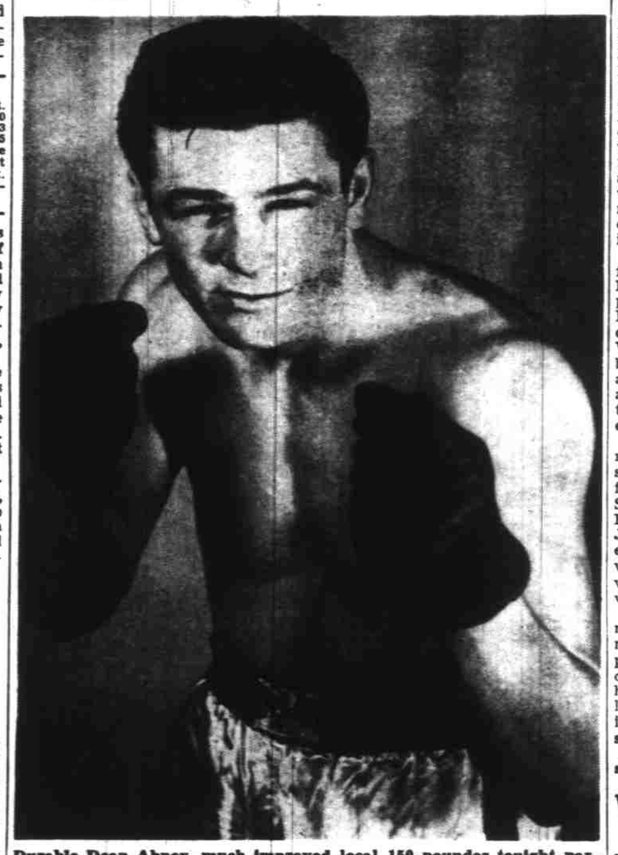
The second half of the double feature puts Dick Wolfe, the highly-rated Klamath Falls Indian prospect on with Al Cliff, rugged Portlander who lost to Abney via decision here two weeks ago. Wolfe is regarded as one of the better fistic prospects now operating in the state, and if both he and Abney can smack out wins tonight they'll no doubt be matched together on the next show.

Hoping his prelim action is as rip-snorting as it was on the last show, Salkeld has lined up the following four-masters: Jonn L. Sullivan, Portland, vs. Bobby Ford, Vancouver, heavyweights; Johnny O'Day, Portland, vs. Davey Bell, Bakersfield, middleweights, and Jimmy Proctor, vs. Les Webb, Portland, featherweights.

The veteran Sullivan will be meeting in Ford the long-armed negro slugger who showed much punching promise as a 16-year-old here a few years ago, but who has been in the army until recently. Ford had 25 bouts as a GI and is said to be a 100 per cent better scrapper now.

Popular prices prevail for the show.

Set for First Main Event



Durable Dean Abney, much improved local 150-pounder tonight partakes of his first fistic main event, an eight-rounder with Paul Kennedy of Longview. Another of the armory card's eight-round features puts Dick Wolfe in with Al Cliff, also in the 150-pound class.

Athletics, Woolens Nab AAU Cage Touney Wins

The Salem Athletic clubbers, manned by a nucleus of Willamette U Freshmen, and the Page Woolens, driven mostly by the same talented veterans who have performed for that team for years, last night annexed the wins in the first round of the District 16 AAU basketball tournament at Leslie Junior high. The Clubbers roared from behind in the fourth quarter to take a 48-39 victory over a quick and capable ball-handling Aumsville team. The Woolens, off to a 10-0 lead, swamped the Mill City Rockets 78-21.

In tonight's semifinal round the Athletics take on the Salem Naval Reserves, who held a bye last night, and the Woolens go against the Capital Post No. 9, American Legions, who also sat out the first round. Tonight's winners will play Thursday at eight o'clock for the title and trip to the state meet starting Sunday in Oregon City.

The Aumsvilles, sparked by Dalke and Gillispe, led almost throughout 3½ quarters, but then faded before the hard running attack of the Clubbers. Waldo Unruh and Reg Waters paced the attack on the Aumsville bucket, with 24 and 10 points, respectively. Dalke had 12 for Aumsville and Gillispe was the outstanding player on the court.

The Woolens-Mill City game was "no contest" from the start when Big Jack McElreavy popped in a lay-up after a fast break. The halftime count was 38-4, and the man-to-man defense used by the Woolens allowed very few shots. Frank Page wound up with 19 points to lead the win. Gene Mason had 14 and McElreavy 12. Carey finished with eight for the Rockets.

Aumsville (39) — (48) Athletics
Gilbert (4) — F — (24) Unruh
Dalke (12) — F — (4) Montag
R. Killinger (2) — C — (10) Waters
B. Killinger (6) — G — (3) Chamberlain
Gillispie (8) — G — (0) Riley
Reserves scoring: Aumsville—Strawn 4, Wheitmanl, Russell 2. Athletics—McCalanan 2, Pointers 5.
Halftime score: Aumsville 26-32.

Woolens (78) — (21) Rockets
Page (19) — F — (6) Lalack
McRae (10) — F — (8) Carey
McElreavy (12) — C — (3) Manning
Bower (4) — G — (0) Johnson
Seburn (8) — G — (2) Berkey
Reserves scoring: Woolens — Mason 14, Bellinger 10, Bates 4, Allison 2, Lind 2.
Halftime score: Woolens 38-4.
Officials: Salstrom and Sheldon.

Eagles Capture Tie for Crown

STAYTON, Feb. 22 -(Special)- The Stayton Eagles tonight downed Monmouth, 34-25, to end their Marion - Polk season in a championship tie with the Salem Academy. Both titlists won eight and lost two for the season. There will be no playoff for the title — two trophies will be given. Nightingale led tonight's win with 10 points.

Monmouth (38) — (34) Stayton
Groves (9) — F — (4) Steward
Lytle (4) — F — (5) Norton
Rosenstock (7) — C — (7) Lyons
Thompson (2) — G — (10) Nightengale
Buss (1) — G — (8) McClelland
Reserves scoring: Monmouth—Humphreys 2.

PILOTS DUMP PIONEERS

PORTLAND, Feb. 22-(AP)-The University of Portland Pilots thumped in a 66 to 53 victory over Lewis and Clark Pioneers in a non-conference basketball clash here tonight.

Rucker Holdout; West Wallops; Seattle Aces Dissatisfied

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Feb. 22-(AP)-Two more pitchers—veteran Bob Joyce and rookie Bill Courage—swelled the early-bird battery brigade at the Portland Beavers training camp today. Joyce was signed by the Beavers after his recent release by San Francisco.

Business manager Bill Mulligan listed outfielder Johnny Rucker as the lone remaining Beaver holdout.

ONTARIO, Calif., Feb. 22-(AP Max West, Coast league homer champ two years ago, signalled his return to western pastures with a pair of out of the park swats today at San Diego's training chores. West spent last season with Pittsburgh.

Holdout problems still confronted the Padre front office, with infielders Steve Mesner and Pete Coscarart, outfielder Buster Adams, catcher Earl Kuper and pitcher Tommy Seats all unsigned.

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 22-(AP)-Floyd Speer, righthanded pitcher of the Coast league championship Oakland Oaks, was sold today to Dallas of the Texas league. He won 12 and lost three with the Oaks last year.

BOYES HOT SPRINGS, Calif., Feb. 22-(AP)-Rain spoiled the start of the San Francisco Seals' spring baseball training season for the second straight day today. Manager Frank J. O'Doul ordered his men to suit up at 10:30 a. m., but a few minutes later cancelled the order and told them to report back tomorrow morning.

FULLERTON, Calif., Feb. 22-(AP)-The Los Angeles Angels prepared today to open their spring training activity with at least 25 players on hand.

Manager Bill Kelly will be assisted by coaches Jack Warner and Jigger Statz at initial drills tomorrow. Statz, former Angel manager, has been signed to help out with pre-season chores.

SAN FERNANDO, Calif., Feb. 22-(AP)-Right handed pitcher Jim Hughes and outfielder Andy Skurski arrived at the Hollywood Stars spring training camp today, raising the player total to 29. Hughes played for Muskegon, Mich., last year and won 16, lost 13.

WILMINGTON, Calif., Feb. 22-(AP)-Manager Jo Jo White of the Seattle Rainiers reported today that Guy Fletcher and Dick (Kewpie) Barrett, star pitchers, are still holdouts. White said Barrett and the club front office are fairly close together on terms but that Fletcher's demands are far from being reconciled.

Orange, Duck Quints Gird for Cage Opener

By the Associated Press

Oregon State's Beaver hoopsters and their ancient rivals, the Oregon Webfeet, settled down to preparations Monday for the opening clash of their annual civil war series at Eugene Friday night. The two clubs have four tilts ahead of them. The Orangemen and Ducks have four tilts to play—the second being set for Corvallis Saturday night—and the title hopes of the currently Northern Division leading Beavers rest squarely on how they come out against John Warren's crew in those four battles.

OSC Mentor Slats Gill emphasized Monday to his charges that their big task will be stopping Oregon's high-scoring Roger Wiley. The Bevos romped through a scrimmage last night. All injuries were reported coming along well, including Cliff Crandall's bum knee.

At Eugene the Ducks ran through a rugged drill Monday and Warren hinted he may start the same lineup which opened against USF last week end. That would include Paul Sowers and Bob Amacher at the forwards; Don Peterson and John Neeley at the guards and Rog Wiley at the pivot post.

A sellout of the big McArthur court arena is assured for the opening encounter between the inter-state rivals.

Wolves Topple Pacific Quint

OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Feb. 22 -(Special)- The Oregon College of Education Wolves tonight handed the favored Pacific U Badgers a 75-64 basketball licking, after leading 36-21 at halftime. Coach Bob Knox' crew, in a torrid mood, led throughout.

Marv Hiebert, with 21 points, led the win. Les Palmer had 15 and Harrell Smith 14 for OCE. Bob Morgan for Pacific pumped in 18 points. In the Jayvee prelim the Pacifics won 57-42.

OCE (75)	fg	ft	pf	tp	(64) Pacific	fg	ft	pf	tp
Smith,f	5	4	5	14	Morgon,f	7	4	2	18
Hibert,f	9	3	4	21	M'Knzie,f	2	2	3	6
Palmer,c	6	3	4	15	Rooney	2	0	2	4
McKee,g	1	2	4	4	Moram	1	0	3	2
Holwegr,g	2	0	0	4	M'Donald	3	1	4	7
Buckley,f	3	0	2	6	Whitbck,f	3	6	5	12
Mattism,f	0	2	0	2	Jurk,f	1	0	0	2
Thayer,c	0	0	2	0	Palmer,f	0	0	0	0
Hamer,g	1	0	0	2	Milton,f	0	1	1	1
Humble	2	3	4	7	Sickler,c	5	0	3	10
					Logsdon,g	1	0	1	2
					Coborn,g	0	0	1	0
Totals	29	17	25	75	Totals	25	14	25	64

Free throws missed: OCE 10, Pacific 9.

Olsen Signs Pact for '49

Big Jim Olsen, pitcher - outfielder with the Salem Senators last season, yesterday signed his 1949 contract, it was announced by Business Manager George Emigh after Olsen, of Everett, Wash., visited the local baseball office. Down to 206 pounds, considerable under the weight he carried last season, Olsen expects to have a better season than he had last year when he won 17 and lost 10.

Emigh also announced that 19-year-old Bob Courage of Seattle has been signed. He is a catcher and has had no previous baseball experience.

Duck Pins

In Men's City league action last night at B and B Bowling courts it was Davis Oil 3, Les Newman's 1; Sunset Donuts 3, Elsner Motors 1; Commercial Seat Cover Co. 4, Mick's Sign Shop 0; Malm's Chevron Station 3, Olson Florists 1. Davis Oil copped top team series and game with 2280 and 847, Eddie Hensel's 522 was high solo series and Bill Gauthler's 203 was best individual game.

Bowling Scores

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE NO. 4
KARR'S (1)—Hart 476, Page 539, Olney jr. 436, Albrich 512, Olney sr. 554. SNO BOY'S (2)—Haagenson 564, Ray Aleshire 537, McNell 467, McKinney 504, Mgrrell 481.
TRAILWAYS (2)—Pederson 540, McNall 499, Cross 476, McCluskey 610, Ertsgaard 429. BRANT'S BUILDERS (1)—Farrar 452, Futrell 407, Miller 429, Brant 494, Thompson 500.
REMINGTON RAND (1) — Colburn 505, Willard 390, Reeves 412, R. Reeves 508, Creswell 583. BLUE LAKE PACKERS (2)—Ayers 373, Johnson 451, Walls 504, Rayburn 547, Carlson 579.
SHROCK'S (1)—Wisser 392, White 389, Klein 391, Underwood 340, Boniface 509. SALEM HEAVY HAULING (2)—Buisman 434, J. Cracroft 407, Wilder 463, R. Farley 442, B. Cracroft 399.
KEITH BROWN (3)—Murdock 546, Sours 539, Jernigan 505, D. Hillerich 444, Hedges 516. THRIFTWAY CLEANERS (0)—Friese 384, B. Creasy 398, Houser 395, C. Creasy 406, Ross 513.
VALLEY MOTOR (2)—Doerfler 500, Myers 436, Bullock 371, J. Farley 505, Colwell 474. STETTLER SUPPLY CO. (1)—Muelhaupt 442, C. Stettler 394, B. Hillerich 465, Hendrie 462, F. Stettler.
High team series, Sno Boy's, 2601.
High individual series, Ed. McCluskey of Trailways, 610.
High individual game, Ed. McCluskey, 222, and Jack Haagenson of Sno Boys, 222.

Hugsted Takes Jump Laurels

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 22-(AP) Petter Hugsted, 1948 Olympic ski-jumping champion from Norway, today won the national ski jumping tournament with leaps of 262 and 263 feet. Winner of the class B competition was Bill Olson of Eau Claire, Wis., with jumps of 244 and 245 feet.

Behind Hugsted in the class A competition came Art Devlin of Lake Placid, N.Y., with 257 and 264 foot leaps for second place honors. Next in order came George Thrane of Norway, now an exchange student at Washington State college, 253 and 253; Sverre Kongsgaard, Norwegian exchange student at the University of Idaho, 262 and 262; and Art Tokle, Norway ski club, winner of last year's nationals, 252 and 265.

Teddies, Jeff Clinch Berths

PORTLAND, Feb. 22-(AP)-Roosevelt and Jefferson high school cinched a position in the state "A" high school basketball championship tournament today by defeating opponents and remained tied in the lead of the Metropolitan league.

Roosevelt won over Benson, 47 to 34, while Jefferson defeated Grant, 70 to 41. If they remain deadlocked in their two remaining games, a playoff or a coin flip may be made to decide the top bracket District 15 spot in the tournament.

Lachenmeier to Talk To Breakfast Group

Rudy Lachenmeier, sports editor of Portland radio station KGW will be the guest speaker Friday morning during the weekly meeting of the Salem Breakfast club at Nohlgren's restaurant. Club President Howard Maple urges a large turnout for the 7:30 a.m. breakfast-meeting.

AUBURNS TRIPPED

AUBURN, Feb. 22 - (Special) The Auburn Townies took their first loss of the season here tonight as they bowed to Keizer's town club, 49-43. O'Connor's 16 points paced the Keizers. Sohn got an equal number for Auburn.

Keizer (49) — (43) Auburn
Stevens (11) — F — (16) Sohn
O'Connor (16) — F — (7) Osborne
R. Province (4) — C — (9) Feskins
Tandy (12) — G — (4) Lannigan
Winkleblack (8) — G — (7) Olson
Reserves scoring: Keizer—Spalding 2.
Halftime score: Keizer 22, Auburn 17.
Official: B. Province.

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Taft, Oregon, February, 1949 (compiled by U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Oregon).

Feb.	HIGH WATER Time	Ht.	LOW WATER Time	Ht.
23	8:49 a.m.	6.6	2:48 a.m.	3.5
	11:19 p.m.	8.0	4:22 p.m.	-0.2
24	9:45 a.m.	6.6	3:53 a.m.	3.3
	11:57 p.m.	8.2	5:07 p.m.	-0.3
25	10:37 a.m.	6.7	4:47 a.m.	3.1
			5:46 p.m.	-0.3
26	12:27 a.m.	8.4	5:31 a.m.	2.8
	11:22 a.m.	6.6	6:20 p.m.	-0.2

Basketball Results

HIGH SCHOOL
Salem Bible 35, Sacred Heart 34
Stayton 34, Monmouth 25
Willamette Frosh 64, Vancouver, Wash., 37

(Portland)
Roosevelt 47, Benson 34
Jefferson 70, Grant 41
Lincoln 74, Cleveland 51
Franklin 41, Washington 26

Lebanon 58, Cottage Grove 38
Tillamook 38, Taft 25
St. Mary's (Eugene) 31, University (Eugene) 27
Tigard 53, Oregon City 21
Newberg 51, McMinnville 49
Estacada 42, West Linn 40
Mt. Angel 63, Sandy 48
Dayton 45, Molalla 24
Milwaukie 62, St. Helens 35
Garibaldi 60, Banks 45
Corbett 43, Mosier 24
Amity 46, Yamhill 26
Junction City 55, Sweet Home 34

COLLEGE
OCE 75, Pacific 64
Portland U 66, Lewis & Clark 53
Princeton 47, Yale 45
Long Island 78, Maryland St. 64
Alabama 43, Miss. State 31
North Carolina 53, Davidson 52
North Carolina St. 76, Furman 45
Conn. 64, Brooklyn Coll. 39

AAU TOURNEY
Page Woolens 78, Mill City 21
Salem Athletic Club 48, Aumsville 39

American 'Bob' Team Triumphs

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Feb. 22 (AP)- The ill-fated world bobsled championships, marred by accidents and hampered by unseasonal weather, finally came to a conclusion today with the United States sweeping the four - man races.

America's No. 2 team, with Stanley Beham of Lake Placid doing the driving, captured the title while Jim Bickford's No. 1 U. S. foursome wound up in second place. The Swiss team, piloted by Olympian Fritz Feierabend, was third and the French quartet fourth and last.

Benham's team completed the four one - mile heats in a total time of 4:53.27. On their final trip they were clocked in 1:12.58, best time of the day and four - man record for the course which underwent some changes this year.

The Frenchmen had withdrawn after an accident yesterday in which their two-man team of Henry Adan and Louis Saint Calbre cracked up at dangerous Shady Corner, but decided to re-enter today at the last minute.

Mat Victory To L'Chapelle

Maurice LaChapelle, the people's choice, last night used a dash of trickery in the final fall and came out winner in his mat main event at the armory. The win tosses LaChapelle in with Frank Stojack for a Coast junior heavy title belt scrap next week, as that plum is what Maurice and Canadian Herbie were biting at.

Parks won the first fall with a leg stomper, but LaChapelle got No. 2 with his pet "head snapper" and also No. 3 when Parks' headlock was broken by a ram into the ropes, after which he fell over Maurice and into the pinhold.

The Stojack-Rene LaBell duet won the thrill-filled tag team match over Bulldog Clements and Stockey Kneilsen. After both sides had taken a fall, Stojack and LaBell took turns drop-kicking Kneilsen into submission when the Tennessean's "pal," who had earlier banged a rib, refused to help his buddy out and left the premises with his master Bulldog Jackson. In the opener Bill Weidner and Bob Cummings went to a no-fall draw.

Bible Quintet Nabs Title Tie

Salem Bible Academy's cage crew finished in a tie with Stayton for the Marion-Polk league crown last night after coming through with a close 35-34 decision over Sacred Heart Academy in final league action. Both the Bibles and Stayton ended up with eight wins and two losses.

The SBAs moved to a 15-12 lead at the first quarter mark last night, only to have the fighting Sacred Hearts pull out in front, 22-16, at the half. The SHAs were still in front, 30-29 at the third quarter stop but the Bibles came through in the final eight minutes to grab the tilt. Goertzen paced the victors with 13 points. Davey got 10 to lead the Cards. Sacred Heart's Bees copped the prelim, 30-25.

Salem Academy (35) — (34) Sacred Heart
Zeller (9) — F — (4) Staudinger
Weins (2) — F — (1) Sundborg
Mikkleson (11) — C — (2) Ecker
Johnston (0) — G — (10) Davey
Gortzen (13) — G — (6) Cooney
Reserves: SHA—McCarthy (4), Nelson (7).
Halftime score: SHA 22, SA 16.
Officials: Evans and Seipp.

GREG IN BAROMETER

Corvallis, Feb. 22 -(AP)- The column of L. H. Gregory, sporting editor of The Oregonian, appeared today in The Barometer, Oregon State college student newspaper, because of a Portland strike. Gregory accepted the invitation of Sports Editor Stan Radovich to put the column, "Greg's Gossip," in the campus newspaper because of the strike of AFL pressmen against Portland dailies.

WU Frosh Wins

VANCOUVER, Feb. 22 -(Special)- Willamette university's Frosh rolled to a 64-37 victory over the Vancouver high quint here tonight.

RICKERT HAPPY

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 22-(AP)-Outfielder Marv Rickert today said he had accepted an offer to play with the Boston Braves during the 1949 season and described the agreement as the "best contract I've ever had."

Rollin' Along by Jerry Stone

Harv Storey and Roy Helser, guests at the recent Breakfast club baseball banquet, appreciated most of the jokes told during the evening but appeared just a bit uncertain how to take one of 'em. That one likened the Portland Beavers to the Supreme court since both include nine old men. When that quip hit the boys' ears they greeted 'er with frozen grimaces. Can you blame 'em? . . . Speaking of the ball session, such goings-on aren't the most appropriate places in the world for musical renditions. But it would certainly not have been out of order if the Beavers' Eddie Basinski had been invited to

JERRY GASTINEAU

contribute a violin solo. Eddie, the Portland second base mainstay, is a whiz on the strings, you know . . .

Jack Friel had good reason to rave about his Ed Gayda at last week's Breakfast club confab—and departing from the subject for just a moment, how in the world would the old town ever get along without the SBC organization. Now getting back onto the theme, wouldn't anyone go overboard on his ace-in-the-hole, wouldn't you feel like praising the talents of your indispensable man? Indispensable—that adjective fitted Gayda to the core in the WSC-Oregon State series. Ed tallied 41 points over the two nights which means he tossed in almost 50 per cent of the Cougars' 87 points during the crucial series . . .

Jerry Gastineau, Silverton's hoop mentor, was quite a cage performer for Willamette back around 1938 and the main tool of Jerry's basket career was a rafter tickling howitzer shot which he brought out with him from New Jersey. Gastineau's accuracy with his set shot created quite a stir among fans over the state since even in those "ancient" times the one-handed push shot was the common thing. Yes, Jerry could pot 'em with monotonous regularity from way out thar—and, naturally when the big guy went into the coaching game his impulse was to teach the howitzer magic to the kids under his wing. Jerry related the other night that the lad who best copied the Gastineau style of howitzer potting is Chuck Jandreau who has been doing some fantastic scoring for Southern Oregon's Red Raiders this year. Jerry had Chuck at Ashland . . .

Yale's Tony Lavelli is getting reams of publicity as the standout college scorer and Tony is, of course, the apple of Mentor Howard Hobson's eye. If Hobson were asked to name the greatest eager he ever coached he'd very likely reply with, "Lavelli." For time dims memory and sentiment, too. Remember? "Hobby" coached a pretty fair performer at Oregon by the name of Laddy Gale. Chances are that Lavelli does rate over Gale but Hobson will have to look a long time before he finds a better team than that 1939 Webfoot outfit. The '39 Oregons would simply have breezed through the current Northern Division race . . .

Reports on the southwest golf tournaments haven't listed Salem's Joe Steiger among the money winners. But then Joe really didn't expect to pocket any cash in his first real plunge into the tough "gold trail" . . . Jack Russell, one of the town's best linksmen a couple of years back before becoming a Sunday player, aims to swing his warclubs more frequently this season—and that means Jack will be one to reckon with in the Elks tourney and other meets this spring and summer.

If you want to reign as champ not a few years, not just a short interlude in your life span, but rather for decades—well take up billiards, brother. Chief piece of evidence behind that statement is Willie Hoppe. He's reached the point of venerability in just about everything but the cue sport. And few can touch him in that field . . .

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