

# Second Round of District 11 Play Due Tonight; Pilots Take NAIB Title; LC's Defeat Bearcats

## Vikings Play Sacred Heart

Mt. Angel, Stayton In 2nd Villa Game

Round No. 2 in the annual District 11 derby that sends its champion to Eugene and the state Class A basketball playoffs will be pitched tonight at the Vik Villa, starting at seven o'clock. The heat brings into action both the Sacred Heart Academy Cardinals and Stayton Eagles of the Marion-Folk circuit, after these teams had sat out Monday night's round with byes.

In the opener it will be the Cards, fourth placers in the M-P loop, against the Vikings, who downed Silverton Monday and who still are far away from the team to beat for the championship. Stayton's debut will be made in the second tilt, with Mt. Angel's Preps, who defeated Woodburn in the first round. Coach Joe Boyer's Staytons finished in a tie for the M-P championship. Gene Barrett's Preps wound up second in the Willamette Valley loop race.

Following tonight's games the journey rests until Friday, when Silverton plays the loser of tonight's first game at seven o'clock, and Woodburn plays the loser of tonight's second game. Two games will be played Saturday night also in the double elimination meet.

## Salkeld Busy Lining Fights

Still grinning after the slambang show of last week, Flaming Matchmaker Tex Salkeld yesterday was busy lining up the prelim talent for the next armory production, Wednesday night, March 9. The maestro hasn't named the gladiators for either of the three prelim affairs, but is busy supplying action in them comparable to that which helped make last week's show one of the finest seen here in many months.

The main events, two of same at eight rounds each, are set. In one it will be Dick Wolfe, Indian perpetual motion lad who kayaked Al Cliff last week, against Paul Kennedy, the impressive looking negro who clouted to a draw with Dean Abney. The second half pits Abney with Davey Ball, the Bakerville, Cal., 150-pounder who kicked Irish Johnny O'Day a week ago.

**REMATCH SET**  
PORTLAND, Ore., March 1-(AP)—A rematch of Oregon Joe Kabut of Woodburn and Baby Dutch Culbertson of Los Angeles has been arranged for March 18 here.

## Silver Fox Center Surrounded by Viks



Clarence Johansen (9) of Silverton managed to outjump Salem's Doug Rogers (nearest camera) for this rebound in Monday night's district game at the Villa, but he was surrounded by Vikings in the process. No. 8 is George Fredericksen and Gene Garver is No. 9. That's Lee Schamp of the Foxes in the background. Salem won the game easily, 79-33. Tonight's round pits the Vikings on with Sacred Heart at 7 o'clock, and Mt. Angel on with Stayton at 8:30.

## Viks to Defend Wrestling Toga

Coach Hank Juran and a 22-man Salem high wrestling squad will journey to Springfield today where they will defend their Big Six league mat crown in the annual loop grappling meet.

## PU Coaches Switch

FOREST GROVE, Ore., March 1-(AP)—Basketball coaching assignments at Pacific university for next year have been switched, placing Harold Wolf, now assistant, as head coach of the sport.

## Rollin' Along

Dick Wagner's TKO win over Billy Fox came as a welcome surprise to local fight followers who developed an admiration for the Oregon City kid in the two armory appearances he made a few years back. Fox two short years ago was rated the No. 1 challenger for the light-heavy crown before then-titlist Gus Lesnevich shot a hole through his dreams. Fox, incidentally, chalked up 51 straight knockouts in one stretch—so the stock of Wagner goes soaring . . . .

## 'Mina, Dayton Nab '8' Wins

McMINNVILLE, Mar. 1-(Special).—Williamina's basketball champs of the Yamhill county league, rolled to a 54-42 victory over Dallas' Dragons tonight in the opening round of the District 8 tourney. In another first-rounder, Dayton overwhelmed Sheridan, 48-19.

## Bowling Scores

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE NO. 1  
BROCK'S (9)—Linn 379, Wiger 486, Underwood 316, Nelson 422, 488, KARR'S (5)—Hart 448, Page 462, Olney Jr. 500, Nagley 500, Olney Jr. 501.

## Duck Pins

In Men's City league action last night at B and B Bowling court, Olson topped Sontag 3-1; Mick's Big Six, 3-1; Malm's Chevron Station beat Elmer Motors, 3-1; and Davis Oil blanked Commercial Seat Cover, 4-0. Olson's had high team series and game with 1273 and 868, Emmerich's 1237 and 868, both national game and Eddie Hessel's 526 was best solo series.

## Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Taft, Oregon, March, 1948, compiled by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

## Local Quintet Loses, 61-48

Portlands Turn Back SOCE Outfit, 60-50

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND, Mar. 1-(Special)—Portland university's Pilots tonight captured the state NAIB cage title and a ticket to the national meet at Kansas City as they whipped Southern Oregon college's Red Raiders, 60-50, in a crew of weary Willamette Bearcats lost out in a consolation battle for the tourney's third-place slot as they were turned back by Lewis and Clark's Pioneers, 61-48.

Most of the thrills of the Pilot-Raider duel came in the final half as teams battled so closely that the lead changed hands on 11 occasions. With Forward Al Holden and Guard Leo Grosjackson leading the way, the Portlands emerged with a 27-24 margin at the half. The game SOCE's shot in the thick of things up to the 10 minute point in the final chapter when the count stood 40-36 for the Pilots. At that point the Portland club began to pull away. Holden tallied 15 points to top the Pilots and Chuck Jandreau equalled that figure for the Raiders.

The tired Willamettes, who were playing their fourth game in five nights, made a game fight of it through almost three-fourths of their mix with the LC's but faded in the closing minutes. The Pioneers, with Forward Dan Semper and Center Bob Pollard providing much of the impetus, moved to a 31-26 halftime advantage, but the Bearcats braced and in the first minutes of the second half made a sterling bid.

Ted Lewis' punch shot three minutes into the last period tied things at 32-32 and after Bob Pollard had dropped a free throw and Jim Kelsay plunked a field goal to make it 35-32 Bob Johnson hit a pair of gitters to bring the WU's lead to 38-32. Semper then came through with a bucket with seven minutes gone to pull the Pioneers away to 37-34 -- and the Bearcats never came close after that.

The usually high-scoring Johnson brothers tallied only seven points between them during the contest -- and that was perhaps the difference. Guard Ted Johnson led the 'Cats with 11 and Ray Fedje was next with 10. Semper and Pollard each holed out 16 markers for the Pioneers.

Williamette (48) Lewis & Clark  

fg	ft	pt	fg	ft	pt	
B.Johnson	1	2	5	Semper	1	2
Loder	2	3	9	Peterson	1	2
T.Johnson	1	0	2	Pollard	4	4
Warren	1	0	1	Downey	4	2
Logue	0	1	3	Wilson	2	2
Brouwer	1	0	2	Elmers	0	1
Kelley	1	1	1	Kelley	0	0
Barker	3	0	0	Mills	0	0
Fedje	3	4	0	White	2	0

## Beaver 'Regs' Begin Chores

RIVERSIDE, Calif., March 1 (Special)—Eight more candidates for regular berths on the club checked into the Portland Beaver training camp this week and Manager Bill Sweeney picked up a pitcher via the long distance telephone route. Making their first appearance of the season in Beavers suits this week are Eddie Basinski, Harvey Storey, Ford Mullen and Frankie Zak; Johnny Lazor and the two "Dicks," Sincovic and Wenner, outfielders, and Roy Heiser, veteran portside flinger.

## Powers Moves To AAU Final

OREGON CITY, Ore., March 1 (AP)—A team of rugged lads from the isolated Coos county town of Powers surprised the AAU tournament tonight by defeating the Weyerhaeuser Timbers, Longview, Wash., 65 to 60, to move to the finals.

## Canby Pockets WVL Mat Toga

CANBY, Mar. 1-(Special)—Canby's matmen took the Willamette valley league crown here tonight, "highly edging out Sandy. Both teams ended up with four titles but the Canbys had three runners-up to take the toga. Molalla was third with three titles and Dallas capped one.

## Donkey Ball Due Thursday

Hilarious hoop doings are in store for local fans Thursday night at the armory when laugh-producing ball is presented, starting at 8 o'clock, under the sponsorship of Capitol Post No. 9, American Legion.

## Barb's Sporting Goods

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# Major Clubs Open Training

Sixteen major league baseball clubs started their 1949 spring training chores today with the chilliest weather in two months reported from Florida training centers and the usual number of holdouts generating considerable heat.

The west coast of Florida, headquarters for six clubs, experienced the first cold spell since New Year's day with temperatures ranging from 47 to 51 degrees. The chill didn't interfere with the first-day workouts.

A trifle by the last-minute signings of Dom DiMaggio of the Boston Red Sox, Jimmy Bloodworth of the Cincinnati Reds and Vic Lombardi of the Pittsburgh Pirates. This left a considerable number of unsigned and unsatisfied stars, however, with the 1948 champion Cleveland Indians and Boston Braves experiencing the greatest woes.

# Louis Vacates Title

## Retires



JOE LOUIS  
Champ Quits Unbeaten

## Charles Walcott Crown Battle Set for June; Joe to Promote

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 1-(AP)—Joe Louis resigned, as undefeated world heavyweight boxing champion tonight to become a fight promoter.

The Alabama-born negro who has held the heavyweight crown longer, and defended it more often, than any man in boxing history made his formal resignation by letter to the National Boxing Commission.

He asked for and received NBA permission to promote a match between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott in June for the NBA-recognized world's heavyweight title.

Louis' resignation was submitted to NBA commissioner Abe J. Greene, of Paterson, N. J., visiting here, and Flamen D. Adas, NBA president, of Miami Beach.

A new fight promotion alliance with Arthur M. Wirtz, James D. Norris, owners of the Chicago stadium, and Louis sharing equal ownership was formed. It is to be called the International Boxing Club.

"I have already begun to work in my new capacity as director of boxing for the club," Louis wrote the NBA. "Our organization has obtained the signatures of Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott on agreements to engage in a 15-round heavyweight contest this June."

Both contenders, Louis said, have been recognized by the NBA and "other recognized and competent authorities as the top ranking contenders. Their ring records fully justify these rankings."

Both Charles and Walcott, Louis said, have agreed that the winner of the June fight shall meet either Lee Savold or Gus Lesnevich within 90 days and that the NBA-recognized champion will defend his title at least twice a year.

Louis' decision to quit the ring and go into business was his own. "I'm glad to retire," he said, "it takes a great load off my mind. I could see that I couldn't fight any more and rather than lose the title in the ring, I decided to quit."

Louis' sudden and unexpected decision caught much of the boxing world by surprise. Details of the planned retirement, although extensively rumored, remained a secret until Greene called a formal press conference at 9:30 a. m. today.

In the 12 years during which Louis reigned the undisputed king of the heavyweight boxing world, he defended his title 25 times.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 1-(AP)—The Swedish Ice Hockey association has announced that the American ice hockey team had apologized for the bad behavior shown in Sweden.

by some players at recent matches in Sweden. The apologies were conveyed in a telegram, signed by Jack Riley, captain of the team, which tonight plays in northern Sweden.

## Beavers Seek Title Cinch

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 1-(AP)—Oregon State's Beavers were drilled in both defense and offense play today as they prepared for their final conference series in two games with Oregon.

They travel again to Eugene for the opener Friday night and return to their home court for Saturday's final. The Beavers clinched at least a tie for the Northern division pennant race last week by splitting with Oregon. Owing to this week puts them in front for certain.

Coach Slat Gill revealed he planned to use the same combination Friday that worked against Oregon last Saturday.

## Action Marks Tag Team Mix

In an action-packed match in which neither team showed much respect for the rules, the duo of Herb Parks and Irish Jack O'Reilly scored a two-falls-out-of-three victory over Oregon. O'Reilly, Whalberg-Rene LaBell combination in the tag team match feature at the Salem armory Tuesday night.

The Whalberg-LaBell loss, ironically enough, came when LaBell floored his own partner with a flying leap aimed at Parks. Whalberg, stunned from the unexpected ascent of LaBell, was easy prey for Parks. Each team had taken an earlier fall.

Red Lyons and Bill Weidner, heavyweights, battled to a 45-minute draw in the opener. Lyons, a newcomer from Texas, quickly placed himself on the unlikely roster of local wrestling patrons.

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