

Prep Quints Slated for Yearend Action

The mid-holiday camp vacation will mean little to many prep basketball teams this weekend, what with at least a dozen games to occupy quints from this area. Salem High's Vikings lead the list with their first at North Bend Thursday and Friday nights with the Bulldogs. Salem Academy's Crusaders had a road excursion to the West, but the tournament at Newport has been cancelled.

Newport concave were the Station high Eagles who along with the Crusaders are members of the Capital League. But Station will be at home Friday night to play Sweet Home. Dallas high's Dragons will hit the highway this weekend also, and are to play against the Dallas Indians at The Dalles on Thursday and Friday nights. Coach Kunk's Dragons have won their last four in a row. Silverton's Silver Foxes return to action Friday night in a

game at West Linn, the last on the Fox schedule before the opening of Willamette Valley League play with Woodburn at Silverton January 4. Silverton host West Linn in an earlier clash at Silverton. North Marion's Huskies have a return match scheduled with the Canby Cougars, at Canby on Friday night. The Cougars won the first game at North Marion. Sheridan's highly rated Spartans move into Jefferson for another Friday night, a return

match with Fred Graham's Lions. Sheridan beat the Lions in the first game at Sheridan. Central Union's Panthers, losers to Corvallis in the first game of the season at Central, move to Corvallis Friday night for a return game with the Spartans, and Albany's Bulldogs, now rolling along with a six-game winning streak, travel to Kellamville Friday night to play the Greenies, one of the best prep teams in the state.

Huskies Reach Third in Hoop Poll

Wildcats Back In Top Perch

Illini 2nd, Kansas 4th, Hoosiers 5th

By Joe Reichler
NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP)—University of Kentucky's basketball team received a welcome Christmas present today when it was chosen the No. 1 college quintet in the country in the weekly Associated Press poll.

The selection of the powerful Wildcats hardly came as a surprise. Beaten only by Minnesota in an upset, the perennial South-eastern conference champions' return to the top rung practically was assured when they came through with a smashing 98-60 triumph over DePaul after crushing St. John's, 81-40. Exactly 106 sports writers and sportscasters from all parts of the nation participated in the poll and 41 of them named Kentucky as their top team. St. John's, on top a week ago with 36 first place nominations, received none this time and skittered all the way down to seventh. Only a rebounding 69-54 win over previously unconquered Vanderbilt prevented the Redmen from dropping out of the top ten altogether.

Big Edge for Cats
Kentucky had clear edge over runner-up Illinois, which grabbed 21 first place votes to advance from its third place position a week ago. On the basis of points, the Wildcats (4-1) outscored the Illini (5-0) 865 to 827.

Washington, favored to capture the Pacific Coast crown, vaulted from eighth to third with the aid of 17 first place nominations and 623 points. Only a split in two games with Utah mars the Huskies' eight-game record. Another strong vote-getter was unbeaten Kansas. The Jayhawks, who dumped Southern California, 76-55, for their seventh win Saturday, moved up from seventh to fourth on the strength of 13 top-ranked ballots and 568 points.

The top ten underwent a wholesale upheaval. Everybody exchanged places with one exception. Seton Hall (6-0) of South Orange, N. J., remained in tenth spot. St. Louis and North Carolina State, each with two defeats, dropped out of the elite list. They were replaced by New York University (11-0) and Notre Dame (6-0).

Violet Climbs
The New York Violets, with the longest winning streak among the nation's major colleges, skipped from 11th to sixth, right behind fifth-ranked Indiana, as a result of impressive wins over highly rated Holy Cross and Oklahoma. The Hoosiers also gained stature via an overtime victory over Kansas State. Indiana (5-0) was sixth last week.

Kansas State's second defeat in eight games dropped the Wildcats three notches to eighth, just ahead of Notre Dame and Seton Hall.

The top ten, with first place counting 10 points, second place for nine points, etc., follows: (first place votes in parentheses):

1. Kentucky (41)	853
2. Illinois (21)	827
3. Washington (17)	823
4. Kansas (13)	568
5. Indiana (11)	827
6. New York University (4)	534
7. St. John's (3)	285
8. Kansas State (2)	257
9. Notre Dame (1)	174
10. Seton Hall (0)	141

THE SECOND TEN

11. Western Kentucky (2)	98
12. St. Louis (1)	75
13. Stanford (1)	75
14. Villanova (1)	73
15. Utah (2)	73
16. U.C.L.A. (1)	54
17. LaSalle (1)	31
18. Murray State (1)	31
19. North Carolina State (1)	33
20. Syracuse (1)	33

Other teams receiving votes: West Virginia (1), St. Bonaventure (1), Oklahoma A & M (Duke), Dayton, Duke, Iowa, Seattle, Minnesota, Wyoming, Holy Cross, Mississippi State, Texas Christian, California, Louisville, Wisconsin, Manhattan, Vanderbilt, Idaho, DePaul, and St. Joseph's of Philadelphia.

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Taft, Oregon, December, 1951 (compiled by U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.)

Dec.	HIGH WATERS		LOW WATERS	
	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
26	9:47 a.m.	7.8	3:26 a.m.	3.2
27	12:36 a.m.	8.0	6:20 p.m.	-1.1
28	10:35 a.m.	8.3	6:07 p.m.	-1.5
29	12:26 a.m.	8.5	5:17 a.m.	-3.7
30	11:24 a.m.	8.5	6:34 p.m.	-3.7

They'll Do It Every Time



Wisconsin Thursday Night...

Ducks Set for 6-Game Invasion of California

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Dec. 25 (Special)—The University of Oregon Webfoots leave here tonight for California where they will play six basketball games in the next eight days. The games will be held with Washington State January 7-8.

Louis, 'Kid' Contenders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP)—The National Boxing Association tonight gave former heavyweight champion Joe Louis a provisional rating as a "logical contender" for the title now held by Jersey Joe Walcott.

The NBA said only one member of its 23-man rating board voted to give Louis a rating, but the majority favored a tentative rating for the "Brown Bomber" in tribute to his contribution to boxing, well above the general sports level.

The experts also figured that Louis will voluntarily announce his retirement.

Other ratings:
Lighthweights - champion: Joey Maxim, Ohio; logical contenders: Harry (Kid) Matthews, Washington; Harold Johnson, Pennsylvania; Archie Moore, Missouri.

LA Tourney Ups Booty to \$17,500

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25 (AP)—First prize in the Los Angeles open golf tournament will be worth \$4,000, the sponsoring junior chamber of commerce announced Monday.

Wade's Aerials Beat 'Norths'

(Continued from preceding page)
Floyd Huggins, Florida's big fullback, chucked 20 and 3 yards for the South's last two touchdowns, and Alabama's Harold Lutz kicked five extra points.

Officials Slate Confab Tonight

A meeting of the Salem Officials Association will be held in room 109 of the senior high school tonight at 7:30. President George Sirnio asks all basketball officials of the area to attend.

Leaders Topped

LONDON, Dec. 25 (AP)—Portsmouth, leaders of the first division of the English football league, were soundly trounced 4-1 by Arsenal in the Christmas day football matches which drew big holiday crowds. League champions Tottenham Hotspur defeated the strong Charlton Athletic 3-0.

Commiss Put Full Resources Into Sports

MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (AP)—A lead editorial in Pravda today gave evidence of the tremendous emphasis now being placed on sports in the Soviet view of the coming Olympics.

This editorial called for the widest and most intense work in developing Soviet athletes in breadth—by means of drawing in new millions of athletes into mass sports organizations—and in depth—by means of stress on attainment of new Soviet union and world's record by outstanding sportsmen.

It called on party and komсомol and trade union organizations to give their fullest support to mass sports and told Soviet athletes once more to go out and win world championships in all important sports.

Winter Sports Stressed
In particular, this editorial stressed the tremendous possibilities for continued development of winter sports, especially skiing, skating and hockey, in the USSR.

At the same time, the editorial referred to backwardness in certain lines of sports including men's speedskating and to some extent, skiing, and demanded these be overcome this year.

Look and Learn

By A. C. Gordon
1. Where is the largest printing organization in the world?
2. What is the customary word at the beginning of each Beatitude?
3. Which is the longest state in the U. S., and which is the widest?
4. What were the Russians' will in the Antarctic Region?
5. What are the only vertebrates in the Antarctic Region?

ANSWERS
1. The Government Printing Office, in Washington, D. C.
2. "Blessed."
3. The longest is California, and the widest is Texas.
4. Monsters of Greek mythology with heads of women and bodies of vultures.
5. Penguins.

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GREAT SCOTT--OUR FOOD BILLS ARE TERRIFIC--WE'VE GOT TO CUT DOWN.
I'LL TAKE FIFTEEN POUNDS OF HAMBURGER AND FIFTY FRANKFURTERS.
AND FOUR QUARTS OF MUSTARD AND TEN DOZEN ROLLS AND HUNDRED DILL PICKLES.
BLONDIE--NO-NO-PLEASE.
I'M ORDERING FOR THE P.T.A. MEETING.
YOU TOLD ME TOO LATE.

DICK TRACY
AS A ROADSIDE FIRE FIZZLES OUT IN THE SNOW, A HIGHWAY PATROL STOPS.
IT'S NOTHING. HOLD IT.
IT'S ILLEGAL TO DUMP OR BURN ANYTHING ON THE PUBLIC ROAD, BUT PEOPLE STILL DO IT.
HI, SHERIFF. SORRY, I'M LATE.
IT'S THE CUSTODIAN, HE DROOD IT.
YES, IT IS THE CUSTODIAN, BUT THIS IS A PLANT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? HOT DIAMONDS IN HIS POCKET--AND A GLAY? THIS IS A SUICIDE.

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY
IT'S INEVITABLE, SAWYER, WHY DON'T YOU LET GO?
WHAT A PRECIPITANT! BIZ CLINGS TO THE FACE OF A 2,700-FOOT CLIFF WHILE ZAZAROF, FROM ABOVE, THROWS ROCKS AT HIM.
LET GO, I SAY!
THEN ZAZAROF KICKS DOWN AN ANVIL OF ROCKS.
THERE'S NO DUCKING THEM.
BUT BIZ FINALLY REACHES THE PROTECTION OF A LEDGE, NO ROCKS CAN STRIKE HIM, BUT HIS HOLD IS PRECARIOUS.
THUNDERBOLTS I CAN'T STAY HERE!

BUZZ SAWYER
MIGHTY RICH SOIL HERE ON FERTILIA!
... WATCH WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS SEED!
NOW I SPRINKLE IT....
YOU SEE... THAT'S WHY FERTILIA IS THE GARDEN SPOT OF THE UNIVERSE!
AND THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON!

MICKY MOUSE
DAWN... THE GATES OF EL KAZAR.
HAIL, HAWK! YOU COME FOR THE WEDDING OF THE SHEIK AND THE FOREIGN WOMAN?
THAT... AND SOME IMPORTANT BUSINESS OF MY OWN!
LATER... WITHIN THE CITY:
THIS IS BITZ. I CALL HIM LITTLE WILLIE... HE WILL SMUGGLE YOU IN AMONG THE KITCHEN HELP.
MEANWHILE, IN THE PALACE: IN EL KAZAR, HIS WORD IS LAW! THIS LITTLE WILLIE... IS A BARBARIAN KINGDOM... BUT THERE MAY BE A WAY OUT. LISTEN, MY FRIEND...
THIS GUY IS OFF HIS ROCKERS. HE CAN'T MARRY ME AGAINST MY WILL!

RIP KIRBY
Wait, these wrappings and boxes are so pretty, I hate to throw them away.
There ought to be something we could use them for.
There is.

GASOLINE ALLEY
BESSIE!! HAVE YE HEERED ABOUT LEELETLE CRICKET BARLOW?
LAWSY, YES!! AIN'T IT PLUMB WONDERFUL, PRUNELLY?
I RECKON I BETTER GIT BUSY AN' DO A LEELETLE DAB O' KNITTIN'.
I SHOULD SAY SO!! I WUZ JES' HEADIN' FER TH' SETTLEMENT, MYSELF, TO GIT A BALL O' YARN.
WHAT DO YE THINK I OUGHT TO GIT--BLUE ER PINK?
GIT A BALL O' WHITE--THEN Y'LL BE ON TH' SAFE SIDE.

BARNEY GOOGLE