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by Jerry Stone

Newest prep sensation in the Northwest now that Swede Halbrook's high school career lies behind him, is a lad named Gary Nelson, manufacturer of some prodigious scoring performances at little Elma, Wash., High School. A 7-1 giant like Halbrook, the Elma senior isn't quite as effective as Swede in the opinion of local men Larry Oulund and Hank Landis, who recently saw Nelson in action. Oulund and Landis add, however, that the Elma flash isn't fed with the consistency that Halbrook was at Lincoln, where he was exploited to the hilt. . . . Rumor is that Nelson will go to Seattle U, which'll need somebody to take up the faithful slack left next year when the O'Brien's vacate. But you can expect a dogfight among the colleges for such a prize as this—and think what Oregon State would have if the Beavers could get Nelson to pair up with Halbrook. If that ever happens, every college in the G.I.I. schedule would concede without a second thought. . . .



HAROLD HAUK
Big 2nd Half for His Men

Who Said Evans' Game Was Slipping?

Somebody wrote recently that since Frankie Evans was embroiled with the headaches of operating a bowling alley, his ability to knock over the pins had tapered off. (Yep, we were the guilty party) . . . And then what does Frankie do but fashion the second highest sanctioned series in the city's history with that 745 at Capitol Alleys the other night. In getting the biggest three-game score of his career, Evans twice came within nudging distance of perfect games as he hammered 277 and 278 on his last two lines. Frankie's strike runs included nine in the 277 effort and a double, a spare and then eight in a row in the 278 game. . . . So the Capitol boards cooperated well with Frankie, even though he is manager of the rival University plant. . . .

Points Come Cheaply Nowadays

After the murderous flailing of the hoops around the land this past week, one wonders where things are going to end. Bevo Francis, the can't-be-anything-else-but-phenomenal freshman at Little Rio Grande in Ohio, flattens without a doubt every available record as he tosses in 116 points in a single game. The guy admittedly must be good but looking at it in another sense, ain't it kind of ridiculous? Few are the entire teams that hit the century mark and here we have one long, lanky kid making the overtime feat of Nat Holman, Hank Linslett and Wally Farnberg look like dwarfish doings. . . . And then along comes Washington's Bob Houbregs with his 49 points of Saturday night to smash the PCC one game scoring mark and put a virtual clinch on almost every other in the books. All a result, of course, of present-day mad-cap, fire-engine basketball. And where it will stop nobody knows. . . . At any rate, you folks, if your particular hoop hero scores 20 points in a contest one of these nights, don't be hurt if he isn't singled out for mention in the story. For 20 points is hardly enough in these times to bring any great how-de-do. . . .

Foes Find Bearcats Bounce Back

Beat 'em once and they'll comeback and lick the daylight out of you. That has been the pattern followed by Johnny Lewis' Willamettes in recent games. Chico State, Central Washington and Linfield knocked off the WU men in series openers, only to take it on the chin in the finales. So you can rightfully call the Bearcats the rebound kids—and how they rebounded Saturday night in inflicting that terrific 103-69 loss on Roy Heiser's Linfields. That tilt serves notice on the rest of the Northwest Conference teams that the Methodists aren't going to relinquish their title without a fight. . . . Harold Hauk's Salem Highers must have set a high for the season among major prep quints when they treated the second half against Roosevelt. That ability to come back is one of the big reasons you don't want to underestimate the '53 Viking outfit. . . . That 37 points made by Marion Motors' Larry Smith the other night probably amounts to a new City League scoring mark. . . . Oh, oh, and did Jack Hurley make another mistake in turning down an offer to give his Harry Matthews a shot at Archie Moore's light heavy togo? Remember that Hurley played for the big one before when he passed up a shot at Joey Marciano's light heavy crown in order to get Matthews in with Rocky Marciano. We all know what happened to Harry in that one. And now Hurley passes up Moore in order to get another possible crack at Marciano. Guess Jack just doesn't want Harry to win any titles. There is a tall amount of gambling involved on the part of the Matthews camp in aiming for a second scrap with Rocky. For one thing there will be a long wait—a good year at least. Some guys named Walcott, Layne, Charles and LaSzarza are first in line to get their noggin knocked off. . . . This corner still thinks Moore himself to be the man with the best chance of depriving Marciano of his purple robes. . . .

Two Games Billed Tonight . . .

Coyotes Move to Front In NW Conference Race

The Northwest Conference hoop campaign has had its first big weekend with Sam Vokes' College of Idaho Coyotes moving to the fore via a pair of wins at the expense of Eldon Fix's Lewis and Clark Pioneers. In other action the defending champion Willamette Bearcats split with Linfield's Wildcats and Pacific's Badgers did the same in a pair with Whitman's Missionaries at Walla Walla.

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going to Caldwell for a single mix with the Coyotes.

A feature of the first flurry of conference play was the mammoth 103-69 victory chalked by Coach John Lewis' Willamettes over Linfield Saturday night.

Willamette gets back into action next Friday and Saturday nights as they host College of Idaho in a pair that could be one of the crucial series of the campaign.

Next Monday night Whitman invades the WU court for a single contest.

When the Coyotes come here it will serve as a homecoming for Vokes, who served as Willamette freshman hoop mentor last year.

Pro Franchise To Baltimore

BALTIMORE (AP) — A group of five Baltimoreans, including former University of Pennsylvania Football Star Carroll Rose, will Sunday night was officially awarded a National Football League franchise.

The announcement climaxed a two-year struggle to regain the berth surrendered to the league two years ago by Abe Watson, then president of the Baltimore Colts.

Baltimore became the obvious successor to the defunct Dallas Texans in the league last week, when boosters completed the sale of \$250,000 worth of tickets for the 1959 season.

NFL Commissioner Bert Bell had told the Baltimoreans early

Seton Hall Wins 15th Straight

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Second-ranked Seton Hall ran the nation's longest major college basketball winning streak to 15 Sunday night by downing Xavier of Ohio, 82-75.

Last month they could have the franchise if they sold that amount before the league meeting Jan. 23.

Valley Prep Quintets Set Large-Scale Loop Warfare Tuesday Eve

Vikings to Host Spartan Hoopers

High school basketball teams of the valley area go at it again Tuesday night on a hot and heavy scale, with league play dominating the numerous tilts.

The Salem Vikings will get in another Big Six League fray in their home arena when they tangle with the Corvallis Spartans at 8:15 o'clock, following a 6:30 prelim featuring Jayvee squads. The Viks have a 1-0 league record after having defeated Springfield earlier in the season.

The Sacred Heart Academy Cardinals are scheduled idle Tuesday, but the Salem Academy Crusaders will be at home to go against the visiting Concordia cagers at eight o'clock.

The four Willamette Valley League games will put Silverton at Canby, Sandy at Woodburn, Mt. Angel at Dallas and Estacada at Molalla, all starting right after 7 p.m. prelims are finished.

Four Yawama Games There will be four clashes in the Yawama League also, Sherwood playing at North Marion, Banks at Yamhill, Amity at Willamina and Dayton at Sheridan. These carry 7 p.m. prelims also.

In the Marion County B League the Deaf Panthers will be at home to play the visiting Detroit team, Sublimity's Saints move into Jefferson to tangle with the Lions. St. Paul's Bucks are at Gervais and Gates goes to Mill City for one. The Corvallis Spartans are scheduled idle Tuesday, but the Salem Academy Crusaders will be at home to go against the visiting Concordia cagers at eight o'clock.

No collegiate games are scheduled Tuesday. Willamette goes back into action next Friday and Saturday nights playing College of Idaho here. Oregon State plays Washington at Seattle Friday and Saturday, Oregon plays Idaho at Moscow the same nights and the Oregon College of Education Wolves take on the Portland Slayers in an Oregon Collegiate Conference pair, Friday night at Monmouth, Saturday night at Portland.

Although the recommendations carry only N.B.A. blessing, they are expected to be approved by the New York Commission Monday when a three-man committee meets with Chairman Bob Christenberry.

Strangely enough, there is a Frenchman in the N.B.A. "American" eliminations. This came about because Rocky Castellani of Luzerne, Pa., one of the top-ranking ranking Americans, already had been matched with Pierre Langlois of France for a Feb. 6 bout at Madison Square Garden.

"Langlois was included because of his match with Castellani," N.B.A. commissioner Abe Greene explained. "If he should beat Castellani, he would have to supercede him in the rankings."

The tournament calls for four bouts before the "American" champ is crowned. Two of the matches already have been made.

Carl (Bob) Olson of Honolulu meets Norman Hayes of Boston at Boston, Feb. 7 in one elimination battle. The winner will then draw a bye until the finals.

After the Castellani-Langlois bout, the winner will meet Ernie Durando of Bayonne, N.J., with the survivor of that bout facing the Olson-Hayes winner for American recognition.

Although the British Board of Boxing Control insists any bout involving Turpin, the ex-champ, be recognized as a title match, the N.B.A. will rate the Turpin-Humez winner as European champ only until he has met the American titleholder.

The Cardinals held a slight early advantage, being ahead 5-3 at the end of a slow first period and holding an 18-14 margin at the half.

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Pihos Snags Pro Bowl Aerial



LOS ANGELES—End Pete Pihos of Philadelphia leaps into the air to catch a pass thrown by Quarterback Otto Graham which was good for an 11-yard gain for the American Conference team in the annual Pro Bowl classic. Pihos was brought down on the 45-yard line by Halfback Don Doll of Detroit (32) and Fullback Paul Younger (22), Los Angeles, of the National Conference team. The National Conference All-Stars won the game 27-7. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Sphas, Hawaiians Also Clash . . . Famed Trotters Appear Tonight Against Motors

Basketball at its best—and at its funniest—will be the fare for cage fans tonight at Willamette's gym as the famed Harlem Globetrotters make their annual appearance under sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Ready to present their full routine of clowning antics as well as top-notch court ability, the barnstorming Trotters face Marion Motors, City League leaders, in the second half a highly promising twinnill.

Tonight's 7:30 opener sees another pair of highly colorful barnstorming quints, the Philadelphia Sphas and the Hawaiian All-Stars, providing the hostilities.

On top of this promising fare, a couple of much-acclaimed acts are scheduled between games. One will be a cycling demonstration by Jacques Cordon, internationally known French unicyclist. Then will follow a ping-pong exhibition by Ted Bourne and Bob Anderson, who play the table sport at its best—and also at its zaniest.

Abe Saperstein's famed Trotters, the world's most travelled athletic unit, crowd to Salem on the heels of an unprecedented world tour in which they appeared in 33 countries and travelled a total of 51,849 miles.

Phenomenal Mark Going into their 26th year of barnstorming, the Harlem outfit in its existence has piled up the phenomenal mark of 4,257 wins against only 260 defeats.

The Trotters carry into tonight's game with Marion Motors a roster that includes such well known names as Louis (Babe) Pressley, Leon Hillard, J. C. Gipson, Robert Hall, Carl Helem, Robert Milton, Sonny Smith, Sammy Gee and Jack Winters, the latter being the former whizz at Portland University.

The Philadelphia Sphas have been in existence for 35 years, longest of any pro basketball team. Through the years the Sphas lineup has been dotted with some of the game's greatest names. The current roster includes such men as Pete Monksa, Stan Brown, Jack Stein, Jim Slaughter (a 6-11 skyscraper) and Bob Lofewski (6-8).

Tickets for tonight's bill can be obtained at Wicklund's or at the gym door.

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Johnny-O, in the final year of his career at Seattle University, was sent sprawling in last closing minutes amateur team's 96-74 win over Gonzaga and had to be helped from the floor.

At a hospital Sunday, he was found to have an actual sore back, wrist and elbow, but was told to workout with the team Monday and return for his X-rays later if his hurts continue to bother him.

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Seton Hall, Fordham Only Major Cage Clubs Left on Unbeaten List

They'll Face Each Other Wednesday

NEW YORK (AP) — College basketball players have been making set shots with one hand for a long time now, but you don't even put the fingers of one hand to count the nation's major unbeaten teams today.

With the season hardly half-over, you'll be able to see both of the only remaining teams with perfect records Wednesday night when Seton Hall (15-0) meets Fordham (11-0) in the game of the week.

Southern California's 72-62 loss by UCLA Saturday night removed the Trojans from the all-winning list after 11 straight successes.

The victory also reversed the decision of Friday night's game and buoyed the hopes of UCLA supporters that their favorites can retain the Pacific Coast Conference championship. For the first time, the Uclans showed some of last year's drive.

Southern California was the fifth team to drop from the list during the week, following in the wake of Georgetown, Navy, Wichita and Connecticut.

The new and controversial foul shooting rule may or may not be responsible for longer games and higher scores, but it most certainly is a game changer.

Last year, for example, there were two unbeaten teams as late as February, when Duquesne whipped St. Bonaventure. Two games later Duquesne lost, and then their were none.

Fordham couldn't make it Saturday night. The Rams needed a last minute basket by Ed Conlin to down troublesome St. Peter's of Jersey City, 77-75. Conlin, who'll probably have the unenviable task of guarding Seton Hall's rebounder in Wake Duquesne, scored 28 points and grabbed 21 rebounds.

Seton Hall beat the same pesky team earlier in the season 67-66, which should make Fordham a one-point favorite if comparative scores mean anything.

Southern California's defeat was the only big elite classification loss as the various conference races settled down to the serious business of separating the wheat from the chaff.

Kansas State, top-ranked team in the country, showed that it belonged in the elite classification by humping Marquette, 88-72, with the aid of 26 points by Dick Knostman.

In the Big Ten, fourth-ranked Illinois defeated Wisconsin 71-61 and Indiana, No. 7, beat Minnesota 68-56.

Washington, rated sixth in the country and apparently working gradually toward a Pacific Coast play-off with either UCLA or Southern Cal, whipped Idaho for the second night in succession, 82-58.

And North Carolina State, hoping for a southern Saturday crown again, walloped Duke, 82-64. State is ranked ninth.

Two top-ranked independents, La Salle, No. 3, and Western Kentucky, No. 10, also recorded victories.

La Salle won its 14th in 15 games as Fred Isha popped in 29 points during a 97-77 victory over Muhlenberg, and Western held off a late rally to down Murray (Ky.) State, 62-57. Western's record is 11-2.

Fifty-ranked Oklahoma A&M was idle.

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Aussie Evens Kramer Series

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Pancho Segura meanwhile continued his mastery over Ken McGregor by whipping the No. 2 Australian star, 6-4, 6-4, in the professional tennis exhibition.

A crowd of 11,000 in Madison Square Garden braved another wretched day, and the turnout was amply rewarded by Sedgman's fine performance. Now, as the troupe heads out on its country-wide tour, Frank, the star of the Australian Davis Cup team, is tied with Kramer at two matches each.

The bandy-legged little Segura, however, seems to be the lord and master over McGregor who is having all sorts of trouble getting used to the canvas court. Also, Segura has improved tremendously in the past year.

Sedgman beat Kramer by wearing down the 31-year-old boss of the promotion. Toward the end of the third set, Jack, former undisputed amateur king of the world, looked as though he could hardly lift his racket.

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