

SPORTS LIGHTNER

This, that, etc.
Another strong candidate for the Woodburn High football coaching berth is Gerald (Jiggs) Burnett, onetime Willamette U'er who resigned at West Linn. Jiggs would know the ropes at Woodburn, for he coached there a number of seasons before moving to West Linn . . . First Oregon auto racing base at the '53 season is due March 22 at Portland Speedway. It's to be a stock car program, and according to Ray Elliott, transplanted Salem gent who is now president of the Oregon Stock Car Association, numerous 1953 model buzz buggies are now owned by the various pilots and will be in action during the coming season . . . Red face dept: Even though the Anheuser-Busch Beer folks have now purchased the St. Louis Cardinals, they'll not be able to sell their brew at Sportsman's Park this year. A rival St. Louis suds concern, Griesedick, holds the ball park beer concession contract for 1953. That twist of fate is as popular with the A-B outfit as a bottle of Lucky Lager would be with Steve Tabacchi . . . Feeling as though the NALA cage tournament is practically hand made for the Portland U Pilots, Everett mentor John Lewis is thinking of keeping his WU outfits out of such playoffs entirely in the future. Not because WU can't seem to beat the Pilots. But because the NALA amounts to an anti-climax to the Northwest Conference race and because Notre Dame dotes on football. Post-season combat under such circumstances doesn't amount to much fun for the little guys . . . The annual Sports, Travel and Boat Show is now in the midst of its 10-day run at San Francisco, and one of the features of the pitch is, of all things, a lavender colored turkey sporting gold nail polish and a slave bracelet! Yep, you guessed it—the bird is being displayed by our old Army pal Rasser! Gorgeous Gorgeous, who raises purple turkeys on his Beaumont, Cal., ranch . . . A free trout fishing pond for children is also a part of the exposition, and it does the kiddies good for that!

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New Rules Changes Haven't Helped Cage Sport

Basketball rules-makers installed the one-and-one and no-waive regulations this year as a means of cutting down fouling and giving the trailing team a better chance at the end of a ball game. But from the looks of the statistics flowing out of the NCAA service bureau at New York, about all the new changes have done is help mount the scoring. There has been little change in the total number of fouls during an average game, and trailing teams must still combat stalling tactics employed by those in the lead in the late stages of a game.

Same statistics reveal that all of the excess scoring this year has come from the free-throw line. The free throw average has jumped from the 31 per cent of last year to 41 this year. Field goal averages are still about the same as a year ago.

So it would seem that the cage sport is still suffering from an illness that must be diagnosed and cured by the game's directors. There have been no real "cures" submitted from over the land—cutting from five to three the number of fouls allowed one player, having said player stand on his head in a corner for five minutes if he makes more than three fouls, putting a lid over the basket when one team gets more than 10 points ahead, having six-footers wear stiffs to combat the seven-footers, etc.

But coming to a pleasing conclusion isn't easy. The rules chiefs are trying, but they can't seem to please everybody.

Basketball is the most kicked around sport in the rules book, with football next. Thankfully enough, they're leaving baseball alone. One day they'll get around to satisfying all cage enthusiasts (they may have to hang all referees to do it), but the day is a long time coming.

Conrado Still Lost—but Now in Mexico

Before leaving for California Senators Generalissimo Luby found out that Connie Perez wasn't in his native Cuban homeland at all. But he might just as well have been for all the good it's done Luby in trying to track down the little moon-faced ball-gamer. Latest on Perez: He's somewhere in Mexico in the Yucatan area presumably. At any rate Luby hopes they have calendars wherever Connie happens to be so that he'll know it's getting right close to spring training time. That is, if Cuban Connie can read a calendar . . .

Think time isn't flying? It was 25 years ago this week that Smead Jolley, Earl Averill and Lefty O'Doul checked into the San Francisco Seals spring training camp to form one of the greatest slugging outfielders in the Coast League's history . . .

WIL Peck Brown has hired oldtimer Amby Moran as a league umpire, an item we mentioned could easily happen some time ago. Amby, the only gent in WIL history to clean out a 24-stool ball hall single handed, was once the league's top arbiter. The XXX stuff got him sacked. But he's now seen the light, is in top shape and rarin' to go again . . .

Armory Mat Program . . .

Rasslin' Loggers, Negro Villains Clash Tonight

The mule-kicking and whiskered woodsmen, Elmer and Logger Larsen, return to the Armory tonight for their second appearance, this time highlighting Matchmaker Elton Owen's weekly mat program. The colorful loggers of Williams Lake, Canada, whose debut one week ago turned out to be a top crowd pleaser, are to tangle with the Negro nasties Don Kingdred and Frank James in a tag team brawl as tonight's feature.

And a rousing brawl it could easily be. The colored gladiators, a villainous duo, have been aspiring to the Northwest tag team title, owned by Yamato and Mr. Sakata. Winner of tonight's mix has been promised a clash with the Jap champions by Owen.

The Larsens last week spilled James and partner Red Vagnone in a team squabble, and displayed fine team work in the process. They're big and rugged enough to give the head-butting and pile-driving Kindred-James combo an interesting evening.

Eric (The Arrogant) Pederson, fully beset from lumps and bumps suffered in recent matches, will appear in tonight's special event against Al Fridell, fast and clever youngster from Olympia who was personally scouted by Owen. The maestro predicts great things of the youngster.

The 8:30 o'clock opener has Tot Yamato, sinister and bowing Jap who uses the Judo chops and sleeper hold, facing Dick Hayes, rough and tough former U of Washington star who is making his first Salem appearance. Owen pegs Hayes as a real comer also.

STOLEN BASE FEATURE
HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—Rookie Carlos Bernie stole home in the sixth inning to feature a two-run rally which gave the Pittsburgh Pirates a 9-7 exhibition victory over the Philadelphia Athletics Monday night.

PORTLAND LOSES
BREMERTON (AP)—Olympic of Bremerton won the Region 3 Junior College basketball championship Monday night, leading all the way to defeat Portland State, 71-62.

Viks Whip Stayton for Tourney Berth

The Dalles Lead Weakened in Poll

Salem's Viks Tie for Tenth

Marshfield, Medford Keep Runnerup Spots

By The Associated Press
Some support slipped away from The Dalles Monday in the weekly Associated Press poll, but that undefeated team still commanded enough respect to top all other Oregon high schools for the sixth consecutive week.

With state tournament time nearing, Marshfield picked up most of the support that slipped away from The Dalles, Marshfield, which has not had a first-place vote in four weeks, got two votes this time as the No. 1 team.

The Dalles got eight votes for first place and wound up with 106 points to head the top 10 teams, Marshfield was No. 2 with 94 points in the balloting among sports writers and sports-casters.

Medford, tied with Eugene for third place last week, nosed ahead this time to hold the No. 3 spot by itself. Eugene dropped into fourth place, but picked up a first-place vote, the only such ballot not awarded to The Dalles or Marshfield.

After Eugene there came in order: Hillsboro, Cleveland of Portland, Gresham, Albany, Jefferson of Portland and a tie between Clatskanie and Salem for tenth place.

Cleveland, which was No. 9 last week, moved up to No. 6 after winning the Portland city championship. Gresham moved up from No. 8 and Albany from No. 10.

Clatskanie and Salem were making their first appearance on the select list.

The Dalles, Marshfield, Medford, Cleveland, Albany and Clatskanie have cinched places in the state tournament at Eugene, March 17-21. The other teams are favored to win places in playoffs this week.

The poll with the season record list for each team:

Team	Points
1. The Dalles, 24-0	106
2. Marshfield, 25-2	94
3. Medford, 21-3	77
4. Eugene, 19-5	69
5. Hillsboro, 21-6	45
6. Cleveland, 16-6	44
7. Gresham, 20-4	34
8. Albany, 19-5	32
9. Jefferson, 14-9	26
10. Clatskanie, 18-3	15
11. Salem, 14-11	15

Others: Ontario 13, Oakridge 8, Milwaukie 7, Rosevelt of Portland 6, Astoria and Lakeview 5, Dallas and Redmond 2.

Clay Hopper Back on Feet

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP)—Manager Clay Hopper, out of the hospital only eight days after undergoing an operation last month, arrived at the Portland Beavers training camp Monday.

He ordered the longest workout yet taken this season so he could see the players in action. He commented on the improved hitting of Catcher Aaron Robinson.

Two more players, Shortstop Frankie Austin and Outfielder Grady Gladstone arrived at camp Monday from their homes in the Canal Zone.

Exhibition games resume Tuesday with the Beavers meeting the San Francisco Seals. Frank Chase, Dick Waibel and Jehosif Fard will do the Portland pitching.

World Sprint Record Eyed

HAMILTON, Ont. (AP)—When 19-year-old Mary MacDonald of Toronto ran the 60 yard dash in 8.8 seconds here Saturday she set the track fans digging into the record books. And the search failed to turn up any woman with a better time.

The Amateur Athletic Union of the United States doesn't keep world record performances for women for the 60 yard dash, only noteworthy performances.

The best for 60 yards it has on record is 8.9 seconds, by Elizabeth Robinson over an indoor dirt track at Chicago in 1931.

The time is being submitted as a world record by the Women's Canada.

BASKETBALL SCORES

Game	Score
District 11-A Final	Salem 57, Stayton 37
Region 3 Jr. Col. Final	Olympic (Bremerton) 71, Portland State 69
Wisconsin 55, Michigan State 51	Kansas 69, Missouri 60
Illinois 85, Northwestern 70	Princeton 70, Columbia 58
Indiana 58, Iowa 61	Penn. 71, Harvard 49
Manitoba 85, Louisville 66 (NIT)	Iowa State 69, Colorado 66
St. John's (Bkn) 78, La Salle 74 (NIT)	Niagara 82, Brigham Young 76
Niagara 82, Brigham Young 76	(over-time) (NIT)
Ohio State 93, Michigan 71	

VERSATILE HORSE
OCEANPORT, N.J. (AP)—Lafango, second ranking two-year-old of 1952, came into major prominence a Mtonmouth Park during last summer's meeting where he won two major stakes—a division of both the Tyro and the Sapling Stakes. He won one race on a fast track and the other in sloppy going.

SLUGGING SPARTANS
EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—In five seasons under Coach George Makris, Michigan State boxing teams have won one NCAA championship, finished second three times and third once.

Oregon State College played only three games in its first basketball season, winning only one.

Flyin' O'Briens Set for Playoff Battles



SEATTLE—The famous O'Brien twins, Johnny (left) and Eddie warm up for the Tuesday night playoff clash here with Idaho State College. Winner of the game qualifies for the NCAA playoffs at Corvallis Friday and Saturday nights.

Idaho, Seattle Vie Tonight

Racing for Title . . .

100-Per Games Rule In NAIB Tournament

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Sky-high scores featured the opening of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Basketball Tournament Monday as the 100 mark was

Indian Stars OK Contracts

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Centerfielder Larry Doby and pitcher Early Wynn ended holdouts Monday, accepting 1953 Cleveland Indian contracts that boosted their pay around \$5,000 each.

Both players declared their earnings this season will be the highest in their baseball careers.

Wynn signed first for what informed guessers estimated at \$37,000. The burly righthander won 23 and lost 12 last year to rank as league runner-up in victories to Philadelphia's Bobby Shantz.

"I did all right by myself," said Wynn, who had been seeking \$42,000—about \$3,000 under what the Tribe will pay pitcher Bob Lemon this year.

Doby, American League home run leader with 32, said he was "well satisfied" with his contract which is believed to be for \$28,000. He added: " Hank has been very nice to me, and I'm only sorry it took so long."

Only second baseman Bob Allen, due here Tuesday, two weeks ago, was unsigned among the Tribe regulars.

Bums Beat Roberts, Shake Lengthy Jinx

MIAMI (AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers finally beat Robin Roberts, their conqueror six straight times last year, as they racked up their third straight victory over the Philadelphia Phillies Monday night, 6-5.

Roberts started against Joe Black and was reached for three runs on five hits in four innings. Black, making his first start, allowed one run on two hits in five innings.

KANSAS DEFENDS TITLE

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)—The Kansas Jayhawkers nailed down their second successive Big Seven Conference basketball title Monday night by putting on a great last-half drive to beat Missouri 69 to 60.

Kansas, 1952 national collegiate champion, now goes into the NCAA playoffs.

O'Briens, Inc. Favored Five

SEATTLE (AP)—Both Idaho State and Seattle University got the "feel of the floor" Monday in workouts at the University of Washington pavilion as they prepared for Tuesday night's NCAA playoff game.

The winner will go to the NCAA Western regionals at Corvallis, Ore. Friday and Saturday.

Idaho State, basketball champion of the Rocky Mountain Conference, arrived from Pocatello, Idaho, during the day and sharpened its shooting eye in the afternoon at the University of Washington field house.

Seattle, chosen as one of the two NCAA at-large teams on the West Coast, has played before on the Washington floor, but not often enough for the familiarity to be an advantage. The SU Chieftains had a brisk practice session Monday night.

St. Benedict's College of Atchison, Kan., defeated North Dakota University, 69-68, in the third game of the night session. Nebraska Wesleyan, Lincoln, Met Arnold College of Milford, Conn., in the night's windup.

The 15th annual tournament opened Monday with Eastern Illinois State of Charleston defeating Morris Harvey of Charleston, W. Va., 84-67.

The Findlay (O.) Oilers took an 80-63 victory over Adams State, Alamosa, Colo., in the second first round game.

NIT Triumph For Manhattan

NEW YORK (AP)—Manhattan's green clad basketball players breezed into the semi-finals of the National Invitation Tournament Monday night with a surprisingly easy 79-66 victory over Louisville and joined St. John's of Brooklyn which gained a thrilling, 75-74, decision over defending champion La Salle.

The two metropolitan teams—from the Bronx and Brooklyn—were the first to reach the semi-finals. On Thursday they will oppose the winners of Tuesday's doubleheader, which sends top-seeded Seton Hall against Niagara and Duquesne against third-seeded Western Kentucky.

(Account of St. John's-La Salle game on next page.)

INDIANA WINS FINAL

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP)—Indiana University finished its best Big Ten basketball season Monday night by beating Iowa, 68-61, with subs playing most of the last half.

Indiana's league champions won 17 of 18 conference games.

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Last-Half Rush Blasts Eagles

Hope; Johnson Leads Victory
By NORMAN LUTHER
Statesman Sports Writer

Coach Harold Hauk's Salem High Vikings matched District 11 the state tournament berth Monday night as they spurred in the last half to gain a 37-37 victory over Stayton's never-say-die Eagles in the Vik Villa.

The Vikings will clash with the District 9 champ, Hillsboro or Beaverton, in their opening state tourney tilt at Eugene Wednesday afternoon, March 18.

The score of the Salem-Stayton championship tilt came far from indicating the closeness of the clash as Coach Joe Boyie's fired-up Eagles gave the taller Viks a wof of a battle during the first half.

Dave Johnson canned a jump shot to give the Vikings a 2-0 lead, at the outset of the game but Dave Neitling, a pain in the Viks' necks all evening, quickly tied it up at two-all with a set shot.

Neitling hit his third bucket near the end of the initial quarter to give the Staytons their first lead of the evening, a 6-5 advantage. After Johnson had pushed one home for Salem, Clarence Hinrichs rang true with a set shot from behind the key to give the Eagles a 8-7 first quarter margin.

Ed Small and Hinrichs started the second canto by sinking free tosses to pull the blue-clad visitors ahead, 10-7. After the Viks took the lead again at 11-10, Wayne Minten and Gene Small hit field shots for the Eagles to escort the Staytons to either point lead, 14-11, but then the Viks quickly took the lead and never gave it up for the rest of the scrap although the Stay-lons stayed close until early in the third stanza.

Neitling scored his 11th and 12th markers as the halftime buzzer sounded to pull the Eagles to a 22-24 deficit at halftime. Johnson led the Vikings' first half attack with nine points.

The Salem defense tightened up in the third chapter and held the Eagles to nary a field goal, permitting Boyie's lads few decent shots. The Stayton bunch did manage to hit five free throws to stay within shooting distance of the Viks, who garnered 13 points to extend their margin to 37-27 at the third period stop.

The dam broke on the Eagles in the fourth quarter as the Viks caught fire and started pouring in points consistently for the first time in the encounter. Coach Hauk sent in all of his subs when the Viks built up a 51-31 margin late in the quarter and every one of them except Jack Cobb dented the scoring column. The Viks held their widest gap of the evening, 56-34, with about a minute remaining.

The Eagles hit only two field goals in the last quarter, both of them by Neitling.

Johnson, relying on a consistent jump shot, led the Viks in scoring with 20 markers and also turned in a fine performance under the boards. Coupled with his 21 points Friday, Johnson scored 41 markers in two tilts against the Eagles who undoubtedly are glad not to have to cope with the 6-3 Vik forward another evening this season.

Neitling totalled 18 points to pace the Eagles but were still fighting at the final buzzer.

The first and second place trophies were awarded to Captains Jack Bishop of Salem and Ed Small of Stayton, respectively, after the tilt.

Salem (37) fg ft pt pb (37) Stayton fg ft pt pb
Johnson 8 4 32 0 Minten 1 2 2 4
Picken 1 0 1 2 Hinrichs 1 3 2 8
Bishop 2 0 2 0 Small 1 3 2 8
Knapp 3 0 2 0 Neitling 6 2 2 10
Domling 2 1 0 1 Small 0 3 3 3
Walker 0 1 2 0 Walker 0 1 1 1
Rice 1 2 2 0 Nilsson 0 1 1 1
Petersen 0 1 2 1
Springer 0 1 2 1
Miller 0 2 0 2
Cobb 0 0 1 0
Triplett 1 1 0 3

Totals 22 19 87 Totals 11 15 16 37
Salem 8 14 8 10 Stayton 5 13 8 27
Free throws missed: Salem 8, Stayton 14.
Officials: Bill Beard and John Kolb.

TAVARES BACK ON TRACK

HALLANDALE, Fla. (AP)—Jockey Tony Tavares, who sustained a fractured ankle when he fell during a race at Rockingham park last Oct. 14, is back in action galloping horses at Gulfstream Park. Tavares will do most of his riding for Trainer C. C. Heverly.

HOMERS PAY OFF

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP)—Two home runs by Gordy Brunswick weren't enough to overcome shaky pitching by a trio of rookies as the Seattle Rainiers dropped a 10-6 exhibition baseball game Monday to the San Francisco Seals.

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