

# Viks Reach Semi-Finals as Benson Battered 31-6

## Gavilan Batters Out One-Sided Decision Over Bratton

### Clouting Cuban Keeps Welter Crown; Eyes on Olson's Title

By JACK HAND  
CHICAGO (AP) — Welterweight champion Kid Gavilan proved Friday night he still has "it" with a brutal punching display against outclassed Johnny Bratton of Chicago to keep his title on an unanimous decision in 15 rounds.

### Cavemen Sock Mighty North Bend, 14-12

NORTH BEND (AP) — Mighty North Bend, No. 1 throughout the season in the Associated Press poll, was beaten 14-12 by Grants Pass in the major upset of the opening round of the state football championships Friday night.

### Catholic Rips Hillsboro 26-7

HILLSBORO (AP) — Central Catholic, the defending state high school football champion, eliminated Hillsboro from this year's playoffs with a 26-7 victory here Friday night.

### Spartans Test Indian Eleven

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Rifle armed Bob Garrett leads the Rose Bowl minded Stanford Indians against the San Jose State Spartans in a non-conference but important football game here Saturday. The kickoff is set for 2 p.m.

### Chico Staters Want Meeting With Linfield

CHICO, Calif. (AP) — A meeting in December with Linfield College officials will be sought by Chico State College to try to iron out differences resulting from a football game at McMinnville last Saturday.

### Saints Snare Playoff Win

ST. HELENS (AP) — Owen Ragan scored four touchdowns to lead St. Helens to a 33-12 victory over Reedsport here Friday night.

### Tom Fool Voted As Horse of Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Fool, four-year-old son of Menow from the Greenree Stable, Friday was named the horse of 1953 by the turf experts of The Morning Telegraph and Daily Racing Form.

### Viks Gloomy as Benson Scores



LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL FIELD, PORTLAND—This general shot of the Salem Viking bench was taken just after Benson Tech had scored the first touchdown of Friday night's playoff game with Salem. From left to right: Harold Santice (20); next two men unidentified; Bob Cotner (35) and Jerry Gilman (14). The gloomy expressions changed to smiles soon after as Salem moved ahead, then went on to win 31-6. (Statesman Sports Photo.)

that had the Chicago Stadium yelling "stop it" through the final rounds.

Referee Frank Gilmer let the uneven struggle continue as Bratton retreated under steady fire with both eyes puffed and his hands up.

In the eighth round, Gavilan actually landed 53 blows — believe it or not — on his cornered opponent. As punch after punch thudded home on Bratton's supposedly china jaw, it seemed he certain must go down. It was the same kind of helpless retreat that Randy Turpin made when he was backed to the ropes by Bobo Olson.

The third meeting between the two old foes was strictly no contest from the early rounds. Bratton's early speed soon faded under the steady pounding by Gavilan. When cornered, Bratton flurried back while he was able, but he simply didn't have it.

The decision was a mere formality for the big, near seclusion crowd. They knew the king had won handily in probably his last welter defense. Now he wants to move up into the middleweights, and may fight champion Bobo Olson.

Don Korn scored both touchdowns for Grants Pass—both in the first quarter. Allen Drews provided the winning margin with successful conversions.

Don Graham passed to Dick Egenoff for North Bend's first touchdown. Jim Shanley scored the other.

### Duck Flights Arrive Here

Duck hunters in the Salem area will rejoice in learning that the first big flights of northern birds were noted Thursday night and Friday, and that more are expected. Stormy weather in Canada is now driving the birds—both ducks and geese—southward.

It was on Armistice Day, 1952, that the first flights of the northern birds were noted in this area. This year it was the day after Armistice Day.

### Solon Chiefs SBC Guests

Manager Hugh Luby, President Bruce Williams and Board Members George Paul, Tom Holman, Russ Bonesteel and Bob Ashby of the Salem Senators are to be the honored guests at the Monday morning meeting of the Salem Breakfast Club, it was announced Friday by Ken Potts.

### Idaho Underdog Against Tigers

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — The College of Pacific Tigers bring their passing show to Idaho Saturday and the crippled Vandals are given little chance to outdo the featured players, Roy Ottosen and Ken Buck.

### 25 North Marion Cagers Report

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
NORTH MARION UNION HIGH SCHOOL—Reporting for basketball at North Marion were 25 boys including three lettermen—Larry Cole, Merle McLaren and Dale Callaway.

### Coburg Defeats Brownsville Club

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Coburg defeated Brownsville 66-30 in the opening round of the state six-man football playoffs here Friday night.

### Viking Ball Carrier Downed After Good Gain Against Tech



LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL FIELD, PORTLAND—Terry Salisbury, hard-running Salem Viking back (55), is hauled down by Benson Tech's Bob Lindsey after a substantial gain in the first period of Friday night's Class A-1 state quarter-finals contest. The Salem player at right (28) is Halback Neil Scheidel and in left

background is Viking Half Ray Taylor (41). The Tech player in back of Lindsey is Back Jerry Simpson. Coach Lee Gustafson's Vikings streaked to a 31-6 win over Benson to gain a semi-finals slot against Central Catholic next week. (Statesman Sports Photo.)

## WSC, Bevos Foes at Corvallis; Webfoots Hope to Surprise Cal Staters' New Stadium Opens

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State will officially open its new football stadium, Parker Field, when it meets the Washington State Cougars in Saturday's Pacific Coast Conference game here.

Washington State is favored to win over the Beavers who have won only one game this year.

But OSC coach Kip Taylor has predicted an upset. He said his team's spirit, the fact that the game will be before a friendly hometown crowd, and the players' desire to open their stadium with a victory, will be in Oregon State's favor.

The probable starting backfield for Oregon State will be Chuck Brackett, Jack Peterson, Ralph Carr and Jack Pinion.

Washington State's backfield will be Bob Burkhardt, Wayne Berry, Jim Hagerty and Vaughan Hitchcock.

At least 15,000 are expected for the game which will begin at 1:30 p.m.

### Amity Whips Gervais 41-20, Gains B Semis

NEWBERG (Special)—Amity's Warriors, champions of District B-1, gained the semi-finals of the State Class B grid playoffs Friday night as they thumped the Gervais Cougars 41-20 in a quarter-finals clash on neutral Newberg High School field.

### Football Scores

Class	Score
Class A-1 Quarter-Finals	Salem 31, Benson 6
Cent. Catholic 26, Hillsboro 7	Grants Pass 14, North Bend 12
(A-2 Quarter-Finals)	Prineville 26, Vale 6
St. Helens 33, Reedsport 12	Couville 19, Drain 7
(Class B Quarter-Finals)	Amity 41, Gervais 20
Milwaukie 37, Oregon City 19	Coburg 66, Brownsville 30
Six-Man Playoffs	Coburg 66, Brownsville 30
COLLEGE	Miami 26, Virginia Tech 0

### Bears Respect Duck Defense

By RUSS NEWLAND  
BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — California's Bears, the highest scoring team in the Pacific Coast Conference, will try to accomplish Saturday what no other club has done this season — score more than two touchdowns against Oregon. Occasional rain is forecast. The kickoff is at 2 p.m.

The Bears bounced back from a 7-20 loss to UCLA to rout Washington 53-25 last week.

They hope to maintain the pace against an Oregon squad that has shown defensive ruggedness throughout the season and presently is riding on a three-game winning streak that numbers mighty Southern California among the victims.

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## Salem Turns Tilt Into Rout In Final Half After Portland Champs Snare Early Advantage

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL FIELD, PORTLAND—(Special)—A slashing, darting gang of Salem High School Vikings roared into the semi-finals of the State Class A prep football playoffs Friday night with a resounding 31-6 victory over Benson Tech's Engineers, champs of the Portland City League.

Coach Lee Gustafson's men spotted Ralph Harper's Techmen a touchdown in the first period, then turned the game all one way with six-pointers in the second and third periods and two in the final quarter. On top of that the Capital City eleven added safeties in the second and fourth periods, attesting to the ferocious charge of their forward wall.

After the initial period in which the Vikings appeared a little on the jittery side, the winners thoroughly dominated the quarter-finals contest. The win earned them the right to meet Central Catholic in next week's semi-finals action.

The opening kickoff went to Salem and the Viks drove 71 yards to the Tech four where they missed a first down by a foot. The Portlanders took over and proceeded to go 96 yards in three plays. The big item was a pass from Jerry Simpson to End Gene Grenier that totaled 61 yards down to the Salem 30. Grenier bagged the oval and boomed down to the 30 where he fumbled the leather, but a teammate picked up the oval and zoomed on to the 10 before he was stopped. Two plays later Jim Williams, Benson's snappy ball carrier, romped eight yards for the first score of the ball game. Don Kravenek's try for point was no good.

Early in the second quarter, Williams intercepted a Herb Triplett aerial on the Benson two

at the end of a Vik drive. The Tech back was downed on the spot and when he went back to punt on the ensuing play, Line-man Bob Payne plowed through to block the boot and give Salem two points on a safety—the Viks' first scoring of the game.

Later in the second period, Salem drove down to the 15 but End Phil Burkland fumbled after taking a pass from Triplett and Benson recovered. The breaks were squared two plays later as Jim Davis of Tech also fumbled and Bill Jacobsen recovered for the Capital City Crew on the enemy 16. Three plays later Salem had its first touchdown of the contest—and bounced into the lead for the first time.

An 11-yard pass from Triplett to Burkland set up the score and Terry Salisbury then boomed over in two tries from the one. Kick specialist Ray Taylor kicked the point to make it 9-6. That was the score at the intermission.

The first time the Vikings got hands on the ball in the third period they had touchdown No. 2 for the evening. Triplett returned a Benson punt to the Salem 35 and the Gustafson gang then went 65 yards in nine plays for the score. Triplett passed for 29 and 10 yards to Burkland to spark the thrust and Triplett went the final three yards on a "keep" play. Taylor's true kick made it 16-6.

Jimmy Williams electrified the crowd of 5,000 on the next kickoff as he grabbed the oval on his own two and ran 98 yards to the Vik end zone. But Benson fans groaned when the long run was nullified by a clipping penalty.

Later in the third period a Benson punt went dead on the Salem six and it was then that the winners fashioned their longest scoring thrust of the night. They pounded 94 yards in 11 plays and the big factors were: a 29-yard romp through tackle by Triplett; a 15-yard gallop by Scheidel; an 18-yard pass from Triplett to Scheidel and the same pass combination for 14 yards and Salem touchdown No. 3. Taylor's conversion kick was nullified by a penalty and, trying from back on the 17, Taylor elected to try a pass instead of a kick. It failed.

That touchdown came in the first moments of the final period. Another Safety

After the kickoff Benson, stymied by the hard-charging Salem line, again had to kick. The Viks took over the ball on their own 37 and drove down to the enemy two where they were held. Then came the second Vik safety of

the night as Williams was downed behind his own goal line by End Phil Burkland. That made it 24-6.

The Techmen kicked, Triplett returned to the Benson 39 and in six plays the Salems completed their scoring for the evening. Salisbury was the big noise in this final thrust with runs of 18 and 26 yards, the latter romp being good for the score. Taylor booted accurately to make it 31-6.

Another Benson fumble in the final moments again gave Salem opportunity and they drove to the enemy eight where the final gun caught them.

Indicative of Salem's dominance, the Viks piled up 20 first downs to three, had 380 yards rushing to the enemy's 58 and hit 139 from passing to Benson's 116. Salem had a total yardage of 519.

Site of the Salem-Central Catholic semi-final game will be decided Sunday.

### Vale Defeated By Prineville

VALE (AP) — Prineville, the only A-2 team to make the top ten in the Associated Press high school football poll, defeated Vale 26-6 in the opening round of the A-2 playoffs here Friday night.

Prineville, the district 8 titlist, now has a record of 10 wins and no losses. The loss was the first in nine starts for Vale, the district 7 winner.

### Trabert Victor In Aussie Match

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Tony Trabert, the American champion, had to extend himself on Sydney's hottest day in 18 months Friday to eliminate Billy Knight, 18-year-old British junior champion, in the second round of the New South Wales tennis championships. The scores were 6-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.

Temperature reached 94 degrees in the shade.

Trabert, out for a light workout, was immediately placed on the defensive by the eager youngster, America's Vic Seixas and Billy Talbert, the U. S. Davis Cup team captain, won easily over Australian opponents.

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