

Bearcats Book Linfield Cage Crew Viks to Host Powerful Eugene Hi

Axemen Show In Villa Go

Final Home Outing
For Hawk's Quintet

BIG SIX LEAGUE

W.L. Pct.	W.L. Pct.
Corvallis 5 1 .557	Salem 4 4 .500
Eugene 3 1 .750	Bend 0 4 .000
Albany 5 2 .714	Springfield 0 7 .000

Friday games: Eugene at Salem, Corvallis at Bend

Salem High's Viking courtiers close out the regular portion of their home basketball schedule tonight in an eight o'clock romp with the powerful Eugene Axemen, easily one of the top prep cage outfits in the state. Jayvee teams play the 6:15 o'clock prelim.

Coach Hank Kuchera's Eugene club has been rated right along with Milwaukie and Corvallis all season, and in two games with the Spartans broke even. In their first mix with Harold Hawk's Viks the Axemen thundered to an easy 63-42 conquest.

Salem has improved considerably since then, however, and can be expected to give the touted visitors a real argument tonight. The Viks would like nothing better at present than to spill the highly ranked Axemen.

There is no hope for a Salem championship in the Big Six League race, inasmuch as the Hawkmen have dropped four games already. But Eugene still retains a chance for the title, along with Corvallis and Albany, and the Viks could take the role of spoilers tonight.

Tomy Pickens, Phil Burkland, Bob Wulf, Jim Knapp and Gordy Domogalla likely will open for the Hawkmen. For Eugene, a big veteran outfit, the starters likely will be 6-3 Don Ainge, 6-4 Norm Willoughby, 6-7 Mike Moran or 6-2 Leighton Tuttle, 5-11 Wendell Rasor and 5-7 Jack Henkel.

Leo Gustafson's Jayvees will be out for revenge also, for the Eugene seconds licked them in their first meeting at Eugene.

Furman's Mr. Points



This is Frank Selvy, the astronomic basketball scorer of Furman University in South Carolina. He's a 6-foot, 3 1/2-inch senior, president of his class. He's also in the process of rewriting the nation's major college basketball scoring records, averaging over 40 points per game.

Ticket to Hermiston...

YMCA Cagers Trip Up Motormen in AAU Mix

The YMCA team last night rolled to 70-51 victory over the Marion Motors in the final clash of the Marion County AAU basketball tournament at Leslie Junior High, and won the right to represent District 6 in the state tourney at Hermiston starting Feb. 26. The Aggies have ranked first in defense in 14 of the last 18 seasons.

The "Y" outfit led all the way last night. It was 36-27 at halftime, and although the Motormen rallied to close within four points of the leaders in the third period, they couldn't catch up.

Waldo Unruh and Dale Bates, former Willamette U players, led the scoring for the winners with 13 points each. Mickey Coen, another WU athlete, had 12. Bob Miller was high man for the Motormen, with 10.

The Aumsville Firemen and Mill City Townies had earlier been eliminated in the playoffs. The YMCA and Marion Motors are currently tied for the City League lead, each with nine wins, one loss. They play again at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in a City Loop clash.

Y.M.C.A. (70) (51) Marion Motors
Zveske (9) F (9) McCallister
Mase (5) F (0) Bertram
Unruh (13) C (7) Chanda
Bates (13) G (8) Jassman
Kiekel (9) G (10) Miller

Reserves Scoring: Y.M.C.A.—Isaac, Winklerback 2, Coeniz 12, Butler 4, Marion Motors—Henslee 8, Patton 6, Haverick 2, Bradleys 1. Officials: Woods and Richardson.

Locals Fight To Hold Lead

Friday Clash Here;
Saturday's on Road

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

W.L. Pct.	W.L. Pct.
Willamette 4 4 .556	L-Clark 4 5 .500
Whitman 5 4 .556	C-Idaho 4 5 .444
Pacific 6 5 .538	Linfield 4 6 .400

Friday-Saturday: Linfield vs. Willamette, Whitman vs. Pacific, College of Idaho vs. Lewis & Clark, Monday: College of Idaho vs. Pacific, Whitman vs. Lewis & Clark.

Willamette's basketballing Bearcats, now in a tie for first place in the Northwest Conference basketball race after losing four of their last five games, tackle the Linfield Wildcats this weekend in two more circuit outings.

Tonight's mix will be played in the WU gym, with an eight o'clock takeoff. The foes switch to McMinnville Saturday night.

While Johnny Lewis' fading flock is occupied with trying to blast Roy Helser's last-place Linfields for needed victories, Whitman will be at Pacific University and College of Idaho at Lewis & Clark this weekend in the strictly torrid pennant scramble.

Only a 1 1/2-game span now exists between the No. 1 perch occupied by the Bearcats and Whitman, and the last notch, held by Linfield.

Pacific is the outfit to keep an eye on, for the erstwhile puny Badgers are now in second place, just an eyelash from the lead, after taking three in a row from Willamette.

Setbacks being as consistent as they've been for the Bearcats lately, Lewis may give his starting lineup a severe juggling for tonight's fray. The mentor hasn't been at all happy with the club's results of the past couple of weeks.

Linfield will present a hard-running outfit, one that blows both hot and cold. The Wildcats were thrashed by Lewis & Clark one night last week, but on the next night up and whacked the Pioneers decisively.

Helser's squad has three stand-out performers in center Dave Sanford, forward Ray Olson and guard Milt Krueger. The latter is the key man in the Wildcats' fast-break attack. All are veterans, as is Carol Cable, 6-2 forward. Sanford is the biggest of the lot, at 6-4.

Pete Reed, Tom Gooding and Dick Hoy will no doubt see considerable action for the Bearcats, as they are 1-2-3 in the scoring column for the WU squad. Reed with 242, Gooding with 236 and Hoy with 227.

Tonight's prelim clash starts at 6:15 o'clock.

Wolgammott Entry Loser in Start

TOLEDO (Special) — The Salem Wolgammott Service team dropped a narrow 37-36 decision to the Toledo Hilltoppers in the first round of the Toledo Letterman's AAU Invitational basketball tournament here Thursday night. The Salem team now goes into the consolation fight and plays another game Friday night.

ARAGON 'WIN' Brings Furor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Art Aragon, 146, Los Angeles, was given a split decision Thursday night over Chuck Davey, 146 1/2, East Lansing, Mich., in a rousing 10 round fight — and the award brought the immediate suspension of two ring officials.

Commissioner Everett Sanders of The California Athletic Commission announced after the violently booed decision that Referee Mushy Callahan and Judge Joe Stone had been suspended. Both voted for Aragon.

Sanders said he conferred with Chairman Tony Elenza and Commissioner Norman Houston, and all agreed to the suspensions.

The crowd of 10,000 booned the outcome for at least 10 minutes.

Capitol Loop Faces Finals

Final round action in the Capitol League tonight has Philomath playing Sacred Heart Academy at the Salem Armory, Central Hi opposing Salem Academy at West Salem and Cascade, 60-40 against Stayton at Stayton.

As the teams wing into their finals, SEA holds a game lead over second place Stayton, and needs only to beat last-place Philomath tonight to clinch the title. A Stayton loss would accomplish it for Leo Grosjacques' cagers also.

All games start at eight o'clock, following the usual prelims.

Marion B League

MARION COUNTY B LEAGUE

W.L. Pct.	W.L. Pct.
Mill City 14 2 .875	Gates 6 10 .375
Gervais 12 3 .800	Chenawah 6 10 .375
Jefferson 11 4 .733	Sublimity 4 11 .267
Scio 10 5 .667	O.S.D. 4 11 .267
St. Paul 9 6 .600	Detroit 3 13 .154

Friday games: Mill City at Scio, Sublimity at Oregon School for Deaf, Gervais at Jefferson, St. Paul at Detroit, Gates at Chenawah.

New Boss



This is J. Neil (Skip) Stahley, who has been named as the new football coach at the University of Idaho, replacing Babe Curfman who resigned. Stahley is 44 years old and was formerly connected with the Chicago Cardinals pro club.

Seattle Quint Due in Playoff At Corvallis

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The National Collegiate Athletic Assn. announced Thursday Seattle University will play Idaho State March 9 at Corvallis, Ore., to determine which will have a berth in the Western regional basketball tournament.

Seattle was selected Wednesday by the NCAA as an at-large team to meet Idaho State, the Rocky Mountain Conference champion. The Western regional, which serves as an elimination event for the national collegiate basketball championship, will be played March 13-14 at Corvallis.

The Pacific Coast and Mountain States Conferences automatically qualify their champions for the Corvallis meet. The fourth spot will be decided between the Border Conference champion and an at-large team from the Southern Division area of the Pacific Coast Conference.

Bradley University of Peoria, Ill., and Oklahoma City University later in the day named as at-large entrants.

The two will meet in a first round game, March 9, on the Bradley court. The winner of that game will meet the Big Seven Conference champion in the Western regional tournament, March 13-14, at Stillwater, Okla. Colorado and Kansas are currently tied for the big seven conference leadership.

Yankees Fail To Sign Chief

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees Thursday signed two minor players but failed to lure big chief Alie Reynolds into the fold. Relief pitcher Bob Kuzava, a 6-5 man last season, and shortstop Willie Miranda, the lightest hitter on the 1953 world champions, agreed to terms. Reynolds held his second in-person conference with Roy Haney, the club's contract trouble shooter, then headed back to his Oklahoma oil wells.

Beavers, Ducks Tangle With Washington Teams



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Coleman-to-Martin-to-Coleman...

Army Induction Faces Yankees' Billy Martin

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — The day Jerry Coleman left for Marine duty in 1952 he gave his glove to scrappy Billy Martin with these words: "Use it, Billy, and make me proud of it."

Thursday — by the action of a draft board — the situation is reversed. Coleman is out of the service after many months as a Marine flier in Korea and Martin is going in — for the second time.

Billy, the New York Yankee second baseman who broke the back of the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1953 World Series, served six months in the Army in the winter of 1950-51, and was discharged for hardship reasons. But last month — after the birth of his daughter — he was reclassified I-A.

He appealed, listing five dependents. His draft board this week turned him down, however, and he probably will report for induction in the March quota — a month before the baseball season starts.

That leaves second base open again to Coleman.

Martin said he wasn't certain whether he would again appeal his reclassification. He has the right to — if at least one member of his draft board voted for him. How ever, the board did not disclose its vote.

"I don't plan on doing anything right now," Martin said, adding he was puzzled at the board's action.

"I've got five dependents now and they let me out of the Army because I had four dependents at that time."

Billy listed as dependents his estranged wife, Lois; his daughter, Kelly Ann, a sister, Joan, 13, his mother, Mrs. Jack Downey and his step father.

"I'll go happily," Martin told newsmen, "if they can figure out some way to support my dependents."

CHURCH LEAGUE

Senior League: Nazarene 35, 1st EUB 32, Grace Lutheran 62, Free Methodist 60 (overtime), Intermediate A League: Englewood EUB 36, St. Mark Lutheran 27, 1st Baptist 45, Evangelical Temple 34, Intermediate B League: Nazarene 63, Keizer Community 30, 1st Presbyterian 47, South Salem Friends 29, Junior A League: Nazarene 34, Knight Memorial 17, Deaf School 25, 1st Baptist 15, Junior B League: 1st Presbyterian 34, Deaf School 8.

Reynolds is believed to be asking about \$40,000 for his services, an increase of some \$2,500 over last season.

Reynolds was a 20-game winner in 1952 but posted only a 13-7 mark last season when he was used mostly in relief.

HUSKY MATMEN WIN

NORTH MARION UNION HIGH SCHOOL (Special) — Niles Beiser, Dan Blake, Bob Strawn, Pat Devlin, Darrell Barr, Bob Hunt, Bill McNary and Duane Smith won matches as North Marion topped Sherwood 43-13 in a Yawama League wrestling match here Thursday night. Tom Lewie, Dave Reickel and Chuck Peterson were also winners.

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Series Sweep Aim of Oregon

OSC Plays Cougars,
UO Battles Huskies

By The Associated Press

The two Oregon entries in the Northern Division basketball race play on Washington soil this weekend. Oregon's Webfoots opposing the Washington Huskies at Seattle and the Oregon State Beavers slated against the Washington State Cougars at Pullman, both Friday and Saturday nights.

Coach Slat's Gill's Oregon Staters go into the weekend boasting a full game lead over Oregon, which in turn has only a half-game bulge over third place Idaho in the hot race.

Oregon won two over Washington in their first games at Eugene this season, and Oregon State measured WSC twice at Corvallis. But both Oregon teams are apt to find the Washingtonians much tougher to handle on their own courts.

Particularly so in the case of Oregon, as Tippy Dye's Huskies have been improving greatly and have won four of their last five games, including one over Oregon State at Corvallis last week.

Oregon hasn't beat the Huskies at Seattle since 1947, and since then Washington has registered 13 straight home wins over Webfoot teams.

Coach Bill Borcher's Webfoots will be shooting for a series sweep at Seattle, for they play Oregon State in a final next week. Oregon will need both games at Washington, if Oregon State takes both as expected from WSC. Otherwise the Oregonians will have no chance for the clear-cut championship in their series with the Beavers.

Idaho is idle this week-end, but has a final game with Washington State at Pullman on Tuesday. Then the Vandals close out the following Friday and Saturday with Washington at Moscow. The Vandals are of course hoping to see both Washington State and Washington come through with the wins this weekend, which would give Idaho chances for the title a big boost.

Nats in Swap For Gil Coan

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The Washington Senators, hopeful of plugging a gap in rightfield, Thursday obtained Roy Sievers from the Baltimore Orioles in exchange for outfielder Gil Coan.

Sievers, 27 year old righthanded hitter, was voted the American League's rookie of the year in 1949 with the St. Louis Browns when he batted .306, but dipped to .238 the following season, then suffered a shoulder separation and since has seen only part-time duty.

Coan, who sustained a fractured skull, chipped wrist and a broken ankle with Washington, never fulfilled the promise he displayed when he batted .372 with Chattanooga in 1945.

He batted only .196 last season after breaking an ankle in an exhibition game at Charlotte, N. C., April 5. He didn't return to the Senators' lineup until July 5.



Some Changes to Be Noted This Time

Fish Lake in Linn county will be open from May 1 to May 31 only. The season this year on the south fork of Silver creek and tributaries above Silver creek falls was changed to conform to the general trout season, May 1 to October 10. This spring, steelhead and salmon anglers will keep an alert eye peeled for changes on the Santiam river. A new ruling closes the Santiam for a distance of 400 feet below dams (plural) on the main north and south channels of Stayton island. This has long been a sore spot with considerable misunderstanding over just where the deadline was.

This coming Sunday, February 21, Willamette Valley retrieving dog enthusiasts will be gathered at the E. E. Wilson Game Management Area at Camp Adair, where the Willamette Valley Retriever Club will hold an informal picnic. These picnic trials offer the retriever owners an opportunity to keep their dogs in hunting sharpness throughout the year when a dog's life is otherwise rather boring with little to do but sit around the kennel and wonder what went wrong with the "boss" that he doesn't go hunting more often.

The public is always welcome at these trials and dog enthusiasts, retriever and otherwise, get a chance to see some fine land and water work by the dogs that save their masters lots of birds that would otherwise be lost during the open bird seasons.

Retriever Club Trial Upcoming

We understand that the Willamette Valley Retriever Club will hold its first AKC licensed trial some time this year which will attract top retrievers from all over the west. If you own a retriever and want to let him enjoy life a bit more, you'd better hustle yourself along next Sunday and get in on the fun. The trials start at 10 o'clock in the a. m. and will continue most of the day. There will be a special puppy class in the afternoon to give possible "champions" of the future a chance to see what a bird with feathers on looks like.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Salem Spin Fishing Club held last Monday evening at the Hollywood Lions Den, the membership was treated with a showing of colored slides taken by Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Bradley on a recent trip to Haiti. During the business session of the meeting it was agreed that one of the Club's objectives for the coming months was the establishing steelhead trout as a game fish in the State of Oregon.

Basketball

COLLEGE
Furman 52, Mercer 49
Virginia 59, Virginia Military 50
Manhattan 37, St. John's 75 (two overtimes)
Georgia Tech 58, South Carolina 53
Middlebury 61, Wesleyan 60
Kentucky 80, Tennessee 63
Lawrence Tech 71, Detroit Tech 49
Maryland 52, Georgetown 50
Utah State 67, Denver 55
West Texas 104, Arizona State (Tempe) 76
Niagara 72, NYU 54
Wichita 79, St. Louis 73
Emporia State 67, Omaha 55
Baltimore 56, Western Maryland 47
Colorado A & M 68, Colorado State 66

Valley Quints In 4 Clashes

Sandy is at Silverton, Canby and Estacada, at Mt. Angel tonight in four more Willamette Valley League basketball games, the next to last round of play on the 1954 schedule. The league windup is booked for next Tuesday night.

See teams play the usual prelims tonight, starting at 6:30 o'clock. The main events will get under way at eight o'clock, or shortly thereafter.

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