

SPORTS LIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

This, that, etc.

Back home in Portland, even though briefly, after some Winter League baseballing in Puerto Rico, Dick Sinovic is looking forward to his trial with the Milwaukee Braves. The onetime Salem Senator hero, who has been quite a sensation in the Southern Association the last couple of seasons, figures he might have a good chance of sticking with the Braves even though it wasn't exactly good news to Dick when said Braves recently secured the slugging Bobby Thomson from the Giants. Sinovic leaves for Florida and spring camp this week. Speaking of sluggers, it's a safe bet that Charley Mead, the W.L.'s home run champ of 1953 (he hit 31), won't hit nearly that many the coming campaign. He'll be with Yakima, which has a 385-foot right field fence. Mead was shooting at the 290-footer in Calgary's miserable little ball park last semester. Principal Pat Beal at North Marion High tells that the drive to raise some \$10,000 via sale of bonds, the money to be used to install lights around the Huskies' grid arena, "is going along in good shape." Tonight's Dayton-North Marion cage game at North Marion has been dedicated as the official "kick-off" for the funds drive. Portland Bevo's second sacker Eddie Basinski, who conveniently forgot to bring along his fiddle for a number or two during the recent Harvey Storey banquet, turned out to be quite a wow as a speaker. But it's nothing new for the professor-like keynoter. He's much in demand around the Portland mashed potato circuit, and has no less than 15 speaking engagements before he checks in at the Beavers' spring camp next month. Belated apologies to the Salem High wrestling team and Coach Hank Juran for overlooking them in the year-end poll of awhile back. The Viks last year won the district meet and finished fourth in the state tournament. In fact, no Salem High team has ever lost a district tournament championship since Juran took over as coach.



AL BRIGHTMAN Prediction comes true.

Sam Vokes and his College of Idaho Coyotes have a scheduled basketball game with the Harlem Globetrotters early next month at Caldwell. But Sam had best hide his prized R. C. Owens that night rather than let the Trotters see him in action. The Negro flash is better right now than most of the pro barnstormers, who're apt to put the snatch on him once they see him go at it. Looks as if Seattle U coach Al Brightman aims to keep his early-season pledge. He told us in December, "We'll be back at Corvallis again next March, and this time we won't disgrace anybody. We have a better team this year than last, even with the O'Briens gone." The "disgrace" of last March was of course Washington's ridiculously easy win over the Chieftains. Brightman's nationally ranked band is booked for a Corvallis date March 8 with Idaho State, and the winner will step into the March 12-13 NCAA quarterfinals there.

Sam Had Better Hide Owens That Night

Re that Storey banquet, Portland general manager Bill Garbarino passed along the inside info that he wasn't only down here to help give the popular Senators manager a rousing sendoff, "but also to help make more solid the relationship between our two baseball clubs. "Salem people got awful mad at us a few years ago when we owned the club here," the general manager went on, "and I didn't blame them much at the time. But we want to forget all that now and be friends. We're all for your Salem Senators, and hope you have a big season."

Don't know whether it will do any good or not, but we hinted to Bill that the best way to make friends hereabouts would be to send us a ballplayer or two on option—somebody like Dwayne Heibig and Granny Gladstone.

Wegner Afflicted by 'Senioritis' Disease

One of the biggest surprises of the current basketball season is the inability of Oregon's Ken Wegner to perform up to his pace of a year ago when he was so all-around good that he made the All-Northern Division team hands down. What has happened to Wegner? Sure it's all up in one word, "senioritis," and you'll be as right as any.

That's what's wrong with him—he's a senior and he's let it go to his head. It is the way Webfoot trainer Bob (Two-Gun) Officer puts it. Fact is, it got so bad with Wegner over the weekend at Seattle that he was purposely not placed in the starting lineup for Saturday night's game with Washington.

It's a shame this common athletic disease had to catch up with the likes of Wegner, for it not only hurts the ball club in general but Wegner as well. He could be one of the best basketball players in the West.

If he doesn't snap out of it this week during practice sessions, he's played his last game for the Webfoots. Boss Bill Borchert is leaving it entirely up to Wegner.

Eric Goes Against Nicolini . . . Lindsey Seeks Revenge In Mat Mainer Tonight

Luther (The Tank) Lindsey, victimized by a fast count in his bristling battle with Ivan Kamaroff here last week, seeks revenge tonight at the Armory when he again goes against the pushing Russian in Matchmaker Elton Owens' main event. The mat tussle was a rugged one to say the least a week ago, and it's expected to be just as much on the bruising side tonight.

Kamaroff survived three of Lindsey's spectacular diving block busters in the first meeting—the only grappler ever to do so here. And it took Ivan fully 10 minutes before he finally got his squeezing bear hug to subdue Luther in the first fall.

Referee Tony Ross' fast count on Lindsey, after he had been fouled by Kamaroff and kicked out of the ring, not only killed Luther's chance for the win, but also stirred up the animals but good. It took Owen and other rasslers to finally subdue the irate Lindsey, and Ross was given considerable verbal criticism by the fans following the match.

The veteran Harry Elliott of Portland has been obtained to handle tonight's rematch.

The semi-windup special has its attractiveness also, as none other than blond Eric (The Arrogant) Pederson is to appear in it, against bouncing Gino Nicolini, popular and clever youngster who is fast rising to the top as a grappler. Pederson hasn't been around these parts in a number of weeks.

The spectacular Pepper Gomez also makes a return visit in one of the prelims, going against Catalina George Drake. Gomez was a big hit in his only Salem appearance almost a month ago. In the 8:30 o'clock opener Chester Walliek will tangle with Jack Rush, Oklahoma veteran.

DEVLIN TRIUMPHS LAKE PLACID, N. Y. (AP)—Art Devlin, Lake Placid, N. Y. Monday won the 3rd annual S. N. B. Invitational ski jump with leaps of 265 and 269 feet on the intervals 70-meter Olympic course.

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Duquesne Keeps Poll Lead; Top Teams Unchanged

Willamette Valley League Ends Cage Play Tonight

The Willamette Valley League basketball race hits its finish line tonight with four final games. And when they're over, Coach Gordy Kunkke's Dallas Dragons are again expected to be waving the loop bunting emblematic of the 1954 title.

Dallas plays at Molalla tonight, Silvertown at Estacada, Mt. Angel at Sandy and Woodburn at Canby. The Dragons go into the final round with a one-game lead over Silvertown. Either a Dallas win or a Silvertown loss will assure Kunkke's Warriors of the crown.

On the other hand, should Molalla measure Dallas, and Mitt Baum's Silvertown take Estacada, then it will end in a tie between the Dragons and Foxes.

Truman Osburn's Estacada Rangers were in the thick of the flag argument until Friday night when they were downed by Mt. Angel. Estacada can finish in a second place tie, or fourth place in the final standings, completing the first division.

In Friday's games Dallas walloped Canby 70-40, Silvertown subdued Woodburn 77-39 and Mt. Angel registered its surprise over Estacada by a 38-31 count.

Both Dallas and Silvertown have their work cut out for them tonight, as the Rangers and Indians are rugged customers on their home floors. Al Grove's Molalla quint has in Stan Childers the league's foremost scorer, while the Rangers have the No. 2 pointsman in Gary Ames.

Childers' total to date is 245, which is but 32 off the circuit record owned by Wes Ediger of Dallas in 1951. Ames' total is now 215 and these two are the only ones over the 200 level.

Dallas' Herb Brandli is No. 3 with 186, and after him come Jim Alexander, Molalla, 182; Arlan Bigham, Canby, 175; Fred scooted by Sandy 64-50, Molalla

Kaser, Silvertown, 166; Don Myers, Sandy, 158; Gabe Wolf, Silvertown, 139; Jerry Plank, Woodburn, 138; Ray Domschofsky, Dallas, 133; Del Kiggins, Estacada, 132; Dick Rayley, Canby, 131; Rex Domschofsky, Dallas, and Jim Zauner, Mt. Angel, 127; Larry Copple, Silvertown, 126.

Thus in the Molalla-Dallas game it can be expected that Childers will go all out to erase the scoring record, and that Dallas will try just as hard to stop him and keep the mark intact for the departed Ediger.

Vikings Wind Up Cage Play At Milwaukie

Salem High's Vikings bring their long and strictly rugged basketball schedule to a finish tonight in a game at Milwaukie with the state's top ranked prep team. Jayvee squads play the prelim mix at 6:30.

The Mustangs, a big outfit which has lost but one game all season, that in an upset to Gresham, beat the Salems 75-63 in their first session here earlier in the season. They'll be heavily favored to repeat tonight.

Coach Harold Hauk's squad, which has played seven of the state's highest ranked teams during the season, goes into tonight's finale with a record of 13 wins, 8 losses.

The usual starting lineup of Bob Wolf, Phil Burkland, Tommy Pickens, Gordy Domogalla and Jim Knapp will likely open for the Haukmen in their bid to finish things up with an upset victory.

The Vikings commence their part of the District 11-A tournament at the Vik Villa on Friday night this week, playing Sacred Heart Academy as the second section of a double bill which also puts Stayton against Cascade.

Matt Snatches Scoring Title

Vince Matt, diminutive guard for Sacred Heart Academy's Capitol League basketball champions, has taken the loop's individual scoring title, according to final unofficial figures. Matt finished with 178 points for his 10 games, a 17.8 average. He beat out Wayne Minten of Stayton, who wound up with 171 for a 17.1 average.

Other top finishers: Roger Nielsen, Stayton, 139; Virgil Faenrecht, Salem Academy, 137; Bill Brown, Cascade, 121; Jim Moriarty, SHA, 120; Dave Nieling, Stayton, 115; Gordy Brunk, Central, 113; Marc Nelson, Central, 99; Jim Fratzke, Central, and Gene Winkle, Cascade, 93; Howard Speer, Cascade, and Neal Kinion, Cascade, 92; Dave Phillips, Salem Academy, 90; Cliff Leach, Philomath, 81; Derrol Gohl, Stayton, 80.

Hasty Road Upset Again

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Fascinator won the featured \$21,075 Columbian Handicap Monday but the second defeat in a row for Hasty House Farms' highly-regarded Hasty Road overshadowed the feature and provided one of the biggest upsets in Hialeah history.

Elizabeth Arden Graham's Black Metal, like Hasty Road a nominee for Saturday's \$100,000 favored Falmington, whipped the 1-10 favorite by a head in the mile and a sixteen-hundredths.

Black Metal ran the distance in 1:43 1/5 over a fast track, only one fifth of a second off the track record set by Charley McAdam on Feb. 11, 1952.

Fascinator, also owned by Mrs. Graham, carried 110 pounds, including jockey Henry Moreno, in the 7-furlong Columbian and was never threatened, winning by a length over Mrs. Charles Silvers' Lavender Hill.

Bowling Scores

U-Howl-Ladies Minor League Johnson's (1)—Dot Ling 357, Johnson 308, Nicholls 383, Lance 384, Krebs (3)—Krebs 351, Moen 357, Biles 364, Hiest 332.

Pay Less Drugs (1)—D. Valdez 345, Hills 318, N. Valdez 290, W. Valdez 293, Western Paper (3)—Kirby 358, Hall 374, Cogswell 358, Pearson 386.

Moore Business Forms (1)—M. Mulcahy 348, D. Strader 368, D. Kandle 332, P. Case 306, Meadows Rest. (3)—R. Eckstrom 319, E. Furrer 348, L. Arnold 388, S. Arthur 364.

Salem Builders (1)—Curtis 410, Keene 300, Coon 443, Fredrick 383, Nehl (3)—V. Gannon 411, J. Gannon 303, J. Faller 334, C. Hildreth 467.

High series, Salem Builders, 1838; high game, Nehl, 574; high series, Hildreth 467; high game, Coon 162.

Capitol Alleys—Commercial No. 1 Jayson's Clothing Store (3)—H. Haugen 584, R. Sommers 512, J. Lebold (3)—C. Boyce 468, B. Ryan 604, W. Dryd Furniture (1)—H. Olinger 325, V. Perry 454, D. Woodry 464, C. Foreman 511, Rayburn 541.

Lana Avenue Service (3)—Y. Barber 532, K. Nelson 502, J. Doerfler 548, R. Gunn 582, K. Hayes 611, Nicholson's Insurance (1)—B. Eber-

Biggies Next for Max

Sophomore center Max Anderson of Oregon, shown here in an action during the Washington State series, next faces the Oregon State Beavers in Northern Division play, Friday night at Eugene, Saturday night at Corvallis. The 6-7 Anderson will be assigned checking duties on OSC's 7-3 Suede Halbrook. That's Ron Bennink of the Cougars behind Anderson in the photo, with UO's Ed Halberg in background.



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Lewis-Clark Expands Margin in Northwest

Lewis and Clark took a firmer grip on first place in the Northwest conference basketball race Monday night by posting a Pacific 102-78 victory over Whitman.

The Pioneer victory over the Missionaries, coupled with Pacific's expected defeat of College of Idaho, result in some general reshuffling of the also-rans in the up-to-now close conference chase.

Cage Games:

TUESDAY (High School) Salem at Milwaukie, Corvallis at Albany, Newport at Lebanon, Springfield at Eugene, Dallas Molalla, Silvertown at Estacada, Mt. Angel at Sandy, Woodburn at Canby, Deaf School at Gervais, Chemawa at Jefferson, Detroit at Mill City, Gates at Sublimity, Scio at Ft. Paul, Dayton at North Marion, City League at Leslie.

WEDNESDAY (High School) Perrydale vs. Valseit at Monmouth, City League at Leslie, (College) Portland State at OCE, Lewis & Clark at Pacific (Thursday)

Coyotes Get Playoff Bid

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)—College of Idaho has been invited to take part in the District 5 National Association of Inter-Collegiate Athletic basketball playoff in Bozeman March 1.

Herb Klindt of Billings, district chairman, said he was notified Monday night that the school will join three other teams if it can get out of a March 1 conference date.

Klindt said if College of Idaho is unable to participate, the tournament will be held among Carroll College of Helena, Montana State of Bozeman and Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho. All have accepted invitation.

White Sox Drill

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Manager Paul Richards of the Chicago White Sox Monday sent 30 players through their paces at the new Al Lopez Field, then ordered a new practice timetable with emphasis on conditioning pitchers.

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Schlundt in Slump . . . Iowa Blocks Crown Clincher for Indiana

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP)—Iowa's bunch of brilliant sophomores out-paced and outshot Indiana's defending Big Ten basketball champions Monday night, 82-64, and kept the Hoosiers from clinching at least a share of the current title.

Indiana was ranked No. 3 nationally this week to Iowa's tie for 25th and the Hoosiers had won 23 straight games at home over three seasons.

Indiana kept the Big Ten lead with 10 victories and two defeats and Iowa held second place at 9-3. Each has two games to play.

Bill Seaberg scored 21 points for the Hawkeyes. Don Schlundt, repeatedly missing under the basket, was high scorer for Indiana with 20 points.

Irish Entry Anita Victor

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP)—Handicap horses took their final swings Monday leading up to the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap, and an Irish importation, Thirteen of Diamonds, won the holiday feature, the \$20,550 Washington's Birthday Handicap.

Racing over Santa Anita's new grass course, Thirteen of Diamonds, owned by Alberta Ranches of Canada and ridden by Johnny Longden, beat out Alfred G. Vandenberg's Find by a length and a quarter and did it in a new American record for a mile and one-quarter on a grass course.

The time was 2:00 minutes flat. Mark-Ye-Well held the old mark at 2:00 1/5, set here Feb. 3.

Black Rascal, owned by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McDaniel, ran third in the field of 12 horses, while the well-regarded King Ranch's Resistance and Andrew Crevelin's Decorated ran out of the money and never threatened.

Thirteen of Diamonds, loser in his four previous races at Santa Anita, is an eligible for the big handicap coming up Saturday.

He paid \$6.40, \$4.00 and \$3.20. Find paid \$6.50 and \$5.10, and Black Rascal, an entry with Horsetrader-Ed, \$6.40.

Dukes Keep Rollin'

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Jumping Jim Tucker poured in 25 points Monday night as unbeaten Duquesne enhanced its No. 1 national ranking with an easy 79-52 victory over Bowling Green. It was the Dukes' 22nd collegiate basketball triumph.

Kentucky Triumphs

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—Kentucky stepped up the tempo after a slow start Monday night to wallop Vanderbilt, 100-64, for its 22nd basketball victory against no defeats. Its senior trio of Cliff Hag, Frank Ramsey and Lou Tsioropoulos combined for 61 points.

Evans, Phipps Hit Hot 1315 Series

Frankie Evans and Dick Phipps combined efforts Monday for a smashing 1315 series (minus handicap) to grab off the \$50 jackpot for better-than-1300 series at the University Bowl.

Evans flirited with a "700" as his three-game totals of 236, 203 and 257 added up to a roaring 696. Phipps, off to a "slow" start with 187, hit 222 and 210 on the end to make a 619 total.

DUCK PINS

Ladies League at B and B Bowling Alleys; Willamette Valley Bank (4), Randle Oil (0); Woodruff's San Shop (3), Master Bread (1). High individual game and series, Jean Maguire, Master Bread, 190 and 420; high team game and series, Willamette Valley Bank, 636 and 1766.

CHURCH LEAGUE

SENIOR LEAGUE: 1st EUB 48, Knight Memorial 38; Free Methodist 38, Nazarene 46; Grace Lutheran 38, Stayton Baptist 54.

INTERMEDIATE "A" LEAGUE: Evangelistic Temple 25, 54; Paul Episcopal 58; Calvary Baptist 37, 1st Christian 31; 1st Baptist 43, 1st Methodist 34.

JUNIOR "B" LEAGUE: Nazarene 33, Calvary Baptist 15; Knight Memorial 27, Englewood EUB 20.

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Seattle, Holy Cross Switch

Dukes Get 38 First Place Votes in Poll

By JOHN CHANDLER

NEW YORK (AP)—College basketball heads into the final stages leading to tournament play Monday with the unbeaten Dukes of Duquesne still holding on to the No. 1 ranking over another undefeated major power—Kentucky.

The weekly Associated Press poll of sports writers and sportscasters showed the first six teams exactly as they were last week, with Indiana third, Western Kentucky fourth, Oklahoma A&M fifth, and Notre Dame sixth.

In this week's nationwide poll, Duquesne received 38 first place votes out of 128 cast, and 534 points on the basis of 10 for first, nine for second, etc. Kentucky got 27 firsts and 853 points.

Indiana, nearing a Big Ten Conference championship, had 12 firsts and 691 points.

There was one newcomer to the top 10 teams, Duke, the Atlantic Coast Conference leader, moving into the 10th spot. Iowa, No. 10 last week, fell all the way into a tie for No. 20 with Illinois after losing a pair of games to Ohio State and Illinois.

Holy Cross advanced from ninth to seventh, switching places with idle Seattle. George Washington, the Southern Conference leader, held onto No. 8 ranking.

The leading teams of a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 point basis. First place votes and won-lost records in parentheses:

- Duquesne (38) (21-0) 934
- Kentucky (27) (21-0) 853
- Indiana (12) (17-2) 691
- Western Kentucky (6) (25-1) 606
- Oklahoma A&M (11) (21-2) 529
- Notre Dame (3) (16-2) 449
- Holy Cross (6) (21-1) 397
- George Wash. (14) (18-1) 291
- Seattle (4) (14-1) 227
- Duke (2) (18-5) 158

The Second Ten

- Maryland (2) (21-5) 148
- Louisiana State (17-2) 142
- LaSalle (1) (20-4) 133
- Wichita (23-3) 86
- Oklahoma City (14-5) 71
- Dayton (22-5) 71
- Kansas (13-4) 71
- Colorado A&M (2) (20-4) 36
- UCLA (18-5) 35
- Iowa (14-5) 29
- Illinois (14-4) 29

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