

South Salem Ties Pirates for Co-Championship

Army, Navy Clash Today in Traditional Grid Game

Cadets Rated Slight Favorite To Edge Out Middie Gridders

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.
PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Army and Navy the nation's greatest offensive football teams meet Saturday in a game that figures to be so close and unpredictable that even a scoreless tie wouldn't be too big a surprise.

Wolves Lose Hoop Opener

SEATTLE (AP)—The Seattle Pacific Falcons breezed to a 74-66 win over the Oregon College of Education Wolves in a season basketball opener here Friday night.

The local five was led by a pair of little men, Ivan Gish and Loren Anderson, who kept the visitors back on their heels much of the game. Gish, whistled out on fouls with 3:41 to play, piled up 18 points, Anderson carried the brunt of the second-half scoring duties, getting a total of 15.

Three other Falcons scored double-digit totals accounting for most of the winners' total. The final score was not indicative of the ease with which the Falcons held off the Wolves, as there were from 12 to 18 points separating the teams through most of the game.

OSAA Acts On Playoffs

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon School Activities Assn. agreed Friday to survey high school sports playoffs.

The survey plan was approved after Bob Dusenberry, principal of Cottage Grove High, withdrew his earlier motion aimed at abolishing football playoffs entirely.

Virgil Kingsley, superintendent of schools at Cottage Grove, will head the survey of individual school boards to get recommendations on the matter of playoffs.

The entire playoff program—football, basketball, baseball, track and other sports—will be included in the survey.

In the discussion which followed Dusenberry's original motion, it developed that many school officials opposed the present playoff program because it requires them to "tailor their schedules" in football and baseball.

The playoff committee will report to a special OSAA session next spring at Corvallis.

Delegates also approved revision of the OSAA constitution to allow representation on the board of control of three class 1-A delegates; two class 2-A delegates and two class B delegates.

Under the revised constitution, there will be champions determined in all three classifications—1-A, 2-A and B in all major sports except baseball where 2-A district winners will continue inter-district playoffs with A-1 clubs prior to the state tournament.

In the past, there has been only two champions named in the state track meet at Corvallis. Plans for changes in the basketball tournament were made last spring and become effective in 1956, following realignment of some districts.

Delegates also: Increased the pay for game officials by \$2.50. Class 1-A schools will pay \$15, 2-A schools \$12.50, and B schools \$10.

Heard a report that the organization showed the largest profit in history for the past year—\$30,353.77.

Decided that football and basketball jamborees would not count as games. Football games are limited to nine regular season games and basketball teams to 22 regular season games.

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Saxon's Quarterback Herb Juran Scores First Touchdown



PORTLAND—Quarterback Herb Juran of the South Salem Saxons carries over for the first touchdown in the prep A-1 championship game Friday night at Multnomah Stadium. Roger Johnson (41) and Bob Peterson, Marshfield center, make the stop—but too late. Salem men shown are LaMoyné Maper (23), Bob Griffin and Larry New-some. (Photos by John Erickson)

aged better than 30 points a game. But the only certainty is that the teams will play their hearts out before some 105,000 spectators in jam-packed municipal stadium.

This colorful spectacle always is a sellout usually before the season opens and this year the interest has mounted amazingly as the cadets and midshipmen have compiled two of the best records in Eastern football.

The fact that the Eastern college championship likely will be decided is a matter of minor importance. This is a game of national appeal heightened by the fact that it will be televised nationally as the NCAA Game of the Week and broadcast by radio to outlying military and naval installations as well as in the United States.

The kickoff is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. (EST) but the spectacle starts at noon when the 2400 grey-clad members of Army's corps of cadets march into the big stadium. The regiment of midshipmen 3600 strong—hosts for this year's game—will parade in about 20 minutes later. The weather forecast is cloudy and cool with afternoon temperatures in the 40's.

For the first time since 1923, there's a possibility that the Army-Navy contest may have a bearing on one of the New Year's Day bowl games.

Navy has had feelers from the Sugar Bowl and Cotton Bowl and, while there has been no formal expression, indications are that the

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Saxons Halt Baker



PORTLAND—Marshfield's Denny Baker (65) is hoisted down on the kickoff return after South Salem's first touchdown in the opening quarter. LaMoyné Maper (23) made the tackle. Also shown are Salem's Larry Newsome (27), Ed Keech (47) and Marshfield John Johnson (50).

Vic Seixas Big Question Mark For U. S. Tennis Team Hopes

By WILL GRIMSLEY
MELBOURNE (AP)—United States champion Vic Seixas, already labeled the enigma of America's Davis Cup team, will have the Australians guessing again Saturday in the third round of the Victorian Tennis Championships.

The sharp volleying Philadelphiaan meets Australia's Neale Fraser in the feature of an eight match program carrying the tournament into the quarterfinals. It will provide a last competitive look at U.S., Australian and Swedish aces before the interzone and challenge round cup tests next month.

Seixas, making his first singles appearance in Australia this year, fought off set point in the opening set Friday and defeated 16-year-old Graham Lovett of Sydney 9-7, 6-2, 6-3.

Trabert was an early winner over Australia's Arthur Gubb, 6-0, 6-2, 6-4, and a vastly improved Richardson advanced over England's Roger Barrett, 6-2, 6-1, 6-3.

VISA REFUSED
RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Brazil Friday refused to issue a visa to Emil Zatopek, thus ending the fabulous Czechoslovakian distance runner's bid for a repeat victory in the annual cross country race at Sao Paulo Dec. 31.

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Argentine New Champ . . . Perez Batters Shirai For Flyweight Crown

By JIM BECKER
TOKYO (AP)—Pascual Perez, a tiny terrier from Argentina, bashed world flyweight champion Yoshio Shirai of Japan into dazed submission here Friday night and became the first man from the land of the Pampas ever to wear a world boxing crown.

The little bull-necked battler, with a whirlwind finish, took boxing's smallest title from the Japanese in a vigorous 15-round, outdoor bout in 55-degree weather. Perez was outweighted 11 1/2 to 107 1/2 and had a five-inch disadvantage in reach. But he packed the stamina and power.

Perez floored Shirai with a vicious left uppercut in the 12th round and battered him around the ring at will in the last four rounds to overcome a substantial early point lead set up by the heavier, rangier Shirai.

Shirai had no excuses. Thoroughly beaten, he told his American manager when the verdict was announced: "I'm very sorry." The manager, Dr. Alvin Cahn, said: "Even a champion must lose some time."

The decision was unanimous. U. S. Army Maj. Jack Sullivan, referee, scored it 146-139 under Japan's point system. Judge Bill Pacheco of Hawaii had it 143-139. Judge Kuniharu Hayashi of Japan had it 146-134, all for Perez. The Associated Press had it 143-140 for Perez.

A rematch was percolating. Cahn said flatly: "There will be a rematch in Tokyo within six months."

The outcome was a blow to the gamblers. Ringside odds switched to 4-1 in Shirai's favor before the opening bell.

Wichita Wants Gator Bid, Declines Sun
ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP)—The University of Wichita has declined an invitation to play in the Sun Bowl football game at El Paso, Tex., New Year's Day, Coach Jack Mitchell said Friday.

Mitchell said the bid was turned down for financial reasons, adding he was sure Wichita would be more favorable toward an offer from the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., if one is tendered.

The coach and his wife stopped to visit her parents here in returning from Tulsa where Wichita won the Missouri Valley Conference title with a 33-19 victory over Tulsa Thursday.

Red Sanders Gets Coaching Award

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Touchdown Club of Washington Friday chose Red Sanders of UCLA's undefeated football team as football's Coach of the Year. He'll be honored at the club's annual awards banquet here Jan. 8.

Club officials said Sanders won the honor by a narrow margin over Woody Hayes, coach of the unbeaten Ohio State team.

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13-13 Deadlock Splits Prep Gridiron Title; Saxons Top Pirates in Yardage Figures

MULTNOMAH STADIUM, Portland—(Special)—The two finest high school football teams in the state battled to a 13-13 tie here Friday night in the annual Oregon football championship game, giving a share of the state title to both the Marshfield Pirates and the South Salem Saxons.

Rated as a tossup game by the experts, the two prep teams played as predicted, on nearly even terms for all four quarters, to thrill—and disappoint—the 11,866 fans present.

Both teams scored a first quarter touchdown but failed to convert and then both failed to score again until the final period, the Marshfield touchdown that tied the game coming after a sensational 53-yard run by the talented halfback, Johnny Johnson.

If the game had been awarded on yardage, as was the case in the 14-14 tie of 1951 between Grants Pass and Grant of Portland, the Saxons would have carried home the only trophy. They had an unofficial total of 235 yards to the Pirates' 194.

Salem won the coin flip that opened the game and End Hill Burkland took the Marshfield kickoff on his own 29, but was dropped back on the 23 when he attempted to circle around oncoming tacklers. The Saxons then went 77 yards in seven plays to push over the first touchdown—without the Pirates ever getting their hands on the ball.

Quarterback Herb Juran of South Salem led the march with his passing arm eating up the yardage. Juran passed for 25 yards to Halfback Neal Scheidel and Jim Anderson added another 22 on an off-tackle slant that carried to a first down on the Pirate 15. The next play almost netted a Saxon TD when Juran's pass to Burbank carried to the one.

A quarterback keep by Juran pushed the ball over for the first touchdown and Salem led, 6-0, with only 2:58 gone in the opening quarter. Juran's kick for the extra point was blocked by End Leonard Creasey and Guard Larry Hines.

Later in the quarter, Marshfield got the ball on a Saxon punt that went dead on the Marshfield 31. In 11 plays they went 69 yards to score, with Fullback Tom Metzger carrying over for the six points.

Only long gainer in the Marshfield drive was a 31-yard carry by Denny Baker to the Saxons 24, with Johnson adding short gains to keep the march going. Metzger's only carry was for the TD. Quarterback Sandy Fraser's conversion kick went wide to the left, with the clock reading 1:07 to go in the quarter.

The second quarter was played mostly between the 20-yard strips with neither team able to make a deep penetration.

An exchange of punts in the third quarter, Scheidel took the ball on the Salem 42 and returned it to the 46. The Saxons then ground out four first downs, the last to the Marshfield 16 on a 17-yard end run by Fullback LaMoyné Maper.

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Napa Named Solon Camp

Luby Returns Home After 'Talent Tour'

Salem Senators general manager Hugh Luby has returned from his brief but busy "talent tour" in California, and announced Friday that he had talked with officials of the Sacramento, San Francisco and Oakland Coast League clubs and had secured what will probably be the spring training site for the 1955 Senators, in Napa.

"I made no official tieups with any of the clubs I visited," Luby told, "but I feel that we may be able to secure young players from them when the time comes."

Luby talked with Damon Miller, general manager of the San Francisco Seals and both Eddie Mulligan and Charley Graham, the top officials in the Sacramento organization.

As for Napa as the training site for the Senators, the city is located 60 miles from Sacramento and 40 miles from San Francisco. A new baseball park, with lights, is being erected there, and Luby feels that spring training in that area will give him a good chance to look over many player prospects without having to pay costly transportation bills.

Luby also intends to contact both Bill Starr of the San Diego Padres and Dewey Soriano of the Seattle Rainiers for possible player help for the '55 season.

The general manager will now go to work as a salesman for the Doug McKay Chevrolet firm here, and will spend considerable time with Senators directors in setting up the attractive "family plan" method for the sale of season tickets for the 1955 season.

The actual cost of such a ticket, which will allow all members of an immediate family to attend games, has not been established. It is believed that the price will be around \$35 for the entire season.

Russia Wins Shooting Title; U. S. Second

CARACAS (AP)—Russia won the international shooting championship Friday as the two week competition came to a close with Finland winning the world title in the pistol event.

Official results of the final event won't be revealed until Saturday, but at best the United States could finish no higher than third in the final team standings.

Russia entered the final event with 80 points. Sweden, the runner-up, had 57 with the U. S. and Norway tied for third with 31.



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