

# SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

This, that, etc:  
They're off in running in the PCC basket derby, and while the prognosticators say it will be an all Oregon State-Washington battle in the Northern Division, they're



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Signed 'em for \$30,000.  
Washington State's Bill Reber and Ron Bennink; Halbrook, Parsons and Bennink made it last year. . . . As for the Northwest Conference, the voters will have to contend with Willamette's Neil Causbie and Daryl Girod, Linfield's Don Porter, Pacific's Norm Hubert, Lewis & Clark's Gary Jackson, Whitman's Don Robinson and College of Idaho's R. C. Owens and the new sensation Elgin Baylor. . . . Sam Vokes' College of Idaho's are generally conceded as having the biggest guns in the NW Conference this trip, and if so, J. Lewis and his Willamettes will have at least one advantage in the three games to be played with the Coyotes. The Bearcats play 'em here twice (January 14-15) and over at Caldwell only once (February 21). The WU's also have the same advantage with strong Pacific, playing the Badgers here twice, there but once . . .

### Mr. Bevo Francis Comes to Town Tonight

Getting to see the fabulous basketball scoring machine named Bevo Francis in action hasn't taken local hoop hippies nearly as long as they figured it might when the six-foot, nine-inch whiz was earning all those headlines at little Rio Grande College just a year ago. Bevo visits Salem tonight, playing in the double-header at South Salem High.

Even though he had only two years of it, the 195-pounder who's given name is Clarence amounted to perhaps the most controversial figure ever to play the cage sport. His scoring feats as a freshman (Continued on next page)

### Action at Honolulu Sunday Eve . . .

## Top College, Pro Stars To Vie in Hula Contest

HONOLULU (AP) — If you've wondered how the latest crop of college stars such as Primo Villanueva, a key back on UCLA's undefeated 1954 gridiron machine, can stack up against the likes of such pros as Otto Graham of the Cleveland Browns, you will get the answer Sunday.

Graham, who passed and plunged the Browns to the 1954 National Football League title against the Detroit Lions, will quarterback the Hawaii All-Stars in the ninth annual Hula Bowl game against college performers from the Rose Bowl, Cotton Bowl and the East-West classic.

### Marion Quint Leads League

The Marion Motors quint leaped to the top of the City Basketball League standings Wednesday night with a 64-46 decision over Ren's Drive-In that gave the Motormen their second straight win of the young campaign.

Wolgammott's Service Station made its debut with a 47-31 verdict over Berg's Market, while Aumville jumped its mark to 1-1 with a 56-34 victory over the Marine Reserves.

Marion Motors was led by Butler with 13 and McCallister with 12 points, while Harvey's 11 led the Wolgammott's. G. Briles dumped in 14 to pace Aumville.

Marine Reserves (34) (56) Aumville B. Stubblied (4) (5) L. Dalke Bowers (8) (7) (11) G. Cox Jaqua (15) (11) C. Briles J. Stubblied (0) G. (9) R. Busby Krouser (6) G. (7) D. Dalke Reserves scoring: Aumville—B. Briles (8), D. Dalke (6). Officials—Harley and Bowers.

Wolgammott's (47) (31) Berg Harvey (11) (10) Caughell Hall (4) (6) (6) Karn Scheeler (4) (4) (0) Church Nims (2) (0) Sims Rice (2) (0) G. (0) Pousar Reserves scoring: Wolgammott's—J. Hoffer (8), Pontius (4), Zeller (3), Klupp (4); Berg's—Jaqua (7), Ayers (3), Summers (2), R. Norr (19), C. Norris (6). Officials—Harley and Bowers.

Ren's (46) (64) Marion Motors T. Zwertoff (7) (7) (4) Turley Hubbard (6) (8) (1) Brown Fayton (6) (6) (2) Patterson Beyer (6) (6) (10) Malcolm Hazel (8) (8) (8) Shield Reserves scoring: Ren's—Harley (8), Sutton (2), Eakin (2); Marion Motors—Butler (13), McCallister (12), Chanda (4), Miller (5), Patton (4).

FIGHTERS SIGNED  
VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP) — Promoter Earl Kalani said Tuesday he has signed South African heavyweight champion Johnny Arthur to defend the title holder Jimmy Young's meet here Jan. 20.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — World bantamweight champion Robert Cohen of France Tuesday agreed to defend his title here March 5 against Willie Towell of South Africa.

## Bearcats, Linfield Vie Friday as NW Conference Race Opens

The Willamette University Bearcats get their portion of the Northwest Conference basketball show under way here Friday night, playing the Linfield Wildcats in an eight o'clock in the WU Gym.

While Johnny Lewis' Bearcats and Roy Helser's Wildcats are firing opening volleys here Friday, the Lewis & Clark Pioneers will be at College of Idaho and Pacific will be at Whitman.

Willamette goes to Linfield Saturday night while the other teams finish up the second games of their opening duets. On Monday night Lewis & Clark is at Whitman and Pacific tries the College of Idaho.

As the six teams get set for the big "go," all eyes are looking to Coach Sam Yokes' College of Idaho Coyotes as the team to beat for the championship. Already led by a veteran squad, led by the terrific R. C. Owens, Vokes

Lewis isn't going into the conference race feeling too badly, material-wise, and neither is Helser at Linfield. The Bearcat chief has an impressive outfit made up of such improved veterans as Neil Causbie, Pete Reed, Tom Gooding, Dave Gray, Dick Hoy-Gack Bishop, Jerry McCallister and Jack Bishop, which proved in December games that it must be reckoned with.

The expert playmaker Daryl Girod is sure to come in for his share of the Bearcat glory this semester also.

Linfield boasts two outstanding scorers in 6-5 Don Porter and 6-4 Dave Sanford, and Helser has plenty of seasoned playing strength to fit in with those two. The Wildcats have been an impressive lot in their December clashes also.

Although both Elgin Fix at Lewis & Clark and Bob Burgess at Whitman have adequate veteran strength, neither club is expected to be of the championship caliber the Coyotes and Badgers appear to have.

Whitman is led by the All-Conference sharpshooter Don Robinson, a 6-3 forward and 6-4 Rex Gwin, another three-year letterman. Lewis & Clark has such veterans as 6-4 Loren Michelson, 6-5 Don Ward and six-footers Hal Adrian, Joe Boutin, Duane Brady, Gene Helm and Gary Jackson.

### They Show in Local Cage Program Tonight



Both the Boston Whirlwinds, featuring the famous Bevo Francis, and a unit of the Harlem Globetrotters will appear in a double-barreled basketball program at South Salem High School tonight, starting at 8 o'clock. Pictured above (l-r) are Francis, Coach Newt Oliver and Al Schreiber of the Whirlwinds. They'll play half a game against a local all-star quint, and then finish up in a regular tussle with the Globetrotters.

### Bevo, Trotters Here Tonight

Bevo Francis, the fabulous collegiate scoring whiz of the last two seasons at Rio Grande, O., and a unit of the Harlem Globetrotters appear tonight at South Salem High School in a double-barreled basketball program sponsored by the Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The show, which also lists other entertaining acts during the intermissions, is slated to start at 8 p.m.

In the first game the Boston Whirlwinds, who feature Francis and his Rio Grande coach Newt Oliver, and who are traveling partners with the Globetrotters, play half a game against a local all-star team. The Trotters face the all-star unit in the second half.

Then the Whirlwinds and Trotters go at it in a regular game as the nightcap feature of the bill.

The 6-foot, 9-inch Francis scored 1,954 points in 39 games with Rio Grande during the 1952-53 season, a 50.1 average per game. Last season he tallied 1,255 in 27 games for a 46.5 mark, a new record for collegians. Other marks held by the sharpshooter: Most field goals, 444; most free throws made, 367; most points in one game, 113; most field goals in one game, 38; most free throws in one game, 37.

Francis teams with a group of other former collegians to make up the Whirlwinds, and in Oliver has the coach who guided him through his controversial two-year career at Rio Grande.

The Globetrotters are led by such cagers as 6-2 Robert Hall, 6-4 Jesse Coffey, 6-2 Ernest Wagner, 6-4 Charles Harrison and 6-4 Stan Burrell, most of whom came up through the Trotters' own "farm system."

Tickets for tonight's card are available at Wicklund Sporting Goods Store.



This is Robert Hall, talented center for the Harlem Globetrotters who appear in exhibitions tonight at South Salem High School. The Trotters play half a game against a local all-star team, and then vie with the Boston Whirlwinds in a regular tilt.

### Path Cleared For Title Go

NEW YORK (AP) — Former welterweight champion Kid Gavilan Wednesday cleared the way for a Johnny Saxton - Carmen Basilio title bout in Syracuse April 1 by withdrawing his claims for an immediate rematch with Saxton.

Saxton, who won the title from Gavilan in Philadelphia last October, and Basilio, the No. 1 contender, are expected to sign for the fight in a couple of days.

Upon receipt of Gavilan's withdrawal — in writing — Jim Norris, president of the International Boxing Club, promised Gavilan a match with the Saxton - Basilio winner within 45 days of the Syracuse scrap.

Gavilan also was assured of a Feb. 22 date at Miami — possibly against Sugar Ray Robinson, ex-welterweight and middleweight king. Robinson holds two victories over Gavilan.

### Junior 'Moan' Session Set

Junior High School basketball coaches will hold their annual morning session at next Monday morning's meeting of the Salem Breakfast Club.

Always one of the most entertaining and informative events on the SBC's slate, the "morning clinic" will be held at the Senator Hotel starting at 7:30 a.m. Junior High coaches scheduled to sing the blues are Harry Mohr, Leslie Blues; Calvin Bonney, Leslie Golds; Tom Warren, Leslie Cards; Glen Collins, Parrish Pioneers, and John Dalke, Parrish Greys.

John Lewis, president of the SBC, announces that Joe Ziegler, new general manager of the Portland Beavers, will be the speaker on Jan. 17.

DAYTON MATMEN VICTORS  
DAYTON (Special) — Dayton High School's wrestling team chalked up a 33-20 victory over Sherwood here Wednesday. The winning matmen captured seven matches to run their string of triumphs to three in a row.

### Swede Eligible Again Halbrook Back With Beavers

CORVALLIS (AP) — Big Wade "Swede" Halbrook became eligible Wednesday, giving Oregon State two seven-footers on the basketball team.

Halbrook is the 7-3 center who averaged 21.2 points a game as a sophomore last year to lead the Pacific Coast Conference in scoring. Poor grades kept him out of pre-conference games this season, in which Oregon State lost six of 10 contests, but he made up his work and became eligible with the start of a new term Wednesday.

Phil Shadoin, a sophomore who stands an even 7 feet, moved over to a forward position as Halbrook took over at center in the squad workout Wednesday. Shadoin began the season on the bench, but moved into the starting lineup in recent games.

That will give Oregon State a lineup averaging 6-8 or 6-6, depending on whether Bob Allord, 6-4, or Ron Robins, 5-8, starts at a guard position. The other starters are both 6-5. They are forward Tony Vlastelica and Jay Dean, who is being moved from forward to guard.

Coach Statts Gill said, however, he might not start Halbrook in the opening conference series for Oregon State here this weekend against Washington State. While ineligible, Halbrook was unable to work out with the squad, and Gill said he did not want to put Halbrook in until he is ready.

Halbrook has been working out on his own, however, and observers at the practice Wednesday said he appeared to be in good condition.

### Blackman Gets Eye of Bevos

NEW YORK (AP) — Oregon State and the pro Los Angeles Rams, both seeking new head coaches, are interested in Bob Blackman, successful, young University of Denver coach, it was learned Wednesday night.

Blackman, who led the Pioneers to the Skyline eight championship in the past season, said he had an appointment with an Oregon State representative Thursday as a followup to "some informal" talks.

The Southern California graduate wouldn't confirm or deny the Los Angeles report, but a good source said Blackman also would confer with the Rams this week.

A lobby rumor had Blackman as a dark horse possibility for the vacant Dartmouth post, but Blackman said "I haven't heard about the Dartmouth job. But then, the week is young. I would be interested in Dartmouth, it's a fine school."

Church Results:  
Church Basketball League results Wednesday night: Senior League — 1st Nazarene 30, 1st Christian 36; Englewood EUB 47, 1st Baptist 34; 1st Presbyterian 61, Knight Memorial 37. Intermediate "A" — 1st Baptist 53, 1st Nazarene 42; Evangelistic Temples 45, 1st Methodist 36; Intermediate "B" — Englewood EUB 36, Liberty Church of Christ 22; Trinity Methodist 37, Baptist-Presbyterian 31; Junior "A" — 1st Christian 26, 1st Methodist 25; Junior "B" — Free Methodist 30, 1st Congregational 17.

West Virginia University's basketball coach Fred Schaus was the only Maitreider cager to be named captain for two seasons. He was the star player and captain in 1948 and 1949.

## Grid Attendance Jumps Despite Widespread TV



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## Sugar Ray Decks Rival In 1st Comeback Scrap

DETROIT (AP) — Sugar Ray Robinson, rusty and cautious for five rounds, flashed his old lightning-like form and knocked out crude, plodding Joe Rindone of Boston at 1:37 of the sixth round Wednesday night to successfully launch his comeback before a roaring crowd in Olympia Stadium.

Stung into action when Rindone landed a left and right to the head, Robinson tore after the 28-year-old Bostonian and connected with a series of roundhouse blows to the head.

A right sent Rindone to the canvas, head down and hurt. He slowly climbed up, as though a 500-pound safe was on his burly shoulders, but it was too late.

Referee Johnny Weber reached the count of 10 and signaled that Sugar Ray was the winner in his first fight since June, 1952 — A period of 30 months.

It was an explosive win for the dapper New Yorker who is seeking to regain the middleweight championship from titleholder Carl (Bobo) Olson.

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Sugar Ray, weighing a lithe 159 to Rindone's 163 1/2, was unimpressive in the first five rounds.

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### Arizona State Back in Fold

More Spring Drills Hoped for by Coaches

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.  
NEW YORK (AP) — The National Collegiate Athletic Assn. Council restored Arizona State College of Tempe to good standing Wednesday.

The television committee, winding up its business for 1954, learned that football attendance during the past season was up 2.5 percent in spite of increased TV "competition" and the college football coaches made a strong pitch for more spring practice.

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