Winter Ball Rally Wednesday at Armory

Salem Senators baseball — mid-Winter species — will be the theme Wednesday night at the Armory during an informal meeting of club directors and management, boosters, visiting notables, entertainers and just plain Mr. and Mrs. Fan.

The session, designed to keep baseball in mind even during the Winter months, will get under way at 7:30 p.m. It will be open to the public — men and women alike — and there will be no charge of any kind.

Representatives of the Eugene Emeralds, new member of the ditto Northwest League, will be on hand to tell how they are making progress with their franchise in Lane County. One of the Eugene visitors may be Bobby Doerr, famed Boston Red Sox second-sacker of years gone by.

General manager Hugh Luby of the Senators, along with Bob Ashby of the board of directors and Chuck Boice, sportscaster for Station KOCO are lining up a program of entertainment for the evening. Included will be Johnny Carpenter, widely known sportscaster and singer for both radio and television stations in Portland.

It is possible that the Portland Beavers will also be well represented during the occasion, as invitations have been sent to them.

An up-to-date report on the "Family Plan" ticket selling progress made by the Senators will be given Wednesday, and a complete picture of the 1955 Northwest League operation is also on the agenda.

Meanwhile, the ticket selling drive is still under way locally, at full steam. The new "Family Plan" amounts to the biggest break in local professional history for baseball fans. A single $25 ticket will entitle a family of husband, wife and children (up to 18 years of age) to attend all league games other than the opener here at home throughout the season. A $15 ticket gives the same benefits to a single adult fan and a $10 ticket has been especially designed for single students from 18 to 21 years of age.

Mayor Joins Baseball 'Family Plan'

Mayor Bob White, left, buys his Salem Senators "Family Plan" baseball ticket for the 1955 season from Arnold Krueger, center, and Hugh Luby, right, club officials. New plan offers husband, wife and kids (up to 18 years of age) admission to all home games for flat (and cheap) price of $25. The Senators are holding an open-to-the-public and all-free Mid-Winter Baseball Rally Wednesday night of this week at the Armory, 7:30 o'clock. (Photo by John Ericksen.)

Sugar Ray Set For Next Bout

Tiger Jones to Test Robinson in TV Mix

CHICAGO (AP) — Ralph "Tiger" Jones, a tireless, body-belting 26-year-old from Yonkers, will test the sharpness of sleek Sugar Ray Robinson at Chicago Stadium Wednesday night.

The ten-rounder, starting at 7 p.m. PST, will give television fans their first chance to see Robinson on a comeback attempt to regain the middleweight crown from Bobo Olson. It will be carried over CBS.

The former champion, who held the welterweight title and then took the 160-pound crown by battering Jake LaMotta in Chicago Stadium four years ago, announced his retirement six months after his memorable bout with Joey Maxim, June 25, 1952.

The light-heavyweight title was at stake, but Robinson—well ahead on points but completely exhausted by his fast pace and the intense New York heat that night—was unable to come out for the 14th round.

After that he became a song and dance man on the night club circuit.

He scored a six round knockout over Joe Rindone 10 days ago in a non-televised Detroit match to start his comeback.

"I'll be even better this time," said Robinson. "I was under a lot of tension against Rindone—I felt great, but wasn't real sure."

Robinson, who has a record of only three defeats and two draws in 142 fights, also has great respect for Olson.

"Although I beat him twice, Bobo is a great champion and has improved a lot since then," Sugar Ray said. "He always had an awkward difficult style to solve. He doesn't hit hard, but he is persistent and doesn't let you up for air."

Jones at one time was a high ranking middleweight contender but his record suffered last year when he won his first two bouts and then lost five in a row—several highly disputed.

Odell Named New PNGA Executive

SEATTLE (AP) — Howie Odell was named executive director of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Saturday as the organization created the job at its midwinter meeting.

It had been known for some time that Odell was in line for the post, a full-time job. The former University of Washington football coach will maintain a PNGA office in Seattle.

The Association also decided to set up a program to encourage young golfers, featured by annual tourneys for boys and girls.

Illinois Nips Buckeye '5'

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State scoring whiz Robin Freeman registered 33 points here Saturday in a nationally televised basketball game but a well balanced Illinois quintet overpowered the Buckeyes in the second half to hammer out an 86-78 Big Ten victory.

Little Bill Ridley turned in a sharp defensive performance for the Illini, holding Freeman to 11 points in the second half. The Bucks held a 42-39 halftime edge.

The triumph kept the Illini atop the Big Ten race with a 3-1 mark.

Tentative Rules Made . . .

April 30 Proposed Date For New Trout Season

PORTLAND (AP) — A statewide opening date of April 30 for the trout season was proposed Saturday by the State Game Commission.

In tentative regulations for 1955, the commission proposed to do away with the custom of opening Western Oregon streams earlier than those east of the Cascades.

The commission proposed, however, to open the Cascade lakes later than elsewhere in the state. The lake opening would be May 28. Closing date in all waters throughout the state would be Oct. 9.

The commission also proposed to make it legal for anglers to keep fish more than 14 inches in length on the McKenzie River. In the past these big trout had to be thrown back.

The tentative regulations also would allow the catching of whitefish in any water open to trout, steelhead or salmon angling. There would be no bag or length limit on whitefish.

The so-called warm water fish—sunfish, perch, crappies, bullhead, catfish and black bass—could be caught throughout the year, except in the Deschutes River and tributaries above the Warm Springs Bridge, where the season would be April 30-Oct. 9, and in part of the Sauvie Island Game Management Area.

The limit on steelhead and salmon 20 inches and longer was proposed to be two fish a day and four in seven consecutive days. No more than 40 could be caught in a year, with not more than 20 to be salmon.

There would be no bag limit on Dolly Varden trout, except in Odell Lake.

Beavers Trim Husky Quint

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changed hands four times before Vlastelica hit a one-hander and three straight free throws to give the Staters a 47-42 lead. Carl Voegtlin led a Washington rally that put the Huskies within two, but Vlastelica hit three more field goals and the winners stalled out the clock.

Vlastelica, a senior from Aberdeen, Wash., got 15 field goals in 26 attempts and missed only one foul shot. Oregon State had a .419 shooting percentage on 26 baskets in 62 shots. Washington hit a respectable .313 with 20 field goals in 64 attempts.

Washington (63)	G	F	P	T	(70) Oregon State	G	F	P	T
Coshow,f	2	5	0	9	Vlast,f	15	3	1	33
Voegtln,f	5	5	1	15	Dean,f	1	2	4	4
Parsons,c	6	8	3	20	Hlbrok,c	6	7	2	19
Perkins,g	4	2	2	10	Paulus,g	1	2	3	4
Johnson,g	0	0	2	0	Robns,g	0	0	1	0
Olsen,f	2	3	3	7	Shsd'n,c	0	0	1	0
Nelson,f	1	0	1	2	Toole,f	0	2	4	2
Bryan,g	0	0	1	0	Hllgn,g	3	0	0	6
Morris,f	0	0	0	0	Whmn,f	0	0	1	0
Patnoe,g	0	0	1	0	Jarboe,g	0	2	1	2
					Fdgsld,g	0	0	0	0
					Allord,g	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	23	14	63	Totals	26	18	18	70

Halftime: Washington 33, Oregon State 32.

Free throws missed: Washington—Coshow, Voegtlin, Perkins, Johnson, Olsen, Morris (3), Patnoe (2). Oregon State—Vlastelica, Halbrook (5), Paulus, Robins.

Officials: Al Lightner and E. J. Oakland.

GONZAGA SWEEPS

PORTLAND (AP) — Gonzaga made a clean sweep of a basketball series here Saturday night, defeating Portland 95-78.

Ziegler Slated At SBC Meet

Those attending the Salem Breakfast Club meeting Monday morning will get a special treat, with the guest speaker that morning to be Joe Ziegler, the Portland Beavers' new general manager and one of the best known and best informed men in minor league baseball.

Ziegler's talk will center on minor league baseball in general and will not be a sales talk on the Portland club.

Ziegler is considered one of the top graduates of Branch Rickey's school of front office baseball. He first signed with Rickey and the St. Louis Cardinals in 1935, handling such items as publicity for the club. He was with the business office of the Sacramento Solons from 1936 to 1942.

After his stay on the coast, Ziegler became general manager of the Rochester club of the triple-A International League. He followed this job with three years as general manager of Toronto and three more years as general manager of Buffalo.

"The fan-owned Portland baseball arrangement and the baseball possibilities in Portland offer quite an opportunity," Ziegler recently was quoted as saying. "But like so many other people in baseball, I've been anxious to get back to the Coast since I left in '42."

The Breakfast Club meeting starts at 7:30 a.m. and is open to the public. Basketball coaches from Willamette and the local high schools will also be present to give short talks on their teams.

Coyotes Trip Bearcat Club

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ments of the mix, putting on a one man stall that had the losers frantic.

Willamette was close to full strength for the game, with the injured Tom Gooding seeing service despite a hobbling knee injury, and Darrel Girod back in the middle of things after returning from his service separation at Fort Ord.

College of Idaho once again dominated the boards, getting 60 rebounds to the 'Cats' 40. Owens snagged 21 and Baylor got 19. Hoy topped the losers with 11, although he bowed out of action with three minutes to go on five personals.

Vokes' quint hit a respectable .419 on field shots in winning, but the losers once more topped them, this time with a phenomenal .509. Baylor hit on 11 of 20 and Causbie bettered him again wtih 13 for 21.

The preliminary match saw the Willamette Frosh of Jerry Frei downing the Central Oregon College quint again, this time by an 86 to 58 count. Vic Backlund got 20 for the Frosh to take high honors, and Bob Eberhard led the Bend visitors with 18.

Coll. of Idaho (83)	fg	ft	pf	tp	(75) Willamette	fg	ft	pf	tp
Kundrt,f	4	5	3	13	Hoy,f	7	4	5	18
Baylor,f	11	6	5	28	Bishp,fc	4	3	4	11
Owens,c	6	2	2	14	Casbi,c	13	5	0	31
Makini,g	4	2	4	10	Gray,g	0	0	5	0
Spiess,g	5	6	2	16	Taylor,g	0	0	1	0
Snchez,f	1	0	5	2	Gding,fc	2	2	2	6
Strehlo,f	0	0	1	0	Reed,f	0	1	1	1
Wlliams,f	0	0	1	0	Ftzgld,f	0	2	1	2
Lewis,f	0	0	0	0	Gstfsn,f	0	0	0	0
					Girod,g	2	0	1	4
					McCall,g	0	2	1	2
					Zglmn,g	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	21	23	83	Totals	28	19	21	75

Technical foul—Kundrat.

Free throws missed: CI 14, WU 20.

Halftime score: Idaho 33, Willamette 33.

Officials: Patterson and Laurens.

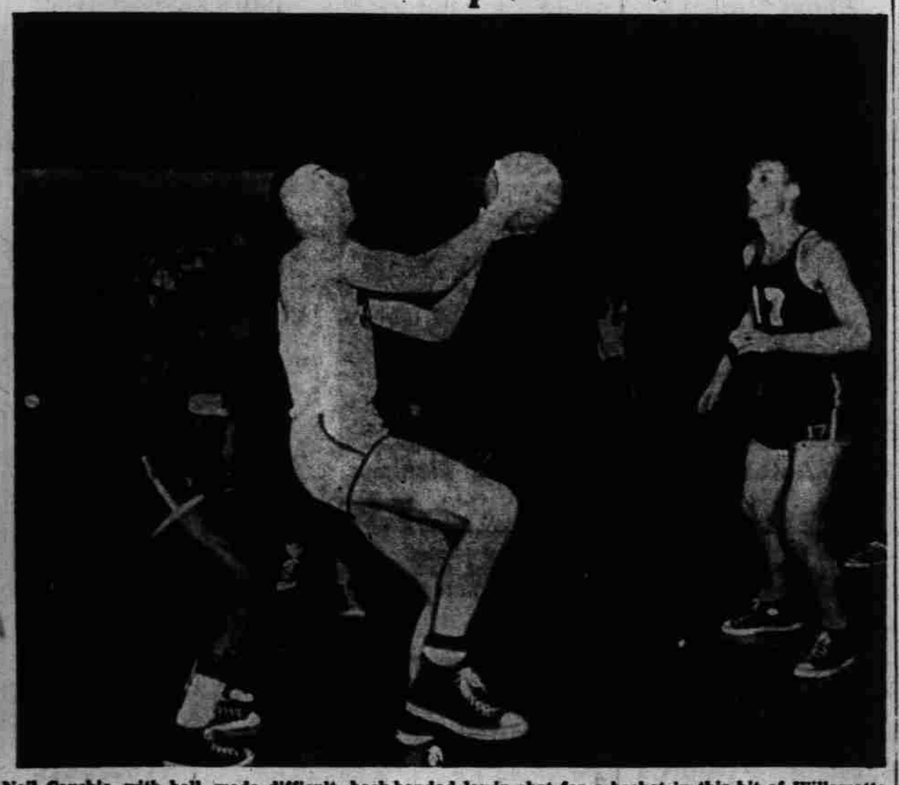
Central Ore. (58)		(86) Willam. Frosh
Hutchins (2)	F	(20) Backlund
Slate (6)	F	(16) Hartman
Adams (14)	C	(18) Johns
Rohrback (6)	G	(10) Domogalla
Eberhard (18)	G	(2) Voigt

Reserves scoring: Central Oregon—Sexton (2), Marsh (10). Willamette—Wilcox (7), Lucas (1), Head (8), Sorenson (6). Halftime score: WU 31, COC 21. Officials: Dyer and Cooper.

Marquette Wins 13th

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Marquette's Warriors ran their basketball winning streak to 13 games Saturday night, longest victory string in the nation, by defeating Loyola of Chicago, 80-67.

Causbie Starts One Up (and In) for WU



Neil Causbie, with ball, made difficult, back-handed lay-in shot for a basket in this bit of Willamette-College of Idaho action in the WU Gym last night, as the Coyotes' R. C. Owens, left, and Bill Kundradt (17) stood by helplessly. Causbie hit for 31 points but the Coyotes still won Saturday night, 83-75.

Topnotcher Curtis Added to Card . . .

Gomez, Torio in Team Scrap on Armory Mat

The two dashing dandies of the local mat—Pepper Gomez and Dick Torio—are to take their whack at the Northwest tag team championship trophy owned by Leo (Pile Driver) Wallick and Kurt von Poppenheim as the feature attraction on Matchmaker Elton Owen's Armory program Tuesday night. And an explosive evening is likely for the clients when this quartet tees off.

But Owen is by no means limiting the interesting portion of his offering to the mainer. The special event, announced Saturday, is also impressive.

In it will be Jim LaRock, the former United States Olympic Games star who last week dumped Don Kindred here, and a newcomer who brings with him perhaps one of the best backgrounds any local matador has boasted in years. He's Bud Curtis, 218-pounder from Indiana.

Curtis attended Arizona State College, securing a degree there. As a footballer he twice played in the Sun Bowl. He's had four years in the Navy, and in 1945 was the national weightlifting champion. He learned his wrestling from the famed Jim McMillan.

Bud is a rough and ready guy, built on the same lines as Luther Lindsey. He's been seen a lot on TV lately and comes directly from San Francisco where he has been a headliner for several months.

So it will be a rather tough assignment for LaRock in Tuesday's special event.

The opener, at 8:30 p.m., puts young Don Moore, another newcomer from Washington, against Gene Detton who last week drew with George Strickland here. This will be a single-faller.

Owen anticipates one of the best tag battles in months when the dynamic Gomez and Torio go after the Northwest trophy belonging to the mayhem-minded Wallick and "Poppy." The latter two won the trophy from the Kamaroff brothers, and don't intend losing it.

Harry Elliott will referee the card.

Rains Causing High Scores

Crosby Golf Tourney Has 'Wet' Handicap

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Scores mounted as the daylong rain fell and among the casualties was the other co-leader of the first round, little Jerry Barber of Los Angeles. Barber dripped in with a 7-over-par 79 for 145.

Still very much in the battle was Gene Littler of Palm Springs, who shot his second straight 70 for a 140, two off the pace.

The rain is supposed to let up Sunday, according to the forecast, but the host of the affair, singer Bing Crosby, watching from a picture window in his home on the 13th fairway, was not too optimistic. Crosby troubled by a recurring kidney ailment, has been taking it easy.

E. J. (Dutch) Harrison, winner of the big show in the 1954 tournament — the fight for the $2,500 top money for the top pro — got back on his game with a 69, but his first round 76 left him still far afield.

Professional Bob Rosburg and amateur Hank Mann, also of San Francisco, went far ahead in the pro-amateur play with a best ball score of 62-61--123. The nearest threat was six strokes back. Included were the teams of Jimmy Demaret and actor Dick Arlen, Souchak and baseball pitcher Bob Lemon, and Friday's leaders Fred Wampler and Julie Bescos.

The play was over two courses, the split field reversing the courses played Friday.

Two Tacoma, Wash., players, pro Chuck Congdon and Edgar Eisenhower, whose brother Ike also plays golf, had 67-71--138.

There were casualties before the dull day ended.

Lawson Little, after an initial 70, took a 76 for 146, and another national open champion, Lloyd Mangrum, wound up with 75-72--147.

The national PGA champion, Chick Harbert, carded 78-71--149.

Other pro-amateur scores included:

Leonard-Jack Walters, Tacoma, 65-65--130.

Al Mengert, Mamaroneck, N. Y.-Red Funseth, Spokane, Wash., 64-66--130.

Kentucky Triumphs

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Kentucky, the nation's No. 1 basketball team, used two big scoring splurges Saturday night to come from behind in each half and defeat Tulane 58-44.

Sweet Home Edges Central

SWEET HOME — (Special)—A second half scoring splurge by Sweet Home gave the home team a 49-41 basketball victory over the visiting Central High Panthers here Saturday night. Sweet Home trailed through the first half, 13-8 at the end of the first period and 21-17 at the half.

After tieing it up at 30-30, the victors went on in the fourth quarter to clinch the win. High point man for the night was Central's Marc Nelson with 18.

Sweet Home won the Bee game prelim, 43-35.

Sweet Home (49)		(41) Central
Kikel (12)	F	(5) Johnson
Morley (2)	F	(18) Nelson
Elliott (13)	C	(6) Detzel
Norquist (14)	G	(8) Lovelace
Daniels (4)	G	(2) Brents

Reserves scoring: Sweet Home—Lewis (4). Central—Monson (2). Officials: Anderson and Hellberg.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

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a flock of baseball-loving folks together for an evening during the winter. It won't cost them a nickel and we'll have entertainment, visiting guests and reports on both the operation here and in Eugene for 1955 and on our new Northwest League. I'm sure those who come will enjoy themselves and we'll be able to get some baseball talk sandwiched in with all the basketball and football interest now prevailing."

What are Luby's personal plans for 1955's season? Will he be the manager, and will he play? These direct questions were fired at Hugo just the other day and he answered thusly: "Yes, I'll be the manager—if I'm not fired before the season starts—and if I have to I'll be playing second base again."

Wilson, Beard Would Like Special Pews

Three rousing cheers from this corner on both counts. And since Luby has declared himself for '55, both Jack Wilson and Bill Beard, who managed Senator clubs during the 1947-48-49 campaigns, are to submit a formal request that Luby place a pair of seats atop the Salem dugout so that they can help with the brainwork this year . . .

Harv Storey missed the Eugene job (Cliff Dapper hired as manager for the Emeralds), but may come up with the one now open at Tri-City. Storey would like to have another whirl at managing, and preferably, in the Northwest League which would keep him fairly close to his Forest Grove home . . .

Another "must" for Luby to take care of at the ball yard come game time is a spittoon in both the visitors' club house and dugout. Hub Kittle, the new manager at Yakima, is one of the most fierce terbaccy chewers we've even known in baseball, and if Luby doesn't provide the necessary buckets, Kittle will make the premises look as if they've been repainted, brown . . .

Interesting letter from Bob Keuscher, for many years a local sports enthusiast, statitician, writer and coach who is now administrator in charge of ahtletics at Benson Tech high school in Portland.

Bob tells that Benson is now undergoing a complete face-lifting, in curriculum, plant and student body. His job is to help screen students to determine who can attend Benson.

Keuscher Elaborates on the New Benson

"We have the only select school in Portland now," he reveals, "and unless boys come to Benson to take advantage of the wonderful educational opportunities here, they must return to their district high school. Needless to say, under such conditions we have a fine student body. I sincerely believe that the boys in our graduating classes have the very finest education that can be secured in a high school in this country. That is why so many of them go to Carnegie Tech, Cal Tech, MIT and other schools of that type, and why so many of them have turned out to be chemists, physicists, electronics experts, engineers, etc. It's a real thrill to be part of such a program."

Bob now has four kiddies, although that would hardly be the term for the oldest. What used to be little Mike around here is now a six-foot, 195-pound sophomore at Lincoln High in Portland.

Pappa Bob would like to be remembered to the many friends in the Salem area. And they are many . . .

WARRIORS WIN

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Philadelphia Warriors rolled to a 93-88 National Basketball Assn. victory over the Milwaukee Hawks Saturday.

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New Talent

This is Bud Curtis, highly-rated newcomer with a vast athletic background who makes his debut at the Armory Tuesday night in the special event, with Jim LaRock, on the weekly wrestling card. Pepper Gomez and Dick Torio face Leo Wallick and Kurt von Poppenheim in the main event, a tag battle for the Northwest championship. (See story at left.)

Berg Leading Women's Open

SEA ISLAND, Ga. (AP) — An exuberant Patty Berg took the lead in the first round of the 36-hole Sea Island women's open golf tournament Saturday with a par 37-39--76, but she plans to go back to her old putter Sunday.

"It was the best round of golf I ever played" was Patty's opinion — a broad statement for a champ who has won every major U. S. crown.

Patty, former Minneapolis star who now plays out of Fort Myers, Fla., blamed a new putter for miscues that cost her at least three strokes, however.

More Players Sign on Line

Jensen, Moon, Kuenn Ink 1955 Contracts

BOSTON (AP) — Jackie Jensen became the first member of the Boston Red Sox to return a signed contract to the front office Saturday.

General Manager Joe Cronin made the announcement concerning the 27-year-old center fielder who led the American League in stolen bases with 22 last season and topped the Red Sox in hits, runs batted in and total bases.

In compiling his '54 batting average of .276, Jensen got 160 hits good for 274 total bases and 117 rbi's. His 25 home runs was second only to Ted Williams' 29 on the club.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Wally Moon, the National League rookie of the year, has signed a 1955 contract calling for a sizable boost over his rookie salary of $6,000, the St. Louis Cardinals announced Saturday.

The Cardinals also announced the signing of pitchers Stu Miller and Jack Fasholz, both righthanders. All three live in the St. Louis area.

Moon pooh-poohed the so-called "sophomore jinx" in discussing 1955 and said he's shooting for 200 hits, a goal he missed last year because of a late-season slump caused by almost 18 straight months of baseball.

The 24-year-old Texas A. & M. grad with a master's degree, who hit .304 despite the last-minute drop, also said he will go after more walks.

NEW YORK (AP) — Gil McDougald, New York Yankee second baseman and third baseman, signed his 1955 contract Saturday after a short conference with club officials, the Yankees announced.

Although no figures were announced — as is customary, it was estimated he will receive about $16,000 for the season.

The 1951 rookie of the year batted only .259 last year, with 12 home runs and 48 runs batted in.

DETROIT (AP) — Harvey Kuenn, brilliant young shortstop of the Detroit Tigers, signed his 1955 contract Saturday for a "substantial raise."

It was the first regular major league contract for Kuenn. Previously, he had signed a three-year bonus contract with the Tigers for a reported $55,000.

Kuenn has played in every Tiger game the last two seasons. He batted .306 last season and .308 the year before. He made 201 hits last season and 209 in 1953.

Church League Standings

SENIOR LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
1st Nazarene	8	1	.888
Deaf School	7	1	.875
1st Christian	7	1	.875
1st Presbyterian	5	3	.625
1st E. U. B.	5	4	.555
Englewood E. U. B.	4	4	.500
Kingwood Bible	4	4	.500
Halbert Bethel Baptist	2	5	.285
Free Methodist	2	7	.222
1st Baptist	1	8	.111
Knight Memorial	1	8	.111

INTERMEDIATE A

	W	L	Pct.
1st Baptist	7	0	1.000
St. Paul Episcopal	6	1	.857
Evangelistic Temple	4	3	.571
1st Christian	3	3	.500
Calvary Baptist	3	4	.428
1st Methodist	3	4	.428
1st Congregational	1	6	.142
1st Nazarene	0	6	.000

INTERMEDIATE B

	W	L	Pct.
Baptist Presbyterian	6	1	.857
South Salem Nazarene	4	1	.800
Jason Lee Church	5	2	.714
South Salem Friends	4	3	.571
Englewood E. U. B.	3	4	.428
Trinity Methodist	3	4	.428
Liberty Church of Christ	2	5	.285
1st Presbyterian	0	7	.000

JUNIOR A

	W	L	Pct.
Deaf School	5	0	1.000
1st Baptist	4	2	.666
1st Chrsitian	3	3	.500
Highland Ave. Friends	3	3	.500
Englewood E. U. B.	2	3	.400
1st Methodist	2	4	.333
Unionvale E. U. B.	1	5	.166

JUNIOR B

	W	L	Pct.
Knghit Memorial	6	0	1.000
Free Methodist	5	1	.833
1st Congregational	3	2	.600
Calvary Baptist	3	3	.500
1st Presbyterian	2	4	.333
1st Nazarene	1	5	.166
Deaf School	0	5	.000

CHURCH TEAM ROUTED

The Salem C&MA church team walloped the United Brethren Church 112-43, Saturday night. The C&MA team was led by Willis Valech who scored 32 points.

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