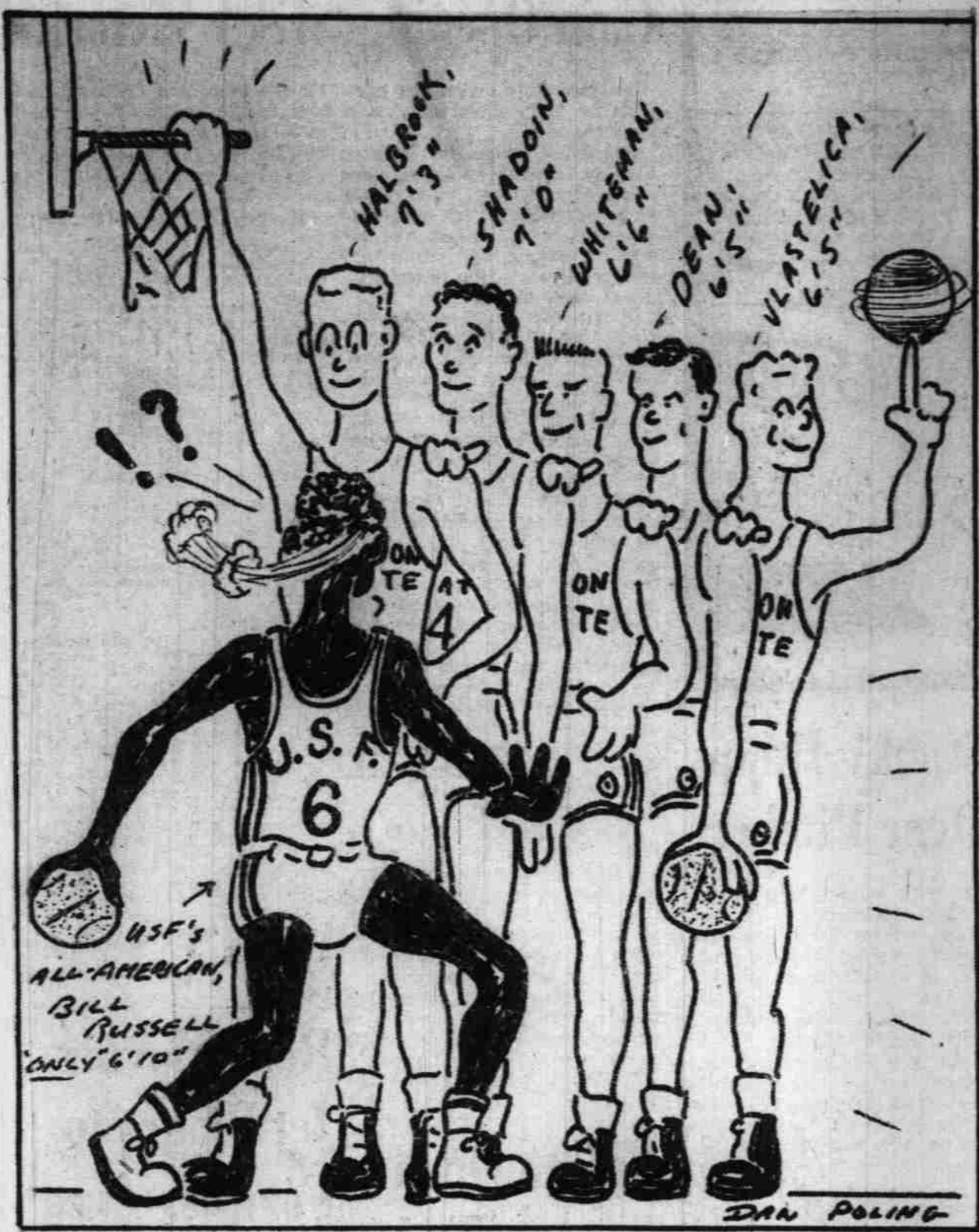


Meet the Beavers, Bill



Saxons Rap Cascade 77-44

District Final Slated Tonight

By DAN POLING
Statesman Sportswriter

Dick Ballantyne's burly South Salem Saxons, still smarting from Thursday night's 52-51 upset at the hands of the Cascade Cougars, turned on their tormentors at the South Salem High Gym with a vengeance Friday night, crushing the Cougars, 77-44. The Saxons win even the best two-out-of-three series between the clubs at one victory each. The third and deciding game of the series will be played Saturday night at 8 p. m. on the neutral North Salem High floor and will be a winner-take-all affair, the victor qualifying for the District II entry to the Oregon State High School Tournament at Eugene next week.

South Salem unveiled an almost air-tight zone defense, which coupled with the whopping Saxon height superiority, held the Cougars to only eight field goals for the evening, five of which came in the first half. With the Saxon front line of Phil Burkland, Dale Jones, and Bobby Wulf in complete command of the rebound department, Cascade's inability to hit from the field proved fatal, as the Cougars were faced with the inescapable fact that they only had one shot to connect on, otherwise one of the Saxons' terrific trio would haul in the wayward heave.

Saxon Offense Good

The host five's offense left little to be desired to the gallery gods, as the Saxons were in the driver's seat from the opening tipoff. Jones opened hostilities, scoring on a fast break with only 15 seconds gone, to give Ballantyne's Boys a lead which they never relinquished. Quick Saxon layins by Bruce Patterson, Neil Scheidel and Wulf ran the count to 8-1 and South Salem was off to the races.

Gene Winkle finally broke the Cascade scoring drought with a 35-foot push shot, but Wulf and Burkland dunked consecutive tips, and the Saxon die was cast. Cascade's Eddie Sproul, hero of Thursday's Cascade win, connected on a jumper just before the first-quarter buzzer to cut the lead to 20-8 for South Salem at the rest stop.

The stratospheric Saxons kept the pressure on throughout the remainder of the first half as Wulf and Burkland hit for 15 points between them in the second canto, mostly on tip-ins and short hook shots. The first half ended with the Saxon point out-pur more than doubling that of Cascade, 42-20.

Lawrence on Bench

The third quarter opened with 6-1 J. D. Lawrence, the only Cascade regular over 5-10, and the sole Cougar hope to maintain any semblance of equality under the backboards, riding the bench with four personal fouls. With Cascade mentor Cal Hersey having to hold his ace pivotman out of action, the Saxons really ran wild, sometimes getting as many as four and five shots before holing out a basket. Wulf hit a fadeaway hook at the 7:30 mark and seconds later Burkland contributed a tip-in to run the count 46-22.

Don Mickey countered for Cascade with a long side shot, but Burkland and Wulf hit three quick baskets to widen the gap to 54-24. Wulf hit seven field goals in the third canto and when Ballantyne pulled the big boy with 1:15 remaining in the period, Big Bob had bagged a total

NIT to Open Week-Long Tournament Play Today

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.
NEW YORK (AP) — A lot of familiar figures will go on display Saturday when the National Invitation Basketball Tournaments opens its 18th annual one-week stand in Madison Square Garden.

The NIT, originally the brainchild of the New York basketball writers, is the oldest major college tournament and in recent years it has fallen into a pattern that brings back many of the same teams year after year.

The 12-team tournament begins with a double header involving the eight seeded teams. Manhattan, the only local entry, meets Louisville and Niagara plays Lafayette in the afternoon twin bill and at night Seton Hall faces St. Francis of Loretto, Pa., and St. Louis plays Connecticut.

Finals Week Away

The four seeded teams — Duquesne, Dayton, Holy Cross and Cincinnati — will take on the four winners in doubleheaders Monday and Tuesday nights. The semifinals are scheduled for next Thursday and the finals Saturday.

The first round field includes three teams, Manhattan, St. Louis and Seton Hall, which have played in four of the previous 17 invitation tournaments. Niagara and Connecticut are scheduled for the fourth time.

St. Francis made an auspicious NIT debut last March, due mainly to the fine performance of husky Maurice Stokes. Lafayette and Connecticut are this year's newcomers.

Field Now Weaker

The field isn't as strong as it used to be before the National Collegiate A. A. expanded to take all the major conference champions into its tournament, but New York fans seem to like it. The six programs likely will draw more than 60,000 spectators.

St. Louis and Seton Hall both are former NIT winners and Coach Eddie Hickey's St. Louis Billikens tied Tulsa for the Missouri Valley Conference title this season.

Two seeded teams finished among the nation's top ten in The Associated Press ranking poll. Duquesne, runner-up to Holy Cross last year and winner of the 10-day Festival Tournament last December, was rated sixth and second-seeded Dayton ninth. Dayton also received an NCAA bid but chose the NIT in an effort to redeem previous poor showings in the garden.

In addition to Stokes, a player who brings dreamy looks to the faces of pro coaches, the garden fans will be rooting for such familiar names as:

Senators Name 50 More Fans Who Have Purchased Tickets

Another 50 names of those who have purchased season tickets for the 1955 campaign at Waters Field, were released Friday by the Salem Senators. This brings to 300 the total of names now printed in The Statesman sports pages.

Names of all those purchasing the season tickets will be printed on a 50-per-day basis until all are published.

Beavers, Dons Get Opening NCAA Victories

Knappa, Malin in B Finals

Eagles Upset In Overtime

Savages, Mustangs In Consolation Wins

By TOM YATES
Statesman Sportswriter

Malin and Knappa moved into the championship finals of the State B Basketball Tournament at Willamette University last night with a pair of hair-breadth victories. Malin edged Powers by a 53 to 49 margin in the evening opener, and Knappa pulled out a sensational 56 to 51 overtime win over the defending champions from Harrisburg.

The championship will be decided in Saturday night's nine o'clock finale, with third place being decided in a Powers-Harrisburg match starting at 7:30. An afternoon single game will find Enterprise and Heppner battling it out at 2:30 for the consolation crown. Enterprise downed Mill City 65 to 41 Friday afternoon, while Heppner followed with a 57-34 lacing of Prairie City.

The Malin Mustangs parlayed a heads-up defense with smooth passing to upset the favored Powers Cruisers. The Cruisers' cause was hurt considerably by an ankle injury to their 6-4 center, Dick Spitznass, in the first period. The Powers squad led at the end of the opening canto 18 to 11, but with Spitznass out of there in the second eight minutes the Mustangs had better control of the boards and rolled to a 25-24 intermission lead.

The big Cruiser lead man returned in the second half, but played at less than full speed. The last two quarters were nip-and-tuck all the way, with the confident Ponies never letting up. The count was tied at the start of the final chapter, 36-36. After ties at 38, 42 and 44 Norm Oliva put the winners on top for good with a pair from the foul line with 3:35 remaining, 46-44.

The Cruisers kept hot on Malin's trail until, with 35 seconds left, Gene Steyskal tallied on a short jumper for the Mustangs off of a fine feeding pass by Guard Ray Johnson. That gave the finalists a 51 to 48 advantage. Free throw conversions by Oliva and Johnson closed out the scoring.

As was the case Thursday Powers presented an even balance in scoring, all five starters hitting for four fielders. Gary Brady was high for the losers with 12, followed by Spitznass' ten. Oliva was top scorer for the game with 14, while Johnson was close behind with 13. Powers had the advantage in field goals, 21 to 18, but Malin tossed in 17 charity throws to the Cruisers' six.

In the second evening game the Harrisburg Eagles also were upset. (Continued on next page)



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NCAA Victories Posted By La Salle, Marquette

By The Associated Press

La Salle, the powerful defending champion, eased into the regional final of the NCAA basketball tournament Friday night with an effortless 73-46 victory over Ivy League champion Princeton, but Kentucky, the second-ranked team in the country, was stunned by Marquette 79-71 in a torrid battle of court gooliaths.

La Salle will meet Canisius, which eked out a 73-71 victory over Villanova, in the other half of the Philadelphia twin bill in the Eastern finale Saturday night.

Marquette's rival at Evanston, Ill., will be Iowa, which turned back Penn State, 82-73. In the doubleheader at Manhattan, Kan., Colorado polished off Tulsa, 69-59, while Bradley shaded Southern Methodist, 81-79. The two winners will meet Saturday night, too.

In the Pacific Coast competition, Oregon State, the ruler of the conference, blasted Seattle, 83-71. Winners Gain Semis

San Francisco, the nation's No. 1 team, walloped Utah, Skyline Conference champs 78-59, in the second half of the Corvallis, Ore., doubleheader.

All of Friday night's winners will gain spots in the semi-finals next Friday at Kansas City.

La Salle had no trouble at all coming to its triumph over Princeton, which won the Ivy title the hard way — in a playoff. As usual, talented Tom Gola, led the Philadelphia crew. The three-time All-American hit for 24 points before being removed with 6 minutes to play.

Kentucky, the champion of the Southeastern Conference, went down, but the Wildcats went down like champions.

Tight Game Played

The score was tied 16 times and the lead changed hands 25 times before Marquette moved ahead for good with 3 minutes remaining after two Kentucky's top defensive performers, Ray Mills and Gerry Calvert, had fouled out.

Marquette used only six players and five of them hit in double figures. Terry Rand was high with 19, while Gayle Rose was top man for Adolph Rupp's outfit with 20.

The Canisius victory over Villanova was packed with drama in the last two minutes. With the score tied, John McCarthy dribbled about the floor for almost the entire two minutes before he was fouled and sank two free throws for the winning margin.

Iowa Easy Victor

Iowa, Big Ten titlist, had no trouble beating Penn State, an at-large entry. Deacon Davis and Carl Cain combined to score 40 points for the fancy ball-handlers from Iowa City.

Bradley's victory over Southern Methodist was the second time this season the Braves beat the Southwest Conference champs. The official scorer fired the gun ending the game with 57 seconds left to play and the Braves leading 79-78.

Error Discovered

His error was discovered and the game was resumed. The Braves still hung on, although the Mustangs came on with a rush in the last period.

Game Commission Hears Lake Talk

CORVALLIS (AP) — The State Game Commission Friday held a hearing here on how to reduce the number of perch and catfish in Ten Mile Lake on the Oregon Coast.

Oregon State Wallops Seattle In 83-71 Test; San Francisco Romps Over Utah Club, 78-59

By MATT KRAMER

CORVALLIS (AP) — San Francisco, the nation's top-ranking team, stunned Utah in the first four minutes and then breezed to a 78-59 victory in the second game of the NCAA Western regional basketball playoffs here Friday night.

That will send San Francisco, with its 6-10 All-America center, Bill Russell, against Oregon State with its 7-3 center, Wade (Swede) Halbrook, in the finals of the regional playoff Saturday night.

Oregon State scored an easy 83-71 win over Seattle in the first game of Friday night's doubleheader.

San Francisco's darting guards, K. C. Jones and Hal Perry, stole the ball several times at the rebound, Russell grabbed all the outlets and San Francisco poured in nine of its first 10 shots. It was 20-6 in four minutes and bewildered Utah never recovered.

Utah Gets Frantic

Frantic, the Skyline Conference champs began shooting wildly and San Francisco once was ahead by 25 points before halftime. With San Francisco sinking 60 per cent of its shots, the halftime margin was 41-20.

Russell rested most of the second half and with Utah scrapping hard the margin was cut once to eight points. Then Russell went back in for six minutes until San Francisco got back a 16-point lead.

Russell scored 13 points, 12 in the opening minutes. With a cold bothering him, he took it easy after that and Jerry Mullen, 6-5 forward, took over the scoring chores, accounting for 24 points.

Utah Club Cold

Utah had a cold first half, shooting only 18 per cent and sinking only six field goals. By the end of the game the losers had 20 field goals but a shooting average of only 28.6 per cent. San Francisco was far more accurate (Continued on next page)

Frankie Ryff Batters Perez

NEW YORK (AP) — Unbeaten Frankie Ryff made a scarlet smear of Danny Jo Perez' face Friday night to win his 17th straight with a unanimous 10-round decision over his New York rival at Madison Square Garden.

Ryff, regarded as one of the best lightweight prospects in years, weighed 140, Perez 139½.

Ryff opened a cut over Perez' left eye in the first round. His handlers were not able to stop the crimson flow and Danny's face was smeared with red the rest of the way.

Ryff, the 1954 Rookie of the Year, simply had too much class for Perez and it was reflected in the voting of the officials.

Both Judge Harold Barnes and Referee Ruby Goldstein gave it Ryff, 9-1. Judge Artie Aidala called it 8-1-1. The Associated Press saw it as 9-1.

NAIA Teams Enter Finals

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The East Texas State Lions of Commerce, on top at the opening basket, defeated Arkansas Tech 81-66 Friday night at joint Southeastern Oklahoma as finalist in the National Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament.

Southeastern Oklahoma's Savages cooled off from their sizzling shooting in earlier games but had the stuff for a solid 68-61 victory over top-seeded Western Illinois.

Oakland Topples Rainiers 5 to 4

EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP) — The Seattle Rainiers fell short in a six-inning rally Friday and dropped a 5-4 baseball decision to the Oakland Acons.

The Oaks started off with a 4-0 lead but saw it melt away as the Rainiers scored three times in the rally that tied up the score.

Oakland clinched it in the eighth when Joe Brovia walked and eventually reached home on a sharp single to center by Spider Jorgensen.

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Kelly, Hall (2), Lovrich (7) and Ginsberg, Jenny (5); Van Cuyck, Goetz (4), Herrera (7) and Landini.

McGill Again Named To Boxing Commission

PORTLAND (AP) — Mayor Fred Peterson Friday re-appointed Dr. Clinton S. McGill to the Portland Boxing Commission.

No action was taken to re-appoint or replace the four other members whose terms expired last Wednesday. They will continue to serve until re-appointed or relieved.

Basketball Results

COLLEGE
NCAA Regional Playoff
Canisius 73, Villanova 71.
Bradley 81, Southern Methodist 78.
Marquette 79, Kentucky 71.
LaSalle 73, Princeton 46.
Oregon State 83, Seattle 71.
Colorado 69, Tulsa 38.
Iowa 82, Penn State 53.
San Francisco 78, Utah 59.

HIGH SCHOOL
State B Tournament
Enterprise 65, Mill City 41.
Heppner 57, Prairie City 34.
Malin 59, Powers 48.
Knappa 56, Harrisburg 51 (overtime).
District II Playoffs
South Salem 77, Cascade 44.

Cleveland Gets Pan-Am Games

By TED SMITS

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Pan-American Congress awarded the 1959 Pan-American Games to Cleveland Friday, ending a three-day wrangle over the site and clearing the way for Saturday's gala opening of this year's games.

The decision to hold the Olympics of the Western Hemisphere in the Ohio city was made unanimously when Brazil, Chile and Guatemala threw their bids behind Cleveland. Other cities which had been considered were Rio de Janeiro, Santiago de Chile, Guatemala City and Houston, Tex.

United States Favored

Saturday's opening of the second Pan-American Games finds the United States heavily favored to dominate the competition.

The North American team of 350 men and women is the strongest ever assembled, except possibly the squad sent to the Helsinki Olympics in 1952.

The United States is expected to sweep track and field, swimming and basketball, which are the blue ribbon sports in these games. In addition, the North Americans should win many gold medals in boxing, weight lifting, rowing, water polo and possibly baseball and tennis.

2,000 to Parade

Saturday's opening ceremony, following Olympic protocol, will send a parade of 2,000 athletes from 22 nations and territories before President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines.

The Congress also voted to add polo and women's gymnastics to the games program. Badminton, roller hockey and front tennis, a form of tennis in which the ball is hit against a backwall, were rejected.

Bear Pact Okehed By Sam Mitchell

YAKIMA (AP) — Sam Mitchell, former University of Washington football and baseball player, Friday signed to play with the Yakima Valley Braves of the Class-B Northwest Baseball League.

Mitchell has had one year of professional experience with Terra Haute of the Three-I League, also class B, in 1953. His manager at Terra Haute was Hub Kittle, present Bear pilot.

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