

Vikings, Saxons Collide in Basket 'Natural'



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Stayton, Cascade Battle for Crown In Cap Loop Tilt

The Capital Conference basketball derby draws to a close tonight and Wednesday night, and one couldn't ask for a more appropriate finale. That is, if he happens to live in the Cascade-Stayton section of the circuit.

The Cascade Cougars and Stayton Eagles are tied for the No. 1 rung in the standings, and they play their final game tonight, against each other, at Cascade. To the winner goes the 1956 championship.

Serra Plays Wednesday Other finals tonight have North Marion at Gervais and Woodburn at Mt. Angel. On Wednesday night the Silverton Foxes close out with the Serra Catholic Sabers in a local Army clash.

For those who have been boosting the Serra quint, tonight's biggie at Cascade is an anti-climax Leo Grosjacques' Sabers have

been piping hot in that they have won their last six in a row, smashing North Marion's eight-game winning streak in the process. The Sabers have climbed to within one game of the leaders, but can not possibly get to the top. The best they can do is tie for second place, if they win over Silverton Wednesday.

Husky Hopes Ruined North Marion's title hopes were shattered Friday when the Sabers bashed them 62-47. And now Dean Niece's Huskies must beat Gervais tonight to finish in a tie for second place.

Marshall Barbour's Woodburns, who delivered a severe blow to Cascade Friday by beating them 79-47, must also win their finale tonight at Mt. Angel to gain a place in the second place finish. Cal Hersey's Cascades could have clinched theirs had they been able to beat Woodburn.

Fred Graham's Stayton who beat Cascade 70-68 in their first game this season, retained their chance for the title by downing Mt. Angel Friday.

And since that first Stayton-Cascade margin was only two points, tonight's championship game could be a ring-tied doozy.

Wachter Near Crown Although tied for last place at present, Mt. Angel boasts the lad who likely will win the loop scoring title in Ken Wachter. He has 231 points and a comfortable lead over Woodburn's Fidel Gavola at 219. Here are the leading scorers to date:

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WILDCATS KEEP LEAD MANHATTAN, Kan. — The Kansas State Wildcats put on a scorching finish Monday night in beating Nebraska 73-50 to stay on top in the Big Seven Conference basketball race.

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Oriole Pitching Far Ahead of Swatters

SCOTSDALE, Ariz. — The pitching was way ahead of the hitting as the Baltimore Orioles opened their second week of spring training here Monday.

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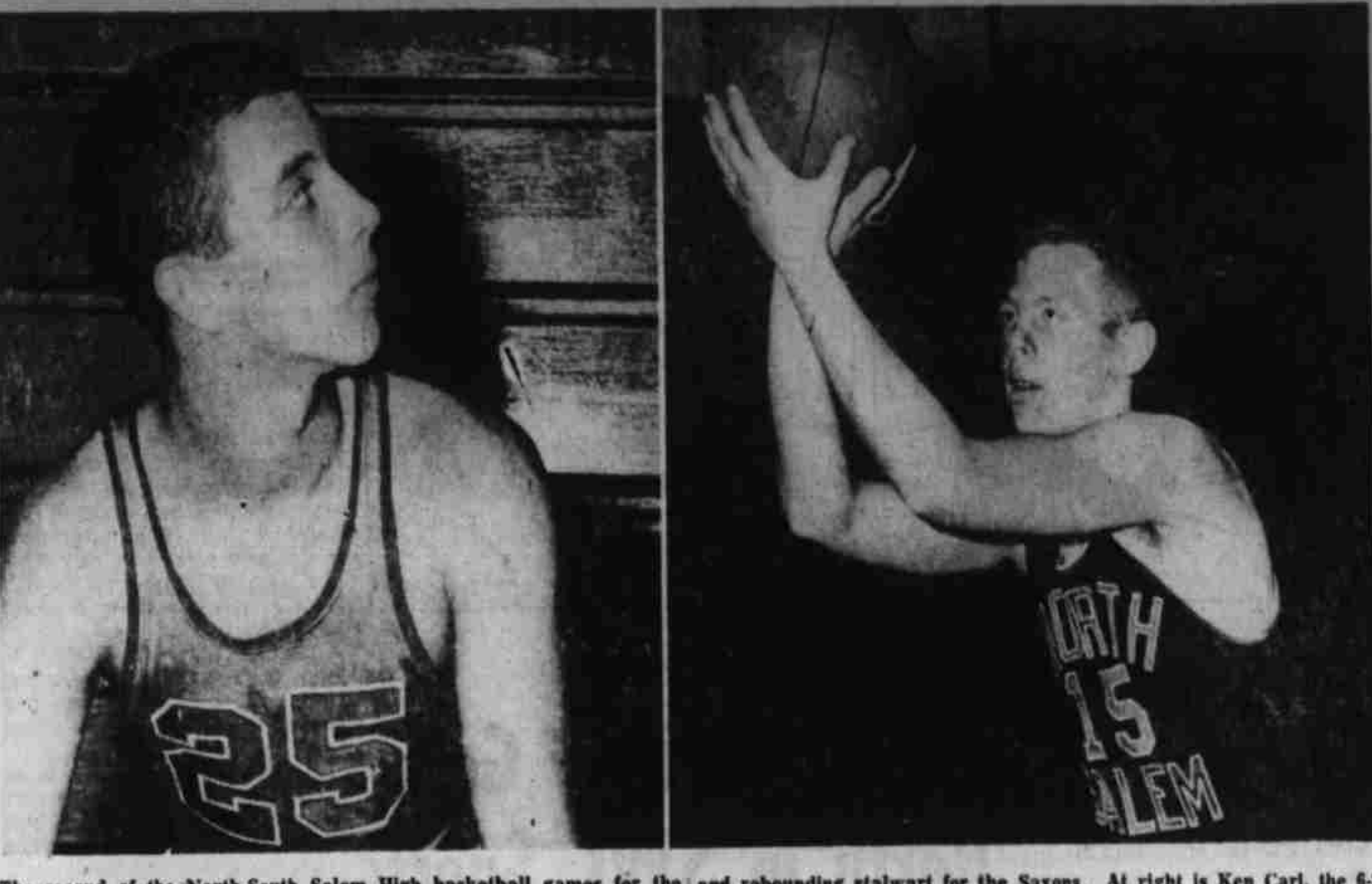
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They're Face to Face in North vs. South Mix Tonight



The second of the North-South Salem High basketball games for the current season will find these two huskies on opposite sides tonight in the South Salem Gym. At left is Center Dale Jones, 6-4 scoring and rebounding stalwart for the Saxons. At right is Ken Carl, the 6-2 pivot for the Vikings. Game time is 8 p.m.

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Dons Draw 86 Votes San Francisco, breezing to its 20th victory of the season and its 46th in a row, naturally dominated the balloting. The Dons drew 86 of 144 first place votes and 52 for second, third or fourth. On the usual scoring basis of 10 points for each first place vote, nine for second, etc., they piled up 1,301 points. Illinoi, with 18 votes for first and 57 for second, drew 1,078 points. From there on down the voting was close.

Even in the lower brackets there were some surprising changes. St. Francis of Brooklyn surrendered its unbeaten status, losing to St. Joseph's of Philadelphia, but still received strong voting support. Southern Methodist and Houston, bidding for conference championships, and Iowa, which still can shake Illinoi loose from its grip on the Big Ten title, all moved up in the point scoring and could get into the upper group if one of the leaders should stumble.

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- 13. Iowa (12-5) — 209
- 14. Houston (1) (18-3) — 93
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Reserves scoring: Sherwood—Snyder 2, Rome 1, Yamhill—Malley 3, Light 1. Officials: Wickert and Beard.

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The torrid portion of the District 8 A-1 basketball race, with both South and North Salem playing distinctive roles, rushes across the finish line tonight as the Saxons and Viks tangle in the second of their annual hoop gigantes.

This one, at 8 o'clock, pours forth in the 3,500 capacity South Salem Gym. And chances are that it will be filled with highly partisan rooters for both sides. Here's why:

1. Any North-South basketball game is a natural.
2. North has never defeated South in the cage sport, an item which will see Ken Hunt's Viks unleashing their greatest effort in an attempt to halt the streak, and one that will see Dick Ballantyne's forces going at it just as hard to retain their mastery.

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SPORTSLIGHTNER

This, that, etc.: Should an All-Coast basketball team be selected this year, one representing all collegiates of the area, don't be surprised if Bill Russell, K. C. Jones, Willie Naulls, Morris Taft and Hal Perry land on it, thus making the first time in history that such a squad would be made up entirely of Negro boys... There may be no PCC championship for the Washington Huskies this trip, but Tippy Dye & Co. can at least claim the "Northern Division" title. The Huskies swept all conference games with their old division buddies, Oregon, Oregon State, Washington State and Idaho. Does Dye like the new "round robin" playing setup? What do you think!... Albany's crack AAU team, made up almost entirely of last season's championship Oregon State club, is coached by Norm Carey, the former Gates High basketballer who went on to big things himself at Corvallis... Many inquiries nowadays concerning the New York Football Giants' plans for their 1956 training camp. Too early to tell, as the Gothamers are still attempting to line up a pre-conference schedule. They'll train in the vicinity of their first two or three outings, which has been the case the last two years when they buzzed through their tuneups here. Indications that another pro game may be allowed in the U of Washington stadium, in spite of the part last year's Giants-49ers game played in the current Seattle athletic furor, may see the New Yorkers back there again...

Joe Rossi He's new Spokane boss.

How Spokane Got Those 'Scoops'

Speaking of the Husky athletic uproar, you've no doubt noticed that three "scoops" concerning the Seattle situation were forthcoming from Spokane, of all places. Spokane papers carried the news of Johnny Cherbberg's sacking, before he was sacked. Then they told that Harv Cassill would be cut loose, before he was cut loose. Finally, they predicted that George Briggs would become the new athletic director, which he now is. While in Spokane over the weekend we nosed about a bit to see if we couldn't discover

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