

Eight-Team District 2-B Basketball Tourney Opens in WU Arena Thursday

The eight-team District 2-B basketball tournament that will send its winner to the State B meet at Baker next week gets under way in the Willamette University Gym Thursday afternoon.

Four games are on Thursday's menu, two on Friday and another pair on Saturday. The tourney is of the single-elimination variety, with all losers dropping out of contention for the title and trip to Baker.

The opening round on Thursday starts at 12 p.m., with the strong Siletz High club opposing Sublimity's Saints. Siletz won the Tri-

County League championship this season and Sublimity was a solid third in the Marion County B League whirl.

At 3:30 p.m. Thursday the Mill City Timberwolves, second placers in the Marion B League, oppose either Corbett or Concordia, the No. 2 team in the Multnomah-Clackamas area.

The 7:00 o'clock game on opening day pits the Scio Loggers, the Marion B League's No. 4 club against Colton High, the No. 1 team from the northern area.

Thursday's finale, at 8:30 p.m., has the Jefferson Lions, cham-

ions of the Marion B League, opposite the Valsez Loggers, who finished as a strong second behind Siletz, in the Tri-County race.

Friday's semifinals start at 7:30 p.m. The championship game on Saturday night will be played at 9 p.m., following a preliminary game, for a consolation third place, between the two Friday losers.

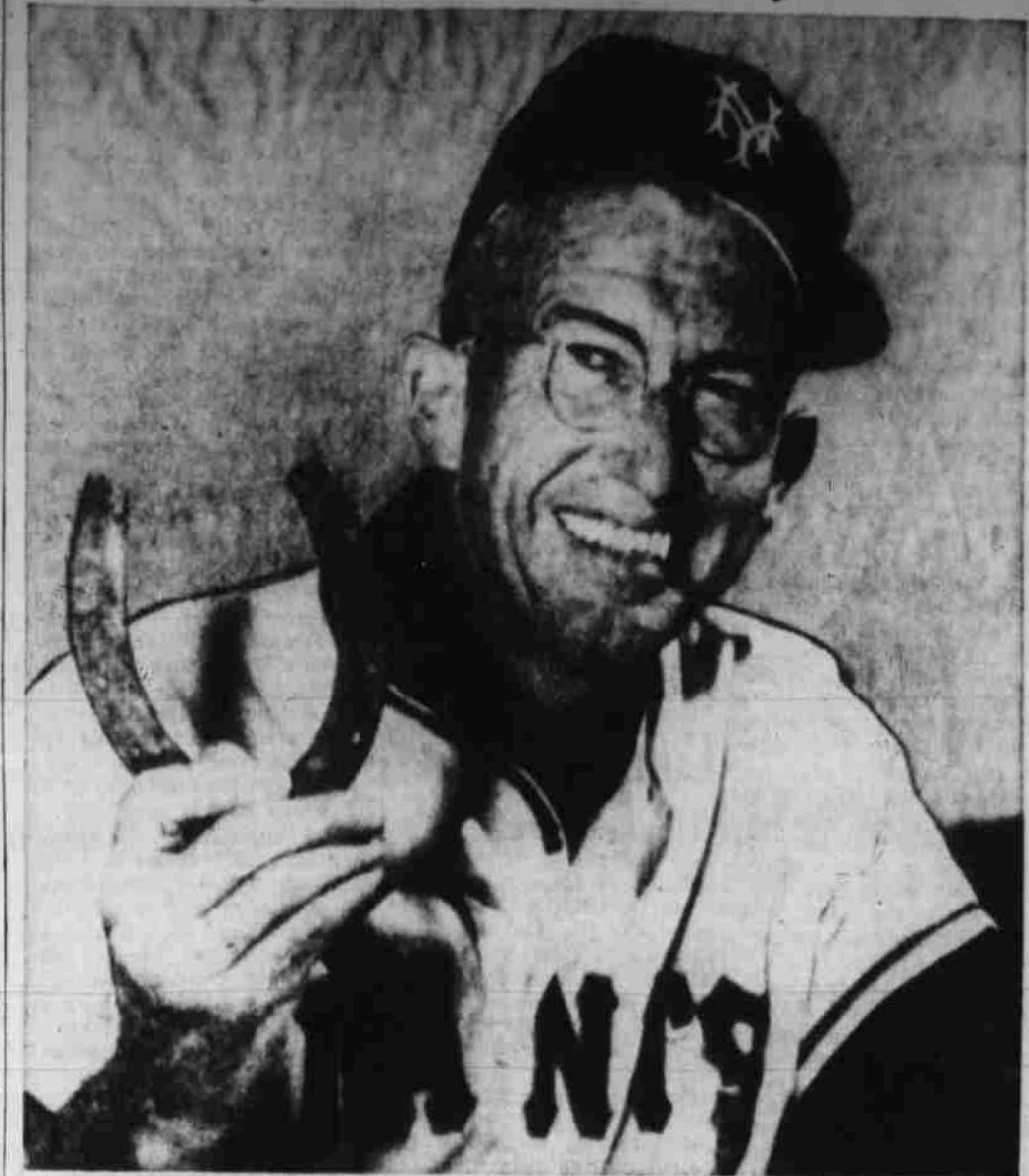
Irving Miller, principal at Jefferson High is in charge of the local playoffs as chairman of the District 2-B committee.

Coach Oral Lee's Jeffersons come into the tournament with the

best win-loss record of the pack, having taken 20 victories in 22 outings. Jefferson's only losses were to Neahkahnie and Mill City, teams the Lions defeated also. Mill City brings a flashy 19-3 mark to the tourney. The Timberwolves of Coach Burton Burroughs lost to Jefferson, Gervais and Chemawa. C. M. Price's Valsez entry won nine games in 12 tries and R. P. O'Hara's Sublimity outfit copped 14 nods in 21 attempts. As is annually the case, the Multnomah-Clackamas entries in the tourney have been negligent in supplying details on their teams.

Spartans Edge Out Albany 46-44

Starting the Season With Lucky Charm



PHOENIX, Ariz.—Bill Rigney, new manager of the New York Giants, displays a horseshoe given to him by a fan for good luck Monday as he put his Giants through their first spring training paces here. Rigney ran 46 players through an unusually rigorous first-day workout. (AP Wirephoto)

Berth Gained By Corvallis

Lundee Gets Basket For Narrow Victory

CORVALLIS (Special)—Corvallis High's Spartans turned a trick they hadn't been able to do during the regular season by edging Albany, 46-44, in a District 8 game here Monday night, giving the Sparts a berth in the district tournament at Salem starting Friday.

Twice during the regular District 8 schedule of games the Albany quint had downed their ri-

ADULT TICKETS RESERVED

All seats for adults in this coming weekend's District 8 A-1 playoffs at South Salem High will be reserved. Tickets cost \$1. The duets go on sale at noon Tuesday at Howard Wicklund's Sporting Goods and Meier and Frank's. Student tickets will be 50 cents.

vals but Monday night in spacious Gill Coliseum the Spartans kept their heads during the final seconds to nip their foes.

It was Ray Lundee who sank a field goal for Corvallis with only 23 seconds remaining to break a 44-44 tie and give his team the winning margin. Bruce Ridinger of Albany had two shots at the basket in the last 20 seconds but missed both.

Four Team Playoff

The two teams had tied for fourth place in the district and had to play Monday's game to determine who would be the fourth team in the district playoffs this coming weekend. The other three are North and South Salem and Bend.

Corvallis led at the end of the first period, 10-8, and maintained the two-point margin to take the intermission rest with a 25-23 lead. The Sparts built up their biggest lead of the game in the third quarter, 35-27, but Albany narrowed it to 35-32 as the quarter ended.

Jack Gambee of Corvallis was the game's high scorer with 17, followed by Ridinger with 12, the same number scored by Roland Carpenter for Corvallis.

Corvallis Meets Vikings

The victory gave Corvallis the right to meet North Salem in the district playoffs which open Friday night at South Salem High. This will be the second game on the opening night of the two-day tournament. In the first game Bend plays South Salem.

Bend won the district championship with a 10-2 record and North and South Salem finished tied for second place with 8-4 marks.

Winner and runner-up of the weekend action will go to the state tournament at Eugene. The third place finisher in the district meet will play the third place finisher in District 5 for another berth in the state meet at Eugene.

Royal Named UW Prospect

SEATTLE (Special)—Darrel Royal, head football coach at Mississippi State for the past two years, may be named to a similar position at the University of Washington Tuesday, the Post-Intelligencer said Monday night.

The P-I, in a story written by Mike Donohue, said Royal a University of Oklahoma graduate, probably "is the choice of George Briggs," the new Washington athletic director.

The P-I said it had learned Briggs held a lengthy conference with the Washington faculty athletic committee Monday and pointed.

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SPORTSLIGHTNER

If you're one who applied for duets to the NCAA cage regionals at Corvallis March 16-17, the good (or bad) news will be arriving shortly. It will be good news if you followed the oft-printed instructions by Jim Barratt, the Oregon State athletic business chief who annually has the tough and thankless task of handling the duets . . . If your application, with enclosed check, reached Barratt's office on Monday, February 20, as prescribed by the rules, you'll likely get your tickets. If it got there Tuesday or later, you're very likely out of luck . . . Barratt was telling us over the weekend that "the first day's mail did it again this year—sold us out. I believe that everyone who got his or her application in that first mail will get tickets. I'm afraid those later than that will have to be turned back, with regrets. Our tournament here has become quite a big thing." . . . We might add that the Corvallis portion of the annual NCAA regional playoffs usually makes as much money for the NCAA (they get it all, you know) as the other three similar playoffs put together. Which is the reason why Corvallis has been selected as the site of the western regionals for five straight years. And which gives one the strong indication that the NCAA is quite closely related to the Oregon Schools Activities Association when it comes to looking about for the most likely spots to make a fast buck or two . . .



JIM BARRATT
Tells of duet sellout.

Corvallis NCAA Pairings Practically Set

Speaking of the Corvallis regionals, it looks as if one could now predict the first-night pairings. UCLA's Bruins loom more and more as shoo-ins for the PCC crowd, and the U of San Francisco Dons are "at large" crows. That would put the Bruins against the Dons in the first game, at 7:30 p.m. Utah's Redskins have taken care of their strongest Skyline Conference enemy, the Brigham Young outfit, and are practically lined up for the second game tipoff. Since Seattle U's Chieftains have defeated Idaho State on two occasions during the regular season, it's a fairly good bet

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Another Armory Fracas . . .

Chene, Romero to Vie As Partners Tonight

The dashing rasslin' duet that held the Texas tag team championship for well over a year makes its first appearance at the Armory tonight in Matchmaker Elton Owen's feature event. Which means that Leapin' Larry Chene and Handsome Rito Romero join forces.

They'll oppose the meanie combo of Bull Montana and Pedro Godoy, a pair of villains who have been mixed up in various local rhuarbs in the recent past, most suspicious of which occurred just last week during and after the Montana-Romero main event.

Godoy was Montana's second during that fracas, and pulled a tripping prank on Romero that helped cost him a win over the one-time Toledo Terror. Angered fans stormed both Godoy and Montana, and it took fast work by Legionnaires to get them freed of the melee. The prank cost Godoy a stiff fine.

Chene was Romero's second during the brawl and protested what had happened. But it did not good, as Referee Scotty Williams didn't see it happen.

Winner of the tag sortie gets a whack at the Northwest championship trophy which is now held by Kurt von Poppenheim and Irish Jack O'Reilly.

Jack (Tiger) Kiser, the bustling blond bomber with a great background of experience, shows in the semi-windup tonight, against Bill Fletcher, the veteran Boise, Idaho mauler. And in the opener, at 8:30 o'clock, it will be Catalina George Drake against Frenchy Cart, the latter a 204-pound newcomer who amounts to another of the many new faces Owen has imported for local matches, in recent weeks.

Wrestling fans who have watched the regular TV feature called "Texas Rasslin'" in these parts, will recall that many of the Chene-Romero outings were televised when they were the tag champs of the Lone Star state.

Berrios Wins Bout On Split Decision

NEW YORK (Special)—Scrappy little Miguel Berrios of Puerto Rico blazed from behind Monday night to pull out an upset, split decision over Bobby Bell, Youngstown, Ohio, in a bristling, 10-round telecast bout at St. Nicholas Arena. Bell weighed 120, Berrios 127½.

It was the third straight victory for the 23-year-old, 5-4 youngster who was a 9-5 underdog.

Bell, a 27-year-old veteran who once ranked high among the featherweights, gave Berrios a severe body battering through the first half of the exciting fray but failed to discourage Miguel.

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Reserve Strength Poor . . .

Dons Plan Remaining Tilts for Scrimmages

SAN FRANCISCO (Special)—The University of San Francisco Dons will use their four remaining basketball games as full-scale scrimmages for the upcoming National Collegiate Athletic Assn. NCAA Tournament, their coach warned tacitly Monday.

Tie for Title Awaits Dallas

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Tonight's final, Dallas at Sandy.

The Dallas Dragons move to Sandy tonight for a Willamette Valley League finale with the Sandy Pioneers, one that could see Coach Gordy Kunkle's Dragons win themselves a share of the 1956 league basketball pennant.

Tonight's game is a makeup for an earlier postponement. All other league skirmishes are finished, and Molalla's Indians have already won at least a portion of the championship. Dallas will be favored to end in a tie with the Indians, for the Dragons easily downed Sandy at Dallas in a regular loop final Friday night.

Meanwhile eight prep squads, including Dallas, Sandy and Molalla are awaiting the start of the District 4 A-2 tourney at Molalla starting Friday night. In first round games Dallas plays Silverton (7:30 p.m. Friday), Canby opposes Molalla (9 p.m. Friday), Sandy goes against Woodburn (7:30 Saturday) and Estacada tangles with Mt. Angel (9 p.m. Saturday).

The winners then advance to semifinals and finals March 6 and 8, with the eventual champion qualifying for the State A-2 tournament at South Salem High starting March 12.

Marion Motors Whips Cascade

PORTLAND (Special)—The Eugene Paddocks won a berth in the state AAU basketball tournament by defeating Fernandez Loggers of Longview, 55-67, Monday night in the finals of the Western Oregon playoffs. In the consolation game, Marion Motors of Salem downed Cascade Plywood of Lebanon, 73-62.

Ron Finkbiener and John Vesvick each contributed 20 points for the Eugene victory. Eugene led at halftime, 37-28. Lebanon held a narrow 35-34 edge over Marion Motors at halftime but the Salem team rallied in the second half to overtake the Plywood team and nab consolation honors. Ron Butler paced the Salem win with 21 points. Norm Willoughby of Lebanon was the game's high scorer with 28.

Eugene will now meet Myrtle Point, the Southern Oregon champ, in the state tourney at Albany and the host Albany Industrials play the Condon Elks, the Eastern Oregon champs, in the first round of action.

Marion Motors (72) (62) Cascade Bishop (14) F (8) Woods Butler (21) F (3) Andres Gooding (9) C (28) Willoughby Gray (20) G (13) Barrett Ziegelman (4) G (7) Frost Reserves scoring: Marion Motors—Chanda 4; Cascade—Rex 8, Bradley 1.

American League Drops Dull Ball

TUCSON, Ariz. (Special)—Earl Hilligan, head of the American League Service Bureau, said Monday the league will not use the new glassless baseball until 1957.

It had been planned to adopt the dull ball as the official ball this season, but Hilligan said technical problems prevented sufficient production.

The manufacturer has provided 2½ dozen of the new balls to each American League club for use in spring training.

COLORADO STREAK ENDS

BOULDER, Colo. (Special)—Iowa State snapped Colorado's home winning streak at 19 and took over the runnerup spot in the Big Seven Conference basketball race Monday night by clubbing the Buffaloes, 79-62.

Bearcats Finish Up at Linfield

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Special)—The Willamette Bearcats draw their basketball season to a finish tonight in an eight o'clock game at Linfield with Roy Helser's Wildcats, a clash that will mean little to the Bearcats but a lot to the McMinnville outfit.

Coach Johnny Lewis' troupe can finish no better or worse than it is in the standings, regardless of tonight's outcome. But for Linfield, a victory means a second place finish with Pacific University A

loss leaves the Wildcats in a third place tie with Lewis & Clark. No other games are scheduled in the conference.

College of Idaho swept up the championship over the weekend, downing Whitman, Linfield had a chance to end in a tie with the Coyotes, but blew two to the Lewis & Clark.

Three Bearcats will be in their final game for Willamette tonight, and all three may draw starting roles. They are Pete Reed, the club's No. 1 scorer, fiery guard Jerry McCallister and Ron Fitzgerald, the latter used mostly as a reserve during the season. Vic Backlund and Don Hoy are other certain starters for the Bearcats.

The Willamette and Linfield Frosh teams play tonight's preliminary game, starting at 6:15 o'clock.

Moore Kayoes Dunlap in One

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (Special)—Light heavyweight boxing champion Archie Moore went to work fast Monday night and scored a first-round knockout over Bob Dunlap, Oakland, Calif., heavyweight, in their scheduled 10-rounder at the San Diego Arena. Moore weighed 196, Dunlap 200.

Moore hardly worked up a sweat in the non-title bout before he sent a left to Dunlap's midsection and followed up with a right cross to the jaw. Dunlap fell face forward to the canvas.

The Oakland heavyweight got up on one knee just as Referee Frank Rustich finished his count of 10.

Dunlap showed respect for Moore and landed only a few light lefts mostly on the forehead and cheek before Moore set him up for the knockout.

Moore kayoed Dunlap in the sixth round in their last meeting in 1952.

Portland U. Gets NAIA Playoff Spot

PORTLAND (Special)—Portland University Monday was named the at-large team in the NAIA district 2 basketball playoff to be held next Monday and Tuesday at Milwaukie High School.

Pacific University will be the Northwest Conference entry and Portland State will represent the Oregon Collegiate Conference. The fourth team will be selected from the Northwest and Oregon Collegiate Conference runners-up.

Basketball SCORES

HIGH SCHOOL

Corvallis 46, Albany 44

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Purdue 72, Michigan 63

Iowa 88, Northwestern 68

Toledo 77, Ohio University 67

Indiana State 84, Western Michigan 79

Boston College 90, St. Anselm's 85

LaSalle 90, West Chester (Pa.) 81

Tch. 78

Holy Cross 103, Connecticut 81

Michigan State 89, Wisconsin 82

Florida 66, Georgia Tech 48

Illinois 97, Minnesota 81

Presbyterian College 117, Furman 113

Auburn 74, Vanderbilt 65

Oklahoma City 78, Houston 67

Tulsa 95, Bradley 56

Roosevelt 79, Virginia Military 76

Iowa State 79, Colorado 62

Colorado Mines 72, Colorado College 66

Tulane 83, Mississippi State 78

Kentucky 143, Georgia 66

Mississippi 81, Louisiana State 76

Alabama 95, Tennessee 81

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Ring Rematch Ready Tonight

PORTLAND (Special)—Peter Mueller of Germany and Marty Martinez of Phoenix, Ariz., will fight again here Tuesday night and both have promised it will not be a repetition of their match two weeks ago.

In that fight, Martinez was declared the winner after Mueller plunged through the ropes and knocked himself out on the ring apron.

Mueller has had a colorful ring career. Besides the unusual bout here, he had beaten up a referee, helped an opponent to his feet after knocking him down, waved to the crowd after knocking down Tiger Jones, and made his living as a wrestler while banned from the ring.

Salem's Hett States

In other bouts, promoter Tommy Moyer has signed Amos Lincoln, Portia d, and Roger Rischer, Oakland, Calif., for an eight-rounder.

Boise's Roque Maravalla and Sonny O'Meara, Tacoma, meet in a six-rounder.

Four round bouts will pit Salem's Sonny Hett against Seattle's Al Negria and Tommy Berg, Pasco, against Bill Miller, Seattle.

Phillies Gain Pair

CLEARWATER, Fla. (Special)—Infielder Bobby Morgan and pitcher Marino Piretti Monday signed their Philadelphia Phillies contracts.

Morgan, 29-year-old utility infielder, was obtained by the Phillies from the Brooklyn Dodgers three years ago. He hit 232 in 136 games last year.

Piretti, 35-year-old native of Lucca, Italy, formerly was with the Washington Senators and hurled last season with Sacramento in the Pacific Coast League compiling a 19-15 record.

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