

Bearcats 'Hope for Best' During Jaunt to NWC's Eastern Arenas

Fully realizing that Northwest Conference basketball teams rarely win on the road but convinced that leading Linfield is in just as deep as they are, the Willamette Bearcats tonight open their three-game swing through the eastern portion of the loop.

Coach Johnny Lewis' tribe, in second place half a game behind Linfield, play at College of Idaho tonight and Saturday night, and then move over to Walla Walla to face Whitman Monday night.

Linfield is at Whitman the first two nights, and thence to

College of Idaho Monday. As they go into the rugged challenge of the east, Linfield boasts a record of eight wins two losses. Willamette has won eight, lost three. The Lewis Clark Pioneers, in third place with an even 6-6 mark, are idle tonight but tangle with Pacific U at Forest Grove Saturday.

"We'll just have to hope for the best after giving them all we've got," was the way Lewis put it prior to departing on the crucial jaunt yesterday. "I know it won't be easy," he added, "but then Linfield could be no better off than we are."

Following the three road games, Willamette will have only one more game, with Pacific here February 28. Linfield will have two more, both with Lewis & Clark on a home and home basis. The Pioneers dropped a narrow 21-76 and to Linfield earlier this week.

The probable starters for Lewis & Clark at Caldwell tonight will be Vic Backlund and either Dick Hartley or Larry Lynn at forwards, Tom Johns at center, Capt. Eddie Grossbacher and Ron Taylor at guards.

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Bevos Face Rugged Weekend in PCC

Prep Mat Bee Billed State Tourney Starts Today

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 20 (Special)—Tomorrow the best of the prep wrestlers in the state will converge on Gill Coliseum for the 11th annual Oregon State High School Wrestling Championships.

Friday morning at 11 o'clock marks the first of 266 matches in the two day gathering. A total of 266 grapplers will take part in the gigantic affair. Friday will see 156 bouts taking place in rounds one and two. Those boys winning their matches will advance to round three, which starts at 12:45 p.m. on Saturday. The 108 losing one match will go into the consolation bracket, while the unlucky boys who drop two bouts will be eliminated.

The finals will take place starting at 7 o'clock Saturday night for both the championship and consolation groups. No matches will be held Friday night.

Two of last year's champions will be on hand, as will be three runnersup. The champs are Bill Keller of Sweet Home, who was last year's 98 pound king, but has grown into the 108 pound division this year and will be running for another state crown. The other title holder is Barry Schneider of Canby, in the 157 pound class. Schneider will be wrestling in the same division this year.

Roy Medley of Hillsboro, Miles Stout of Springfield and Dick (Continued page 32, col. 5)

Giving the Bad Knee an Early Check



BRADENTON, Fla., Feb. 20—Milwaukee Brave centerfielder Billy Bruton, who underwent an operation for an injured knee during the winter, has joined checked by Brave trainer Bob Feron in clubhouse at club's training site today. Bruton was injured last July when he collided with a teammate while chasing a pop fly. He checked in here two days ago to begin special conditioning program to help strengthen the knee but has been hindered in his efforts to work out because of cold weather. He says the knee feels good but that he wouldn't know how much he will be able to use it until the special training and treatment has been completed. (AP Wirephoto)

Leading Bears to Play Vandal Quint Tonight

The red hot Pacific Coast Conference basketball race adds more flame this weekend as California, UCLA, Oregon State, Idaho and Southern California, the teams now left with a chance for the championship, square off in important contests.

1st Shared At Houston Six Knotted in Opening Round

HOUSTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Six veteran golfers ignored a biting wind while posting 4-under-par 68's today to share the first round lead in the \$30,000 Houston Classic Invitation Tournament.

The six-way tie was led by two former Houston champions, Ted Kroll, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Marty Furgol, Lemont Ill. Others in the traffic jam were Ed (Porky) Oliver, Canton, Mass.; Stan Leonard, Vancouver, B.C.; Milton Marvick, Webster Groves, Mo., and Pete Mazur, Buffalo, N.Y.

All had scores of 34-34-68 for the 7,200-yard, par 72 Memorial Park Course.

One stroke off the pace with 69's were Bill Webb, Kansas City; E. J. (Dutch) Harrison, St. Louis; Bob Boalby, Darien, Conn., and Jay Hebert Sanford, Fla.

Harrison, bidding for his second tournament title of the winter tour had a 4-under 32 on the front nine but a 37 on the troublesome backside prevented him from at least sharing the lead.

Jimmy Demaret, the home town favorite who often thrives in bad weather, had a pair of 35's to tie Joe Conrad, San Antonio, and Roberto Devesnes, Mexico City, at 78.

Ken Venturi, the pre-tournament favorite and the tour's lone double winner was among 15 players grouped at 71.

The starting field totaled 131. Par was broken by 28 players and 17 others finished at regulation 72. The field will be cut after tomorrow's second round to the low 70 scorers, plus ties.

The 71 group also included Otto Greiner, 38-year-old Tenafly, N.J., pro who sank a hole-in-one with a driver on the 235-yard, par three No. 7.

Paul Harvey, Worcester, Mass., underwent an emergency appendectomy this morning at St. Luke's Hospital. Dave Douglas, the 1954 Houston winner with another 377, picked up after taking a 42 on the front nine while ill with a virus infection.

Jack Cupit, University of Houston sophomore, was the low amateur, using with defending champion Arnold Palmer and 13 others at 75.

Oregon State (7-3), which is one full game behind the leading California Bears (8-2), faces the rugged challenge that always awaits a northern team in the southernmost portion of the circuit—games with Southern California (6-5) and UCLA (8-3) in Los Angeles. The Beavers play the Trojans tonight, the Bruins tomorrow night.

The leading Bears have their work cut out too, for tonight they are at Idaho where last weekend the Vandals spilled the UCLA Bruins. Idaho is now 6-5 in the standings, and in a fourth place tie with Southern California.

The Bears play at Washington State Saturday night and then at Oregon on Monday night. Thus the three-game swing is a mighty important one for the defending champions.

While Oregon State is confronted with the Trojans and the Bears tonight, the Vandals and UCLA will be at home against the Stanford Indians.

The Washington Huskies, who saw their title chance blow away last weekend in losses to Oregon and UCLA, get back into the picture on Saturday night, playing Idaho at Moscow. The Huskies then take on Washington State at Pullman Monday night. Stanford plays at Southern California Saturday night.

Oregon State will have its driving guard Lee Harman back in action during the southern series, as he has recovered from a shoulder separation sufficiently to rejoin the squad after missing three games.

Idaho has added personnel for the stretch drive also, with 6-6 Jerry Jorgensen and 6-3 Ben Walton replacing the Vandal squad. Jorgensen had given up basketball this season, but changed plans a week ago and got into the UCLA game for a two-minute period at Moscow. Walton was hurt earlier in the Oregon State game at Corvallis, but has recovered.

Salem Handballers Win

The Salem YMCA Men's handball team 4-0 won the Eugene YMCA 4-0 last night on the Salem courts.

Results of the matches were as follows:

Dick Chambers (S) over Dave Earl (E) 21-20, 21-12; Don Duncan (S) over Ken Weller (E) 21-17, 21-17, 21-4; Les Honey-Buck Russell (S) over George Dewey-Don Hill (E) 21-8, 21-17; Paul Carlson-Bob Smith (S) over Paul Lafferty-Noel Wicks (E) 21-21, 21-20, 21-18.

Vikings, Sax to Collide In Hoop Final Tonight

'Win or Else' Is Challenge For South '5'

The North Salem Vikings and South Salem Saxons get together for their final basketball battle of the season tonight, at eight o'clock in the Vik Villa.

Halftime Show

"Viking Showboat" is the theme of tonight's halftime entertainment for the North-South hoop game. The show will be put on by the North Salem rally girls and guys, with music being provided by the Viking pep band.

and the entire issue is one that rests solely with the Southsiders.

Still a mathematical possibility as a state tournament entry, the Saxons must win this one or forget all about it. They are now hanging by a bare thread, and if they do no better against coach Ward Palanius' district champions than they've done in the first three meetings this season, the thread will be broken.

North Salem has already clinched a tournament berth and is undefeated in seven district outings. The Spartans and Huskies led the boom on their one-time athletic tormentors from the South by scores of 65-47, 61-44 and 57-40 in the earlier going, and will be heavily favored to make it four straight tonight.

South goes into the big one with a 3-4 mark, which has the Saxons one full game behind Corvallis and Sweet Home. The Spartans and Huskies will break that tonight, for they clash at Sweet Home. The winner very likely will lead the No. 2 tourney berth.

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Yamaha Tightens Academy 5 Risks Lead

The Salem Academy Crusaders, not long ago cruising along easily atop the Yawama League basketball standings, but now finding themselves locked in a tight race for the wire with Sherwood, Yamhill and Philomath, risk their slim lead tonight.

Coach Bob Funk's warriors, who dropped the big one at Sherwood Tuesday 54-40, tonight visit the Yamhill Tigers at Yamhill. If the Academy doesn't win this one, they're no longer the undisputed league leaders.

The Crusaders still hold forth atop the heap with an 11-3 record. Sherwood is an eyelash behind at 11-4, Yamhill is just as close to Sherwood with 10-4 and Philomath is at 9-5. There is but one more round of games remaining following tonight's.

In the other three tussles on tonight's schedule, Philomath is at Amity, Banks at Willamina and Dayton at Sheridan. Sherwood is idle.

The final round, next Tuesday, finds Sheridan at Salem Academy, Yamhill at Banks, Sherwood at Dayton and Willamina at Philomath.

Thus a victory tonight would clinch no worse than a 6-5 record for the Funk's Hilltoppers, and since they have Sheridan here in the final round, it would not be foolish to feel that SA would pocket the 1958 crown.

Willamina at 8-6, Dayton at 5-9, Banks and Sheridan at 4-10 and Amity at 2-13 are out of the title picture.

Winner of the Yawama does not automatically gain a State A-2 tournament berth. When league play is completed, the clubs will engage in a single-elimination tourney of their own to determine a state meet representative.



Statesman, Salem, Ore., Fri., Feb. 21, '58 (Sec. IV)-31



Retrieving dogs who must, by this time, think that their masters have fled the country, will get back into action Sunday, February 23, when the Salem Retriever Trial Club holds its first picnic trial of the season.

Since the close of waterfowl season back in January, "Old Rover" has had little to do but eat, sleep, and try to keep in out of the rain. The latter being quite a task in itself.

The coming picnic trial will be held on the River Bend Sand & Gravel property just north of Wallace Park. The popular training stakes will get under way at 8 o'clock a.m. and will be followed by the derby, qualifying, an open all-age stakes. Live pigeons will be shot for the land series and shucked, live ducks will be used for the water series.

Youthful dog handlers who want to learn the game of dog handling along with their young dogs are welcome to the training stakes which proved so popular during the past year. Grover Franklin, dog trainer, will be on hand to assist the beginners and pass out a few "do's and don'ts."

Although young in age, the Salem Retriever Trial Club boasts plenty of enthusiasm and quite a number of good dogs. There really is little to compare to the thrill of watching a well trained and well handled dog turn in a stellar performance. Quite often too, the eager, young dogs will afford a few laughs for the spectators and slicers for the handler.

All interested persons are cordially invited to watch the picnic trials and all retriever owners who wish to run their dogs over birds, may do so. The entry fees are nominal and it does give your dog a chance to keep an edge throughout the dull months. Dull that is, from the dog's point of view.

No Smelt in Sandy Yet . . .

We haven't heard anything startling yet as to when the "dippers" might expect the smelt to enter the Sandy river. Last word we had on the smelt indicated that a good run was on in the Coville river in Washington.

Oregonians may expect the tasty smelt during March, or early April. In one year the elusive catch did not appear until May. On some years he has not shown up at all. One thing we may be sure of: When the smelt do appear in the Sandy, the world will sweep the state like a prairie fire.

Although a few persistent steelheaders continue to pick a fish

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Bold Ruler Hurts Leg, Scratches Widener Go

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 20 (AP)—Wheatley Stable's Bold Ruler, 4 to 5 choice to win Saturday's \$100,000 Added Widener Handicap, was taken out of the race today because of a leg injury.

Mahan, winner of the Washington, D.C., International last fall, promptly was entered in the race. He will be ridden by Eddie Arcaro who had been scheduled to pilot Bold Ruler.

Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons trainer of the 1957 "Horse of the Year," said Bold Ruler injured his left fore leg Tuesday while in a playful mood and "there's still a little bit in it."

The dean of American Thoroughbred trainers said it was "like a sprain" and the leg is still swollen. "The leg didn't clear up as we expected," Fitzsimmons said. "We galloped him this morning but to run him now would aggravate it and we can't take a chance."

With Bold Ruler out of the Widener, Calumet Farm's Iron Liege became a 1 to 2 favorite with his remaining male. Pinstar Lea. Others still expected to

Baylor Held to 23 Chiefs Win Close Game

BOZEMAN, Mont., Feb. 20 (AP)—Jim Harney sank a 30-foot set shot with nine seconds remaining tonight to give the Seattle Chiefs victory, 78-77, over the Montana State College Bobcats.

The fired-up Bobcats held National scoring leader Elgin Baylor to 23 points and were within seconds of scoring an upset over the 17th ranked Chiefs.

MSC led 77-44 with 45 seconds to play.

The Chiefs gained a rebound from a missed free throw by MSC's Ted Carter and Jerry Frizzell pumped in a jump shot from the corner with 34 seconds left. On the out of bounds play the ball hit Bobcat Jim Wallace on the foot. Wallace Chestnut put the ball in play in their own court. Seconds later Harney's two handed set shot hit for the deciding points.

Chiefs (78)	GP	FT	PTS	REB	AST	STC	BLK
Brown	11	3	23	11	1	3	9
Frizzell	11	3	23	11	1	3	9
Baylor	9	3	23	11	1	3	9
Harney	2	3	4	2	1	1	1
Saunders	3	1	4	1	1	1	1
Ogork	2	2	4	1	1	1	1
Pisarski	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	33	12	78	34	13	13	36
Seattle	33	12	77	34	13	13	36
Montana State	33	12	77	34	13	13	36

Finals Set For Wolves

OREGON COLLEGE Monmouth, Feb. 20 (Special)—The Oregon College Wolves close out their basketball season Friday and Saturday night in games at Klamath Falls with the Oregon Collegiate Conference champion Oregon Tech Owls.

In another final conference series the same nights, the Portland State Vikings are at Eastern Oregon.

The Owls have clinched the title for the second straight year, and Southern Oregon has taken second place. Portland State has taken third place honors and Eastern Oregon will finish fourth. The OCE quip will be looking for a second victory in the OTC series after hitting the win column Tuesday, 57-43, over Portland State.

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SBC Meet Lists Bob Blackburn

Bob Blackburn, longtime Portland sports writer who has teamed with the veteran Rollie Truitt in siring the Portland Beaver baseball games, is to be the speaking guest for this morning's session of the Salem Breakfast Club at the Senator Hotel.

The breakfast meeting, open to the male side of the public, gets under way at 7:30 a.m.

Blackburn, president of the Oregon Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association, recently emceed the Banquet of Champions in Portland.

Favorites Win in Tennis Tourney

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (AP)—Kurt Nielsen and Barry Mackay, the two topseeded favorites, survived close matches with upset-beaten-age rivals tonight to gain the quarterfinal round of the National Indoor Tennis Championships.

Nielsen, defending champion from Denmark, fought off two set points in the second set before finally subduing 17-year-old Earl Buchholz Jr., of St. Louis 7-5, 8-6.

The second seeded Mackay, the 1957 Davis Cup sensation from Dayton, Ohio, had a battle with Donald Dell, 19-year-old Yale Junior from Bethesda, Md., before winning, 6-4, 8-6, 6-2.

They advanced to the round of eight with Budge Patty, the Californian who spends most of his time in Paris, seeded No. 3, big Dick Savitt of New York, No. 4, and four outsiders.

Patty, playing with casualness bordering on boredom, crushed Robert Barker of Great Neck, N.Y., 6-3, 6-1.

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Rickey Has Heart Attack

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 20 (AP)—Branch Rickey, 76, board chairman of the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team, is recovering from a mild heart attack, his physician disclosed tonight.

Dr. Aaron N. Finegold said Rickey, former general manager of the Pirates, suffered the attack last night at his home in suburban Fox Chapel.

Rickey was taken to Presbyterian Hospital here after complaining of shortness of breath.

Dr. Finegold said Rickey was resting comfortably, and added: "His breathing is normal. There has been no stroke and he is not in an oxygen tent."

Rickey was stricken just after returning from Washington where he attended a meeting of President Eisenhower's Committee on Fair Employment Practices, of which he is a member.

Dr. Finegold said it was too early to state whether Rickey would be well enough to go to the spring training quarters of the Pirates at Fort Myers, Fla., as he did last season.

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Serra Slates Leading Staytons

The 1-2 teams in the Capital Conference—the Stayton Eagles as party of the first part, and the Serra Catholic Sabers as party of the second—collide tonight in St. Joseph's Auditorium here in the feature game of the loop's round No. 12.

But there isn't much the Sabers have to look forward to for other than what satisfaction they would get in beating the loop leaders. The Staytons have already clinched no worse than a 2-1 tie for the championship, own a three-game bulge over the Sabers and are practically shoo-ins for the 1958 title and berth in the Class A-2 state tourney here later on.

Stayton rolls in with a perfect 11-0 record. The Serra club has a mark of 8-3. There are but two more rounds of play remaining after tonight's and since the Eagles are to be at home in both, against Mt. Angel (2-8) and Silvertown (5-4), there is little question about the eventual championship.

Other games tonight find Silvertown at Mt. Angel, North Marion (4-7) at Woodburn (7-4) and Cascade (7-4) at Gervais (0-11).

In their first meeting this season at Stayton, Fred Graham's fleet Eagles won a 41-38 nod. They're apt to find Leo Gron-Jacques' Sabers a much tougher outfit tonight, however, in the

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