

Tuesday Mat Card Lineup Completed

A pair of local populars, having done such a good job of pleasing the patrons on last week's show, will be back again this week to bulge biceps in preliminary heats on Matchmaker Elton Owen's mat party at the Ferry Street Garden. Owen announced his card as completely signed up yesterday and that Pierre (Frenchy) LaBelle and Walt (Th' Sneeze) Achiu would be the two smoothies to come back for prelim sessions.

LaBelle, the twice decorated sailor man on the Cruiser San Francisco during the war, and still the grappling sharpie he was before he left for the service, comes back to thump with Little Gus Johnson in Tuesday's 8:30 opener. Since Johnson is also a wrestler, the curtainraiser should be 30 minutes, or less of clean



WALT ACHIU
gladiating on the touch-and-go side.

Ju-Hsing Achiu, the veteran Chinese campaigner, draws another tough guy as he did last week. Then it was bulbous Babe Small and Walt went to a fall-apiece draw with him in a whirling session. This time it's another hefty character and a mean one, Earl Malone. No flies should rest on this one—especially since Achiu is in with a nasty like unpopular Earl.

The mainer, featuring the return of rough and rugged Paavo Katonen, lists to the jim-dandy side. Big Paavo, still possessing the Coast light heavyweight title belt, meets Angelle Martinelli, the Italian swifty who has been more than holding his own with such guys as Joe Lynam, Rufus Jones and Gray Mask. He'll meet one of the very best in Katonen.

Viks Cop Series On 23-17 Victory

Defensive Play Again Stands Out As Clubs Carbon Copy Friday Go

Salem high's Vikings weren't their usual go-get'em selves last night at the Villa, but they did have defense again with a capital "D" and swept the local series with Astoria's arch-rival Fishermen on a 23-17 win. The game, practically a carbon copy of Friday night's opener, failed to jam the Villa hall as did that opener.

Wally Palmberg's lads were again sharp with their no-you-don't tactics and, coupled with a visible touch of listlessness in the SHS offensive, Harold Hauk's kids couldn't hang up their winning total of Friday. It was 28-18 then.

In fact, the Palmbergs, themselves halted at the net but effectively, stayed practically neck and neck with the Viks until the final quarter. It was 6-3 for Salem at the end of round one and 9-9 at halftime. Then, after giving up the lead at 13-11 early in the third canto, the Viks pulled out with an 18-16 margin at the end of the heat. The final period, not a lot unlike the first three in close checking, wild shooting and dreariness, was all Salem as Al Bellinger, Al Chamberlain and Carlos Houck teamed for five points while the visitors had to settle with a single digit on Harvey Pekkala's gift loss.

Were it not for Captain Howard Lovvold of the Finns, a smooth ballplayer who again led the scoring with seven markers, the Viks would have had the fray in a walk. The rest of the Coast-ers just couldn't seem to find a decent hole in the Vik defense, a floating but tight zone with a man-to-man border.

Salem again wanted to run their fast break through the Finns, but same Finns would have none of it. Palmberg's kids are sound defensively. The Viks, usually good for eight to a dozen points per game via clever ball steals and long sprints, were stopped cold here also. Palmberg had from two to three boys playing back all night, rendering the SHS grab-it-and-run weapon useless.

The two clubs gather again early next month for a pair in Astoria.



Staters Nip Duck Hoop Team, 50-47

Second Half Webfoot Rally Falls Short as OSC Takes Series Lead

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Oregon State college snapped into an early lead over the University of Oregon tonight and stayed ahead of the Webfoots for a 50 to 46 final in their northern division, Pacific Coast league cage meet.

The Staters led 33 to 17 at the half-time and then settled down to a steady pace as Coach Hobbs Hobson's Ducks fought to recover themselves with Williamson, who netted 18 points for the game, leading the way. But the Ducks didn't have enough time for the rally.

OSC (50) Fg Pp Tp Ore. (47) Fg Pp Tp
Warren, f 1 1 5 Wilkins, f 2 3 6
Anderson, f 3 3 7 Bray, f 0 2 2
Rocha, c 3 3 8 Hays, c 2 2 4
C'Dalli, g 3 3 9 W'mson, g 6 4 18
McGrath, g 3 5 9 Berg, g 2 3 6
Hem'g, f 3 3 3 Seeb'g, f 2 3 6
Esping, g 0 0 0 Smith, f 0 0 0
West, g 0 1 0 Rason, g 0 0 1
Neal, f 1 2 2
Strait, g 0 0 4
Mayer, g 0 0 0

TOTALS 17 22 56 TOTALS 14 13 46
Officials: Emil Piluso, Hal East.
Missed free throws: OSC—Warren, Anderson, McGrath, Oregon; Wilkins, Hem'g, Berg, 2; Rasmussen, Williamson, Berg, 2.

Pro Football Rams Moved to Los Angeles

By Sid Feder
NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The National Football league's championship Cleveland Rams, moved their franchise to Los Angeles today in a surprise switch that laid the battle lines for a finish fight between the National and the new All-America conference in what are regarded as the three top professional gridiron cities in America.

Grocery Store Magnate Danny Reeves, the Rams' owner, asked for permission to take his title holders to Los Angeles, explaining he has wanted a pro football club there since 1937—four years before he entered the National. The rest of the loop's club owners gave the move their immediate blessing, because by it the National now will have clubs in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, where the hottest war for gate receipts and drawing power is expected.

Following up their selection last night of aggressive Bert Bell to succeed mild Elmer Layden as National league commis-

soner in what is now definitely an all-out battle, the magnates also brought in representatives of three of the leading minor leagues in the country and started the ball rolling toward formation of a National Association of Pro Circuits which would exclude the All-America. These were the Pacific Coast league, the Dixie league in the south and the American association. The setup would closely resemble baseball's organization.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

Baseball bugs who feel a ball game just isn't a ball game unless they can clutter up their pews with peanut shells, hot dog wrappers and coke bottles are due for a pleasant surprise when the town Senators step forth May 7. If they think the concession setup was topgrade before the war, wait 'til they see what the Oregon Sports Service people are doing with the Waters park postwar plan.

Ed and Joe Sturckler, a father and son act in the northwest for



JOE (left) and ED STURCKLER

OSS—pappa Ed has been with the firm 15 years and son Joe, after three years in the army, rejoins the dispensers for his third year—are installing brand-new-up-to-snuff counters at the yard, designed to be most accessible to the hungry or thirsty ball fan. The spacious counters greeting grandstand patrons as they enter the main portals will still be there, done up in the finest spangles obtainable by OSS. Jiffy service will be the byword. Right field bleacher clients haven't been forgotten either. About the first thing same customers will see when they enter the gate is another large stand, this one cut into the west end of the bleacher. Nothing has been said about what the left field bleacherites are to do when they get hungry, but you can bet they won't be forced to bite their fingernails. In step with the Portland Beaver plan that's to make the local teap impregnable to ridicule, the OSS people, through Northwest Manager Ed and Salem Manager Joe Sturckler, intend fattening up the baseball Berts and Bessies in A-1 style come summer.

Incidentally, in maneuvering around the town for his connections, Joe has been dumbfounded to hear so much baseball talk. "I've been in a lot of good baseball towns," he says, "but never in one like this. All they talk about is baseball, and here it is only January!" (Your breakfast should taste pretty good this mornin', eh, George Emigh?)

Coming Kegler Valdez Wowed 'Em in Seattle

That May 7 mentioned above is correct. Originally it was planned to have the Senators open at home April 30. But then the league directors reconsidered, drew up their first two weeks of the summer's schedule and put Salem on the road starting April 26. The Patches will open at Yakima the 26th, move to Spokane the 30th and come home May 7 against Yakima.

Although our up-and-at'em reporters are about a week late confessing it, seems 17-year-old Warren (Brownie) Valdez, pride of Perfection alleycat Joe Coe, just about stole the show in a Seattle tournament last Sunday. A herd of the local pinmen, including Valdez, entered the meet's singles event. In his first three games, under pressure (there was quite a wad of cash awaiting the winner as prize), Valdez whipped off a 2-1, 2-1 and 2-0. Everybody in the joint was cheering for last summer's local Junior League ballgame and even the hot-shot bowlers, suffering ridicule by the 'teen ager, were on his side. But then it happened. Someone cornered the already quaking kid and rendered an only-one-more-game-come-on-son-you-can-do-it pep talk. Warren staggered out, rolled a 138 and finished in the also-ran group.

Undismayed Coe says he still thinks Warren has the makings of a champion. And from the looks of those first three games, carded while rubbing elbows with some of the northwest's top keggers, little wonder.



WARREN VALDEZ

'Powder Bob' Now Hot-Shot Basketballer

To basketball: "Youmay or may not remember Bob White, who played some pretty fair basketball and baseball for ye olde 'Bearcats' in '37-38-39-40," writes Bob Bushnell, 2648 9th Ave., Sacramento, Cal., "but this may be of interest to some of the local sports enthusiasts around Salem." (Ed's note: Few hereabouts have forgotten "Powder Bob" and his fastball hurling for Spec Keene nines). "After playing for Northrop Aircraft in 1941 and after completing 30 months in Uncle Sam's air forces, he is now holding down a guard position on the Los Angeles Shamrocks of a semipro hoop circuit made up of Los Angeles, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Sacramento, San Diego and a few other cities.

"A pretty fast and classy league and Bob is doing a pretty nice job. Had the opportunity of seeing him recently here in Sacramento. He's up to 6-foot 3-inches and tips the scales at 200 pounds.

"Incidentally, can't anyone keep down the Page Woolens? Maple, maybe?"

(Dear Bob: Maple's? No!)

Re this hoop circuit Bushnell writes about, another former northwesterner doing okeh in it is Wally Borrevik, the 6-foot 9-incher from U of Oregon. Borrevik plays on the Sacramento quint. And ex-call Fir Webfoot Laddie Gale is on the Salt Lake team.

Moyer Slated Against Suarez

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Tommy Moyer will bid for the Oregon state welterweight title in a scheduled 15-round go with Johnny Suarez here Friday in a "March of Dimes" boxing card at the auditorium. Moyer, who sports a two inch height advantage, will have only three pounds on holding shanny as he meets the jolting slugging Mexican.

Tractor Quint Hits Tall 2707

Salem's Interstate Tractor bowling team, entered in the Boosters' division of the Oregon state tournament at Portland, rolled a 2707 series, expected to be one of if not the highest scores at the end of the meet. The Tractors tossed as follows: Jim Farthing 613, Warren Valdez 591, Marvin Strode 521, Fred Stettler 520 and "Red" Hasty 462.

Dads Clubbers Meet Monday

Hoop Discussion, Grid Movies on Menu

The Salem Dad's club, formed a few weeks ago and still striving to put Salem high athletics first and foremost, convenes Monday night at eight o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce.

Following reports of various committees and a discussion on the site of the 1946 state high school basketball tournament, moving pictures of two of the season's top football games on the coast will be shown, according to President Bill Phillips. The Associated Oil company is donating the pictures.

The session is open to both members and prospective members of the club. Any male living within the Salem school district who has or does not have children is eligible to join the booster organization. Membership fee is \$1.00 per year and a "welcome" committee will be available Monday.

City Leaguers Vie on Monday

The American division of the City basketball league swings into second round action Monday night at Williamsmead with a pair of games. The league-leading and pennant-favored Page Woolens draw the round's bye.

The 7:30 opener Monday sends the second place Willamette Golds against the third place Talbot Minters in what stacks up as a tossup game. At 8:30 the Hollywoods, tied with the Minters, tangle with the Valley Motors in another tossupper.

Revenue Dept. May KO Conn

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Billy Conn literally is trying to punch his way out of a puzzling income tax situation in connection with his forthcoming fight with Joe Louis. He has asked the internal revenue department to serve as a sort of second.

Conn will receive an estimated \$500,000 for meeting Louis in a world heavyweight championship bout next June. But Conn, it was learned, is worried over the fact that his take-home pay for facing Louis may be less than \$100,000.

Jayvees Edge Braves, 32-31

Gurnee Flesher's Salem Jayvees gained revenge for an earlier defeat at the hands of the classy Chemawa Indians, by nosing the Redskins 32 to 21 in a fast preliminary to the Salem-Astoria contest at the Villa last night. Chet Ashman, with 13, and Dick Allison, with 11, paced the losers and victors, respectively.

Do-Reigh-Me Wins

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 12.—(AP)—R. B. Carroll's Do-Reigh-Me, a \$21.70 for two chance, romped to a two-length victory in the \$15,000 Gulfstream handicap here today. A record crowd of 17,300 saw the race.

Fort Stevens Tops Bearcats

FORT STEVENS, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—The Fort Stevens Coast Artillery defeated Willamette university 39 to 33 here tonight in their cage tilt.

Ft. Stevens led off to a 14 to 9 lead in the first quarter, but the Bearcats drew even at the half for a 21-21 count. As the third opened, the Artillerymen edged ahead to stay, but Willamette hung close on their heels.

Beryle Gorby netted a total of 19 for the servicemen while Williams paced the Bearcats with a total of 11 points.

Closed Season On Bass 'Out'

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The state game commission tossed out the closed season on black bass today after hearing fishermen complain the fish were breeding so rapidly that salmon are threatened.

The ruling—tentative until a January 26 commission meeting—will be state-wide except for a May-June closed season in Klamath county.

The commission also removed the bag limit on perch and cancelled winter trout fishing along the coast. The general trout season was set at April 20-October 31 with bag limit of 15 fish or 15 pounds and one fish.

'Bitsy' Grant Upsets Mulloy

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Bryant M. "Bitsy" Grant, Atlanta's little veteran who is making a comeback after four years in the army, pulled another upset today to land in the finals of the Dixie tennis tournament. Grant whipped heavily-favored Gardner Mulloy of Miami, 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5. That second straight upset victory sent the 35-year-old Georgian into tomorrow's finals against Bill Talbert of Cincinnati. Top-seeded Talbert won as he pleased from Frank Gurnsey of Orlando, Fla., 6-1, 6-1, 6-3.

Nelson Grabs 6 Stroke Lead

Defending Champion Nears 'Frisco Title

By Russ Newland
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Like a thoroughbred racing against plow-horses, Byron Nelson increased his lead over the field today at the end of the third round of the 15th annual open golf tournament. The defending champion piled up on the next to the last lap with a 54-hole total of 215, six shots ahead of his closest rival.

Chasing the game's greatest money winner into the stretch were Chandler Harper, Portsmouth, Va., and Herman Barron, White Plains, N.Y., tied at 221. Barron posted the day's best score, 34-36-70 to improve his position.

Some of the big guns, usually booming in Nelson's ears, faded as the real racing began. They included Belton Ben Hogan, Hershey, Pa., whose 75 brought him a 54-hole total of 223; E. J. Harrison, Little Rock, Ark., with the same aggregate; ex-PGA Champions Bob Hamilton, Chicago, and Vic Ghezzi, Deal, N.J., tied at 226 along with Harold McSpaden, Sanford, Me., and Jim Ferrier, Chicago.

Idaho Upsets WSC, 44 to 38

Vandals Win Despite 17 Points By Hanson

PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 12.—(AP)—A last-half scoring spurt tonight gave the University of Idaho a 44 to 38 victory over Washington State college in a hectic northern division Pacific coast conference basketball game. It was 18-18 at halftime.

Idaho's Grant Mortenson, pouring in five field goals in the second half, led the Vandals to victory despite the scoring revival of Washington State's huge center, Vince Hanson, who scored 13 of his team's 20 last-half points for a high scoring total of 17.

Idaho (44) Fg Pp Tp WSC (38) Fg Pp Tp
Mortenson, f 6 2 15 Sieverson, f 2 1 6
Quinn, f 3 2 8 Arndt, f 2 4 5
Phoenix, c 4 4 9 Hanson, c 2 2 17
C'haug, g 1 2 3 Johnson, g 1 1 2
Payne, g 4 3 9 Elliott, g 2 2 5
O'Conner, f 0 0 6 Moore, f 0 2 1
Ryan, f 0 1 0 Borz, f 0 0 0
Waller, g 0 2 0
Lipcott, f 0 1 0
Bayless, c 2 1 0
Carlson, g 0 3 0

TOTALS 18 13 44 TOTALS 13 18 38
Free throws missed: Idaho—Quinn 6, Mortenson 2, Carlbaugh, WSC—Hanson 6, Carlson, Elliott, Arndt.
Officials: Bill Frazer and Elva Hunter.

Lou Bre First At Santa Anita

ARCADIA, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Lou Bre, expertly ridden by Bobby Permane, came strongly through the stretch today to capture the \$50,000 San Pasqual handicap by a nose from the Irish Sirdie which had set the pace throughout the mile and one sixteenth race. Bull Reigh, the eight-year-old campaigner, was third.

Waltons' Stag Set Wednesday

Women interested in forming a "play-for-fun" local basketball league or team are reminded to report to the YMCA Monday night, eight o'clock, to discuss it. Helpful hints and pointers will be offered by Y personnel.

Waltons' Stag Set Wednesday

Salem's chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, bends into its "strictly stag" party in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting Wednesday night, eight o'clock, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall. Free refreshments and fun galore are terms closely related to the Wednesday meeting, according to Chris Kowich, chapter president.

Members are urged to bring friends as well as prospective members.

Viks on Road For 3 Tussles

Pitching with the Palmbergs at a successful end for the time being, Salem high's Vikings this week hit the road for the next three games on their basketball schedule. Tuesday night the Hawkmen travel to Springfield to do No-name league caging with the Millers. Then on Friday and Saturday nights it's the Klamath Falls Pelicans at Klamath Falls. The Pelicans are expected to give the SHS'ers their toughest time, since the Southerners have improved greatly since Salem walloped them, 27-18, here earlier in the season.

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