



VIKING FOE: When Salem's Vikings made into the crucial district 11 tournament at Mt. Angel Friday night, these Silverton Silver Foxes (above) will form the first opposition in the seven o'clock "natural" game. Both Salem and Silverton share the favorite role in the double-elimination tournament. The Foxes, front row, left to right: Dale Bennett, scoring champ of the Willamette Valley league; Dick Toby, Alan Terp, Carl Wickham and Dick Arbuckle. Back: Harold Beal, Ken Trimble, Glen Nado, Leroy Beals and Coach Kay Boe. (Statesman sports photo)

# SPORTSLIGHTNER

Baseball ditty entitled: "And What Did He See? He Saw the Sea." Lyrics involve Lefty Al Lien, the Canby curver who did so well with Yakima and Tacoma, and then with San Francisco before the war. Just back in the states after years of portending all over the Pacific ocean stops, Lien signed his Seals contract and shoved off with some Seals for spring training in Hawaii—in the Pacific. No, we haven't heard whether Charley Peterson is again with the Lefty O'Doul's, but it's an odd-sounding bet he is.

A strong rumor making the northern division hoop rounds lately holds that Emil Piluso, the mustachioed peer of the league's whistle-blowers these many years will next season take over Rich Fox's post as circuit basketball commissioner. Which would mean that the striped-shirted showman would pocket his whistle after 20 years of foul-finding in the conference. Piluso would make a natural for the job at that, for perhaps no one in the northwest knows as much about northern division basketballing as does Emilio.

Add one more prewar athlete to Willamette's swelling athletic roster. This one is Ensign Ron Runyan, the track, basketball and football swifty now visiting while on leave. He expects discharge by summer and intends finishing up his education and athletics at WU. Ron reports that brother Floyd, the Vern Gilmore whiz at Salem high a few years ago was approached often but never surpassed 4:30 in the four-lap event, finally whisked off a 4:28 while in the navy a few months ago. Floyd will likely return to Oregon State when he leaves the service, and will take up from where he left off as a promising tracker for the OSC's.

**Playgrounds Would Supervise Junior Baseball**  
What with the sun doing sudden nip-ups locally and the ball-gamers bending forth in camps from Podunk to Panama to remind them baseball season is approaching, the sponsors and officers of Salem's Junior baseball circuit gather at noon today to talk shop. They are the gentz who the past two summers have kept from 300 to 400 "teen-aged lads cuttin' and slashin'" in the village leagues.

The Junior men are faced with a problem next semester, hence the noon session. Now that Salem's Senator is bouncing back to occupy baseball's center ring locally, the Juniors are automatically relegated to secondary status. Waters park, for one thing, will not be available to the kids this year. But that unavoidable circumstance won't tell out kid baseball in the town. That's here to stay, we pray.

Realizing that the Junior ball men are faced with managerial and playground shortages for the summer, Gurnee Fleisher, the city's summer playground boss, has concocted a plan. It's a good plan, it will be the salvation of the Junior ball men's top topic for the meeting. That plan goes something like this:

**Reason of Sport Salvation for Offer**  
The league names, constitutions, laws and by-laws will remain the same. A commission will be formed from league officers. The city playground system will assume governorship of the leagues, producing in turn three up-to-snuff parks on which to play. A full-time coach and grounds-keeper will be hired by the playground system for each of the three yards during the summer. Umpires will be hired (and paid) by the playground system. All sponsors and coaches in all leagues to be approved by the playgrounds department.

In short, Fleisher and his playground flock will shoulder the headache end of the summer season as part of the annual playground season. Why, you ask? Simply because Fleisher & Co. wishes to see the summer baseball for kids continue in the village and is willing to expand, at a cost, the playground program to accommodate the leagues. A sort of Sandy Claus deal in the summer-time for the junior ball men.

The sponsors will likely consider the "Frisco Edwards offer of Sunday schooling league implies in arbitrating mechanics, also. A pair of last year's league umps, Bud



AL LIEN

## Anita Facing Strike Threat

ARCADIA, Calif., Feb. 20.—(AP)—A horsemen's strike projected by the California thoroughbred owners and trainers association tonight threatened to shut down racing at Santa Anita park tomorrow and possibly Friday.

The decision to strike came after a committee representing the association met with chairman Lloyd Wright of the California horse racing board after the last race today.

"We've been pushed around long enough," said one committee member. "Now we're going to press the trigger."

The horsemen set forth two grievances: (1) they want the track to pay groom and exercise boys awards instead of taking them out of purses; and (2) they seek assurance that races for which only six horses are named be run.

## Fincham Holds Point Margin

Bob Fincham, College of Puget Sound's all around whiz, looped 22 markers against Pacific university this week and the evening pushed him comfortably ahead of the individual scoring chase in the northwest basketball conference. Fincham has 147 points, 20 more than possessed by Willamette's sharp-eyed Freddie Graham. The Willametter, his season finished, currently resides two points up on Earl Cone, Linfield.

Before Fincham's 22-point evening, Graham held the lead. Fincham has played in eight games, Cone in nine and Graham in 12. The individual scoring for players with 50 or more points, including all Willamette men, up to date:

| Player                 | Team | FG | FT | PP | PF  |
|------------------------|------|----|----|----|-----|
| Fincham, CPS           |      | 61 | 25 | 17 | 147 |
| Graham, Willamette     |      | 55 | 17 | 30 | 127 |
| Boyle, Whitman         |      | 47 | 18 | 20 | 112 |
| Hobbs, Whitman         |      | 45 | 15 | 20 | 107 |
| Skellon, C-Idaho       |      | 43 | 15 | 24 | 101 |
| Clubb, Linfield        |      | 42 | 15 | 24 | 101 |
| Robertson, UBC         |      | 37 | 11 | 13 | 85  |
| Barbour, Willamette    |      | 36 | 12 | 34 | 84  |
| Whitbeck, Pacific      |      | 29 | 15 | 18 | 73  |
| Boyle, Linfield        |      | 26 | 14 | 17 | 69  |
| Kernode, UBC           |      | 26 | 11 | 21 | 65  |
| Miller, Willamette     |      | 26 | 11 | 21 | 65  |
| Webber, Willamette     |      | 25 | 14 | 22 | 64  |
| McGeer, UBC            |      | 25 | 14 | 22 | 64  |
| Longardo, C-Idaho      |      | 23 | 18 | 21 | 62  |
| Forester, Willamette   |      | 22 | 18 | 22 | 62  |
| Trounman, Pacific      |      | 24 | 11 | 18 | 59  |
| Haupt, Whitman         |      | 24 | 11 | 18 | 59  |
| DeGruy, Willamette     |      | 24 | 11 | 18 | 59  |
| Bates, Willamette      |      | 14 | 13 | 13 | 41  |
| Williams, Willamette   |      | 12 | 7  | 12 | 31  |
| Sturdivant, Willamette |      | 2  | 2  | 4  | 6   |

| Player     | Team | FG  | FT  | PP  | PF  |
|------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Thrush     |      | 187 | 181 | 175 | 523 |
| Forester   |      | 182 | 178 | 175 | 535 |
| Perry      |      | 158 | 164 | 162 | 494 |
| Bone       |      | 226 | 188 | 158 | 573 |
| Cline, Jr. |      | 181 | 186 | 169 | 636 |

| Player    | Team | FG  | FT  | PP  | PF  |
|-----------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Poolin    |      | 181 | 178 | 166 | 514 |
| McCluskey |      | 178 | 178 | 166 | 522 |
| Langston  |      | 196 | 183 | 171 | 606 |
| Horst     |      | 168 | 167 | 153 | 523 |
| Karr      |      | 181 | 186 | 169 | 636 |

| Player | Team | FG  | FT  | PP  | PF  |
|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Valdez |      | 152 | 202 | 195 | 550 |
| West   |      | 154 | 205 | 197 | 556 |
| DeGruy |      | 156 | 196 | 187 | 539 |
| Glodt  |      | 205 | 196 | 187 | 628 |
| Coe    |      | 217 | 181 | 182 | 680 |

| Player  | Team | FG  | FT  | PP  | PF  |
|---------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Krejci  |      | 178 | 186 | 168 | 532 |
| West    |      | 181 | 187 | 177 | 545 |
| Rayburn |      | 189 | 173 | 181 | 543 |
| Hoar    |      | 148 | 183 | 180 | 491 |
| Hanan   |      | 216 | 216 | 176 | 602 |

| Player                    | Team | FG  | FT  | PP  | PF   |
|---------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Leonard's Supper Club (1) |      | 866 | 937 | 918 | 2744 |
| Olinger                   |      | 181 | 188 | 166 | 529  |
| Adolph                    |      | 139 | 156 | 172 | 497  |
| Wich                      |      | 172 | 179 | 189 | 540  |
| Garbarino                 |      | 137 | 165 | 157 | 462  |
| Young                     |      | 143 | 205 | 186 | 534  |

| Player                  | Team | FG  | FT  | PP  | PF  |
|-------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| CLINE'S COFFEE SHOP (2) |      | 211 | 195 | 198 | 604 |
| Cline, Sr.              |      | 174 | 153 | 185 | 492 |
| Evans                   |      | 181 | 190 | 188 | 519 |
| Wich                    |      | 172 | 140 | 175 | 487 |
| Murdock                 |      | 182 | 176 | 215 | 573 |

| Player         | Team | FG  | FT  | PP  | PF  |
|----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| V-S, SALEM (3) |      | 808 | 206 | 163 | 577 |
| Hartwell       |      | 174 | 153 | 185 | 492 |
| Bar            |      | 181 | 190 | 188 | 519 |
| Riches         |      | 174 | 164 | 184 | 522 |
| Page           |      | 204 | 190 | 233 | 617 |

| Player                 | Team | FG  | FT  | PP  | PF  |
|------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| VALLEY PACKING CO. (6) |      | 182 | 175 | 142 | 500 |
| Kenyon                 |      | 120 | 135 | 162 | 417 |
| Friesen                |      | 124 | 139 | 166 | 420 |
| King                   |      | 148 | 139 | 166 | 420 |
| Masser                 |      | 182 | 181 | 190 | 553 |

## Parrish, Leslie Quints Set for City Series Opener

Anxious to wade into the 11th running of their "Civil War" basket battles, Leslie and Parrish Junior high cagers started putting the finishing touches on pre-city championship series drills last night. Coach Bob Metzger at Parrish and Bob Kenschler at Leslie announce respective squads are set for the opening of the series Friday night at Leslie. The two rivals will go again a week from Friday night at

the senior high and will then scrap off the third and final game of the annual series the following Friday night. Eighth grade teams from both schools will engage in preliminary games all night. The Parrish Pioneers, winners of 17 games in the 25 played with Leslie in the past, will be slight favorites Friday. Led by diminutive Bud DuVal and hard-scraping Ed Baker, the Metzgermen gained a slight edge over Leslie hoop-suiters in the

pre-playoff intramural league. The Pioneers will enjoy a slight height advantage over the Southerners, but the latter hope to offset this with the fact that they boast in Ben Pitzer, Don Ray and Bill Sproule three of the best shots in the 'Mural season. Emmett Rickard will be in charge of the Parrish Eighth graders and Harry Mohr will ride herd on the Leslies in the 7 o'clock prelim games.

## Jack Von Dies After Boxing Bout At Armory; Hoag Bops 3rd Straight

### Knockouts Dot Armory Scraps

Sullivan, Moore, Brown Post Wins  
By Al Lightner  
Jack Von, broad-shouldered 180-pound prize fighter, died last night at a local hospital following a boxing match with Bobby Ford, 178-pound Portland negro, at the armory. Hospital attendants reported Von died 20 minutes after he entered the hospital and that an autopsy would probably be performed today to determine cause of death.

Ford, who gave his age as 16, and his ring second, Adolph A. Caputo, 30, were held by police on an open charge last night. The district attorney will decide today if a coroner's inquest will be held, according to Lawrence Osterman, deputy district attorney. Von, 22, and in his fourth professional fight last night after serving with the marine corps during the war, had the better of his six-round rematch with Ford through the fourth round. But in the fifth Ford drove Von through the ropes with a series of punches. Von recovered and the two went into another flurry. Ford again punched Von toward the ropes and this time Von's head struck the center rope violently as he went down. Referee Paaky McFarland stopped the fight at this point and awarded the win to Ford via technical knockout.

Von staggered to his corner under his own power and then collapsed. His seconds worked over him feverishly but could not help him regain consciousness. He was carried from the jammed building on a stretcher and was rushed to the hospital. Although listing himself as being a Salem fighter, Von came from Aurora. Hospital attendants report his father is Jack Von, sr., of that city. The younger Von had fought Ford twice before, losing both times via decisions. Ford won a fourth round verdict over him in Portland a month ago, and again won in four rounds two weeks ago in a bruising slugging match.

Von was examined before the fight by Salem Boxing Commission Physician Dr. M. E. Gadow and was found to be physically fit to enter the ring, according to Gadow. The entire show was wretched in itself and was witnessed by the largest crowd of the season. The house grossed well over \$1900 and every one of the five bouts ended either in a knockout or technical knockout.

Duane (The Durable) Hoag, Tex Salkeld's two-fisted 172-pound dynamite from Portland, notched his third straight local win in the main event by plastering Young Freddie Steele Van-over, B.C. champion, with a TKO in 2:20 of the sixth round. Hoag, aggressive as a bull and boring in throughout, had the better of the going all the way with the exception of the third heat, an even round semidraw, previously unbeaten in the pro ring and heralded as the featherweight champion of British Columbia, was definitely no pushover. He stung Hoag many times with solid lefts and rights, but always took two or three himself for the singles pay-off. After a torrid first round in which both combatants tried fullheartedly to lay waste the other by kayo, the stalling taken by Hoag via his tireless slugging, Hoag hammered him into a corner and hit him with at least 40 lefts and right before he was dropped by a knock-out. Hoag pulled Hoag away and gave him the duke in 2:20. There were no protests from the Steele corner. The other six-round semidraw was a bruising affair taken by John L. Sullivan, left-hitting lightweight from Portland, over game but tired Logger Jack Hubbard of Klamath Falls. Hubbard had waffled with the sharp-shooting Sullivan on even terms for two rounds, he hit the deck for two rounds in the third. The round Tony Galante-like Hubbard was saved by the bell in the fourth, but he was knocked out for Sullivan in the fifth as Referee McFarland lofted the latter's head after 38 seconds of more solid punishment. Both four-round prelims ended in knockouts and both amounted to light fights for the Bobby Ambrose boys. Loquacious Jimmie Garrison and Reno Jackson, Garrison, who claimed he had never been knocked out in his career, over 300 amateur fights, was chilled but cleanly in 2:30 of the first round in his 186-pound tiff with Kid Brown of Portland. It was Brown's first pro fight also. Leon Moore, 131-pound bantam lad, put away Jackson in 2:18 of the second in their tiff. It was Moore's third straight win locally.

## No 40-Day Limit

Horse racing in Multnomah county is not restricted to 40 days a year, Attorney General George Neuner held here Wednesday, in an opinion addressed to the state racing commission.

## STATESMAN SPORTS

## All-American Leaguers Get Coliseum After All

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The Los Angeles club of the All-America dates in the coliseum next fall. The commission earlier had voted four choice dates in the coliseum, home stadium of the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles, to the Los Angeles Rams of the National Pro Football league.



JACK VON, (above), Salem 180-pound prizefighter, died in a local hospital last night after losing via TKO to Bobby Ford, Portland, in an armory bout.

## Husky Cagers On Sick List

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Two University of Washington basketball players, Capt. Norm Dalthrop and Bob Gill, were out of the practice picture tonight as Coach Hed Edmundson's Huskies headed for the Friday-Saturday State.

## Sandy Champs Top Estacada

ESTACADA — Sandy high's Willamette Valley league basketball champions Tuesday night added margin to their busby by turning back Estacada's Rangers here, 43-28. The Rangers kept it close until the final frame. It was 9-6, 18-15, and 26-21 for Sandy at the rest stops.

## Chemawa Defeats Gervais, 59-40

CHEMAWA — The Chemawa Indians beat Gervais at Gervais 59 to 40 Wednesday night in a Marion county "B" league tilt. The Popooses copped the prelim 18 to 10.

## Wolves Top V-8's

O.C.E. (46) F (37) V-8's Bullion (10) F (3) Ray Yocum Buckley (9) F (6) John Crook (6) C (5) Smith Neal (4) C (4) R. Yocum Hannel (1) G (10) Clark Picard (22) G (10) Manning Sub for Chemawa: Williams 2; for Gervais-Jorgensen 2; referee, Lefty Wilder.

## Woolens Five Captures Title

### Maple-Keene Quintet Loses Pennant, 50-35

To the surprise of practically no one, Page Woolens, a team composed of ex-servicemen kids who once evicted for Salem high cage clubs, walked off with the city league basketball pennant last night, defeating the defending champion Maple-Keene Sportsters 50 to 35. Frankie Page, who once paced the Vics to a state prep title, was the big gun for the Weavers last night when the chips were down. Page hit for 13 points, the game's high, as well as leading the victors with a nifty floor game. Meanwhile, the losers' ace scorers, Cece Quesseth and Otto Skopil, had one of those nights when nothing connected, and contributed but two points to the Sportsters' cause, a pair of free tosses canned by the former.

The new champs set a floor-blistering pace all the way, much to the discomfort of the Maple-Keene outfit in the final periods. Halftime lead favored the victors 27 to 16.

## Ball Sponsors Convene Today

Sponsors of Salem's Junior Baseball league teams all convene in a luncheon meeting today at the Golden Pheasant restaurant, 12 noon. League Secretary Dr. E. D. Blatchford announced yesterday. All sponsors of 1945 teams are urged to be present, as Blatchford assures there are important developments to be discussed.

## Golfers Plan Tourney, Feed

Men's club masie misters at Salem golf course are due for one of their extra-special outings today, as both a nine-hole tournament and a post-meet feed at the clubhouse are on the menu, according to Courseman Jim Russell. The type of tournament to be played as the regular Thursday outing will be announced at the course. Russell urges all clubbers to turn out for both the golf play and feed.

Meanwhile the final match of the Winter Slicker tournament is due the coming weekend. The Cliff Parker-Max Allen duel is to meet the Millard Peckar-John Emmen twosome for second place. The Leo Estey-Bill Goodwin team, clinched the Slicker title last weekend.

## Indians Raid Amateur Card

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The Chemawa Indians raided 15 of 20 Rumber club amateur boxing bouts here last night and carried home the scalps of nine opponents while a packed Labor temple crowd warwhooped their enthusiasm.

Terry Francis, 175-pound Chemawa entry, twisted his ankle when he was dropped by Glen King, University Homes, just as their bout opened. Francis was unable to rise and was helped from the ring.

118-pounds—Curtis Stacora, Chemawa, decided Bill Gentry, Vancouver; 160-pounds—Francis Schwaerle, Chemawa, decided Don Henry, PD Police league; 147-pounds—Gene Lahr, Chemawa, (decision) Don Landen, Multnomah; 145-pounds—Bill Smith, Multnomah, knocked out Joe Leo, Chemawa, second round; 145-pounds—Jay Beaumont, Vancouver, decided Ronnie Gensaw, Chemawa; 126-pounds—Joe Pete, Chemawa, decided Blair Gustafson, University Homes; 103-pounds—Elliot Vineich, University Homes, decided Joe Gensaw, Chemawa; 125-pounds—Harry Cooper, Chemawa, first round, 118-pounds—Willie Gensaw, Multnomah, knocked out Willie Gensaw, Multnomah; 135-pounds—Ralph Weiser, Chemawa, won second round TKO over Bob Bellings, University Homes; 118-pounds—Ray Jackson, Chemawa, decided Woody Willis, Police A.

## Cats to Hold Spring Drills

### Erickson Planning Two Grid Sessions

The athletic program of Willamette university came closer to normalcy Wednesday with the announcement by Coach Walter Erickson that he would conduct a five week spring football practice beginning the third week in March. Erickson, appointed last week as director of athletics, will divide the spring practice session into two parts. He hopes for three weeks of practice following the state basketball tournament here in March and another two week period in late May and early June.

## Woolens Five Captures Title

The exact number of letters to return is not definitely known as yet but Erickson expects considerable gridiron talent to be on hand when the spring semester opens on the campus March 11.

## Graham Paced 'Cat Scoring

Scoring honors for the Willamette Bearcat cage club for the 21 game season just concluded, go to Freddy Graham, who looped in 190 of his team's 842 points. Marshall Barbour with 127 copped runner up laurels. Bruce Barker's 77 field goals in 130 casts gave him the best average—361, while Irv Miller hit the most free shots, 31 in 49 tries. Graham was the club's bad boy, too, with 55 personal fouls. Willamette won 9 of their 21 contests, 7 in Northwest conference play.

## Canby Matmen Defeat Salem

Canby high's more experienced wrestling team defeated Salem high grapplers 46 to 17 on the local mats Wednesday night. Winning for Coach Tom Drynan's crew were Kearns, Youngblood, McDonald, Williams, and Gettis.

## Pilots Defeat Linfield Quint

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—The University of Portland won 59 to 56 tonight to make it two in a row over Linfield college in their non-conference series here. The Portlanders came from behind at a halftime 26-24 to tie it up 54 all with a few minutes to play. Then Lebenzow, who scored a total 25 for the game, and Meehan tossed quick ones to edge ahead 58-54. Clubb added one to make it 58-56 in the final seconds as Lebenzow tossed a free throw for the final.

## Dead Costly Buy?

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Breeder George M. Bucknam was ordered today to pay \$10,000 for a dead horse. Mrs. Frederick A. Griffith sued Bucknam, operator of a breeding farm near Del Mar, alleging that her stallion, Sarada, was kicked to death by the mare Show Card a year ago. The award was made in superior court.

## Red Sox Worry Steve O'Neill

LAKELAND, Fla., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Boston's returning slugger, with pitching help from Tex Hugheson, Dave Ferriss and Mickey Harris, look like the most serious threat to the Detroit Tigers, in the opinion of Manager Steve O'Neill of the 1945 world champions. "The Yankees will have plenty of hitting but Joe McCarthy may have some trouble with his pitching," said the rugged Irishman from Monoka, Pa. "Cleveland will have the pitching with Bob Feller, Steve Gromek, Allie Reynolds and Red Embree but I think Boston is the team we have to beat. Hugheson and Ferriss each ought to be good for 25 wins apiece."

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