

Eugene, Uni-High, Springfield Chalk Up Wins

Axemen Wallop Saints, 48-23

TIGHT CLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

The potentially powerful Eugene high Axemen defeated St. Mary's Catholic 48-23 on the St. Mary's court Tuesday night to take the lead in the intra-city basketball series. It was the Axemen's fifth straight triumph in five starts for Coach Kuchera's "Big Purple" and the loss of the season for Albert Rodakowski's Saints who had previously beaten Uni-High (Eugene) and Springfield.

The game was scheduled to play Pleasant Hill against the 1944 "B" finalist Wednesday night and the Saints await a rematch against Springfield on the local court Friday night.

Considering the peculiar habit of Eugene to play well with both teams set up several well-remembered scoring plays.

The Galloping Gaels were defeated in the ball game until midway in the third period when the league hoopers were no longer able to keep up with Eugene's torrid pace.

Gus Hunter, who paced Eugene to 24 points, gave the Axemen the initial lead in the opening half of play, and the Saints were never able to tie the count.

Bill Hutchinson left the game foul mid-way in the second quarter with the score 15-12, but Eugene tempo continued and Eugene scoring tempo continued.

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The night Wally Borrevik, Oregon's All-American center, was scheduled to play in the annual All-American, All-Star basketball classic in Chicago, he was chewing the beef with Pvt. Kenny Brauner on the deck of a Liberty ship in some south Pacific port. But read what Kenny has to say about meeting the merchant marine:

"Last night (December 1) I was working on a Liberty ship—whittling away time on deck when whom do I see but Wally Borrevik. You could have knocked me over with a feather. We had a long chat from 7 to 10 p.m. He really looks good—and seems to have put on a lot of weight. We exchanged some of our experiences since we left the states. Wally's been up and down the coast of New Guinea and the Solomon Islands for six or seven months. He hasn't been to Australia yet, but he's hoping he'll make it before long. In his stateroom, or compartment, I noticed he had a set of native bow and arrows from Guadalcanal—the bow similar to the bows that are used by the natives around here, only they are about three feet shorter. While he was in Blak, he and about three other fellows took a hike up in the coral hills. On the way down he slipped and slid on his exterior end for about 30 feet. He still has quite a time sitting comfortably.

"Wally has quite a time walking down the hallways of the boat. He's done a remarkable job in keeping his skull in one piece (Wally stands 6-feet, 6-inches) and he has to remain in a stooped position most of the time. He hopes to return to the states soon."

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Campus Quintet Trims Warriors

OAKRIDGE — Coach Harry Davis' University high Golden Tide scored a rather impressive 39-25 victory over the Oakridge Warriors here Tuesday night. Using his entire traveling squad Davis' quintet went out in front 9-3 at the first quarter mark, and from there on in there never was much doubt as to the victor.

Ty Lovelace, ace Oakridge center, was kept well in check throughout the fracas—being held to three points. In the meantime the Tides golfing forward, Chuck Gillanders was having a field day with the temp, connecting for 15 points and being high for the contest.

The Campus quintet led 22-10 at halftime, 33-19 at the third period, and with reserves playing most of the last half built up their final victory margin.

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Corvallis Trims Junction, 27-12

CORVALLIS, Dec. 13.—The Corvallis Spartans had little trouble knocking over the Junction City Tigers here Tuesday night. It was the first start of the

Junction City is scheduled to play its second game of the season at Junction City Thursday night against the Oakridge Warriors. The game had been previously announced for Oakridge.

season for Junction, and their big trouble seemed to be at hitting the hoop.

Led by Bob Reiman, the Spartans built up a commanding 21-7 halftime lead, and coasted to victory in the second-half.

But in the last half the Junction City defense was working better, and the Spartans were only able to outscore them six points to five.

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Millers Defeat Vikings, 33-23

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SPRINGFIELD — Holding the Salem Vikings to just one field goal in the third period and only seven points the entire last half, showed some excellent defensive minded Springfield scored a 33-23 victory over the northern team here Tuesday night.

The first half was played on even terms, with the intermission ending with the Millers in the lead by just four points—18-14. But in winning their first game of the season, the Millers showed some excellent defensive play in the last half, and after mid-way in the third quarter there never was much doubt as to the eventual winner.

Paced by Jerry Lake, Springfield veteran, the Millers held a 11-8 lead in the first frame, and with Dave Radmore aiding the cause greatly Springfield was out in front 18-14 at halftime.

The third quarter was very uneventful with the Millers holding the Vikings to just one field goal, while the Springfield bunch went ahead another seven points.

Fred Burnum started the last quarter by making four of the six points scored, by the Millers. The Miller second team went in mid-way in the period and played the remainder of the game.

The B squad game proved to be more of a thriller than the varsity. It went in to an overtime period with Clair Thomas splitting the 19 all score. Boehmer tied the score up for Salem while Alberts won the game for Salem with a push shot at the end of the overtime.

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Owen, Wagner In Mat Brawl

Two would get you five today if you were willing to wager that George Wagner and Elton Owen would not be opponents in the headline attraction of Brother Don Owen's weekly wrestling show at the Pearl Street arena Saturday night. It appeared almost certain that the two long-time rivals would attempt to settle their dispute with holds and possibly punches.

Wagner, despite his great desire to meet the "Grey Mask," had very little choice in the matter after Owen, the wrestling referee, charged "Gorgeous George" of everything but going to bed with hair curlers on his black locks.

In standing pat on his ultimatum, refusing to wrestle with Owen as the referee, Wagner said he could never get a square deal and that last winter he lost eight straight matches on technical decisions handed down by Owen.

Owen, former University of Oregon intramural boxing and wrestling champion and a Webfoot grider at one time, explained that he was only following the rules in disqualifying Wagner in past matches, and if Wagner really had a "bone to pick" he would be only too glad to meet him in either a wrestling or boxing match.

"I don't expect Wagner to get my challenge," Owen said, "because the last time we met he virtually quit and if it had not been for the fans he would have run to the dressing room. The guy just hasn't any guts and he is as yellow as the yellowist Jap."

Brother Don, the matchmaker, differed from Elton's opinion, and believed Wagner would gladly accept the match in view of the mysterious absence of the "Grey Mask." A definite announcement is expected by tomorrow.

WELKER COCHRAN COPS BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Willie Hoppe, 67-year-old former "boy wonder" of the billiard table, was dethroned as three-cushion champion Tuesday night by Welker Cochran of San Francisco.

The Californian, who only a few months ago lost a cross-country challenge match to Hoppe, 1,411 points to 1,500, beat the White Plains, N. Y., veteran, 50 to 46 in 31 innings as the ten-day round-robin tourney ended.

The victory gave Cochran a sweep of his nine tournament matches. Hoppe finished with seven wins against two defeats, the same as Jay Bogman, Vallejo, Calif. Hoppe was awarded second place because he scored more points, 441 to 427.

Hoop Scores
OREGON HIGH SCHOOL SCORES
Corvallis St. Mary's (Eugene) 25, 40
Eugene 48, St. Mary's (Eugene) 23
Oregon City St. Kiamath Falls 28, Lebanon 31, Albany 25
Vancouver, Wash. 29, Central Catholic (Portland) 19
Benson (Portland) 35, Lincoln (Portland) 22
Jefferson (Portland) 40, Commerce (Portland) 18
Grant (Portland) 22, Roosevelt (Portland) 19
Franklin (Portland) 46, Selma (Portland) 29
Springfield 23, Salem 22

Mapleton Quint Wins
LORANE, Dec. 13.—Coach Al Johnson's Mapleton Skillets joined Crow and Elmira as joint leaders of the western division, Lane county "B" basketball league here Tuesday night by defeating Lorane high 39-30 in a loosely played basketball game.

KEARSE WOUNDED
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Eddie Kearse, former catcher for the Seattle Rainiers and currently the property of the New York Yankees, was wounded in France, Nov. 22, his mother, Mrs. Eva Kearse has been informed by the War department. There were no details.

Webfoots Face 'Toughie' Against British Columbia

DEL SMITH, OF RAINIER, will likely be in the Ducks starting lineup when they travel to the land of the Canuck, and take on the reportedly tough University of British Columbia Thunderbirds. The Dominion team is coached by Maury Van Vliet, former Webfoot.



The University of British Columbia Thunderbirds, first opponent for the University of Oregon Webfoots on their northern barnstorming tour next week, will present sterner opposition than anticipated, according to information received recently from Canada.

The Thunderbirds, coached by Maury Van Vliet, former Oregon football and baseball star, have won nine of 11 games to date and are undefeated in the Vancouver circuit. The only defeats were avenged by victories, the Thunderbirds losing to Western Washington College 60-58, but defeated the Vikings 72-56; losing to the Pat Bay Flyers 67-65, but beating the Dominion service champion 36-35 in another meeting. Among the victims of the British Columbia collegians has been the Vancouver RCAF quintet, Canadian national champions of 1944, beaten by a 56-37 score.

The British Columbians use much the same style of play as the Webfoots, a hard-driving and high-scoring attack which has averaged nearly 60 points per game this season. Under Van Vliet, the Thunderbirds have won the Dominion collegiate championship two seasons, in 1937 and 1941; and are gunning for another title this season. U. B. C. had won only one previous championship, in 1933 before Van Vliet went to Canada as head coach.

Oregon will meet the Thunderbirds in Vancouver Dec. 18-19; the first two games of a jaunt that will also send the Webfoots against Western Washington at Bellingham, Dec. 20, against the Fort Lewis Warriors in Tacoma Dec. 21, and into the two-day jamboree at Astoria along with Oregon State, Washington, and Washington State Dec. 22-23.

Before entraining for Canada Sunday, the Oregons have an important engagement with the Klamath Falls Marines at McArthur court Friday and Saturday nights. If the Webfoots can win both games they will be making the northern trip on the strength of ten victories in 13 games.

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