

Organization of Valley Semi-Pro League Is Being Considered

FOUR OR SIX CLUB ORGANIZATION IDEA IN GREATEST FAVOR

Organization of a semi-professional basketball league in the Willamette valley for the coming season is one of the topics receiving more than passing consideration in the sport circles of Salem as well as other cities of the valley, and there is every indication that such a movement will be formally launched during the coming two weeks.

In Salem the idea has assumed little more concrete form than that of a serious conversation, but in Eugene and Albany it is understood that the necessary local organization to secure such an undertaking is being enlisted and that interest in the proposal is running high.

The proposition most favored locally is that of a four or six club league embracing the larger towns. For the four-team organization Salem, Albany, Corvallis and Eugene are the favorites. With such a nucleus it is argued that the circle could be enlarged by taking in two additional clubs recruited from points like Dallas, Silverton, Woodburn, Springfield or Cottage Grove, with Medfordville, Newberg and Oregon City also suggested. Roseburg is mentioned by a few as being a live ball town and a good team to represent the southern end of the league's territory, but the suggestion is not taken well generally on account of the distance and the fact that Roseburg is out within the limits of the Willamette valley.

From all points in the valley come reports of exceptionally promising material for teams during the season and a general post-war re-awakening of interest in the national pastime. Financially the prospects for such a league being a successful venture for all of the clubs were never more promising, and it is felt that the venture could be made without the customary monetary losses which have been connected with like enterprises in the past.

BOXING

Portland, Ore., Jan. 24.—Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul, light-weight boxer, will fight ten rounds at Milwaukee, near here, February 11, with the winner of the Bob Hoper-Boy McCormick match, to be fought at Milwaukee next week.

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—Two ten round bouts and two six round bouts will feature the boxing show to be held by the Service club on the Presidio army reservation here January 26.

Alex Traubman will meet Joe Miller and Bud Riley will clash with Joe "King" Leopold in ten round bouts.

Frankie Ferron and Johnnie Webber and George Shadle and Battling Norton will put on the star six round bouts.

The California law limits boxing bouts to four rounds, but it does not apply on federal government property.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 24.—Elly Wright, of Seattle, holder of the Pacific welterweight title, fought Morris Lux, of Kansas City, to a four round draw here last night. Both men boxed cleverly and the decision was approved by sport writers.

Harry Gillman, of Seattle, middle-weight, knocked out Frankie Mason, of Chicago, in the first round of a scheduled four round event.

Fresno, Cal., Jan. 24.—"Gunboat" Smith took a decision from Carl Morris after four rounds of fighting here last night on a card under the auspices of the American Legion boxing association here last night.

BASEBALL

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 24.—President William H. McCarthy of the Pacific Coast baseball league said Friday he had provisionally signed Jimmie Tomman to umpire again next season. He said he expected to have "four new faces" on his umpiring staff.

PACKED HOUSE VIEWS BEARCAT COME-BACK AND DEFEAT OF AGGIES

Too much McKittrick!

That, in a nutshell, tells the story of the Bearcats come-back of last night and Willamette's defeat of the vaunted Oregon Agricultural five. The final score stood 26 to 25.

But the little "offensive guard" alone was not responsible for the beating which the Bearcats administered to the Aggies. It was the well-oiled and smooth working Mathews machine that contributed largely to the cardinal and wild victory. Pivoting around their veteran captain, Wapato, the locals worked the ball down the floor repeatedly and fed accurately and fast to McKittrick, who was responsible for 14 of the points registered by his team.

Wapato, too, had his shooting eye last night and chalked up four baskets for a total of eight points. No conference college floor ever saw a harder, or more viciously fought game and no fan ever saw a greater transformation in a team than that which featured the Bearcat play as against the exhibition of stage fright which they displayed against Whitman a week ago. Mathews' lads not only showed team work last night, but they also displayed an improvement of 25 per cent in their passing and shooting. The brand of ball they played would keep the best in the conference busy.

In the early stages of the game O. A. C. was playing listless ball, passing wildly at times and showing no ability to get together. With the exception of Arthur, the forward to whom Hargis' men fed, none of the visitors were able to connect with the loop from the floor and their defense during the first half was ragged. Stinson, at forward, stood out as their star even against the veterans Rearden and Hubbard, converting seven out of eleven attempts from the foul line.

The defense shown by Willamette last night is going to be a hard out for the conference teams to crack if it is maintained. Jackson, at center, showed his real strength in this respect and Irvine showed up well.

From all angles last night's game was perhaps the fastest exhibition of basketball ever seen here and the packed-house attendance demonstrated the interest which is being evidenced in Willamette's entrance into the conference. Today the two teams left for Corvallis, where they will play a return game tonight.

The lineups were:
O. A. C. Willamette.
Arthur (12) F. (2) Irvine
Stinson (11) F. (3) Wapato
Elkelman C. (2) Jackson
Rearden (2) G. (2) Rarey
Hubbard G. (14) McKittrick
Referee—Dean Walker of Eugene.

Fred Garner Now In Salem Will Play With New Club

Fred Garner, formerly a player with the Idaho state league and known to base ball fans as a good second bag man, has secured a position in Salem and expects to locate here permanently. Garner comes to Salem with a reputation as a first class infielder. He is a left hand slugger with a .200 record.

Biddle Bishop is responsible for Garner's migration to this city, as the ball club organizer is determined to get good timber here for his diamond aggregation. Garner and "Lefty" Schroeder have both been given temporary employment by F. A. Kurtz of the Kurtz Packing company. When told that a job was the only thing needed to keep the two boys here for the present, Kurtz manifested his desire to help the enterprise, by offering immediate employment to the two players.

Garner played with the Idaho state league in 1918, with the leading soldier team at Camp Lewis in 1917, 1918 and with the Standifer club of Vancouver, Wn., in 1919.

Oregon Quintet Defeats Washington Five 29-26

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 24.—The University of Oregon basketball team last night defeated the University of Washington five here by a score of 29 to 26.

SALEM HI DEFEATS CORVALLIS 38-29

Salem won the first of the two games on the loop, which the high school team is making when the S. H. S. quintet defeated Corvallis high school, at Corvallis, Friday night with the score of 38 to 28.

The game was fairly clear of fouls and fast from the start, the score be-

ing 18 to 11 in Salem's favor at the close of the first half. Boise played a good position at center and starred with the Gill brothers, who registered some good shooting. The game was referred by Powell of O. A. C.

The lineup for Salem high at last night's game was: Schaefer and A. Gill, forwards; Boise, center; E. Gill and Ashby, guards.

Saturday night, the Salem basketball men will meet the Albany team. The Corvallis victory gives the Salem team an all winners' record so far this season and high fans believe that Albany, an old enemy, will have to put up a hard fight in order to win this game.

BASKETBALL

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 24.—Whitman's basketball team has asked the University of California team to stop here while enroute to Spokane this spring and play one or two games. The Californians are to meet Washington State college at Spokane.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 24.—University of Washington's varsity basketball squad has been cut to fourteen men, all of whom are fighting for position on the team. Several veterans are among the fourteen.

Cecil Jamieson, captain elect, is hav-

ing to fight to hold his post as captain. Henry Self and "Chuck" Frankland, both good men, are out for the center position.

About forty freshmen responded to the first call for basketball practice.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 24.—Yale defeated Princeton 26 to 11 in its inter-collegiate league basketball game here last night.

Deputy state fire marshals are making a survey at The Dalles. They will also survey Hood River. During the past few months fire surveys have been made of 50 towns and cities in the state and in most instances new fire equipment has been purchased and many hazards removed.

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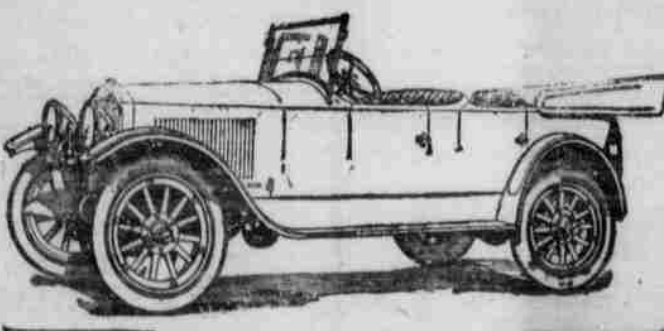


In a fast and close game, Washington ran up an eight point lead early in the first half, but it was overcome and the two teams alternated for the lead in the second, Oregon scoring the final two points in the last three minutes of play.

A sheriff is entitled to mileage actually traveled in making service in civil cases, according to an opinion by Attorney General Brown in a case from Lincoln county.

SCHROEDER TO LOCATE HERE AS UNION OIL CO. EMPLOYEE

"Lefty" Schroeder, twirler with the Beavers during the 1919 season, will in all likelihood be a member of Biddle Bishop's Salem club. Schroeder has accepted a position with the Union Oil company. Schroeder will be one of the men in charge of the new service station at the corner of High and State streets. Until this station is ready for business, the left handed hurler will be employed at the Kurtz Packing company's plant.



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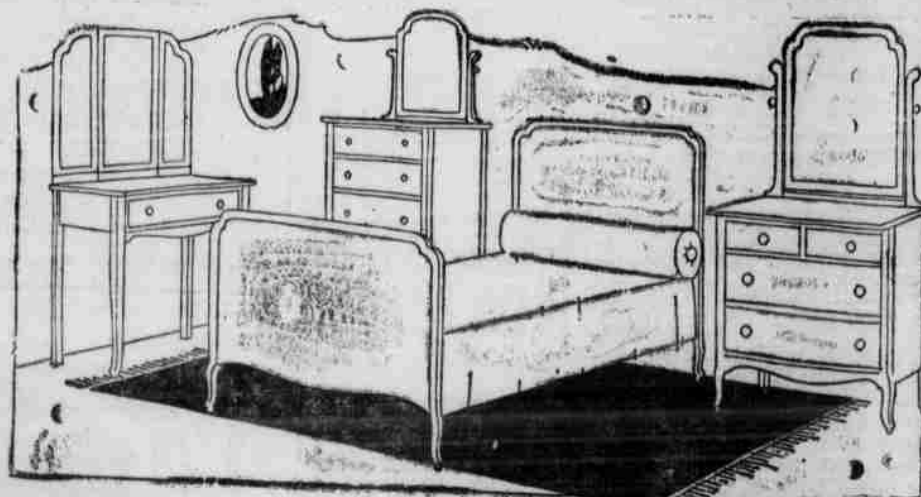
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