

Skits and Scratches

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One cannot help but wonder where all of those fine looking junior high schools kids go, athletically speaking, after they receive their ninth grade diplomas. A certain percentage of them move over to the North 14th street educational institution and form the foundation for the football and basketball squads there. But to a person who has watched the situation over a period of years, it seems too many from Parrish and Leslie drop completely out of sight. Two rounds of competition in the intramural football league have been sufficient to convince the most skeptical that there is abundant talent in the making. No use to mention names—just go out and watch the youngsters perform.

Some pretty well built, rangy lads in the four teams as well as a number of smaller ones who display a lot of native talent. Incidentally, it would be a good idea for more people who are interested in developing wholesome sports in Salem to witness a few of the intramural contests. They are played each Thursday afternoon at Olinger and Leslie fields. Considering the fact that the boys have not played tackle football for a number of years, they are performing remarkably well, thanks to the coaching of Harry Mohr, Bob Metzger, Bob Keuscher and Frank Brown.

The new scheme of things in connection with inter-district play leading to the state basketball tournament will make no difference in the schedule of Salem high, Gurnee Flasher, athletic director, reports. If all concerned agree, it is probable there will be a series of games between the four teams involved in district competition—Mr. Angel, Woodburn, Salem and Silverton. The winner would then face the champion from district 12 which includes Canby, Molalla, Oregon City, West Linn and Milwaukie. The state association leaves the mechanics of the playoffs to the districts.

If the pheasant season had a few days more to run, it is probable a number of our prominent citizens would be in much better physical condition than has been the case in a number of years. Several of them have learned, first hand, that this year's crop of garden-destroying birds have developed race-horse tendencies with more wind than a wrestling promoter. One State street grocer started in pursuit of a particularly fine looking rooster the other day and made a number of laps around a thick before he finally became exhausted. Similar activities over a period of weeks would put him in physical condition which would enable him to outrun the hounds in Multnomah stadium.

What's become of the white ball that was brought into use on the gridiron when night competition was inaugurated a few years ago? There was quite a bit of complaint that the painted ball often became too slippery to handle, but the ones that are now being used—in natural grain—are certainly difficult to follow. This is especially true for the fan who has to sit in the back rows of the stands and peer through several hundred feet of atmosphere that has a bit of fog in it. At times Friday night it appeared the Vikings and Pioneers were staging a bit of pantomime—sort of shadow boxing. We understand a bit more illumination could be secured from the Sweetland field lights if the burned bulbs were replaced. However, lines are reported as not hankering for the job, fearing the poles might break off with the added weight of a man.

Klamath Marines Defeat Bears

Klamath Falls, Ore., Oct. 21 (AP)—The Klamath Falls Marine barracks squad defeated the Camp Beale Bears, 8-0, last night for the Marines' second win of the season.

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Salem Mermen In Ninth Pace

Reports just received from the "Down the Mississippi" endurance swim contest headquarters in Chicago show that the Salem YMCA is in ninth place in the race for New Orleans from the twin cities. The local association ran up a map mileage of 166 on the first day of the contest in which 36 YMCAs of the United States and Canada are participating. Highest mileage for the first day was 220, swum by the association at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dorsey Caspell and Gordon Sloan are maintaining their figure of 2.4 miles per day, making them the leaders in the local contest for highest daily distance.

Swimmers doing a mile or more a day for 10 out of the 12 contest days will be awarded special certificates and will be guests of the local association at a dinner after the contest. Those qualifying so far are Don McCracken, Bill Olinger, Edw. Bauer, Oliver Bollne, Sanford Weinstein, Darrel Lawrence, John Taylor, Earl Pepper, Lloyd Hamlin, Gordon Sloan, Dorsey Caspell, Claude Weaver, John Hinkle, Jim Sawyer, Bill Allison, Gary Stark and David Boone.

Others not qualifying who swam a mile or more Thursday were Tommy North, Teddy Kistner, Everett Baker, Bob Canfield, Dick Peterson, Fred Cleveland and Billy Harris.

Peevish Fan Gets One on Button

Portland, Oct. 21 (AP)—The Rose City's boxing show turned out to be a triple main event last night instead of the scheduled two—but the added attraction lasted quick.

When Policeman Mickey Pease of Portland scored a 10-round decision over Vern Earling of Hayden Lake, Idaho, a disgruntled fan climbed into the ring to dispute the nod. Referee Ralph Gruman shot a quick, sharp right to drap the protestant over the ropes.

In the other portion of the main event, Sailor Jack Huber, coast guard, 199, kayoed Bryce Allen, Portland, 182, in the seventh round of a 10-heat bout.

Medal Play for Week-end Golfers

Week-end play at the Salem Golf club for those who like a bit of competition will consist of 36 holes of medal club swinging with full handicaps in use. Bill Goodwin, head man of the special events committee, announces. Eighteen holes may be played Saturday and another 18 Sunday.

It is probable presentation of the trophies in connection with the recent club championship tournament will be awarded next Thursday night. A dinner at 7:30 will highlight the program. The championship was won by Walt Cline, Jr., when he defeated Glen Lengren last Sunday in a well played match.

Texas League May Reopen in '45

Dallas, Oct. 21 (AP)—Texas league club owners went into session today to consider resumption of operations with at least one representative ready to make a fight for positive action at this time.

Jim Humphries, business manager of the Oklahoma City club, said he would urge a definite announcement that the league planned to reopen next season after two years of inactivity.

Dairy feed subsidy payments are to continue through next March, according to W. E. Leth, secretary of the Polk county AAA.

SPORTS

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Vikings Display Strength as They Defeat Oregon City, 20-8

The Salem Vikings, after a disheartening first period which found them trailing, 8 to 0, came to life with a rush Friday night on Sweetland field to take a 20 to 8 decision over the Oregon City Pioneers. The win brought Coach Tom Drynan's club up even for the season—three wins and three losses. And what proved more appealing to the capacity crowd of fans was the fact that the Vikings' offensive appears to be clicking after clanking along on a couple of cylinders. Their 234 yards net from passing and rushing against the 81 turned in by the Pioneers, indicated the game was won in a legitimate manner and not by a fluke.

After stopping the Pioneers' initial thrust and taking the ball on their own 34, the Vikings went touchdown hunting immediately. It took them just five plays to cover the 66 yards with Fullback Dungey clipping off 39 of those in one burst of speed. A tackle by Art Gottfried on the Salem 15 kept Dungey from going all of the way. The check was of momentary nature, however, for Jerry Peckover, familiar name in Oregon City athletic circles, after picking up six, went the final nine. A kick from placement for the conversion point failed when the ball hit the upright.

The Pioneers were handed two more points on a platter just as the second period started. It was Salem's ball as the quarter opened. A pass from center went straight into the end zone for an automatic safety. With the count 8 to 0 against them, the Vikings finally got moving and they rolled up four straight first downs as they reached the Oregon City 14. One of the first downs came as the result of an end around play with Bill Barlow getting away from his own 45 to the Pioneer 35. It looked for a while that the Vik attack was going to fizzle as Weston fumbled but recovered for no gain. A pass failed to click and Everett Staats picked up but a single yard on a line play. With nine to go for a first down the Vikings gambled and made good as Ben Lambert passed diagonally to his right to Art Gottfried who was brought down on the 14. A smart bit of ball handling, Lambert to Staats to Weston gave the Viks their first tally. Staats' crack at the line was good for the extra point.

Salem blocked and Oregon City kicked late in the half and recovered on the 31 but all hopes of a quick touchdown faded as another pass from center shot clear through the Salem secondary.

After Oregon City was stopped in its cleats following the second half kickoff, the Viks unleashed their second touchdown drive. Ev Staats reeled off 14 yards on the first play and three plays later the Viks reached the Oregon City 14. Lambert picked up three and Weston added six but had to leave the field by reason of an injury. Nile Castor, a converted guard, took Weston's place and in two plays reached the one from which point Staats boomed over. He ran the flank for the extra point.

Another Salem push was halted in dramatic fashion on the Pioneer 10 when Bill Gerkman grabbed Ben Lambert's pass and broke into the clear. Gerkman is no ten second man and he was caught from behind by Staats on the Oregon City 47. Shortly thereafter Staats speared an Oregon City aerial and was downed on the Salem 44. After picking up a first down the Viks had to relinquish the pigskin and Oregon City took to the air lanes once more. Once again Staats grabbed a pass and this time he went all the way, galloping 60 yards. He was hemmed in as he crossed the 10 but his momentum carried him over. An attempted pass for the point was knocked down.

The punt returns of Lambert more than offset the Pioneer kicking which was good. The Viks were credited with 11 first down against four for the Pioneers.

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Major League Rating Hinted

Los Angeles, Oct. 21 (AP)—No one is willing to say anything for publication yet, but from behind the closed doors of a Pacific Coast league meeting yesterday came more than a hint that the club owners are getting ready to demand for their loop recognition as a third major circuit.

For years there have been recurrent suggestions that Los Angeles and San Francisco are ripe for major league ball. The league directors unofficially take the position that tabbing of the entire circuit for the time would be the best way to circumvent possible invasion of these two populous centers by the National or American leagues.

If a major circuit acquired San Francisco and Los Angeles, the Coast league would be weakened to the point where it might not be able to survive as a going concern, the owners feel. But creation of a third major league, embracing the eight coast clubs would avert the threat and at the same time give the loop the recognition to which it feels it is entitled.

Clarence L. (Pants) Rowland, Coast League president, is operating under a contract which has nine more years to run, and he never has made any secret of the fact that he doesn't propose to stand still. The league this year outdrew any other minor circuit, and the club owners feel that there will never be a better time to branch out into the big time.

The club owners yesterday turned aside all questions with "you'll have to talk to Rowland, not at the moment, but the owners are going to attend the Buffalo, N.Y., meeting of the National Association of Baseball Clubs in a body, and those in a position to know something of the situation are looking for developments.

Bulldogs Defeat Canby, 21 to 0

Canby — The Canby Cougars, cuffed around fairly consistently this season, didn't break into the win column of the Duration league Friday afternoon but they gave the Woodburn Bulldogs a whale of an afternoon. The Bulldogs eventually won 21 to 0 to keep their league record intact and their goal line uncrossed.

Woodburn scored touchdowns in the second period, the first by Al Zuber after a 15 yard center and the second by Zabe Canby punt.

A third quarter touchdown by Curley Mattison ended the scoring. Canby approached to within five yards of the Woodburn goal but failed to muster a final scoring punch.

Weston Recovers From Grid Bump

Wayne Weston, fullback on the Salem football team, who was removed from the field during Friday night's game against Oregon City, received a slight concussion, a check at the hospital, where he spent the night, disclosed. He appeared completely recovered this morning and returned to his home.

Jack Slater, also taken from the game, received a hard blow on the head when he came in contact with an opponent's knee.

Opinion Written on College and GI Bill

Olympia, Wash., Oct. 21 (AP)—The attorney general's office held today that Washington State college may accept from the federal government, under terms of the so-called "G.I. bill of rights," \$75 tuition per student per semester for residents of Washington and Alaska. The opinion was written for the president of the school.

FOOTBALL SCORES

(By the Associated Press)
La Grande 26, Mac Hi (Milton-Pearl) 6.
Medford 21, Klamath Falls 9.
Milwaukie 7, Albany 4.
Columbia Prep 19, Parkrose 9.
Portland-Columbia Prep 19, Parkrose 9.
Portland-Grant 18, Commerce 7.
Portland-Roseburg 20, Franklin 12.
Portland-Washington 18, Benson 7.
Portland-Jefferson 19, Lincoln 9.
Gresham 21, Sandy 6.
Eugene 13, Marshfield 6.
Princeton 19, Beary 12.
Salem 20, Oregon City 8.
Newberg 26, Hillsboro 20.
Corvallis 19, Central Catholic (Port) 12.
Toledo 13, Independence 6.
Grant Union 6, Enterprise 6.
Springfield 9, University 10 (Eugene) 9.
Vernonia 7, Seaside 6.
Beaverton 12, West Linn 12.
Woodburn 21, Canby 6.
Hillsboro 13, Dayton 6.
Hobbs (Portland) 13, Tillamook 6.
Chenewa 21, Molalla 6.
Lebanon 13, Dayton 6.
The Dalles 31, Astoria 6.
Hood 34, Hood River 19.
Washington Schools:
Seattle Prep 8, Everett 14.
Bellevue 14, Vancouver, B.C. 7.
Lougheed 4, Bonnam 4.
Snohomish 14, Central 14.
Tacoma-S Stadium 28, Rainier 9.
Seattle-Lincoln 17, Cleveland 6.

LaGrande Takes District Title

Oregon's first district football champion emerged today (Saturday) as La Grande steamrollered its last threatening contestant to clinch both the Blue Mountain league and the district 1 titles.

The unbeaten La Grande Tigers whitewashed the league runner-up, Max Hi of Milton-Freewater, 26-0, yesterday for a sixth straight victory. Mac Hi's only previous defeat had been a 19-12 loss in an earlier tilt with La Grande.

In southern Oregon, district 2, Medford's Black Tornado clung to its unbeaten and untied record by blanking its traditional rival of Klamath Falls, 21-0.

But in district 3, the Albany Bulldogs saw their unbeaten record collapse, 7-6, before a fast-improving Milwaukie squad. The upset gave Milwaukie its fourth straight win after a slow start with one loss and one tie.

In another no-name league tilt, the Salem Vikings swamped Oregon City, 20-8. Eugene whitewashed Marshfield, 13-0, in an inter-district contest.

Grant, the defending state champion, and an increasingly threatening Roosevelt squad remained neck-and-neck in the race for the Portland league title. Grant romped over Commerce, 38-7, and Roosevelt halted Franklin, 20-12, to chalk up the fifth league victory for both unbeaten Portland squads.

Two other undefeated elevens held on to their laurels—Columbia Prep of Portland with a 19-0 defeat of Parkrose, and Gresham with a 21-0 whitewash of previously unbeaten Sandy. In other games, Newberg handed Hillsboro its first defeat of the season, 26-20; Corvallis edged Central Catholic of Portland, 19-13; Pendleton defeated Baker, 19-12; and Springfield tied University high of Eugene, 0-0.

Independence Hi Loses to Toledo

Independence—The Hopsters of Independence high school scored first in their grid game against the Toledo Yellowjackets Friday afternoon but the latter came in the late phases of the contest to win 13-7. A reverse, good for 30 yards, gave Independence its touchdown. Captain Ashton's line buck added the extra point. A deflected pass which an Independence player tipped into the hands of a Yellowjacket brought Toledo's first touchdown in the second period. The visitors led the game in the fourth quarter when Fullback Coxon drove over from close in.

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