

Skits and Scratches

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It makes a lot of difference whose goose is being plucked. Out at Salem high's North 14th street basketball pavilion the other night when Coach Herm Schwartzkopf's Jayvees were striving mightily to check in their fourth consecutive win at the expense of the Springfield, not so dusty, Millers' second string, the visiting coach became quite a bit perturbed over certain portions of the officiating. It was a ding-dong battle, all through the second half, and a number of fouls were called. Nothing unusual about that. However, one of the fouls, slapped onto a Miller forward, happened to be the fifth and he was benched.

After the hectic contest, which was won by the Jayvees in an overtime session, the Springfield coach, still hot under the collar, approached one of the officials and proceeded to tell him off. He shook hands with the other who shortly before the end of the regulation time had called a foul against Salem which resulted in the overtime session. That particular official was tops, in the opinion of the disgruntled coach. The one who had caught the Springfield kid was a bum. Carried to its logical conclusion, Herm should have taken care of the official who tagged his boy. However, tall, dark and handsome isn't that kind of a fellow.

We still have hopes for Coach Frank Brown's Vikings. If they don't get their duffers down as the result of losing the tough ones, such as the overtime session against Springfield, they may yet have a successful season. Goodness knows they are working hard enough. Tom Boardman's height gives the Vikes a better chance under the backboards and a little more practice in shooting may add a considerable number of points to the Salem string. Wonder what happened during the intermission? The Vikes just can't seem to get going after the rest period. It might be a good idea to keep them on the floor.

The game with Prineville is Friday night and not Thursday as previously announced. The activity bulletin issued by the superintendent's office got us off on the wrong foot by listing the contest for Thursday. Attendance for the Springfield game reached a new low for the season, not only for students but also for adults. The approaching holiday season undoubtedly has something to do with it, although five losses in a row has dimmed the enthusiasm of the Vike supporters. Prineville probably has a pretty good club. They lost to Lebanon the other night, 19 to 14, and then Lebanon proceeded to wax Corvallis. As a rule teams like Prineville don't engage in barn-storming expeditions so far from home unless they feel they have a real club or expect to develop one before the season is very old.

Motorists Pay Fines Polk Justice Courts

Dallas — Raymond Frank Dant, arrested Sunday by state police, on a reckless driving charge, was fined \$50 and \$5.85 costs when arraigned before Cook in West Salem Monday.

Bert Kelly Davis, charged with drunken driving, also arrested by state police Sunday, posted \$100 bail pending hearing in Justice of the Peace Charles P. Gregory's court.

Volunteers Appear Small

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 21 (AP)—They may not be big, but they're fast and full of fight.

That was the impression given by the Tennessee Volunteers in their initial, unlimbering workout after arriving yesterday for their Rose Bowl clash with Southern California's Trojans.

Three hours late in a four-day transcontinental jaunt, the Vol party was greeted by a brass band and pretty 16-year-old Mary Louise Rutte, rose queen. Miss Rutte and Billy Bevis, blocking back and acting captain for the Vols on New Year's day, posed for numerous photographs. Then Coach John Barnhill whisked his 38 charges away to work off their "train legs."

In a two-hour drill, the southerners showed speed and spirit—also extreme youth and slenderness. One veteran observer said the Vols appear to be the smallest team ever to come to the Rose Bowl. Twenty-nine of the squad, and seven of the starting 11, are freshmen.

While program weights give the Dixie boys a team average of 192, they looked considerably lighter. The line which Barnhill assembled yesterday averages 197 to the Trojans' 21, while the Vol backs average 183 to USC's 178. Troy's starting team will have a bulge of at least seven pounds per man.

Vol heavyweights are Tackle Bo Stewart, 205, and Guard Bob Dobelesin, 200. USC's tackles, All-America John Ferraro and "Pewee" Pehar, tote 235 and 265, respectively.

Jayvees Playing Monmouth Quint

Salem high's Jayvees will be seeking their fifth straight win when they engage Monmouth at Monmouth Thursday evening. Coach Herm Schwartzkopf's boys are bound to drop one sooner or later and the battle against the Monmouth "A" string may bring their downfall. The Sophs, who are being directed by Coach Frank Beer, will play Hubbard Friday evening in a preliminary to the Salem-Prineville main event. Coach Beer has been nursing a cold since his visit to St. Paul and Gurnee Flesher has been filling in. The latter, however, is about ready to crawl in bed with Frank.

Beavers Making Trip to Astoria

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Coach A. T. "Slats" Gill, Manager Phil Williams and 10 Oregon State basketball players left Corvallis this morning for the second annual northern division basketball jamboree at Astoria Friday and Saturday nights.

The Beavers will stop off in Tillamook tonight for a return contest with the Tillamook Naval Air Station five. Gill's men defeated the navy boys, 49 to 31, at Corvallis two weeks ago.

Gill plans to stick by his regular starting lineup of Sertie, Henningsen, forwards; Puddy, center; and McGrath and Simms, guards during jamboree plays.

Program Set Friday

Wheatland—The Wheatland school Christmas program under the direction of the teacher, Mrs. Clarence Roy Carr, will be given at the schoolhouse Friday evening.

School will close Friday, with classes resuming January 2.

Lions Travel to Turner Friday

Jefferson—The Lions will travel to Turner Friday night to take on the Turner boys for the second league basketball game of the season. Jefferson will entertain Stayton January 5, following the Christmas vacation, the first in four years. The Lions lost to the Salem sophomores team, 43-24, last Tuesday night.

Salem Golfers Play and Dine

A dinner, which promises to equal or exceed any similar event in recent years, will feature Thursday evening's annual party of the Men's club of the Salem Golf association. Eric Kay and Millard Pekar will be hosts for the affair. Ruffles competition will precede the dinner. Election of officers will be the principal business considered.

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Rickey Shows Interest in Grid Game; Detroit Gets Boys Game

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Branch Rickey, who was showing alarm last winter because of the possibility that pro football might become a rival to baseball, is about ready to join up with one of the new grid leagues.

Plans aren't complete yet, but at least his coach (who might be Sid Luckman) wouldn't have to worry about the boss trying to run things from the bench as long as the season continued to remain away from Sunday games. . . . The 1945 Esquire All-American boys baseball game is scheduled to be played in Detroit. . . . Cpl. Billy Conn, writing from northern Italy,

means that he hasn't been able to buy a good dish of spaghetti there.

One-Minute Sports Page

Australia, planning to develop young tennis players for post-war competition, has asked the United States Lawn Tennis association for copies of its junior development program. . . . Adolph Rupp, Kentucky basketball coach who has turned out some good ones, rates 18-year-old Alex Groza, his new center, as one of the best pivot men ever to appear in the southeastern conference. . . . In the past four years, Puerto Rico's annual appropriation for sports has increased from \$11,000 to about a half million. . . . Clinton, Iowa, has two high schools and each finished its football season unbeaten and untied in eight games. . . . The first 15 players on Penn State's basketball squad include eight former high school captains. Only one is a first stringer.

Mulligan Sees WIL Resumption

Seattle, Dec. 21 (AP)—Bill Mulligan, business manager of the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific coast league, returned yesterday from the baseball meeting in New York and said that a revival of the suspended eastern international league in 1945 was not only possible but probable and feasible.

Coast league directors, he said, are enthusiastic about the prospects of reopening the W-I league and are confident manpower can be made available.

Mulligan also said he was confident the new talent acquired by the Rainiers will propel the Skiffmen close to the top of the coast league next season.

Pedee Farmer Union Officers Retained

Pedee—A large crowd attended the annual chicken dinner at the Farmers' Union meeting at the school house. During the business meeting the following officers were re-elected:

President, Harry Vickers; vice president, Rufus Dodge; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Sidney Howard; conductress, Mrs. Ralph King; chaplain, Mrs. Rittie Kerber. A program was given consisting of group singing, several accordion numbers by Gus Jahn, two songs by Maxine and Myra Perry.

Ammon Grice, state president, gave a short talk, then introduced William Rolfe, the national vice president, who gave a talk on Farmers' Union work in the United States.

Stanford Grid Rumor Scotched

San Francisco, Dec. 21 (AP)—There is a report being whispered around that Stanford university, a war time football casualty, will resume the gridiron sport in 1945 and that Lawrence T. "Buck" Shaw will be the coach.

Rumors mushroom into tremendous size overnight, so to speak, and are intangibles most difficult to track down but this one was comparatively easy to dissipate—merely by telephoning Alfred R. Masters, general manager of athletics at Stanford who still carries on despite the sports drought at his school. . . . Masters declared: "There is absolutely nothing to the report. We have not even discussed the possibility of resuming football next year."

Referring to the mention of Shaw as a coaching possibility, Masters declared, "Buck is one of the finest coaches in the country. He would be an asset to any college. But it should be remembered that we had what we considered a brilliant staff of young coaches, Jim Lawson, Marchie Schwartz and Phil Bengston. . . . Lawson enlisted in the navy without having served as head coach. Bengston also is in the navy. Schwartz carried on for a season and turned in a splendid job. It is our hope to have these three back as the Stanford coaching staff after the war."

Huskies Try Luck With Musicians

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Minus the naval trainees which last year were their strength, the Washington Huskies will invade the Jefferson high court here tonight to meet the Fee's Music Makers quintet, one of the outstanding independent teams in the northwest.

Appearance of Heck Edmundson's basketballers will signal the beginning of a holiday parade of northern division teams in Portland in pre-conference contests.

Although Washington is without the services of the naval trainee stars of last year, the veteran Edmundson is expected to trot out some fast-stepping, high-scoring players up from the high school ranks.

Norm Carnovale and Joe Creveling, forwards; Dick Brooks, center; and Dick King and Bob Jorgenson, guards, are slated for starting positions.

Oregonians Win, Wolves Beaten

(By Associated Press)

Northern division coast conference basketball teams continued their tune-up campaigns in preparation for the season's opening last night, the University of Oregon topping western Washington college, 50-45, at Bellingham, and Washington State dropping a 63-42 decision to Fort Lewis as Gail Bishop popped in 28 points against his alma mater.

The Webfoots trailed western Washington most of the way but rallied strongly in the closing minutes. Bellingham led, 29-19, at the half. Oregon's Hays and Western's Silverston shared scoring honors.

St. Paul Hi Plays Gervais Dec. 21

St. Paul—The St. Paul Buckeroo basketball team will engage Gervais on the latter's floor Thursday evening. This will be a Marion county "B" league game.

The balance of the schedule: Jan. 4, Chemawa at St. Paul; Jan. 9, Hubbard there; Jan. 12, Sacred Heart there; Jan. 15, Salem Sophs there; Jan. 19, Gervais at St. Paul; Jan. 26, Chemawa there; Feb. 2, Hubbard at St. Paul; Feb. 9, Sacred Heart at St. Paul.

Joe Tinker in Orlando Hospital

Orlando, Fla., Dec. 21 (AP)—Joe Tinker, part of the famous "Tinker to Evers to Chance" major league double play combination, now under observation at Owens General hospital here, was reported early today to be "resting comfortably."

Tinker, now 64, entered the hospital Tuesday for the second time this year. Last January he was critically ill for several weeks and for a time was placed under an oxygen tent, but recovered.

Christmas Musical At St. Paul Friday

St. Paul—The pupils of the St. Paul grade school held a Christmas program and exchange of gifts at the St. Paul Academy Thursday and Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the community hall. The girls' glee club of the St. Paul Union high school will give a Christmas musical under the direction of Mrs. Trunk.

Browns Tagged No. 1 Comeback

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—The St. Louis Browns already tagged as having furnished the year's biggest sports surprise in winning the American league flag, landed new laurels today as the No. 1 comeback team of 1944.

So decided 87 sports editors participating in the country-wide Associated Press poll, 20 of whom pointed the comeback finger at Luke Sewell's boys, along with seven other voters who picked 'em for the place or show spots.

On a basis of three votes for first place, two for second and one for third, the Browns piled up 71 points to beat out Sam Snead, golfer who came back from two years in the navy to win the first tourney in which he played. Snead, with 10 first place votes, had a 58 total.

Fifty-two individuals and teams came in for comeback attention by the scribes, but the Browns, in boosting their 72-80 won-lost percentage of 1943 into an 89-65 pennant winning mark in '44, were clearly a standout. The Browns, after losing the league lead, swept the last four games from New York to nose out Detroit by a single contest.

The vote, with first ballots in parentheses:

St. Louis Browns, baseball (20)	71
Sam Snead, golf (19)	58
Charles Grimm, Chicago Cubs (6)	27
Duke Snider, baseball (4)	20
Dick Waisfield, basketball (3)	15
Noel Davis, football (3)	15
Hal Newhouser, baseball (4)	14
Titus, basketball (4)	14
Frankie Parker, football (2)	12
Tennessee, football (4)	12

The largest island on the coast of Norway is Hindo, about 850 square miles in area.

Turner Defeats Gates, 24 to 17

Turner—The Turner Tigers played a victorious basketball game over the Gates high school team. Turner scored 24 to Gates 17. This is the first game of the season for the Tigers and the lineup for Turner was as follows: Forwards Gaylord Lowry and Wayne Ackers; center, Edwin Ball; and guards, Calvin Meschelle and Dale Yager.

Dallas Dragons Defeat Sheridan

Dallas—Dallas high school's Dragons defeated Sheridan high 28-16 in a rough game on the Sheridan floor Tuesday night. High scorer for Dallas was Peters with 11 points.

(16) Sheridan

Sherrill	11
Wright	8
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Richardson	6
Kahler	2
Wright	2
Nickerson	1

The Dallas B team lost to the Sheridan Bees 15-13 in a game that was tied at the end of regular play.

Monmouth Wolves Playing Jayvees

Monmouth—Monmouth high's Wolves who walloped Perrydale Tuesday night 36 to 11, will try their basketball skills against Salem high's Jayvees Thursday evening on the local court. The Wolves held Perrydale scoreless in the initial period and were out in front 16-6 at half time.

(16) Monmouth

Kramer	11
Palmer	4
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Vanderhoof	1

Vikings Bow to Older Court Aces

A squad of former Viking court greats, including "Scorcher" Sebern, U.S. marine, Sgt. Bud Coons, Ensign Don Bower, Don Cutler and Bill Ransom, showed a bit too much finesse for this year's crop of maple board pounders Wednesday. The game, a full length scrimmage affair, resulted in a 43-23 win for the service men. Sebern recently came home from the South Seas. He paced the winners with 12 points, while Cutler was a close second with 11.

Shrine Gridders Reach West Coast

San Francisco, Dec. 21 (AP)—Twenty-three of the best civilian football players east of the Mississippi, rested after a wearying train trip, lined up under gloomy skies today for their first real workout in preparation for the Shrine East-West charity game here New Year's day.

Coaches Bernie Bierman, Geo. Hauser and Andy Kerr put the squad through a brisk drill late yesterday upon their arrival, mainly to iron out travel kinks. A longer one was on today's program.

Les Horvath of Ohio State, All-American halfback, was the only player missing. He remained behind to catch up on his studies and will join the outfit here shortly after Christmas.

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