

Skits and Scratches

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Silverton failed to finish in the money in the Duration basketball league but none of the other quints that will participate in the forthcoming district tournament should sell the Silver Foxes short. They came close to upsetting the Woodburn Bulldogs the other night and probably would have turned the trick had not two of their members fouled out. Woodburn and Salem seem to be the strongest outfits of the five engaged, but most anything can happen in a double elimination series. One thing is sure, the favorite can't be given the bum's rush at the outset because of an upset victory on the part of a so-called weaker quint.

Most of the larger schools prefer to decide the state tournament issue on the basis of season competition and take their chances on that sort of a program. The smaller ones, with nothing to lose and everything to gain if they can slip over an unexpected win, prefer to become involved in district play. Such a system gives them a chance to make a bit of money. Undoubtedly Mt. Angel's gymnasium will be packed every night. The Angels will be able to take care of the players and crowds in nice fashion for they have one of the best gymnasiums in the valley.

Virgil Swanson, one time basketball and football ace of Medford high's squad, a member of the "Black Tornado" grid club, coached by Prink Callison that smothered McLoughlin high in 1927, 45 to 0, is joining up with Uncle Sam. He has gone to Fort Lewis for a new suit of clothes and the regulation equipment. Swanson is 35 years old and an employee of the Medford postal force. He has kept in touch with athletics by refereeing during the current season.

The Chinook are not passing over Bonneville dam in numbers comparable with other seasons of migration. There has been a steady decline in the number of Chinook passing over the obstruction since 1941. The fish and wild life service of the federal government gives six reasons for the falling off: Construction of dams on the Columbia river and its tributaries cut the fish off from their spawning grounds; drying up of streams by use of water for irrigation purposes; death of young salmon in irrigation ditches on their way down stream; over-fishing due to lack of centralized fishing control; water pollution, chiefly from sewage, mining and industrial waste, and erosion which has damaged spawning beds. Eventually the streams will be cleaned of the sewage but it will be a long drag. However, the good accomplished by this will probably be more than offset by the construction of more high dams, like the one which is to be built just below Detroit in the Santiam. Another decade and the salmon fishing in Oregon will be something for the oldtimers to talk about.

Eugene, Feb. 21 (AP)—The Eugene high school basketball squad extended one of the longest win streaks in Oregon hoop history last night by scoring an easy 48-33 victory over Cottage Grove.

2 More Quints In Title Seats

(By the Associated Press)

Two more Oregon hoop squads piled into district title seats today as the annual state prep basketball race swung nearer to the finish line. The Gresham Gophers clinched the district 13 championship—decided on percentage basis—by swamping Hill Military of Portland, 34-27, last night (Tuesday). Washington's Tall Firs battled to a narrow 28-24 victory over Jefferson to take the Portland league title and a berth in the state tourney as representative of districts 15-16.

In district 7 where Corvallis and Lebanon have been seen-sawing for the title, the Corvallis quintet collapsed, 33-45, before a late-starting dark horse from Toledo.

Another upset struck the Blue Mountain area. Pendleton, which stands second to Baker in the Blue Mountain league, dropped a game to third-place Milton Freewater in the crucial semi-final playoff for the district 2 crown. It was the first step in an elimination round between Pendleton, Milton Freewater, and Hermiston for the right to meet Hood River or The Dalles in a title tilt.

McMinnville and Newberg, neck and neck top-placers in district 8, hung on to their places with a pair of victories. Around the rest of the state, class A squads clutched already-won crowns, or pointed toward week-end sessions to decide the district title.

The Salem high Jayvees, who took an easy 50 to 20 decision over the Monmouth Wolves Tuesday night, will take on the Independence Hopsters, Polk county B league champs at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. There will be no preliminary since the Sophs tilt with the Hopsters second string has been cancelled.

Basketball Results

(By the Associated Press)

Tall Firs 34, Hill Military 27.
Gresham 34, Portland 27.
Washington 28, Jefferson 24.
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Dallas 31, Silverton 26.
Tolmie 45, Corvallis 33.
University 42, Clatsop 32.
Lebanon 34, Clatsop 32.
Central 36, Astoria 29.
Columbia 44, Reed 36.
Gresham 34, Hill Military 27.
Albany 36, Astoria 29.
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Salem 48, Cottage Grove 33.
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Dallas Dragons Nose Silverton

Silverton—After trailing all through three periods of competition and well into the final round, the Dallas Dragons rallied to take a 37 to 36 decision over the Silverton Foxes Tuesday evening. The winners tallied 11 points early in the fourth period to take the lead for the first time. Silverton was ahead 7-5 at the quarter, 21-11 at half time and 29-22 at the three-quarter mark.

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Stage Set for First Junior High Cage Game Thursday Eve

The dope favors the Parrish Pioneers and the pressure will be on Coach Bob Metzger and his squad Thursday night when the first game of the series of three with Leslie junior high is played on the senior high school gym floor. The Pioneers have the greater height and displayed superiority over their Leslie rivals during the inter-school tournament completed a couple of weeks ago. But regardless of the outcome, the game promises the maximum in action on the floor as well as noise from the bleachers and gallery.

Coach Bob Kouscher has been having his troubles at Leslie

Chemawa Defeats St. Paul, 37 to 36

Gervais—By the extremely narrow margin of a single point, the Chemawa Indians captured the North Marion County B league basketball championship Tuesday night, winning over the St. Louis Saints 37 to 36. The teams were tied at the end of the regular season. The Indians trailed 10-4 at the end of the first period but rallied to take a 21-15 lead at the half.

St. Paul narrowed the gap to a 35-32 basis at the end of the third period and finally took a 36-35 lead. A basket by Howard Logan, redskin forward, gave Chemawa the decision. Chemawa will meet Detroit, South Marion champions, for the county title. The redskins will be favored to win this one.

Noon Basketball League Standings

Wally Wengert of the Lions, with 55 points, Don Brennan, Panthers, with 54, and Don Frederickson, Lions, with 50, all seventh graders, are leading scorers in the National division noon basketball league at Leslie junior high. Coach Bob Kouscher reports.

Boxing Earns Extra Rations

New Orleans, Feb. 21 (AP)—Sgt. Calvin K. Benedict is making good use of the boxing he learned while attending Tulane. He was one of a group of paratroopers taken prisoner by the Germans. In a letter to his parents here he related he had been awarded extra rations by winning boxing bouts in prison camp tournaments.

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Webfoots Gain In Hoop Race

Eugene, Feb. 21 (AP)—The University of Oregon breathed a bit more easily in the rarified atmosphere atop the northern division, Pacific Coast conference, cage ladder today after turning back a spirited second-half Idaho rally last night to win 56-45.

Academy Cagers Beat Aumsville

Sacred Heart academy cagers took a double win over Aumsville high of the South Marion County B league Tuesday night. The first string won 32 to 30 while the SHA Bees were forced into three overtime sessions before they emerged 29-28 winners. In this contest, Johnson caged 12 points for the winners.

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The victory put the Oregonians a half-game in front of idle Oregon State and a full game ahead of also idle Washington State. The two teams meet again tonight with Idaho scheduled to appear for a week-end series in Corvallis. Washington State tackles the University of Washington in a week-end doublebill and winds up with a pair against Idaho.

After tying the count at 8-all, Idaho faded rapidly to fall behind 34-12 shortly before the half, then flurried for 9 points to leave the midway count 34-19.

Bob Hamilton and Ken Hays paced the winners with 17 and 14 points each while Leonard Pyne led the Idahoans with 14 tallies.

The Parrish starting lineup will probably include Bill Fuschmact, Ralph Morgall and Lowell Spangle, all better than six feet. Dave Chamberlain and Ken Gibson, high scorer of both junior highs.

Jim Moore High Leslie Scorer

The intramural basketball program at Leslie junior high school, just about half completed, has developed a new high scorer in Jim Moore of the seventh grade. Jim has collected a total of 176 points in 15 games played with the Jackals.

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Ball Magnates Optimistic

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Baseball's 1945 prospects appeared brighter today after a conference between the major league presidents and war mobilization director James F. Byrnes yesterday brought forth no new obstacles for the sport.

Ford Frick of the American league and Will Harridge of the National league were optimistic after the four-long conference on "manpower" and said that they were all set to complete plans for the opening of the season in April.

Dayton High Boys Guests at Party

Dayton—The Dayton union high school basketball team of ten boys were honored guests complementing them for being the 1944-45 Yamhill county B league champions when Mr. and Mrs. Everett McReynolds, Dayton coach and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Clark, principal and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coburn, scorekeeper and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Budke, president of Dayton Chamber of Commerce and his wife, David Little and George Trunk took them to attend the Oregon State college vs. University of Oregon basketball game at Corvallis Saturday evening.

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