

Skits and Scratches

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The statement frequently heard in basketball circles and one that is regarded as the gospel truth among some followers of the popular court pastime, that a team has to score more than 40 points to be a consistent winner, doesn't check out when the records of Salem high's Vikings are concerned. Harold Hauk's courtsters wound up their regular season of 24 games Tuesday night, winning 16 and losing eight. Of those that were placed on the right side of the ledger, eight were won with scores below 40 and eight when the total topped that mark. So it's sort of a 50-50 proposition when the total score is checked against the wins and losses. Of the eight that were dropped, four were lost to teams that failed to score 40 points while as many more defeats were to quints that topped the 40 mark.

The Vikings amassed 858 points during their 24 contests for an average of 35.75 points. Their opponents collected 739 for an average of 30.8. Three of the games were won by identical totals of 46 points—against Ashland, Bend and Medford—and furthermore, in the two games where the totals dropped to 25 and 27 points, the Vikings were returned the winners. One was the first game against Klamath and the other during the Astoria series. As we recall, Salem teams have never been noted for their high scores, but chiefly for their ability to keep the other side from finding the hoop with too great regularity. This season the opposition was held to a total of 739 points, or an average of 30.8, with Klamath checking in 50 markers in a single contest and the alumni (Page Woolens) 49 in another.

Salem high's somewhat lethargic student body came to life with a roar in the Medford series and that may be one reason why the Vikings played with such enthusiasm. The kids gave the players a real ovation when they came through the door from the dressing rooms and they managed to keep the roof in suspension much of the time during the brace of contests. . . . Coach Al Simpson was more worried about Dick Hendrie and what the youngster would do to his "Black Tornado" than any other member of the Salem high squad. And well he might for Dick, after a somewhat hesitant start early in the season, asks odds of nobody. Incidentally one Don Hendrie is now being introduced as "Dick Hendrie's father."

Nobody in the Viking camp is taking the forthcoming district tournament at Mt. Angel lightly and they expect a scrap for every point that may be collected. If the issue were decided on a school population basis then the Vikings should be expected to take the series in stride. But, as Coach Al Simpson pointed out the other night, "there is nothing so unpredictable as the result of a basketball game." Judging by Willamette Valley league standings, Silverton should provide the strongest opposition to Coach Harold Hauk's quint and since they meet in the first game of the tournament Friday night at 7 o'clock, there won't be any delay in determining the issue. . . . By collecting a total of 22 points in the pair with Medford, Allan Bellinger brought his season's mark up to 135. Dick Hendrie took over second spot in the Viking scoring column by adding 21 to his string for a grand total of 128. Gene Mason has a total of 113, having added seven during the two nights of competition.

Taft Calls Off St. Paul Contest
St. Paul—The basketball game between Taft and St. Paul high schools, which was scheduled to have been played on Chemawa's floor Saturday night, February 16, was called off by Taft. The St. Paul players were notified of this change Saturday morning.

Beavers Fired Up for Series

Oregon State College, Corvallis, Feb. 21—A fired-up and determined Oregon State basketball team left Corvallis Thursday bound for Seattle and a return series with dangerous Washington Friday and Saturday nights. The crucial Husky games will make or break the Beavers' chances of winning or finishing in a tie with Idaho for the northern division championship.

Meanwhile Idaho, tied with the Orange for the league leadership at present with nine wins and four losses, will sit back and see if Oregon State can duplicate the feat of the Vandals in licking the Huskies twice on their home floor. By winning both Seattle games the Beavers could move into undisputed possession of first place and put the pressure on Idaho who would then have to beat powerful Oregon twice next week to keep pace with the Orange. Even one loss to the Huskies, however, would drop O.S.C. behind the Vandals and lessen Orange chances to finish on top.

Oregon State's hopes for a double victory at Seattle will rest on a well-balanced scoring attack led by Red Rocha, great 6-foot 8-inch center who has poured in 159 points in 13 games and the light defense Coach Slat's Gill's men have thrown up in their last four conference starts. The Beaver defense held Washington State to an average of only 38 points per contest here last week-end and checked Washington to a 42.5 average in the series here two weeks ago.

City Hoop Title Goes to Woolens

Page Woolens, a quint made up of former Salem high school court performers, wound up a completely successful basketball season Wednesday night when they polished off the Maple & Keene aggregation 50 to 35 in the finale of the City league season. The Woolens went through the season without a single setback, piling up lopsided scores as they waded through their opponents.

The Maple-Keene squad collected every available player, but they couldn't keep pace with Frankie Page & Co. The losers missed repeatedly during the first half and trailed 27-16 at half time.

Page paced the winners with his 13 markers in a game that was rugged at times.

Stayton Wallops Canby High, 41-21

Stayton — Stayton Packers, with the return of Duncan, senior forward who has been absent from the lineup because of illness, found new life and swamped the Canby Cougars on their floor Tuesday night 41-21. Stayton led at half time 26-5. The Canby B's took the preliminary 14-13 over the Stayton seconds.

Saints Defeat Jefferson, 41-13

Sublimity—The St. Boniface Saints defeated the Jefferson Lions in a Marion County B league game Tuesday night by a score of 41-13. High point man was Bentz with 16. Jefferson took the B contest 11-10.

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Boxer Von Dies in Hospital After Knock Out Armory Ring

Tragedy slipped through the ropes of the armory arena Wednesday night during the third of a series of Veterans of Foreign Wars boxing program and dealt Jack Von, light heavyweight boxer of Aurora, a death blow in the fifth of a scheduled six round engagement with Bob Ford, litle limbed and long armed Portland negro. Indications pointed to a broken neck, al-

Junior Clubs Meet Friday

A double barreled program will open the junior basketball championship series at Leslie Friday night with eighth grade quints from Leslie and Parrish opening the performance at 7 o'clock. An hour later the Missionaries and Pioneers will square away for the contest that will give one side or the other the first leg on the championship cup. Three games are scheduled for the series and they will be played regardless of the outcome of the first two. The second is booked for March 1 at Salem high and the third will go back to Leslie, March 8.

The games climax the instructional program when four teams from each school battled three times a week for more than a month. At the end of that time Coach Bob Keuscher at Leslie selected the boys he believed were the best, while Coach Bob Metzger did the same at Parrish.

The Leslie squad has been handicapped recently because of injuries and sickness, but it is probable the Missionaries will be at full strength Friday evening.

Viking Grapplers Beaten by Canby

Salem high wrestlers were able to salvage but five bouts with Canby high Wednesday evening and the latter won by a score of 46 to 17. Canby's entrants were considerably more experienced than the Viking matmen. The results:

The results: Von, C, fall over Shepherd, 1:41; Perman, 105, C, decision over Collins; Oliver, 112, C, decision over Beale; Duffie, 109, C, decision over Kerr; Hein, 148, C, fall over Hamel in 2:37; Kearns, 115, S, decision over Bruner; Youngblood, 139, S, C, fall over Venata, 2:39; Richter, 123, C, decision over Meyer; Swanzinger, 129, C, fall over Heider, 3:35; Bruce, 127, C, fall over Greenlee, 3:40; McDonald, 129, S, decision over Kerr; Hein, 129, C, and Hale, 133, S, draw; Williams, 135, S, fall over Olsen, 4:15; Koenig, 126, C, decision over Emond; Lark, 136, C, fall over Harp, 1:57; Kinsey, C, 109, fall over Hauzer, 3:33; Exhibition bouts—Walton, 99, C, decision over Lorenz; Gettis, 248, S, fall over Stout, 4:08.

Aumsville Takes 12th Court Win

Aumsville — The Aumsville Rangers defeated the Mill City Wolves by a 45-21 count, giving the Rangers 12 wins in "B" league competition.

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Full Schedule of Races at Anita

Arcadia, Calif., Feb. 21 (AP)—Entry boxes at Santa Anita race track were open today and the management promised a full schedule of races despite a strike by the California thoroughbred owners and trainers association, which threatened Saturday's \$100,000 Santa Anita Derby.

The strike protesting the Los Angeles Turf club's plan to deduct money from the winning purses to pay grooms and stable boys, was scheduled for Friday.

Sophomores Beat Academy, 46 to 31

Salem high's Sophomore basketball club trimmed Sacred Heart Academy, 46 to 31, on the St. Joseph floor Wednesday night. Sacred Heart will enter the district playoff scheduled to open at Mt. Angel Friday night.

Garrulous Jimmie Garrison took the count in the first round of his scrap with Kid Brown of Portland. It was Brown's first appearance as a professional boxer.

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Ulland's concentration on form in his own jumping has not kept him from doing pretty well in the distance classification, however. Credited with a 339-foot leap at Ponte De Legno, Italy, in 1935, he stayed well to the front in American competition before beginning 28 months with the army signal corps.

Linfield Nosed By Pilot Quint

McMinnville, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—The University of Portland took a 59-56 non-conference basketball decision from Linfield college here last night to make it two in a row over the northwest conference team.

The Portland team struggled from behind during the second half and tied it at 54-54 with minutes to play. Quick goals by Lebenzon and Meehan then put Portland safely away. Lebenzon's 25 points topped scoring efforts.

Yankees Pleased With New Camp

Balboa, C.Z., Feb. 21 (AP)—The New York Yankees have made such remarkable progress in their baseball training and are so delighted in general with their Panama camp that they are virtually certain to return here next spring.

In ten days this lush green land with its warm days and breeze swept nights appears to have fully justified Larry MacPhail's judgment in flying the squad down across the Caribbean to get a slight jump on the rest of the American league clubs.

To a man, the veterans just out of the service about whom Manager Joe McCarthy had his most serious doubts, have told this writer that training here has been extremely beneficial.

Large Crowd Hears Unionvale Program

Unionvale — The February meeting of the Unionvale Community club drew a capacity house. Miss Bonnie Shelburne, Miss Letha Lynch and Miss Lois Hibbs, all of them Dayton Union high school students, were the entertainment committee.

Louis Gross, county agent, gave two reels of moving pictures. John Hackworth, recently discharged from the army gave several comedy reels one taken while in service.

Oria Wishman of Dayton, vocal solo playing his own accompaniment on guitar. A varied program of readings, music and singing by local talent completed the entertainment. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Owen Turner, Mrs. Carrie Kidd and Mrs. Clarence S. Crawley are the entertainment committee for the March meeting.

Santiam Ski Club Discusses Program

Tentative plans for a trip to Mt. Hood Sunday, March 3, were discussed Wednesday night during a meeting of the Santiam Ski club held at Anderson's Sports goods store. Approximately 30 persons were in attendance and dues were collected and the general program discussed. One or two members may take part in the tournament scheduled for Hoodoo bowl Sunday.

Birthdays Honored At Spranger Home

Bethel—A birthday party honoring Mrs. James Lauderback and Arno Spranger was given by Mrs. Arno Spranger. The evening was spent with cards. High score was won by Mrs. George Hain and Warren Crech. Mrs. John Hain assisted the hostess in serving.

Bidden to honor Mrs. Lauderback and Mr. Spranger were James Lauderback, Mr. and Mrs. Nile Hilborn, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Crech, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. George Hain, Mr. and Mrs. John Hain.

Pomona Entertains

Dayton—There were 56 members including Cove Orchard, Chehalis Center, Fernwood, McMinnville and local Grange representatives attended Pomona Grange quarterly meeting held last week at the Webfoot Grange hall. Regular business followed a basket dinner at noon. The next meeting will be held at Fernwood.

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