

Benson Clashes With Viking 5 on Salem High School Casaba Court



KRISS ROSS

By Chris Kowitz

Squirmin' Herman Wedemeyer, around whom the entire St. Mary's football team is built, isn't going to turn professional for at least another year, if a statement made by himself is true. Less than a month ago, rumors stating that the cumber halfback would join the ranks of professional gridmen were flying as thick as the whiskers on Santa's chin.

Bowl Appearance Coming Up

But whether or not the Gael ace plays for pay next season, he has one more college encounter on his grid slate—a battle opposite Georgia Tech in the Oil bowl at Houston, Tex., New Year's day. Wedemeyer is far from a "specialist" as far as athletics are concerned. On the football field, he can run, pass or kick with near-equal precision, and he's one of the "threatening" hitters on the St. Mary's baseball team, too.

This Mark Hard to Beat

Warren (Buddy) Rosar of the Philadelphia Athletics is one name that never appeared under the "errors" column of an American league box score during the 1946 season. The A's catcher saw action in 117 games, made 532 putouts and was credited with 73 assists.

No Argument Within This Committee

Who will replace ousted Frank Wickhorst as coach at California? We haven't heard any speculation on this matter yet, but the Berkeley institution has a committee of one—Track Coach Brutus Hamilton—out scouting for a new Bear grid mentor. A student executive committee, which does the hiring and firing about the campus, dispatched Hamilton on the coach-finding venture, telling him to use any method he desired in locating a professor of gridology. After a "reasonable length of time" he'll report his findings to the committee.

Fast-Moving Romance

Romance and athletics can be blended, proved Bruce Woodcock, 26-year-old British boxing champion who hopes to someday exchange blows with Joe Louis. Woodcock, a faithful trainee, never believed in staying out late nights, so didn't have the opportunity to court a lady friend in an orthodox manner. So, mixing business with pleasure, the English ring king courted his lassie, Nora Speight, on long training walks over the Yorkshire moors. The two were married in Doncaster, England, early this week.

Glorifying the Billiard Sport

It won't be long until you can be behind the eight ball while in the midst of plush surroundings. Charles Peterson (not the former Salem Senator), president of the Billiard Association of America, predicts that the sport of billiards is due for a comeback in circles far more noble than the corner pool room.

Once a sport for royalties, billiards has in late years been predominant only in smoke-filled, cuspidor-dotted surroundings. Thousands of would-be billiard enthusiasts are probably shying from the game because of undesirable playing places. But with a trend to higher class billiard emporiums now starting in this country, Peterson predicts that the sport will someday become as popular as bowling. "That's what made bowling popular—pleasant surroundings," reminds Peterson.

Basketball

- San Jose 53, Willamette 38
- New Mexico A & M 40, New Mexico Teachers 32
- Utah State 34, Montana State 30
- Montana State Normal 78, Albion Normal (Idaho) 58
- Colorado College 92, Fort Warren (Wash.) 23
- Oregon State 80, Portland All-Stars 30
- Brigham Young 49, San Francisco 36
- Drewry 31, Colorado State 20
- University of British Columbia 51
- Western Washington College of Education 28
- Illinois 58, University of California 38
- Nevada 42, Colorado A & M 32
- 20th Century Fox 66, Hardin-Simmons 57
- UCLA 83, Los Angeles Police Dept. 18
- Whittier 62, Santa Barbara 49
- Oregon High School
- Roseburg 28, Astoria 29
- Lebanon 28, Medford 24
- Bend 41, Corvallis 31
- Seaside 46, Parkrose 31
- Albany 27, Springfield 26
- Camas, Wash. 29, Milwaukie 25
- Hood River 46, The Dalles 32
- La Grande 34, Gresham 27
- Stollala 48, Estacada 39
- St. Helena 41, Astoria 24
- Washington 34, Jefferson 22
- Commercer 36, Grant 34
- Beason 51, Lincoln 41
- University (Eugene) 55, Oakridge 13
- Oregon Frodo 43, Grants Pass 33
- Franklin 23, Sabin 16
- Pendleton 44, Goldendale, Wash. 36

Ray Robinson Crowned Champ

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—At long last they've crowned the uncrowned champion of the welterweights—Sugar Ray Robinson—and it happened just about in time, too, because the Sugar man isn't nearly so sweet in the swat department now as he was once.

It took five years for the Harlem stringbean to get his shot at the 147-pound bauble. When he finally got the ticket to the little taffy-pull last night, he arrived on schedule in Madison Square Garden with a 15-round decision over Tommy Bell to take the championship. Marty Servo abdicated when he retired with an aching nose in September.

Miami Loses Pro Franchise

Cleveland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Club owners of the all-American football conference today declared the franchise of the Miami Seahawks void and expelled the club from the conference. There was no declaration as to which city would be awarded a new franchise. However, every indication pointed to Baltimore as the new member.

Church Leagues

Presbyterian's Pioneers, members of the Salem "B" church league, tangle with the Piedmont Presbyterian five of Portland in an exhibition casaba tilt slated for 7 o'clock Saturday night on the local YMCA court. The Piedmonters are bringing their own rooting section—20 youthful oral supporters and Rev. Herman Allen—to the fracas.

KC's Defeat V-8'sers, 47-42

Substitute Burris, with 22 points, led the Knights of Columbus city league basketball outfit to a 47-42 victory over an always-close Valley Motor club on the armory floor Friday night. The game was a preliminary to the Salem-Seattle professional mix.

Lewis and Clark Five Defeats OCE, 63-35

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Lewis and Clark college thumped the Oregon College of Education basketball team last night, 63-35, despite a 21-point effort by Center Abrahamson of the Jesters.

47 K-C
Mason 12
Morris 7
Phillips 10
Sheldon 4
Clark 2
Valley Motor subs—Williams 2, Deacon 4, Knights of Columbus subs—Meir 4, Burris 22, Weafer 4.

Poly Outfit Risks Bright Record Here

Coach Jim McGregor brings his band of Benson basketballers to the Salem high school court Saturday night to trade hoopings with Salem's Vikings in an 8 o'clock clash. The tilt will be preceded by a contest between the Jayvee teams of the two schools at 6:45.

Chief threats on the Polytechnic five, which wound up fifth in the Portland league last year, and which won its first six games this season, are Captain Brad Fullerton and Tony Ruscitti, both regulars on last season's squad. Rounding out the starting five for the Portlanders will probably be Don Niblett, Don Amacher and Jim Goddard.

Word from the Viking cage plant indicates that Dick Allison will open at one of the guard positions Saturday, alongside Roger Dasch. Dasch and Dick Hendrie had been starting guards in previous tilts. Hugh Bellinger and Cub Houck are likely forward starters, with Bill Hill getting the nod at center.

Four Straight For Hawkmen

Sublimity—The Sublimity Hawks swept to their fourth consecutive basketball win Wednesday night by downing the Amsville "Muggs," 45 to 30. The game was close during the first period, the score being deadlocked at 12-all at that point.

Hawks 45
Russell 8
B. Lulay 11
Bemis 4
O. Lulay 12
Henderson 4
Subs: Hawke, B. Bemis 6, Muzzo, Reba.

Packers Down Woodburn Five

Woodburn—A 12 to 4 lead which the Stayton Packers enjoyed at half time proved sufficient in spite of a late Woodburn rally and the Bulldogs dropped their first Willamette Valley league basketball game Friday night, 20-18. The preliminary went to the Woodburn club, 36-21.

Woodburn 18
Yarank 4
Bashley 2
Dryden 2
Jewell 3
Andrew 4
Olson 1

1947 Hunting Licenses Out

Oregon state game commission hunting licenses for 1947 are now available at the county clerk's office. Harlan Judd announced Friday. The county clerk reports he has had numerous inquiries concerning the new game license, many persons wanting to purchase them for Christmas presents.

BOWL BRIEFS

Los Angeles, Dec. 21 (AP)—More hard practice was on the schedule for the UCLA football team today as Coach Bert LaBrucherie sought to get the players back in mid-season form.

Champaign, Ill., Dec. 21 (AP)—Upwards of 1500 townspeople and students cheered the Illinois football squad last night as it boarded three special coaches of the Panama limited for the trip to Pasadena and the Rose Bowl game with UCLA on New Year's day.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 21 (AP)—A "good" workout was planned for the Louisiana State football team today as it prepared for its Cotton Bowl game with Arkansas.

Fayetteville, Ark., Dec. 21 (AP)—Arkansas' football team is behind in its conditioning for the Cotton Bowl game, Coach John Barnhill said today, because bad weather has hampered all practice.

Moraga, Calif., Dec. 21 (AP)—Coach Jimmy Phelan admitted today he will enjoy a merry Christmas after his St. Mary's college football team showed fine form in its final workout at home before the Oil Bowl game New Year's day against Georgia Tech.

30 Muzzo
18 Gilbert
4 Gillespie
Bates
1 Mickey
Kulliner
Subs: Hawke, B. Bemis 6, Muzzo, Reba.

Santa Claus Isn't Forgetting Widows of Spokane Baseballers

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 21 (AP)—Christmas checks totaling more than \$114,000 will be mailed to the dependents of nine Spokane baseball players who were killed and six others injured in the bus crash last June which virtually wiped out the Western International league team.

The money, which poured in from major and minor leagues and individuals, was divided according to the individual needs of families. Pitcher Dick Powers, Oakland, Calif., who is still in the hospital with critical neck and back injuries, drew the largest share of \$11,910. Mrs. Bessie Lyden, widow of Pitcher George Lyden, Tensed, Idaho, and mother of three children, received \$11,167.

Other payments for players killed were as follows: Mrs. Angela Picetti, mother of First Baseman Vic Picetti, San Francisco, \$9909; Mrs. Marian Cole, widow of Manager Mel Cole, Sacramento, Calif., \$9909; Mrs. Neva Martinez, widow of Infielder Fred Martinez, San Diego, Calif., \$9909; Mrs. Grace Hartje, widow of Infielder Chris Hartje, San Francisco, \$9908.

Mrs. Marjorie Risk, widow of Shortstop George Risk, Hillsboro, Ore., \$7907; Mary Kinnaman, sister of Pitcher Bob Kinnaman, Brooklyn, Wash., \$7907; Mrs. Dorothy Paterson, widow of Outfielder Bob Paterson, San Francisco, \$7906; and the parents of Outfielder Bob James, Tempe, Ariz., \$6572.

Injured players received the following amounts: Irv Konopka, Moscow, Idaho, \$5337; Ben Geraghty, Livingston, N. J., \$5336; Levi McCormack, Lapwai, Idaho, \$4375; Gus Hallbourg, San Francisco, \$3375; and Pete Barisoff, Spokane, \$3374.

Organized baseball, including \$25,000 from the major league all-star game, donated more than \$63,000 of the total. A benefit game between Oakland and Seattle added another \$21,000.



HAULS IN THE CASH ASSAULT, whom veteran horsemen see as probable greatest money-winning colt of all time.

Athletic Boom Now at Peak, Say Nation's Sports Scribes

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—The postwar sports boom has reached its peak and overflow crowds are to be expected for the next three years, barring an economic upheaval, in the opinion of a cross-section of 70 sports writers participating in the annual Associated Press year-end poll. A few writers thought the boom had passed its peak and even more predicted the top would not be reached until 1949 or 1950 but they were in the minority. By and large it was agreed that fan interest and attendance hit the high spot during the 1946 baseball and football seasons and the 1946-47 basketball campaign.

Although none of the editors posed as economists they reported a trend away from the easy money days when any promoter would be sure of a crowd by turning on the lights and opening the doors. The fan was becoming more choosy, especially when a high admission price was asked.

Baseball was considered by many as the best bet to hold its tremendous gains because of its comparatively low ticket price. The 70 participants found almost as many effects of the boom, ranging from an improvement in the caliber of competition to longer trips for high school teams.

Perhaps the effect most often mentioned was an increase in gambling on sports events, a fact brought home to the public by the attempted "fix" of the Chicago Bears-New York Giants pro football game last Sunday.

Continued increase in sports participation, particularly by returning servicemen, was predicted by most of the writers, a trend they said would not approach its peak until sporting goods companies were able to meet the demands for equipment.

Silver Foxes Subdue Canby

Silverton—A high scoring WVL basketball contest went to the Silverton Foxes over the Canby quint Friday night, 74 to 50 with Carl Wickham dunking 23 points for the winners. The Foxes were leading 38-20 at half time. The Silverton Bees won the preliminary, 32-28.

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Spats Spill Bearcats in 53-38 Affair

San Jose, Calif., Dec. 21 (AP)—After a 53-38 setback at the hands of the San Jose State Spartans last night the Willamette university Bearcats will endeavor to even matters in the second game of their basketball series tonight. Coach Elmer Scheaake's club was in the ball game during the first half, trailing 20-17 at the intermission. But they fell behind during the final 20 minutes. The Bearcats were led in the scoring department by Allan McRae who canned 11 points, mostly from long range firing.

San Jose 53
Willamette 38
Scheaake 11
McRae 11
Hartje 10
Lyden 8
Hendrie 7
Houck 6
Fullerton 5
Ruscitti 4
Subs: San Jose, Robinson 7, McCrete 4, Stevens 4, Taylor 2, Moran 2; Willamette, McRae 11, Rasmussen 2, Graham 2, Barnick, Medley 2, Perry.

Deer Poachers Draw Fines

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 21 (AP)—Seventeen hunters—13 of them from West Virginia—have been arrested and fined a total of \$7,385 in the worst deer massacre in the annals of the state game commission.

Seth Gordon, executive secretary of the commission, said the deer slayings occurred near Wellsboro, in Tioga county, where the party of West Virginia and Pennsylvania hunters had established a camp.

"The men were arrested on charges of illegal killing of deer; spotlight killing of deer; illegal storage of venison; storage of illegal venison; and making false statements in obtaining non-resident licenses," Gordon said.

"They were guilty of indiscriminate shooting at any deer that made its appearance and commission agents are still checking on the number of deer that were killed illegally," Gordon added.

"It was one of the worst deer massacres in the history of the commission," he declared, "and the fines were the highest ever levied on one hunting party in this state."

Nix on Pros, Says Hagen

Seattle, Dec. 20 (AP)—Dick Hagen, University of Washington end named to the 1946 Second Associated Press All America team and recently tabbed by the Detroit Lions in the National Football league draft, will pass up the professional bid.

Now in San Francisco for the annual East-West Shrine game New Year's day, Hagen plans to return to Washington to round out his remaining year of football eligibility.

Grid Greats In Pro Draft

Cleveland, Dec. 21 (AP)—The New York Yankees today named All-American Charlie Trippi, Georgia halfback, as their first choice in the player draft of the All-America conference, while Felix (Doc) Blanchard and Glenn Davis, Army's touch-down twins, were chosen by Brooklyn and San Francisco, respectively.

BOWLING RESULTS

Only one game in the "200" circle—and that just over the margin at 201—was rolled in Mercantile loop kegling action on Capitol alleys last night. Ross of the Busicks Market team rolled the game, third in a series of 543 High three-game set of the evening was a 557 by Olney of the Senators. Olney's best game was a 190.

Team results: Statesman 2, Senators 1; Busicks Market 2, National Battery Co. 1; Pacific Fruit 3, Walton Brown 0; Salem Modelers 2, Knights of Columbus 1.

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Trailblazers Stage Rally to Dip Devils

Pulling out of a six-point deficit at the outset of the final quarter, the Salem Trailblazers staged a fourth-period rally to edge out the visiting Seattle Blue Devils 62-60 in a Pacific Coast professional basketball league game played on the armory floor Friday night. It was the second straight win for Salem over Seattle.

Heading into canto number four, the Devils were on top of a 50-44 count. Salem's Dave Teyema, who scored 19 points during the contest, then sparked the Trailblazers on a brief basket brigade which brought them up to a 52-52 deadlock. But Seattle forged ahead again on the strength of Norm Dalthrop's two-pointer, only to have Johnny Kolb of Salem sink a one-hander from the corner to knot the score at 52-51. A few seconds later it was again tied.

At this time at 54-54. Then after Katka had forged the visitors into a one-point lead with his free throw, Salem Guard Don Stitt scored on a well-executed jump ball play to shove the locals into a 56-55 advantage. They held the lead from then on out.

Forward "Sig" Sigurdson led the losers in the scoring department with 19 to share honors with Teyema of Salem. A total of 19 players saw action in the contest, and only one, Stitt, was not charged with a personal foul.

The Salemites rest Saturday, then face the Spokane Orphan in a two game series opening Sunday night at 8:30.

Salem (62) (60) Seattle
Mason 12 (8) Parson
Morris 7 (5) Birkdson
Phillips 10 (6) Leak
Sheldon 4 (2) Chase
Clark 2 (1) Maul
Valley Motor subs—O'Brien 8, Antonio 2, Kolb 7, Seattle subs—Dalthrop 15, Watson 3, Katka 3.

Halftime score—Salem 32, Seattle 32.
Officials—Emil Pitman and Ted Gullie.

Mill City Tips Lions
Jefferson—Jefferson high lost both ends of a doubleheader Marion county B league basketball program Tuesday night with Mill City. The first string lost 26 to 17 while the preliminary went to the visitors, 19-3.

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