

Yaks Defeat Salem to Gain Split in Series

Yakima Substitute John Matenich sunk a couple of free tosses in the final eight seconds of play opposite the Salem Trailblazers on the local armory floor Sunday afternoon to give the Ramblers the two points they needed to defeat the local hoop-suiters 61-59 in a Pacific Coast professional basketball league contest. A two-game series between the Yaks and the Blazers ended in a split, as the Salemites had racked up a thundering 75-41 win the night before.

Big Six Roundup

W	L	Pct.
Portland	14	.733
Bellevue	11	.611
Vancouver	11	.611
Seattle	9	.529
Spokane	7	.350
Yakima	4	.211
Spokane	1	.053
Albany	1	.053
Corvallis	1	.053
Eugene	0	.000
Springfield	0	.000

Salem's Vikings will have a chance to enter a three-way tie for first place in Big Six loop standings when they engage the lowly Springfield Millers at Springfield Tuesday night.

A win for Coach Harold Hauk's Viks would give them a league record of two wins and a single loss. Bend, now resting atop the loop ladder with a two-and-one ticket, is idle Tuesday. Eugene and Corvallis, currently deadlocked with Salem and Albany, is a four-way split for second place, clash at Corvallis Tuesday, and the team which emerges victors will jump into a tie with Bend—and perhaps Salem—for the coveted spot. A loss for the Viks would drop them into third place, alongside Albany and the loser of the Eugene-Corvallis fracas.

'Cats to Face Lewis & Clark

The Willamette university Bearets, winners of their two games since the turn of the Christmas holidays, will stage a contest with the Lewis & Clark cagers on the local floor Tuesday night. The Portland aggregation was made a member of the Northwest conference insofar as basketball is concerned last fall. The squad is considered to have strength comparable to that of other conference members and a hot scrap with the Cats is anticipated. A preliminary at 6:30 will feature Jayvee clubs of the two institutions.

Coach Elmer Schaake's squad downed Pacific, 64 to 41 last Friday night after a somewhat hesitant start to take their first conference engagement of the season.

East Linn Ski Meeting Slated

Lebanon—The East Linn Ski club, dormant during the winter, will be reorganized at a meeting next Tuesday night, Jan. 14, at 8 o'clock in the city hall. Sponsors of the reorganization movement urge all interested in the sport to attend, and issue a special invitation to members of the high school ski club.

Ol' Man Winter Halts Golfers

Old Man Winter stepped in and took charge of the "Winter Slicker" golf play at the Salem Golf club over the weekend and as a result Jim Russell, master of ceremonies, decided to let the contestants have another week in which to complete the first round of competition. Four matches were completed through Saturday in the American, Pacific and Southern leagues. Hoffman and Clark broke even with N. Nichols and Shepherd, each pair scoring 1½ points. Micklin and Thompson defeated Waterman and Nash, 2½-½, and McLaughlin and Kraus scored 2½ points to ½ for Armpriest and Burright.

Sunday's game: (61) Yakima Maskovich 21, F. 7 Sorenson Vachus 5, F. 29 Carmody Osterhaus 9, C. 8 Schlettine O'Brink 8, C. 3 Carr Terena 12, C. 7 Parrish Salem subs—Antone 1, Kolb 4, Yakima subs—John Matenich 4, Sanders 1, Joe Matenich.

Saturday's game: (11) Yakima Maskovich 21, F. 8 John Minch Vachus 5, F. 1 Joe Minch Osterhaus 21, C. 6 Schlettine O'Brink 9, C. 5 Carmody Terena 10, C. 5 Sorenson Salem subs—Antone 2, Kolb 4, Kaminsky, Yakima subs—Parrish 4, Carr 11, Sanders 1.

Dai Rees is England's number one golfer.

Church Leagues

Three "B" league games comprise Monday's church league basketball slate at Parrish school. First Congregational vies with Presbyterian No. 2 in the 7 o'clock opener, and Rosedale Friends meets Presbyterian No. 1 outfit in an 8 o'clock tilt. The finals of the evening, billed for 9 o'clock, sends Calvary Baptist opposite First Methodist.

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Crosby Tourney Ends in Flurry

Del Monte, Calif., Jan. 13 (UP)—The wildest winter tournament in PGA annals was history today as the golfing wizardry of a trio of stars shared the spotlight with the fistie exploits of two of golf's most prominent personages in the \$10,000 Bing Crosby National Pro-Amateur tourney.

Ed Furgol, 38-year-old former Detroit amateur with the crooked arm, zoomed into prominence for the first time since he hit the play-for-pay circuit as he tied with Veteran George Fazio, Los Angeles, for the individual first place in the pro section.

The team of Sammy Snead, British open champion from Hot Springs, Va., and Roger Kelly, two-time California state amateur champion from Los Angeles, annexed the pro-amateur championship.

But the one-punch encounter in which popular Dick Metz, Wichita, Kan., kayoed PGA Tournament Manager Fred Corcoran, provided the dramatic thrill of the action on Pebble Beach course.

Corcoran was kayoed in a brief battle with Metz that bids fair to split the ranks of the professional golfing contingent.

Next stop on the winter tour is the \$10,000 Richmond, Calif., open.



KRISS ROSS

By Chris Kowitz

Walter (The Great) Mails, a one-time infantile paralysis victim who stepped out of leg-length steel braces and into organized baseball to become one of the greatest left-handed pitchers of all time, got his first real start in the diamond sport with the late Frisco Edwards, who piloted the Salem Senators in 1946 until his death in mid-season.

The Mails-Edwards battery combination (Frisco was a catcher) was formed in 1914 with a Dayton, Washington, semi-pro outfit. Mails had been doing some playing with Seattle of the old Northwestern league, but made such a poor showing that he was sent to Dayton to gain further hurling experience. It was with that club that Mails had his initial chance to take a regular turn on the mound.

Local Boy Didn't Make Good

Mails still vividly recalls the trouble he encountered with a newspaper publisher while wearing a Dayton uniform. One of the other members of the team's pitching staff was a son of the town newspaper owner, and it seems that Mr. Publisher was very fond of "Junior's" hurling talents and didn't think much of Mails' mound performances. Mails was recalled by the Seattle club after a not-so-good record at Dayton. To that, the newspaper publisher printed, "If Mails is good enough to pitch in the Northwest league, my son is good enough to pitch in the majors." Six years later, in 1920, that publisher received an anonymous telegram. It read, "Mails defeated Brooklyn today, 1-0. Where's your son?"

Since his departure from pro baseball ranks, Mails has served as public relations man for the American Red Cross, and was in Salem Saturday in connection with that job.

Kids — Mails Loves 'Em

Mails is a lover of kids—that was evident when he spoke to a group of about 60 youngsters of grade school age at the YMCA Saturday morning. He didn't talk much about baseball, but he held the intense interest of every kid there. What he had to say to the kids was in. Often he spoke in parables, but the kids understood. An impressive example of this took place when one youngster, sitting in a chair where the sun shone in the kid's face, got up to move to another chair. Mails stopped his talk, eyed the kid severely and said in a stern voice, "In baseball, one player has to play the sun field—remember that." The kid sat back down in the same chair. . . . and we think he realized that Mails' remark referred to something more important than baseball or seating arrangements.

Visits Vets

Mails makes a habit of visiting disabled veterans' hospitals, and tells many interesting stories concerning such visits. One of his favorite tales is this:

"I was visiting a hospital ward in which every patient was totally blind—the fellows had lost their sight fighting for their country. They were told that I was in the ward, and as I walked between the rows of beds, I was feeling awfully sorry for the poor guys. Just about then one of them yelled across the room, 'Hey, Mails, we're all blind as bats. Do you think you can get us jobs in the Coast league as umpires?'"

Mails will quit his job with the Red Cross in April, and enter youth athletic work in San Francisco. Already active in a gigantic public playground sports program in that city, he wants to go into it full time. He's very sincere in his efforts to battle juvenile delinquency, and believes that a good athletic and recreation program for all kids is what is needed.

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City Loopers In Action on Leslie Floor

Action in the Salem City basketball league, which got off to a successful start last week with a jamboree and a pair of regular loop games, resumes on the Leslie junior high school floor Monday night at 7:30, when Williamette Frosh meets Talbot Minutemen. Master Bread's outfit clashes with Elstrom's immediately following the Frosh-Talbot clash.

It will be the first venture into loop play for all four teams. The two winners will join Salem Steel and Page Woolens at the top of league standings. The Steelers and Woolens won opening-night games last Wednesday.

Admission to all city league games is free, as their expenses are paid by a fund formed of entry fees and a portion of the city recreation commission budget.

Vikings Edge Finns, 31-29

Bill Hill, red-headed Salem high center, drew hero's honors at the Salem-Astoria basketball contest Saturday night. His short shot boosted the Vikings into a one-point lead over the Fishermen just seconds prior to the final blast of the time clock. Dick Hendrie added a free throw in the meantime, and the Harold Hauk tutored Salemites scored a 31-29 victory over the Finns from the coast. The victory gave Salem a sweep of a two-game series which opened Friday night with a 44-19 Vik victory.

Salem opened up Saturday in the same manner as they started the previous night—ragged and sloppy. The Fishermen, coached by Wally Palmberg, held the lead throughout most of the contest, and it was one of their men, Fred Ihander, that walked off with high point honors. Ihander fired 11 points through the hoop, one more than Salem's top man, Hill.

Salem 31	F	29 Astoria
Hauk 3	F	4 Kornelia
Bellevue 10	F	11 Ihander
Hill 10	C	4 Lacue
Allison 4	G	6 Grimberg
Deach 4	G	4 Piskala
Salem subs—Mase 4, Unruh 1, Cham-berlain 1, Hendrie 6, Astoria subs—Morse, Mattson, Kittington.		
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Parrish's Greens will be seeking their second straight win in City Junior High Intramural league basketball play at Parrish Tuesday, when they face the Leslie Whites in the second fracas of a two-game slate pitting Parrish quints opposite Leslie outfits. In the first tilt, Leslie Blacks and Parrish Reds will meet.

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JOB SWAP

Frank Shone, who had been serving as business manager of the Salem Trailblazers of the Pacific Coast professional basketball league, and Len Vandle, former coach of the same club, traded jobs Saturday, and will continue in their present jobs, according to an announcement released by Franchise Owner Dan Hay. No reason for making the switch was given.

WVL Cagers Eye Contests

WVL STANDINGS

W	L	Pct.
W. Angel	4	0 1.000
Molalla	4	1 .667
Sandy	3	1 .750
Dallas	3	1 .750
Silverton	2	2 .500
Stanton	2	2 .500
Estacada	1	3 .250
Woodburn	0	5 .000
Canby	0	5 .000

Games Tuesday—Mt. Angel at Canby, Dallas at Molalla, Estacada at Woodburn, Sandy at Stanton.

The so-far indomitable Mt. Angel Preps are strongly favored to strengthen their hold at the top of the Willamette Valley league ladder against Canby on Tuesday evening in a game scheduled for the Canby Cougar floor.

Dallas and Molalla clash on the latter's floor in what appears to be one of the closer games of the week. Each team, once-defeated, has title aspirations and will be battling to prevent the severe blow that another loss will mean to those hopes.

Sandy, too, remains in a challenger position, and will be met to defend that status when they play Stanton on Stanton's floor. Judging from the Packer's close run with Mt. Angel last week, when the Angels hung up a 26-20 victory, the Pioneers will have their hands full battling the Sandy crew.

The Rangers of Estacada will be seeking their second win, while Woodburn will be trying to break into the victory for the first time when the two clubs meet on the Woodburn floor.

Sacred Heart

Loses, 33-21

A powerful St. Mary's quint of Eugene held a scoring lead all of the way as it downed Sacred Heart Academy of Salem at Eugene Sunday, 33 to 21. The St. Mary's Bees eked out a 16-15 overtime win over S.H.A. second stringers in the preliminary.

S.H.A. (21) F (33) St. Mary's

Johnson 7 F 13 Jones

Conley 7 F 3 Krennelt

Suine 10 C 10 Craik

Colleran 12 C 6 Flaher

Subs: S.H.A.—Muller 1; St. Mary's—Doss 1, Penliaki 2.

BOWLING RESULTS

Walton Browns of Salem moved into second place in class "C" 5-man team competition at the sixth annual Oregon State bowling championships at Seaside over the week-end.

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OSC 'Team to Watch' In Northern Division

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 13 (UP)—Oregon State college basketball team today was installed as the club to watch in the Northern division Pacific coast conference championship race. The Orangemen protected their undefeated conference play record here Saturday night by edging a slightly-favored University of Oregon quintet, 73 to 69, in a torrid, overtime battle.

A capacity crowd of 2800 persons saw the game go at full speed through the regular play, which ended at 62-41, and then go into a fireworks finish that saw 18 points scored in the five-minute overtime period.

Ken Hays of Oregon was high point man with 17. Lew Beck of OSC and Williamson of Oregon each had 16.

Duane Hoag Hit by Car

Portland, Jan. 13 (AP)—The scheduled bout between Duane Hoag, top Oregon bantam weight boxer, and Tony Roberts, Canadian, at Salem January 22 has been postponed because of injury to Hoag in an accident here. Hoag was struck by an automobile Saturday and slightly injured. He is in the Good Samaritan hospital for observation.

Indians Enter

Boxing Tourney

Chemawa—Ten boxers from the Chemawa Indian school will try for titles in the Golden Gloves championships to be held in Portland January 29-31. Coach Ashcut announced here Monday.

Entries include Carrol Greshaw and Pasco Hood in the 105 pound class; Augi Bick, Raymond Pete and Don Rambeau in the 112 pound division; Curtis Stacona, a 118-pounder; Richard Burke and Wade Gensaw in the 126 pound class; Kenneth Sam at 147 pounds; Dave Shalle in the 160-pound division.

There are 97 letters among Big Nine basketball teams.

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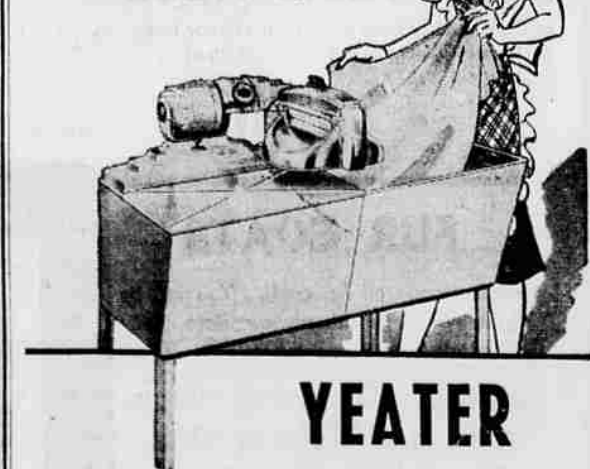
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