

### Vandals Fear Setting New Hoop Record

(By the Associated Press) The University of Idaho basketball team will throw everything it can lay hands on at Oregon State's rambling Beavers Friday and Saturday at Moscow in an attempt to avoid setting a record. But Idaho is so close to accomplishing this ultimate in lows that a Palouse county earthquake would be shrugged off as merely an Idaho shudder. The team that took the pennant last year has lost 13 straight and has only the two OSC tilts and one against second place Washington State in which to avoid a whitewash.

**Ducks vs. Huskies**  
While the Vandals try to halt the title rush of OSC, Washington and Oregon will match speed and shooting ability at Seattle in a battle for third-place. By winning both, Oregon could clinch the spot, while Washington needs only one win in the two games to make sure of at least a tie for third.

**Potent On Saturday**  
Washington has been a "Saturday night team" this year on its home floor. Both OSC and Washington State smashed the Huskies in Friday games at Seattle, only to be crushed in turn on Saturday nights.

**WSC Hopes Slim**  
If Coach Guy Wicks can brew some potent coaching magic for Idaho and trip the Beavers he'll keep the gate open for Washington State, which retains a slim mathematical chance at the pennant. Slats Gill takes his Beavers across the state line to Pullman Monday and Tuesday for collisions with the Cougars of WSC.

**Huskies Through**  
The week-end activity closes out the season for Washington, leaves Oregon and Idaho with one game to go and the two State colleges with three each.

### Polk County Tourney Opens

Monmouth—The Polk County "B" league basketball tournament got underway here Thursday night and in all probability will reach a conclusion Saturday evening. In last night's games West Salem Academy downed Falls City, 56 to 36, while Valselt whipped Perrydale, 34-19. Girls volleyball results included a win by Perrydale over Valselt, West Salem Academy beat Falls City and Valselt defeated Falls City.

**ACADEMY 56 36 FALLS CITY**  
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**Lions Defeat Scio**  
Jefferson — The Jefferson "Lions" defeated the Scio "Loggers" at Scio early this week, 43 to 24.

**JEFFERSON 43 24 SCIO**  
Lions defeated Scio 43-24.

## Junior Hi Fives Clash



### KRISS CROSS

By Chris Kowitz

Question—Why isn't Salem Steel, winners of seven consecutive contests in City league play, entered in the Marion-Polk county AAU district basketball tournament which opened Thursday night at Salem high school?

Answer—Simply because the Steelers do not desire to participate.

The AAU event, under the direction of Salem's Jim Dimit, is not an invitational or work-your-way in tournament — it's an open affair. Any team registered with the Amateur Athletic union is allowed to enter by paying a five buck entry fee. A hoop aggregation could lose 30 straight games against grade school competition and still be welcome to the AAU district tourney.

#### Title Claimants

Several members of the Salem Steel team seem to think that the Steelmen should have been awarded the district AAU title and a trip to the state tourney in Portland on the strength of the team's showing in the City loop, and that no tournament should have been called for.

#### Record Carries No Weight

True, the Steelers have posted a fine City loop record—but that counts nothing toward AAU recognition, since the City circuit is in no capacity related to the AAU. Furthermore, the Steelers have never applied for AAU eligibility, and therefore aren't even in existence as far as the AAU is officially concerned.

#### Steels Nix Offer

The Steel crew had been given a wide-open chance to register as an AAU team. An AAU representative recently approached the team in regard to district playoffs, and at the same time offered to officially register the outfit with the AAU. But the Steelers turned down the offer, still feeling that the district title belonged to them.

#### Weak Argument

Not a very stable argument from the Steelers' corner, as witness the following loopholes: (1) Salem Steel is not registered as an AAU team; (2) They cannot claim City league supremacy in that the league championship is not yet decided; (3) Anyhow, the City league is not an AAU-sanctioned loop; (4) We won't elaborate on this point, but the Steelers have been playing all season with a former professional athlete among their ranks—something the AAU wouldn't appreciate to the least degree.

### Ben Hogan, Dai Rees Complete Practices

San Diego, Calif., Feb. 21 (AP)—Two "mighty mites" of the fairways, Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., and Dai Rees of Great Britain put finishing touches on their practice work today for their \$5,000 36-hole match which gets underway tomorrow.

### SHS Grappling Team Victors

Molalla—Salem high school's wrestling team gained revenge for an earlier loss to Molalla by copping a 34-15 victory over the Indians here Thursday night.

**RESULTS:**  
Ninety-seven pounds—Gardner, S. pinned Sheets; 126 pounds—Haxeman, S. outpointed Justis; 135 pounds—Whitely, M. pinned Sika; 156 pounds—Beals, B. outpointed Barbery; 175 pounds—Meana, S. pinned Cranni; 191 pounds—Voet, S. outpointed Burroughs; 210 pounds—Meyer, S. pinned Harper; 230 pounds—Summels, S. pinned Grizzle; 250 pounds—Williams, B. drew with Bennett; 270 pounds—Wolfer, S. outpointed Husky; 290 pounds—Sneels, M. outpointed Greenier; 314 pounds—Zulinski, M. pinned Eckstein.

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### Viks After Big 6 Crown At Eugene

Salem high school's casaba crew winds up its regular season of play opposite Eugene's Axemen at Eugene Friday night in what looms as the most important game in the entire Big Six loop schedule. The Vikings, now resting atop the circuit ladder, will cop the league title if they defeat Coach Hank Kuchera's Eugeneers, current holders of second place. An Axeman victory would put Eugene a half game ahead of Salem in Big Six standings, and Eugene would then have to beat Bend February 28 to finish in undisputed possession of first place.

**Second Meeting**  
Friday's Vik-Axemen tilt marks the second meeting of the two outfits this season. Eugene earned a 46-36 victory in Salem four weeks ago, and are favored to come out on top again Friday.

**Eyes to Tourney**  
Next week the Salems will concentrate on the district 11 tournament opening Monday night in the local high school gym, when the Viks meet the winner of Monday night's Silverton-Mt. Angel contest.

### Eighth Grades Tangle Again

Leslie and Parrish eighth grade basketball teams clash in a 6:30 preliminary to the Rocket-Pioneer varsity contest at Leslie Friday night. The Parrish eighths took a 21-16 triumph over their Leslie rivals last week. The entire Leslie "eighth grade" starting lineup is comprised of seventh graders, and only one eighth grader is carried on the roster.

**Warren Sick**  
Leonard Warren, Parrish eighth grade coach, is confined to his home with illness and will not be able to direct his team Friday. Occupying his place on the bench will be Bob Metzger, Pioneer varsity mentor. Parrish's starting five will probably be Deb Davis and Tommy Blair at forwards, Lawrence Scheelar at center and Buzz Covalt and Larry Chamberlain at guards.

**Leslie Coach Harry Mohr** will most likely floor Don McKenzie, John Hannon, Larry Paulus, Jack Cobb and Charles Bales as the fracas gets underway at 6:30.

### Babe Zaharias Rules Women Golf Favorite

Hollywood, Fla., Feb. 21 (AP)—Mrs. Babe Didrikson Zaharias, national women's amateur champion from Denver, Colo., ruled a heavy favorite today in the woman's international four-ball golf tournament after scoring an easy first round victory with sub-par golf. Mrs. Zaharias teamed with Peggy Kirk of Findlay, O., to rout Mrs. George Miller of Miami, Fla., and Rymla Strelve of Mt. Clemens, Mich., 6 and 5.

### Kerr Signs

With the signing of catcher Ted Kerr, the list of Salem Senators from last year's aggregation remaining outside the fold has been reduced to four. Kerr reached terms with Business Manager George Emigh after a bit of dickering. Still unsigned are Frank Luchesi, outfielder who will report to the Beaver training camp at Riverside, Cal. Infielder Lou Kubiak and Pitchers Jim Hess and Paul Soderburg.

### Page's, Baptists Win AAU Tourney Tilts

Page Woolens and First Baptist snared victories in opening-round action of the Marion-Polk county AAU district tournament on the Salem high school floor Thursday night, defeating Valley Motor and Taylor's of Independence, respectively. Page's, who turned back the Motormen 62-40, draws a second round bye and advances to the finals of the five-team tourney automatically.

**'B' Tourney Action Set**  
Third round of competition in the Marion county B league basketball championship series is scheduled for Williamette's floor at 8:30 Friday night, featuring Mill City and Aumsville. A preliminary, which has no bearing on the title, will bring Jefferson and Gervais together at 7:30.

**Coe Steals Show**  
Baptist Forward Doug Coe stole the Friday evening show by dumping in 27 points opposite the Independence outfit. Top scorer in the Page-Valley affair was Woolen Forward Frank Page with 14 counters.

**Motors Threaten**  
Valley Motor made things tough for the favored Woolen crew throughout most of the first half. After Page's had leaped into an early 10-0 lead, the Motormen came back strong to tie the count at 18-all with five and a half minutes remaining in the half. Both teams hit 'em in a hurry during the next minute and a half to run the score to 24-24, then Page's tossed in six points—via field goals by Page, Cline and Wally Gemmill—to take a halftime lead of 30-25. Valley Motor, using only seven men in the game to Page's 10, tired in the second half and the Woolens encountered little difficulty in disposing of Manager Moe Fitzsimmons' crew.

**Baptists Pulled Away**  
First Baptist pulled away from a nip-and-tuck first quarter with the Taylor aggregation, and gradually increased its advantage through the next three periods. Coe was a continual threat to the Indeps, playing a whale of a passing game as well as accounting for over half his team's total points.

**Woolens 62 40 VALLEY MOTOR**  
Page 14 F 10 Morris  
Salsstrom 6 F 10 Sheldon  
McRae 10 C 3 Mason  
G. Gemmill 7 C 3 Fitzsimmons  
Bobby 3 C 2 Clark  
Page sub—McKer 4, Cline 7, Jones 3, Wolf 6, W. Gemmill 2, Valley Motor sub—Volk 2, Nelson 11.

**Taylor's 35 44 BAPTIST**  
Taylor 13 F 21 Coe  
Weddie 2 F 3 Cooley  
Howard 14 C 7 O. Morley  
Assard 3 C 2 D. Morley  
Brown 1 C 2 C. Coe  
Taylor sub—Meyers: Baptist sub—Goffrier 8. Officials—Cross and Brattan.

### Jayvee Finale

Coach Loren Mort's undefeated Salem high school Jayvees, winners of 23 consecutive contests, play their final regular season game opposite the Eugene juniors at Eugene Friday night. The strong local Jayvee outfit will continue to hold practice sessions, and will be entered in the Golden Ball tournament opening in Portland March 17.

### Abney, O'Day To Tangle in Six-Rounder

With neither side satisfied with the outcome of their recent meeting, Dick Abney and Johnny O'Day have agreed to battle over the six-round route in next Wednesday night's VFW show at the armory. Abney decided the Irishman in four rounds recently and believes he can do a better job of it over the six round route.

**Crowd Pleaser**  
Matchmaker Tex Salkeld believes the Deacon Kelly Jackson-Dick Wagner 10-round main event should be a crowd pleaser. Jackson lost a six-round decision to the Oregon City scrapper in Portland recently but swears Wagner cannot stand up under the 10-round grind.

**Wagner Featured**  
Keller Wagner of Salem, who is returning to the armory arena after an absence of several years due to war service, will be featured in the six round semi-final. His opponent will be Bomber Daniels of Portland.

Two four-rounders will complete the program.

**Sacred Heart Meets St. Mary's**  
Sacred Heart Academy will seek to even their series with St. Mary's of Eugene when the two quints meet Friday night on St. Joseph's floor. St. Mary's won the first encounter by a fairly close margin two weeks ago.

**Vanport in Tourney**  
Compton, Calif., Feb. 21 (AP)—Three more schools have entered the Western states (two-year) college basketball tourney at Compton, March 4-8. They are Vanport college, Portland, Ore.; Amarillo, Tex., college; and Visalia, Calif.

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