

Snow, Slush Postpones Viking Astoria Series

Snow, sleet and rain brought postponement Friday of the week-end series of basketball games scheduled between Salem high and Astoria's Fishermen.

The games were to have been played Friday and Saturday nights. Although no new dates have been set for the Viking-Finn series, authorities at Salem high predicted that an effort would be made to play the series later this season.

The weather conditions turned highways between Astoria and Salem into treacherous ribbons of potential destruction, and school officials in Astoria vetoed the trip to Salem.

The second pair of games in the traditional series of four has been scheduled for February 3 and 4. That series will be played at Astoria.

The cancellation of Friday and Saturday games came early Friday morning when snow continued to pour down.

Gilmore Warns Teams to File For AAU Tourney

Yern Gilmore, director of boys' physical education for the Salem schools, warned Friday that the deadline for filing applications for the AAU basketball tournament is January 15.

"This year, there will be no late comers," Gilmore warned. "The applications must be filed with me by the 15th."

Thus far, four teams, all from Salem, have been the only organizations to indicate they would sign up for the annual tournament play. None of those four have filed an application as yet.

The teams from Marion county will be bracketed in a tournament to select a representative to the state competition which will be played in McMinnville this year.

Marion County Grade Loop Formed to Boost Sports

Stayton—The Marion County Grade School basketball league was formed Thursday night as the result of a conference of representatives of eight communities.

The league is divided into two sections—Canyon division including Detroit, Gates, Stayton and Mill City; Valley division—Sublimity, Turner, Aumsville and St. Mary's of Stayton.

At the conclusion of a round robin schedule the two top teams in each division will meet in a four game playoff.

First round games are scheduled for January 13: Detroit at Gates, Stayton at Mill City, Sublimity at Turner, Aumsville at St. Mary's.

Since Stayton's new gym is not ready for occupancy, the Stayton graders will use St. Mary's gym.

The new organization means the abandonment of a smaller circuit previously formed. Games already played will be carried over into the percentage column of the new circuit.

Each school represented will sponsor "A" and "B" clubs. To be eligible for "A" division competition, a player must not be over 15 years of age. For "B" division competition a boy may not be in any grade higher than the sixth.

Vernon Todd of Mill City was elected president of the circuit and Herb Booth of Stayton, secretary.

Eugene High Nips Civil Wars Underscore North Division Friday

Eugene Ore., Jan. 13 (UP)—Eugene high school set down Corvallis, 44 to 34, in a Big Six league basketball game on McArthur court here last night.

Corvallis, which earlier beat Eugene 45 to 32 at Corvallis, played without services of Gordon Packer and Jerry Babcock, two mainstays out with the flu.

Two other Spartans, Roy Strand, who led scoring with 12 points last night, and Dick Humble, saw their first action since recovering from influenza attacks.

Center Dean Parsons led Eugene scoring with 11 points while Guard Cecil Hodges caged 10.

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Tonight's the night northern division basketball fans have been waiting for.

It's the night of civil war—the night that sends the high-flying University of Washington Huskies up against the strong Washington State College Cougars on the Pullman floor and the unpredictable Oregon Ducks to Corvallis against Oregon State's defending titlists.

And for the Washington Huskies—it's the night that may tell whether they're championship material or just hometown heroes.

Washington, undefeated in league play, has lost only one of 13 starts, but it has yet to meet a major foe on the other than the Seattle floor.

The Cougars, despite an even break on the rugged four-game Oregon jaunt, are still touted as the team to beat for conference honors.

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Pancho's Speed Pays Off Against Pro Champ Kramer

San Francisco, Jan. 13 (AP)—The blazing speed of Richard (Pancho) Gonzales has begun to pay off in his world-wide tour with professional tennis champion Jack Kramer.

The pair met again tonight in civic auditorium where last night Gonzales outplayed and outslugged the champion for a 6-3, 6-8, 6-4 victory — his third straight.

But Kramer, almost continually his master since the tour began, still holds a 38-9 bulge in matches won.

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Lewis to Use Sophs in League Game with L&C

Coach Johnny Lewis will stick with his sophomores when the Bearcat cagers of Willamette university tangle with the Lewis & Clark Pioneers at 8 o'clock Friday night. This means that Ted Loder, Doug Logue, Hugh Belinger, Lou Scriven and Dick Brouwer will be on the floor for the initial tip.

Willamette had a pre-Northwest conference season offensive record of 68 points per game, a peak that dropped off to 54 as a result of two games with Linfield college.

Lewis' cagers were badly off form in the shooting department in the second game with the Wildcats, particularly so from the foul line. They play a fast break type of basketball and so far have provided fans with a high type of court entertainment.

The Pioneers are a half game behind the Bearcats, in this year's race. They shared championship honors last season.

The second game of the series is scheduled for Lewis & Clark court Saturday night.

Juran's Matmen Defeat Albany By 27-17 Score

Salem high school's grapplers, mentored by Hank Juran copped their initial meet at Albany Thursday night by a 27-17 score.

Juran stated that "all the boys looked good and the matches we lost were by close margins."

The Viking wrestlers take on the Molalla Pioneer wrestling team Monday night at the Viking Village following 7 o'clock preliminary matches by the sophomore team.

Varsity winners were: 95: Fred Monty (B) fall over Larry Draper (A); 105: Tex Houtford (B) defeated Jim Kerr (A); 112: Ken Southwick (A) defeated Willard Moore (B); 120: Gary Molain (A) fall over Don Herring (B); 127: Cliff Hutchinson (B) defeated Dale Cooley (A); 132: John Gunder (B) fall over Gary Norstrom (A); 138: George Loan (B) fall over Wayne Thrapp (A); 145: Vic Schwelt (B) defeated Buddy Hodges (A); 145: Jack Oboock (A) defeated Wayne Borjess (B); 165: Frank Yellen (B) defeated Jeff Lay (A); 175: John Huffman (A) defeated Dick Peterson (B); heavyweight: Jim Doerflinger (A) defeated Jim Enger.

Baseball Math Puzzles Pitcher

New York, Jan. 13 (UP)—A "frankly flabbergasted" Ray Scarborough, Washington's ace pitcher, today wondered "How can I be worth \$100,000 a few weeks ago and less than \$20,000 now?"

The Senators sent Scarborough to wondering by offering him a 1950 contract calling for a \$2000 pay slash from the \$17,000 he received last year.

"I just can't understand the club's mathematics," said Scarborough, who won 13 and lost 11 in 1948 for the last-place Nats and was regarded one of the American league's outstanding pitchers.

"When the Yankees were after me a few weeks ago," the 31-year-old right-hander reasoned, "Washington was asking as much as \$100,000 for me. Now, only a few weeks later, the club asks me to take a cut. Man alive, things like that beat me. I was all set for a raise, too!"

Scarborough, in Philadelphia on business yesterday, said he never had any contract trouble before with Washington owner Clark Griffith.

Michigan State ran up its highest basketball score in 1904 when the Spartans defeated Battle Creek, 93-4.

Dick Dunkel's COLLEGE BASKETBALL POWER INDEX

EXPLANATION—The Power Index provides a direct comparison of the relative strength of any two teams for this season to date. Thus, a 50.0 team has been weighed against strength of opponent.

In the topsy-turvy world of college basketball, where any single performance may be miles from par, the best average display of strength, through games of last Monday, had been on the part of Holy Cross.

At that time, the Purple had won 11 straight contests by an average margin of 23.1 points. This figure, weighted by the average rating of H. C. opponents, resulted in a Power Index of 82.7.

Since then, the Crusaders have met Georgetown and St. Louis. In second place, with a 9-1 record, were the Kentucky Wildcats. They seemed to be gathering power with each new game and had pushed their rating up to 78.8.

The same was true of No. 3 Bradley (78.4). Since losing to Kentucky at the Sugar Bowl, the Braves had mashed Ohio State, Drake and Georgetown by a total of 74 points. Their record was 12-2.

No. 4 St. John's (77.8) had taken 13 out of 14, the only defeat coming at the hands of C.C.N.Y. Question-mark Cincinnati was in fifth place, with a 7-5, after six straight wins, but faced the threat of undefeated Duquesne in Pittsburgh last Tuesday. The winner of this one was assured of Top Ten ranking for the present, at least.

In-and-out C.C.N.Y., conqueror of St. John's, was in sixth place with 78.9, although its nine-game record showed two losses.

No. 7 LaSalle (76.4) also had a 7-2 record while playing one of the country's toughest schedules. Completing the Top Ten at that time were Long Island (75.7), Kansas State (75.2), and Western Kentucky State 75.2.

Standing and Power Index of national and sectional leaders through last Monday's gam follows:

Table with columns for National Leaders, East, Midwest, South, Far West, and Far West. Lists teams and their Power Index scores.

Playoff Postponed Golf's Little Texan, Ben Hogan

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Annual I-W Meet Called Monday For Silverton

Silverton—George M. Christensen, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Division of the Izaak Walton league, announced the annual installation meeting of the local chapter would be held Monday at the Silverton Chamber of Commerce rooms of the Washington Irving Building.

Speakers are to be Portland men prominent in the state program of the league, Dr. J. Alfred Hall, director of the Northwest Forest and Range experiment station, and Dr. David Charlton, president of the state league.

Joint installation of the local chapter and auxiliary are to be featured during the evening. League recently elected officers are Roy Davenport, president; Alfred Jensen, vice president; Victor Sather, secretary; W. S. Miles, treasurer.

Auxiliary officers are Mrs. Alene Gribble, president; Mrs. W. Clark Bachman, vice president; Mrs. A. Bourbonnais, secretary, and Mrs. Arthur Gottenberg, treasurer.

Following the ceremonial of installation, the annual oyster feed will be served by Lawrence Larson, William Bloch and Alvin Krug.

Rebel Yell in NCAA Ranks Draws Support from South

New York, Jan. 13 (UP)—The south rallied solidly today behind the University of Virginia and six other colleges threatened with expulsion from the National Collegiate Athletic Association for alleged violations of the sanitary code.

President Karl Leib of the NCAA admitted the showdown may be bitter. He was considerably less confident than he was two years ago when "sanity minded" colleges steamrolled the code into the NCAA constitution.

"The lines are being drawn now," he said, "and there will be many positions taken. Some will be for the code, some against and some with many different ideas of how it should be modified."

How many are for it isn't known but the southern bloc felt no doubt about its feelings against it. Even if they are beaten on the convention floor, they expect to present a joint resolution making clear their stand on the code in such terms that a general overhauling may be required to keep the southern group from pulling out en masse.

BASKETBALL

COLLEGE SCORES (By the Associated Press) Pacific Lutheran 55, Puget Sound 52, Central Washington 15, St. Martin's 23, Holy Cross 69, St. Louis 55, Bradley 59, Manhattan 67, New York Univ. 50, Duke 64, Richmond 59, Maryland 49, Southern Cal. 52, Texas A&M 43, Arkansas 35, Texas 55, Rice 52, Indiana State 62, Ball State 48.

Holy Cross Cagers Stay Undefeated, Top Poll

Holy Cross continues to roll along in college basketball. The undefeated Crusaders, ranked fifth in this week's Associated Press poll, chalked up their 12th straight last night with a convincing 69-55 triumph over St. Louis.

A sellout crowd of 13,909 saw the game, feature of a doubleheader at Boston. Trinity edged MIT, 57-56, in the opener.

Beavers Stand 22nd in National Grid-Cage Rating

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 13 (UP)—Oregon State college stood 22nd among the nation's major colleges in 1949 combined football-basketball rankings statistics from the National Collegiate Athletic bureau showed today.

The Beavers compiled a winning percentage of 67.4 on 31 victories against 15 losses. The Oregon State Pacific Coast conference champion basketball team won 24 games and lost 12, while the 1949 Orange football team won seven games and lost three.

UCLA is the only present member of the Pacific Coast conference that never has won a league basketball championship.

