

Vik Cagers Host Big Six Corvallis Squads Tuesday

Salm high school's Viking cage team plays host to their second Big Six opponent this year when they tangle with the Corvallis Spartans Tuesday night in an 8:15 tussel slated for the Vik Villa.

In Big Six competition the Vikings are presently tied atop with the Bend Lava Bears with one win in as many tries.

Coach Fred Osborn's quint, presently in fourth place in Big Six standings, hopes to gain a higher berth by upsetting the Vikings while Coach Harold Hauk's five hopes to get a better grip on the top rung.

Osborn's Spartans, bolstered by nine returning lettermen, have notched a 7 win 4 loss

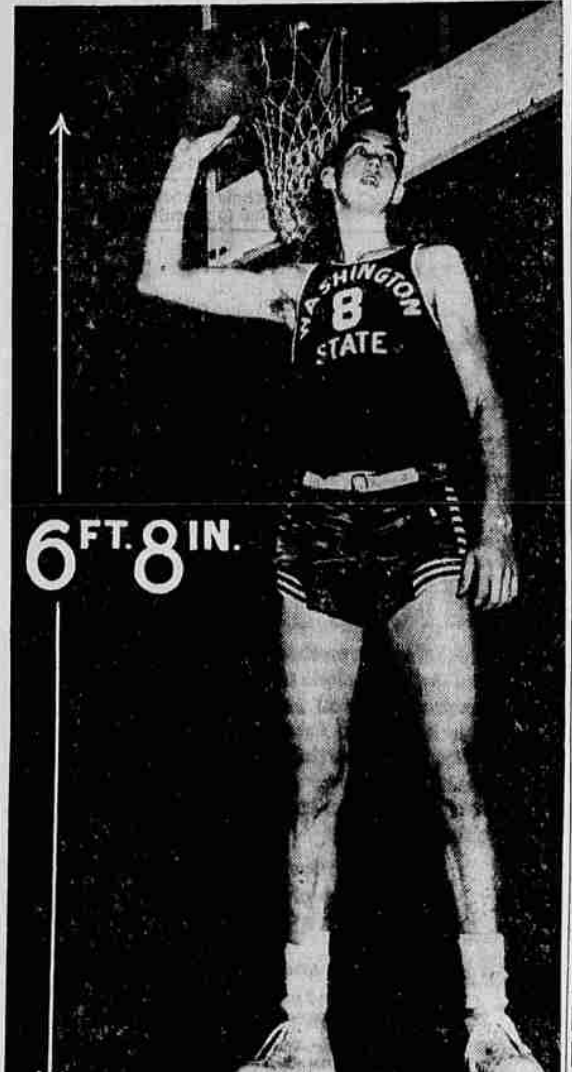
record thus far in season play. The Corvallis team will start Von Summers and Roy Strand in the guard berths, Gordon Packer at center and Gary Babcock, Dick Humble in the forward slots. Osborn's starting quint is an all-veteran line-up.

Other monogramers on the team are Don Taylor, Ray Newton, Marlin DeHaas, and Kent Alloworth.

Coach Hauk will continue to use Wayne Walling and Doug Rogers in the forward positions, Jim Rock at center and Larry Chamberlain and Captain Daryl Girod in the guard berths.

Coach Loren Mori's junior varsity now recovered after receiving their initial setback last week hopes to reinstate themselves in the win column when they meet the Corvallis B team in a 6:45 preliminary.

The Corvallis B team paced by Sophomore Tom Blackstone are potent customers as they have only suffered two setbacks thus far.



6 FT. 8 IN.

Way Up Thar Gene Conley, Washington State college's great sophomore center, Conley, a powerful, well coordinated athlete, is undoubtedly one of the best prospects to ever represent the Cougars in intercollegiate competition. The Richland, Wash., "tall boy" is also a great professional baseball candidate. Gene's 6 ft. 8 in. frame carries over 220 pounds of weight.

Idaho Hoop Coach Doubts Team Has PCC Calibre Now

By PETER HAYES
(United Press Sports Writer)

Moscow, Ida., Jan. 17 (U.P.)—Coach Chuck Finley of the University of Idaho basketball team must have broken all records for pessimism in a profession noted for gloominess in describing his 1950 Vandal squad today.

Said "Cheerful Chuck": "In all seriousness, I doubt if we are of the calibre to play in this league. Last year we tied Oregon for third place. If we do as well this year, we'll be fortunate indeed."

His description of the plight of this year's edition of the Vandal basketball team in part echoes statements made two weeks ago by his boss, President J. E. Buchanan.

"It's a scramble every year among all the schools to pick off the best basketball talent," Finley said. "And as in football, we lose out to many schools in neighboring states that aren't restricted by the Pacific Coast conference 'sanity code.'"

"We also lose a lot of good boys coming out of high school in southern Idaho to the smaller schools, both in and out of Idaho. They offer fine basketball programs and a good player would just as soon go to these schools as travel 800 miles to the state university."

But those are just a few of the over-all problems Coach Finley faces. To be a little more specific:

1. Losing Preston Brimhall

and Jack Rainey hurt. Brimhall, all-northern division guard the last two seasons, was fast, a good shot and play-maker supreme. Rainey wasn't a starter, but Finley valued highly his ability to score in the clutch.

2. Two-striper Guard Joe Grove was declared ineligible last week because of some basketball he apparently played before coming to Idaho.
3. A couple of the veterans who were supposed to spark the team this year haven't been showing up too well thus far. Finley cites the case of his six-foot, six-inch center, Nick Stallworth, who has yet to hit the scoring stride that gave him second place among Vandal shot-makers last year. Also, Forward George Rey isn't performing as he did at his peak last year.

As a result of the latter two problems, Finley has been dipping into his sophomores and second stringers to make up his starting lineup.

For Grove's post, Finley has been experimenting with Sam Jenkins, Stuart Dollinger and Herb Mead, and instead of Rey he's been trying Dick Reed, Roy Irons and Bob White. And Bob Wheeler is due to see hall and maybe more of the action at center. White, Jenkins and Dollinger are sophomores.

Bob Pritchett at forward and Dick Geisler at guard provide some of Cheerful Chuck's increasingly rare cheerful moments.

Cougar Cager Is North Division's Top Point Maker

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 17 (U.P.)—Washington State college's lanky center, Gene Conley, is top scorer with 95 points in the northern division, Pacific coast conference, basketball championship, statistics disclosed today.

The six-foot, eight-inch WSC sophomore has plunked in 35 field goals and made 25 free throws in six games for an average 15.8 points a game.

Bill Harper of Oregon State college has the best free throw record of seven straight without a miss. Bob Pritchett of Idaho has the "worst" average of five personal fouls per game.

Leading scorers follow:

Player	G	FG	FT	P	P	P
Conley, WSC	6	35	25	39	95	
Soriano, Wash.	4	20	13	14	51	
Gayda, WSC	6	13	15	20	41	
Ballantyne, OHS	3	10	19	14	39	
Quinn, Wash.	4	13	12	12	39	
Sowers, Oregon	3	14	7	8	35	
Tappe, WSO	6	13	5	14	35	

Robinson Plans Rest Treatment In Fight Plan

Philadelphia, Jan. 17 (U.P.)—Welterweight Champion Ray Robinson today planned a Florida vacation in order to rest up for his re-scheduled non-title bout with George (Sugar) Costner at Convention hall, March 22.

The fight, originally scheduled for Feb. 22, was moved ahead a month when Robinson failed to pass a physical examination held under the supervision of the Pennsylvania state athletic commission yesterday.

Dr. W. G. B. Terry, commission physician, said the examination proved Robinson was not in shape to go into "heavy training" for a big fight. Robinson then signed a new contract to meet the Camden, N.J., challenger in March.

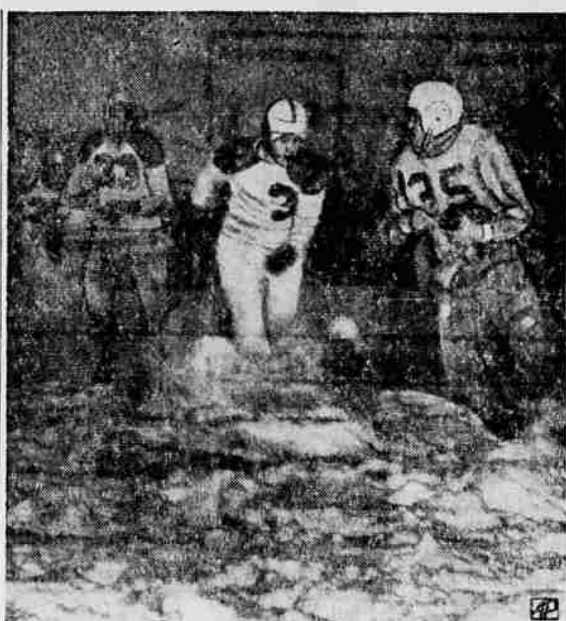
After tune-up bouts at New Haven, Conn., and St. Louis, Robinson plans to go to Miami for a rest and "to get in shape."

NORTHWEST AMATEURS TO START GLOVES WEDNESDAY

Portland, Jan. 17 (U.P.)—More than 100 Oregon and Washington amateur boxers start a three-day grind tomorrow night for nine Golden Gloves boxing titles. Winners and runners-up will compete in the Seattle tourney late in February.

Pritchett was top scorer for the Vandals last year as a sophomore, is doing likewise this year and uses his six-foot, three inches to great advantage in controlling the backboards. Geisler is a senior, shooting for his fourth basketball letter.

But although the Vandals seem doomed to play their usual "weak sister" role in the ND race this year, Finley is working his charges hard trying to strengthen the defensive play and smooth up the attack. Idaho opens its home schedule Friday against Oregon State.



Ice Bowl Game in Snow University of Alaska and Ladd Air Force football teams battle in ten inches of snow in Ice Bowl game at Fairbanks, Alaska. University won, 3 to 0.

Sanity Code Supporters Stagger Under Rebel Vote

(This is the first of three dispatches on the pros and cons of the NCAA Sanity Code and the bitter fight it has provoked. The first dispatch will explain the code and the views of its backers. The second will present the arguments against the code. The third will probe the question: Do College Football Players Actually Get Paid?)

By STAN OPOOTOWSKY
(United Press Sports Editor)

New York, Jan. 17 (U.P.)—Routed suddenly by a band of rebel diehards, the National Collegiate Athletic association sanity code forces today could not decide whether their dream has been smashed or simply dimmed temporarily.

The dream is a tight series of regulations for college sports, permitting no more aid or inducement for a brawny halfback than for a bespectacled debater.

When the expulsion of seven code violators was defeated—and when these violators succeeded in putting across a motion killing the code for a year of study—the code backers were stunned.

Victor O. Schmidt, commissioner of the Pacific Coast conference, said, "Are we going to

stand or retreat, and if we retreat where are we going and when will we come back?"

That was the view of his cohorts. During the golden era of sport in the 1920's, some enterprising colleges discovered that thousands of combat-hungry persons were willing to pay \$5 and \$7 to see a football game—these thousands soon were 90,000 per week in countless different localities.

That was the "bought" football player, who came to college not for an education, but for a job—the job of playing football. Just how bad amateurism was abused no one will ever know, but soon a group of college presidents decided to draw the line somewhere.

That was the start of the sanity code. They drew the line two years ago, but some members of the NCAA didn't like the location of the line—and that was the beginning of the current bitter scrap.

Just what is the code? It is a pact as strict as can be. It provides that an athlete cannot be paid; he must attend a full schedule of classes and keep up with his grades. He can be given a scholarship—that is, free tuition and laboratory fees—and he can get one free meal a day during the playing season only. He must pay his own room

rent, his own board and if he earns any money, he must actually work at the job and get no more salary than the going rate of pay for that job in that town. He is not allowed any alumni gifts.

Any violations of that code are supposed to cost the college its membership in the NCAA, and that is box office murder since no NCAA school can conduct relations with a non-member.

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Skits and Scratches

By FRED ZIMMERMAN, Capital Journal Sports Editor

Portland Retains Control

Portland really wanted to get rid of the Salem Senators but from present indications they will operate during the 1950 Western International season. When negotiations were broken off between Messrs. Norgan, Mulligan & Emigh and Howard Maple, the door was not entirely closed. If the Salem men can produce cash in the amount that the Beavers approve, then there may be a transfer of management prior to or during the season. However, should the Senators get off to a bad start, and give the appearance of nothing better than a second division outfit, it is extremely doubtful if Maple & Co. would consider an investment.

Action Necessary

With the issue apparently settled, it is now up to Portland to find players that will give Salem a team that will be in the running. George Norgan and Bill Mulligan assured George Emigh, Senator business manager, that they would do their utmost to provide capable players. From that point on the burden is all Emigh's. He will shoulder the entire responsibility and the good Lord have mercy on his soul if the Solons fail to live up to the expectations of the cash customers.

W. I. L. Circuit About Set

With the exception of the Wenatchee Chiefs, all Western International clubs have their directors of strategy for 1950. Assignment of Ad Liska to the Salem Senators, held up pending the outcome of negotiations, was decided upon some time ago. Reports have it that Larry Barton, ex-Spokane player, and Brooks Holder, San Francisco outfielder, were being sounded out for the Wenatchee post. Schedule difficulties were encountered at the recent Richland meeting of the league directors but the time and place for the 154 games will undoubtedly be decided upon at Tacoma, February 4. Richland wants a series of dates to jibe with the annual rodeo at that place and Tacoma would prefer not having home games during the time the Seattle Rainiers are playing in Sick stadium. No doubt George Emigh doesn't want to buck the Oregon State fair. It's a bit difficult to reconcile all of the likes and dislikes in schedule making, but it will have to be done. No doubt there will be disappointments.

Loder No. 1 Target

From now on out, Ted Loder, Willamette's No. 1 point-maker, might just as well become reconciled to the fact that the opposition will concentrate on stopping him. But if other Northwest conference coaches have no better luck than did Eldon Fix of Lewis & Clark in last week's series, then neither Ted nor Johnny Lewis will have too much to worry about. No doubt Loder will have an accumulation of bruises over his anatomy as his guards become overzealous in their efforts to keep him from dropping in the two pointers. The Pioneers held Loder to six baskets but in so doing committed many fouls. Ted caged nine out of an even dozen shots from the free gift mark.

Louis in Real Earnest?

Surely it's the need of money that brings Joe Louis back into the heavyweight picture. One can scarcely conceive of the big fellow, at the age of 35 years, being convinced in his own mind that he retains the resiliency of youth and the recuperative powers that are so necessary in a sport as rugged as professional boxing. Louis' increasing toughness on exhibition partners, some of whom charge Joe in engaging in "real fights," indicates he may be very serious in trying to get back into big money. A bout with Ezzard Charles has been suggested. Even if Joe should defeat Charles, he would gain little or no prestige. If he should be defeated it would be a sad ending to an otherwise notable career.

FAN FARE

By Walt Ditzen

Pep Scores Easy Kayo In St. Louis Title Go

St. Louis, Jan. 17 (U.P.)—Some day, somehow Featherweight Champion Willie Pep will reach the end of the line, but at the moment that sunset seems far away for the Hartford hurricane.

He defended his title with almost ludicrous ease last night when he belted Challenger Charley Riley into rigid unconsciousness in the fifth round of their scheduled 15-round bout. Riley was touted as a slugger who might fire a kayo punch for an upset victory, but against Pep he was woefully inept.

Riley's gameness and Pep's mastery of timing was the challenger's undoing. Riley, trying to land a knockout punch, bungled into Pep's smashing one-two that stretched him out on the canvas after one minute and one second of the fifth round.

It was the 46th knockout by Pep in his professional career. Pep's left drove back Riley's guard at the fatal moment and Pep's smashing right connected with the challenger's jaw. Riley, stunned, turned slowly about and slumped forward. He was out a full minute.

Pep, at 123 1/2, was the lightest that he ever was for a title fight. He gave Riley two pounds.

It was Pep's fight all the way from the starting bell to the finish before the record 12,000. The speedy little battler kept pounding away at Riley's head, which always seemed to be within reach of the champion's gloves.

Michigan State's 1949-50 basketball team is being coached by Al Kircher, who is in his first year as cage mentor for the Spartans.

Fighters Watch As Ref Goes Down

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 17 (U.P.)—Neither Tiger Ted Lowry nor Bernie Reynolds went down in their 12-round fight here last night, but Referee Bill Conway did.

The ref fainted in the seventh round, and substitute official Max Lavanie climbed into the ring to finish the bout.

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