

Salem High Cagers Knock Off Eugene, Await Bears

By DAVID L. BLACKMER
Salem high school's Viking cage team established a firm hold on the first place berth of the Big Six league and looked forward to the Bend Lava Bear Mt slated for the Vik Villa Saturday, as they racked up their third consecutive 100 victory over the Eugene Axemen, 52-39, at McArthur court Thursday night.

Paced by Layton Gilson and Jim Rock, each with 10 points, the Viks took an early lead in the first period which was narrowed to 10-5 at the rest stop.

At the end of the first half Salem led 23-18 via four field goals earned by Rock and two field goals by Doug Rogers. Gilson stepped to the free throw line for a Salem twice for the other two points.

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Salem (52)	Eugene (39)
Walling 7	Russell 12
Rogers 5	Stinson 10
Rock 4	LeVay 8
Chapman 3	LeVay 8
Gilrod 3	Moyle 8
Gilson 4	Hodges 8
Paulus 2	Hodges 8
Davis 2	Hodges 8
Norton 1	LeVay 8
Risner 1	LeVay 8
Drews 0	LeVay 8

Totals 12 10 23 52
Free throws missed: Salem 12, Eugene 17. Officials: Taylor and Wainright.

Jaynes (24)
Jones 7
Conroy 6
Sobieski 6
Haugen 4
Rilichak 4
Reserves scoring: Salem—Hazel 3, Howey 1, Baumgartner 4, Eugene—Meador 2, Halltime score: Eugene 18, Salem 4.

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Boudreau Says Tribe Will Be Tough if Gordon Signs

By OSCAR FRALEY
New York, Jan. 20 (AP)—The major problem facing the Cleveland Indians this year is whether second baseman Joe Gordon decides to retire from baseball but if the slick infielder comes back the Tribe will be "tough to beat," Manager Lou Boudreau insisted today.

Naming the Boston Red Sox, Detroit Tigers and his own Indians as the teams which will be in the thick of the American league pennant scramble—and giving the champion New York Yankees a "nod"—Boudreau admitted that his club would be "hurt badly" if Gordon quit.

"I'm certain that Joe has a couple of good years left," the dark-haired Boudreau said. "If he signs, we'll be troublesome. But with Gordon, we'll have an evenly balanced ball club and a little work on our hitting will make us tough."

Striving to regain the world championship which his club won in 1948, Boudreau already is working himself into shape for a solid return to his old shortstop post and counting on Bullet Bob Feller and Gene Bearden to recapture their pitching form.

"Banquets killed me during the last off season," said Lou, who hit .355 and was the league's most valuable player in 1948 but dropped to .284 in 1949. "But now I've knocked off this banqueting and I'm playing volleyball and working out at the local high school."

"As for Feller," he added, "Bob is long overdue. Injuries have stopped him the last two years and if he is in good shape he should come back. He lost some tough games because he couldn't get him the runs. But he's still too good a pitcher to be a 500 man."

Bearden, whose knuckler failed to catch the corners last season, also can come back with hard work, Boudreau argued. A 20-game winner in the 1948

championship year, handsome Gene had a poor eight-and-eight mark in 1949.

"We've a good pitching staff with those two, along with Bob Lemon, Al Benton, Mike Garcia, Early Wynn, Steve Gromek and Sam Zoldak," Boudreau asserted. "We also may get some help from Hal Saltzman, up from Portland."

With himself at short and Gordon at second, Lou figures to try Ken Keltner, Ray Boone or Al Rosen at third, and Luke Easter, obtained from San Diego, will get a shot at Mickey Vernon's first base job.

In the outfield, Lou has Larry Doby and Dale Mitchell, while he gives Bob Kennedy and Allie Clark the inside track for the right field berth.

Alumni Funds Are Key To NCAA 'Pay' Problem

(This is the third of three dispatches on the NCAA snafu. Previous installments gave the opinions of supporters and opponents of the code. Today's dispatch delves into the cause of it all—college football players really paid?)

By STAN OPOTOWSKI
New York, Jan. 20 (AP)—The reading public gets reams on the need for controlling payment of college athletes, yet nary a word on who gets and how much.

That gives rise to the natural question: Do football stars actually get paid?

A prominent professional coach agreed to answer the question if his name was withheld from his college colleagues who frown on exposes impugning their practices.

"The big—really big—stars get paid big—really big—money," he said.

"I know of one case where a boy was paid a \$10,000 bonus to go to a certain college. I admit that is high—the highest I've known. But I know plenty others who got bonuses of from \$3,000 to \$5,000."

"The school does not pay this money, you understand. Sometimes the school does not even know about it. The money comes from alumni funds."

Those alumni funds are the key to the NCAA's problem, for while this organization can legislate for the colleges it has no authority whatever over the insurance magnates and brewery owners who are determined that Football Tech go undefeated.

Throughout South Carolina one finds automobiles bearing stickers "I pay." That's no fraternity. That means "I pay ten a year." It is the Clemson college members contribute \$10 each a year to the fund which marshals "needy" boys who can pass or kick or block.

Sometimes these funds are used for bonuses. Sometimes they pay the school-term ex-

penses of the athlete.

Seldom does the school itself have anything to do with the fund, although the University of Virginia frankly admits that it administers the \$25,000 its alumni have gathered for football players. However, while the school disbursing agent doesn't touch the money, the coach and the athletic director usually see that it is spent in the right manner.

In addition to bonuses for "signing" the alumni provide jobs for the athletes. The NCAA snafu code touches this. It insists that the athletes work for the money that they not be overpaid. But who can draw the line of abuse?

Bill Alexander of Georgia Tech tells the anecdote of a boy of a Notre Dame star in Knute Rockne's day. He was promised "aid." He was given the parking concession at the South Bend stadium. Notre Dame played all games away that year, but the young man still got his pay for operating the home stadium parking lot.

With the snafu code, nothing so obvious as that could happen. But, Alexander says, "there are plenty of state highway jobs—lots of 'tire inspectors' as at Ohio State—and gift jobs from the alumni in town. They're continuing under this present snafu code."

How much do these jobs pay? Not as much as you'd think. The average is \$80 to \$125 a month—hardly a princely sum, but more than enough to survive campus life.

Time was when most important of all to a football star was the alumni promise of a good job after graduation. Pro football has done a lot to eliminate this, for the really big-time star already has his career set when he graduates.

Rumor Arkansas Coach Invited For Duck Talks

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 20 (AP)—Offers from three west coast schools—one of them believed to be the University of Oregon—enticed Jimmy Karam west today.

Karam, coach of the Little Rock Junior college Little Rose Bowl football champions, said he doubted if any of the three "can make it attractive enough for me to leave Little Rock."

None of the schools was named but speculation identified them as Oregon, Southern California and a smaller school in the San Francisco area. The reported offers involved only a job as backfield coach.

Four of Karam's star players at Little Rock said they would accompany him when he left by plane today.

Viking Tankmen Prep for Debut

Salem high school's swimming team, with Vern Persinger at the helm, is now preparing for their debut with the West Linn mermen Wednesday, January 25 at the Salem YMCA pool.

The Salem squad, bolstered by last year's runner-up squad is expected to make a strong bid for the state championship which they lost last year to Benson of Portland.

Returning lettermen this year are seniors Lloyd Hamlin, Dick Klinefelter, Gerald Ulman, Bob Hamblin, Don Clark, and Junior Merlin Nelson and Dale Sherician.

Following the West Linn meet the Viking swimmers tangle with the defending state champion team Benson of Portland, Monday January 30.

Hillary Chollet's 37 points against Syracuse in 1949 is the highest game point total ever compiled by a Cornell basketball player.

Going Down

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Influx of New Players Makes ChiSox Promising

By JOE REICHLER
New York, Jan. 20 (AP)—There's a new deal cooking at Comiskey Park, where Frank Lane, aggressive general manager, and Jack Onslow, capable field manager, combined their talents to make the Chicago White Sox the most improved club in the American league last year.

For the first time since 1943 chronologists are now kissing the Sox off with: "They aren't going anywhere and they're a cinch to finish deep in the second division."

Under the able direction of Lane and Onslow, the Sox climbed from the cellar to sixth place last year. Made up largely of pickups from rival big league clubs and youngsters fresh from the minors, the Sox proved an interesting club to watch.

Fitchers Bill Wight, Randy Gumpert and Bob Kuzava, Second Baseman Cass Michaels and Outfielder Gus Zernial were among those who sprang into stardom.

The influx of a flock of good-looking newcomers makes the White Sox future look even more promising this year. Strengthened by a couple of trades that brought Hank Majeski, hard-hitting third baseman, and Nelson Fox, young reserve infielder from the Philadelphia Athletics, the Sox also will exhibit some of the minors' best at their Pasadena, Calif., spring training base.

Onslow is confident the team will be much improved over last year.

"I think we've made much progress toward improving the ball club for 1950," the 59-year-old skipper said. "We're deeper in pitching, we have more and better catching, we have added some infield help and I'm sure Zernial is going to be all right." (The big outfielder was out most of the 1949 season because of a broken collar bone.)

The Sox are deep around the infield with Charlie Kress and Gordon Goldsberry at first base, Michaels and Fox at second, and veteran Luke Appling and Alfonso Carrasquel at shortstop and Majeski and Floyd Baker at third.

While Zernial is the big Sox hope for batting punch, Onslow thinks he has a surprise outfielder in Bill Wilson, purchased from the Sacramento club of the Pacific Coast league. Wilson didn't hit too well last year but was bothered by a leg injury. He has great potential.

Young Diddle in Middle Of Father's Cage Planning

Bowling Green, Ky. (AP)—Western Kentucky State college has one of basketball's somewhat rare father-son combinations—"Big Eddie" Diddle the coach and "Little Eddie" the player.

Ed, Sr., is known to his audiences everywhere as the colorful towel-tossing coach who boasts one of the country's top records. Big Diddle has been turning out winning teams at Western for 28 years. Before the current term his clubs had copped 488 victories and had lost 163 games.

Now comes "Little Eddie." Junior is in his junior year at Western.

His job is one of the hardest in sportdom—son playing for father and at the same time competing with a fine collection of talent for starting berths. But that set-up hasn't caused any hard feelings on the Hilltopper squad so far.

Ed, Jr., got a break in late December in the form of a misfortune for father, Buddy Cate, a regular forward, had to be rushed to a hospital for an appendectomy. That meant Western lost a valuable player but it gave "Little Eddie" a real opportunity to prove his worth to the team.

Young Diddle stands six feet, two inches tall. He is described in the college brochure as "a fighting, ball-hawking basketball player who never gives up or admits defeat," a characteristic that comes quite natural from being a son of Ed Diddle, Sr.

Ed, Jr., plays guard as well as forward. As a sophomore last season he got into every Hilltopper game and scored 128 points.

Western Kentucky basketball coach Ed Diddle and Ed, Jr., who is on the varsity this season.

Interest in Track Events Shows Nationwide Increase

By HUGH FULLERTON, Jr.
New York, Jan. 20 (AP)—Fred Schmetz, Millrose meet director, exclaims that he never has seen such interest in track as this year. . . . And Dan (AAU) Ferris supports him in that. . . . Dan figures it's just a natural post-war growth, from the competitive standpoint—more boys in schools and colleges, more interest in athletics and more who want to continue competition after leaving school. . . . "For instance, I just heard from a group in Grand Rapids, Mich., who want to form an athletic club so they can keep on competing, and there are a lot of others like that," Ferris adds. . . . Schmetz attributes spectator interest to close competition without a single standout performer. . . . He's been trying to pick a four-man field for the Millrose 600, has about six possible starters and can't eliminate any as a possible winner. The fans are eager for a Don Gehrman-Fred Wilt duel in the Wanamaker mile, too, Fred says, but anybody could win that.

What's that Nickname? Just before the Rose Bowl football game, Dick Anderson, Ohio State fourth-string end, learned he had inherited \$250,000. . . . When the news spread, assistant coach Esko Sarkkinen told Dick: "You're going to start the Rose Bowl game; We can't afford to have a guy worth a quarter of a million sitting on the bench." . . . Maybe there's no connection, but aren't the Ohio State teams known as the Bucks? Observation Post.

We thought the snafu code furore had simmered down after last week's NCAA meeting refused to do anything. . . . But in warning the sinful six

Northern Division Action Centers in Washington

(By the Associated Press)
Northern division basketball interest centers in Pullman tonight for the second straight week-end when the defending champion Oregon State Beavers tackle Washington State's pre-season favorites to determine which will stay in the race to challenge Washington for the conference diadem.

The Huskies, meanwhile, return to their home floor as favorites with nearly everyone but Oregon to knock off the visiting Ducks two straight.

Oregon, which has won only one of three conferences starts, arrived in Seattle last night but weather delayed their train and Coach Jim Warren passed up a scheduled workout in the Husky pavilion.

While the Ducks attempt to knock Washington off the top perch, the two state colleges will each be seeking the rubber game of their season's meetings. They divided a pair at Corvallis in the opening series of the season.

The current two-game set could easily go the same way but Coach Jack Friel's Cougars not only are tough on their home floor but need a sweep to stay in contention. With a three-three record another loss would back them to the wall.

OSC isn't in quite the same plight with only one loss in three starts, but with a two-game set at Moscow coming on the heels of the Pullman invasion any cushion would be handy should the Idaho Vandals bounce back on their home floor.

FAN FARE



Sukeforth Sees Dodgers Capturing 1950 Bunting

(Associated Press Newfeatures)
Waldoboro, Me.—It will be the Dodgers again in 1950, says Clyde Sukeforth.

"The Dodgers have a good sound ball club and are just coming into their own," says Sukey, wintering at his Maine farm.

The St. Louis Cardinals, Sukey concedes, "could be a tough club."

Usually tight-lipped, Sukey can find words easily in his off-season comments about Dodger stars.

Don Newcombe, the tall Negro hurler, he says, will be a great pitcher for a good many years; Gil Hodges, he labels as a "lot of ball player," and Preacher Roe, "well, he's more than a stylish lefthander. The man's an artist."



CLYDE SUKEFORTH "Cards Will Be Tough"

Although he has managed Montreal of the International League and briefly held the helm at Brooklyn, Sukey has no yearning for the top job.

"That's where the pressure is really on you," he grins. A widower, Sukeforth has an 11-year-old daughter, Helen, who is an avid ball fan.

Sports Calendar

JANUARY 20
Basketball: Salem high at Eugene; Willamette vs. College of Idaho at Moscow; Oregon vs. Washington, Seattle; OBC vs. WSC, Pullman.
Willamette Valley league: Katsuda at Mt. Angel, Silverton at Gator, Dallas at Canby, Molalla at Woodburn.
Marion-Polk league: Sacred Heart at Independence, Bible Academy at Stayton.
Marion County B league: Gervais at Jefferson, Chenawah at St. Paul, Salem Bombs at OGD, Sublimity at Clatsop, Astoria at Mill City, Turner at Detroit.
Leslie Golde vs. Leslie Blue, 4 p.m.

JANUARY 21
Basketball: Bend vs. Salem high at Salem, 8:15 p.m. OBC vs. WSC at Pullman.
Oregon vs. Washington at Seattle.
Willamette vs. College of Idaho at Caldwell.

Snead Looks Like Man to Beat in Long Beach Open

Long Beach, Calif., Jan. 20 (AP) Sam Snead, sizzling with two victories in a row in the new 1950 golf wars, looked like the man to beat today as the better known professionals headed into their first round of the \$10,000 Long Beach open.

The lesser knowns launched Long Beach's second annual tournament yesterday and Veteran Bob Connolly of Seattle led the way home with a two under par 69 for the par 35-36-71 Lakewood Country club course.

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