

# Willamette's Loder Holds Point Lead in NW Loop

Ted Loder of Willamette university leads the pack in individual scoring competition in the Northwest conference with a total of 108 points for six games. The Milwaukie, Ore. boy has caged 39 field goals and 30 free throws.

Second place honors are held by Charles Anderson of Whitman who was largely responsible for the Bearcats' downfall of 1 a s t Monday night at Walla Walla. He has tossed in 35 field goals and 25 free throws for a total of 95 points.

Competition in the conference will slow down to a pair of games during the next seven days, but the teams will not be idle. Nine non-conference titles are booked.

Conference interest will center on the Pacific Willamette clash at Salem Saturday night. Here the once beaten Bearcats will stake their league lead against the second place Badgers. The 'Cats must defeat Pacific to hold undivided interest in first place.

Only other conference game of the week sends Linfield to Lewis & Clark Saturday night.

Travel conditions permitting, Willamette will go to Astoria Thursday night for a session with Stewart Chevrolet independents of San Francisco. Cliff Crandall of Oregon State fame is a member of the Stewart crew.

Individual scoring records of the first 10 and additional Willamette players:

Player	G	FG	FT	PP	TP
Loder, WU	6	39	30	23	108
Anderson, Whitman	6	35	25	15	95
Polard, L & C	6	29	25	23	83
Neville, Idaho	6	26	24	10	76
Roney, Pacific	6	26	20	12	72
Ishihara, Whitman	6	26	13	22	65
Downey, L & C	6	25	8	20	64
Morgan, Pacific	6	19	21	13	59
Wall, Whitman	6	17	4	17	58
McKen, Linfield	6	17	12	11	54
Scrivens, WU	6	18	12	13	48
Brouwer, WU	6	14	13	13	43
Balmer, WU	6	14	13	13	41

(By the Associated Press) Rich Evans, the guy they call "Mister Points," has started to assert himself in the northwest basketball scoring debate.

Climbing to third place with

Lulay Leads Hawks

Sublimity — Billy Lulay continues to pace the undefeated Sublimity Hawks in the point making department by dropping in 128 points in six games for an average of 21 points plus per game. Arlyn Birkholz hold down second place with a total of 41 points.

Wisconsin stands eighth among the states in the number of hunting licenses sold, with 421,343.

Failure to produce working

## Skits and Scratches

By FRED ZIMMERMAN, Capital Journal Sports Editor

"Tinkeritis" is the description George Pasero of the Oregon Journal gives to the activities of those folk who scheme to change conditions in any given athletic endeavor. Pasero hints that persons high in the ranks of the Oregon School Activities association are considering the trimming of the high school tournament from one of 16 teams to one where but eight would be involved. The proposal is not a new one, in fact it bobs up quite regularly after those tournaments where the competition is not all that fans had hoped for. And to be honest about the suggestion, it has some merit.

Change Has Merit

If the experience of the hotel proprietors in Eugene has been anything like the trials and tribulations of Salem inn keepers, we imagine they would be in favor of cutting the duration of the annual classic from five to three days. It would be difficult for the hangers-on to do as much damage in three days that customarily is accomplished in five. Then, too, a shorter tournament would mean less lost time in the classrooms, something educators would like to see brought about. And while gate receipts would be cut materially through installation of a three day production, expenses would be trimmed accordingly. We do not believe receipts would fall off on an a basis proportionate to the number of days involved, for the big tournament crowds flock in after it has been fairly well determined as to who's who in the competition at hand.

Play Would Be Closer

In all probability eight teams would provide a better brand of basketball, on a consistent basis at least, than 16, since district eliminations would tend to turn back the weaker clubs. And, if it should prove desirable, a double elimination schedule could be worked out for eight quints, a scheme that many believe, tends to bring the real champions into their own. Naturally, this would mean a tournament of approximately the same length as a straight elimination affair involving 16 clubs. Since the O.S.A.A. operates along democratic lines, will all member schools have a say in the program, we see little likelihood of a change in the present setup.

Basketball Ineptitude

Why is it some communities just don't seem to develop good basketball players? There's Albany for instance, where with the exception of an occasional season, turns out nothing but losing quints. The school has an enrollment that is large enough to contain any number of first class cagers. But if they are there they don't make their appearance on the maple boards. The city is certainly athletically minded and year after year produces fine football teams and almost every season produces all that could be desired in baseball competition. Any number of coaches have tried to produce at Albany, including Dwight Adams, who certainly knew his basketball, but the results have not been outstanding. Town interest is at a low ebb, as indicated recently when season tickets were placed on sale, with less than 10 purchasers.

Wolf Howls

Says Dick Strite in the Eugene Register-Guard: "The grumbling can't be ignored. But it is nothing that a few victories can't cure. After all, it is the business of anyone other than the University of Oregon athletic department to look toward Gordon Ridings of Columbia, Johnny Lewis of Willamette, or Bill Borchert of Marshfield for a basketball coaching replacement?" So the wolves are hot on the trail of "Honest John"—a coach of many victories at Astoria High as well as at the Webfoot institution of higher education. It was ever thus. And we wouldn't be surprised to hear murmurs to the effect that Slat's Gill "isn't as sharp as he used to be", and guff of similar vein if the Beavers should finish the season in the lower division. Past performances rate virtually nothing at all in the minds of many fans who are too prone to jump on with both feet at the slightest provocation.

a 44-point rampage in two games last week, the sharpshooting Gonzagan spread his scoring average to 16 tallies per tussle. He had 256 points.

Dick Eicher of Eastern Washington college clung grimly to first place with 286 points for an average of 15.9. Still rating second after the week-end firing was Washington State's Gene Conley with 280 counters and a 14-point average.

Hitting at a hotter clip than all of these was Ted Loder of Willamette. His average was 16.6, but covers only 12 games to date. Evans has played in 16 games, Eicher 18 and Conley 20.

Keith Wade of Southern Oregon Normal squeezed into fourth spot ahead of Eastern's Gene Burke. He had 239 tallies to Burke's 237. Rod Gibbs of Puget Sound also moved into the picture, earning sixth spot with 234.

Conley continued to romp unchallenged at the head of the pack in the Northern division, Pacific Coast conference. His 117 points in eight games put him 37 ahead of Washington's Frank Guiness, who had 80 for six tilts.

ALL GAMES (200 or More Points)

Player	G	FG	FT	PP	TP
Dick Eicher, E.W.C.	18	103	80	60	286
Gene Conley, W.S.C.	20	101	73	72	280
Rich Evans, Gonz.	16	112	33	21	236
Keith Wade, S.O.N.	20	92	55	67	239
Gene Burke, E.W.C.	18	94	45	26	237
Rod Gibbs, C.P.S.	18	83	68	72	234
L. Neville, Col. Ida.	16	81	67	40	233
H. McMillin, F.L.C.	16	81	45	63	227
S. Peterson, W.W.C.	16	84	52	41	229
W. Brown, "Iland"	15	87	22	49	206
Ted Loder, Willa.	12	79	60	42	206

NORTHERN DIVISION (45 or more points) through Jan. 21

Player	G	FG	FT	PP	TP
Gene Conley, W.S.C.	8	42	33	17	117
F. Guiness, Wash.	8	23	10	15	80
L. Soriano, Wash.	8	29	17	21	75
Ed Gayda, W.S.C.	8	15	26	24	56
Laden Hanson, Wash.	8	21	5	23	55
Paul Sowers, Ore.	5	19	12	16	30
D. Ballantyne, O.S.C.	5	13	23	15	42
Bob Gamble, W.S.C.	5	15	13	18	42

FAN FARE



By Walt Ditzgen

## Maple Combine Sends New Offer to Purchase Solons

With a concrete proposal drawn up and with cash on the line, another bid for control of the Salem Senator franchise in the Western International basketball league has been sent to William G. Mulligan of the Portland Beavers by a local group headed by Howard Maple.

capital had stymied previous negotiations. Although nothing regarding the contractual terms were released by the group of a dozen men, earlier negotiations were based on a lease of the franchise, rather than outright purchase.

The Maple organization met in the offices of a prominent Salem attorney Thursday afternoon and drew up details of the offer which was sent to Mulligan by mail. It is expected Mulligan will take up the proffer with George Norgan of Vancouver, B. C., owner of the Portland Beavers who has operated the Salem club since the war.

In the meantime George Emigh, business manager for the Senators has been negotiating with prospective players for the 1955 season.

## Two Overtimes Mark Mill City Win from Stayton

Mill City — The Mill City Timberwolves downed the Stayton Eagles, 35 to 33 Wednesday night but it took two overtime periods to turn the trick.

Tied at 29-all at the end of regulation time Mill City went ahead to tally six points to four for the opposition in the two overtimes. A basket by Bob Baltimore decided the issue.

Stayton won the preliminary, 42-16.

Player	Points	Player	Points
Thornley 6	15	(33) Stayton	
Leo Poole 6	12	5 Samples	12
Mulse 11	10	2 Hinds	10
Law, Poole 7	9	5 Titus	9
Baltimore 5	8	3 Morgan	8
		5 Morton	5
		2 Johnson	2

## Legion Sponsors New Amateur Bout Program for Polio

A second amateur fight card, slated for February 8th, has been scheduled for the Salem army by the American Legion Post No. 9 with the entire net proceeds to go to the March of Dimes drive.

A total of ten, three round bouts is planned with matches between boxers from Portland, Silverton and Salem as well as other mid-Willamette valley towns.

Men's Club to Meet

In spite of wintry conditions, the Salem Men's club will hold their scheduled monthly meeting at the Salem Golf club house at 6:30 Thursday night.

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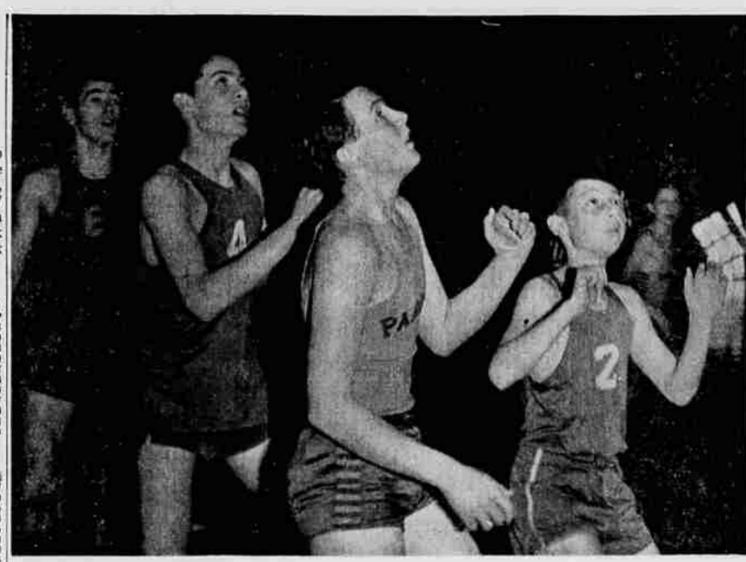
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Parrish Prayers As if in supplication, representatives of two Parrish teams await a rebound in action which resulted in a 29-27 win for the Pioneers in a Tuesday game. The players are Dennis Jones (6), Mel Williamson (4) and little Jim Knapp (2) of the Cardinals and Corky Brown, the only Pioneer in position for this rebound.

## Stream Clearance Brings Return of Steelheads

Steelhead of the Wilson river are again returning to their ancestral spawning grounds in Jordan creek, the Oregon state game commission announces.

A ponderous mass of logs and debris had been accumulating in Jordan creek since the disastrous Tillamook burn of 1933. Logging operations which followed the fire added to the debris until the stream was obstructed from end to end.

Miles of clear, graveled riffles in which the steelhead, silver salmon and trout formerly spawned and lived were completely blocked and covered by the fire-blackened snags. Now after a cooperative program by the state game and fish commissions, the last barrier has been blasted away.

The clean-up of coastal streams has been a major project for the game commission, said Ted Howell, who is in charge of fishways and screens. Log jams have been removed from Necanicum riv-

er, Drift creek and Cedar creek, both tributaries of the Siletz river. Rock creek, tributary of Coquille river and Beaver creek, tributary of the Nehalem.

Logging companies have cooperated in the stream clean-up program.

## Sports Calendar

JANUARY 26

Basketball  
Church league: Calvary Baptist (1) vs Calvary Baptist (2); St. Mark Lutheran vs First Presbyterian, 8:00 p.m.; First Baptist vs Jason Lee, 8:00 p.m., girls gym.

JANUARY 27

Basketball  
Oregon vs Washington at Eugene.  
Marion County B league: Gervais vs O.S.D.; Jefferson vs St. Paul; Salem South vs Clatsop; Detroit vs Astoria; Sublimity vs Turner; Mill City vs Gales.

Marion-Polk league: Bible Academy at Monmouth; Stayton at Sacred Heart; Willamette Valley; Mt. Angel at Molalla; Sandy at Canby; Estacada at Dallas; Silverton at Woodburn.

Salem vs Springfield at Springfield.

JANUARY 28

Basketball  
Willamette vs Pacific, Salem, 8 p.m.  
Oregon vs Washington at Eugene.

## Wolves Prepare For Zone Play In OTI Contest

Monmouth, Jan. 26 — Bob Knox has been running his squad through rough scrimmage sessions against a zone defense in preparation for the Wolves' Oregon Collegiate conference basketball game with Oregon Technical Institute Friday night.

Wolf hopes for a conference title appeared very slim after Knox's cagers dropped four in conference play. Their over-all record to date is 7 wins, 6 losses. Leading scorer for the Wolves is Harrell Smith, three year veteran cager at Monmouth. Smith has tallied 181 points for an average of 13 points a game. Smith, a consistent high scorer for the educators in the last two years, will be one of the starting forwards in Friday night's encounter.

Other likely starters are: Marv Hiebert, forward; Gus Langlie, center; Chet Hogan and Bob Bushnell, guards.

## BASKETBALL

HIGH SCHOOL SCORES (By the Associated Press)

Milwaukie 41, Canas 41.
Estacada 55, Sandy 21.
Taft 59, Willamina 51.
Molalla 51, Woodburn 36.
Mill City 24, Stayton 23.
Newberg 68, West Linn 62.

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# Huskies Hope for Duck Demise in Oregon Games

(By the Associated Press) Hoping for a sweep but willing to settle for a split, Washington's scrappy Huskies took off today by train for Eugene where they meet the Oregon

## Junior Hoopers To See Action In Friday Games

JUNIOR HIGH STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Leslie Blues	2	0
Parrish Greys	2	0
Parrish Pioneers	1	1
West Salem	1	1
Parrish Cards	0	2
Leslie Golds	0	2

Salem junior high school's hoop circuit goes into third round action Friday as the league leading Leslie Blues and Parrish Greys tee off against each other at Leslie in an 8 p.m. game.

At Parrish, the Leslie Golds and the Parrish Cards challenge each other in an 8 p.m. game to see which team will climb out of the cellar.

In the lone afternoon game of the week the Parrish Pioneers meet the West Salem Giants on the Parrish court at 4 p.m. Each team now has a .500 percentage standing.

Ducks in a pair of Northern division basketball contests Friday and Saturday nights.

Washington needs at least one victory to keep its division lead safe. A pair of defeats by Oregon and a Saturday night win by challenging Washington State over Idaho would drop the Huskies into second place.

Although Coach Art McLarney wouldn't say so in so many words, it looked in last night's drills as though Bremerton's Russ Parthemer has nosed out Bellingham's Hal Arnason for a starting forward berth. Parthemer sparked Washington's second win over Oregon in Seattle last week and continued to scintillate in week-day drills.

Oregon, meanwhile, was preparing a warm welcome. They've won but three of 13 starts this season but all the wins have come on the Eugene floor.

Coach John Warren worked the Ducks in defense maneuvers yesterday hoping to come up with a combination to halt the Husky attack. The lone report indicated that big Bob Amacher showed to his best advantage of the year from the defensive pivot spot.

## Stiff Winter Turns OSC Interest to Ski Events

Corvallis, Jan. 26 — With the snowiest winter season ever to hit the Willamette valley, local sports emphasis has been placed heavily on skiing. And hot in that direction is Oregon State's varsity ski team, coached by Howard Raabe, director of intramurals at Oregon State.

The Orange slatsmen will take to the snow for their first organized competition this Sunday at Mt. Hood in the University of Portland-sponsored intercollegiate race. Raabe, and the traveling coach, Sam Peoples, a graduate student from Bend and for-

mer Orange skier, will use the race to get an idea on the abilities of those trying out for the team.

From the Portland university race Capt. Bill Bowes will take his team to Emida, Idaho, for the northern division championships, February 18 and 19.

The remainder of the meets are the Northwest Intercollegiate Ski union meet at Stevens Pass, Wash., March 18 and 19; and the Vanderbilt Cup race at Sugarloaf, Calif., April 14-16.

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