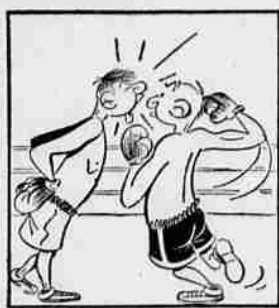


# SPORTS

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## FAN FARE



By Walt Ditzen

## Vikings Face Astoria In Tie Breaker Friday

The 1950 Viking cagers of Salem high will be out to break the current tie in the traditional Astoria-Salem series Friday night when they

## Sports Calendar

**FEBRUARY 3**  
Basketball  
Salem at Astoria  
Washington at O.S.C.  
Oregon at Idaho  
Marion County B (league) Chemawa at Jefferson, Deaf School at St. Paul, Salem Spots at Gervais.  
Marion-Polk league: Independence at Monmouth, Sacred Heart at Salem Academy.  
Willamette Valley league: Sandy at Woodburn, Estacada at Molalla, Silverton at Gandy, Mt. Angel at Dallas.

**FEBRUARY 4**  
Basketball  
Willamette at Pacific  
Washington at O.S.C.

## Old Time Hurler Mourns Missing Modern Bonus

Los Angeles, Feb. 3 (AP)—One of baseball's old-time pitching stars, Walter (Dutch) Ruether, gazed at a 1950 calendar and grunted: "I was born 37 years too soon."  
Now a crack scout for the New York Giants, Ruether was thinking about the \$100,000 paid a California high school lad, Paul Pettit, a southpaw pitcher, by the Pittsburgh Pirates.  
The deal sent Ruether's mind back to the spring of 1913 in San Francisco, and a game between the great Chicago White Sox and Little St. Ignatius college, now known as the University of San Francisco.

the better part of nine innings. True, St. Ignatius lost when the famous Buck Weaver drilled a hit that not only scooped between the shortstop's legs but the left fielder's as well. The blow went for a homer and St. Ignatius lost, 4-2.  
As word of Dutch's feat got around, the scramble was on for his services—just as it was for young Pettit. Manager Jimmy Callahan of the White Sox wanted him, and so did Cap Dillon at Los Angeles.  
The Pittsburgh Pirates got him.  
Ruether signed. "The Pirates gave me \$500 for signing."  
He also got a guarantee of at least one month's salary of \$500.

On March 10 of that year a 19-year-old southpaw pitcher—this same Dutch Ruether— electrified the baseball world with an astonishing performance.  
He subdued the White Sox with one hit and one run for

**Huskies See Chance To Catch Cougar In OSC Go**  
Los Angeles, Feb. 3—Frank Guiness and Louie Soriano, Washington's set of high scoring guards, will have an opportunity to overtake Gene Conley of Washington State in the Northern Division Pacific Coast Conference individual scoring race this week-end when the Huskies do battle with Oregon State at Corvallis.

## BIG TEN DOG FIGHT

Chicago (AP)—Experts are predicting that a 10 won, two lost record will win the 1950 Big Ten basketball race. Ten times in the last two decades, and in three of the last four years, a 10-2 mark has captured the title. In fact, only twice in the last 20 years has a team survived the rugged conference competition to win all their games. In 1930, Purdue captured the title with a 10-0 record and in 1943 the Illinois Whiz Kids won with a 12-0 mark.



**New Coach Jimmy DeAngelis**  
(above) line coach at Nebraska last season, has joined the University of Washington football coaching staff.  
(AP Wirephoto)

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Plan Diamond Jubilee for Nats

New York, Feb. 2 (AP)—Just seventy-four years ago today, a group of men who liked baseball and hated the way it was being run gathered in the elaborately-decorated old Broadway Central hotel in New York and formed the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs.  
That was the forerunner of many other meetings which made a baseball reporter easily recognizable because of his tender feet. The National league will hold a diamond jubilee celebration after its 75th season has been completed, but meanwhile it might be well to note some of the beginnings.

Conley, the current leader, is idle this week and leaves his average of 14.3 points per conference game to be challenged. Guiness has averaged 13.1 per contest and Soriano 13.0.  
Conley also has the best field goal percentage figure, according to the figures released today by the PCC commissioner's office. The Cougar giant has made 46 of his 103 attempts from the floor for a .447 average.  
Jack Keller, who has finally nailed a starting berth on the Oregon varsity, has the best percentage from the free throw line. His 20 free tosses in 23 attempts averages .870.  
Washington continues to be the highest scoring club in the Northern Division, averaging 56.1 points in eight games. Washington State sports the best defensive record, allowing 44.0 points a contest.  
Oregon State has committed more fouls per game than any other ND team. The Beavers have averaged 23.4 fouls a game. Idaho and Washington have drawn the most free throws, each being fouled 23 times a game.  
Individual scoring:  
Conley, Wash. St. .... 9 48 37 30 128  
Guiness, Wash. .... 8 32 41 24 103  
Soriano, Wash. .... 8 29 28 104  
Sowers, Oregon .... 7 32 14 22 78  
Gavda, WSC .... 6 26 39 31 91  
Keller, Oregon .... 5 24 20 12 68  
Ballantine, OSC .... 4 19 37 20 65  
Henson, Wash. .... 3 33 8 23 74  
Urban, Oregon .... 3 15 23 18 53  
Payne, OSC .... 2 16 22 27 34

**Famous Firsts**  
The 1876 season opened on April 22, with each club being required to play each of the others ten times. The Philadelphia Athletics and New York Mutuals were given the heave-ho at the end of the season for refusing to fulfill that end of their bargain. The guy who made the first National league hit was "Orator Jim" O'Rourke in the first inning against the Athletics. The first run was scored in the second frame by Boston's Tim McGinley, who came in

## Northern Challenger to Come From Corvallis Game

Washington State college, current kingpins of Northern division basketball, wondered today who will challenge them for the circuit crown.  
The answer will come out of Corvallis, Ore., tonight and tomorrow when Washington's displaced front-runners run up against the defending champs of Oregon State.  
Both of the contenders need a sweep; WSC would like to see a split.  
Washington, a half-game behind WSC, still is smarting from its double loss to Oregon on the Eugene floor last week. OSC promises to be even tougher.  
The Huskies could take over first place along by taking both games with WSC idle. Two Oregon State wins would put the Beavers in a knot with the Pullman leaders.  
While the two challengers battle it out at Corvallis, the Oregon Ducks trekked into

Moscow for a two-game set with the Idaho Vandals. They too will be keeping an eye on the Corvallis series because a sweep of the Idaho series and a double loss for Washington could vault the Ducks into third place.

## Junior Leaguers See Fourth Round Of Action Friday

Salem Junior high school's loop circuit goes into the fourth round of league play Friday night with two games on the agenda.  
The main event Friday sees the Parrish Pioneers take on the Leslie Golds at Leslie in an 8 o'clock tussle.  
At West Salem in a night game also slated for 8 p.m., the Giants tangle with the Leslie Blues.

tangle on the Finn floor.  
The 50-year-old series is knotted at 25 games each as a result of a 44-32 victory scored by the Viks over Astoria last week-end in Salem.  
The most likely starting lineup for the Vikings will include Doug Rogers and Jim Rock at the forward spots, Wayne Walling at center and Larry Chamberlain team ed with Daryl Girod at guard.

## Vanport Platoons Defeat Owl Cagers

Portland, Feb. 3 (AP)—Vanport made effective use of the two platoon system to move into undisputed possession of second place in the Oregon Collegiate conference last night with a 58-36 win over Oregon Tech of Klamath Falls.  
The teams battled neck-and-neck until only 12 minutes remained, and the Techmen tired. Then Vanport's platoons ran away with the game.  
It was 22-22 at the half and 28-28 when 12 minutes remained. The winners racked up 30 points in the closing rally, led by Bailey Brem with 16 Paul Heims topped the losers with 12.  
The result left Southern Oregon atop the conference, but with Vanport breaking a three-way deadlock for second place.



**Roof-Top Range** Philippe Cavallo, former golf champion of France, gives a driving lesson to Mme. Solange Gerard Savouret on roof-top range near the Arc de Triomphe, Paris.

## Skiers Finally Start World Champion Races

Rumford, Me., Feb. 3 (AP)—A field of 68 sped off through a picturesque snow-blanketed trail today in quest of two world's ski championships at the same time.  
The race was the 18-kilometer (about 11 miles) cross-country. It serves as a championship in itself, and also as a half of the Nordic combined event. A jumping contest was held Tuesday at Lake Placid, N.Y., in the other half.  
The competition was a one strictly for the rugged Scandinavians, with Sweden, Finland and Norway favored. Sweden and Finland were rated top choices in the race today, and in the combined total competition, even though Norwegians swept the first five places in the jump Tuesday and have won every world's championship since 1924.  
The entries from the United States were not given a look-in. They apparently had not the stamina, born of practice from the toughest age, for the rigors of first rank cross-country competition. Too, their jumps were not too impressive. Crosby Perry-Smith of Gunnison, Colo., did best in the jump with a ninth place finish and Paul Wegeman of Sun Valley, Ida., was 13th.

Verducci.  
Verducci handed in his resignation yesterday, accompanied, a St. Mary's spokesman said, by "certain stipulations." The board met until a late hour last night to talk it over, but adjourned without making a decision.  
The spokesman declined to say what the "stipulations" were, but it was believed they had to do with financial settlement of the \$9000 a year contract.

## Salem Mermen to Meet Rook Tank Team Saturday

Salem high's swimming team, with Vern Persinger at the helm, tangles with the Oregon State college freshman tank crew at Corvallis Saturday morning at 10:30 in the Beaver pool.  
The Vik Mermen's schedule has been cut by inclement weather, and in the lone meet which was held, they racked up a victory over West Linn. Two meets, slated to held with Benson of Portland and Vancouver, Wash., high schools, were cancelled. The Benson meet will be made up February 13 and the Vancouver tilt is slated to be rescheduled for February 22.  
Persinger's crew will travel to Corvallis via car and stay to watch the annual Oregon vs. Oregon State "civil war" swimming meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Beavers' pond.

## Surprise Grid Resignation Is Given St. Mary's

San Francisco, Feb. 3 (AP)—The St. Mary's college board of athletic control meets again today to discuss the surprise resignation of Football Coach Joe

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**Pirates Paid \$100,000** Paul Pettit (left), 18, left-handed high school pitcher from Long Beach, Calif., became the property of the Pittsburgh Pirates when they assumed the obligations of a contract the youth pre-

viously signed with a Hollywood movie producer. The reported cost to the Pirates was \$100,000, believed to be a record for an untried rookie. At right, Business Manager Roy Hamey of the Pirates feels Pettit's arm and wonders if he's got a bargain. (AP Wirephoto)

## Recommends Cauliflower Row Take Rassling Cue

By OSCAR FRALEY  
(United Press Sports Writer)  
New York, Feb. 3 (AP)—The fight racket seemed to have even more world heavyweight champions today than wrestling and there was a growing suspicion that the first ham who moved in with a combination Ezio Pinza-Gorgeous George routine would become boxing's big boy.  
Wrestling, even in the days when it was killing vaudeville, had fewer claimants to its top spot than the current crop of clouters who have too little punch and too much judy. Just to give you an idea here they are:  
Undecided heavyweight champion of the world—Joe Louis.  
NBA heavyweight champion of the world—Ezzard Charles.  
"White" heavyweight champion of the world—Joey Maxim.  
British heavyweight champion of the world—Lee Savold or Bruce Woodcock.  
Nordic and New Jersey heavyweight champion of the world—Jersey Joe Walcott.  
Young man's heavyweight champion of the world—Roland La Starza.  
Old man's heavyweight champion of the world—Jack Dempsey.  
Old, old man's heavyweight champion of the world—Jim Figg.

as "Supermouse," or some such business, with silvery wings attached to the heels of his ring shoes and a cape copied from the golden Superman. Ezard has a claim, considering that he moves out from under a punch better than most of the other "champions."  
Maxim could attire himself in a dazzling white outfit, with his hair—and probably his followers—clothed in black for contrast. And you'll notice I said nothing about mourning.

## Amateur Boxers To Battle For Dimes Wednesday

For the benefit of the Marion county polio fund a group of youngsters will battle it out in the armory arena next Wednesday night. The show will be all amateur, which means that the kids will do their best.  
Ira Filcher, in charge of arrangements, states that complete cooperation is being received from the Portland Pal club, Mt. Angel, Silverton, the state school for boys and local fisticuffers.  
The popular price of 50 cents will rule for spectators.

## Vik Grid Star Selected For Portland Shrine Game

Jim Rock, Salem high school grid great, has been named to a position on the up-state football team for participation in the third annual Shriners hospital benefit game in Portland next August. Announcement as to the selections were made by Earl Riley of Portland, chairman of the game committee.  
Upstate selections were:  
Hedgeroth, Grants Pass; Gary Babcock, Corvallis; Jim Rock, Salem; Dick Brown, John.  
Tackles: Jim Doerfler, Albany; Leo Parson, Medford; Bill Pifer, Hillsboro; Tony Anusich, Marshfield; Pete Scho-

field, Vale.  
Guards: John Greulich, LaGrande; Bill Tubbs, Pendleton; Max Kenzie, Oregon City; Paul Hawkins, Astoria.  
Centers: Keith Romano, Klamath Falls; Dave Love, Eugene.  
Quarterbacks: Barney Holland, Marshfield; Frank Hixon, LaGrande.  
Halfbacks: Jack Morris, Medford; Vernon Craft, Grants Pass; Bob Haskins, Mt. Angel; Adolph Rutamiman, Hillsboro; Charles Brackett, LaGrande; Glen Wendler, Milton-Freewater.  
Fullbacks: Wayne Berry, LaGrande; Vernon LeRoy, McMinnville; Charles Cody, Hood River.  
Alternates: John Spreen, Albany; quarterbacks: Graie Hunt, Tisdard, guard: Larry Middleton, Hillsboro, tackle: Dale Briggs, Milwaukie, back.  
Coaches will be Don Mabee, LaGrande; Jim Davis, Hillsboro and Pete Suck, Marshfield.

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