

Crucial District Hurdles Await Four Squads Friday

The chips are down Friday night for four of the contestants in the District 11 basketball tournament who will meet on the Salem high gym floor in games slated for 7 and 8:30 o'clock.

In the curtain raiser, Silverton meets Mt. Angel while Sacred Heart and Stayton are matched for the nightcap. Each of the four teams has already sustained one setback, and District 11 double elimination rules drop a team from competition after a second defeat.

Silverton was edged by Sacred Heart in the opening round while Mt. Angel was stopped in an upset victory by the Stayton Eagles in the initial night of play.

The Cardinals' loss to Salem

Wednesday put them in the game with Stayton, loser to Woodburn on Wednesday night.

Three of the state's top high school basketball teams moved within a game of district titles last night, the Associated Press reported. All could clinch matters tonight.

La Grande, long the District 1 favorite, romped over Vale, 61-46, in the first game of their playoff. Another win tonight would give La Grande a berth in the state tournament at Eugene.

Eugene in District 6, nosed out Willamette of Eugene, 50-48, to remain unbeaten in a round-robin play-off there. A win by Eugene high over St. Mary's of Eugene would end the affair tonight.

High-scoring Central Cath-

olic of Portland moved into the finals of the District 13 tournament at Gresham with a 62-42 win over Parkrose. Gresham will be the opponent in the finals tonight. Gresham downed Estacada last night, 39-31.

The District 8 tourney also opened last night with favored Newberg trampling Sheridan, 63-27. Dallas defeated McMinnville in another game, 43-37. Semi-finals will be played Saturday night with Newberg meeting Dallas.

In Class B action, Rogue River, the Jackson county champion, became the second team to qualify for the state tournament at Astoria. The Rogues defeated Sacred Heart of Klamath Falls, 52-38. It was a second

straight win, and gave them the District 5-B crown.

Alsea in District 3-B was the first team to qualify.

In District 1-B Tillamook Catholic eliminated Gaston, 64-53, while the favored Garibaldi team downed Knappa, 46-26.

The District 2-B tourney opened with Monmouth, Amity, St. Boniface of Sublimity, and Gervais winning. Sublimity will face Amity and Monmouth will oppose Gervais tonight.

In District 6-B Arlington, Heppner, Fossil and Condon came through with opening round wins.

In District 8-B favored Union chalked up a first-round win along with Wallowa, Elgin and Powder Valley.



Faculty Team Willamette faculty members who will uphold the physical education department in next Thursday night's District versus W Club basketball game at 8 o'clock. Left to right, Chester Stackhouse, football coach and physical director; Dr. Egbert Oliver, of the English department; Ambrose D'Esque, line coach; Prof. Maurice Cohn of the accounting department and Johnny Lewis, basketball coach.

Wolfe-Ball Fistic Show Rescheduled for Armory

The 10 round engagement between Indian Dick Wolfe and Davey Ball, planned for the last V.F.W. boxing show at the armory, but postponed due to an injury suffered by Ball, will feature next Wednesday night's program at the armory.

Wolfe displayed considerable ability last week in disposing of Al Cliff who substituted for Ball. The latter is reported as having completely recovered from a cut over an eye and, according to Matchmaker Ted Salkeld, will be in good shape for the Wolfe scrap.

Wolfe and Ball have boxed three times, with Wolfe winning the first encounter in the ninth when Ball broke a hand. The second bout, staged in Eugene, resulted in a split decision for Wolfe. They were rematched for a third session which was stopped in the ninth when Ball received a

badly cut eye to a head butt.

A six round semi-final and three four round preliminaries will complete the card. A reduction in admission charges will be in effect for the program.

Roosevelt Leads With 108 Night Trotting Dates

New York — Long Island's Roosevelt Raceway at Westbury, regarded as the country's major harness racing track, again has the lead in the East with 108 nights of racing this year. The meeting opens on May 22 and continues through Sept. 23.

The spacious plant will have a competitor this year in Yonkers Raceway, the former Empire City thoroughbred track in Westchester county. Yonkers has listed 63 night dates. They are split into three meetings, April 27 for 21 nights, a 12-night summer meeting from Aug. 15 through Aug. 28 and a 30-night fall session, Sept. 25 through Oct. 28.

The Eastern season again will be launched at Harrington, Del., with a 20-night meeting beginning April 26.

Traditional Grand Circuit meetings at Goshen, N. Y., are listed for June 3-7 at Historic Track and Aug. 7-12 at Good Time Park where the \$85,000 Hambletonian trot is set for Aug. 9.

Other Eastern dates announced by the United States Trotting association follow:

Buffalo Raceway at Hamburg, N. Y., 60 nights from May 22 to July 29.

Batavia Downs at Batavia, N. Y., 60 nights from July 31 to Sept. 30.

Rosecroft Raceway at Oxon Hill, Md., 24 nights from May 22 to June 17.

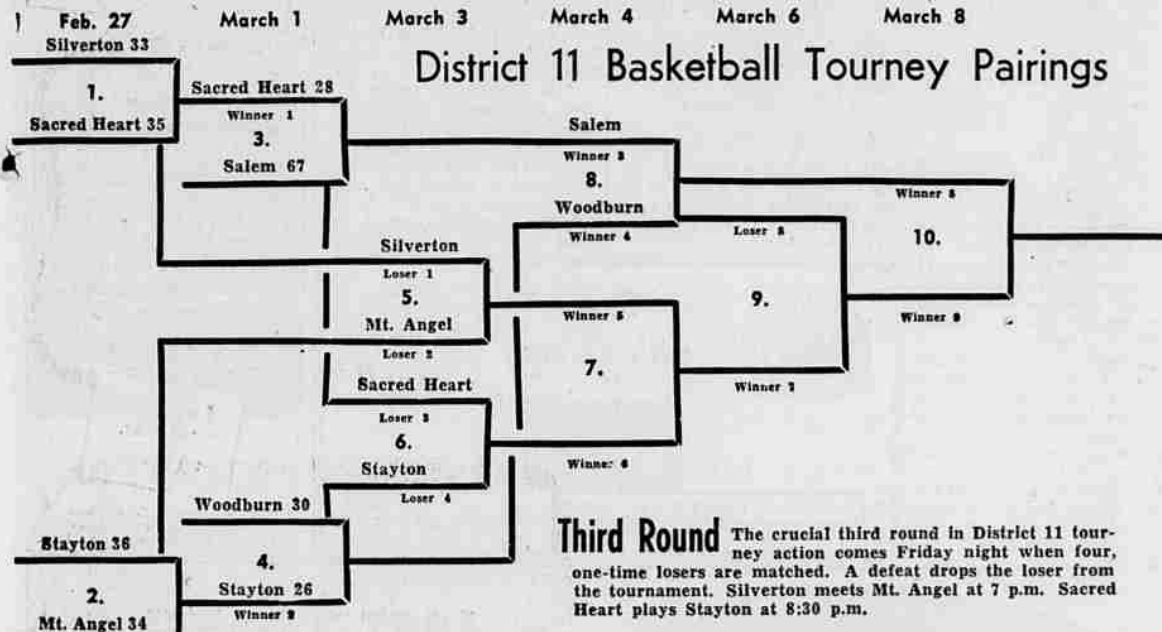
Laurel Raceway at Laurel, Md., 22 nights from June 19 to July 13.

Baltimore Raceway, 22 nights from July 14 to Aug. 8.

Ocean Downs at Ocean City, Md., 20 nights from Aug. 10 to Sept. 2.

Syracuse, N. Y., State Fair, five days from Sept. 4 to 8.

The Lexington Trojans at Lexington, Ky., will hold its meeting from Sept. 27 through Oct. 7 featured by the \$80,000 Kentucky Futurity on Oct. 5.



Sports Calendar

March 3	
BASKETBALL	District 11 tournament, Salem high gym, 7 and 8:15 p.m.
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City Loop Scores	
CHURCH LEAGUE	
Knight Memorial (25)	(17) Leslie Meth.
Conover 13	Griffenden
Taxner 9	Murray
Davis 5	Adams
McKinney 4	Verdeck
	Dean
C. S. Christian (31)	(27) 1st Christ.
Lyman 10	Wright
Vanaab 9	West
Moore 9	Verdeck
Pfeiffer 5	16 Lebold
Margel 7	2 Boyes
Presbyterian (54)	(23) 1st Methodist
Angle 19	2 McGee
Myers 23	7 Smith
Knapp 13	3 Solt
Morgan 11	2 McMinn
Madden 3	8 Newwander
Benson 3	4 Cole
84 Mark (43)	(42) Cal. Baptist
Rex 4	10 Raymond
Gentlemen 2	17 Green
Zenke 18	3 Isaac
Stewart 12	4 Martin
Brown 5	6 Gehour
Walker 3	2 Burcham
	Letter Day Saints forfeited to Church of God, First Baptist forfeited to Salvation Army.

Post Season Cage Contests Move to Complete Lineups

By JOHN GRIFFIN (United Press Sports Editor)

New York, March 3 (U.P.)—The big post-season basketball tournaments started moving fast today as Syracuse entered the national invitation with Long Island U. certain to follow, and Bradley given a shot at a spot in the NCAA tourney.

The selection of Syracuse, with a record of 17 wins and six defeats, left seven spots still open in the NIT.

And one of those was sure to go to LIU, either today or only hours later. The Blackbirds sewed it up last night when they trounced a top-notch Hamline university team, 63 to 52, in Madison Square Garden.

It was the 20th victory in 24 games for the men of Coach Clair Bee and they achieved it despite a 33-point spurge by Hal Haskins of Hamline. LIU, paced by Sher-

man White's 18 points, never was behind. Hamline, with 27 wins and two losses, is headed for the NAB tourney in Kansas City.

Bradley, already entered in the NIT, was delighted at getting a chance at the district five spot in the NCAA.

The Braves had coveted both slots, but were told last Tuesday by the district five selection committee that they had forfeited their right to an NCAA bid by accepting the NIT. Following inquiries from Bradley and protests from Braves' supporters, the selection committee reversed itself in a meeting in Kansas City last night and declared Bradley was eligible.

So, now, Bradley, champion of the Missouri Valley conference, will tangle with the Big Seven champion for the district five slot. The Big Seven king will be either Nebraska or Kansas State. Whichever it is, Brad-

ley will be favored in the play-off.

That means the Braves are likely to try the stunt that Kentucky tried last year — play in both tourneys. The Wildcats won the NCAA, lost in the NIT.

And Kentucky is moving toward an entry in one or both again. The Wildcats start seeking their eighth straight South-eastern conference championship tonight when they tangle with Mississippi State in the SEC tourney at Louisville, Ky. It's a quarter-final game, and the Wildcats aren't expected to have trouble until probably the final round.

Gill Coliseum Housed 87,463 In Banner Year

Corvallis, March 3 (AP)—Oregon State college's basketball team player before more hometown rooters this year than ever before, Athletic Director Roy (Spee) Keene said yesterday.

The 14-game home season drew 87,463 fans. It was attributable largely to the new 10,200-seat Gill Coliseum which replaced a 3,500-capacity court.

St. Mary's Inks New Grid Coach

Moraga, Calif., March 3 (AP)—Joe Ruetz, former Notre Dame star guard, has been signed as head football coach at St. Mary's college.

Bearcats Close Season Play Friday with L&C

With the championship of the Northwest conference already written into the records books to the credit of Coach Johnny Lewis' squad, Willamette university will bring down the curtain on regular season competition at 8 o'clock Friday night. Their opponents will be the Lewis & Clark Pioneers, twice victims to 'Cat attack.

As has been the case all season the burden of the offense is expected to be carried by five Willamette sophomores—Ted Loder, Doug Loder, Hugh Bellinger, Lou Scrivens, Dick Brouwer or Chuck Robinson.

The two senior members of the squad—Pete Bryant and Al Fedje are almost certain to see action, for it will be their

final appearance under the Cardinal and Gold colors.

Bob Pollard, big 6 foot 7 ace, is the chief scorer for the Pioneers.



Planning Sports writers, broadcasters and university coaches and officials go into a huddle over press accommodations for the new \$100,000 McCullough football stadium. Back row: left to right, Chester Stackhouse, physical director and head football coach; John Lewis, basketball coach; Chris Kowitz, Jr., Oregon Journal; Travis Cross, director of information, Willamette; Tom Yates, statistician; bottom row—Fred E. Zimmerman, Capital Journal; Dave Hoss, KSLM; Robert Fenix, financial vice president of Willamette; Dick Nason, KOCO and Julian "Buck" Smith, line coach.

Perhaps Higbe Can Do Something for Lippy!

Phoenix, Ariz. March 3 (U.P.)—New York Giants manager Leo Durocher thinks it's fine that pitcher Kirby Higbe has "accepted Christ" as a follower of Evangelist Billy Graham.

"If it helps his pitching," said Leo the Lip, "I'll send for this Graham fellow immediately."

Higbe said he signed a contract with the Lord after a 30-minute talk with Graham in Columbia, S. C., last week and would "carry the word of Christ" to the rest of the Giants.

"Billy's a good preacher

and a fine fellow," the big righthander said. "I went to all of his meetings in Columbia and signed a 'decision' card before I left."

The card meant he "accepted Christ as the Savior" Higbee explained.

The hurler, who joined New York last year after six seasons with Brooklyn, said he intended to carry the word of Christ to other players this season. He wasn't sure, however, exactly how he would go about it.

"I'm no preacher, but I'll do

all I can," he vowed.

Higbe doesn't think he'll have much trouble talking to other players, although he still hasn't figured out how to approach "I'm reading my Bible and fill have more to say later" the drawing hurler said. "Ball players are a good bunch and I guess a lot of them know more about religion than I could tell them."

Higbe, a church-goer all his life, said he was attracted to Graham's "Crusade for Christ" because he always had been interested in religion.

"I never felt so wonderful in my life as I did after meeting Billy," he said.

Higbe said prayers have helped him out of a few tight spots on the diamond. He said they give him a boost whenever "the going gets tough."

Durocher is anxious to see what effect Higbe's religion will have on his pitching. He hopes it will improve his two-woon two-loc record made last season as a relief pitcher.

Beavers Cling to Slim Hope of Division Knot

(By the Associated Press)

Oregon State college, its hopes for a co-hold on the Northern division basketball title as much in the hands of the Idaho Vandals as themselves, clashes tonight and Saturday with the University of Washington.

The Seattle series, along with Idaho's two-game set with Washington State, rings down the curtain on the division schedule.

The Beavers need a double miracle to draw even with the pace-setting Washington State college Cougars. Not only must OSC knock over Washington twice on the Se-

attle floor, but Idaho must trip the Cougars in both week-end meetings. Neither will be any cinch.

Washington has lost only four games on its home floor and only WSC was able to take a pair.

Currently Washington and Idaho are tied for third, two games behind Oregon State which, in turn, is two games behind WSC. Oregon, its season completed, is two games back of the Huskies and Vandals.

Tonight's WSC-Vandal tilt is on the Idaho floor. Saturday finds the two clubs switching back.

Emma Jean Makes Mountain Folk Gawk—at Hoop Record

By PAUL DUKE

Pennington Gap, Va., Mar. 3 (AP)—The folks who figure the fellows have it all over the gals on the basketball court doubtless never heard tell of Emma Jean Yeary.

But the mountain folks who inhabit this southwest Virginia hill town know there never has been anybody like Emma Jean. The things Emma Jean, 17, does with a basketball make the guys gawk in amazement.

Her record: 954 points in 24 games for Pennington gap high school during the 1949-50 season.

Unbelievable? Well, consider this. In Pennington's last five games, the tall, blonde ace—she reaches almost six-foot-three slipped in 304 points.

On Feb. 18, Emma Jean scored 63 points as the Pennington Gap lassies squeaked past Keokee, 71-70. Next night, on the same court, she clicked off another 63 mark-

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