

# Vikings, Fans Join Trek to 1950 State Tournament

## NAIB Cagers Eye First Rounders, Pilots Win

Kansas City, March 14 (AP)—Sixteen more basketball teams spill onto Municipal auditorium floor today and tonight to wind up first round games in the annual NAIB tournament.

The six-day tournament, sponsored by the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball, looks like it will be a wide-open scramble.

Even top-seeded Hamline university, defending champion and a first night winner, doesn't get much of a nod over the field.

In eight first round games yesterday only one team won by more than 10 points, Davis and Elkins (W. Va.) breezed by St. Thomas college of St. Paul, Minn., 79-55.

Hamline rallied in the second half last night to win from Regis college of Denver, Colo., 74-66 after trailing by 11 points in the first half. The two schools met in the finals last year, but Regis had only a mediocre record this season and wasn't figured to give Hamline much of an argument.

But if the Pied Pipers weren't impressive in their opening victory, they indicated they'll make a serious bid with Hal Haskins to repeat as the tournament's outstanding player.

The six-foot-three forward won the award last year and started his quest for this year's nomination with a 33-point performance against Regis.

In other games yesterday

University of Portland, Ore., defeated Montana university 48-47, Tampa (Fla.), won from New Mexico A. & M. 85-75, and Central (Mo.) college won from Nebraska State Teachers of Peru, 68-59.

Southeastern Louisiana college was paired against Puget Sound at 9 a.m. (PST) today to open the firing and River Falls State Teachers college (Wis.) and Eastern Illinois, another seeded team, drew the 8:30 p.m. (PST) pairing tonight.

## Collegiate Loop Includes Football in 1950 Schedule

Portland, Ore., March 14 (AP)—The Oregon Collegiate conference will include football in its 1950 program.

Representatives made the decision here yesterday and a rules committee was appointed to draw up eligibility procedure. Previously basketball was the only sport conducted by the new conference.

Conference members are Southern Oregon college, Eastern Oregon college, Oregon College of Education, Vanport and Oregon Technical Institute.

Salem high's Vikings joined the trek of fans and teams to Eugene Tuesday as the Lane county city became Oregon's basketball capital for the week to host the annual high school A tournament.

A double header opens the 1950 tourney Tuesday night. The Viki's go into action Wednesday morning at 10:15 when they tackle Scappoose. Earlier in the morning, Dallas, the district 8 representative, is matched with the Jefferson Democrats from Portland.

Milwaukee meets Corvallis, 1948 champion, in the initial clash which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at McArthur court. The second contest Tuesday pits Marshfield against Hillsboro.

The Eugene Active club, which has undertaken promotion of the tournament, has prepared a guide booklet and has arranged for housing for teams and the throngs of students who make the annual trip to Eugene.

The 16 district championship teams entered in the annual tournament will end action Saturday night when the first and second place teams are determined in the title game.

Competition this year is expected to be tougher than in recent post-war years. The Salem Vikings, generally rated above the favored team of 1949 which was knocked from championship competition in their first game, are not rated above a half-dozen other contenders in the race for the 1950 crown.

The games of the Vikings and of Dallas will be carried by KOCO in Salem.

Coach Harold Hawk and members of his Salem high school basketball team will be heard over radio station KOCO at 7:45 Monday night, on the eve of their first appearance in the 32nd annual state basketball tournament at Eugene. Sports-caster Bruce Williams will interview the hoopsters.

## Gilson Signed to Senators Staff of Baseball Pitchers

Stan Gilson, a right handed pitcher who won 15 and lost four while playing with Klamath Falls of the Far Western league last season, has signed a Salem Senator contract. Announcement to this effect was made Tuesday by George Emigh, business manager.

Gilson, a resident of Los Angeles, was with Tacoma for a time during the 1948 Western International season. He is 24 years old, 5 feet 11 and weight 170 pounds.

Emigh reports that 10 pitchers are now under Salem contract. They do not include John Bruuk, Bob Drilling, Cal McIrwin and Ray McNulty who are now with the Portland Beavers in their Riverside, Cal., training camp.

All told 24 players have signed contracts. They will report for spring training at Corvallis late this month.

## Kentucky-CCNY Battle Highlights NIT Slate

By NORMAN MILLER (United Press Sports Writer) New York, March 14 (AP)—

Second-seeded Kentucky meets City College of New York and third-seeded Duquesne plays Lasalle tonight in the remaining quarter-finals of the national invitation basketball tournament for the right to join Bradley and St. John's in Thursday night's semi-finals.

And if the games follow last night's pattern, in which top-seeded Bradley whipped Syracuse, 78 to 66, and fourth-ranked St. John's beat Western Kentucky, 69 to 60, at Madison Square Garden, this year's tourney will have a round-of-four made up wholly of seeded teams.

The Wildcats from the Bluegrass country were favored by four points to defeat CCNY but unseeded Lasalle of Philadelphia was a three-point choice to eliminate the Dukes from Pitts-

burgh. Survivors of tonight's game will meet in the semi-finals, Thursday, while Bradley will play St. John's.

Both games last night followed almost identical patterns, the Braves from Peoria, Ill., and St. John's racing to victory after the mid-point of the final half, following tight struggles for 30 minutes before a crowd of 17,500.

Troubled no little by the towering height advantage of the Hilltoppers, St. John's wore the Kentuckians down with a race-horse game in the first half and then slowed down abruptly to a possession game in the second half.

The tactics paid off for the resourceful Redmen, who battled through seven ties and five lead changes during the first half and trailed 29 to 30 at the intermission.

Bradley similarly was given a stiff battle by Syracuse before staging a late rally in a rough game marked by 59 fouls. The Braves struggled through nine ties and six lead changes in the first half before a three-point play by Gene Melchiorre gave them a 40 to 39 advantage at halftime.

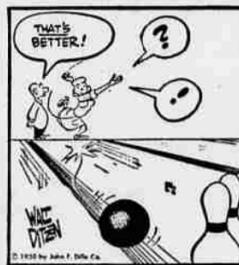
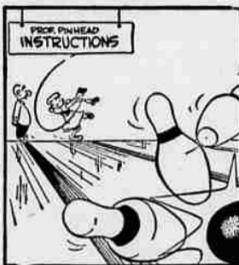
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## FAN FARE

By Walt Ditzon



## Wallick-Stojack Booked in Mainer

Leo Wallick and Fran Stojack will provide the main event entertainment in Tuesday night's weekly wrestling production at the armory. The men have reportedly put up a side bet of \$100 with the winner to take the cash.

The preliminary program of three bouts will start at 8:30 with Johnny Pavich meeting Glen Detton. The second bout pairs Jack O'Riley and Karl Grey. Charley Carr will meet Andy Truman in the third match.

## SEEN NOTHING YET!

## Gorgeous Gussie Calls For Sensational Togs

By GERALDINE HILL

London, March 14 —California tennis star Gertrude "Georgia Gussie" Moran may excite and shock staid Wimbledon this year with a peekaboo blouse and frilly trousers, the designer of her tennis togs said today. "Wimbledon has seen nothing until Gorgeous Gussie steps on to the center court in June,"

British Designer Teddy Tinning said.

Tinning, who quit as official host at Wimbledon recently because he designed sensational lace panties and other unorthodox tennis wear for Gussie, said "the world is starved for femininity and Gussie is going to give them that old appeal they crave for."

"She is the most provocative of all tennis stars," Tinning said. Gussie, a top ranking star, already has caused two sensations in the tennis world because of her "daring clothing." Necks craned at Wimbledon last year when she introduced lace panties. Critics howled at Cairo, Egypt, last week-end when she stepped on the court in black shorts.

"If my client shocked the Egyptian world by playing in plain, ordinary black tennis shorts," Tinning said, "goodness knows what they will think of Gussie's new dresses." Then the designer disclosed some of the details of the costumes Gussie may wear at Wimbledon.

"She may wear a two-piece ensemble showing a bare midriff—a Broderie Anglaise blouse and skirts with enough holes and slits to appear to the most Casanova of all men," Tinning said.

"Or a simple dress with cross-over shoulder straps," showing plenty of what's under the cross-over," he added.

"Or she may choose to wear a revealing blouse and calf-length frilly trousers." Tinning said Gussie had not yet made up her mind about a choice of costume. But he said he had sent her four sketches after she asked him to design "something really sensational for next summer's matches."

## Walcott Adds to Argument for Shot At Title with Kayo

Philadelphia, March 14 (AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott, who wants a fourth crack at the heavyweight boxing title, added weight to his argument last night at the expense of Baltimore's Johnny Skhor.

The 36-year-old Camden, N. J., ring veterans belted Skhor with an overhead right after 1:34 of the first round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the arena.

Skhor toppled backwards like a felled redwood tree. He made an effort to rise at the count of six but dropped on his face, unable to continue. He finally managed to leave the ring under his own power.

## Humane Society Curbs Appearance Of Rassel's Bear

Portland, March 14 (AP)—Gus, 470-pound wrestling bear, didn't make his scheduled free-for-all appearance against four human opponents last night. The Oregon Humane society said "No," and police were on hand to enforce the stand.

As a result, owner-trainer Billy Fox commented: "I guess I'll just have to head back for Ohio. They love Gus in Cleveland."

## Skits and Scratches

By FRED ZIMMERMAN, Capital Journal Sports Editor

### Trials of a Coach

While he doesn't approve of it, Coach Harold Hawk naturally takes advantage of all pre-tournament scouting that comes his way. With this in mind he made the long trip to Seaside late last week to observe the Scappoose Indians in action. He saw the Indians (the team his Vikings will meet Wednesday forenoon) nose the Gulls and then started home. Hawk encountered five inches of snow over the mountains, had a flat tire, and eventually got in bed about 2 a.m. What is more important he saw a good basketball game and came away pretty much impressed with the abilities of the Gulls and the Indians.

### Scappoose Looks Good

Hawk recognizes that scores mean little when one district is checked against another without actual competition. Nevertheless, Scappoose has the necessary height, all five starters being six feet or over, and the fact that they beat Seaside on the Gulls' own floor is an indication that they know what the game is all about. Seaside downed Astoria twice this season (only time this has happened in the history of the two schools). Hawk reports two of the Gulls are about as clever as any coach could desire. Salem turned in two decisive wins over the Fishermen this season (51-21 and 44-32). So, it would seem that the Salem-Scappoose contest scheduled for the 10:15 spot Wednesday forenoon could develop into quite a struggle. Tournament competition is old stuff for Salem cagers and the Viki's should not suffer from stage fright. In a single elimination tourney there is no opportunity to conduct salvage operations after a first round defeat. The best after that is the fifth place trophy.

### Teams Appear Strong

With at least eight quint's of the 16 involved appearing particularly strong, one would need an absolutely flawless crystal ball to select the winner. And even then one could be fooled by an undetected shadow in the background. Quite often the first encounter for any given team is the toughest, and once over that one the rest of the road, while rocky, may be comparatively easy. Portland will toss three strong contenders into the struggle—Roosevelt, Jefferson and Central Catholic. The Catholics have taken part several times and one of these years they are going to break through. The series will involve seven University of Oregon graduates, and three each from Willamette and Oregon State. The former Webfoots are Bill Borchert, Marshfield; Rollie Rourke, Roosevelt; Hank Kuchera, Eugene; Hank Anderson, Grants Pass; Don Mabee, LaGrande; Roger Wiley of Bend and Irv Elder of Scappoose. Harold Hawk of Salem, Gordon Kunke of Dallas and Wayne Sturtivant will represent Willamette; Fred Osborn, Corvallis; Bob Mulder of Central Catholic and George Hibbard, Jefferson, are the OSC graduates. Vern Cook of Seaside is a Pacific alumnus; Lou Samsa, Hillsboro, is from Colorado A and M, and Gerald Markee of Mac Hi, Milton-Freewater, gained his degree at Linfield.

### Many Repeaters

Ten of last year's tournament contenders are back for another try at the biggest hunk of hardware: Marshfield, Salem, Jefferson, Milwaukie, Hillsboro, Scappoose, Bend, LaGrande, Central Catholic and Roosevelt. Marshfield, Salem and Jefferson are making their third consecutive trips. Salem and Astoria are co-champs in the matter of the number of state titles, each with six. On top of that the Vikings hold the record for taking part in the championship the greatest number of times—14 in all. Ted Sarpola of Astoria and Glen Sanford of Salem are tied for all-state honors, each having been selected three times. Sanford's case is unusual in that he never played on a team that won the championship. In 1930 Salem lost to Astoria, 32 to 17. The following year the Viki's bowed to Pendleton, 31 to 29, and in 1932 the Fishermen triumphed again, 31-29.

## Smelt Run Pass Cowlitz River

Longview, Wash., March 14 (AP)—Columbia river smelt are past the mouth of the Cowlitz river near here and heading for the Lewis and Sandy riv-

ers according to state fisheries inspectors.

Smelt were spotted yesterday off the Kalama river. However, inspectors said they may turn back into the Cowlitz at any time.

## Opposing High School Pitchers Toss No-Hitters

Los Angeles, March 14 (AP)—The opposing pitchers in a high school baseball game here each turned in no-hit games.

Lefty Schmidt of Leuzinger and Dick Gerakos of Mt. Carmel were on the mound yesterday as Leuzinger won 1-0. Schmidt struck out seven batters in winning while Gerakos struck out 12 in losing.

The lone run came when a Leuzinger batter was hit by a pitched ball, stole second and then came home on a wild throw.

## Webfoots Slate Nebraska Grid Series in '52

Eugene, Ore., March 14 (AP)—A home-and-home football series between University of Oregon and University of Nebraska has been scheduled, Leo Harris, Oregon athletic director, announced today.

Nebraska will appear against the Ducks on Hayward field here Sept. 27, 1952. In a return encounter, Oregon will meet the Cornhuskers at Lincoln Sept. 19, 1953, in Oregon's opening game of that season.

## Slats Optimistic Over 1950 Season

Portland, Ore., March 14 (AP)—Close on the heels of Oregon State college's mediocre 1950 basketball season, Coach Slat Gill eyed next year's prospects optimistically Monday in a talk to Portland OC alumni at the Portland hotel.

Gill said he'll work hard to produce a top-flight quintet. His work was praised by Loyd Carter, Portland alumni president.

## One, Two, Three in Title Test

Brother-and-sister teams that took the first three places in the world pairs' figure skating championship in London, swing into line during a practice session at Wembley Pool. Left to right: Carol and Peter Kennedy, of Seattle, Wash., winners; Jennifer and John Nicks, of England, second; and Marianne and Lasso Nagy, of Hungary, third.

## Woolens Defeat Warners For Second Half Title

By beating Warner Motors, 36

Lumber. Page Woolens annexed the second half championship of the American division, City basketball league. The Woolens had previously won the first half crown and there is a prospect the quint may tangle with the National loop champions for the league title.

12th Street Market beat West Salem Merchants 49 to 36 Monday night while Knights of Columbus forfeited to Epping

Page Woolens (36)	(29) Warner Mot.
Land 21	4 Cotton
Butte 4	4 Benson
McMurrin 6	4 Hissell
Page 1	4 Coffey
Subs: W. M. Niwander 2, A. McGregor 2, D. McGreor 2. Half time: P. W. 12, W. M. 16.	
W. S. Merchants (36)	(40) 12th Street
Buckley 12	7 Atkinson
Lyle 7	12 Davies
Skuski 3	10 Duvall
Riley 2	4 Weaver
Subs: W. S. M. Veer 5, 12th St. Miles 6, Blacha 4. Half time: 47.35, 25, 12 St. 19.	

## Race Promoter To Bid for Oval At Sheriff's Sale

Portland, March 14 (AP)—Racing promoter William P. Kyme said here yesterday he would try to regain control of the Portland Meadows at a sheriff's auction next Monday.

The track, built by Kyme in 1946, was put on the auction block by a mortgage foreclosure.

The Californian said he had asked the state racing commission for a 40-day race meet here this year.

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