

Mill City, Jeff, Valsetz, Saints Advance in B-2

Semi-Final Games at Willamette U Tonight



Tournament Workers Hard at work laying plans for the state class B basketball tournament at Willamette university March 12, 13 and 14 are these members of the Salem Exchange club, sponsoring organization. Seated, left to right, Oscar Specht, general chairman; Pete Geiser, Salem Exchange club president; Les Sprks, tournament director; Otto Wilson, ticket sales chairman. Standing, from left, Del Findley, program chairman; Jim Henry, visitors chairman; Bob Hamilton, publicity chairman; Bob Gormson, gate chairman; Glen Fravel, awards chairman; Otto Skopli, hosts chairman; and George Martin, secretary of the exchange club.

By CHRIS KOWITZ, JR.
Teams from Marion and Polk counties are all that remain in contention for district B-2 basketball championship honors today. They are Mill City, Jefferson and Sublimity from Marion county and Valsetz from Polk county.

Those four teams came through with victories last night as the district B-2 tournament got underway at Willamette university. Mill City eliminated Gervais of Marion county 49-36. Jefferson thumped Yamhill of Yamhill county 61-47. Valsetz downed Corbett of Multnomah county 68-47, and Sublimity nudged Colton of Clackamas county 55-54 in the last 12 seconds.

Mill City meets Jefferson at 7 o'clock and Valsetz tangles with Sublimity at 8:30 in semi-final games at Willamette tonight. The two winners will clash at 8:30 Saturday to determine the district championship and the right to enter the state class B tournament at Willamette next week.

Districts 8 and 11 Active

Six Ex-Champs Play in Women's Golf Tourney

Jacksonville, Fla. (AP)—Six former national amateur women's golf champions—all now in the pro ranks—head the field in the Jacksonville Women's Open starting Friday.

Two of them—Babe Zaharias and Louise Suggs—are among the three favorites in the 54-hole three-day tournament here.

Third favorite is Betsy Rawls, top money winning woman golfer in 1952.

The other former national champs in the field are Patty Berg, Betty Jameson, Beverly Hanson and Jackie Pung.

Mrs. Pung is playing her third tournament as a pro after winning the 1952 national amateur title at Portland, Ore.

High School Teams Slate Activity at Mac, Salem

District 8 and 11 basketball tournaments swing back into action tonight after layoffs. District 8 has been inactive since last Saturday, while district 11 took Thursday night off.

In district 8 games at the McMinnville armory, McMinnville faces Dayton and Dallas tangles with Newberg in semi-final games.

The McMinnville-Dayton tussle is scheduled for 7:30, with the Dallas-Newberg tilt to follow at about 8:45.

Winners of Friday night games at McMinnville will advance into the Saturday finals, with the winner of that game to go to the state tournament.

Salem high school is the site of the double-elimination district 11 tournament, and tonight's games, the first at 7 o'clock, send Sacred Heart against Woodburn and Silverton opposite Cascade.

Since all four teams involved in tonight's play have lost one tournament game so far, tonight's losers will drop out of the tournament.

Two more games are scheduled for Saturday. In the opener, Stayton and Salem, only undefeated teams in the tournament, will play each other. The nightcap sends the winners of tonight's game opposite each other.

Salem, as usual, is top-heavy favorite to capture the district 11 title and go to the state tournament in Eugene March 17-21.

While the class A schools are hooping off their district tournaments, district 2 of class B swings into its semi-final round with two games at Willamette university in Salem tonight. (See separate story.)

Figure Skating Championships Start Today

Cleveland (AP)—A United States team including two world's champions opposed a team of 12 Canadian stars in the North American figure skating championships opening here Friday.

Mill City's superiority on the backboards began to tell in the third quarter, and Mill City scored eight points at the outset of that period before Gervais managed to score at all. That gave coach Burton Boroughs' club a 41-29 lead, and it was easy from there.

Elton Gregory led Mill City's scoring department with 19 points. Fourteen of them came in the second half. Gb Thompson was high for Gervais with 11.

JEFFERSON 61, YAMHILL 44
Jeff built up an 18-8 lead in the first period, and didn't experience a great deal of difficulty protecting his lead after that. Yamhill made its last bid late in the first half, when it scored eight straight points to close Jefferson's lead to six points, 28-22, but Jefferson dominated play in the second half, even though the Lions used substitutes a lot.

Dale Wattenbarger's 31 points sparked the Jeffmen's triumph. Dave Wilde of Yamhill, a crack shot from 20 and 25 feet out, led Yamhill with 14.

VALSETZ 68, CORBETT 47
Dwayne Fournier and Rich-

Basketball Scores

(By The Associated Press)

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT
(First Round)

West Virginia 61, Furman 57.
Maryland 74, Duke 66.
Wake Forest 64, Richmond 50.
NC State 56, North Carolina 54.

NCAA PLAYOFFS

PENNSYLVANIA
Geneva 71, Millersville 67 (final).

TEXAS
East Texas 76, Texas Wesleyan 53 (final).

KENTUCKY
East Tenn. 84, Tenn. Tech 83 (final).
David Lipscomb 70, Austin Peay 66 (consolation).

WISCONSIN
River Falls State 62, Carroll 77 (final).

IOWA
Iowa State 56, St. Ambrose 53 (final).

NEW ENGLAND
Arnold 73, Bridgport 69 (final).

OKLAHOMA
Southwestern Okla. 77, Central Okla. 74 (final).

Other Games
Brigham Young 69, Denver 46.
McMurry (Tex.) 80, Abilene Christian 66.
Waco 64, Slippery Rock 74.
Oklahoma A&M 68, Houston 63.
Cincinnati 78, Miami (Ohio) 75.
Utah Branch Astor 69, Ricks 66.

HIGH SCHOOL

DISTRICT 1-B TOURNAMENT
Garfield 44, Knappa 43.
Gaston 25, Star of the Sea (Astoria) 20.

DISTRICT 6-B TOURNAMENT
Natus 41, Culver 34.
Arlington 64, St. Mary's (The Dalles) 48.
Cascadia 40, Forest 34.

DISTRICT 11-A TOURNAMENT
Sandy 33, Concordia (Portland) 45.
Etacada 50, Columbia Prep (Port.) 44.

DISTRICT 3-A PLAYOFF
Lakewood 41, Primrose 37.

DISTRICT 6-B TOURNAMENT
Lewiston 41, Walden 37.
Brownsville 62, Tynasite Lake 40.

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All District B Titles to Be Settled This Weekend

(By The Associated Press)

Playoffs will settle every class B district title in the state this week-end, while class A high school basketball teams continue play that could see all but four district crowns awarded.

Of the top 10 teams in the Associated Press poll only one so far is assured of entry to the state tournaments. That is Cleveland of Portland, ranked No. 9 in the state. All of the ranking teams are in class A.

The top-ranking team, undefeated The Dalles, must play Pendleton in a two-of-three series for the district 2 title.

Marshfield, the No. 2 team, has a similar series with Reedsport for the crown in district 5. Medford, tied for No. 3, faces Crater in a similar series in district 4.

Eugene, tied with Medford for No. 3, is in one of the districts that will not settle its championship until next week. Eugene is involved in a double-elimination tournament in district 6.

By districts, this is the class A schedule:

1. Baker at Ontario Friday night in the first of a two-of-three series.
2. The Dalles vs. Pendleton Friday night in the start of a best-of-three series.
3. Lakeview defeated Primrose, 43-32, Thursday night to gain entry to a tournament opening Friday night. Redmond, Bend, and Madras are the other entrants. Redmond is ranked No. 7 in the state.
4. Medford vs. Crater Friday night in a two-of-three series.
5. Marshfield vs. Reedsport Friday night in the start of a two-of-three series.
6. Eugene favored in a double elimination tournament.
7. Corvallis, Albany, Toledo and Newport in a two-day tournament opening at Corvallis Friday. Albany is No. 10 in the state.
8. McMinnville favored in a single-elimination tournament ending Saturday. Dayton, Dallas and Newberg still in the running.

New York Giants Come Up With Latest 'Phenom'

By GAYLE TALBOT

Phoenix, Ariz. (AP)—This being the city where Mickey Mantle burst forth upon an unsuspecting baseball world two years ago and where Willie Mays attended his first big league training camp last spring, there has come to be a feeling that a brand new "phenom" is likely as not to pop out from behind almost any clump of sagebrush.

This year's candidate for greatness within, at the most, another season is a strapping 218-pounder named Bill Taylor, who has just returned from the service and is making a vigorous pitch for a job in the New York Giants outfield. His every move is being watched with the keenest interest of any player in camp.

"I can't say whether he'll make it this year, of course," said Manager Leo Durocher after watching the 6-foot-4 singer barrel two hits into the outfield during an intrasquad game, "but he's going to get all the chance there is. We could use him.

"I know this much for sure—the boy can hit a fast ball out of sight right now, and he's a natural pull hitter, which is great in our park. We'll find out more about him when the good pitchers start working on him with a lot of different stuff, looking for his weakness, but I think he'll find that with the kind of power he has he'll need to get only a piece of the ball to get his base hits. He's a terrific prospect."

Sam Calderone, a Giant catcher who also is just out of uniform, declares unhesitatingly that Taylor was the best hitting prospect in baseball and feels almost as certain he'll wear out big league pitching from the start. Taylor is strictly a left-hand swinger, by the way, and Calderone says he murders left and right-hand pitching with equal gusto.

Although he is only 23, the handsome rookie has been playing pro ball for six years. He started with the Phoenix club when he was only 17.

After two seasons with Phoenix, he spent a year with Bremerton in the Class B Western International League, where he hit .339 and drove in 130 runs. He spent his final season before entering the service with the Giants' Sioux City farm, hitting .30 homers and knocking across 109 runs, though out six weeks with a broken leg. His average was .346.

"I think maybe the most impressive thing about him was his refusal to strike out," said Tom Sheehan, the Giants' chief scout. "In four seasons in pro ball he never once struck out more than 30 times. It might be an all-time record."

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Maxim Floored

Danny Nardie's overhand right put Joey Maxim on the canvas in the 7th round of their 10 round fight at Miami, Fla. Although required to take a count of eight, Maxim was on his feet at the count of four. The decision was unanimous for Maxim. (AP Wirephoto)

Bobby Feller Limbers Up Easy for Fifteenth Season

Tucson, Ariz. (AP)—Having attained the ripe age of 34, Bobby Feller has decided it's time he takes things a little easier as he prepares for his 15th season of pitching for the Cleveland Indians.

The old all-American boy from Van Meter, Ia., has quit running across the outfield for hours on end, for one thing, and he is limbering up his famous right arm by easy stages. The former terror of the exhibition circuit is pointing himself for the start of the real race, and there is a strong feeling in the Indiana camp that Bob is going to make himself a fine comeback after his disappointing 9-13 record of last year.

"Along about here a man who has thrown as many baseballs as I have doesn't feel as fresh and rested the next day as he used to," the game's winningest pitcher said. "He has to begin to conserve himself a little. But I feel I've got several more good years to go. The arm feels great."

Actually Feller's performance last season was not as poor as it looks on paper. The Indians' porous defense let in 23 unearned runs against him, or approximately one to the game. He chalked up his 11th one-hitter during the campaign, an all-time high. Some of the zip has gone from Bob's fast ball, but his curve and slider still are terror.

"It's funny, but a lot of people think I had a fast ball when I came up," Feller said. "They're wrong. I had a good curve from the start, though it got better later on. I think the reason people don't remember my curve back in the middle 30s is that Rollie Hemley was what we call a fastball catcher. He seldom wanted anything else. Frankie Fyfiak, who caught me later, would call for the curve on a 3-2 pitch.

"It might surprise you to know that my best pitch in 1946, the year I struck out 248, was the slider. I got more strikes with it than with either the curve or fast ball. It broke only a very little, but I threw it very fast and wasn't afraid to go for the corners with it on any pitch.

"I know a lot of managers don't like their pitchers to use the slider, and there is some reason for it. My advice would be for a pitcher not to use it until the season is well along and his arm is strong and limber and his control sharp. I never used it until after a month or so."

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