



Dallas Shocks Cleveland, 53-39; Eugene Eliminates Viks, 66-54

Dragons Meet Axemen in Semi-Final Game at 8:45

By CHRIS KOWITZ, JR.

McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene — Dallas high school's Dragons, reaching their peak in a season which now stands at 25 wins and three losses, scored the biggest upset of the 35th annual Oregon state basketball tournament by completely outclassing Cleveland high of Portland 53-39 here Thursday night.

Coach Gordy Kunkle of Dallas is hoping his club can maintain its peak for two more nights. Dallas faces Eugene in a semi-final contest at 8:45 tonight. If the Dragons do the next-to-impossible and upset the mighty Axemen tonight, the little Polk county school would find itself smack dab in the middle of the state championship game Saturday night.

Eugene eliminated Salem from the championship round of the tournament with a 66-54 victory over the Vikings in another Thursday night game.

Salem drops into the playoffs for fourth place, and will meet Cleveland at 3:15 p.m. today. Winner of that game will play Saturday morning against either Central Catholic or Albany, with fourth place at stake.

Marshfield defeated Central Catholic 56-47 and The Dalles won its 26th straight game with a 76-71 win over Albany in afternoon quarter-final games Thursday.

Marshfield and The Dalles meet at 7:30 tonight, with the victor going against the Eugene-Dallas winner in the state title game at 8:45 Saturday. Losers of tonight's semi-final games clash at 7:30 Saturday to settle third place.

DALLAS 53, PORTLAND 39
The crowd of 6688 fans—a far, far cry from the cramped audiences that have seen the Dragons play in their small quarters at home—were shocked with the ease of Dallas' accomplishment.

The Dragons, who upset Newberg and McMinnville in the district 8 tournament, came to Eugene practically unnoticed. After the Dragons upset Astoria 44-41 in the opening round Wednesday, they still weren't considered very seriously—just another team in a tumultuous tournament.

But Thursday night Dallas made the fans sit up and take notice. The champions of the Willamette Valley league out-hustled and outplayed Cleveland every minute of the game.

To single out any individual on the Dallas team would be like trying to choose the best place to bite a big red apple. The well-rounded Dallas team played together like tournament veterans. It was a great

game with Salem was no exception. Eugene hit 18 out of 50 shots from the floor for a .360 mark. Salem had a lot more chances at the basket, 70, but made only 19 of them for a .271 figure—even that isn't bad.

It was those pesky personal fouls that killed Salem. The Viking had 29 fouls called against them, and for the second day in a row saw three of their five men leave the game on the five-foul route. Eugene was charged with only 15 fouls.

Don Ainge, Eugene forward who seemed to spend half the night at the free throw line, led Eugene's scoring with 20 points—eight of them on free throws. Norm Willoughby, next man on the Eugene scoring ladder, with 14, points,

Two Salem Players Dropped From Squad at Tourney

Eugene—Two members of the Salem high school state tournament basketball team have been dropped from the squad for disciplinary reasons.

Coach Harold Hank notified the two boys to turn in their uniforms after the pair had failed to meet the team for a meal, and failed to check into their hotel rooms at the curfew.

Hank immediately named two alternates to replace the expelled boys on the Salem tournament team. Salem lost to Eugene 66-54 in a quarter-final game Thursday night.

Robinson May Be Moved to First Base

Vero Beach, Fla. (AP)—Jackie Robinson was presented with a first baseman's mitt today by Dodger manager Charley Dresden.

The obvious implication was that Robinson, who was shifted to third base by Dresden two days ago, now will be switched to first base. But Dresden refused to explain the gift, other than to say, "I'm just fooling around—I may have an announcement in a day or so."

Robinson played first base for a full season with the Dodgers before becoming the regular second baseman.

The Dalles, scoring its 26th consecutive victory, also had to overcome height in getting past Albany, which had two 6-1 players in Dave Shelby and Neil Causbie.

The Dalles did it with speed, gaining a 43-35 lead by the half and then running up a 12-point lead in the second half. Albany sputtered in the closing quarter, but it came too late. Harold Pontius, Albany guard, led scorers with 20 points. Gary Haynes, one of two red-haired brothers playing for The Dalles, had 17.

Marshfield's stock in trade also is speed, although at first it scarcely seemed that Marshfield would need it against Central Catholic. The Portlanders just could not locate the hoop, and Marshfield loped off to an early 30-9 lead. When Central Catholic finally did begin sinking shots, the veteran Marshfield team—all of the regulars played in this same tournament last year—had not too much trouble staying in front.

Bearcats Slate Intra-Squad Game Saturday

Willamette's Bearcats will engage in their second intra-squad game of the practice schedule Saturday at McCulloch stadium. If rain interferes a workout will be held under the stands.

Coach John Lewis has 38 men from which to pick his first liners for the coming season. Included are eight lettermen.

The Willamette schedule opens March 28th against the Penitentiary Greys. On April 2nd the Bearcats travel to Corvallis for a clash with the Oregon State Beavers. The Beavers come here for a return mix on April 7th.

Willamette opens the Northwest Conference schedule April 17th at Forest Grove against the Pacific Badgers.

CaSPORTS

LOCAL ★ UNITED PRESS ★ ASSOCIATED PRESS ★ NEWS AND FEATURES
Page 10—Salem, Oregon, Friday, March 20, 1953

Surprise Eugene Team Enters AAU Semi-Final Round

Denver (AP)—Everybody's Drug of Eugene, Ore., the surprise team of the National AAU basketball tournament, meets Los Alamitos Naval Air Station of Long Beach, Calif., tonight in the tourney semi-finals.

The Oregon team capped a Wednesday night win over mighty Phillip Ollers with a 70-52 victory over Ritz Cafe of Carbondale, Ill., in the quarter-finals.

The drug team led all the way in last night's clash, holding a 30-32 halftime bulge. Doug Talbot scored 21 points for Eugene.

Los Alamitos edged Sampson Air Force base, Geneva, N.Y., 58-56, in the first game yesterday, to gain a spot in the semi-finals.

Defending champion Peoria, Ill., Caterpillars skinned past a capable ADA Oiler club from Houston, Tex., 61-57, to advance to the finals. Grialva Motors of San Diego, Calif., dumped the fourth-seeded Quantico, Va., Marines, 65-55, and moved into a semi-final battle against Peoria.

Bowlers Study Proposes Rule Alterations

Chicago (AP)—Delegates from all over the nation Friday considered 50 proposals to change the playing rules of bowling in the American Bowling Congress convention at the Congress Hotel.

One of the proposals getting top attention was to change the new tie game rule that went into effect last year. Now in case of a tie, the teams don't roll off but each is credited with a half game won and a half game lost in league standings.

Those making the proposal ask the return of the rolloff on an optional basis. They feel that in a competitive sport such as bowling there should be a winner.

The convention is being held in connection with the ABC's Golden Jubilee tournament at the Coliseum. No major changes were recorded in Thursday's competition.

Fort Wayne, Ind., was awarded the 1955 tournament. The Hoosier City received 33 votes, one over the necessary total to get the nod. Buffalo, N.Y., received 28 votes, and Atlantic City, N.J., one. The 1954 tourney will be in Seattle.

Fabulous O'Brien Brothers Embark on Baseball Career

Seattle, Wash. (AP)—Johnny and Eddie O'Brien, Seattle University's twin terrors already well established in basketball, looked forward to a major league baseball career today.

The Irish brothers from South Amboy, N. J., newly signed to contracts with the Pittsburgh Pirates, said they would spend the weekend with their parents at home before reporting to the Pirate training camp at Havana Cuba, Monday.

Pirate Scout Ed McCarrick said the O'Briens, who signed a package deal for an estimated \$80,000, definitely were "major league prospects."

"They aren't apt to waste the season on the bench," he said. But McCarrick emphasized that they might have a tough time getting into a big league starting lineup.

"It's a hard jump from college ball to major league ball," McCarrick said. "If it was easy, we wouldn't have enough leagues to take care of all the potential major leaguers."

The Pittsburgh contract ended a lot of speculation here as to what the O'Briens would do professionally. Both were inches to play basketball for pay if they wanted.

They also were barred for by the Brooklyn Dodgers, Detroit Tigers, New York Yankees, Chicago White Sox, and Seattle Rainiers in baseball.

Pittsburgh got the five-foot-nine-inch twins by offering the most cash. Johnny plays shortstop; Eddie is an outfielder. But at Pittsburgh there might be a move to turn Eddie into an infielder because of his powerful throwing arm.

Whatever happens the O'Briens were happy with their decision. "We are especially glad to be playing baseball," they said. "Neither of us ever want to see a basketball again. We took a

pretty awful beating under the boards in basketball." They said the main reason they preferred the diamond over the hardwood court was because "the odds for our athletic longevity are much better in baseball."

Johnny and Eddie had Branch Rickey to thank for their big baseball opportunity. The Pirate boss watched them work out one day. After everyone else had left for the showers Rickey hurried in to the dressing room to talk to the twins.

"They're still out on the field," he was told. Rickey found the O'Briens still going at it, hitting, running and throwing. It was just what he wanted—a pair of scrappy competitors who loved baseball and could make a team go.

Seattle Coach Al Brightman, who discovered the twins in a semi-pro tournament at Wichita, Kan., agreed. "These boys are definitely major league caliber," Brightman said.

Johnny and Eddie came here as basketball players and put Seattle U. in the national cage limelight. Johnny was a first string All-American this year and Eddie made the United Press third team.

Basketball Scores

OREGON HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT
Consolation Series
Clatskanie 69, Roosevelt 61.
Medford 67, Ontario 62.
Hillsboro 54, Milwaukie 53.
Astoria 67, Lakerville 43.
Title Round:
Marshfield 56, Central Catholic 47.
The Dalles 76, Albany 71.
Eugene 66, Salem 54.
Dallas 53, Cleveland 39.

AAU TOURNAMENT
Quarterfinal Results
Los Alamitos, Calif., Naval Air Station 64, Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, N. Y., 56.
Eugene, Ore., Everybody's Drug 76, Carbondale, Ill., Ritz Cafe 52.
Peoria, Ill., Diesel Cuts, 61, Houston, Tex., Ada Oilers 57.
San Diego, Calif., Grialva Motors 66, Quantico, Va., Marines 56.

SPOT'S GOT EVERYTHING



SPOT'S GOT EVERYTHING



SPOT'S GOT EVERYTHING



BECKE and WADSWORTH
"All Kinds of Insurance and Surety Bonds"
562 State St.
Opposite Court House
Ph. 4-3333

"never used such fine fuel..."
Pres-to-logs, of course!
CAPITOL LUMBER CO.
PHONE 3-8862

"I like VODKA in Orange Juice"
Everybody does!
So smooth it leaves you breathless
Smirnoff
the greatest name in VODKA
100 proof Made from 100% grain neutral spirits. St. Pierre Smirnoff Fls. Inc., Hartford, Conn.

Switch to **hefties** by DUNHILL
TOPS IN STYLE
TOPS IN VALUE
Only **6.95**
TOPS IN QUALITY
15 STYLES TO CHOOSE FROM!
Block's
176 N. Liberty
Open Friday Night 'Til 9 P.M.