

# Muddy Field Expected to Affect Salem-Benson Playoff

## SPORTS

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### The Sportmeter

By A. C. JONES, Capital Journal Sports Editor

#### IT COULD BE VERSE:

There's Taylor's toe to back us  
He's Salem's Tsagalakis;  
And we've got three coaches true  
With a team you can't outdo;  
We'll make a rambling wreck, by heck,  
Of the football crew from Benson Tech.

#### IT GETS MORE COMPLICATED

Friendship is only pigskin deep, it will be proved Friday night when Salem High and Benson try to stop each other. We pointed out recently that Coach Lee Gustafson of Salem played football with Ralph Harper, Benson coach, at Franklin High in 1938 and 1939. Gus was right halfback, Harper a tackle and Ted Ogdahl of Willamette U. was left half on the same outfit.

Ogdahl pointed out that Al Gray, Salem line coach, played at Benson high school, graduating in 1945. His older brother, Bill played at Benson, then at Oregon State with Gustafson and Harper and the trio played together at USC while serving in the Marines in 1942. Bill was an All-American at Oregon State in 1946.

#### THE PLOT THICKENS: MORE GRAYS

Now the plot thickens—there are other Grays unrelated to At Roosevelt High in Portland there were three Gray brothers who played some pretty hot football. Joe, known as the Galloping Ghost or the Gray Ghost, was All-American at OSC in about 1936. Dick is now junior varsity coach at Benson and played at OSC as safety one year during the war and three years after the war. And then there was Gene, who became hero of the transplanted Rose Bowl game Jan. 1, 1942, when OSC nudged Duke at Durham, S.C., by catching the pass for the winning touchdown.

#### FRANLIN HAS COACHING FRATERNITY

Six members of the Franklin team in 1936 and 1939 have joined the coaching clan and all in Oregon. Besides Ogdahl at Willamette and Gustafson at Salem High there are Muhl Barbour at Woodburn, Franklin Re-landt at Medford, Bill McCluskey at Washington in Portland as basketball coach and Dick Hildreth as C grid squad mentor at Washington.

Adding fuel to the fire is the fact that Vern Gilmore, Salem athletic director, is a Benson alumnus.



AL GRAY HANK JURAN

#### GUS DEALS THE CREDIT WHERE DUE

Whether the great bell of victory tolls or groans for the Vikings in the playoffs or not, Gustafson believes he has the "best bunch of assistants in the state" in Gray and Backfield Coach Hank Juran. When it comes to knowing their fundamentals, the local prep players are second to none and it was Gray and Juran who did the groundwork.

Team spirit is born of confidence, and confidence grows from developing the ability to block and tackle, as any psychiatrist, with or without a couch, can tell you. Gray, for example, gets down and digs with his linemen to show them how, teaching them the finer points while instilling the desire to drive, drive, drive. During a game each assistant watches his own department and makes his own substitutions when he sees the need—subject to veto of Gustafson, of course.

Juran played at the University of Idaho and Gray at OSC as center, linebacker, guard and right half.

#### RAWTHOROUGH, OLD CHAP

David Jones came from the foggy wharves of London to wrestle in Salem last night, by a roundabout route but nevertheless his British accent was there in the ring with him. We cornered him after his match with Doug Donnan and put the question to him: "How do you get away from your wife so long?" His answer: "No wife."

Jones served six years in the Royal Air Force as a pilot, more than four years overseas in places like Egypt and Kenya. He got his physique swimming, diving and weightlifting and turned pro wrestler in 1947.

After winning the British junior heavy mat belt he toured Europe several times where, he says, people really like their wrestling. In Spain he emerged from the tunnel to wrestle in a ring erected in a bull fighting arena (against a man, not a bull) and found 35,000 people in the stands. "Frightening," he chipped in.

Jones came to the United States last December and has appeared in Miami, New York, Seattle and Portland, coming off the injury list recently.

#### IT WAS CLOSE FOR AMITY

When Amity and Verboort tied 13-13 last week for a playoff berth and it was decided by yardage gained, even that was fairly close. Amity had 365 yards to Verboort's 238 1/2.

## Viking Basketball Squad To Have 6 Lettermen Out

Four lettermen are out for basketball at Salem high school and two others will report after football season to start practice for the opening game Dec. 4 against Roosevelt here.

Coach Harold Hauk also has four prospects from last year's junior varsity and 12 with sophomore team experience from which to build another strong team.

Hauk said that the sophomores will report to Ken Brophy Monday. Brophy has been coaching the football jayvees.

Lettermen are Gordon Dmogalla, first team guard last year; Jim Knapp, first team guard; Tom Pickens, first team forward (still playing football); Larry Springer, forward; Wayne Erickson, forward; and Herb Triplett, reserve guard (playing football).

Also out are Marvin Rhine, leading soph scorer last year,

## May Have To Remain On Ground

By PAUL HARVEY, III

The weather appears to play an important role in the coming Benson-Salem state quarterfinal game at Portland's Lincoln Field Friday night as the rain will hurt the already poorly turfed Portland field. Lee Gustafson's Vikings are already accustomed to the mud and may have to depend on straight power plays.

Jimmy Williams, speedy but small Benson mechanic back; Gordy Grenier, big end; and star guards Jerry Clark and George Shesley are the stars in the Tech starting line-up. The Vikings match their backfield with Ken Rawlings, Herb Triplett, Neal Scheidel, and Ray Taylor.

#### Triplett vs. Simpson

Triplett, passing and running quarterback for Gustafson's Vikings, is opposed by Jim Simpson, starting Benson quarterback who made third string Oregon Journal, Portland league, all-star eleven. It is figured that Triplett has the edge over Simpson.

Now rated second in the state poll in a tie with Central Catholic the Vikings will be up against a strong Benson team that went through the season with one loss and that was their opener 13-6 to Kelso, Wash.

Other than the Cleveland game the Tech eleven had little trouble taking the Portland City title. Cleveland led the Mechanics 9-0 going into the final minutes but the game Benson squad came back with two thrilling touchdowns to win 13-9. Benson is ranked right behind Salem and Central Catholic in the poll.

Gustafson and his assistant coaches Al Gray and Hank Juran worked out their starting team on offense against a defensive eleven Tuesday and also had them working out on defense in full uniform with the second string running against them. The Vikings practiced on another Olinger field that wasn't in too bad shape while the Junior high championship game was being played on the muddy practice field.

Salem should have plenty of rest between practices this week with all Salem public schools observing a three-day vacation due to Armistice day and Teachers' Institute.

No new injuries have come up for the Vikings so they should be at top strength Friday barring any last minute injuries. Neal Scheidel, the replacement for the injured Mike Campbell, has looked good at halfback in the last two games and will again get a starting berth. Jim Person is the other Vik performer out with an injury.

Standouts in Benson Line Other standouts for the Mechanics include tackle Reid Lindsley and back Jim Davis. Benson, coached by Ralph Harper, is not expected to field the depth that Salem has but they have a group of boys who played on the Benson team that shocked the state play-offs last year as they roared into the finals only to lose to Central Catholic.

One of the main assignments for the Salem line will be to stop Williams before he can get started and the line is very capable of it. Williams is good for end runs mostly since he hasn't enough weight and power for the center of the Viking line, even though it does not weigh too much.

Salem will be gunning for a semi-final berth against the winner of the Central Catholic-Hillsboro game. In other games this week-end Jefferson plays Baker and Grants Pass plays North Bend.

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six games. The team still has two games to play.

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## Linfield Cuts Chico State Off Schedule

McMinnville, Ore. (AP)—Charging "unsportsmanlike conduct," Linfield college Tuesday broke off football relations with Chico State of California.

The school canceled a scheduled 1954 game with the Californians, declaring in a letter "... nothing could be accomplished at this time in planning for a return game with your institution."

The action resulted from last Saturday's game here which Linfield won 20-13. Three Chico players and one from Linfield were removed from the game in the fourth quarter.

Newspapers reporting the game said Chico Coach Ernie Busch walked onto the field to encourage rough tactics on the part of his players, and tried to get his team to leave the field when a Chico player was ejected.

Busch has denied the accounts. He said he went onto the field to ask officials why a player was ejected. Later, he said, he shouted from the sidelines to recall a player who would have been an illegal substitute.

Linfield President Harry Dill said students endorsed the school's action when the letter canceling the 1954 game was read to the student body.

## Salem Cross Countrymen Defend Title

The Salem high cross country squad defends its state cross country title Saturday as the Vikings travel to Portland for the state meet. Vern Gilmore's Salem harriers meet more than 20 high schools in the meet which is being held at Lewis and Clark College at halftime of the Lewis and Clark-Seattle Rambler football game in the afternoon.

Among the teams already entered in the big meet are Salem, Milwaukie, Estacada, Eugene, Gresham, Chemawa Indian School, North Marion, Albany, Springfield, Roseburg, Medford, Elmira, Lincoln (Portland), Grant (Portland), Washington (Portland), and Hill Military (Portland).

The meet will be split into junior and senior divisions. The senior record over the 1.9 mile course is held by Ron Meskimen of Eugene at 8:59.4 while the junior mark is for 1 1/4 miles at 6:28.1 held by Mark Robbins of Corvallis.

Later in the week Salem will hold their tryouts to determine who will run in the meet. Every meet Salem has competed in thus far has ended in a Viking victory and the Viks must be figured as a title contender.

## Coyotes to Play in Refrigerator Bowl Vs. Sam Houston

Evansville, Ind. (AP)—Undeclared College of Idaho and once-beaten Sam Houston State have been named to play in the sixth annual Refrigerator Bowl game here Dec. 6.

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**Punt Blocked** Little Mike Fatton (left) tries to get away a kick in vain near his own goal line in deep mud yesterday for his Parrish Grey team, but another little fellow, Jerry Gilman, is shown blocking it after slipping through the Grey line. The incident resulted in the game's only touchdown for the Parrish Cardinals soon after for a 6-0 decision and the junior high championship.

## Parrish Cards Win Title, 6-0; Golds Wallop Blues

The Parrish Cardinals blanked the Parrish Greys 6-0 at Olinger Field Tuesday afternoon to bring the Junior high football title back to Parrish after two years with the Leslie Golds. Don Harris broke over from the two in the final quarter to win the championship for Bob Metzger's Cardinals.

In the final seconds of the third quarter Gerry Gilman blocked a Grey punt on the muddy field and the Cardinals had the ball on the Grey eight. Huntley carried to the two and several plays later the fast Harris was over for the score. The conversion run failed.

Late in the third period, just before the blocked punt, the Cardinals drove down to the Grey four with Huntley and Harris carrying but the drive failed and the Greys, coached by Clay Egelston had the ball. Three plays failed and they punted only to have it blocked which set up the Card touchdown.

After the touchdown Dennis Frost blocked a Grey lateral

Final Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Parrish Cards	4	0	0	100
Parrish Greys	2	1	1	67
West Salem	2	2	0	50
Leslie Golds	2	1	1	33
Leslie Blues	0	4	0	0

## Troy-Sandy Bout To Be Televised

Washington (AP)—Willie Troy meets Randy Sandy here Wednesday night in a nationally televised 10-round middleweight bout.

Troy, 21, scored a 10-round kayo over Sandy a year ago for Sandy's first pro defeat. Troy has had 23 pro fights and has stopped 16 foes with his left hooks, losing only to Holly Mims.

Sandy, a pro since 1951, has lost only to Troy in 15 starts. It will be televised at 7 p.m. today over KOIN, Channel 6.

version and Lou DeLoretto's no more scoring until the final Golds led 7-0. The game saw quarter when another blocked punt led to a score by the Hammerstad blocked a Blue punt on the Blue 40 and Steve Berglund picked up the ball and raced 40 yards to score the final Gold touchdown. The extra point was no good. The Blues failed to get very far into Gold territory in absorbing their fourth straight loss.

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Parrish Greys . . . 0 0 0 0-0  
Leslie Golds . . . 7 0 0 6-13  
Leslie Blues . . . 0 0 0 0-0

## You Be the Quarterback

By Warren Geer  
Head Football Coach  
Drake University

Maryland has a big All-American back who can run and pass brilliantly. But the Terrapins trail Mississippi, 17-14.

The back has just returned a kickoff to his 45-yard line, and on first down he circled the Rebel left end for 28 yards, but Maryland was holding and the ball came back to the Terrapin 30. Then the back passed for 20 yards, but again the overzealous Terrapins were detected using hands illegally, and it is now first down and 40 on the Maryland 15, with two minutes of the game to go. Mississippi is in a 5-3-3 defense.

As the Terrapin quarterback, rate these plays 1, 2, 3 and 4:  
Long pass  
End run  
Run or pass option  
Screen pass  
Answers will be found elsewhere on the sports page.

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