

Bearcats Open League With 65-62 Nod Over Whitman

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The Sportmeter

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IT COULD BE VERSE:

You can have your Marciano
As the ruler of the ring;
But we think our Joe Palooka
Could put Rocky in a sling.

JOE PALOOKA COMES TO LIVE WITH US

We want to welcome Joe Palooka to our sports page as a daily fixture—he, his magnificent shoulders and fists, his clean living, Ann, the infant who should have been a boy, knothed Knobby, jughead Jerry and all the Australian boxers whom Joe will barely defeat the coming year. Here's why, the Palooka comic was moved to sports: It is a Capital Journal feature and used to be run on the classified ad page, but the ad page now runs in both the Statesman and Journal without being revamped. So—hello, Joe.

A word of explanation might be in order about the merger of The Capital Journal and the Statesman. There is no merger in news or sports—only in production, advertising and circulation. We who toss the words around and still have our competitive individuality, the eagerness to scoop one another which is the spice of life. We have a common switchboard where a pretty girl funnels calls to one side or the other.

TRIBUTE TO AD RUTSCHMAN

Coch Paul Durham of Linfield college picked Ad Rutschman as his athlete of the year for Yamhill county. Durham, writing in his McMinville-Register sports column, is unusually laudatory, paying his 182-pound graduating fullback the type of tribute seldom given the living.



AD RUTSCHMAN
... Athlete-of-Year

Durham describes Rutschman as a "driving fullback who played well enough to be picked on the Little All-American first team but had to be contented with Honorable Mention rating."

"Rutschman is the type of athlete with whom a coach likes to work. He is a fierce competitor, never gives up, is a tremendous leader because of his desire to win, never beefs, never questions the coach's instructions or strategy, and in general does his best at all times. And on top of all this in the way of attitude, he has remarkable ability."

"It's little wonder that the Linfield team made Rutschman captain for the year; or that the lettermen's club proposed to the student body that his jersey number '32' be retired and never worn again by a Linfield football player; or that many Hillsboro high athletes have followed him to Linfield; or that he was elected of the 'Cardinal 1'; or that several professional football teams are interested in him; or that he is sought after as a high school coach by several principals about the state; or that the McMinville Kiwanis club called an 'Ad Rutschman day' in McMinville."

Durham conferred coach-of-the-year honors for the county upon Ray Stephens of Amity and Tom Cowan of Willamina. Amity was state B runner-up and Willamina's basketball team was league co-champion and the football team won the district A-2 title.

WHAT TO DO WITH 7-FOOTERS
Oregon State college freshmen have the distinction of having a forward who is eight inches taller than the center. He is the 7-foot Phil Shadoin of Corvallis and the center is Ron Smart of Astoria. Shadoin is being groomed for a spot with 7-3 Swede Halbrook next year and it's a cinch he would see little action as Halbrook's replacement. Reports are that Shadoin handles himself well and is improving. Consider the possibilities with two 7-footers camped beside the basket! Shadoin, incidentally, held Swede to his lowest total while in high school—one field goal before Shadoin fouled out.

Halbrook accidentally scored a basket for Tulane in the Dixie Classic at Durham, N.C., knocking it in while struggling for a rebound.

COACHING RECORD BROKEN
When Coach John Lewis missed two Willamette basketball games and practices the past week with virus pneumonia, it was the first game or practice he ever missed in his 10 years of coaching at Kent, Wash., Portland Roosevelt, Portland Grant and Willamette. Eddie Fernandez, former catcher for Portland, Oakland and Sacramento, will manage Boise, Idaho, in the Class C Pioneer league.

ODDS ENDS DEPARTMENT
We think Mill City's 86 points last night against the Deaf School is quite a production in only 32 minutes, and with OSD's 60 points in that of a total of 146 for the game. In the second half alone Mill City scored 50. . . . Bill Strawn will be with General Manager Hugh Luby in the forthcoming campaign to sell advertising and tickets for the Salem Senators and to help handle concessions. Strawn was hired by directors the first of January. . . . An official of the OSC-Tulane game, Lou Eisenstein from Brooklyn, says Halbrook is a better big man than George Mikas was as a sophomore. . . . The national AAU 440-yard champion, J. W. Mashburn, plans to transfer from Oklahoma to Oklahoma A & M next semester because the Big Seven conference rules won't let him enter invitational track meets. . . . Boxer Dan Bucceroni, a winner this week over Hein Ten Hoff on television, has established a 165 bowling league average. . . . Paul Giel, Minnesota's hotshot backfield man, shot in the low 80s on his first round of golf, showing his natural athletic ability. . . . Johnny Latner of Notre Dame is said to have decided against playing basketball in his junior and senior seasons so he wouldn't bump the 10th man off the Irish squad—his high school pal, Tom Sullivan. . . . Boyhood nicknames of Clarence "Biggie" Munn of Michigan State was "Swiggles."

Kottre in Top Shape For Thursday Night
SILVERTON—Harold Kottre boxed eight rounds with three sparring partners Thursday night in Portland and his manager, Carl Budeau, pronounced him in top shape for his 10-round bout with Bill Boatman next Thursday at the Portland Armory.

The fight is billed as a Northwest light heavyweight championship scrap to fill a vacated crown, since Kottre and Boatman have defeated all opponents except each other.

The card, to start at 8:30, will include a three-round preliminary and a six-rounder between W. C. Cage of Portland and Freddie Miller of Seattle.

Boatsman, six years older than the Silvertown boxer, has won 28 of his 29 matches since the war, including victories over Jim Burns and Joe Kahut. Cage and Burns are two of Kottre's sparring buddies and Ralph Colvin of Parkrose is the third.

Kottre has won 27, lost two and drawn three since turning

Rivals Play Tonight in Series End

By DAVE BARROWS

The Willamette university Bearcats successfully opened their bid in the Northwest conference race by edging the Whitman Missionaries, 65-62, here last night.

Willamette, which last year tied for second place and considered one of the several strong teams this season did not show its potential strength throughout the game but nevertheless was the better team on the floor.

Reed-Hoy Carry Load

After scoring only three points in the first half, Willamette's big forward, Pete Reed, got hot in the second half to bring his night's work to 17 points. Jerry McCallister, guard, and Tom Gooding, center, each added 12 to the cause, while Dick Hoy, who helped carry the load in the rally, wound up with 13.

However, Willamette had to relinquish scoring honors to little Don Parker, Missionary guard, who dropped through 19 before fouling out in the last seconds of play.

The Bearcats jumped to a 14-12 quarter-time score behind the shooting of Gooding and Hoy, and the second period was a seesaw session that saw the lead rise above three points only once. At that, Whitman came out on top at halftime, 29-28.

Led by Reed, who finally found his batting eye in the third frame, the Bearcats pulled ahead at 46-45 going into the final quarter.

Gap Closed at Finish

Holding a five-point lead throughout most of the closing period, Willamette played a more deliberate ball control game until time ran out. Whitman put several scores into Bearcat fans by pulling within three points, only to have Hoy, or Neal Causbie, or Dunne Shield, or McCallister put a decisive shot.

Whitman, considered by many to be the dark horse of the conference, brought 10 lettermen into the contest. The Missionaries shot well but couldn't work the ball in.

In direct contrast, the Bearcats worked the ball as well, if not better, than any time to date. This especially holds true in the case of the two guards, McCallister and last year's All-Conference choice, "Lefty" Shield.

Willamette meets Whitman in the Willamette gym again tonight. Tip-off is slated for 8:00. In the 6:15 prelim, the Bearkittens meet a team from the Tongue Point naval base in Astoria.

In last night's prelim, the Bearkittens edged the Marion Motors quintet, 60-58.

Whitman (42) F (65) Willamette
Roberts 1 1 4 3 Reed 1 1 1 1
Rohlf 2 1 4 2 Hoy 1 1 3 1 17
Coy 1 1 1 1 Good 1 1 1 1 12
Chick 3 1 4 10 Shild 1 2 3 4
Park 3 1 1 11 McCl 1 1 1 1 12
Walker 2 1 1 11 Carr 1 1 1 1 11
Wiler 2 1 2 1 5 Gray 1 1 0 0 2
Totals 25 12 30 62 Colva 1 0 0 0 0
Free Throws Missed WC-12, Will-15
12-18-42 Willamette 14-14-19-55

Mar Mot (48) F (59) FROSH
McCa (4) F (12) Turley
Pattin (4) F (12) Johnson
Miller (7) C (6) Miller
Jassman (8) C (8) Hotaling
Ender (8) G (8) Stielman
Reserves: Serving Marion Motors:
Bertrom (15), Haverstick (4), Henn-
rich (18), Harder (21), Frosh, Withers
(2), Poppert (14), Miller (1), Halftime
Score: Frosh, 25, Marion Motors, 22.
Officials: Overstahl and Koepf.

Undeclared Church Team In Each Loop

Each division of the Salem Church Basketball league has at least one undefeated team this week, only one biting the dust during the past seven days—First Congregational in the Junior "B" league.

On the other hand, there are 10 in the five divisions which have not won a game.

Standings

Team	W	L	Per.
First Christian	4	0	1.000
Calvary Baptist	3	1	.750
Orion Lutheran	3	1	.750
First Methodist	2	2	.500
Rayton Baptist	2	2	.500
Nazareth	2	2	.500
First Presbyterian	1	3	.250
Knights Memorial	0	4	.000
First EFB	0	4	.000
Intermediate "A" League			
Knierwood EFB	4	0	1.000
First Methodist	3	1	.750
Calvary Baptist	2	2	.500
St. Mark Lutheran	2	2	.500
St. Paul Episcopal	2	2	.500
First Christian	2	2	.500
First Methodist	1	3	.250
First Presbyterian	1	3	.250
Jeann Lee	0	4	.000
Intermediate "B" League			
First Christian	4	0	1.000
Wyanadine Temple	3	1	.750
West Salem Baptist	2	2	.500
North Salem	2	2	.500
Nazareth	2	2	.500
Kaiser Community	2	2	.500
Englewood EFB	1	3	.250
Walter Memorial	1	3	.250
South Salem Friends	0	4	.000
Junior "A" League			
Nazareth	4	0	1.000
First Baptist	3	1	.750
St. Mark Lutheran	2	2	.500
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Woodburn Sets Recreation Play

WOODBURN—The program for the next week for the Woodburn winter recreation basketball league will be Capital Journal carriers vs. McLaren school in the junior division at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, and Valley Manufacturing and Valley Manufacturing vs. Jaycees.

The McLaren school faculty has dropped out of the senior division and all of the team's games have been cancelled in the schedule.



Determined With mouth wide in anticipation, Willamette's Jerry McCallister drives in hard for a successful lay-in in the fourth quarter last night against Whitman. Nearest defender was Morris Robinette. At right is Dick Hoy and behind him is Don Robinson, Whitman forward.

3 Tied for Yawama Loop Lead After Two Rounds

North Marion, Yamhill, and Banks are tied for the lead in the Yawama League race after two nights of play. In action last night North Marion downed Sherwood 52-46, Dayton beat Amity 37-36, Yamhill topped Willamina 45-39, and Sherwood was beaten by Banks 47-33.

Amity and Dayton each have 1-1 records while the leaders all have two wins and no losses. Amity's narrow loss came when Dayton rallied in the final moments of the game.

DAYTON (31) (36) AMITY
Tomkins (3) F (6) Birch
Finnion (9) F (2) Shields
Williams (11) C (2) Bellers
Bell (4) G (0) Thompson
Walters (10) G (1) G. Stevens
Reserves scoring: Amity—Ehlers
(12), M. Stevens (14), Leppin (4),
Lenhardt (8). Halftime score: Dayton
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Officials: Samuels and Dailey.

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OCE Loses To SOCE 3rd Time

ASHLAND—Southern Oregon College of Education continued its mastery over Oregon College's Wolves, 71-61, here Friday night by overcoming a 10-point halftime deficit.

It was the third victory this season over OCE and the non-conference rivals will meet again here tonight.

OCE, leading 38-28 at the half and apparently on the way to a triumph, suddenly got cold while the host team became hot in the third period. Price hit eight points in that third quarter, Bob Smith six, Leon Keith four and Lloyd Hoffine four for SOCE.

It was 52-46 for SOCE at the end of the third quarter, a gain of 24 points for the victors since halftime, while Coach Bob Livingston's Wolves were getting only eight.

The first rest found them tied at 15-15, Bob Frantz scoring eight of them for OCE. Charley Pinion began hitting from out front in the second to add 10 points.

There were 27 fouls called, 14 against OCE and 13 against SOCE.

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Dallas, Mt. Angel Tied After 2nd WVU Round

The Dallas Dragons and the Mt. Angel Preps are tied for first place in the Willamette Valley League after both schools won last night for the second straight time.

Dallas downed Sandy 53-43 while the Preps were blasting Canby 51-33. Estacada and Sandy both dropped their first games as Estacada was beaten 62-52 by Molalla.

Molalla Downs Estacada 62-52

MOLALLA—Molalla downed the Estacada Rangers 62-52 here Friday night in Willamette Valley League play. It was the first loss against one win for the Rangers while Molalla now has a 1-1 mark.

Molalla jumped into a 14-13 first period lead but Estacada led 31-25 at halftime. The winners moved back into the lead and were ahead 43-37 with one quarter left in the game.

Stan Childers led the winners with 22 points while Ed Kiggins had 19 for the losers. Molalla won the junior varsity game 39-24.

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D. Sizemore (19) F (4) Howell
Sinclair (5) C (18) Alexander
Ames (14) G (2) Fevver
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Last night's scores: Dallas 53, Canby 43, Sherwood 52, Woodburn 43, Mt. Angel 51, Canby 33, Molalla 52, Estacada 52.

took to conquer Sandy, 53-43, with a strong fourth quarter here Friday night in the Willamette Valley league.

Sandy moved to a 11-7 first quarter margin, was overtaken and passed 25-21 at the half, crept within 32-34 at the three-quarter mark, then could get only 11 points in the last stanza to 19 for Dallas.