

North and South Both Have Victory Streaks to Protect

Sax Can Boast 8 Straight Sweet Home to Host District Leaders

By JOHN HARVEY
South Salem, all alone on top of the district eight standings, travels to Sweet Home tonight to face the Huskies of Lou Scriveners in the first game of the second round.

The Saxons swept all five of their first round games and will be going after their ninth straight win tonight. They are currently rated sixth in the Associated Press poll.

The Saxons will have the big task of stopping Royce McDaniel, the leading scorer in district eight and one of the best small men in the state.

He currently has 89 points in the five games and leads Ron Russell, the Saxon ace, by nine points. In the opening game of district play he scored 19 points in Sweet Home's 58-53 loss at South Salem.

Coach Dick Ballantyne, seeing no reason for change, will start the same five that has started the last five games. Dan Moore and Ed Lewis will be at forwards, Russell at center, and Jerry Coon and Bob Trulstad at guards.

Sweet Home's probable starters are Ron Vavorosky and Jack Hoffman at forwards, Joe Cramer at center, and McDaniel and Howard Daniels at guards.

The Saxons, by virtue of their 11-4 record, will be heavy favorites to win tonight, but last year they were also favored to trounce the Huskies at Sweet Home and were lucky to pull out a two point win.

The South Salem JV's will play the Sweet Home JV's in the preliminary. South walloped the Husky Pups, 65-38, in the earlier meeting between the two teams.

Ron Gistler, a starting forward for the Saxons, has moved to Idaho.

Corvallis Tops Saxon Matmen

CORVALLIS (Special) — South Salem's Saxons, in their final wrestling match of the season, were edged, 25-24, by the Corvallis Spartans here Thursday night.

The Saxons won six matches to Corvallis' five, but the Spartans had more victories by the pig route to earn more points. Salem finished the season with a record of three wins and nine losses.

South Salem won the jayvee matches, 19-11.

Results of varsity matches by weight divisions:

135 Pounds—Myron Stepper (SS) won by forfeit.
145—Jerry Mahoney (SS) dec. Dick Nordahl (C).
155—John Morrison (C) pinned Dan Elmer (SS).
165—Ray Fulton (SS) dec. Dick Brandt (C).
175—Fred Caswell (SS) and Ben Poe (C) draw.
185—Frankie Franklin (SS) dec. Clyde Kernek (C).
195—Dick Davis (SS) pinned Jim Meatz (C).
205—Jim Derrickson (C) pinned Jim Rawlings (SS).
215—Gary Bailey (SS) dec. Mike McQuire (C).
225—John Weigant (C) pinned Jack Wright (SS).
235—Havyvych—Dale Ramsey (C) pinned Ralph Pyritz (SS).
245—Jayce winners:
100—Bruce Johnson (C).
110—Bob Kreher (SS).
120—Clay Newell (SS).
130—Gary Griesen (SS).
140—Larry Payne (SS).
150—Dennis Anderson (SS).
160—Frank Egner (C).
170—Havyvych—Bruce Andrews (C).

Portland Bevs Buy Shortstop Bill DeMars

PORTLAND — Purchase of shortstop Bill DeMars was announced Thursday by the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast Baseball League.

The price was not disclosed. DeMars, 32, was with Buffalo of the International League last season where he batted .241.

NCAA Tickets to Go On Sale on Feb. 18

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis (Special) — Ticket applications and mail orders for the 1937 Western Regional NCAA basketball tournament at New York City will be accepted Monday, February 18, tournament manager Jim Barratt announced today.



Northbound Ducks Drop In

Out our way, we keep getting evidence of the northward migration of the ducks. In the wee hours, we can hear them as they come into our pond just outside the bedroom window.

Each year about this time, the ducks start "casing the joint" and eventually a number of the mallards will decide the place looks good and will stay to nest later and rear their young. We always look forward to them, and they seem to realize that the welcome mat is always out at "Brown's Migratory Waterfowl Maternity Center and Rest-home."

Yamhill—A River With Personality

The Yamhill river is a stream that we have enjoyed for many years now. In summer, it is a mere creek as it meanders like a lazy snake down past Amity and McMinnville to eventually join the Willamette.

The Yamhill has long been known by the bass fisherman as a real good stream for the largemouth bass, that is. Especially down near its confluence with the Willamette does it give up some enormous bronzeback warriors.

In winter, the Yamhill can lift furiously after a storm, and rage in a muddy torrent down its twisting course. It inundates the cornfields and meadows, and the ducks and geese find it a good country to visit, despite all the hunters.

Haven for Hard-Pressed Orientals

In the McMinnville area particularly, the Yamhill's banks are dense with brush and brambles. The old Chinese roosters look to these bank thickets for protection when the scattergun artists run them out of the cornfields and fence-row.

For every one of these birds we've heard in the brush, but not seen, we'd have enough dough to spend the rest of the winter in Hawaii.

Now we learn that the fish commission has discovered some 44 adult silver salmon in the Yamhill river system. Finding these fish has aroused hopes that eventually sizeable runs of these terrific fish will develop.

Silver Salmon Return to Yamhill

In 1954, the Fish Commission (not to be confused with the Game Commission) planted 100,000 immature silvers in the south fork of the Yamhill system. Surveys of fourteen miles of south fork tributaries revealed that mature silvers had returned to four of these tributaries. Silvers were also in evidence on another tributary that had not been planted.

Actually, according to George Y. Harry, Jr., research director for the fish commission, they have no record of silvers in the Yamhill before this year.

Yamhill Silver Runs Possible

All agencies connected with wildlife are always very cautious about sounding too optimistic. Naturally, they don't want to go out on a limb by making predictions of things that have not occurred, and we can't blame them.

A great many factors will effect these Yamhill silvers, and it is almost impossible to look ahead to the time when sportsmen will be able to rate the river as a good one for migratory fish.

Still, if the biologists located 44 silvers, there are bound to be more they were unable to check, and here well may be the nucleus of future important runs of silvers in the Yamhill system.

Some Silvers Detoured

Some of the marked silvers that were planted in the Yamhill in '54 turned up at other places, after having journeyed to the sea and back. Four of them turned up at the fish commission's Sandy hatchery. Three more were among silvers salvaged at Oswego Creek last fall.

This isn't surprising, as these fish were of Oswego Creek origin and had spent their early "childhood" at the Sandy hatchery.

Another 18 fish that might have wound up in the Yamhill were recovered from summer catches in the Columbia. One fish stopped in to say "howdy" at the Klaskanine hatchery, and another flipped a fin in greeting at the Gnat creek experimental weir. Both of these locations are near Astoria.

In the future, the migrating silvers will have to be transported over the unadorned dam at Lafayette, near the mouth of the Yamhill. This past December such an operation was unnecessary because of high water over the dam.

In 1955, 95,000 additional silvers, almost half of them fin-marked, were planted in the Yamhill. The survivors will be coming back up stream next fall. This spring, another 80,000 juvenile silvers will be planted in the Yamhill. With all this effort, there is every possibility that the Yamhill, home of the fighting bronzeback, host of migratory waterfowl and haven to the hard-pressed ringneck, will have its share of the annual silver horde.

If Big Rivers Muddy, Try Creeks

Over on the coast today, it's raining, as one might expect. Rivers have been in fairly good shape, and anglers have their fingers crossed, hoping that the streams will not rise too rapidly before the weekend onslaught.

Something new anglers might well consider is this: the smaller, shorter streams drop more rapidly and stay clearer than do the larger streams, as a rule. Thus you might find the Nestucca (which now has a new run of bright steelies) too muddy for the best fishing, while nearby Three Rivers or the Little Nestucca would be in passable shape. Both of these last mentioned streams have produced fish for the angler during the week. The pattern is pretty much the same everywhere; the bigger streams muddy easier and stay roily longer than the creeks.

Two Marion B Divisions Slate Playoff Feb. 26

The league championship and berths in the District tournament for Marion County B teams will be decided in a one-night tourney at Mill City, Feb. 26.

The playoff date and site were set at a meeting of league representatives. The two-game playoff, to be held in the Santiam high school gym, will precede the District 2-B tourney, March 1-2.

The playoff is necessary because of the divided schedule played this season by the Marion B league. The first place team in each division will play for the league championship and runner-ups will go for third place.

The top three teams will then join with a fourth B team, Eddyville, Siletz or Valsetz, in the district tournament and the race for a state berth.

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