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## Santiam Wins State Football Championship

### Huge Crowd Watches As Santiam Smashes Way To First State Football Win In History Of Local School

#### Up and Down The Avenue

By Don Moffatt

It seems to me that some of the big labor unions are fouling their own nest with their lack of cooperation with our country. George Meany, head of the AFL-CIO seemed to have no respect for the office of president of the United States. It is his option, as it is every one of us, to vote and support whomever we wish, but when any man is elected to the office of President, he deserves some respect. Meany evidently did not think so when Nixon came to address the annual convention recently.

One thing Meany did was be sure that the band which usually attends these conventions, left the hall, so they would not have to play "Hail to the Chief" when the President entered.

Not only that, Nixon was assigned in advance to sit in the second row of dignitaries on the platform. There was no announcement of the President's arrival. He was treated as an unwelcome guest, and listened to in cold disrespect, as Meany had evidently planned it.

Then when Nixon, after his speech, moved out to shake hands with some of the delegates, Meany shouted, "Will the delegates and other guests please be seated."

Then after President Nixon left the hall, the insulting labor leader said: "We'll now proceed with Act Two."

Maybe Meany is losing his grip on the powerful union, and is doing like John L. Lewis, who headed the United Mine Workers did when he began slipping. He made a statement, "the public be damned," He like Meany was interested only in what he could do to keep control of his job. I think now most union members are a little smarter. They will soon realize that they are not the only people on earth, and that they had better learn to live and let live.

Labor's childish attitude can do nothing but turn public opinion against them, and when that happens, their "top dog" position will begin to crumble. I would hate to see union members lose all their gains, the rightful ones at least, but unless they get rid of hard-headed old men like Meany, they just might lose the whole ball of wax.

It is rather hard to settle down after a couple of weeks soaking in the sunshine in Arizona, where we went to visit our son, Brian, and daughter-in-law Ellen, and our new grandson. All the time we were there, the sun shone brightly, which is indeed appreciated at this time of year. We had a good visit there and also with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schultz at Quincy, and also another brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Schultz of Los Angeles who were in Quincy. On the way down we hit snow at Tonopah, Nevada. We were almost snowed in there last December. The roads were plowed and so we didn't lose any time in that town. We did make a drive through Death Valley this year — Adolph Brunner almost insisted on it. We visited Scotty's Castle on the way through, and had planned on spending the night at Furnace Creek. We hit it bad, as there was a trailer caravan on the road, and it looked like Grand Central Station. There were between 750 and 1000 outfits parked out there in the desert. Not having our trailer this year, we just had to drive until we got to Las Vegas.

On the way home roads were fine until we got north of Klamath Falls, when we ran into a blizzard. Roads were real heavy but passable. We figured we'd have trouble coming over Santiam Pass, but the

State Champions



The Wolverines signify they are the State Championship Class A-11 number one just before presentation of trophy. —Photo by Sue Poole.

### Santiam Wolverines To Open Season Saturday

It will soon be time for the Santiam Boosters to come in out of the rain and cheer another Wolverine team onto victory. The Santiam basketball season officially gets under way this Friday at Regis. A total of thirty-seven boys turned out for the first practice this Monday.

A welcome surprise for local basketball fans will be Coach Rich Moore's new running game. Moore said, with the personnel we have this year, we will be able to clear the boards quickly and get a fast break going.

Of the four returning lettermen, two are juniors and two are seniors. Senior Gordon Plotts, noted for quickness and accuracy, will be back at the guard spot. Also at guard will be junior Gary Taylor whose favorite type of basketball is hard and fast. Returning to their post positions are Dan Cox and Ron Podrabsky. With both of them measuring in at 6'3", they will be major assets in the scoring and rebounding departments.

There will be two new faces on the Santiam court this year in that of 6'1" Dennis Corning, a football standout, and 6'3" Randy Walker, a sturdy transfer from Pleasant Hill. Likewise, these welcome additions will add a great deal to the rebounding and scoring departments.

Coming up from last year's outstanding Junior Varsity team and competing for a varsity suit are eight players. They are Darrell Plotts, Joe Hagen, Dale Grant, John Ruby, Mitch Alban, Paul Freeman, Dennis Budlong, and Dick Gruver. Unfortunately, only eleven are needed for the team

so cuts will be made next week.

Coach Moore stated that "the team has tremendous rebounding power and because of this we will fast break much more than during the past two years." Coach Moore plans to play nine or ten men consistently instead of a unit of 5 or 6. This can be done because there is adequate basketball knowledge and experience among the players.

Perhaps the greatest asset of this year's team is the high morale which seems to be in-born among the players. Coach Moore described them as "quietly confident." This may be due in part to the recent State Football Championship, but there is a general positive and serious attitude being shown on the practice court.

The Wolverines begin their schedule Friday in a Jamboree at Regis. Santiam will play 1/2 a game against Colton at 7:00 p. m. The remainder of the Tri-River members plus Perrydale will also participate in this Jamboree which was set up to raise money for the Tri-River Conference.

On Saturday, December 4, Santiam will meet Nestucca here in Mill City. The Junior Varsity game will begin at 6:30 p. m. and the Varsity game will begin at 8:00 p. m.

### 25 Turn Out for Basketball at Detroit

DETROIT — Twenty-five boys turned out for Detroit High School's first basketball practice of the season Monday. Included in this group are nine sophomores. Among the returnees from last year is the team's leading scorer, Don Hiebert and playmaker Tom Leming. Hiebert is a senior while Leming is a junior.

The Cougars first game will be at Concordia Lutheran in Portland on Saturday night, December 4 at 7 p. m.

### Bids Missing In Timber Sale

DETROIT — No bids were received Monday for 5.8 million board feet of Willamette National Forest timber in the Minto Intermediate sale located about 16 miles east of here. A spokesman at the Detroit Ranger Station said the sale will be rescheduled at a later date.

In another sale, set for Dec. 14, 8.9 million feet of timber will be offered in the Park Santiam Pre-Log Sale No. 2. The timber is located about 26 miles southeast of here.

Some 8.1 million of Pacific Silver Fir and other coniferous species is advertised at \$25.30 per 1,000 board feet, 800,000 feet of Douglas fir is advertised at \$46.10 per 1,000 and 603 acres of all species logs is offered at \$16.21 per acre.

### Mehama Man Is Located in Germany

BAMBERG, Germany — Army S/4 Dennis R. Kassner, 20, son of Mable M. Bond, Mehama, recently was assigned to the 71st Maintenance Battalion near Bamberg, Germany.

Sp/4 Kassner is a cook in the Battalion's Company C.

He entered the army in September 1969, completed basic training at Ft. Lewis, Wn., and was last stationed in Vietnam.

### Former Student on Conference Team

MONMOUTH—Mike Gleason, senior fullback of the Oregon College of Education Wolves, ended his career with the honor of being selected to the Evergreen Conference football all-star team.

Mike, who prepped at Santiam High school, is the son of William Gleason of Mill City. He was named to the first team offensive backfield.

A thundering roar of pride rose from hundreds of Santiam fans when co-captains Gordon Plotts and John Ruby accepted the big blue trophy which signified that the Santiam High School Wolverines were the new Oregon State Class A-11 Football Champions. Coach Jerry Gibson's football squad had almost unanimously picked their opponents to win and demolished the tired and battered Eastern Oregon team from Pilot Rock, 21-6.

The opponents battled to a scoreless tie in the first quarter, but in the second period the Rockets got fired up and drove 77 yards in 17 plays. Quarterback Terry Tolar made the Pilot Rock effort worthwhile by sneaking across the goal line for their only score. Their kick for the point after failed.

Then came the Wolverines. With 1:28 remaining in the first half, star Quarterback

Gordon Plotts came alive with first a short pass to his brother, David Plotts and then a 41-yard bomb to the younger Plotts. This gave Big Red excellent position on the Pilot Rock 3. On the third down of the following series, Plotts faked to Ruby, kept the ball, and scampered to his left for the score. He also kicked the extra point. At half time the score was Santiam 7, Pilot Rock 6.

In the third quarter, the Rockets were ice cold while the Wolverines were red hot. Santiam's famed tailback John Ruby was ready to go. Ruby broke a couple tackles on an up-the-middle play and stormed 44 yards for the second Santiam score. This was Ruby's longest touchdown run of the year. His total yardage for the three-game playoff was 398 yards. Plotts kicked the point after following Ruby's touchdown.

Still in the third quarter, Plotts connected with Gary Taylor on a 32-yard pass to put the Wolverines on the Rocket's 11. Soon after that, Plotts hit Big Ron Podrabsky with a toss on the goal line. Naturally, Plotts followed with the kick.

Equally, if not more important than the offensive game, was Santiam's consistently solid defense. The Santiam method of wearing the opponent's offense down by smashing blocking, driving tackles, and a continual sacking of the quarterback continued to be effective as they held Pilot Rock to only two first downs in the second half. The Rockets grew weaker and weaker under the wrath of tremendous pass rushes and head spinning tackles. It was apparent from the stands that the Rocket's morale had greatly depreciated since the first half. Quarterback Tolar probably took the worst beating of anyone, and he showed it. The previously potent Pilot Rock passing attack proved to be a detriment to the Rockets as Santiam's Gary Taylor, playing a brilliant offensive and defensive game, picked off two of Tolar's passes and Gordon Plotts intercepted another.

An estimated crowd of 1,700, the largest ever to watch a Santiam football game, were on hand to see the Wolverines gain their first State Crown in any sport. The seniors playing their last football game for Santiam were Gordon Plotts, John Ruby, Jim Lyness, Loren Hagen, and Paul Freeman. They will be missed.

### Film To Be Shown At Mehama Church

The film, "Voice of the Deep" will be shown December 5 at 7 p. m. at the Mehama Community church. This is the ultra-modern version of the first underwater sound motion picture ever produced and takes viewers on a voyage beneath the sea to disclose startling discoveries about the secrets of the so-called "silent deep."

The subject matter has a most timely and relevant message and the film is suggested for all viewers, young and old.

### Three Parcels Of Timber Sold

Three parcels of state timber in East-central Marion and Linn counties were sold at public auction Monday for nearly \$115,000.

Freres Lumber Co., Lyons, bid \$34.50 per 1,000 board feet for 1,911,000 board feet of Douglas fir located about five miles south of Gates. The timber had an advertised price of \$13.95 and estimated total bid income of \$65,929.

The Lyons firm also bid \$37 per 1,000, up from an advertised \$16.50, for 863,000 feet of Douglas fir about two miles north of Mehama. The estimated total bid was \$31,931.

Frank Lumber Co., Mill City, bid \$16,500 for 525,000 feet of Douglas fir and 10,000 of Hemlock located just south of Mill City. The parcel was advertised at \$12,570.

### Jaycees Make Plans For Toys for Tots And Teens Project

The Mill City Jaycees are getting underway for another annual "Toys for Tots and Teens" project.

Everyone is urged to save their old discarded toys and place them in the Barrels which will be located about town. Barrels will also be set up in Lyons. If you are unable to take the toys to the Barrels, Please Call one of the men below and they will be picked up for you. MILL CITY: Jim Lewis 897-3127; Mike Wilson 897-2231. LYONS: Bob Marklin 859-2229; Jim Davidson 859-2378.

### Plenty of Action



This Photo pictures John Ruby being tackled after a short gain in yardage in the game against Pilot Rock here Saturday. —Photo by Loyd Sidwell.