

Umpqua Salmon Run Increasing

The Umpqua River's depleted chinook salmon run definitely shows signs of recovery.

William E. Pitney, game department field agent in charge of the Umpqua fishery study, reports the 1952 migration already well ahead of the total 1947 parent run with perhaps 25 per cent more fish to come.

The count at the Winchester station through May 31 this year lists 3,119 fish, the largest number counted by this date since the study started in 1946. The migration so far this year already outnumbers the 2,994 fish comprising the total 1947 run, largest recorded prior to this year. In 1947 the count listed 2,335 fish, or 78 per cent of the total, by May 31.

The 1951 salmon run gained almost 50 per cent over the parent run of 1946. If the 1952 migration holds true to form with the 3,119 fish presently counted representing 75 per cent of the total, the gain over the parent run of 1947 will give another substantial percentage increase.

Flood Losses High
Future years should show improvement through reflection of lowered fishing intensity because of restrictions on commercial fishing after 1947 together with first returns from salmon planted from Rock Creek hatchery. Although gains will be slow, being measured in five-year cycles, game department biologists are encouraged by improvements of the past two seasons.

Still to be determined are losses resulting from the 1950 flood, which occurred during spawning season. Another damaging condition is the silt from Copco's hydroelectric construction work on the upper river section. The silt is believed to have smothered many eggs during the last couple of spawning seasons. Extent of the damage will not be known until returns from parent runs can be measured.

Winter Steelhead	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
Period of May 16 - 31	100	26	347	58	258	83	307
Total through May 31	6563	11220	9700	9225	7008	4188	10635
Percent of run by May 31	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Spring Chinook	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
Period of May 16 - 31	377	742	713	699	486	929	1591
Total through May 31	1342	2335	1200	1568	1217	2067	3119
Percent of run by May 31	68.9	78.9	53.5	74.3	59.3	70.3	—
Chinook Jacks	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
Period of May 16 - 31	130	202	99	210	96	219	225
Total through May 31	189	592	134	383	194	455	331
Percent of run by May 31	35.5	72.5	54.0	79.1	70.0	67.2	—

Trout Fishing In Area Good

Fishermen should make some good weekend catches, according to the report of the Oregon State Fish and Game Commission.

Trout fishing in southern coastal lakes and streams is reported "fair to good" with some catches being made with flies. Streams are low and clear.

Salmon fishing is poor, however, in the Rogue River and its tributaries. It is expected to improve, especially in the Galice area. Wat-

er is dropping and nearly all of the lower basin is clear.

Trout angling is good and improving on eggs in the day and flies in the evening. Trout is fair in central coastal lakes. Catches are being made with spinners and worms, with some luck with flies.

Warm water fish are biting well on central coastal lakes. Black bass fishing is very good.

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PCL Fans See Tight Pitching

By The Associated Press

Pacific Coast League fans were treated Wednesday night to one of the finest evenings of pitching in circuit annals.

Hollywood beat Portland, 1-0. Sacramento blanked Oakland, 1-0. San Diego nosed out Los Angeles, 2-1. Seattle nipped San Francisco, 2-1.

There were three two-hitters, one three-batter and one four-hitter.

Besides superb hurling, fans saw exhibitions of tight defensive play. Tightest of the games was the Hollywood-Portland affair. Mel Queen, down from Pittsburgh, bested the veteran Red Adams as both allowed only two hits. It

was a bitterly disappointing defeat for Adams, for he has held the Stars to two hits in his last two games against them, while his teammates failed to make a run for him.

At Portland May 17 a homer by Jack Phillips ruined Adams game.

Wednesday night a seventh-inning single by Ted Beard scored Gene Handley from second to thwart him again. The win was Hollywood's fifth in a row, during which the collective opposition has scored only six runs.

At Seattle Al Widmar out-duled Al Lien for the Rainiers victory. Widmar, allowing eight safeties, helped his cause by singling in a run. Seattle's other tally came on Bob Boyd's double and Walt Judnich's single.

The Rainiers touched Lien for seven hits. San Francisco's lone tally came in the seventh on four hits.

OSC To Play Fresno Friday

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — The Fresno State baseball club was to arrive here Thursday for Friday's NCAA District 8 playoffs with Oregon State.

Oregon State won the Pacific Coast Conference title last week by upsetting University of Southern California 12-10 and 5-4. Fresno State became the champion independent team of the West by defeating Seattle University 2-1 and 20-4.

Winner of this weekend's two-out-of-three playoffs will be the District 8 champion and will earn a berth in the NCAA tournament at Omaha beginning June 12.

Bailey Brem, Oregon State's pitching star who missed the USC series because of a pulled side muscle, probably will be recovered for this weekend's contest.

Besides Brem, the Oregon State pitching staff consists of southpaw Don White and right hander Norb Wellman who pitched the PCC victories over USC.

Drain, Myrtle Creek State Sunday Contest

The second Junior Legion baseball contest of the North Douglas area will be played between Drain and Myrtle Creek on Sunday June 8, at 2 p.m. DST. Site of the contest is Evergreen Park.

Wally Richardson, Myrtle Creek manager, announced that Don Phillips will hurl for his line. Drain has not revealed its starter.

Layne Protests Matthews Plan To Fight Rocky

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Heavyweight Rex Layne's manager Thursday threatened to put a legal crimp in the proposed Harry (Kid) Matthews - Rocky Marciano bout unless Matthews goes through with a June 19th bout with Layne in Seattle.

Mary Jensen, manager of Layne, said that Jack Hurley, Matthews' pilot, had signed a contract providing for the Layne - Matthews return. Matthews, high-ranking Seattle light heavyweight, outpointed Layne in Portland, Ore., May 19.

The International Boxing Club is dickering for the Matthews-Marciano bout for New York's Polo Grounds, July 14.

"Hurley and I signed a contract calling for a return bout on June 19," said Jensen.

"My lawyer told me it's a perfectly valid contract and I'm going to do my utmost to see that Matthews and Hurley fulfill the contract."

Hurley, also in Philadelphia for the title fight, said, "The contract is for June 9, not June 19. I've been trying to reach promoter Jimmy Fitten about it but I haven't been able to locate him. What's Jensen screaming about, anyway? All he wants is some publicity."

Jensen said he was perfectly serious about the whole affair. "I've spoken to Harvey Miller, secretary of the NBA, and have an appointment this Friday with Bob Christenberry (chairman) of the New York Athletic Commission," said Jensen. "Miller told me to get the Washington State Athletic Commission to suspend Matthews if he doesn't go through with the fight. He said if Washington does that, all the other NBA states would honor the suspension."

"As for Hurley's remark about a June 9th date, that's not so," added Jensen. "Besides I have another contract with him calling for a return within 90 days of that May 19 fight. I mean business and he's going to find it out."

Vokes Quits Willamette Basketball Coach Job

SALEM, Ore. — Sam Vokes has resigned as freshman basketball coach at Willamette University to become head coach at College of Idaho, school officials reported Wednesday.

Vokes will succeed Nick Weddle at the Idaho institution.

Junior Chamber Beaten, 5-0, By Scherner Nine

Scherner Brothers continued their fight to overtake the leaders in the YMCA Industrial League Wednesday by dumping Junior Chamber of Commerce, 5-0.

In the other Industrial League game, Smith Motors posted an upset by racking Moose Lodge, 8-0.

M. Smith pitched no-hit ball in garnering the win for Scherner's. The winners took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, and kept the Jaycees guessing the next two innings before dropping the roof on them. Then, in the fourth, they collected a walk, four consecutive hits and another walk to add on four more runs and clinch the victory.

A single by John Guzzo and a double by Chuck Friday highlighted a five-run flareup by the Smith Motors crew in the first inning. While Jack Gerling was holding the losers to four hits for the whitewash job, Harry Bade was giving up 10 hits. A walk, another double by Friday and a single by Gerling added two more runs, and a homer by Langley in the fourth inning set up the easy win over the Moose.

In The Majors

By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	29	11	.725
New York	28	14	.667
Cincinnati	25	18	.581
St. Louis	22	22	.500
Philadelphia	18	23	.438
Boston	16	24	.400
Pittsburgh	11	36	.234

Wednesday's Results
Chicago 6 New York 2
Brooklyn 7 Pittsburgh 4
St. Louis 6 Boston 0
Cincinnati 10 Philadelphia 8

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Boston	25	18	.581
Cleveland	26	19	.578
New York	21	17	.553
Washington	22	19	.538
Chicago	22	23	.489
Philadelphia	18	19	.486
St. Louis	21	25	.457
Detroit	13	29	.310

Wednesday's Results
New York 6 Chicago 3
Boston 13 Cleveland 11
Philadelphia 4 Detroit 3
St. Louis at Washington, rain.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	42	23	.646
Hollywood	37	26	.587
Oakland	32	30	.516
Los Angeles	30	33	.476
San Francisco	30	33	.476
Seattle	27	34	.443
Portland	26	35	.426
Sacramento	27	37	.422

Wednesday's Results
Seattle 2 San Francisco 1
Hollywood 1 Portland 0
San Diego 2 Los Angeles 1
Sacramento 1 Oakland 0

Yale Shotputter Sets Best Mark

COMPTON, Calif. (AP) — There were five new best marks of the year for the nation's track and field stars to aim at Thursday, topped by a toss of 58 feet 5 1/2 inches registered by Yale's gift to the world's shotputting ranks, Jim Fuchs.

Fuchs, who holds the world record at 58 feet 10 1/2 inches, equalled his own American record with a performance Wednesday night in the annual Compton Invitational Track and Field Meet. He set the American mark in nearby Los Angeles in 1950 and matched it on his first put Wednesday night. His world mark was set in Europe.

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ERNE VELASQUEZ
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Former Legion Team Player Helping Chiefs

Ernie Velasquez was recognized as talent in 1943.

He was playing with the American Legion Winchell Post in San Francisco when his team lost to Minneapolis for the national Junior Legion title. Willis Butler, Cleveland Indian scout, signed Velasquez as a shortstop for the Class A Wilkes-Barre, Pa. team in the Eastern League. At that time Velasquez was 17 years old.

Up to this spring, the talented Latin has been playing in minor league pro circuits.

After leaving Wilkes-Barre, the 25-year-old prospect was sent to Hagerstown, Md. in the Class B Interstate League, to the Oklahoma City team in the Texas League and to Tampa, Fla. in the International League.

He was with Tampa for two years before being called to the Army Medical Corps. This was his second stint in the Army, but it only interrupted his baseball career slightly.

He returned to Tampa, but because of a salary dispute, was released as a free agent. He entered the Oakland, Calif., spring training camp and remained with the Oaks through the first two weeks of this season before being sent to Fort Worth in the Texas League.

After being shipped to Fort Worth, it was learned that this was his fourth option. This was enough to again make him eligible as a free agent. This time, he was sold to the Brooklyn Dodger organization, which determined to send him to Montreal. A big cut in salary made him refuse, so now he is playing with the Roseburg Chiefs.

He made his debut with the Chiefs Saturday, and what a debut it was. Beside displaying flawless fielding, he lammed the first pitch he received for a homer. Later in the game, he pounded out a double. In his approximately nine years in the minors, he has batted .290.

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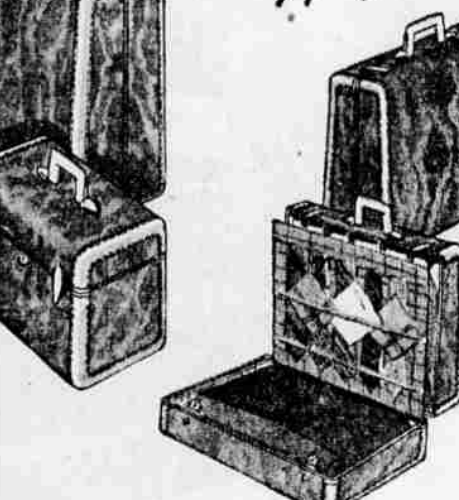
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