

Senators Open Schedule with Portland Beavers at 4 O'clock Today

MAYOR TO THROW FIRST BALL OVER

Weather Remaining Good, Record Crowd Expected to Witness Contest

Salem Senators will play their first game of the season this afternoon at 4 o'clock against the Portland Beavers. Although the game is to be an exhibition contest, manager Biddy Bishop of the Senators is hoping to show the Beavers a fight that will make them remember the capital city for sometime to come.

Hour for the game is set at 4 o'clock to enable the business men who are avowed fans a better opportunity to "knock off" for the spectacle. The only chance of an earlier hour will be the foreboding appearance of the weather. With the grounds in perfect condition for the contest, with the grandstands but recently put in the best of repair, the stage is set for a record breaking crowd—providing the necessary "if" concerning the weather is valid. The Beavers are on their way from the California training grounds and are expected in this city before noon. They will be met by Mayor J. B. Gleay, Manager Biddy and his men, and a host of fans. Mayor Gleay will extend the courtesy of the city and along with it, passes to every amusement place in town. Gleay will also throw over—or around—the first ball.

RICKARD SLIPS SLY ONE ACROSS

Boxing Commission Must Change Attitude or Lose Biggest Fight

NEW YORK, April 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Tex Rickard, with the Yankee stadium or Boyles Thirty Acres as available arenas for his proposed Dempsey-Tunney match, has played his heavy weight cards so skillfully that the state athletic commission now must change front or see a million-dollar title fight go to rival Jersey territory, boxing observers asserted today.

The promoter's latest maneuvers in gaining virtually monopolistic control over the heavy weight situation for 1926, have put the commission in a perplexing, if not embarrassing position, it was pointed out.

As matters stand now, the New York Solons have put their foot down on the Dempsey-Tunney negotiations and clung consistently to their demand that Harry Wills, giant negro, contender, be given first call for a title bout with Dempsey. On two occasions Rickard and his matchmaker, Jess McMahon, have been interrogated without tangible result. The promoter's answer, if little signs can be read accurately, has been to push his negotiations for the Dempsey-Tunney traces without taking Wills into consideration. In fact, Rickard, in so many words, has said he does not care to promote a Dempsey-Wills encounter, this year at any rate.

And by having two arenas available in rival states, either capable of handling a million dollar attraction, critics see the promoter in an advantageous position.

They're Going to Fight—MAYBE; Anyway Jack and Gene Are Friends



Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney are going to be friends even if they finally have to fight. Photo shows Gene seeing off Jack from Florida, without referring to reports that they'll meet in Jersey City Aug. 20 in a tilt for the title.

Salem High Nine Humbles Lincoln Team Netting Ten Runs on Five Hits

SEASON'S OPENER SHOWS STRENGTH

Locals Open Scoring in 3rd Inning, Portland Fails to Score

Scoring 10 runs on five hits, the Salem team got off to a good start for the season by winning its first game of baseball. With Lincoln high school of Portland, 10-0 Friday afternoon. The game was played at Oxford Park.

In the third inning Salem started the scoring, tallying three runs on three walks, a batter hit by the pitched ball, and an error. The only other outstanding inning as far as the swatting was concerned was the fifth, when Fabry, pitched, lobbed the pellet over the right field fence, bringing in one man before him.

Lincoln made but two hits off Fabry. Not one of the Raispliters got past second base, and only three of them got that far. Twice Lincoln batsmen smashed the ball against the right field fence but were plugged out when they tried to stretch their hits to second base.

All of the Salem lads were showing some fast stuff and considering the earliness of the season, but few errors were made. By the time of the next game, probably next Friday, Coach Hollis Huntington hopes, however, to have the stinging combination working for more hits. Indications are that the high school aggregation will rely in great part on the hitting to take in the games.

Kelly was on the receiving end of the battery for Salem. Olinger held down first, Kitchen covered second, Cummings guarded the third base alley, and Adams completed the infield at short stop. R. Drager played left field, J. Drager was stationed at center, and Siegmund frequented the right field fence territory.

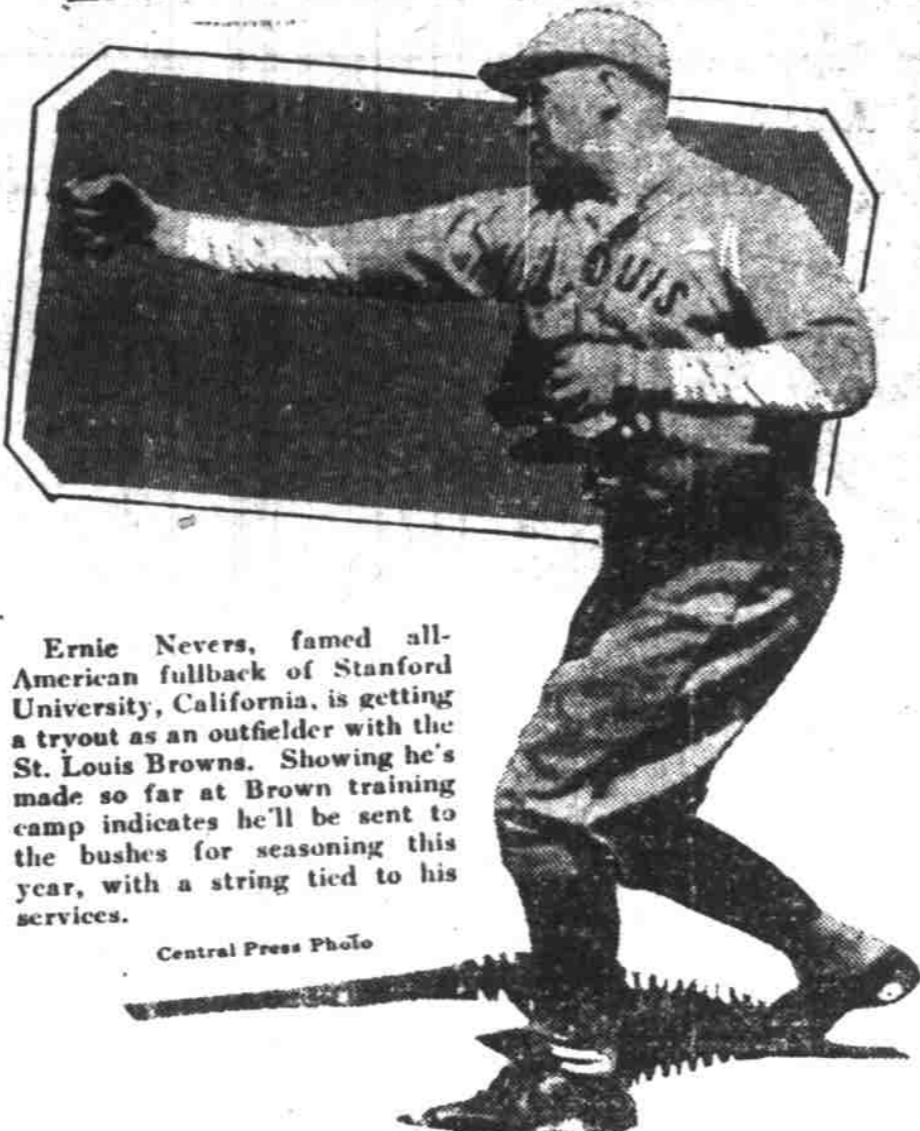
By NORMAN E. BROWN
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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 6.—Yes, indeed, this young Johnny Butler, infielder purchased for half a ball club from the Minneapolis A. A. team by the Brooklyn Dodgers, is going to furnish the basis for considerable comment and discussion this spring if he doesn't do anything else.

The other day we heard George Boehler, former Western League colleague of Butler's praise the young man. Since then we have run into two or three players who played in the Western circuit last season who say that "Chuck" Corgan, shortstop of the Wichita club, and who was signed by Brooklyn only to be sent to Minneapolis in part payment for Butler, is a better shortstop.

Look that over. But that view isn't meant as a reflection against Butler's ability as a ball player. These critics point out that Johnny is normally a third baseman, whereas Cor-

Ernie Nevers in a New Role



Ernie Nevers, famed all-American fullback of Stanford University, California, is getting a tryout as an outfielder with the St. Louis Browns. Showing he's made so far at Brown training camp indicates he'll be sent to the bushes for seasoning this year, with a string tied to his services.

gan's natural position is at shortfield. The records bear out the statements concerning Butler's work at third.

Mr. Michael Smith, new catcher seeking a berth with the once great Yankees, isn't of a nervous temperament, but in the heat of the day's play he is apt to bite nails. For Mr. Smith comes into the big show with two reputations, one as a catcher and one as a strong man. It is said that in addition to literally biting good-sized nails in two with his teeth he bends horseshoes with his hands and fungo bats over the back of his neck.

Mr. Smith's modesty, however, prevents him from performing these parlor feats except in the privacy of the Yankees' drawing room with only his closest friends and horseshoe experts about.

However, the young man looks the part of a strong man. He's six feet two inches tall, weighs about 230 pounds and carries the weight in the right place—his shoulders, arms, back and leg muscles.

This is not his first appearance in a big league uniform, however, the records show. The Pittsburgh Pirates gave him a tryout in 1921 when they were searching for anybody who could help them grab a pennant.

In fact that was Smith's first professional experience. After that he played again with independent and league ball around Pennsylvania and finally landed a berth with the Scottsdale team in the Middle Atlantic team where he hit .333 last year and made a rep as a backstop.

Did Miller Huggins pull a boner when he swapped Wally Schang for George Morigridge, sending the veteran backstop to St. Louis for the lefty? That's what Yank fans and even players are asking here.

It seems that one stipulation made when the Yanks obtained Mark Koenig and Pat Collins from the St. Paul club was that the New York club would give them a good pitcher, albeit a vet.

Huggins decided that he could acquire such a hurler by using Schang. The only flaw, according to reports, was that Huggins overlooked the fact that Morigridge could decide for himself whether or not he wanted to go to a minor league club. All men of 10 years service in the big leagues can ask for their unconditional release and the right to make their own decision under such circumstances. Morigridge did—an elected to sign with the Boston Braves.

Did Huggins pull one by overlooking the 10-year rule, or did he just gamble on Morigridge being willing to accept the St. Paul job?

By NORMAN E. BROWN
Sports Editor of Central Press.
Lakeland, Fla., March 23.—I asked President Barnard of the Cleveland ball club today if he saw any danger to the game in the changing conditions affecting players or influences surrounding the sport. I pointed out to him that outside business connections of the younger players in particular were steadily bringing them into closer personal relationship and that this might tend to lessen the spirit of competition on the ball field—that it might eliminate eventually the "fight" lack of which has long been decried by the older fans and players.

"The only difference I know of between the ball player of today and the player of 10 or 15 years ago is that you can't distinguish

LATE FIGHT NEWS

EVERETT, Wash., April 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Big Bill McKenzie, Canadian heavyweight, knocked out Joe Craig of Aberdeen, Wash., in the second round of a scheduled six round main event in a smoker here tonight. McKenzie weighed 230 pounds and Craig 140.

Jack Dill, Everett 170 pounder, knocked out Carl Adair, Seattle, in the first round of a scheduled six round semi-final.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 2.—(AP.)—Tommy O'Brien, Pacific coast lightweight champion, scored a technical knockout over Frankie Schaeffer of Chicago in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-round fight here tonight.

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 2.—(AP.)—Billy Alger, Pacific welterweight won a ten round decision from Young Joe Rivers of Phoenix here tonight. Alger carried the fight to his opponent all the way.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 2.—(AP.)—Cuddy De Marco, Pittsburgh, Penn., welterweight scored a technical knockout over Mel Stevens, Los Angeles in the second round of their scheduled 10-round bout here tonight. De Marco had the western battler groggy in the first round and soon finished him in the second.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., April 2.—(AP.)—Tuffy Wing, Portland, Pacific coast junior lightweight champion, retained his hold on the title when he won over Denny Nunes of Sacramento, on an accidental foul in the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round main event here tonight. The fouling blow was clearly unintentional.

BUENOS AIRES, April 2.—(AP.)—Luis Firpo, Argentine heavyweight champion, and Erminio Spalla, of Italy, will enter the ring tomorrow night for their second meeting in a little more than two years. The match is for 15 rounds.

Although there is relatively little betting, Firpo is the favorite. His followers look for a knockout before the fifth round.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Ted Moore, English light heavyweight, was given a draw by the judges here tonight in a 10-round bout with Charlie Belanger, local light heavyweight. Ringside critics gave Moore every round by a wide margin.

Approximately 130 persons were present on Thursday evening when Scottish Rite Masons and their wives met for dinner at the Marlon hotel, served at 7 o'clock. Judge George H. Burnett presided and speakers were Oscar Hayter of Dallas, Judge Harry H. Belt of the Oregon supreme court, Rev. Dunsmore of Independence, and Professor Butler of Monmouth. Following the dinner the ladies retired during the Masonic services.

JACK NASH WINS 10 ROUND FIGHT

Battle Card at Eugene Lists Dick Reed and Cecil Gatewood

EUGENE, Or., April 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Jack Nash of Portland, 126 pounds, won a decision over Mac Lillard, Eugene at the end of a 10-round main event in the Winter Garden here tonight. It was Nash's fight all the way.

Dick Reed, Eugene, former university athlete and football star, knocked out Mike Williams, Portland, in the beginning of the third round of a scheduled six round special event.

Jack Reed, Corvallis, won a technical knockout over Cecil Gatewood of Noti. The referee stopped the fight in the fourth round of a four round battle. Young Myers of La Grande and Young Halo of Noti fought four rounds to a draw in the curtain raiser.

Makes Business of Giving Blood to Save Others



Albert E. Jacobs, above of Clementon, N. J., has just given his blood for the 108th time in a transfusion operation at the Jewish hospital in Philadelphia. He has been undergoing such operations since his first offered services while a soldier during the

Track Meet Tryouts to Be Run Saturday

EUGENE, April 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Final try-outs for the Oregon-Stanford track meet to be held in Palo Alto next Sat-

British Liberal Leader Resigns



Resignation of Sir Alfred Mond (above) from the Liberal party has caused a furor in England, since he has long been one of the three leaders, the Earl of Oxford and Asquith and Lord George being the others. His disagreement with the "nationalization of lands" platform to which the latter has committed the Liberals, is given as the cause. He now considers himself a Conservative.

urday will be held tomorrow afternoon, according to trainer Hayward. The coach says that prospects for the Webfooters winning the meet are small.

AT THE THEATRES

Oregon—Jack Holt, Florence Vidor and Noah Beery in "Sea Horses," by Frances Brett Young.

Hellig—Peggy Hopkins Joyce in "The Skyrocket."

High—Five acts vaudeville and pictures.

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