

Salem High Will Clash With Strong Gervais Team Today

Twilight Baseball League Will Be Organized at Meeting Here Tonight

FIRST GAME OF SEASON SLATED

Luke Gill's Tossers to Meet Pitching Ace in Person of Legion Star

The baseball season will open in Salem today, with the Salem high tossers, coached by Luke Gill, matching their prowess against the Gervais high team. The game will start at 7:30 p. m.

If anyone thinks that doesn't mean a ball game, it is sufficient merely to mention that Orville Schwab, southpaw lad who pitched for the Silverton American Legion junior baseball team last summer, is a student at Gervais high, and although there isn't much advance information on the Gervais team, Orville is undoubtedly slated to pitch unless he has broken an arm recently and nothing to that effect has been given out.

It was young Schwab, as local fans will recall, who practically made the Silverton team and twirled it to successive victories until the state finals were reached; and his pitching was noticeably superior to that of the Gyro Card fingers, which establishes him as the best slamban under 17 years of age in the state.

Strong Material on Hand This Season

Salem high has the basis for a stronger team than last year, although this will depend largely on how Luke Gill's pitchers perform. Kenneth Van Cleave, who did effective work in some games last year, is on the job again, with Bowden and Lewis for support. Bowden is also taking a fling at the vacancy behind the plate, McCaffrey being the other leading candidate.

The infield combination at present looks like a continuation of last year's, with Baker on first base, Kitcher on second, Foreman at shortstop and Belt on the hot corner. Garbarino is another possibility for third base, or may be used in the outfield.

Mel Van Cleave, a cousin of the pitcher, is covering a lot of territory in left field. Lewis and Craig are others who may play in the distant gardens.

The Salem high team will play the Imperials, a local team sponsored by the Imperial furniture store, Saturday afternoon.

Versatile Varsity Stars

By HARDIN BURNLEY



Barry WOOD HARVARD'S SUPER-ATHLETE.

(Left) JIM THORPE - THE GREATEST ALL-AROUND ATHLETE IN COLLEGE HISTORY AND (Right) HARLOW ROTHERTH -- THE COASTS MOST VERSATILE STAR.

GEORGE OWEN WON 9 MAJOR LETTERS AT HARVARD.

THORPE—James, of pure Sac and Fox Indian lineage—is the name that always comes to mind when one thinks of athletic versatility. "Jim" was a wonder man at football, baseball, and on the track when a student at Carleton about twenty years ago. He has even more marvelous records in years after leaving school and, in the opinion of many capable judges, Thorpe was the greatest all-around athlete of his time. "Jim" became a professional but—if sheer standard of athletics was the sole standard of judging the genuine amateur—this remarkable Indian would be classed among the purest of simon purps. So much now do this sporting paragon who could do

GIRL SWIMMER IS WELCOMED

Seattle Youngster Returns Home With Eight New World Records

By FRANK G. GORRIE
Associated Press Sports Writer
SEATTLE, March 27.—(AP)—Weeping tears of joy, Helene Madison, pretty Seattle high school girl, returned home today in triumph from a series of the world's greatest aquatic achievements.

Dropping down out of a brilliant sky from her first airplane ride, the girl who sprang from obscurity into fame overnight, was greeted by more than 6000 cheering admirers at the aviation field and paraded through Seattle streets.

Afraid of the airplane, but even more afraid of the great reception awaiting her, the 16-year-old swimming sensation who virtually rewrote the women's record book in Florida aquatic meets early this month, was crying when she stepped from the plane into her mother's arms.

After embracing her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Madison, Helene quickly recovered herself and waved to the cheering throng while news photographers snapped her in many different poses.

Mayor Frank Edwards of Seattle and a citizens committee officially greeted her and presented her with bouquets before she was whisked away in an open automobile on a parade through the city streets. It was the greatest reception ever shown an athlete in Seattle's history.

Tonight a monster welcome banquet was scheduled at the civic auditorium for the girl who shattered eight world's swimming records. Helene and daughters were the guests of honor.

Miss Madison will return to school next Monday and continue to train for the Olympic games in 1932.

CURT COMMENTS

BY CURTIS

Will Rogers isn't the only fellow who gets his information from the newspapers, judging from the crowds on Salem's streets Thursday night to attend spring opening.

Of course some folk may have turned out to discover what the terrible noise emanating from the vicinity of the waterfront was about and how it might be choked off. We understand the fellow who engineered that bright idea is leaving town by airplane today.

Have to rummage around in one's files and dig out the old scorebook today, celebrating the opening of the baseball season.

"Now," said Luke Gill just after one of his proteges had thrown the ball away and let a couple of Farrish lads score. "Where do you throw the ball on an outfield hit when there's a man on second base?"

"Second base," was one intelligent reply. "Third base" was another. Illustrating why coaches get gray.

We notice baseball practice is under way at Pacific university. But if the two lads in the

OLINGER FIELD WILL BE USED

Industrial Group Limited to Employ Players, Plan Indicated Now

Twilight baseball, which has grown into an important position in the local sports calendar, will be organized for the coming season when managers and backers of prospective teams in the Commercial and Industrial leagues meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Last season there were six teams in the Commercial league, the Elks, who won the championship, Building Trades, Statehood, American Legion, Knights of the Kumbus and Oregon Pulk and Paper company. In the Industrial league the teams were the Postoffice, which won the title after a close race, the Groccerymen, Paper and Western Paper Converting company.

It is probable that Olinger field will be rented for the twilight games again this season. Games last year drew greater attendance than at any time in the past, and the more convenient location of the new field as compared to the ford Park, was believed responsible for this.

The Industrial league, according to tentative plans, will be held strictly to employ players of the coming season.

On the Sidelines

By BRIAN BELL

Bill Killefer, manager of the St. Louis Browns, abhors "conventions" during his baseball practices. When pitchers are sent into the field to "shag" flies, sometimes they gather in groups and discuss a practice of the nation and other topics, when Manager Bill would like to have them running around the place, getting in shape and hardening their legs for the coming campaign.

"The Elks are about to have a convention in left field," he said during a practice of the nation and other topics, when Manager Bill would like to have them running around the place, getting in shape and hardening their legs for the coming campaign.

Eissner and Perry were added to the list of prize winners in the doubles, a cash prize being provided after play was completed.

In business league play Thursday night Western Auto Supply won two games from Capital Dairies, and Stiff Furniture won two from Oregon Packing. In High School league competition earlier in the day, Senator Food Shop Cubs won three from the Eagles although all scores were close, one pin being the margin in the second game.

All-Events Prize Won By Shields

H. C. Shields was the winner of the all-events prize, the award in which most interest centered in connection with the Oregon state bowling tournament held here the week before. Shields, 1842, Pagar, who had been considered the likely winner, was nosed out late in the tournament. The first prize was a bowling ball donated by the Brunswick company. The prize for high score went to Huff of Tillamook, whose mark was 258.

Virgil Stolker's score of 640 in the singles, rolled Monday night, remained the best of the tournament. Others in on the prize money, in their order of ranking were: Werner, Tillamook, 639; Poulin, Salem, 634; S. Steinbock, Muller and Greenwald, all of Salem, tied at 615; Monson, Salem, 614; Reed, Eugene, 613; Hugs, Tillamook, 608; Neberghal, Salem, 606; Battleson, Salem, 604; Shamley, Salem, 598; Van Patten, Salem, 595; McMillan, Klamath Falls, 593; Waggle, Tillamook, 592; Barron, Klamath Falls, 591; Josl, Tillamook, 590.

INSECT SPRAY FOUND

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Agricultural research workers of the University of Minnesota have found a combination of chemicals which tests have proven to be effective against insect pests. Copper sulphate, stone lime, denat and nicotine sulphate together with water are used in a formula which is sprayed on young onions to prevent attacks.

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FIGHTER SUSPENDED FOR STALLING BOUT

KANSAS CITY, March 27 — (AP)—George Tration, Chicago heavyweight novice, was indefinitely suspended by the Missouri Boxing commission for failing to offer any semblance of fight in his 54 second swooning session in the ring here last night with Primo Carnera, the immense Italian.

Announcement of the suspension, which is expected to extend to other states affiliated with the National Boxing association, was made by Harry Davis, Kansas City member of the state commission.

While not criticising Carnera for the outcome of the bout, Davis said the Italian would not be permitted to box in Missouri again unless a "worthy opponent" is produced.

The European invader is scheduled to sacrifice Jack McCauliffe, one of the ancients of the industry, at Denver tomorrow night.

Dual Swimming Meet Scheduled Here Saturday

The Salem Y. M. C. A. and Northeast Y. of Portland swimming teams will engage in a dual meet here Saturday afternoon starting at 2:30 o'clock. Entries of the Salem Y. will include J. Reed in the 40 yard back stroke and dives, C. Reed in the 40 yard breast stroke, Cross, Dirks and Goulet in the 100 yard free style. The medley relay team includes J. Reed, C. Reed and Dirks or Cross. The free style relay team will be Goulet, Dirks Cross and J. Reed.

Chicago White Sox Being Bolstered up With Many New Recruits This Year

By PAUL MICKELSON
Associated Press Sports Writer
CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Two of the keenest minds in baseball, Charles A. Comiskey and Donie Bush, threaten to hand the American league its biggest surprise package in 1938 with their rejuvenated White Sox.

Hitting baseball comeback trail together, the "old Roman" who at 70 is planning and spending as never before to realize his dream of another pennant winner, and his new manager have strengthened the 1929 team with a large and exceedingly promising group of youngsters with which they hope to gain at least a first division berth in the coming championship struggle.

Hitters and more of them has been Manager Bush's demand during the winter's raid on the ivory mart. Last year, the White Sox finished in seventh place because of a famine of base hits, losing 35 games by the slim margin of one run. This year, Bush believes he will have that extra punch at the plate while the pitching and fielding, always good, should be much the same and better if a few rookies deliver.

Smead Jolley to Roberto Limonp
Smead Jolley, slugging six footer from San Francisco, of the Pacific Coast league who made a big dent in the Comiskey purse, is one recruit almost certain to give the White Sox more offensive power. Jolley led the Pacific coast circuit batters for five years over outitting his former teammates, Earl Averill and Roy Johnson, whose batting in their first American League season last year was outstanding. Two other hard hitting outfield recruits will get a chance with Jolley, Dave Harris, who batted .363 for Portland last season, and Jimmy Moore, who hit a .368 clip for Dallas of the Texas league in 1929.

Speedy infield to Be Sent on Field
Bush, always a stickler for a fast infield, will have two promising recruits in Irving Jeffries, who can play either second or third and who led the Texas league in fielding while batting .363 last year, and Ernest Smith, a shortstop from Birmingham who was noted the most valuable

PITCHER WITH GIANTS

Herbert Pruett, former moundman for the St. Louis Browns, showing his pitching wares to his fellow Giants, at the training camp at San Antonio, Texas.

so many strenuous things superlatively or superbly well. In our colleges today, we have some youths who remind many of Thorpe in his days of glory. There is William Barry Wood of Harvard great in his second college year as a quarterback, a varsity baseball player, a hockey star, a meritorious golfer, and so able at tennis that he will qualify for membership in the 1930 U. S. Davis Cup team! Think of it girls—Wood is an Eli ace at football, baseball and basketball. Their grid and diamond duels for the next two years should add some startling chapters to Yale-Harvard annals.

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is another wonder man. He's a discus thrower, shot-putter and javelin hurler of extraordinary ability. And at football Rotherth is a stellar back. Besides, he's captain of the varsity basketball team.

Wood's sophomore rival, Albie Booth, of Yale, will give Barry stiff competition for versatility honors, too, for "The Mighty Midget" (two years older than Wood) is an Eli ace at football, baseball and basketball. Their grid and diamond duels for the next two years should add some startling chapters to Yale-Harvard annals.

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ern league in innings pitched and his with the tall end Topeka in the last number of allowed club last year. Vic Frazier, a right handed speed ball hurler from Joplin, Mo., and "Dutch" Henry who was obtained from the New York Giants toward the end of last season.

Catching Staff
Not Overly Strong
The catching staff is one big worry, however, Moe Berg and "Duck" Crouse should improve but Manager Bush wants another one and is having a hard time getting one at any price. He hopes to acquire an established backup from some American league club before the race opens.

"We will have a young, fighting club with a world of possibilities," said owner Comiskey, who has all but recovered from the illness that kept him away from baseball most of the 1929 season. "I regard Donie Bush as one of the smartest managers in baseball and I stand ready to back him in every way. I want another pennant winner and were going to surprise them in 1930."

Through a commercial treaty recently signed between China and Japan, the former is granted broad customs autonomy.

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CONVENTIONAL RECEIVED

Several seasons ago well posted baseball men advised ambitious young players who wished to become major leaguers to take up catching. The advice was sound. Not in recent years has there been such a dearth of catchers in the major leagues. At least three clubs in Florida, now with season at hand are looking about for likely youngsters to supplement catching staffs. The Browns have Perrell and Manion but need a third and will pay well for the right man. The Braves are starting out with the veteran Hank Gowdy as one of the regular catchers and while Gowdy can catch, he will be more useful as a coach. The day's best two good catchers in Clyde Sukerforth and Johnny Gooch, but need a third. It is not too late now for the youngsters to shift positions. Catchers always will be in demand.

EXPORTS EXCEED IMPORTS
CHICAGO (AP)—Exports of butter from the United States during the first month of 1938 totaled 311,596 pounds, exceeding imports by 178,867 pounds.