

# Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Goodbye, thank you. Will see you again in two weeks, or after a jolly fortnight flitting away my time at the boss's expense. But, before taking off, will parcel out a few paragraphs of pure pith, as of course are all of my efforts in this space—even though there are numerous nomads of the sports pages who vow it's naught but pitter-patter, with a touch of tiffle-tuffle tossed in.



"SPEC" KEENE

By the time I return a little flurry will be evident at Sweetland, and a big flurry will be jumping from cell to cell in the grey matter that abounds in the skull of one R. S. Spec Keene, who will be beginning his 14th consecutive year as grid mentor of Willamette University, situated 5.1 degrees longitude and 45 feet from the Mill Creek mill race, Salem city, Oregon, U.S.A., e pluribus unum.

So it at this time behooves us to take a gander at some of the dough Spec will attempt to knead into his 1939 bread-winner. Such gander, for which there is no sauce, will of necessity have to be confined to men who are expected to return to us or die for dear old WU, for the fresh young things can't be mentioned publicly until they have safely signed on the dotted line of registration blanks.

Just in passing (at 60 miles per hour), it might be well (a 40-foot deep one) to point out that these newcomers will probably be sizeable gents, for it is tackles and fullbacks Spec needs most.

## Haek and Hinman Head Wings.

And just where is it you'd like to begin on this tour of the Bears? In the middle and work both ways? Or, as the saying goes (but where no one knows), from end to end and straight back to the tail-back?

I'll give you the ends, of whom there is no end: Prime favorites for first team berths here are two rangy rascals who didn't arrive a single hip last season, Bob Hinman and Jack Haek. Hinman is a transfer from Oregon, was on the campus all last season and worked with the 'Cats all through the season. Haek was a comer in 1937, but suffered both physically and scholastically last year, with the result he played not one minute.

Battling with Hinman and Haek for first line play will probably be defensively dependable Art Baird, who broke his leg in the third game of last season (College of Idaho) and was out for the balance, and Johnny Kobb, third-year veteran who shines offensively.

Up from last year's fine frosh outfit will be Salem's Walt Heinle, expected to develop into a whole of a wingman before the sun sets on his collegiate career, and Earl Versteeg, brother of the famous "Chuck," one of Willamette's all-time greats.

There are three sets, leaving little Horsey Longergan, the pint-sized New Jersey youngster, to fill in when a little speed and a lot of aggressiveness are needed, or, perhaps, to be used in the backfield.

## Guards Good, Tackles Need Help.

Now to the guards, where, it must be related, the strength isn't massed as heavily as it is supposed to be among those that cordon Buckingham palace, but is, nevertheless, fairly impressive.

First-line luminaries here are Pete "Newly-Wed" Williams, the only man to last year be unanimously chosen on the northwest conference all-star team, and Floyd Baker, sophomore from Medford. This pair will be bolstered by Ellis Rogers, reserve, and three hard-muscle men up from the frosh, Salem's Tom King, Oscar Swenson from Spokane and Martin Barstad, Woodburn.

The tackle situation is the most sorry, for from this position was lost by graduation no less personages than big George Sirmo, a 60-minute man, and Karl Kahle, who was not far behind the Finn. With Floyd Cline, flame-thatched junior from Portland, and Joe "Beef" Dispensiere, the giant New Jersey, plus Sophomores Wes Boyer and Gordon Moore on hand, however, the situation isn't entirely hopeless.

At center Spec will have Bruce Williams, who understudied Leighton Blake last season; Ardo Stocks, two-year reserve from Medford; and Wally Olsen, dynamic pivoter up from the frosh. Frankly, Wally Olsen at this writing would seem the only one of the three to have opportunity to approach the dependable heights attained by Blake, but Williams' fire and experience will make him a hard man to keep out of there.

## Fullbackless Backfield a Possibility.

That takes care of the line, all except the line I'm now going to hand you about the backfield—a field that'll need very little cultivation if Mr. Keene can't uncover a farm hand who stands about five-foot-11 (but who never stands), who hefts not less than 201, whose knees resemble nothing so much as the ends of railroad ties and who has as much aptitude for diagnosing the doings of opponents as has any ordinary citizen for diagnosing what's wrong with the country.

If you see a grid goliath answering the foregoing description, he'll automatically fill the now wide-open fullback position, and Mr. Keene will be off to his back to whomsoever made it possible for the follow to matriculate at Willamette.

Other than need of a fullback, Spec is well fortified with backfield candidates, thank you. He has even mullied over the idea of going without a fullback, in the true sense of the word, and relying upon three ball-carrying, pass-throwing, pass-snagging, punting, blocking halfbacks to go with his quarterback, or blocking back. And no back talk will be permitted.

Such a move on Spec's part would probably present a backfield with Bunny Bennett and George "Glycerine" McGlynn at the halfback slots, with Halfback Gene Stewart perhaps in what ordinarily would be the fullback position, and Art Gallon at quarterback.

Spec, however, knows there is no substitute for a fullback, and it is probable that he'll either bob up with one or will be moulding Larry Drury or Larry McKee into the required shape to fill the bill.

## Halfbacks Available by Handfuls.

Truly, halfbacks are one animal Spec will have more of than the Philadelphia zoo has monkeys, and according to street curb gossip he has even more of the same either on the way or already on the ground.

Heading the important ball-carrying left half position is Paul "Bunny" Bennett, who will be scampering for his fourth season. Then comes McGlynn, who also may be used at right half, and who last season looked to be something really live wire. Gene Stewart, the Ontario flash, may get the call over either McGlynn or Bennett, while Carl Chapman, providing he is able to clear up some scholastic difficulty and providing he blooms forth like he in a measure gave promise last season, may get the nod over all three.

Back of Bennett, McGlynn, Stewart and Chapman there are Buddy Reynolds and Harold Burgess, while Walden, the California flash who played some football with the Pheasant line, may make 'em all step.

At right half Justin Weakley, back for his final season after being knocked from competition last with a chipped vertebrae, will have Irv Miller, the souped-up passer from Wisconsin who won the Santa Barbara game for the 'Cats last season, Myron Goe and Al Wickert as understudies. Miller left school shortly after his impressive showing in the Santa Barbara game, because of illness in the family.

The blocking back job will be handled by Art Gallon and Larry McKee, providing the latter isn't shifted to fullback, leaving need of at least one more blocking back on the roster.

And now that you know all about Willamette's football prospects for the fast-approaching season (except that Spec will probably cross us all up), I'll be on my way. See you Sept. 11.

## Porter's Mite Is Chaledon's Peer

PAWTUCKET, R.I., Aug. 26.—(AP)—W. E. Boeling's Porter's Mite took off the challenge of W. D. Brann's Chaledon today to win the first renewal of the James C. Thornton memorial handicap, a mile and a farlong for three year olds, before 25,000 fans at Narragansett park.

The Mighty Chaledon, a 5 1/2 to 10 favorite, finished a length and a half back with Friedberg and Axton's Montsia taking show position and Louis B. Mayer's Coun-terpoise running fourth.

## Frosh Football Date Is Shifted

EUGENE, Aug. 26.—(AP)—The University of Oregon-University of Washington freshman football game, originally scheduled for Eugene Friday night, October 27, has been shifted to Saturday afternoon, October 28, Oregon Frosh Coach John Warren announced Saturday.

The frosh, limited to three games this season by conference ruling, will meet the Oregon State Rooks in Portland, October 13, and at Eugene, November 3.

## Cooke Is Jubilant

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 26.—(AP)—Wearily but jubilant, Elwood Cooke, of Portland, Ore., set out to rejoin the U.S. Davis cup squad tonight as the Newport Casino singles tennis victor and one of the runners-up in that historic tourney's doubles competition.

GUY RUSCIGNO, PORTLAND

# Five Salem Players on All-Star

## Milwaukie's Shortstop Is Called Outstanding Player As Sixth Tourney Closes

1939 OFFICIAL ALL-STATE SOFTBALL TEAM

Player	Pos.	Team
Singer	Pitcher	Square Deal
Ruscigno	Pitcher	Joe Mann
Griffin	Pitcher	Pendleton
Hood	Catcher	Joe Mann
Stevens	1st Base	Joe Mann
Kitchen	2nd Base	Waits
B. Gentzkow	3rd Base	Square Deal
Schroer	Short	Milwaukie
D'Arcy	Outfield	Square Deal
Farris	Outfield	Bonneville
J. Schoenheinz	Outfield	Joe Mann
Melcher	Utility Inf.	Teuple Co.
R. Gentzkow	Utility Inf.	Square Deal

Other Awards Given  
Best fielding infielders: Schroer, Milwaukie.  
Best hitter: Floyd Farris, Bonneville.  
Outstanding player: Schroer, Milwaukie.  
Outstanding pitcher: Griffin, Pendleton.  
Best outfielder: J. Schoenheinz, Joe Mann.

Although four were elevated to the all-state softball club for the second successive year, and one—Salem's Squee Kitchen—made it for the sixth consecutive season, it was Milwaukie's scintillating shortstop, Delmar Schroer, who scampered off with most of the 1939 hardware.

Schroer, 16-year-old fleetfoot, was not only given the all-state shortstop berth unanimously, but was also unanimously chosen as the sixth annual state tournament's outstanding player and its best fielding infielder. In two titles the little lad handled 19 chances, many of them difficult ones, and hit .571. He connected safely four out of seven official trips to the plate. For his efforts Schroer received both the Jim Nicholson and the KSLM trophies.

Other unanimous all-state choices were all three pitchers, Joe Mann's big Guy Ruscigno, Square Deal's Henry Singer and Pendleton's Harvey Griffin, who was also named the tourney's outstanding hurler; Square Deal's Bernie Gentzkow, at third; and Square Deal's Stub D'Arcy and Bonneville's slugger Floyd Farris, outfielders.

Kitchen's Honor Unique  
To Salem's Squee Kitchen, despite the fact his team was knocked out in the quarter finals, went the distinction of having been accorded an all-state berth for the sixth consecutive year. Kitchen, who in two games handled more chances than other second basemen accepted in three, and who hit .285, is the only player to ever be accorded recognition every year in tourney history.

Both Joe Mann's Guy Ruscigno, who pitched two victories, and Square Deal's Henry Singer, who up to last night had hurled three—two in successive nights—made the mythical team for second successive years. It also was brilliant Bernie Gentzkow's second successive year on the all-state, the Square Deal third sacker having no contestant at that spot.

Farris Best Hitter  
Floyd Farris, Bonneville outfielder, beat out Square Deal's Stub D'Arcy for the best hitter trophy, given by Parker's sporting goods store. He hit safely seven out of 11 appearances, to quit the tournament in which his team advanced to the semi-finals with a .626 batting average.

Harvey Griffin, the wrist-wringing Pendleton pitcher who struck out 29 and allowed but three hits and one unearned run in 16 innings, was given the outstanding pitcher award that last year went to Salem's Percy Crofoot.

The all-star ratings were given by votes of a five-man committee of sports writers, scorers and announcers who saw every tourney game. Two votes were given for first-team selections and one vote for second team. The selections were made prior to the championship game Saturday night.

The Second Team  
Pitchers, Bill Georesen of Bonneville, Archie Hamlin of Joe Mann and Harvey Welland of Albany; first base, Ike Eislindinger of Waits; second base, Swan of Joe Mann; shortstop, Syl Der-

## He Never Misses

Squee Kitchen, Salem's all-star softballer. He's been chosen on the mythical state softball club every year of the six the state tournament has been in existence. This year he made it despite playing in two games only.

## Portland, Seattle Nines Both Lose

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26.—(AP)—A five-run blast in the fifth inning touched off by Pitcher Jesse Flores' homerun wallop, sank Seattle today and the Angels went on to blank the Pacific Coast league leaders 6-0 and gain a 3-2 edge in the series.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—(AP)—The San Francisco Seals handed the Portland Ducks a 10 to 2 trouncing in a Pacific Coast league game here today.

Portland Building up  
PORTLAND, Aug. 26.—(AP)—The week's building permits valued at \$314,635 were the largest for a similar period this year. New construction here totaled \$255,760.

agish of L. R. Teeple of Portland; third base, Paul Kostocka of Pendleton; utility, Reimer of Bonneville; outfielders, Earl Hyatt of Albany, Ray Titus of L. R. Teeple and Neil Peay of Bonneville; utility outfielder, Phil Salstrom of Waits.

Honorable mention went to: Pitcher George Roth of Waits; Catcher Jim Robertson of Albany; First Baseman Bud Matlock of Milwaukie; Second Baseman Bill Gentzkow of Square Deal and Chuck Houston of AFOU; Third Baseman Dag Koch of Milwaukie; Outfielders Chuck Schoenheinz of Joe Mann, Emil Pascual of AFOU, Jack Williams of Pendleton and Rager of L. R. Teeple.

## Champions for Second Successive Year



The Pade-Barricks, Salem's sweethearts of softball, who last night put their second successive state women's softball title in the bag. Bottom row, left to right—Dorothy Moore, Patty Carson, Betty Buzzy Yocum, Captain Ruth Yocum, Harriet Dunigan. Middle row—Madelyn Morgan, Evelyn Nelson, Alice Goffler, Jean McCorkle, Feme Welch, Janita Moe and Bobbie Kuzia. Top row—Sponsoress Bea O. Pade, Rachel Yocum, Phyllis Gueffroy, Manager Bob Kauscher, Helen McLean, Maxine Crabtree and Sponsor L. E. Barrick.

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# SPORTS

Better Than—  
Orange juice as a breakfast dish is The Statesman sports page; just as digestible yet zippier.

RON GEMMELL—Editor

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Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, August 27, 1939

# Salem Champion Girls Honored

## Texans Oust Silverton 9

Mt. Pleasant Wins Right to 1939 Title Play With 2-0 Win

WICHITA, Kas., Aug. 26.—(AP)—Mt. Pleasant, Tex., blanked Silverton, Ore., 2 to 0, tonight in the semi-finals of the national semi-pro baseball tournament, winning the right to meet Duncan, Okla., Sunday for the 1939 title.

The two nine, young and snappiest of the tournament's high-ranking teams raced through a game that bristled with sparkling plays.

Except for Manager Keith Clark, 35-year-old catcher for the Mt. Pleasant Cubs, the "veteran" on the diamond was 24-year-old Vance Canby, who outpawped the Oregonians into 3-hit submission.

Strong Support Wavers  
Silverton's Red Sox, none older than Hurney, 23, in right field, gave fine support to right-handed Kenny Heist except in the seventh when two errors on the same play let in Mt. Pleasant's second run.

France, hit by a pitched ball, raced to third on Babalo's miff of Hill's fly to center field, and crossed the plate when Erault lost the long throw-in at home. Clark had singled and scored on France's double in the fifth.

Three Texas double plays and great catches by Left Fielder Jimmy Summers, who circled back to take two long drives with one-handed stabs, robbed the losers of runs with men abase in the third, sixth and seventh innings.

Sunday's game was set at 8:15 p. m. (CST) should the ambitious youngsters from Texas win, a second contest will be played Monday, Duncan having been unbeaten in six starts to date.

Tonight's score:

Player	B	H	O	A
Silverton	2	4	0	1
Kirsch, 2	0	1	2	
Peaky, 3	4	2	2	
Schwab, 3	0	1	1	
Hurney, 1	3	0	4	1
Bonney, 1	2	0	3	0
Sylvester, 1st	2	0	0	0
Whitman, m	2	0	0	0
Erault, c	1	2	2	
Heist, p	2	0	0	1
*Bubalo, m	2	0	1	0
Totals	27	34	12	12

Mt. Pleasant, Texas B H O A  
France, s ..... 3 2 1 4  
Hill, 1st ..... 4 0 11 0  
Summers, 3 ..... 4 2 4 0  
Traweck, r ..... 2 0 0 0  
Hoffman, m ..... 3 1 0 0  
Morrow, 2 ..... 3 0 2 3  
Clark, c ..... 1 7 1 0  
Cauble, p ..... 1 0 0 1  
Totals ..... 27 37 20 10

\*Batted for Whitman in 7th.  
Runs responsible for, Heist 1; struck out, by Cauble 7, by Heist 3; bases on balls, off Cauble 5, off Heist 4; 2 base hits, France, Hoffman 2; sacrifices, Cauble, Bonney; errors, Erault 1, Treadway 1; runs batted in, France, Hill; double plays, France to Morrow to Hill, Hurney to Sylvester, Treadway to France to Hill; Hill unassisted, Erault to Schwab to Peaky; hit by pitcher, by Heist 1; by Cauble 1; wild pitch, Heist; umpires, Fair, Collyer and Regele.

## Horseshoe Title To Be up Today

Salem's city horseshoe title will be decided on the Olinger courts this afternoon, with H. E. Donaldson and Jack Campbell listed prominently among the favorites.

Class B games begin at 10 o'clock this morning, with class A scheduled to follow immediately.

## League Baseball

Coast League.  
(Before Night Games)

Team	W	L	Pct.
Seattle	39	60	.600
Los Angeles	32	68	.47
San Francisco	28	73	.543
Sacramento	25	74	.503
San Diego	20	80	.463
Portland	17	79	.459
Oakland	17	82	.447
Hollywood	16	82	.466

American League.

Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	35	54	.714
Boston	32	44	.621
Chicago	26	53	.555
Cleveland	23	54	.538
Detroit	22	56	.525
Washington	20	47	.417
Philadelphia	19	75	.399
St. Louis	13	83	.387

National League.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cincinnati	23	4	.621
St. Louis	17	48	.583
Chicago	17	53	.558
Brooklyn	15	55	.518
New York	15	57	.504
Pittsburgh	12	62	.456
Boston	11	65	.430
Philadelphia	10	76	.321

Western International.  
Wenatchee 8, Tacoma 6.  
Spokane 13, Vancouver 12.

## Dodgers Checked By Bucky Walters

Television Looks on as Brooklyn Held to two Blows in Opener

BROOKLYN, Aug. 26.—(AP)—A two-hit pitching performance by Bucky Walters helped the Cincinnati Reds establish a partial quarantine today against the plague of the Dodgers, but they dropped the second game of a doubleheader and lost a game of their National league lead.

The scores were 5 to 2 and 6 to 1.  
The game was telecast by the National Broadcasting company.

First game:  
Cincinnati ..... 5 5 1  
Brooklyn ..... 2 2 1  
Walters and Lombard; Hamlin, Tamulus (3) and Phelps.

Second game:  
Cincinnati ..... 1 8 1  
Brooklyn ..... 6 9 1  
Figgings, L. Moore (3), Griston (2), and Herabberger; Casey and Phelps, Todd (4).

BOSTON, Aug. 26.—(AP)—First game:  
Chicago ..... 5 13 2  
Boston ..... 1 8 0  
French and Mancuso; Fette, Erickson (3) and Lopez Mast (4).

Second game:  
Chicago ..... 5 12 0  
Boston ..... 1 7 1  
Turner, Lanning (3), Frankhouse (6) and Lopez, Andrews (6) and Garbar (8).

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 26.—(AP)—First game:  
St. Louis ..... 5 10 0  
Philadelphia ..... 0 10 1  
C. Davis and Pappett; Higbee, Kerksteck (6), Hafey (9) and Millie.

Second game:  
St. Louis ..... 11 12 0  
Philadelphia ..... 4 9 0  
Bowman, Shoun (3) and Padgett, Owen (8); Peckson, Hafey (8), Hoffman (8) and V. Davis.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—(AP)—First game:  
Pittsburgh ..... 0 3 1  
New York ..... 5 9 0  
Bowman, Swift (4), and Mueller; Melton and Danning.

## Kay Stammers Is Britain's Savior

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Alice Marble was as expected and the American doubles team won with comparative ease, so it was up to Kay Stammers to save the English team from a shutout in the first day's play of the Wightman cup tennis series today. This she did, with a hard-earned triumph over Helen Jacobs, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3, and tonight the Americans held a lead of only two matches to one.

Three thousand fans banked the steep slopes of the Forest Hills stadium saw Miss Marble, playing her tennis only when she had to play, turn back Mary Hardwick, No. 2 on the English team, 6-5, 6-6, before Miss Stammers, No. 1 Briton, went on the court to oppose Miss Jacobs.

## Betty Wins Open

DARIEN, Conn., Aug. 26.—(AP)—Sturdy Betty Jamerson, who insists she can't putt, rapped in a 25-footer for a winning birdie 3 on the 30th green, banged in a 15-footer for a vital half in birdie 4 on the 31st, and thereby became the first Texan ever to win the National Women's golf championship.

## Shine Third Time



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## Pade-Barrickers Off to new Field

State Champs Leave for Jaunt South Today, Meet Top Teams

Seeking new laurels, Salem's Pade-Barrick girls club leaves this morning at 10 a. m. on the first lap of a 10-day tour of the southern states of California, where the P-Bs will take on the best girls teams available in the sunshine state.

Three cars, driven by Mrs. Harry Carson, Miss Etta White, physical education instructor at Parkside Junior high, and Mrs. Roy S. Meison, will make the trip.

The girls will drive today to the Oregon Caves, continue on to Klamath Falls tomorrow after a brief tour of the Caves. After their game in Klamath Falls Monday, the girls will play consecutive nights in Weaverville, Orland, San Rafael, Vellajo and Alameda, spend all day Sunday at the Golden Gate exposition, and meet Yuka City, said to be call the best outfit in California this pitching distance.

## REDS' NEW STARTER By Jack Sords



Thompson was crowned around slowly and skillfully by manager, Bill Ameking, the year, pitching his first complete game late in July, an 11-inning victory over the Phillies.

HE HAS A GREAT PROMISE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS BUT HIS LACK OF CONTROL ALWAYS QUERIED HIM  
EUGENE JUNIOR THOMPSON  
LATEST PITCHING SENSATION OF THE CINCINNATI REDS  
HE PITCHED 15 INNINGS FOR COUNCIL OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE LAST YEAR BEFORE BEING SWALLOWED FROM THE MOUND