

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

While change of pasture may mean faster batting averages for many of the chatters under Salem Senator dictation—especially since those of them who were with Bellingham last year didn't exactly have a maximum of incentive to swing their bat hard and straightest—at this writing your column conductor finds only four veterans who are potential .300 hitters.

This statement, brutally frank though it may be, is not meant to be a holler than thou appraisal of a club not yet in training, nor is it meant to be a refutation of Bubblin' Biddy Bishop's oft-repeated warbled prediction that the Senators will have a first division ball club. It merely comes from what the hard to evade, cold, cold records reveal.

Of all the experienced class B men under Senator contract, Wild William Harris, a Bellingham outer-gardener of last year, has by far the best hickory record for 1939. Harris, in 119 games, pelted with 584 balls for a .301 average. But what is even more indicative of his offensive worth, is the fact that he drove in 80 runs.

Of the three others who were up there within a few more base hits of the covered .300 circle, only Charlie Peterson, the outfielder purchased from Yakima, was in over 100 games. Peterson, in 144 games, hit .287 but was credited with only 58 tallies. Bobby Dykes, the Portland youngster who held down second base for Spokane through 62 games, clouted the ball at a .284 rate and hung up a 32 in the RBI column. Alvin Wray, outfielder obtained with the Bellingham franchise, hit .273 in 14 games, driving in three runs.

E. R. Marks High

Nor do the records of the three veteran pitchers who are scheduled to wear the vivid red, white and blue Senator sash lend themselves as statistical criteria for a sizzling Senator club.

By these records it does not mean the pitcher and lost columns, which, when compiled with a tallied club such as was Bellingham last year, are not true indicators of a hurler's ability. No, it is the earned run averages that are, or at least should be, all revealing.

Ole Soñalla's earned run average last year, compiled in winning four games and losing 13 in 25 games started and 11 completed, was a not good, not terrible 4.63. Gordon "G-Man" Mann's earned run mark was a whopping 5.52 and that of Hal Clemence was a sky high 6.32. Mann pitched in 34 games, completing 12, winning six and losing 15. Clemence hurled in 30 games, completing six, losing 11 and winning three.

Between the three of them, they won but 19 games and their combined earned run average was 5.70. Hardly first division pitching.

Newcomers to Help

It is evident, then, that Bubblin' Biddy must expect considerable in the way of help from the newcomers to the league. He has signed, for no one has studied the records cited here any more diligently than he.

These newcomers include outfielder Joe Gonzales, purchased from Pecos; Stan Brown, third baseman from Chicago, who has declared a free agent in the middle of last season; Skipper Bunny Griffiths, from San Diego; and, above all, pitchers Bernice Brewer and Roy Macey.

Just for the purpose of getting a general picture of senatorial possibilities, let's line up, on the strength of the records, the best possible offensive club from those diamond citizens Bishop now has under contract.

We'll start with either Helsor or Brewer in the box, either one of whom is a dangerous clubber in addition to being potentially the one-two members of the pitching staff. Strictly on the records, we'd have to place Dick Bishop in the bird cage, for Red Farquharson hit but .175 in 54 games last year.

First base is a big question mark, for the only first baseman under contract is Al Lightner, last year's strikeout king who hit but .238. Second base goes to Bobby Baer, potentially a .300 hitter; short to Skipper Griffiths, who hit .327 in 119 games with San Diego in the PCL last year and who should up that by 50 points in the WI this; third to this Wrol, who hit .311 last season; and in the outfield, Wray, Gonzales and Peterson, all .300 or near .300 hitters by their records of 1939.

Leaving out pitcher and infield base guardian, we thus have, solely on their 1939 records, five potential .300 hitters—Baer and Wrobel in the infield and Harris, Gonzales and Peterson in the outfield.

Rookie Shortstop Leads Sacramento

RIVERSIDE, Calif., March 26 (AP)—It would appear that Rookie Bud Blattner is doing a fair job of holding down the shortstop assignment for the Sacramento ball team.

A compilation of the team's batting in 10 exhibitions shows Blattner hitting .415, which leads the club. Chet Wiczorek was next with .393, and Art Garibaldi .312.

Y Grapple Team Goes to Yakima

The Salem Y, which in 1939 won the Northwest YMCA wrestling championship, is sending a team to the meet at Yakima Saturday. Making the trip are Coach Roy Mink, Louis Bonney, Curry Monfils, Bill Jones, Frank Healy and Milton Orr.

Chisox Lack Slab Artistry

Hustling Club Is Predicted

Skipper Dykes Has Hitters but Not Enough Pitchers for Title Contention

By ROBERT MYERS PASADENA, Calif., March 26 (AP)—Confidently, it appears that everything but pitching this year, the Chicago White Sox have most and they might even bob up with some of that before the season runs its course.

"I'm not saying where we'll finish, but we'll have a hustlin' club and we'll make some trouble," was the prediction of Jimmy Dykes, the Sox skipper, which seemed fair enough for a pre-battle prophecy.

The pale horse promise a hard hitting array of outfielders, a good infield if some of the veterans don't crack up, good catching and a pitching staff of the problematical type.

Dykes believes a couple of trades, which brought outfielders Taft Wright and Julius Solters to the Sox, will strengthen his club. Wright, who hit .309 for Washington, and Pete Appleton were obtained in a deal that sent Gerald Walker to the Senators, and Solters hit across, Bobby Dykes, the Portland youngster who held down second base for Spokane through 62 games, clouted the ball at a .284 rate and hung up a 32 in the RBI column. Alvin Wray, outfielder obtained with the Bellingham franchise, hit .273 in 14 games, driving in three runs.

Lyons Heards Hurlers Heading the pitchers is the ageless old war-hoss, Ted Lyons, now embarking on his 18th consecutive year with the Chisox.

Thornton Lee, Relief Pitcher Clint Brown, Johnny Rigney, Bill Dietrich, Ed Smith, John Knott and Apleton, as well as a couple of fine prospects, Vallie Eaves and Orval Grove, are battling for places on the hurling staff.

The infield will remain the same, with Joe Kuhel at first, Jackie Hayes at second, Luke Appling at short and Eric McNair at third.

The outfield will number Mike Kreevich, Taft Wright, Solters and Johnny Rosenthal.

No. 1 catcher will be Mike Tresh, with Ken Silvestri and a strapping recruit, Tommy Turner, up from Houston, where he hit .311, completing this department.

Chemawa's Snipe Goes to National

PORTLAND, Ore., March 26 (AP)—The Oregon unit of the Amateur Athletic union today selected four men to represent the state in the national AAU boxing meet at Boston April 8-10.

Eight men qualified in the state tournament Monday night but the Oregon committee has money enough to send only four. A special committee selected Tommy Moyer, 135 pounds, Portland; Walt Sabbe, 175 pounds, Portland; Merle Johnson, 126 pounds, Chemawa; Denny Snipe, 118 pounds, Chemawa.

James Richardson of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club, member of the state AAU committee, said other state champions could enter the national tournament if they could finance trips east.

Hill Relay Teams Named by Gilmore

Three relay teams that will wear the red and black of Salem high in the annual Hill relays at Portland Friday were named yesterday by Coach Vern Gilmore, who at the same time took the opportunity to state the reason why he doesn't expect any of the three to cop any particular glory.

"This year, for the first time in history of the meet," said Gilmore, "teams must qualify in afternoon heats, meaning that they will have to compete twice—once in the afternoon and once at night. I, for one, am not going to ask my boys to extend themselves this early in the season when they are not yet in shape."

The three teams named by Gilmore include: Sprint medley—Bob Bailey, 145 yards; Don Walker, 290 yards; Alvin Flake, 440 yards; and Bill Shinn, 590 yards. Distance medley—Leonard Williams, 290 yards; Daryl Mason, 440 yards; Bob Selberg, 880 yards and Gordon Hofstetter, three-fourth mile. Mile relay—Leland Williams, Roy Murphy, Rex Hardy and John Macey.

Waconda Women Are Entertained

WACONDA—Mrs. Ruth Rasmussen of Labiah Center, was hostess Wednesday for an all-day meeting of the Waconda Community club. Four tables of "500" were played following the covered-dish dinner. Prizes for high score were won by Mrs. Wade Weekly of Salem and Mrs. Allyn Nusom.

Nebraskans Visit Hayesville Woman

HAYESVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wilson of Benkleman, Neb., arrived last week to spend the summer with their daughter, Mrs. Don Thackling.

Mrs. M. B. Fisher entertained the Hayesville Women's club at her home Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Simpson are moving into the Auburn district. David will continue at the Hayesville school.

Senator Swing Stay in rhythm with Salem Senators via State-man sports, first to you daily.

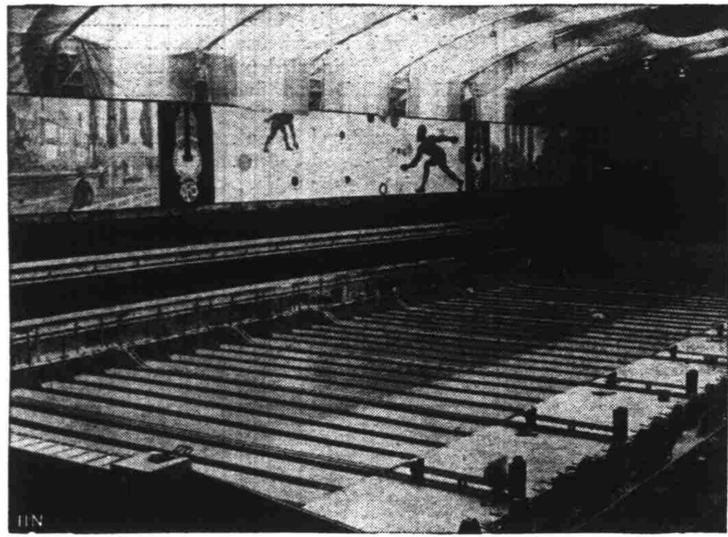
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SPORTS

RON GEMMELL—Editor

Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, March 27, 1940

Where American Bowling Congress Is Held



Here is the scene of the American Bowling Congress tourney which has opened in the Coliseum in Detroit. A record-breaking entry of 6,000 teams has been announced with \$240,000 in prizes.

Salem Sends Team To Bowling Meet

Salem will be one of the few communities in the Pacific northwest that will be represented at American Bowling congress in Detroit.

A seven-man squad, under the banner of Karr's of Salem, will leave here April 2 and participate in the congress April 8 and 9.

The squad includes Mike Steinbock, Joe Coe, Freddie Karr, Don Poullin and Walt Clyde, sr., all of Salem, and Clyde Cushman of Portland.

It will enter team competition April 8 and singles and doubles competition April 9.

As far as is known by H. Haman, manager of the Perfection alleys here, Kiamath Falls is the only other Oregon city sending an entry.

Medwick on Line For Card Figure

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 26 (AP)—Joe Medwick, slugging outfielder, voluntarily signed his 1940 contract with the St. Louis Cardinals tonight, ending a long and stubborn holdout siege.

Medwick reportedly signed at the Cardinals' terms for \$18,000. He had been out of the league since 1937, captulated after President Sam Breadon notified him his stay in Florida at the Cardinals expense was at an end.

Previously midnight tonight had been set as the "deadline" when the Cardinal management planned to withdraw the \$18,000 offer.

The hard-hitting left fielder was reported to be holding out for \$20,000, the pay he received two years ago. The Cardinals sliced off \$2000 last spring.

Vancouver Signs Rook Shortstop

VANCOUVER, B.C., March 26 (CP)—Bob Brown, manager of Vancouver Capilano in the Western International baseball league, filled his shortstop slot today when Pete Balnehl, 19-year-old Seattle high school star, sent in his contract.

Pete is a protege of Pop Reid, Franklin high school coach who developed players like Freddie Hutchinson, now pitching with Detroit Tigers in the American league.

Pete will report next week at the Sunnyside, Wash., training camp.

Strader's Aide

ASTORIA, March 26 (AP)—Joseph Zimmerman, 57, Youngs Bay lumber worker, was killed today, apparently while attempting to jack the wheels of his car from a roadside ditch. Sheriff Paul Kearney reported.

Kearney said the car apparently slipped from the jack.

Lumber Worker Killed As Car Slips off Jack

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Tillicum Club Meets

AINSVILLE—The Tillicum club met at the club rooms last Wednesday for an all-day meeting.

Don Sugai, now Broader, Smarter, And Heavier of Upper Lip, Tames Beardless Schultz in Homecoming

A heavier, smarter, cleverer, and more mustachioed Don Sugai than he who left almost three years ago returned to Salem's rattle arena last night to tame elongated Dutch Schultz, who showed up minus his beard but as full of devilry as usual.

Sugai, fully 10 pounds broader of beam and an unweigh-

able amount heavier of ring repertoire, smashed Schultz to the mat with a beautiful one-armed fillof of the ropes to end one of the most vicious matches staged here in many months. Sugai was awarded the first fall on fouls by Referee Harry Elliott.

The ex-Salem high footballer opened up but rarely with his newly acquired jiu-jitsu stuff, but when he did Sir Schultz shuddered.

Prince Haki, employing his dread camel stretch, took the sandwiched bill away from Sugai and each had won a fall up to that point.

The opener went to Herb Parks, Parks used key-arm scissors to annex both falls.

Both fought in several months was present, drawn by Sugai, who gave his home town folks what they came to see.

Husky Grid Drill Draws 91 Huskies

SEATTLE, March 26 (AP)—The heaviest rainfall of the spring and the heaviest spring football turnout in several seasons arrived at once at the University of Washington today.

Ninety-one gridgers were out in suits for the opening day and disregarded the downpours as they took signal drills and other work during a two-hour session.

Carl Falk, a 220-pound tackle from Enumclaw, worked out with the first stringers, indicating he will give bespectacled veteran Byng Nixon a battle for the job this fall.

The first squad shaped up as follows: Jay MacDowell and Bill Marx, veteran ends; Falk and Glen Conley, veteran tackles; Ray Frankowski and Dick Greenwood, veteran guards; Rudy Mucha, letterman center; Don Means, veteran quarter; Ernie Steele and Dean McD Adams, veteran halfbacks, and Jack Stackpool, halfback at fullback last year.

Fleet Maneuvers Start Next Week

SAN PEDRO, Calif., March 26 (AP)—Admiral James O. Richardson, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, announced tonight that west coast combatant ships will be at sea next Tuesday for the start of the 1940 naval maneuvers in the Pacific.

"All combatant ships of the west coast normally basing on west coast ports will have cleared San Pedro-Los Beach harbor April 2 for fleet problem XXI," the admiral said.

"Eleven battleships, 12 heavy cruisers, eight light cruisers, three aircraft carriers and 65 destroyers will participate in the first phase of the problem.

"This is the first fleet problem in some years that will be witnessed by the secretary of the navy.

Stiner Calls out Orange Gridders

CORVALLIS, March 26 (AP)—Spring football practice started yesterday at Oregon State college with 50 candidates answering Coach Lon Stiner's call.

Stiner said five sessions will be held each week for six weeks. Pacific coast conference rules permit only 30 sessions.

Three Post Wins In B Church Loop

The Presbyterians, First Christian and Calvary Baptist quints last night won victories in B Church league hoop play, the Presbyterians trouncing American Lutheran 84-20, First Christian dropping the Mennonites 27-19 and the Baptists bouncing Jason Lee 50 to 17.

Downs led the Presbyterian win with 22 points. Wirt tossed in 12 for the First Christian quint and Osburn hooped 14 for the Baptists. Weldy scored 17 of the 19 Mennonite counters.

Picture Leader

Your sports page. It leads with local picture news. Face the facts in photo.

Vets Announce Prelim Bouts

Bobby Ambrose Among Boys to Show on Peterson Terry Fight Card

Supporting the double 10-round main event which features the VFW boxing show at the armory Thursday night will be a set of three four-round matches—32 rounds of action all told.

In one of the headline battles Chuck Terry, the game Irishman from Eugene, faces old reliable Buddy Peterson, pride of Independence, in a match that has all the earmarks of a natural. Terry is on the way up and is out to push Peterson out of the main event brackets. He has a chance to do so if he lands his stiff right hand wallop. Both Peterson and Terry are gamblers of the first water. Weight is 152 pounds.

The other 10-rounder is a rematch between Benny Woods of Dallas and Jimmy Davis, the youthful Vancouver lightweight who scored such a sensational knockout at the expense of Mark Diaz, Filipino, on the Turner-Barlund show. Woods won the last meeting, but Davis went into the ring in poor health and hadn't trained for five days before the match. He'll be the socking, swinging fighter the fans saw in the Diaz match this time and a decision reversal is possible. Dallas Caden is in the Jimmy Davis stable and John Friend, Hubbar, is sponsoring Ford. He has looked good in workouts with Tony Kahut.

Young Nationalists, Filipino, a winner in his last Salem bout will take on the experienced Martin Kivi, Portland 130-pounder.

Two newcomers will appear in the other four-round, which pits Hugh Ford, Lacomb 154-pounder, against Kid Calen of Portland.

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Beaver Hoopers Off for Hawaii

CORVALLIS, March 26 (AP)—The Oregon State college basketball team, accompanied by Coach and Mrs. A. T. Gill, left today for Hawaii. They will board the SS Lurline Thursday at San Francisco.

The squad included Frank and John Mandic, Al Hunter, Tony Romano, Don Salts, Clayton Shaw, Jack Mulder, Sam Dement, Merle Krueger, Paul Valenti, Stuart Warren and Manager Ken Dahl.

Girls Entertain Basketball Team

TURNER—The high school girls league entertained last week in the school dining room, serving a banquet with covers placed for 19, honoring the boys' high school basketball team which finished the season in second place in the southern part of the county. Orva Nickula has been the coach the past two years.

The senior high school play, "Doty and Daffy," will be given in the school auditorium Friday night, March 29.

Two More Traffic Deaths Lift Portland Toll to 25

PORTLAND, March 26 (AP)—Injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile February 20 caused the death Sunday of Louis R. Sohus, 82, the coroner reported today. His death boosted the 1940 Portland traffic death toll to 25. John Roth, 43, injured last Saturday, died Monday night.



Odds That Joe Louis Will Cancel Paychek 1 to 5, but Johnny Sees Himself Better Boxer Than Others

NEW YORK, March 26 (AP)—If all the puns on Joe Louis cashing his (Johnny) Paychek in Madison Square Garden Friday night were laid end to end—and covered with a foot or two of solid earth—it would serve them exactly right.

No one to date, except those plentifully supplied with rose-colored glasses in Johnny's own camp, has been brash enough to see how this particular Paychek can help bouncing when the brown hammer goes to work in his tenth defense of the world heavyweight championship.

The betting men, having heard via the grapevine that Louis is really in there pitching at his Greenwood lake training camp, have installed the "boss man" favorite at odds ranging from 1 to 5 all the way to 1 to 8 to cancel Paychek in one way or another.

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STYOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE GREAT AMERICAN INDEMNITY CO.

of New York City, in the State of New York, on the thirty-first day of December, 1939, pursuant to law.

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	\$ 1,000,000.00
Amount of unearned premiums	\$ 9,811,630.67
Income from investments and rents received during the year	644,481.33
Income from other sources received during the year	48,197.43
Total income	\$10,504,289.33
Net losses paid during the year	\$ 1,528,589.18
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment of reinsurance	\$ 4,956,221.01
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	\$ 9,048,680.60
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	\$ 118,217.63
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	\$ 500,000.00
Amount of all other expenditures	\$ 718,589.18
Total expenditures	\$ 9,346,713.66
Value of real estate owned (market value)	None
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	None
Value of bonds owned (market value)	\$ 6,128,612.00
Value of stocks owned (market value)	7,287,920.00
Cash in banks and on hand	\$ 2,916,601.70
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1939	1,873,669.30
Interest and rents due and accrued	67,625.00
Other assets (net)	\$ 191,084.49
Total admitted assets	\$18,456,412.74
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 7,247,922.46
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	\$ 4,641,335.69
Due for commission and brokerage	\$ 880,500.00
All other liabilities	\$ 431,411.93
Total liabilities, except capital	\$12,198,070.10
Capital paid up	\$ 1,000,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities	\$ 5,358,342.64
Surplus as regards policyholders	\$ 5,358,342.64
Total	\$18,456,412.74

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Synopsis of Annual Statement of the Liberty Life Insurance Company of New York, in the State of New York, on the thirty-first day of December, 1939, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law.

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	\$ 300,000.00
Amount of unearned premiums	\$ 467,270.12
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	\$ 221,592.38
Income from other sources received during the year	\$ 77,253.79
Total income	\$ 1,066,116.29
Net losses paid during the year	\$ 73,554.66
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment of reinsurance	\$ 1,019,19