

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

That fine new baseball plant made possible by George E. Waters and the advent of organized baseball has already had telling effect on Salem.

Sporting goods dealers throughout the city report sales of baseball equipment far in advance of anything for a similar period for years. And better yet, it is the inexpensive gloves, mitts, bats and masks that are going off the shelves—indicating it is the youngsters who are getting the stimulation.

Harold Hauk, the Salem high school coach, reports interest heavier in the diamond game at the Viking villa than at any time during his four-year sojourn there. They're even going to have a "little opener" of their own next Tuesday, with the school periods arranged so the whole school can attend the game between the Vixs and chiefs of Chemawa in Waters park.

Next Monday Eihan Grant opens the American Legion Junior program. Think of it! Actually getting under way in April! Unheard of, heretofore!

Out around town we see youngsters actually playing catch with baseballs. Learning how to throw in their teens, for a change. Won't be long until once more high school baseball aspirants will actually know how to throw a baseball.

They're all mighty healthy signs that a town long baseball dead is reawakening—reawakening to a sport that is the best of them all, bar none.

Ruins Baseballers, Claim.

Where, in this rebirth, will fit the game that has dominated Salem summer sports for six years—softball? There is a fine question, and a delicate one.

It's especially delicate because: 1. Carl Mays, who opens his baseball school here in May, will have absolutely nothing to do with a youngster who persists in playing softball.

2. Eihan Grant, the Junior Legion coach, has already gone on record to the effect that boys who expect to play Legion ball will have to quit softball.

These two, and many another, claim softball ruins baseball players. To back up their arguments, they cite such cases as that of Roy Callenbine, the Detroit outfielder declared a free agent by Judge Landis and snapped up for \$25,000 by Brooklyn. Callenbine, it is alleged by baseball men, would have reached the majors three years before he did if he had not taken so long to get rid of softball habits.

These baseball influences will undoubtedly hurt the flow of young material into softball. But, on the other hand, there is nothing to prevent one-time baseballers from playing softball. The best softball players on Salem teams, and elsewhere, have learned the rudiments of the game by playing baseball at some time or other. To be right Frank, most of them started playing when they were seven or eight years old.

Many Switch, Pronto.

The Salem Softball association is going to make a big change in its program, almost in the same vein it would have had not organized baseball made its debut. Whether it will make its way in the face of that competition is something yet to be determined, but is distinctly questionable.

Softball built up a tremendous following in Salem. The 10-cent fee made the swiftly moving entertainment it provided within grasp of the ordinary family, while the ordinary family, who are able to afford nightly appearances, at 25 and 50 cents per head, to baseball games. Not, at least, if there are many "heads."

A great many members of the softball clientele have been dyed-in-the-wool baseball fans who merely accepted the limitation in lieu of the real McCoy, however, and these, you may be sure, are going to the baseball games. Try and keep such men as Ben Pade, Dr. L. E. Barrick, C. L. "Mack" McLain, H. V. Collins and Cliff Parker—men in whom at some time directly sponsored softball—from taking their foremost affections out to Waters park.

Or, if you will, "Dad" Byers, Steve Stone, and others too many to mention—all of whom were regular sitters-in at softball sessions who have already made preparations to switch all their attentions to baseball, now that they have some baseball to which to switch them.

Softball as a recreational game is unbeatable, and as such should have a very definite place in any community. But, as a competitive sport demanding the most in physical and mental skills, it can hardly hold the proverbial candle to baseball, the all-American sport like which there "just ain't none."

Popular...

because it's GOOD MASTER BREAD As You Grow Older

Senators Bank 'Cats, 4-0

SPORTS

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Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, April 20, 1940

Rookie Davis Shows Promise

Teammates Find Brewer for Runs in First; WU at Linfield Today

Veteran Olavo Pellero Solinia and Rookie Orrin Davis, the former giving up but two bingles in five frames and the latter allowing one blooper single in four innings, blanked the Willamette Bearcats, 4 to 0, in an exhibition bill at Waters park yesterday afternoon.

The Senators got all four digits in the initial inning, off side-armed Bud Brewer, the lad nominated to hurl the season's opening in Spokane next Tuesday night, or in Spokane next Tuesday night, or in Spokane next Tuesday night, or in Spokane next Tuesday night.

Husky Orrin Davis, the 21-year-old Hillsboro youngster whom Portland released after a looksee in spring camp at Fullerton, allowed only one ball to be hit out of the infield on him. That was a poke into centerfield by Bobby Daggett in the final stanza. Davis whiffed four and walked nary a one, and outside of Daggett the only man to reach base on him did so on an error.

After the shaky first, Brewer settled down to pitch one-hit ball for the next three frames. Roy Helsner took over for the Willamette in the fifth and gave his Senator teammates but three blows in four frames.

Lanky Ole Solinia pitched four hitless innings, only Walden and Whinn reaching him for singles, both in the fourth inning.

Today the Bearcats travel to Linfield for their 1940 Northwest conference baptism, playing a doubleheader. The Senators tomorrow move inside the penitentiary walls to play the Mavericks. One squad is tentatively scheduled to play an unannounced opponent at Waters park.

Senators (4) ABR H PO A E
Randal, 5 2 1 2 0 0
Brewer, 2b 1 1 2 0 0
C. Peterson, m 2 1 0 1 0 0
Harris, r 3 1 1 0 0 0
Creager, 3b 2 0 0 1 3 2
Garbe, 1b 1 0 0 5 0 0
Walden, c 2 1 2 2 0 0
Kerr, c 2 0 2 0 0
Solinia, p 2 0 0 1 0
Lightner, l 2 0 1 0 0 0
McKnight, 2b 2 0 0 1 0 0
Murray, r 1 0 0 0 0 0
R. Peterson, r 1 0 0 0 0 0
Linde, 1b 1 0 0 7 0 0
Robertson, s 2 0 1 0 2 0
Barker, c 2 0 0 4 0 0
Davis, p 2 0 1 0 2 0
Totals 31 4 7 27 11 2

Willamette (0)
Walden, ss 3 0 1 2 3 0
Catherwood, r 3 0 0 0 0 0
Southard, l 3 0 0 1 0 1
Randal, 5b 3 0 1 2 2 0
Kerr, 3b 2 0 1 2 0 0
Williams, 1b 3 0 0 7 0 1
Loneragan, m 2 0 0 1 0 0
Robertson, c 2 0 0 1 0 0
Brewer, p 1 0 0 0 2 0
Helsner, p 1 0 0 0 0 0
Farquharson, l 1 0 0 0 0 0
Ragsdale, s 1 0 0 1 0 0
Stewart, r 1 0 0 1 0 0
Murray, l 1 0 0 0 0 0
Daggett, 2b 1 0 1 0 0 0
Belcher, c 0 0 0 1 0 0
Stelger, 1b 0 0 1 0 0 0
Totals 31 0 3 24 10 3

Winning pitcher, Solinia. Losing pitcher, Brewer.
Brewer, 4 16 4 3 2 1 4
Solinia, 5 2 0 0 2 1 4
Davis, 4 15 1 0 0 4 0
Helsner, 4 15 0 0 4 2

Hit by pitcher, Creager by Brewer. Left on bases, Salem 10, Willamette 5. Two-base hit, Lightner. Runs batted in, Harris 2. Double plays, Shinn to Walden to Williams, Kolb to Williams. Time: 1 hour, 55 minutes. Umpires, Regele and White.

Dragons Defeat Hoppers 8 to 7

DALLAS—The Dallas Dragons Thursday chalked up their second WVI league victory by nosing out the Indep Hoppers, 8 to 7. Bill Blackley was the starting Dallas chucker, retiring in the fifth with a 5-2 lead.

Blackley was replaced by Grubber, who in turn was relieved by Nicol. The Hoppers tied the score off Grubber but the Dragons slugged when it counted and came out ahead.

A Kroecker and Blackley divided hitting honors for the Dragons, collecting two blows each, but were outbid by Hartman and Hunslett of Independence, each of whom got three-for-four.

Jeff Stops Franklin

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19.—(AP)—Jefferson high school's baseball team knocked Franklin out of the unbeaten category in the Portland interscholastic league today, 2-1. Other results: Grant 6, Roosevelt 4; Washington 2 1/2, Commerce 3; Lincoln 17, Edison 1.

Jefferson Track Winner

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19.—(AP)—Jefferson high school with 50 points captured a Portland interscholastic track meet today in which nine prep schools competed.

Linfield Trackmen Win

MCMINNVILLE, Ore., April 19.—(AP)—Linfield college's track team piled up 82 1/2 points to win a four-way meet from Oregon College of Education with 46 1/2, Reed College 17 1/2 and Salem YMCA with 8.

Maroons Win Triangular

MILWAUKIE, April 19.—(AP)—Milwaukie high school defeated West Linn and Oregon City high track teams in a triangular meet today. The Maroons tallied 73 1/2 points.

Only 65 Qualify In Active Meet

CLEVELAND 4, Detroit 0
CLEVELAND, April 19.—(AP)—Johnny Allen and Jeff Heath sprinted the combats trail today to hand the Cleveland Indians a 4 to 0 shutout over the Detroit Tigers.

Senator Swing

Stay in rhythm with Salem's Senators via Statesman sports, first to you daily.

Real 'Kid McCoy'



The body of the great old fighter, Norman Selby, the real "Kid McCoy" of ring fame years ago, was found in a Detroit hotel room April 18, apparently a suicide.

Joe Gordon Homers as Yanks Get 5-3 Win in Home Opener

NEW YORK, April 19.—(AP)—The machine-like Yanks opened their American league home season today with a mechanical 5 to 3 triumph over the Washington Senators that lacked most of the gloss of the day's ceremonies.

Before the game started Commissioner K. M. Landis presented the fielders with emblems of the fourth consecutive world championship, League President William Harridge dedicated a plaque in center field to the late Col. Jacob Ruppert and Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia tossed out the first ball.

The weather was cold, damp and dark, so a crowd of only 15,239 showed up.

The champs took all the contest out of the game with four runs in the first inning during which Joe Gordon hit a prodigious 350-foot homer with one on. After that they settled down to play string out.

Washington 3 7 4
New York 5 8 0
Chase, Hollingsworth (2) and Ferrell; Gomez, Sundra (6) and Diekey.

Marathoner Sets Amazing Record

BOSTON, April 19.—(AP)—The race of hills that appeared as steep as peaks for the past four years seemed as flat as a prairie to 26-year-old Gerard Cote of Verdun, Que., today as he won the 44th Boston AA marathon in the record time of two hours, 28 minutes, 28 3/5 seconds.

It probably was the fastest marathon in history.

Cote lowered by 23 1/2 seconds the mark for the 26-mile—32 1/2 mile stretch from Hopkinton to Boston that Ellison (Tarzan) Brown set last year, and he finished more than a half mile in front of the closest of his 164 rivals, little Johnny Kelley of Arlington, the 1935 winner.

VFW Semi Lists Woods and Diaz

Johnny Woods, clever Dallas kid lightweight who is back on the active list after a couple weeks' idleness due to sore hands, will meet Mark Diaz, the Los Angeles Filipino, in the six-round semi-final of the VFW boxing show scheduled for the Salem armory next Thursday night.

This bout precedes the 10-round main event between Buddy Peterson, the left-hooking independence middleweight, and Sallor Ralph Cronin, the tall newcomer who has been stealing the thunder with his classy ring work in Portland fight shows this month.

Woods and Diaz are meeting for the first time. Johnny is the Number One lightweight in the Oregon ranks, but meets a "hopped-up" Diaz this time and it is doubtful if he will be able to score as sensationally as Jimmy Davis did several weeks ago. Diaz is now really in condition for the first time in a long while, having the northwest area title in a game going strong in Portland he has rounded into good boxing form. The Filipino has already made two fine fights in Portland.

Unlawful to Hold Fawn Sans Permit

Possession of spotted deer fawn without permit is unlawful and individuals should refrain from touching the young deer except under unusual situations, is warning issued by officials of the Oregon state game commission.

As a general rule a mother deer will refuse to feed or care for a fawn that carries human scent and the young is left to die of starvation or to be killed by predators.

Bevo-Seal Game Rained out

PORTLAND, April 19.—(AP)—Tonight's Pacific Coast league game between Portland and San Francisco was postponed because of rain and wet grounds. If weather permits, the teams will play one game Saturday night and a Sunday day doubleheader, making up the postponement when San Francisco again invades Portland.

Good Going, Anglers, 'Tis Said

Lake creek very good. North fork Siuslaw good. Maple and Fiddle creeks fair. High country and coastal lakes fair with the exception of the Sitcoos, which is good.

Picture Leader

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

Haw! The Dodgers Blast Giants 12-0

BROOKLYN, April 19.—(AP)—The venomous Dodgers slaughtered the New York Giants 12 to 0 today to give a whooping, boisterous crowd of 24,741 flatbush fans an opening day thrill of practically pennant proportions.

Hugh Casey allowed nine hits in steering Brooklyn to its second straight shutout, but kept them well scattered and was seldom in danger of being scored upon.

The Dodgers simply steamrolled their arch enemies from across town, scoring one run in each of the fourth, fifth and seventh, three in the seventh, and giving a grand fire-breathing performance in the eighth when they batted around and the Giants fell to pieces.

New York 12 12 1
Brooklyn 0 0 0
Schumacher, Melton (7) and Danning; Casey and Phelps, Mancuso (7).

Ugh! Him no Hitem Curve Balls; Ugh! Him no Pitchem Curve Balls; Ugh! Him no Catchem Baseball Job

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Levi was farmed to Spokane for experience. Last year he started the season by lacing the cover off the ball. Then the pitchers discovered Levi roamed the wide open spaces chasing curve balls. He wound up hitting below .300.

Seattle released him unconditionally this spring after the pitchers started throwing hooks.

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So this month he turned out with Spokane as a pitcher.

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THIRD TERMER

By Sords



Orange Nine Wins Opener in Eugene

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