

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Sports crowds in our town are getting right down vicious of late, which I reckon is a mighty good sign. Folks are becoming more interested.

Last Monday night the baseball patrons out at Waters park were so overjoyed that they got to riding each other before the game was over. They started in on big Dick Weisgerber, the former Little All-American fullback from Willamette who is now a Western International loop whiz-brother.

They called the umpire everything but a gentleman, which is every baseball fan's prerogative, and then they started in on individual players. They spared no one. Finally, late in the game, one grandstand Gus pipes off to the Yakima pitcher with: "Hey, pokey, hurry up and get this thing over—I'm freezing to death."

He got his answer from a fellow patron across the way: "Why the hell don't you go home, then!"

Thursday night's fights in the same locale brought out another rabid gathering—a gathering so full of fire that at least one section of it would have expressed itself in the physical rather than the vocal had Referee Ralph Gruman's decision gone to Len Turner instead of Buddy Peterson.

Pete Long a Favorite.

Most fight fibbers in this vicinity have long wanted to see Turner toppled, and especially have they wanted to see him whipped by Buddy, who always has been a favorite and rightly so. It was only natural, therefore, that a lot of them got up on their ears, as the saying is, when Turner began turning the tide against Peterson with some infighting they believed was questionable.

What has made Peterson a favorite is not so much his ring ability but the fact he has never in a single Salem appearance showed the faintest sign of wanting to quit. The indec fatuous boy has always given his best and upon several occasions has stayed in there and pitched when he might have evaded considerable punishment by taking the easier way out.

That which made Peterson's backers boil was Turner's tactics, a set definitely borrowed from Henry Armstrong. With his head on Peterson's chest, the dusky business began throwing a barrage of left hooks that carried on through to the elbow whenever the glove missed. He was punishing Peterson severely and as long as he stayed in there was winning the fight.

Peterson's ample following began to holler murder, to jump on Promoter Tex Salkeld and to threaten bodily harm to Ref Gruman. They threw wild-eyed, no less, and Ref Gruman was very much on what is known as the spot. He wasn't helped a bit by Promoter Salkeld, who hired him, either. Salkeld, pulling the Peterson to win from the ring, put Gruman in worse by adding up to the ring and admonishing him to make Turner quit using his elbows.

Not Promoter's Place.

Frankly, this department doesn't believe it is hardly the promoter's place to take sides in a fight he promotes, nor does it think it is the promoter's place to publicly criticize that official. Furthermore, this department doesn't think it is fight cricket to allow a colored man to fight and then pay him off in abuse because he is colored.

When two men crawl into a fight arena they are equal, regardless of color. If this is not true, it is better that colored fighters be barred. When a fighter commits a disqualifying foul he should be disqualified by the referee hired to handle the fight. When a fighter commits infractions, he should lose whatever points or rounds deemed right by the arbiter.

If Turner was deliberately fouling with his elbows, he most assuredly should have been penalized. Frankly, this corner didn't believe he was Turner was throwing leather in exactly the same manner adopted by Armstrong, and whenever the leather missed the elbow hit, Wilson warned Turner quit in-fighting altogether so as to be certain of not committing the alleged foul.

Tony Is a Nice Job.

Peterson was in the best physical trim he has been in for better than a year, and he fought a nice battle. He fought as good a fight as he has ability to fight. And, considering the fact that Turner failed to make the required weight, Peterson deserves the title that was his in the first place.

But, let's have justice done both ways. If colored men are going to be allowed to fight in Salem, let's accord them the same treatment as white fighters, if that can't be done, by promoters, referees and fans alike. It is better that colored scrapers be barred entirely, as are colored men in professional baseball.

While on the fight subject,

Wake up your Appetite!!

A New Taste Thrill
MASTER
Scotch Graham
at Your Grocer's

Solons Bow, 9-4; Play Pair Tonight

Hurls for Juniors Sunday



Ben Gifford, husky right-hander who was a pitching sensation for the Salem high team this year, Sunday hurls his first game in a Salem American Legion Junior uniform when Coach Elhan Grant takes the local team to Toledo for a practice game. Gifford, but a sophomore, won five games for Coach Harold Hank's Vikings. (Cut courtesy the Oregon Journal).

Gifford to Pitch Against Toledo 9

Salem's Legion Juniors, under guidance of Coach Elhan Grant, move to Toledo Sunday for the second practice game of the season. Ben Gifford, husky righty with a nice fast ball, will hurl his first game for the Juniors, with Don Toomb on the receiving end. Coach Grant said he intends to start Rolfe Haag at first, Don Bower at second, Eddie Salstrom at short and George Hochstetler at third. Milt Freeman, Dutch Simmons and Don Barnick will patrol the outergardens. Reserves for the coast trip include Pitchers Clay Patterson and Dick Hildeberger, Outfielder Leroy Priem and Infielder Freddie Bradshaw.

In addition to playing with the Juniors, Gifford and Salstrom are working under Carl Mays in his baseball school at Waters park.

Playgrounds Are To Open Monday

Playground fun begins for several hundred Salem youngsters Monday, when both Leslie and Olinger arenas will be opened for the 1940 season, as Playground Director Vern Gilmore announces. Whether the swimming pools will open in conjunction with the grounds depends upon conclusion of the installation of vacuum cleaners. If this work is finished in time, the pools will open simultaneously with the playing areas. As last season, Tommy Drynan will be in charge at Olinger and Gurnee Fleisher at Leslie.

SF Seals Pound Padres, 12 to 8

Pacific Coast League (Before night games)
W L Pct
Oakland 40 29 580 .580 34 35 493
Seattle 36 27 571 .571 31 35 478
San Diego 36 31 537 .537 31 35 482
Sacramento 34 35 493 .493 24 39 381

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 7-(P)—San Francisco pounded three San Diego pitchers for 16 hits today to record their first victory of their Coast League series with the Padres, 12 to 8. The Padres had taken three consecutive contests from the Seals.

Portable Radio Senders Banned

WASHINGTON, June 7-(P)—The federal communications commission, which earlier this week banned amateur radio communication with foreign countries, today virtually outlawed amateur portable stations.

An order prohibited the use of all such portable stations except those using short-range frequencies. The latter stations, an official explained, do not carry farther than the line of sight. The commission declined to elaborate on its formal order, but an official said that there had been rumors that portable stations had been used for communications with ships at sea.

The FCC issued its order after conferences with other government agencies dealing with a "fifth column" activities.

Senators' Box Score

Spokane	AB	R	H	PO	A
Stickie, a	5	1	1	1	6
Aden, m	6	0	0	3	1
McGinnis, 2b	6	2	2	4	8
Jolley, r	4	1	2	2	6
Falconi, 1b	5	1	1	12	6
Martinez, 3b	5	1	2	3	0
McCormack, l	2	1	2	1	0
McNamee, c	3	0	0	1	0
Windsor, p	4	1	2	0	1
Total	41	9	16	37	5

Errors, Griffiths, Aden, McNamee.

Spokane.....080 000 030-9
Salem.....100 300 000-4
Losing pitcher, Davis. Innings pitched, Davis 1 1/2, Windsor 3, Clemence 4 1/2, Solilla 1. At bat off Davis 13, Windsor 32, Clemence 25, Solilla 3. Hits off Davis 13, Windsor 7, Clemence 8, Solilla 1. Runs scored off Davis 5, Windsor 4, Clemence 4, Solilla 0. Bases on balls off Davis 0, Windsor 8, Clemence 5, Solilla 0.

Passed balls, Baker. Left on bases, Spokane 12, Salem 9. Two-base hits, Coscarart, Martinez, Jolley. Runs batted in, Coscarart, Martinez 2, McCormack, Stickie, McGinnis, Jolley 2, Falconi 2, Wilson 2, Sacrifice, Windsor, Stickie, Stollen, Martinez 3, McCormack, Double plays, Aden to Jolley, Griffiths to Baer to Harris; McGinnis to Stickie to Falconi; Time 2:15. Umpires Clark and Nelson.

Southworth Hired, Blades Dismissed As Cardinal Boss

ST. LOUIS, June 7-(P)—Ray Blades, hailed as one of the greatest tacticians of baseball last year, was fired outright today as manager of the faltering St. Louis Cardinals.

He was replaced by Billy Southworth, successful manager of the Rochester club of the International league, in a sudden shake-up aimed at getting the Red birds back into the National league race.

Picked by the experts as almost a "clutch" pennant winner this season, the club has been a dismal failure and was only one game out of the cellar before today's game with the Giants.

In making the announcement—Not altogether unexpected—President Sam Breadon said Southworth would take charge of the team Monday. Meanwhile, Mike Gonzales, veteran Cuban Cardinal coach, will act as manager.

"Trojan Horse" Trout Is Caught by Earl Benfield

BEAVER, Ore., June 7-(P)—Earl Benfield claims he caught the "Trojan horse" of a fish from the Big Trout river. The 13-inch trout had swallowed a five-inch fish and the five-inch fish had gulped a three incher.

Coen Advances, Tennis To Be at Commencement

KANSAS CITY, June 7-(P)—Wilbur F. Coen of Kansas City, former Davis cup player, advanced to the semi-finals of the Heart of America tennis tournament today by defeating Henry Prusoff of Seattle in a men's singles match. The scores were 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0.

Summer Ahead Means Baseball and Softball in Salem, They Mean The Statesman.

SPORTS

RON GEMMELL—Editor

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Dodgers Defeat Bucky Walters

Move in Front Of Cincy Reds

Handy Bucky First Loss of Season in 11 Innings; Cards, Cubs Win

W	L	Pct
Brooklyn 27	11	.711
Cincinnati 29	13	.690
Chicago 22	15	.595
Philadelphia 19	23	.451
Boston 12	24	.333

CINCINNATI, June 7-(P)—The Brooklyn Dodgers got their vengeance on the Cincinnati Reds today with a 4 to 2 eleven inning victory that lifted Brooklyn into the National league lead and snuffed Bucky Walters' unbroken string of pitching triumphs at nine.

It was here at Crosley field on May 1 that the Reds stopped Brooklyn after the Dodgers had won their first nine games of the season. They batted Hugh Casey out of the box that day and made the Dodgers forget for the moment Tex Carleton's no-hitter of the day before.

Today the Dodgers built their new winning streak to six straight games and Hugh Casey received credit for the victory after relieving Tol Pressnell. They permitted Cincinnati only six hits while Walters was belted for nine, including Ralph Camilli's two-run homer that won the game in the eleventh.

Walters meanwhile allowed only one hit from the fifth until the eleventh. Then Yonnie Mangle, Ernie Koy was sent in to run for him, and Camilli hit his sixth home run.

Brooklyn	AB	R	H	PO	A
Pressnell, Casey (6) & Phelps; Walters & Lombardi.	4	3	2	6	0

Cards Nick Giants
ST. LOUIS, June 7-(P)—In their first game following the release of Manager Ray Blades the St. Louis Cardinals edged out the New York Giants 3 to 2 today for unlucky Hal Schumacher's sixth defeat.

Although the St. Louis slugs were held to six hits, they put together four of them with the first three runs in the first inning.

New York	AB	R	H	PO	A
St. Louis	3	10	0	1	0
Schumacher, Brown (7) & Dunning; Warnerke, Davis (7) & Owen.	3	0	1	0	0

Cubs Beat Reds
CHICAGO, June 7-(P)—Jimmy Gleason's single and doubles by Billy Herman and Bob Collins broke up a 3-2 tie in the eighth inning today and gave Chicago Cubs a 5 to 3 decision over the Boston Bees, the Cubs' fourth victory in a row.

Chicago	AB	R	H	PO	A
Boston	3	0	0	0	0
Erickson, Coffman (6) & Lopez; Passen and Collins.	5	11	0	0	0

Pirates Smother Phils
PITTSBURGH, June 7-(P)—The Pittsburgh Pirates today smothered the Philadelphia Phillies under a deluge of 15 hits, including six doubles and three triples, to win 19 to 4 for their third consecutive victory.

The triumph boosted the Pirates into seventh place in the league standings while the Boston Bees, losing to Chicago, dropped into the cellar position the Bucs had occupied for weeks.

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	PO	A
Beck, St. Johnson (3), Small (7) and Atwood; Brown, Ianning (3), and Davis.	10	18	1	0	0

Silverton Bills Bend 9 Saturday

SILVERTON—Silverton's Red Sox will complete their first half of the State league here Saturday night and Sunday afternoon with Bend as the opponent. Saturday night is set for 8:30, while Sunday is set for 2:30. Wilson and Moe will be in charge.

The following weekend Silverton will go to Hills Creek for a doubleheader. Silverton has but three state league teams to play on the local diamond in the second half of tournament play.

Roseburg Man Is Killed As Chain Catches Wheel

COQUILLE, June 7-(P)—Loga released by a loose binder chain fatally crushed John J. Birman, 45, of Roseburg, in a trucking accident on the Coquille-Myrle Point highway last night.

The chain engaged a rear wheel, swerving the truck into a ditch. The logs caved in the cab.

9 of 10 Graduates of '90 To Be at Commencement

EUGENE, June 7-(P)—Nine of the 10 surviving members of the graduating class of 1890 will be on the University of Oregon campus for Alumni day activities on the commencement day.

Ex-Bearcat Here With Indians



Here's how Dwight Aden, speed merchant outfielder of the Spokane Indians, looked as a collegian cluster with the Willamette Bearcats. Aden, probably the fastest outfielder in the Western International, last season led the league in three base hits. He'll be seen in action against our Senators in tonight's doubleheader, tomorrow's double bill and Monday night's series finale.

Yanks Steal Home on Feller; Gordon Aids in 5-4 Victory

American League	W	L	Pct
Yankees	26	12	.684
Red Sox	27	18	.600
White Sox	24	20	.543
Chicago	22	22	.500
Cleveland	20	24	.455
Detroit	18	26	.409
St. Louis	17	27	.389

By JUDSON BAILEY
NEW YORK, June 7-(P)—The world champion Yankees first baseman, Lou Gehrig, stole home today against Feller in the second inning, and finally overcame him with four singles in the fatal ninth.

Cleveland's first hit was Hal Trosky's 14th home run in the second inning and three of the visitors' other blows were crowded into the third inning for three runs.

Meantime, Feller had his fast ball working well and received spectacular support. His fault today, however, was wobbliness with men on base. In the second inning he was caught flat-footed as George Selkirk, who had doubled and reached third on a fly, raced home while Feller went through his complicated windup.

In the seventh Joe Gordon walked, went to second on a wild pitch and scored on Tom Henrich's pinch single. In the ninth Gordon singled and stole second, from where he scored the tying run on Babe Dahlgren's single. Then Frank Crosetti rapped a hit back of third and Red Rolfe, lifted a single to short center for the winning run.

New York	AB	R	H	PO	A
Feller and Hemsley; Bruer, Hadley (8) and Dickey.	5	9	1	0	0

Newhouse Hurls Win
BOSTON, June 7-(P)—Hal Newhouse, Detroit's native son southpaw moved the Tigers to within two games of the American league lead today by holding the Red Sox to seven hits for a 7-1 victory.

A's Dump Browns
PHILADELPHIA, June 7-(P)—Al Brancato, rookie third baseman, drove in all the Athletics' runs today as Philadelphia defeated St. Louis 3-2 behind the six-hit pitching of Nelson Potter.

St. Louis	2	0	0
Philadelphia	3	1	0
Kennedy and Swift; Potter and Hayes.			

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—

ney, OSC; Spicuzza,	1	0	0
Whittman, Oregon and	1	0	0
WSC, outfielders.	1	0	0

Indep Lumber, Fuln

WASHINGTON, June 7-(P)—Dutch Leonard, Washington's knuckleball specialist, held the Chicago White Sox to nine hits today as the Nationals registered a 3-2 triumph.

League Baseball

Senator Batting Averages

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Senator	Batting	Average	R	H	Av
Wilson	59	59	59	59	59
Harris	58	58	58	58	58
Hale	41	41	41	41	41
Bas	40	40	40	40	40
Cl'gh	34	34	34	34	34
Light	29	29	29	29	29
Pet'ran	24	24	24	24	24

Snead Falters To 3-Way Tie

Wind, Rain and Jitters Hurt Slugger; Little, Smith Catch Him

By GAYLE TALBOT
CANTERBURY, GOLF CLUB, Cleveland, June 7-(P)—Rain, rain and tournament jitters proved a little too much for Sam Snead today and the boy from the mountain country fell back into a three-way tie with Lawson Little and Horton Smith with 141 at the halfway stage of the national open golf championship.

Sam, whose 67 in yesterday's opening round broke all open records, was the big show today and he did his best. A tremendous crowd followed him every stroke and nearly made it impossible for him to play several holes. A sudden, violent windstorm struck him on the fourth hole, and at the 17th he took a disastrous five to finish with a 74, two strokes over par.

Thus the grand championship of golf heightened up like a kettle drum. Little, playing around early before the storm blew up, shot himself a brilliant 69 to catch Snead. Horton Smith, playing late after the elements had subsided, produced a 72—even par—to make it a trio at 141.

Frank Walsh, the veteran, who still wears sky-blue knickerbockers, stroked the only hole-in-one of the day to land all by himself in the second notch at 142. Ben Hogan and Sam Parks, Jr., were deadlocked at 143. Ralph Guidahl, Vic Ghesbrey, Dutch Harrison and Leonard Dodson were a quartet at 144.

Pippins Tighten 1st Place Grip

Whip Caps 4-2; Wenatchee, Tacoma Split Double Bill, 7-5, 3-0

VANCOUVER, BC, June 7-(P)—Yakima's Pippins defeated Vancouver Caplans 4-2 in the first game of a three-game Western international baseball league series here tonight, scoring all their runs and knocking Pitcher Joe Kralovitch out of the box in the first inning.

Chuck Eisenmann finished Caps last eight innings, pitching three-hit ball, striking out seven Yakima batters and also knocking a home run for himself in the sixth inning.

Pippins grabbed their runs when two men walked, two hit and Vancouver was tagged for two errors. Kralovitch was then relieved by Eisenmann.

Caps filled the bases in the last half of the ninth inning but Howard Johnson got himself out of the difficulty to keep Pippins in front.

10	5	"Our crews are not as fast as
8	3	they should have been," Ulbrich-
Schanz,		son commented. "They are not up
		to that peak which I had hoped
		they would reach, due to the ex-
3	2	ceptionally rough water of the
5	0	spring season. On the other hand
er and		I am certain the crews are poten-
		tially faster than the eight
		which rowed to victory over Call

OSC Places Four On All-Star Nine

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 7-(P)—Five baseball coaches of the Pacific Coast conference, named four members of the pennant-winning Oregon State college nine on an all-division squad today.

The team: Leovich, OSC, catcher; Elliott, OSC, McCallum, WSC, and Baker, Washington, pitchers; Dosaker, Washington, first base; Schwab, OSC, second base; Stephens, Washington, shortstop; Berry, Oregon, third base; Bonney, OSC; Spicuzza, Idaho; Whitman, Oregon and Sewell, WSC, outfielders.

Indep Lumber, Fulmer's Win Softball Sessions

INDEPENDENCE—The Independence Lumber yard softball team defeated the Simpson Lumber team by a score of 12 to 5, and Fulmer's won from the Baptist team by a score of 8 to 4 on the hop bowl diamond Thursday night. Next games will be Tuesday when Independence Lumber meets East Side and Calbreath's play Williams Drug. Increased interest is being shown in the games and the attendance is steadily increasing.

Southern Oregon District Ball Tourney Called Off

GRANTS PASS, June 7-(P)—Because only three teams registered, the southern Oregon district baseball tournament, scheduled at Medford, has been cancelled. Fred Roper of the Grants Pass club said today.

Indians Pound Out 16 Blows

Falconi Leads With Four for Five; Windsor Wild But Scatters Hits

Western International	W	L	Pct
Yakima	25	13	.659
Spokane	24	18	.571
Tacoma	23	19	.543
SALEM	20	22	.476
Vancouver	17	25	.405
Wenatchee	17	29	.370

Friday's Results
Salem 4, Spokane 9.
Tacoma 5-3, Wenatchee 7-0.
Vancouver 2, Yakima 4.

Rattling 16 blows off three of our Senator servers, the Spokane Indians opened their six game series here last night with a 9 to 4 win that served to tighten their grip on second spot.

A doubleheader is the bill tonight, beginning at 7:45. Bud Brewer and Del Oliver were named by Skipper Griffiths for mound duty for our Senators while Eddie Leischman said Mar-ray Flynn, tall newcomer from Buffalo, N.Y. and Major Serrenti would work for the Tribe.

Hammer Davis Hard

The Indians donned their war bonnets in the second stanza, clubbing home seven runs off Grady Davis before he was relieved and adding one more off Hal Clemence before he retired the side. Eleven Tribesmen took stances at the plate and Frank Falconi, first baseman, had the glory of binging twice in the inning.

All told, eight hits landed safely in that frame—with only Aden and McNamee failing to connect. Mito Martinez, who hammered the three-run drive for the night, collected the only extra base blow of the eight—a two-bagger.

Our Senators, who opened the scoring with a first frame tally accomplished on a base on balls to Wilson and Brother Steve Coscarart's double, whittled down the Indian lead to 5-4 with a three-run outburst in the fourth. Singles by Lightner, Clemence and Wilson, interspersed by a base on balls to Griffiths, shored the trio of tallies home.

Falconi Hits 4th
But the Indians, held in check by Clemence for five plus innings, broke out with a three-run rally in the eighth. With one away, Paul McGinnis, the ex-Portland university boy with the Indians, binged to center. Bud Sanders Jolley doubled, Falconi collected his fourth hit of the night and Martinez his third.

Not only did the Indians slam our Senator hurlers hard, but they also nipped threatening scoring sorties in the bud with three double killings. One was engineered by Dwight Aden, former Bearcat, who nailed Barker's left to center and pegged Lightner, who was off the base out at second.

Windsor Walks 8

George "The Duke" Windsor, pitching his first game in Salem since he left the Bearcat fold two years ago, was wild enough to issue eight bases on balls, but outstayed to center. Bud Sanders scattered the seven hits he gave up in nice shape. In addition, "The Duke" got himself a pair of singles at bat.

But the Indians are in town through Monday night, playing tonight's doubleheader, one game Sunday afternoon at 2:15, one Sunday night at 8:15 and the sixth tilt Monday night at 8:15.

Eastern Oregon Hurler Is Signed by Red Sox

VALE, Ore., June 7-(P)—Bill Houser, 20-year-old eastern Oregon right-handed pitcher, was signed to a Boston Red Sox contract today by Earl Shelly, scout, and ordered to report to Canton, O., middle Atlantic league Red Sox farm.