

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Last in team fielding, next to the last in team batting, an outfielder playing first base, a first baseman playing third base, a second baseman hitting less than 200 and only two pitchers on the squad yet the club is resting in second place, tied there with Tacoma, and both only seven games away from the league leading Spokanes.

That, boy and gals, is a thumbnail of our Senators, who begin battling the Tacoma Tigers for that second position slot here tonight. It isn't readily understandable how they have managed to stay up there, is it? Likewise, it will be a miracle if they can maintain their position, won't it?

True it is that in the just concluded Yakima series Will Williams handled 1b chores as well as could have Babe Dahlgren, Antelope Al Lightner made an amazing stand at the torrid corner and young Dell Oliver came through with one of those mound exhibitions of which he is capable, seemingly, about every third time out.

It is also true that the Coe-Carst-Wilson-Petersen layout presents the most formidable outfield patrol in the circuit and, by that reason, is of incalculable value to a pitching staff which, once it gets by El Cockey Brewer and Barker, makes a line like a windbroken nag.

Skip Deserves Credit.
The biggest truth, however, is that Little Skipper Bunny Griffiths deserves as much credit for jockeying the outfit as high in the scale of Western International standings as he does for playing the shortpatch like few in baseball anywhere today can play it.

Despite a leg that has been battered from ankle to thigh with pitched baseballs, thrown baseballs, batted baseballs, high flying spikes and diving shoulder blocks since the third week of the season, the Little Skipper goes right along electrifying the paying populace by skimming around his area like he was on roller skates, fielding everything therein and throwing strikes wherever strikes are necessary.

And despite the fact he has to look under, on top and into the stands to find a route-jockeying hurler once he gets by Ace Helder and Barker, the Little Skipper has kept the lawmakers up there in the thick of things. How much longer will that be, but a vote of thanks from home town fans at this point would not be at all frowned upon by Emily Post.

Solons vs. Beavers?

If possible, why not get the Portland Percherons (now pepped up a bit with the injection into the lineup of a few frisky colts who, it is hoped, will mature into American trotters rather than draft animals) into Waters park for a session with our Senators and make the whole affair a "Griffiths' night"?

It could well be, of course, that the Scheffers' Coast loop excavators want no part of George E. Waters' Western International wheel Solons. But if the double A Beavers aren't afraid of the class B Solons, it would seem a natural for the two teams to schedule either one game here or a home-and-home arrangement.

Make it, if desired, a benefit bill for the Red Cross war relief fund, which has so far failed to reach its quota both here and in Portland.

Place the prospect of our Senators handling the Beavers, whipping alongside "Griffiths' night" and a benefit for the Red Cross war relief fund, and you have a natural that not only would enrich both clubs and the Red Cross fund, but would also give fans just what they'd like to have.

Hand Bruise Handicaps.

On July 13—nine days ago—Wild William Harris was clubbed .375. Today he is 19 points off that peak, down to .356, thanks to a bad bone bruise on his left hand. Despite the use of a hunk of sponge rubber around his bat, the bruise has bucky flinching away from the pitch and he isn't cutting his wrists through. The Bucko boy without his wrist action is similar to oyster soup without oysters.

Two errorless ball games in



SKIPPER GRIFFITHS

succession for our Solons in the Yakima series, and sensational fielding by Petersen, Williams, Griffiths and Harris held the ever dangerous Pippins in check in two of the three games. Add, too, Al Lightner, who handled 10 chances faultlessly. But the hitting, matches, wasn't all that it could have been.

Just as this corner speculated some time back, Oregon State is going to have Jim Keschburgh, Kenny Dow and Jim Busch all ready to bomb opposing lines from the fullback spot this fall... Bud Forrester, publicity director for the Orange, verifies my earlier suspicion in a 15-page brochure that hit this desk yesterday—first full football catalogue to bounce in here.

Parker and Riggs Advance in Meet

SEA BRIGHT, N.J. July 22—(AP)—Frankie Parker glided through his first test today in defense of his Sea Bright tennis championship, but Bobby Riggs, the national titleholder, stole a march on the field by driving his way into the third round.

France was eliminated off Frank Froehling of Chicago, 6-4, 6-0 in one of the briefest matches of a day that saw most of the surprises in the women's division.

Two seeded foreign players—Nina Brown of England and Madame Sylvia Henrotin of France—were eliminated, and Helen Jacobs former national champion, was knocked from the competition by a sore shoulder muscle.

Riggs, who drew a first round bye, ran against a stubborn foe in young Chauncey D. Steele, Jr., of New York, but the jaunty Chicagoan, 1937 and 1938, pulled through 8-6, 5-7, 6-2.

Bengals Beaten By Davids, 7-6

TACOMA, July 22—(AP)—Led by Manager John Tucker, who collected four hits in as many times at bat, the barnstorming House of David terrors defeated the Tacoma Tigers of the Western International league, 7 to 6, in an exhibition baseball game here tonight. Five Tacoma errors led to a like number of unearned runs for the bearded club.

Davids 7 9 1
Tacoma 6 10 8
Tally, Clay (8) and Miner; Koupal, Medeghini (7) and Brenner.

Zale Ready for Action
—Tony Zale, new National Boxing association middleweight titleholder, will be a "fighting champion," his manager, Sam Plan, said here today. He said that after a rest of five weeks or so, the Gary, Ind., steel worker who stopped Al Hostak last week in Seattle, would be ready for action.

Solons, Tigers Vie for 2nd Spot

Full Coverage of local and national sports daily in The Statesman.

RON GEMMELL—Editor

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Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, July 23, 1940

Dealers Withdraw From League

Forfeit Game To Paper Mill

Manager Schwartz Refuses to Leave Game; PS—Waits Spank Kids

City Softball League

Team	W	L	Pct
Square Deal	10	8	.769
Kennedys	8	6	.615
Pheasants	6	6	.545
Waits	6	6	.545
Paper Mill	6	7	.462
Schoens	1	11	.083

Games Tonight
Paper Mill vs. Schoens.
Pheasants vs. Dealers (7).

Although virtually the 1940 champion, the Square Deal softball club announced its withdrawal from the City league last night through its manager, Bob Schwartz, whose failure to comply with ejection demands by Umpires Regele and Oraves cost the Radisters a 1 to 0 forfeit game to the Papermakers.

Umpire Regele, after a chewing match with Schwartz that started when the latter refused to play as long as Regele was calling balls and strikes, and that continued after Regele took up base umpiring duties at first base, thumbed Schwartz from his coaching box as the game was about to go into the last of the third with no score.

Schwartz refused to leave and Regele appealed to Head Umpire section. Oraves put the watch on Schwartz and at the expiration of two minutes called the game a forfeit.

Following a consultation with League Officers Howard Maple and Gurnee Fleisher, who upheld Umpire Oraves' decision, Schwartz made official announcement to the press that he was withdrawing from the league and that his team would not be on hand to play tonight's scheduled game.

League officers voiced the opinion that Umpire Regele was as much to blame for what happened as was Manager Schwartz, but said they had no alternative but to uphold the umpires on their election orders. They also said that state softball rules impose a penalty of one or more years suspension for players withdrawing.

The nightcap went to Waits Meatsmen, 8 to 1, over the Kennedy Kids as Don Cutler turned in a five-hit pitching job. The loss dropped the Kids to but one game ahead of both Waits and the Pheasants, assuring at least a three-way battle for second place in the state tournament. With the Dealers out, it also sets the stage for a three or four-game race for number one position.

Cutler Whiffs Five
Jimmy Nicholson, Ike Elmsinger, Pete McCaffery and Cutler, each with a pair of blows, headed the 11-hit attack laid down on Pitchers Eldon Bulkley and Jim Comstock. Waits scored once in the first, twice in each of the fourth and fifth innings, once in the sixth and twice in the ninth.

Cutler struck out five and was in command nearly all the way. The Kids counted their lone tally of him in the third, Jerry Bulkley beating out an infield smash, making second on Hostak's walk, third on Kemp's sacrifice and counting on Slegmund's outfield fly.

Waits 8 11 3
Kennedys 1 5 4
E. Bulkley, J. Comstock (8) and J. Bulkley; Cutler and McCaffery.

Cincy Reds Ready For 16-Game Tour

CINCINNATI, July 22—(AP)—The Cincinnati Reds, class of the National league, whether Brooklyn likes it or not, started a critical 16-game eastern tour today in the best shape in history, enjoying their longest lead of the season, and confident this is their year again.

Tomorrow they meet the Dodgers, supposedly the threat of the senior circuit, in a doubleheader which may have great bearing on the outcome of the second half of baseball's fiscal year. The Reds' current margin over the runner-up is five games.

Armory Grapple Stars Clingman

Salem hat fans have an opportunity to witness an old favorite Wednesday night at the armory, when Otis Clingman returns in a main event role against tough Sgt. Kennison, the one-time leatherneck.

ACE OF CUBS

By Sords



LARRY FRENCH, CHICAGO CUBS' MOUND ACE AND LEADING NATIONAL LEAGUER IN THE SHUTOUT DEPARTMENT

Opinions Differ on Jenkins' Mix With Armstrong; Some Contend Lew Fought Back, Others Say He Quit

By WHITNEY MARTIN
NEW YORK, July 22—(AP)—Probably the most distressing aftermath of the Henry Armstrong-Lew Jenkins fight from the Jenkins' standpoint, aside from the fact that he was kept bouncing from one foot to the other for 24 hours waiting for his purse, is the split decision among the on-lookers as to the amount of fighting heart he showed while the roof was caving in on him.

There is unanimous agreement that he took a fearful beating. The disagreement seems to be as to whether he showed enough backbone in taking it. Some think he folded, became discouraged when he saw Henney rolling in on him instead of rolling in the rosin after he had fired his best shots.

Others think the scrawny Texan was Jack Dempsey, Mickey Walker and a barn full of cornered wildcats when it came to fighting back to the best of his ability.

Frankly, we wouldn't know. It wasn't our ribs on which Armstrong was playing that xylophone solo, and far be it from us to say it doesn't hurt a bit when the other fellow says he has a headache.

That Jenkins was all through at the end of the sixth round there can be no doubt. He not only was physically beaten; he was nauseated, and anyone who has been sick knows the helpless "don't-give-a-whop feeling suffered when a rodeo is going on inside you and there are pinwheels in your head.

We did gain the impression that Jenkins wasn't in condition for such a fight, and that if the bout had gone eight rounds your Aunt Maud could have gone in and then kept pace with Lew the remaining four heats.

Jenkins has said that "nobody ever taught me to fight; I just fight," and he must be just as wary about receiving advice when it comes to training. Certainly the supposedly flashing right hand of a fighter shouldn't go out like he was reaching for the mashed potatoes after three or four rounds of action, although it is admitted that the blows Henney landed to Lew's washboard torso did not tend to speed him up.

Jenkins is primarily a biter, and a terrific one. Armstrong took some of them, but just how solidly he took them is hard to say as he's always shuddering his way in these days. A dog coming out of a pond, and some blows which seem to land squarely are robbed of their effectiveness by the moving target.

Dumb Dan Morgan, acute old-time fight manager, points out that a puncher like Lew Jenkins must have a place to put it or he is lost.

Dumb Dan also criticized the match as one between "a semi-windup fighter who can't inflict and a semi-windup fighter who can't take a polished fighting machine."

Postmen and M-Ws Post League Wins

Postoffice edged out Kay 1-11 in a 3 and 2 Montgomery Ward overhauled Paper Mill Machine 14 to 7 in industrial league softball games last night.

Postoffice 8 6 3
Kay Mill 4 5 2
Rollins and Thompson; Ling and Pickens.

Mont-Ward 14 13 0
PM Machine 7 9 4
Miller and Beaver; Allport, Scott and Carter.

Drop Eugene Townies 6 to 3; Caps Edge out Chiefs 8 to 7

EUGENE, July 22—(Special)—Rookie Red Davis pitched Salem's Senators to a 6 to 3 victory over the Eugene Athletics in an exhibition game here tonight.

Some 500 fans, getting their first glimpse of a Western International league team here, saw the Senators go to the front with two runs in the sixth after both clubs had been blanked through the first five. Salem put the game away with a four-run rally in the seventh, Eugene coming back in its half to count all three of its runs.

Bucky Harris, with a single and triple in four trips, led the Senators, at Barker, led the Senators two for four, Knoll got two for five and Coascarot one for two and Griffiths one for four.

Eugene scored as Mebusius doubled, Dunn tripled, Libby walked and Madison, Spencer and Steiner all singled.

Salem: 000 04 400-6 9 0
Eugene: 000 000 300-3 9 3
Davis and Barker; Spencer, Day and Libby.

Albany, Eugene Now Atop League

Take Doubleheaders From Babes and Silverton; Hills Creek Wins

Oregon State League

Team	W	L	Pct
Albany	5	5	.500
Eugene	5	5	.500
Medford	4	5	.444
Hills Creek	7	5	.583

(By The Associated Press)
Eugene grabbed two wins from the Silverton Red Sox, defending champions, during the weekend to remain deadlocked with Albany for leadership in the Oregon State Baseball league's second half Pentant race.

Albany won a doubleheader from the Portland Babes, 9-1 and 10-3. The Eugene-Silverton scores were 7-5 and 4-3.

Victory-hungry Hills Creek upset the dove bucket by sinking Jack & Jill Tavern of Portland twice, 10-0 and 5-2. The Hills Creek nine tasted victory for the first time in many weeks last weekend.

Medford stayed within a game behind the league leaders by chalking up two wins over Bend, 5-3 and 2-1.

Summaries:
Jack & Jill 0 5 4
Hills Creek 10 8 1
Bendergrass and Mize; Kendall and B. Kelley.

Albany 9 11 0
Portland 9 11 0
Johnson and Robertson; Warner and Rolland.

Portland 1 5 2
Johnson and Robertson; Carstensen, Burch and Rolland.

Medford 3 6 1
Farmer and Krenner; Crispin and Hawkins.

Bend 2 2 1
Murdoch and Neil; Rego, McClain and Hawkins.

League Baseball

Pacific Coast League

Team	W	L	Pct
Seattle	25	25	.500
Oakland	27	25	.519
L. Ang.	25	25	.500
S. Diego	29	25	.538

American League

Team	W	L	Pct
Detroit	32	25	.562
Cleveland	31	25	.552
Boston	27	25	.519
N. York	24	25	.490

National League

Team	W	L	Pct
Cincinnati	35	25	.583
Brooklyn	31	25	.552
N. York	28	25	.526
Chicago	24	25	.490

Senator Batting Averages

Player	B	H	Avg
Harris	31	125	.397
Helder	30	125	.397
Wills	29	87	.333
Lig't	27	100	.352
Pe'l'n	26	88	.329
Griffis	25	77	.325

American Association

Team	W	L	Pct
Columbus	8	11	.421
Toledo	4	11	.263
Louisville	2	11	.154
Indianapolis	1	11	.083

Commercial Loop Games One-Sided

Blue Lake and CYO teams were winners in one-sided Commercial softball league games last night. Blue Lake took Miles Linen 13-3 for the Miles first defeat of the season. Serdotz and Miller hit homers for the losers. Cogswell hit three for four and Orey four for four Blue Lake.

'Babes' Beat 'Parents'

OIL CITY, Pa., July 22—(AP)—The Oil City Fanbands of the Pittsburgh Pirates today turned the tables on their big league brothers by taking a 4 to 3 victory before 2500 fans.

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