

# Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Forgive, please, if we don't seem to see over this Pendleton pitching phenomenon, Harvey Griffin, long enough to babble about something else for a change, but the youngster's record has us so amazed we can't forget it.

As you remember, Griffin first appeared in Salem last year in the 1939 state softball tournament. He saw service in two games, his team dropping its semifinal game when he was unable to pitch because of his religious beliefs.

So, with those two games and with the two he has worked so far this year, Griffin has pitched a total of four tournament softball games in two years. Two were seven inning affairs and two were the full route of nine frames, for a total of 32 innings.

In those 32 innings he allowed a total of two unearned runs, six very severely hit, struck out 63, issued seven bases on balls and only 15 men reached base. Needless to say, he has won each of his four starts.

## Some Introduction!

Griffin was introduced to state tournament fans Tuesday night of the 1939 tournament, when he pitched a seven-inning, 4-to-0 win over McMinnville. He gave up one infield hit—a bunt—allowed three others to reach base and struck out 14.

He pitched his second game of the 1939 meet against Albany two nights later, winning 4-1. The single tally scored on a walk, a wild pitch and two errors. He K'd 15, allowed five to reach base and was touched for two scratch singles.

This year he opened up with a no-run, no-hit effort in beating our Kennedy-Kids 2 to 0. He whiffed 14 and the only softball soul to reach base did so on a boot.

Thursday night he turned Oregon City away, 4-1, striking out an even 20 (two under the key record) and allowing seven to reach base. Three of those did so via the barrage of three blows he allowed, one of which bloomed in there just over the third baseman's head, another of which bloomed in just back of second base and the third of which was a tremendous twisting line drive into the dirt three feet in front of home plate and eluded efforts of the catcher and pitcher to scoop it up.

Griffin's earned run mark, compiled against what were supposed to have been four of the state's best softball clubs, is still zero, zero, zero. Yes, excuse us, please, if we don't seem able to see around this flinging phenom.

## Let George Do It.

Once more George Scales made good on his prediction as the greatest clutch player any Oregon softball tournament ever saw, as Thursday night he crossed up one of the sweetest softball aggregations in this seventh annual meet, the Bonneville Engineers, to hunt home the tally that gave Square Deal a 4-2, unearned win.

Chiefly through the clutch playing of Scales, Salem has twice won state championships. Playing for Pades' in 1934, Scales figured in the scoring of both runs that beat out Biff Georgeson and his Enke Dye mates, 2-0, in the titular tiff. He scored the first, after working Georgeson for a walk, and dove in the second with a blazing bingle.

Again in 1938, playing for the Papermakers, it was Scales' daring base running that led to the run which enabled the 'Makers to beat out Rotary Bread, 3-2, in 18 innings, after his squeeze bunt had tied the score at 2-2 in the ninth.

Thursday night's clutch play was a typical Scales' act. With the score tied, runners on first and second and two away, Scales took a terrific swing at the first pitch, a low one that went for a wild pitch to advance both runners. The next pitch he poked down the first base line for an easy infield hit that broke up the ball game.

## All-Stars Suffer Loss of End Kerr

CHICAGO, Aug. 23—(AP)—The College All-Stars, opponents of the Green Bay Packers in a charity football game at Soldier Field Aug. 25, lost the services today of Bill Kerr, All-America end of Notre Dame.

Kerr injured his left ankle in scrimmage Thursday and a subsequent examination revealed a broken bone. The ankle was placed in a cast, eliminating the Irish star from further consideration as an all-star performer.

The Collegians concentrated today on molding their attack to penetrate the pro champions' five-man defensive line.

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## Yankees Climb On 5 to 3 Win

Sundra Serves Six-Hitter; Bombers now 7 Games From First Place

	American League						
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Cleveland	71	48	.597	Chicago	59	55	.518
Detroit	67	52	.563	Wash.	51	65	.440
N. York	62	53	.539	St. Louis	49	71	.408
Boston	63	55	.534	Philadel	46	69	.400

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Sundra, in chalking up his third victory of the campaign, allowed Cleveland six hits, and delivered the payoff punch in the seventh inning when he singled to score Babe Dahlgren and Frankie Crosetti and break a 2-2 tie.

Cleveland ..... 5 6 2  
New York ..... 3 9 0  
Smith, Allen (8) and Hemsley; Sundra and Dickey.

Solons Stop Chisox  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 23—(AP)—Jimmy Bloodworth, Washington first baseman, drove a single against the left field fence with two mates on base in the last of the 15th inning today, scoring Johnny Welay and giving the Senators a 3-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

The game represented the best pitching duel of the season at Griffith stadium, Ken Chase going all the way for the Senators, scattering 11 hits and fanning 12. Bill Dietrich was removed in the 13th and Clint Brown came in to throw one ball—the one Bloodworth hit.

Chicago ..... 2 11 3  
Washington ..... 3 11 3  
Dietrich, Brown (13) and Tresh; Chase and Early.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23—(AP)—George Caster turned in a brilliant three-inning relief trick today as the Athletics came from behind to beat the St. Louis Browns, 6 to 4.

Philadelphia ..... 6 9 2  
Kennedy, Hudlin (8), and Suse, Vaughan, Caster (7), and Hayes, Wagner (7).

Detroit at Boston postponed, rain.

## Softball Minors Name All-Stars

Champion Papermakers, Hazel Dell Receive Most Places

Industrial and Commercial leagues all-star softball aggregations were yesterday announced by league officials, with the newly crowned minor leagues titlist, Paper Mill, and Hazel Dell of the Commercial circuit capturing a majority of the places.

The all-star teams: Industrial — Catcher, W. Madry, Paper Office; pitchers, R. Dadd, Paper Office, and M. Ritchie, Building Supply; first, Lewis, Paper Office; second, Garrett, Building Supply; short, Morley, Paper Office; third, Ellis, Paper Office; utility infield, C. Taylor, Building Supply; outfield, Coomer, Wards, McKee, Paper Office and Hilborn, Building Supply; utility, D. Allport, Paper Machine.

Commercial — Catcher, Don Harms, Miles Linn Mill; pitcher, M. Serdotz, Miles, and Orey, Blue Lake Produce; first, Stan Barton, YC-Kiwans; second, Cousin, Miles Linn; short, Strawn, WPA; third, Guthrie, YC-Kiwans; utility infield, Parker, Hazel Dell dairy; outfielders, Dan Morley, CYO, George Wilkinson, Hazel Dell, and Bjarne Soland, Hazel Dell; utility, Orville Mull, Hazel Dell.

## League Baseball

Senator Batting Averages

Harris	447	146	.326	Rob'tan	63	12	.190
Heiser	126	41	.325	Oliver	62	11	.177
Lig'tan	484	143	.295	Kral'v'h	31	5	.161
Petran	413	121	.292	Fenter	41	6	.146
Shinn	69	20	.289	Brewer	74	9	.121
Coe'r't	445	123	.276	Salstrom	8	1	.125
Grf'tha	247	82	.236	Elliot	1	0	.000

Pacific Coast League (Before Night Games)

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## Snappy Solons Score 7 to 2 Win

Hustle, Scamper Bases; Brewer, Helser Tonight

By RON GEMMELL

The manner in which our snappy Senators (yes, I said snappy) employed the hit-and-run, stole bases and forced the issue to bag a 7 to 2 Western International league baseball victory from Tacoma's untierish Tigers last night wasn't in the least indicative of a team that had just dropped the games straight, seven of its last eight and was precariously close to losing all hope of gaining back fourth place.

They had it last night, did the Legislators. They manufactured baseball law from the opening canto on, taking a three-run lead then and punching home single runs in each of the second, sixth, seventh and eighth frames.

They Stal Basest! Probably the most startling feature was the fact they pilfered seven bases, including a theft of the home base by Antelope Al Lightner on the double steal play that has many times before been employed against the Solons but never by them.

The win accomplished behind the steady pitching of young Dell Oliver, shoved the Lawmakers back into fourth position and once more gives them opportunity to make the Shaughnessy playoffs which begin September 2.

Believe it or no, the hit-and-run went on immediately after Freddie Knoll drew a pass as the first Solon to face young Johnny Linde, who earlier in the season was himself a Senator. And the Lawmakers continued to force the play from there on, taking advantage of every possible scoring opportunity.

Wild William Harris gave indication he, too, might be snapping out of the terrific batting slump that has mirrored the entire club's nose-dive. He pounded home the first run with a sharp bingle and added another one-base, knock and a double to his night's stand at the plate.

Oliver Ends Drouth The win also ended a long, long victory drouth for Oliver, who struck out seven Bengals and stayed ahead of his hitters better than he has since early season.

Freddie Knoll's free center, his stolen base and Harris' hammer to center scored number one for the Solons in the first. They added a pair that frame on Lightner's fielder's choice that forced the runner, Coscarart, to third, and sent Lightner to third, the double steal that counted the Antelope and Cliff Barker's bingle that scored Brother Steve.

Salstrom walked, Oliver beat out a bunt for a hit and Harris singled to drive in a second inning run. The sixth frame tally, which came after the Tigers tallied their only two in their half, was scored via Eddie Wilson's double, the second of his three stolen bases and Johnny Linde's walk.

Shinn, Salstrom Team Salem's own Lee Shinn and Phil Salstrom teamed to blast home a seventh inning score, Shinn doubling hard to right and Salstrom following with a triple down the rightfield foul line.

Coscarart's double brought home the eighth hit run, scored Wilson, who had walked and again stolen second.

Tacoma's two counters came on the first of three walks Oliver issued, together with bingles by O'Brien and Farrell, followed by Brenner's infield out.

Bud Brewer and Roy Helser, Salem's two regulars, nod for mound duty in tonight's double-header. Brewer is slated for the full length bill, beginning at 7:15, and Helser for the seven stanza afterpiece.

TACOMA AB R H PO A  
Harriman, 2b ..... 4 0 2 4 2  
Baer, lf ..... 4 1 1 3 0  
O'Brien, rf ..... 4 1 1 4 0  
Garrett, 1b ..... 4 0 1 3 0  
Farrell, 3b ..... 4 0 2 0 0  
Brenner, c ..... 4 0 1 3 1  
Rickert ..... 4 0 1 2 0  
Trower, s ..... 4 0 1 3 5  
Linde, p ..... 3 0 1 1 0  
Totals ..... 35 2 9 24 9

SALEM AB R H PO A  
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Wilson, m ..... 4 2 0 4 0  
Harris, 1b ..... 0 0 2 11 0  
Lightner, rf ..... 4 1 1 2 0  
Coscarart, lf ..... 5 1 2 0 0  
Barker, c ..... 3 0 2 4 0  
Shinn, 3b ..... 2 1 1 0 3  
Salstrom, ss ..... 2 1 1 3 4  
Oliver, p ..... 2 0 1 2 0  
Williams, c ..... 2 0 0 8 0  
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Salem: 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 7

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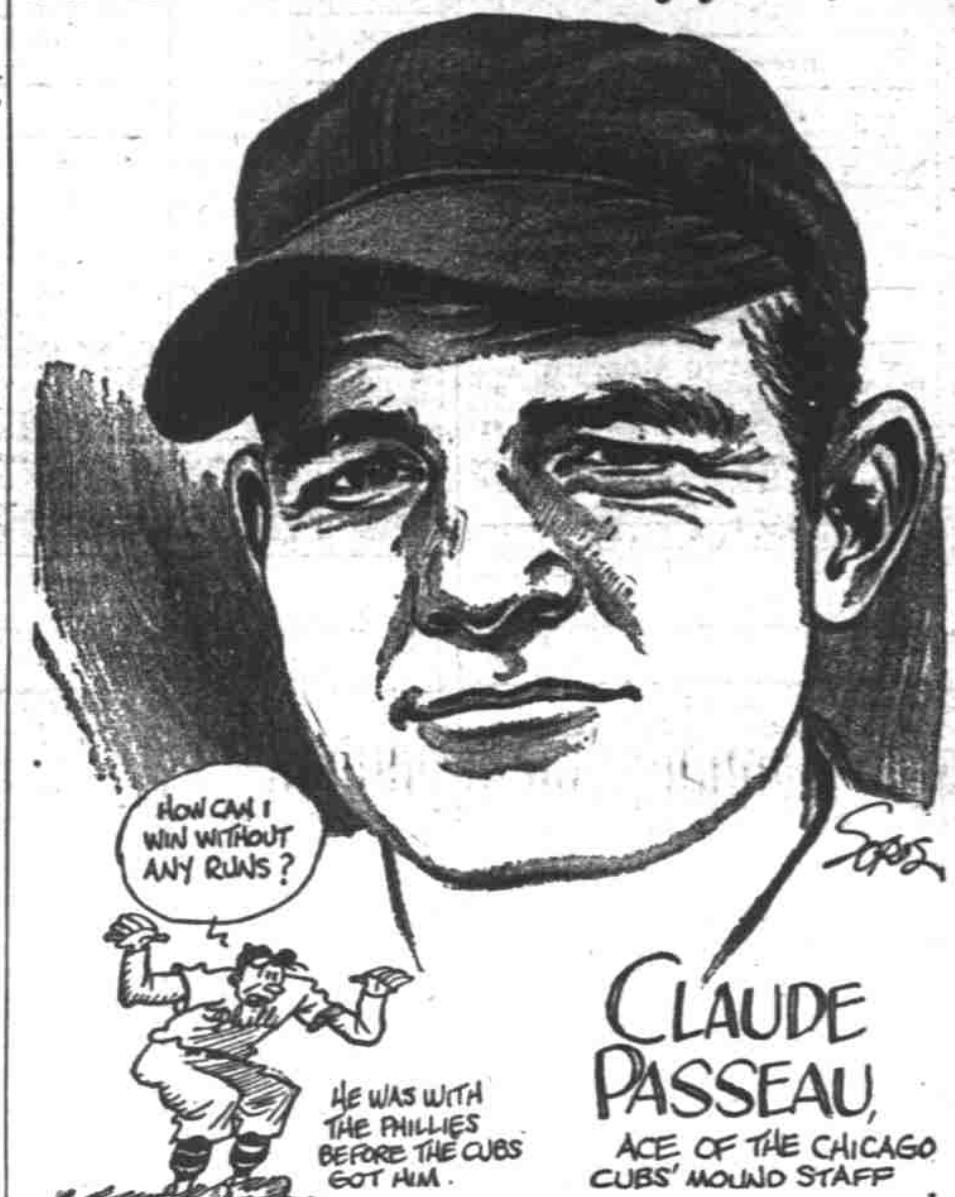
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## Senator Swing

Follow Salem's Senators with this page. Daily batting averages.

## CUBS' MAINSTAY

By Jack Sords



## Bees Put Bee on Cincy Reds; Shortstopless Brooks Nicked

## West Virginian Handicap Winner

Shatters 98 of 100 Discs to Take Grand American; Mrs. Hall Wins

VANDALIA, O., Aug. 23—(AP)—West Virginian boasted its first grand American handicap trapshoot winner today, as E. H. Wolfe, 38-year-old Charleston auditor, broke 98 of 100 over the windswept traps here to take the big finale of the 41st annual clay target carnival.

The feminine laurels went to Mrs. Lela Hall of Strasburg, Mo., who cracked 95 of 100. Wolfe fired from 25 yards, and Mrs. Hall from 22, as they tested the field of 227, second largest entry in the last decade.

The usual drama of the "roaring grand" was missing because the winners hung up their scores early and the marks stood up the remainder of the day as a heavy wind caused the flying clays to do tricks.

G. H. Oswald of Columbus won the professional championship with 97 of 100 from 22 yards, while four hot-shots tied with 97 for second place behind Wolfe in the amateur race. They were Paul Hiestand of Killbuck, O., brother of the famous Joe; Fred Waldock of Sandusky, O.; J. T. Platts of Seneca, Pa., and O. Lindberg of Grand Rapids, Mich.

In the shoot-offs Platts won second place, Waldock third, Lindberg fourth and Hiestand fifth.

The victory was worth about \$2100 to Wolfe.

Cubs Drop Dodgers CHICAGO, Aug. 23—(AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers' shortstop woes gave the Chicago Cubs an 11-inning ball game today.

With Peeewe Reese out with a broken foot and Manager Leo Durocher on the sidelines with all-inning legs, the Brooklyn put Rookie Pete Reiser in the shortstop. In the 11th frame, with the bases loaded, Reiser picked up Hank Lieder's easy grounder and threw badly to the plate, letting in the run that brought the Cubs a 5 to 4 victory.

Brooklyn ..... 4 11 3  
Chicago ..... 5 13 0  
Hamlin and Mancuso, Franks (7), Phelps (9); French, Passeau (7) and Todd.

Cards Continue Climb ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23—(AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals silenced another game off the Cincinnati Reds' first place advantage today as they won their eighth in a row, beating Philadelphia, 5 to 2.

Philadelphia ..... 2 6 2  
St. Louis ..... 5 7 0  
Higbe and Warren; Bowman and Padgett, Owen (8).

Bucs Best Giants PITTSBURGH, Aug. 23—(AP)—The Pirates and New York Giants put on nine innings of what was supposed to be major league baseball today, and, at the finish, the Bucs came up with a 13 to 10 victory. The defeat dropped the Giants into fourth place in the National league standings.

New York ..... 10 15 3  
Pittsburgh ..... 13 18 2  
Hubbell, Joiner (2), Lynn (2), Gumbert (5), Melton (7), and Danning; Butcher, Lanning (2), Bowman (5), Heinzelman (8) and Davis.

Elk Hunters Many In Clatsop Woods

ASTORIA, Aug. 23—(AP)—Hunters crowded the Clatsop woods today as they sought camping grounds for the opening of the 10-day elk hunting season at noon Saturday.

Cow elk are protected. The estimated 1000 hunters were advised of strict fire regulations because of extremely dry conditions in the northwest Oregon forests.

Mary Ryan, US swimming champion three over, in the national AAU meet held in Portland last week. But 15 years old, Miss Ryan hails from Louisville, Ky.

## Portland 9 Bows out 3 to 2; Pendleton Goes Down 15 to 2

While this seventh annual state softball shebang began with 16 crack teams which came from all over Oregon, the titular tiff tonight at 9 o'clock finds neighbors with no more than 40 miles separating them fighting for the crown.

It's Salem's Square Dealers, twice before finalists but never champions, and the Corvallis Elks, who last night gained well-earned decisions over Pendleton's Elks and the Portland Firemen, who vie for the big mug.

Corvallis's fighting crew outlasted the fire waddies of Portland, 3 to 2, in 11 innings, with Catcher Daily driving home all three counters.

It's Singer's 10th Salem's Dealers, going against the Griffithless Pendletons for the second successive year in the semifinals, walked off with an easy 15 to 2 decision behind the eight-hit hurling of Henry Singer, who posted his 10th tournament victory in seven years of mound work.

The Firemen took an early lead over Corvallis, scoring once in the third frame as Pitcher Bilyeu walked and romped home on Shortstop Guthridge's triple into right field. The Portlanders scored only the first run in the fourth. DesBouillon led off the inning with a walk and took second on a passed ball. He went to third on Forbes' outfield fly and scored when Beeson rapped out an infield single.

The boys from Corvallis came back in their half of the fourth to tie things up on three base blows. Hard-hitting Carl Axelsson, Corvallis centerfielder, smashed out a double, one of his four hits for the night, to start the rally. Pitcher Elwin McRae, next up, was walked. Burgess' infield hit filled the bases and Catcher Daily slapped a single into left to drive in the tying run.

Pendleton was never in the game after the first inning of the nightcap. Square Deal scored three runs in that frame and duplicated that feat in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings. The Dealers scored two more in the third and one in the fourth for their 15-run total.

The hapless Elks from Pendleton were able to score single runs in only the first and eighth innings. The first frame score came on two hits and a fielder's choice, while the other tally scored on a walk, a hit, and a fielder's choice.

Click DeAutremont, with a double and two singles in five trips topped the 12-hit attack on Pendleton's Young, the same hurler the Dealers defeated in last year's semifinal. Nicholson, Bernie Larsen and Hank Singer registered a pair of blows in four trips each.

Corvallis ..... 3 8 1  
Firemen ..... 2 9 1  
E. McRae and Daily; Bilyeu and Gabriel.

Pendleton ..... 2 8 9  
Square Deal ..... 15 12 2  
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