

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Mark down the name of Dick Ashcom on your list of football individuals who will bear watching during this fall's grid campaigns. . . A 208-pound soph at Oregon, Ashcom is Tex Oliver's number one candidate for the right tackle slot, where he is expected to balance Left Tackle Jim Stuart, all-const. of last season and expected to draw all-American attention this.

No callow youngster is Ashcom, who hails from Seaside. . . He spent a four-year hitch with the US naval medical corps before matriculating at the Duck dive last year, and played a lot of football during those four seasons. . . Fast, strong on defense and quick to learn, (as testifies his honor student rating in the tough medical course), he was an outstanding freshman lineman last fall.

It's an all-sophomore situation at the right tackle post for the Oregon, for Ashcom's immediate relief will probably be Roger Johnson, 203-pound transfer from San Bernardino junior college, whose aggressiveness caught coaches' eyes in spring drill. . . Both 1939 regulars, Merle Peters and Roy Jensen, were graduated.

He Made 'Em Run.

When the Little Skipper brought his Solons back home last Friday night, he faced the problem of what to do with a club that had just dropped three straight and was back on its heels. . . He decided he'd try to get the boys up on their toes by making 'em run, whether the running cost potential scoring possibilities or not, and his decision paid dividends of four wins in five games with Tacoma and the four with Wenatchee up to last night.

The very first play of the very first game after the Solons returned here saw the hit-and-run go on, and the boys have been logging it ever since. . . Eddie Wilson alone pilfered nine bases in three games, and the club total for those same contests is 19. . . Not only that, but the boys have been stretching singles into doubles and doubles into triples with amazing ease.

If they can maintain the pace in playing 14 games in the next eight days, which is the job cut out for them, they can stay out in front of those peppy Clatsops, who are vying with the Solons for a coveted spot in the Shaughnessy playoffs. . . But, mates, it's going to take some doing.

Play One More Game.

Our Senators begin a three-game series in Wenatchee tonight, move to Vancouver for a five-game series which begins with a doubleheader Monday night, and return here to finish the regular season in a six-game series (three doubleheaders) with Yakima beginning Friday night of next week. . . That's 14 games.

Vancouver has one game tonight and two tomorrow at Yakima, moves home to play back to our Solons in the five-game series beginning Monday, moves to Tacoma for three games after Friday and Saturday of next week. . . That's 18 games.

So it is that the Legislators, who were a full game in front of the Caps up to last night, play one more game than do the Clatsops in the next eight days. . . Despite the fact they have already played two more for the season. . . To make the playoffs, which begin September 10, our Solons are going to have to win one more game than the Caps as well as play one more.

Here's how the Shaughnessy playoffs are to be played: Number one team, the pennant winner, plays number three team and number two team plays number four team in two-out-of-three series. . . First two games of both series are to be played in the top club's orchard. . . Winners of those series play a three-of-five series, the first two games to be played at the bottom club's park and the balance (two or three, as needed) at the top club's park.

Sign It, Sister.

Note: If the feminine baseball fan who plugged Roy Helsers' cause so diligently in a missive reaching this desk yesterday will repeat same and sign her name, it will get some attention. . . Otherwise, into the wire file basket from which there is no return. . . Next: An "Atherton" for the Oregon State High School Athletic association, made necessary by high schools insisting upon starting grid drills in mid-summer. . . Coach Ray Hendrickson, already has his University High of Eugene stalwarts out for practice.

Race: Between Wild William Harris and Antelope Al Lightner of our Senators, and Paul McGinnis of the Spokane Indians, for three-base hopping honors in the WI. . . Each have 17 in latest averages, but it is probable up-to-date statistics will reveal Harris leads with 18.

League Baseball

League Baseball statistics table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, and other metrics.

Chiefs Shade Senators, 4 to 3

Snead Defeats Sarazen, PGA

Gene's Game Comes Apart After Leading, 3-up at 27 Holes

By GAYLE TALBOT HERSHY, Pa., Aug. 30—(AP)—Most of the color and competition went out of the PGA championship today when Gene Sarazen was beaten by Sam Snead on the 36th green in a heartbreaker, but four powerful young golfers survived to battle in the semi-finals tomorrow.

Besides Snead, those remaining in the match play classic were Ralph Guldahl, national open champion in 1937 and 1938; Byron Nelson, open king in 1939, and Harold "Jug" McSpaden, who recently lost his Canadian open title to Snead in a play-off. Four solid fairway citizens, but short one king as a group.

Guldahl Trims Hogan Guldahl, who is reputed to be only so-so as a match player, didn't display any glaring weaknesses as he demolished Ben Hogan, year's biggest money winner, 3 and 2.

Nelson, who meets Guldahl tomorrow, scored an easy 6 and 5 victory over Eddie Kirk of Farmington, Mich., the only dark horse to reach the quarter finals.

McSpaden, who had a terrible time beating Walt Hagen in his previous match, gave little Paul Runyan the day's worst shellacking, 8 and 6.

All the day's drama was concentrated in the tight duel between Snead and Sarazen, which saw the popular little squire come apart like a dollar pair of pants in a final tragic nine-hole stretch. A big part of the gallery scraped the mud from its shoes and went on home after he bowed out.

Leads 27 Holes Sarazen, trying to win once more a trophy he first captured in 1925, shot a grim 68 in the morning, took a two-up lead over the tall mountain who is one of the world's longest drivers. He shot a steady par 36 on the first nine in the afternoon to stand three up at the 27th hole and it looked like it was in the bag, and he was hitting his woods and irons straight and true.

There was no hint of the impending disaster when Snead holed a good put for a birdie on the 28th to cut his deficit to two holes. Then, on the next, and the veteran still was two to the good with six to play.

Then Sarazen's game, which had been magnificent all week, finally went to pot. On the 31st hole he drove into the rough, put the ball behind a wide-spreading bush and wound up with a six, one up.

Came the 32nd and he sprayed his drive into the tall and uncut again, flailed his recovery beyond the green, and the match was a square. Sarazen looked sick. On the next hole, the 34th, Snead studied a 12-foot putt for long time and knocked it in for a birdie to take the lead for the first time in the match.

They shot pars on the final two holes and Sarazen's great bid was ended.

Creosote Thrown At Bus, Eugene

PORTLAND, Aug. 30—(AP)—Men who threw a creosote-filled bottle against the side of a passenger bus near Eugene last night were sought by police today, Superintendent W. H. Eger said.

The assault occurred two miles north of Eugene, but that he had no idea what caused the trouble.

The bottle broke against a shatter-proof window and creosote ran down the outside without setting into the bus or injuring any passengers.

Report on Clatsop PUD Is Due Soon Report on the feasibility of the proposed Clatsop county peoples utility district will be released by the state hydroelectric commission here early in September, Charles E. Stricklin, secretary, announced yesterday.

The proposed district is located in the northwestern part of Clatsop county and embraces approximately 398 square miles. The population was estimated at 16,522 and the assessed valuation \$10,849,000.

The cities of Astoria, Gearhart, Hammond, Warrenton and Seaside would be included in the project.

Pitcher Deficit Catches Up With Griffiths' Gang

By RON GEMMELL Lack of pitching cost our Senators an opportunity to gain a full game on Vancouver in the hot race for fourth spot and the Shaughnessy playoffs the position carries with it, as last night the Wenatchee Chiefs scalloped out a 4 to 3 decision behind the four-hit hurling of husky Milo Candini.

The Little Skipper was forced to call upon Rookie Ray Elliott for hill duty, and the home town product wasn't equal to stopping the big guns of the Wenatchee attack.

Piano-legged Lee Shinn, starting three double plays for his hot corner spot, saved Elliott upon three occasions, and it wasn't until the seventh that the Chiefs found the safety range for five blows and three runs to sew up the contest. They cut down the Senators' series margin to 3-2.

Freddie Knoll batted across all three Salem runs, his infield out scoring Elliott, who shortly fly to left, hopped a rightfielder. Morehouse's head for three bases in the third, and his double to center counted Salstrom and Elliott in the fifth.

The Chiefs knotted the count at 1-1 in the sixth, when Knoll singled, took second on Bonetti's one base blow, third on Jewell's free trip and scored on Morehouse's fly.

Elliott, issuing a base on balls to Ratto and giving up a single to Cole, got himself in trouble to open the seventh, but Lee Shinn came up with his third double play start of the night to cut down both and leave the hitter on first.

Esobar Volpi, Bonetti doubled and tripled, Bonetti doubled and home three runs before Elliott was derricked in favor of Kralovitch.

Even so, wildness almost cost Candini the ball game twice after the Chiefs went into the lead. A walk to Kralovitch, Knoll's sacrifice and an intentional pass to Bucky Harris set the stage in the seventh, and only some nice hitting judgement by Hank Bonetti kept Charlie Peterson's line smash from going for two bases.

Again in the eighth, successive walks to Shinn and Pinch Hitter Al Lightner put the tying and winning runs on, but Candini whiffed Pinch Hitter Roy Helsers on three straight pitches out for Wenatchee immediately following the game. They play three with the Chiefs over the weekend, move to Vancouver for five through Monday Tuesday and Wednesday, and return here for the season's final in six-game series with Yakima Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Wenatchee AB R H PO A Ratto, 8..... 5 0 2 2 2 Cole, 3b..... 5 0 2 2 2 Traxler, 1..... 4 1 0 1 0 Esobar, 1b..... 3 2 10 1 Bonetti, m..... 4 1 2 1 1 Volpi, c..... 4 0 2 2 2 Jewell, p..... 2 0 0 1 2 Morehouse..... 4 0 0 1 2 Candini, p..... 4 0 0 0 2 Total..... 35 4 11 27 10

Salem AB R H PO A Knoll, 3b..... 3 0 1 2 0 Wilson, m..... 3 0 1 2 0 Harris, 1b..... 3 0 1 2 0 Peterson, r..... 4 0 0 0 0 Coscarart, r..... 4 0 0 0 0 Williams, c..... 3 0 0 0 0 Salstrom, 3b..... 3 0 0 0 0 Elliott, p..... 1 2 2 1 1 Kralovitch, p..... 0 0 0 0 2 Lightner, x..... 0 0 0 0 0 Helsers, p..... 1 0 0 0 0 Robertson, s..... 0 0 0 0 0 Total..... 28 0 4 27 6

Wenatchee 4, Salem 3. Errors, Elliott 2, Cole. Innings pitched, Elliott 6 1/2, Candini 9, Kralovitch 1 1/2, Helsers 1; at bat off Elliott 27, off Candini 28, off Kralovitch 1; hits off Elliott 10, off Candini 4, off Kralovitch 3, runs scored by Elliott 4, off Candini 3, runs responsible for Elliott 2, Candini 5; struck out by Elliott 2, Candini 5, off Helsers 2; base on balls off Elliott 4, off Candini 10, off Kralovitch 1; Helsers 1; hit by pitcher, Traxler by Elliott; left on bases, Wenatchee 11, Salem 9; three base hits, Elliott, Esobar; two base hits, Harris, Cole, Bonetti; runs batted in, Knoll 3, Morehouse, Esobar, Bonetti, Volpi; sacrifices, Jewell, Knoll; stolen bases, Williams, Wilson; double plays, Shinn, unassisted; Volpi to Ratto; Shinn to Harris; Shinn to Salstrom; time, 2:05; umpires, Nenesich and Cole.

Indians Pound Tigers SPOKANE, Aug. 30—(AP)—Outfielder Tony Firpo tried valiantly tonight to hold up the fading Tacoma Tigers, but his two double and two singles in four official times at bat could not match the enemy power and the Spokane Indians marked up an 11 to 6 baseball victory.

It was the third triumph in four Western International league starts against Tacoma for the Spokane team, and a crowd of 600 saw the league leaders post the win.

The Indians pounded Koupal hard in the first three frames to tally enough runs to win, but the Tacoma team settled down to pitch tight ball for the rest of the route.

Windsor, on the hill for Spokane, struck out seven and chopped off a Tacoma rally in the fourth by whiffing Baer with the bases filled. Both teams were shaky at field and broke even on errors, each bobbling five times.

Tacoma 6 11 5 Spokane 11 14 5 Koupal and Brenner; Windsor and McNamee.

Bowling Meet Is Open SPOKANE, Aug. 30—(AP)—The Washington State Bowling association's annual meet, set for Spokane November 23 to December 1, has been placed on an "open" status to permit the entry of out-of-state bowlers, Pres. R. E. Schaeby announced tonight.

keeping the fans guessing. But Bill isn't a guy to give up as long as he has mathematics on his side or can make old records play a soothing tune.

"Remember back in 1935 when the Cubs, after hanging around the 500 mark a good part of the season, won 21 straight games and the pennant?" Bill passed in this graveyard waiting, leaving the impression that fire, flood and tornado not only were liable to descend upon the Reds, but virtually certain to visit them.

As a matter of fact, and record of the Reds haven't been the best team in the last couple of

Dodgers Decision Cincy Reds 11-10

National League W L Pct W L Pct Cincin. 76 45 .628 Pittsb's 62 55 .527 St. Louis 62 55 .528 Boston 62 55 .528 N. York 67 51 .568 Philadel. 59 78 .382

CINCINNATI, Aug. 30—(AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers crumbled the Cincinnati Reds 6 to 2 today in a farewell gesture to the west, cutting the National league champions' lead to 7 games before heading for home.

It was a strange ball game that the two teams served up to 16,652 spectators.

The usually light-hitting Reds collected 10 safeties, including Frank McCormick's 18th home run and six doubles off Lake "Hot Potato" Hamlin, yet were held almost helplessly. McCormick's homer came in the first inning and the only other time the Reds were able to score was in the sixth when Eric Lombardi and Jim Ripple hit successive doubles.

Dolph Camilli was the batting star with two singles besides his homer, scoring three times. Joe Medwick was the fielding hero with three catches that were gems. Brooklyn 6 11 0 Cincinnati 2 10 3 Hamlin and Franks; Thompson, Beggs (8) and Lombardi.

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Yocom Hurls Two Hitter, 16-1 Win

Also Hits Homer, Along With Nell Pearmaine, Patty Carson

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 30—(AP)—Pade-Barricks of Salem predicted its Oregon women's softball championship here tonight by defeating the Laundry and Dry Cleaners union of Portland, 16 to 1.

The Salem team staged a five-run rally in the first inning and then coasted to an easy victory behind the two-hit pitching of Rae Yocom.

Miss Yocom, Nell Pearmaine and Pat Carson collected home runs for the winners.

The Albany Ollers won the consolation title, turning back the Salem Fairettes, 7 to 3.

Portland 16 17 3 Yocom and Moo; Burg, Deputy and Smith. Albany 7 6 4 Fairettes 3 1 3 Miller and Smith; Feller and Kneiss, Calkins.

Extension Stamp Plan Considered

PORTLAND, Aug. 30—(AP)—The state public welfare commission considered extending the federal food stamp plan to 13 eastern Oregon counties today.

No definite decision was reached. The plan already is in operation in Multnomah, Clackamas and Marion counties.

A total of \$122,587 was approved for county general assistance budgets for September, slightly more than a year ago.

Federal fund applications for the October 1-December 30 quarter-year included: 400 blind \$47,134; dependent children \$215,944, and child welfare services \$7857.50.

Auto Is Ditched; Bridegroom Killed CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 30—(AP)—A honeymoon trip ended in death today for the bridegroom—William Snider of Tacoma, Wash.

Snider suffered a skull fracture early today when an automobile driven by his bride crashed into a ditch 12 miles south of here. She apparently dived at the wheel. The bride was not seriously injured.

MOST EFFECTIVE

By Jack Sords



WHITLOW WYATT ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE HURLERS IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

WHITLOW WYATT IS A BETTER PITCHER THAN HIS WIND AND LOST RECORD INDICATES

ONE OF THE LEAGUE'S BEST NOW, WHITLOW FAILED TO MAKE THE GRADE WHEN HE FIRST CAME UP

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

P-B Gals Retain Softball Title

The '24-42-75-99-Hike' Is Coming Back to Football, Thinks Temple Coach; Says Huddle Is on Way out

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 30—(AP)—A smart defense can kick the best laid huddle plans all over the gridiron and the family circle method of calling plays is heading for the discard, Coach Ray Morrison of Temple university said today.

Fewer college teams than ever will use the huddle this fall, predicted the veteran coach who developed Southern Methodist's aerial circus. Without it "as many as 25 to 30 additional plays could be run off, giving spectators more action," he observed.

Morrison is searching for a smart quarterback to call signals. Until then, however, he intends to continue the huddle at least in the early part of the season. Intelligent quarterbacks, he acknowledged, are essential to signal barking.

Penn to Try Penn tried out signal calling from scrimmage in spring training.

A. A. Stagg, Wife Make 10,000 Mile Automobile Trip SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30—(AP)—Amos Alonso Stagg, who amazes even those who should know by now not to become amazed at the activities of this remarkable man, has returned to Stockton to resume his duties as football coach at the College of the Pacific.

Stagg, 78 years old, and his wife, Stella, only a few years his junior, completed a 10,000-mile automobile trip when their dusty machine rolled into the garage.

They drove the car, by turns, every mile of the way, across the continent and back. Summer heat was terrific at times and the sun plays no favorites.

Sixty Cyclists in Olympic Trial Cancellation of the 1940 Olympic games because of the war isn't stopping amateur bicyclists from holding Olympic competition. US Olympic finals will be held in Chicago August 29-30, while Pacific coast sectional trials are slated for San Francisco August 15. Cyclist Martin Kenney is pictured during a standard 100 kilometer run in pre-competition trials.—EIN photo.

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