

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Although almost as fond of the blazing type of basketball as I am of inch-an-a-half thick beefsteak, cooked so that it is just seared nicely on either side, I nevertheless favor a return of the center jump. Reason: There seems to be no other just way of putting the ball in play following baskets. . . . There certainly is no justice in giving the ball out of bounds to the team scored upon, which is nothing more than a penalty for scoring.

"Stop Lindema and you stop the Cougars," something well-known throughout northern division play, proved equally true in the collegiate championship game lost to Wisconsin by a four-point margin. . . . Lindeman, stopped but three during northern division play (and each time by the best all-around hooper in the division, Oregon State's John Mandie), was held basketless and almost reboundless by the Badgers, and therein was the key to their success.

This corner ventured a word of scorn for the official all-coast selection that left Mandie out in the cold, and it still feels that way about it. . . . I still think Mandie the outstanding hooper in Coast conference basketball this past season.

Ham Season Set.

The ham season starts simultaneously with the opening of the Western International league here May 1, and no cracks, please. . . . By "ham season" is meant that Valley Park will again provide each and every homie who hops the baseball over the boards in George E. Waters park with a choice ham. . . . "A ham for a homer," says Manager Ted Chambers, "be the homer hitter friend or enemy."

Even their teammates are ga-ga over the pitching prowess of Messrs. Toolson, Jack Richards and Bill Hanuska, the three huskies destined to handle most of the mound situations for Spec Keene's kids this spring. . . . Each of these servers did a stretch in the pen last Saturday (sentences later commuted), and each showed enough to warrant gasps of praise from mates.

Add to Oregon's crop of backfield candidates one Jake Leicht, 170-pound, 5-foot-8, transfer from Pasadena JC. . . . Leicht, a sprinter who has been credited with a 9.7 century and a 21.2 220-yard meander, comes to Oregon with three years of competition left despite having played two seasons at Pasadena. . . . His first year of competition there was while he was still a senior in Stockton high school.

Brewer Aids Win.

In Charlie Schanz, tall, bespectacled righthander who won 18 and lost nine for Tacoma and Yakima in the WI last season, Yakima Skipper Goldie Holt sees the key to the success of the San Francisco Seals. . . . If Schanz comes through, thinks the notorious sign thief, the Seals figure to go places.

The Chicago Cubs got three runs in four innings of young Del Oliver, pitching for the Padres, Sunday. . . . In two frames, the sixth and eighth, young De blanked Cub clouters. . . . On Saturday, Bud Brewer pitched the final four innings of a game in which the Padres beat the Cubs 3-1.

"Right now," writes Tex Selek, "it looks like Leo Turner as an opponent for Tony Kahut in the April 15 billing in Salem." . . . The VFW matchmaker also believes he will be successful in getting Al Hostak in here for a scrap during the summer.

Vik Baseball 9 To See Action

Coach Harold Hauk sends his Salem high baseball team into action for the first time this year when it meets the Chemawa nine at Chemawa this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Listed as probable starters are Pete Hauser, catcher; Rollie Haag, first base; Don Bower, second base; Eddie Salstrom, shortstop; Austin Wilson, third base; Milton Freeman, infielder; Dutch Simmons, centerfielder; Orville Mull, rightfielder.

Women Are Free To Mat Matches

Continuation of the policy of admitting women free to Salem armory tennis matches is announced by the American Legion committee in charge of the Wednesday night program.

Danny McShain, wild Irish, and Silent Rattan, the popular deaf mute, meet in the feature attraction of the program.

Walter "Sneeze" Achiu, clever Chinese, and big Babe Kitzmiller, vie in the semi-final, while Bulldog Jackson and Tex Hager vie in the opener.

Solons Expected on Deck



SKIPPER GRIFFITHS



ROY HELSER



LEE SHINN



PHIL SALSTROM

Russell Needs Eagle to Beat Mapes' Bird, City Golf Meet

Jim Russell needed an eagle on the 19th hole to stay in the city golf tournament championship flight, but no upsets occurred as the first round was concluded Sunday. Russell, who made a strong bid for the Salem Golf club title last fall, bettered Ralph Mapes' birdie to settle the tightest top-flight contest of the day on the first overtime hole.

Bowling Scores

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

Senator Barber Shop	184	175	188-548
Herrington	187	162	138-487
Gustafson	224	126	136-516
Dahlberg	172	171	136-499
Ricketts	188	184	168-540
Masser			
Totals	955	818	817-2590

Straw & Straw

Averill	160	142	136-458
B. Straw	200	127	178-303
Woolery	147	182	139-466
W. Straw	132	197	165-494
King	171	181	173-525
Totals	841	860	840-2541

Cook's Office Boys

Handicap	29	29	29-87
Clark	173	164	138-525
Ross	171	140	138-441
English	170	200	179-549
Barker	149	113	163-425
Lloyd	253	184	159-598
Totals	947	830	848-2635

Shook's Used Cars

Harrington	160	143	164-467
Higgins	182	136	170-508
Hansson	181	198	142-501
Shook	140	161	163-464
Swan	199	150	201-550
Totals	842	808	840-2490

Pittsburgh Points

Peters	175	164	166-505
Clark	162	128	152-442
Handstrand	113	219	138-470
Hendrie	133	148	113-394
Carstensen	144	173	196-513
Totals	727	632	765-2324

V-K Dallas

Thompson	169	145	183-497
C. Collinsworth	133	147	162-444
Woodman	133	174	157-444
Berg	220	232	133-385
Grand			
Totals	796	880	764-2440

Nicholson Insurance

Handicap	38	38	38-114
Utter	156	131	149-436
Payson	151	143	164-458
Nicholson	138	122	135-395
Howey	147	133	138-420
Gage	178	172	125-475
Totals	808	741	749-2298

Friesen Furniture

Handicap	162	166	129-455
Cherrington	142	130	144-416
Clark	143	148	158-449
Bosler	142	176	161-489
Scott	164	191	170-486
Lama	148	181	181-481
Kenyon	157	124	281
Totals	785	763	767-2295

State Street Market

Handicap	129	224	207-560
McClary	186	151	158-495
Mapes	169	178	165-512
Scott	164	181	170-486
Kleinke	144	178	166-488
Totals	789	868	896-2533

There were half a dozen matches that went beyond the allotted 18 holes, three of them occurring in the eighth flight. Dr. Joseph defeated Verne Gilmore on the 21st; Harry Gustafson edged out J. L. Siegmund of Stayton and Sloan defeated Toomb on the 19th. In the 10th flight Bolton and Drynan went 19 holes before the former won. Al Gustafson won over Pete Stoltenberg of Dallas on the 21st.

Second round matches are to be completed by next Sunday night. Only in the 14th flight were players eliminated last week; beaten eight in the other brackets form odd-numbered flights and proceed.

Snipe Kayoed In AAU Battle

BOSTON, March 31-(AP)—Midwestern battlers representing five states gained 29 of the 64 quarter final berths during the opening national AAUW boxing warfare tonight at the Boston garden.

None of the 1940 champions returned, but the field included two of last year's runners up, Tommy Moyer, 135-pounder from Portland, Ore., and James Reddick, the St. Louis light heavyweight. Moyer earned his bracket, by outpointing Jerry Flemla, of Cleveland.

Paul Carbeta, Mansfield, O., knocked out Danny Snipe, Chemawa, Oregon, in one round, in the 118-pound class.

Thorpe Is Sued For Divorce

LOS ANGELES, March 31-(AP)—Jim Thorpe, once one of the greatest all-around athletes and a football marvel at Haskell Indian institute, was sued for divorce today by Mrs. Frieda Thorpe, who alleged cruelty. She asked custody of their four sons.

In recent years Thorpe has been a WPA worker and a bit player at a movie studio.

Seattle Suds Picked by Scribe, With Tongue In Cheek, to Repeat as PCL Champions

By RUSS NEWLAND
SAN FRANCISCO, March 31-(AP)—The Coast league pennant chase starts Saturday, weather permitting, which means this week is open season for baseball nimrods.

Anybody 4 years old or older may get out and try to bag a winner. Selections should be printed clearly on one side of a sheet of paper. Fold the paper twice and touch a match to it. This will save considerable embarrassment come September.

Our bureau of statistics, fearless picks, unincorporated, has reduced the championship race to the elementary stage. One of the eight teams is bound to win.

The race shapes up this way: Seattle—Balanced club. Sacramento—Team to beat. Hollywood—New lease life. Oakland—Less punch. San Francisco—Pitching weak. Portland—May surprise. San Diego—Fighting chance. Comment: Seattle—Strong team, figures to repeat and become second in league history to win three pennants in row, Vernon being other. Best pitching in league, catching in capable hands. Les Scarsella, new first baseman, smooth fielder, adds long distance wallop. Rest club same last season.

Training Season Opens Today Noon for Solon Recruits in Park Here

Several Arrive Monday; Helser Agrees to Terms; Hurler Coming

By RON GEMMELL
Statesman Sports Editor

Today noon, barring a continuation of the "California mist" which came over Monday, marks the beginning of the 1941 Salem Senator training season which ends Thursday, May 1, when the Solons and Wenatchee Chiefs open the Western International season here.

Bunny Griffiths, the Little Skipper who is beginning his 17th consecutive year in professional baseball, was busy Monday night greeting incoming recruits who are registering at the Marion hotel for the duration of the training period.

On deck were Pitchers Ray Elliott of Salem, Gene Fenter of Portland and Lee Fallner of Valsetz; Infielders Al Lightner of Modesto, Lee Shinn, Phil Salstrom and Johnny Oravec of Salem, Elvin Larson of Berkeley and Don Jones of Athens; Outfielder Bob Bergstrom of LaGrande; and Catchers Cliff Barker and Jack Warren of Portland and Warren Wahner of Hillsboro.

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Hostak is rated as one of the hardest hitters in the game, but egg-shell hands have hampered him. He's broken his hands three times, usually from cuffing somebody on the top of the noggin with a wild swing. He declares his hands are fit again and that the "wild stuff is out." His kayo win over Burnett apparently restored his confidence, and now he's seeking to win the NBA title for the third time.

Reception Set For WSC Team

PULLMAN, Wash., March 31-(AP)—Its enthusiasm dampened not a bit by the fact the Washington State college basketball team missed the national collegiate title by six small points, Pullman is "going all out" to celebrate the return of the team this week.

The WSC squad, which was defeated 34-39 by Wisconsin Saturday night, will arrive at Pullman Wednesday morning. Classes at the college have been dismissed for two hours so that students may join the townfolk in greeting the squad.

"What if we did miss the national title, we're still the Pacific coast and western champions," asserted Karl Allen, Pullman editor and leader of the welcoming committee. All of Pullman will be on hand to greet the team and escort them in a parade through town Wednesday, Allen said.

Eagles Victors

Englewood grade school Eagles defeated the Englewood Grizzlies 8 to 7 in a softball clash Friday. Eagles 8 9 5 Grizzlies 7 8 6 Houck and Boatman; Kerber and Moore.

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SHS Trackmen Meet Chemawa

First scurrying of the season is slated for "Gloomy Gus" Gilmore's scintillating corps of Salem high at 3 p. m. today, when the Viks meet the Chemawa Indians on the home oval.

Gilmore said Monday he intended to give some 40-odd aspirants opportunity to show what each could do, in an effort to get a line on possible material to use in the Hill relays in Portland this Friday.

The meet is also the first action for Coach Doug Olds' Chemawans.

Suds Get Cubs

LOS ANGELES, March 31-(AP)—Jimmy Wilson of the Chicago Cubs indicated today that Pitcher Vance Page and Rookie Infielders Lenny Merullo and Harvey Storey would be optioned to the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast league within a few days.

Kahut Signs for Title Mix With Leo Turner

Tony Kahut defends his state middleweight boxing championship against former champion Leo "The Lion" Turner in Salem's armory arena April 15, it was announced Monday night by Tex Salkeld, matchmaker for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Boxing club.

Battle Billed For April 15 In Salem Ring

Turner, who lost the title to Buddy Peterson last June, finally agreed to post the \$50 forfeiture demanded by Farmer John Friend, Kahut's manager, to make 160 pounds by the afternoon immediately preceding the fight.

Friend agreed to sign for the battle only if Turner posts the forfeiture money. Turner, at first fearing he could not make the middleweight limit, at first refused to sign at those terms. Two weeks roadwork convinced him, however, that he could get under the 160-pound figure.

It will be Kahut's second titular defense since he lifted the crown from Peterson last February. In his first defense he easily outpointed Powder Proctor, who suffered a broken jaw in the skirmish.

Tennis Squad Named at SHS

Salem high's tennis team opens its 1941 campaign Wednesday at Canby, Coach Wes Roeder announced Monday.

The team is headed by Captain Warren Downs, only returning letterman. Other positions currently include John Crockett, No. 2; Dale Bates, No. 3; and manager; Robert Hill, No. 4; Robert Sanders, No. 5; Jerry Williams, No. 6; Wally Palmateer, No. 7; Floyd Ransom, No. 8; Roy Case, No. 9; Robert Gardner, No. 9.

Matches scheduled include Eugene, Corvallis, McMinnville, Roseburg, Dallas, Vancouver, Milwaukie, Longview, Canby, OSC Rocks and the state meet at Reed college May 23-24.

Aurora Gunners Post 73 Score

AURORA—A 73 score was marked up by Aurora trapshooters in state telegraphic firing Sunday, with Paul Schneider shooting a 25 and Percy Will and Willis each getting a 24.

Other scores: Ben Stoner 24, Charles Feller 23, A. A. Schmeil 23, Del Crietser 22, Roy Love 22, George Crietser 21, Dave Chozen 21, Lee Schrock 18.

—Today as Training Opens



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Sports

Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, April 1, 1941

Training Camps

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At Lakeland, Fla., another team of Dodgers beat Detroit Tigers, 6 to 5.

Brooklyn (L) 6 7 3
Detroit (A) 5 12 1
Hamlin, Kehn (7) and Franks; Newhouse, Hutchinson (6), Smith (9) and Tebbetts.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 31-(AP)—With the aid of Ernie Lombardi's homer, Cincinnati pushed over two runs in the late innings today to break a 4-4 tie and beat the Phillies, 6 to 4, in an exhibition game.

Cincinnati (NL) 6 6 3
Philadelphia (NL) 4 6 1
Hutchings, Moore (4), Beggs (8) and Lombardi, West (3); Beck, Jones (7) and Livingston, Warren (3).

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., March 31-(AP)—Old Gus Mancuso came through with an eleventh inning triple today then scored the winning run as the St. Louis Cardinals defeated their minor league cousins, Columbus, 8 to 7, in an exhibition game.

St. Louis (N) 8 10 0
Columbus (AA) 7 14 2
McGee, Grodziki (6) and Padgett, Mancuso (6); Barrett, Horn (6), Creel (8) and Poland.

Anglers Slate Social Funfest

Passage of the steelhead bill is to be celebrated Wednesday night by the Salem Hunters and Anglers, who will also honor Chris Kowitz, credited with steering the bill that establishes steelhead as game fish in coastal streams.

Conn, Barlund Mix Approved

CHICAGO, March 31-(AP)—The new Illinois state athletic commission took office today and immediately approved the 12-round heavyweight battle between Bill Conn of Pittsburgh and Gunnar Barlund of Finland Friday night.

Second Baseman Tony Lazzeri and Pitcher Sam Gibson were slightly injured in exhibition games with the Philadelphia Athletics last week, and are not expected to be ready for the inaugural game.

It will be the first time that Gibson has not been on the mound for the opener since he

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PS: These selections subject to revision on 24-hour notice.

San Francisco moves up notch with improved outfield but much depends on a couple of old boys, ex-Yankees Tony Lazzeri and Jake Powell. Pitching definitely on weak side with untried youngsters asked to shoulder much of the burden.

Portland, last year's far back finisher, may be equipped to stage swell comeback, anyhow figures not to be such a punching bag as in 1940. Pittsburgh has promised more pitching help.

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