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 seered nicely on either side, I nevertheless favor a return of the center jump ... Reason: There seems to be no ther 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 thrice during northern division play (and each time by the best all-around hooper in the division, Oregon State's John Mandic), was held basketless and almost reboundless by the Badgers, and therein was the key to their success.

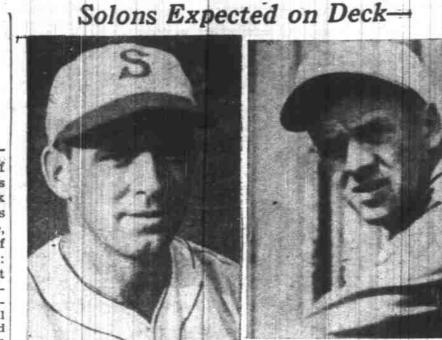
This corner ventured a word of scorn for the official all-coast selection that left Mandic out in the cold, and it still feels that way about it . . . I still think Mandic THE outstanding hooper in Coast conference basketball this past season. -0-

Ham Season Set.

The ham season starts simultaneously with the opening of the Western International league here Valley Pack will again provide George E. Waters park with a choice ham . . . "A ham for a homer," says Manager Ted Chamor enemy."

and Bill Hanuska, the three huskies destine dto handle most of Keene's kids this spring Each of these servers did a stretch in the pen last Saturday (sentences later commuted), and each showed

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



SKIPPER GRIFFITHS

ROY HELSER



PHIL SALSTROM

May 1, and no cracks, please By "ham season" is meant that Russell Needs Eagle to Beat each and every hombre who bops the baseball over the boards in Court & Water make with

Jim Russell needed an eagle on the 19th hole to stay in the Brown, the pride of the southbers, "be the homer hitter friend city golf tournament championship flight, but no upsets oc- east.

curred as the first round was concluded Sunday. Russell, who Even their teammates are ga-ga made a strong bid for the Salem Golf club title last fall, bettered ance in his home town since he Portland Beavers, a rookie right-

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Training Season Opens Today Noon for Solon Recruits in Park Here

Several Arrive Monday; Helser Agrees to Terms; SHS Trackmen Meet Chemawa **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 Fallin of

Valsetz; Infielders Al Lightner of Hostak, Brown Modesto, Lee Shinn, Phil Salstrom and Johnny Oravec of Salem, Elvin Larson of Berkenfeld and Don Jones of Athena; Outfielder Bob Bergstrom of La-Grande; and Catchers Cliff Barker and Jack Warren of Portland and Warren Wahner of Hillsboro.

Antelope Al Lightner, who is tentatively slated to handle first base, drove in by himself from Modesto, after a stopover in Medford to visit his brother. Business Manager Howard day night when the Pacific north- Maple announced A.cher Roy

west's Al Hostak entertains Ben Helser had come to terms and is expected to sign his contract today. He also said Salem is receiv-

It will be Hostak's first appearlost the NBA middleweight crown hander named Dutch Lieb.

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

tended 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.



-Today as Training Opens

CLIFF BARKER



GENE FENTER

CHARLIE PETERSEN

AL LIGHTNER

Kahut Signs for Title Mix With Leo Turner





corners of the nation battle over

the 10-round distance here Tues-

ing another pitcher from the

