

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Although the town boasts but a bit over 5000 population, although the town admits it doesn't have half the necessary housing facilities and although the town is far removed from the Willamette valley, which annually contributes the majority of teams, The Dalles is still attempting to secure the state high school basketball tournament . . . The Dalles chamber of commerce recently drew up a resolution, directed to the Oregon State High School Activities Association, asking that the 1942 basketball tournament be held there.

Impetus for The Dalles movement comes, it seems, from businessmen there rather than from school officials . . . In fact, Coach Vernon Sprague, while here for the 1941 tournament, was high in his praise of the manner in which Willamette U conducted the tournament, and more frequently told Vern Gilmore, Salem high director of athletics, that The Dalles' school authorities are not at all in favor of transferring the tournament anywhere, The Dalles included.

The Dalles' move to snatch the state "A" tournament follows close on the heels of Arlington's attempt to grab the "B" tourney so successfully conducted this year by Southern Oregon College of Education under direction of Jean Eberhart . . . One would be tempted to conclude that the Columbia river townsmen are in need of the additional business these tournaments would bring.

Scots 7 Per.

Oregon's new backfield ace-in-the-hole, Jackie Leicht, toted the football 1400 yards in 200 carries while scouting for Pasadena JC last fall, an average of seven yards per . . . He also booted the thing 83 times for an average of 43 yards per thump . . . "Jackie is an effortless runner," says Antelope Al Lightner, Solon baseballer, who predicts great things of the California flash in Pacific Coast conference play.

Goldie Holt, the Yakima skipper, is almost as much of an expert at guiding toy electric trains as he is at pilfering enemy baseball signs . . . For the last 13 winters he has worked in a department store, selling trains to mamma's little peas.

Wenatchee, the club that for awhile was in and out of the Western International so often Webster has no name for it, is the only outfit in the circuit training in California this year . . . And the Chiefs, who are going to Merced, will be there only long enough to unload, reload and start home again . . . They're scheduled to arrive at Merced Sunday and to start home the following Sunday, April 13.

'Dive Bomber' Latest.

Newest handle hung on Lee Fallin, the elongated hometown hero who comes back to his home town on option from the Portland Beavers: "Dive Bomber" . . . You guessed it, Charles Baldy Petersen, the "Silent One" hung the monicker of he of the Gable ears.

Little Skipper Griffiths is something of a ventriloquist, but even that ability hasn't yet lured Wild William Harris back in the Senator fold . . . Outside of finding an outfielder who is also a fence buster, Griffiths' major problem right now is to find a way to get rid of enough of Pletcher Gene Fenner's bay window so the southpaw can get the ball past it.

Seriously, Fenner's additional weight (he hefts 183 now) should be a help to him . . . Last season it was noticeable that young Gene (he's only 19) tired in the late innings, something his additional weight may help him to overcome.

Catcher Cliff Barker, now down to 170, lost about as many pounds as Chum Fenner gained, and so far has exhibited considerably more hustle and hab-

its than last season . . . Another trainee who is hustling far beyond anything previously shown is Johnny Oravec, the former Little all-American halfback.

Letters Given 8th Graders

Junior letters were awarded nine eighth grade basketball players at Parrish junior high Thursday by Coach Frank Brown.

Those receiving them were Dale Yarnell, Louis Killinger, Bob Ullman, Stanley Zeeb, Max Maude, Don Farnam, Jim Brown, Robert Bennett and Jerry Langan.

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END OF TRAIL

By Jack Sords



Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, April 5, 1941

Pacific Coast Wheel Begins Its 1941 Revolutions on All Fronts

Seattle Named As Big Spoke By Predictors

By RUSS NEWLAND

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4—(AP)—Primed for one of the tightest races in years, the Pacific Coast league baseball pennant chase gets under way Saturday in four California cities, weather permitting.

The forecast was for showers, or at least threatening, but club owners eyeing unusually large advance ticket sales hoped to chalk up errors on the meteorologists.

With usual opening ceremonies slated, the teams moved into the following battle positions: Seattle at San Francisco; Weather uncertain, following heavy rain Friday. Near capacity crowd of between 15,000 and 18,000 expected. Batteries, Seattle: Dick Barrett and Gil Campbell; San Francisco: Ed Stutz and Bruce Ogdrowski.

Portland at LA. Portland at Los Angeles: Occasional drizzles forecast for morning. Attendance between 12,000 and 15,000. Batteries, Portland: Ad Liska and Frankie Hawkins; Los Angeles: Ray Prim and Bob Collins.

Oakland at San Diego: Light rains morning, clearing later. Attendance close to 8000. Batteries, Oakland: Henry Phippen and Bill Raimondi; San Diego: Wally Hebert and George Detore.

Hollywood at Sacramento: Showers predicted. Advance sale, based on fair weather, indicated attendance of more than 12,000. Batteries, Hollywood: John Bittner and Bill Brenzel; Sacramento, Tony Frettas and Jim Grilk.

The 1941 inaugural of the Class AA loop, annually the first in organized ball to open, will see three new managers on the job. Martin Debutis

John Leonard "Pepper" Martin, colorful member of the St. Louis Cardinals Gas House Gang for years, tries his hand at piloting a club for the first time as leader of the Sacramento Senators.

Martin, said to be being groomed for a return to manage the Cardinals, planned to play regularly as an outfielder in addition to master-minding the team.

Portland's field strategy was delegated to Oscar Vitt, down from a major league managerial berth as a result of the "rebellion" of certain Cleveland Indians last year. Vitt is an old Coast league head, having played and managed here before.

Seattle Fickled The championship defending club, Seattle, had Bill Skiff in the driver's seat. The Seattle Indians, almost intact, were general pre-season favorites to chalk up their third successive championship. Sacramento, with substantial reinforcements in the lineup, rated right behind the northern entry and in some quarters was considered a good first place choice.

Conn Also Connects for TKO; Barlund's Purse Held up

CHICAGO, April 4—(AP)—Irish Billy Conn, Pittsburgh heavyweight, defeated Gunnar Barlund, of Finland, tonight by a technical knockout in the eighth round. The fight was stopped at the start of the eighth after the Illinois athletic commission's physician had examined the cuts around the big Finn's eyes.

A lusty round of boos greeted the decision, despite the fact that Barlund's face was smeared with blood. Conn was easily outpointing his larger opponent when the battle was halted. There had been no knockdowns. Conn weighed 178, Barlund 194½.

Thus the handsome young Pittsburgh Irishman successfully hurdled the last obstacle in his path before meeting Joe Louis in June. Conn, a sharpshooting puncher with either hand, gave a crowd of 14,418 a convincing demonstration that he is capable of handling bigger and heavier foes. He gave 16½ pounds away to th plodding Finn.

Sheldon Clark, chairman of the athletic commission, issued an order to have Barlund's share of the purse held up, pending an investigation. Between the seventh and eighth Referee Barney Ross told Barlund he would give him every opportunity to make a fight of it, otherwise he might stop it. Paul Damski, the Finn's manager, pleaded that Barlund had had enough, so Ross raised the gloved right hand of the sharpshooting Conn as the round opened.

EL CENTRO, Calif., April 4—(AP)—The veteran Ted Lyons and William Dietrich held the Pirates to two hits Friday as the Chicago White Sox turned tables and beat Pittsburgh 6 to 0. Chicago (A) . . . 6 8 0 Pittsburgh (N) . . . 0 2 4 Lyons, Dietrich (6) and Tresh; Heintzelman, Lanning (6) and Lopez.

ORLANDO, Fla., April 4—(AP)—Washington put six runs together in the sixth inning Friday to whip the Detroit Tigers, 7 to 2, for the fourth time in as many games this spring. Detroit (A) . . . 2 6 2 Washington (A) . . . 7 9 0 Uhle, Trout (7) and Sullivan; Leonard, Dean (7).

TUCSON, Ariz., April 4—(AP)—The Chicago Cubs finally whipped the Philadelphia Athletics Friday, 11 to 7, their first victory over the American leaguers in six games. Chicago (N) . . . 11 15 1 Philadelphia (Q) . . . 7 7 0 Ruffensberger, Pressnell (2), Mooty (8), Page (8) and Schefling; Ferrich, Miles (6), McCullom (6), Harris (9) and Wagner, Leovich (6).

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Nova Knocks Maxie Into TKO In 8th Stanza of Sockfest

Wood Maintains Pace to Keep Masters' Lead

By BILL BONI

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 4—(AP)—Handicapped more than the rest of the field by having to play his entire first nine through a drenching rain, Craig Wood still kept out front in the Augusta masters golf tournament today by posting his second straight sub-par round.

The one-time blond bomber, who makes up now in accuracy what he used to get in sheer power, shot a fine 71 over the Augusta national course for a 36-hole score of 137. One of 15 men to equal or better par this afternoon, compared to only seven on opening day, the Mamaroneck (NY) veteran retained three shots of the five he had picked up with his brilliant first-round 66.

Closest to him was Byron Nelson, PGA champion and masters winner in 1937. The Toledo boy had a fine 69 for 140. Next came Open Champion Lawson Little, 70 for 141, and then a talented quinter at 143 that took in Sammy Byrd and Clayton Haefner, both of whom had 70s today; Ben Hogan and Willie Goggin, who had 72, and Jug McSpalden, whose 22-ounce putter helped him to a five-under-par 67 which got its start on an outgoing 31, equal to the course record.

Wood came mighty close to mechanical perfection on his first-round 66. The second time around he proved he also had the shots that pay off when trouble either is rearing its ugly head or already is looking you straight in the eyes.

Three times during that 71 Craig looked to be wavering. On each occasion he steadied with a brilliant bit of craftsmanship.

Wagner Debuts On Kahut, Turner Card

Keller Wagner, the big boy who gained a big following while battling in amateur ranks under the Salem CYO colors for two years, is to make his professional debut in one of the double semifinal bouts on the Tony Kahut-Leo Turner championship card here April 15, it was announced Friday night by Tex Salked, matchmaker for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Boxing club.

Big Mike Burke, cohandler from Enterprise who has had some 15 fights, has been secured as Keller's opponent. Both heavyweights are now in training, Wagner in Portland and Burke on his brother's ranch near Enterprise.

Wagner and Burke are scheduled for six rounds, with another six-rounder and two four-round battles yet to be signed.

Big Six Set In Pin Meet

Bud Straw with a 629 series filed up the "big six" list of Salem bowlers who will topple ten pins for The Statesman trophy in final round rolling a week from Saturday night. Straw replaced Erny Hobbs in tournament competition Friday night.

THE HIGH "6"

Don Pailin	677
Lee Tullman	658
J. Steele	649
Loza Gross	639
E. Tow	629
Bud Straw	629

Steers, Rice To Get Invite

SPOKANE, April 4—(AP)—The athletic round table, Spokane Fun club, announced today it planned to invite High Jumper Les Steers and Greg Rice, nationally prominent miler, to take part in an exhibition track meet in Spokane "some time this spring."

The action was more than satisfactory to the thousands who turned out for the tussle of the two "come-back kids."

Larrupin' Lou's Chin Stands Baer's Bops; Louis Gets Shot at It

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, April 4—(AP)—The Paoliacci of the ring had all the laugh knocked out of him tonight—probably for keeps. Lou Nova, a guy with a chin of half cement and half of iron, and as determined as a supreme court decision, stopped Maxie Baer in eight rounds tonight and probably gave the ex-king of the playboys all the fight he'll want from now on.

With a sell-out crowd jamming Madison Square Garden, Nova took the great righthand shots of the great Baer right on the chin for seven rounds—and then made madcap Maxie "holer uncle."

He stabbed Baer's left eye under the right eye. Then he dropped Max with a short right for a count of nine in the eighth. Then he floored him with the same thing again. Max bounced up at the count of two this time, but Referee Arthur Donovan realized he'd had enough and halted the bout right there with Nova a technical knockout winner at two minutes, 18 seconds of the eighth.

For seven rounds it was one of the toughest heavyweight hitting matches seen in this big sports "barn" in years, as both clouters fought not only for a shot at Joe Louis' heavyweight crown, but for what amounted to their fistic careers.

Now it's Nova who wins the chance at Louis in September—provided the Bomber is still sitting on the throne then.

Altogether, 22,114 paying customers were packed into the arena to see this most talked-of heavyweight tussle of the year. They contributed to a gross gate of \$95,544.17, which, at \$11.50 as the top price, marked a triumph for both fighters, and, especially, for Promotor Mike Jacobs.

So terrific was the slugging in the fourth round that a ringside seat spectator died of heart disease.

As for Max, well, he came in with the cheers of the crowd in his ears, but he walked out with, at best, only mingled boos and huzzahs. For after holding the upper hand through six rounds, he "ran out of gas."

Up to the eighth, Max looked like a killer. Nova poked him with lefts through the first two heats, but he came back in the third and fourth with those right-hand bombs and really had the California collegian in trouble. Sporting an 18-pound weight edge—he weighed 228½ to Lou's 202½—and an admitted edge in punching power, Max made it look for a time like Nova wasn't going to weather the storm.

Once—in the fourth—as wild a round as any dyed-in-the-wool fan could ask—Nova took a right "on the whiskers," fell back into the ropes, sagged to the bottom strand, and but for that much support, would have dropped out of the ring or at least hit the floor. In the third, too, Baer backed his fellow Californian into a corner and had him hurt with those "Sunday punches." Twice these Baer specials lifted Lou right off his feet, but each time he came down the same way a cat does and just charged right back in. His "dentless" chin, and gritted teeth just wouldn't let him hit the deck.

In the fifth, it appeared Max had punched himself out with his efforts in the preceding two rounds.

He fell into more frequent clinches and threw less punches. And those he threw, especially the rights, seemed to have no effect. In the seventh, Lou stabbed Max all over the place, and in the eighth, as long as it lasted, Max just wasn't interested.

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Cougars Pick Gebert Captain

PULLMAN, April 4—(AP)—Kirk Gebert, the only man the graduation knife will miss on its June swing through the Washington State college basketball varsity, will captain the Pacific coast conference and western NCAA champions next season.

Gebert, guard from Longview, was chosen at a squad meeting last night to succeed Ray Sundquist, Hoquiam guard, as squad chief. Graduating with Sundquist this year will be Dale Gentry, forward, Walla Walla; Paul Lindeman, center, Coviche; and Vern Butts, forward, Stanwood. Substitute John Harrington, Seattle, also will graduate.

Alley Oomph for Annual Meet



This unusual angle view shows Dorothy May getting in some practice for participation in the 24th annual tournament of the Women's International Bowling congress in Los Angeles.

Pitchers Lieb, Swope Enter Solon Camp; Rain Ends Drill

Pitchers Gordon Lieb and Burton Swope, Portland Beaver options, reported into the wet Salem Senator camp Friday, just in time to enjoy a day of rest made possible by continued precipitation.

Lieb, 21-year-old, 6-foot-2, 180-pounder from Yonkers, New York, whom Oscar Vitt signed to a Beaver pact, started out with Seattle in 1937. Seattle optioned him to Spokane, where an injury stopped him and he was subsequently given his outright release by the Rainiers.

Swope is a native Oregonian, whose home is in Oregon City. He was signed for Portland by Rudy Kallio last year. Reports of his work in the Beaver camp this spring have all been good if not glowing.

Both Swope and Lieb are righthanders, bringing the number of righties in camp to 10. The Senators are slated to work out, beginning at 11 a.m. today, but with more rain predicted it is probable they will enjoy another day off.

Maybe 'Cats Play Today

Maybe Willamette's Bearcat baseballers will get in a third of their week's original schedule today, and then again, maybe they won't. They're scheduled to compete against Ralph Coleman's Oregon State Beavers at Corvallis this afternoon — just as they were scheduled to have played there there Thursday and here Friday — but rain may again cause cancellation.

Next scheduled clash for the 'Cats is with Oregon here next Friday.

Pro Loop Prexy Quits Hurriedly

CHICAGO, April 4—(AP)—Carl Storck of Dayton, O., president of the national football league and one of the founders of the pro-circuit, resigned suddenly today in a surprise move which opened the day for peaceful induction of Elmer Layden as the league's first commissioner.

Storck, who said he was quitting "for the best interests of the game," packed up and, with his wife and daughter, quietly slipped away to Florida.

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