

# Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Sock citizens hereabouts are slightly more than puzzled over what to expect when Terrible Tony Kahut, the surprising Woodburn wallpaper, defends his state middleweight boxing championship against Leo "The Lion" Turner, ex-holder of the crown, in Salem's pug palace next Tuesday night.

The reason: Kahut in his last two battles, i.e. against Peterson and Proctor, looked to be a much better fighter than most fight fans thought he'd ever become, while Turner, in his latest efforts, has looked far inferior to what most believe him capable.

Terrible Tony fought a smart fight against nimble Powder Proctor. He kept the Powder off balance and away from him (in all but one round of the 10-heat affair) and easily outpointed the dusky smoothie. Tony's long left won him that fight, but definitely.

Turner, for two rounds against Proctor, was "The Lion" of two years ago. For the next eight stanzas he apparently was a bewildered battler who didn't know what the score was nor how to add up what figures he did have. For that matter, no one has yet credited Turner with smartness in the ring. As they say in golf, he has the shots at his command all right, but under the stress of competition is likely to forget to use them.

What the pugilistic populace is wondering: Who would be the winner, if Kahut fought his best fight (as against Proctor) and if Turner fought his best fight (as against Barlund)? It makes a fine question, doesn't it?

## Solon Summary.

Quickie summary of the abilities of our Senators, as they so far stack up for the 1941 campaign, in comparison to the abilities of our Senators of 1940, who finished one step from the cellar:

Catching—With the acquisition of Eddie Adams, as good a receiver and thrower as is in the Coast League, plus the expected improvement of Cliff Barker, the 19-year-old who caught 72 games as a rookie last season, this department appears fully 75 per cent stronger.

Pitching—Roy Helsler, Lee Fallin and Duck Windsor (if the Duke comes) are all potential 20-game winners. Gene Fenter, Burton Swope and Del Oliver are all potential 15-game winners. As against only two potential 20-game winners of last year, Helsler and Brewer, and unknown quantities for the rest of the 1940 staff, the 1941 pitching appears at least 50 per cent stronger.

Infield—On the strength of his five-weeks' showing there last season, Lee Shinn is a far superior third baseman to any stationed there up to his appearance; all-around smartness and knowledge gives Bunny Griffiths a big advantage over other shortstops in the league despite aging underpinning; on his record, Fred Laniero, is at least as good a second baseman as Bobby Baer and somewhat superior to Freddie Knoll; first base is still a question mark, although it is probable Antelope Al Lightner, the hustler, will open there.

## Lack Power.

Outfield—Bob Bergstrom in left is adjudged almost as good a defensive player as was Brother Steve Coscarart, and quite a bit more powerful at bat; Charlie Peterson in center is not as swift as Eddie Wilson, but plays ground balls better and has a much better arm; right field is still wide open.

No matter who comes as the needed first baseman or outfielder, the team right now looks all of 35 per cent stronger defensively than was the 1940 edition. It has beautiful "through the middle" strength—from Eddie Adams behind the plate right straight through to the keystone combination of Griffiths and Laniero and on out to the rifle-armed Peterson in center.

But, the potential offensive strength is a nag of another tint. There's no Bucky Harris, no Moose Clabugh nor no Eddie Wilson, all 320 to 340 hitters. The big punch, if it is to be supplied, will have to come from among Bergstrom, Shinn, Peterson, Adams and Lightner—unless the Solon management is successful in acquiring the southpaw swatter it is so diligently seeking.

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## 'S'all Right, Tony Boy'



Two (or three) Ton Tony Galento received consolation from his wife after his beating at the hands of Buddy Baer at Washington, DC. The Missus takes a look at Tony's injured hand, which he claimed was broken.

## Helsler, Fallin, Swope Named To Fling Against Bevos; Two More Rooks Are Dropped

Southpaw Roy Helsler and Righthanders Lee Fallin and Burton Swope were Thursday named by Skipper Bunny Griffiths to work against the Oregon State Beavers at Corvallis today in the first exhibition game of the training season for our Senators.

Before announcing his 18-man squad for the Bevo clash the Little Skipper gave pink slips to Outfielders Joe Peccia of Portland and Carl Reid of Canby, bringing the total to five on whom the axe has so far fallen.

Stated to make the Corvallis excursion today are Pitchers Helsler, Fallin, Swope, Henry Newman, Steve Janoso and Doug Wilkinson; Catchers Eddie Adams, Cliff Barker and Jack Warren; Infielders Al Lightner, Don Jones, Lee Shinn, Johnny Granato and Phil Salstrom; and Outfielders Bob Bergstrom, Charley Peterson and Rodney Oater.

Johnny Oravec was designated by Griffiths to take charge of the gang remaining at home. Most of the latter are expected to see service in Saturday's return game here with the Bevos.

LOS ANGELES, April 10 (AP)—Bill Matheson drove a 3 and 2 pitch over the left field wall for a home run to give Seattle a 4 to 2 Coast League baseball victory over Los Angeles today.

The Hollywood castoff of last year hit the homer with Les Scar-Sella on first and the blow gave Manager Bill Skiff's team a 2 to 1 series edge.

Paul Gregory held the Angels to six hits in besting the local pitchers, Ray Prim and "Jittery" Joe Berry. Prim was replaced in the sixth inning when his shins were struck by a line drive off Bill Lawrence's bat.

Gregory and Campbell, Fallon, Prim, Berry (6) and Collins.

CINCINNATI, April 10 (AP)—Backing up superb hitting by Paul Derringer and Jim Turner with devastating power at the plate, Cincinnati's world champion Reds won 5 to 2 from Boston's Red Sox today to close the club's pre-season series with a 8-7 advantage.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 10 (AP)—A raring double by Rookie Edward Ferry Stewart to the last of the ninth with two men out scored Bob Elliott today with the run which gave Pittsburgh its second straight victory.

## Pitching Expected to Bag Flag For Cincinnati Reds Again

By WHITNEY MARTIN Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, April 10—After going about tapping the various National League pennant contenders and listening carefully, this infallible judge of baseball teams and watermelons (well, watermelons anyway) believes the Cincinnati Reds are the solid team, and we're again picking them to come home in front.

Not as far in front as last year. In fact, they will have to get their share of the breaks to be in front at all, but figuring that a team is just as good as its pitching they should make it in a close finish, for when it comes to pitching they have nothing else but.

And maybe little else but, as for sheer power they can't match the unpredictable Brooklyn Dodgers or the up-and-coming St. Louis Cardinals.

Here's how we'd line them up for the finish of the 1941 campaign: 1—Cincinnati; 2—St. Louis; 3—Brooklyn; 4—Pittsburgh; 5—Chicago; 6—New York; 7—Boston; 8—Philadelphia.

# Bearcats Bow to 4-Hit Pitching of Elliott; Meet Ducks Here Today

## Bevos Best 'Em, 4-0; Hanauska Turns in Nice Job From Mound

Our Bearcats entertain the hard-hitting University of Oregon Webfoots at Geo. E. Waters park here this afternoon at 3 p. m. "Lefty" Jack Richards has been nominated by Headman Spec Keene as the starting pitcher.

By RON GEMMELL Statesman Sports Editor

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 10 (Special)—Glenn Elliott, that southpaw whizzball finger who has been the talk of northwest collegiate baseball for the past two years and who has had professional scouts smacking suntanned lips in eagerness to talk contract to him, stuffed a four-hit, 13-strikeout performance at our Willamette U Bearcats here this afternoon.

It was good for a 4 to 0 win—Elliott himself batting in two runs.

## Yankees Edge Injuns in Scribes' Poll

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP)—Eighty-three sports writers can't be wrong, but more than half of them are going to be when the 1941 American league race has been completed.

No matter which team wins, the voters for that team in the Associated Press poll among sports scribes in major league cities will be outnumbered by those who picked some other team to come home first.

In contrast to last year, when 66 of 77 voters picked the Yankees, this year there is a virtual deadlock between the Yanks and the Cleveland Indians. Only four voters failed to name one or the other for first place.

The Indians drew one more first-place vote than the Yankees—40 to 39, but on a point basis, based on eight points for first, seven for second, etc., the Yankees edged out the Tribe, 612 to 611.

The champion Detroit Tigers drew only two first-place votes, and the Chicago White Sox and the surprise—St. Louis Browns, one each.

The Yankees were picked no lower than third in any selection. The Indians were picked for fourth by one voter, the others conceding the Tribe would finish 1-2-3. Detroit, however, was picked for the first six places, with 20 scribes shoving the champions down to fourth.

The Boston Red Sox boom apparently has faded, as they are moved out of the first division in favor of the White Sox. One optimist picked Boston for second, but most of the votes were for fourth place on down through seventh.

The Philadelphia Athletics were rated no better than sixth by any voter, while the Washington Senators, although polling more last-place votes than any other club, were rated as high as fourth by at least one expert.

Simmered down, the vote reveals that the scribes vision a two-club race, with the other six teams in a free-for-all for what's left.

The point total of the clubs: New York, 612; Cleveland, 611; Detroit, 563; Chicago, 377; Boston, 363; St. Louis, 268; Washington, 138; Philadelphia, 136.

Pittsburgh takes fourth place over the Cubs by a flip of a coin. Frankie Frisch had the Pirates coming along well last year, although the pitching wasn't so much. The pitching still doesn't seem to be so much, but there seems to be enough speed and all-around strength otherwise to make the Cubs a good gamble for the first division.

Some critics think the Cubs may be the surprise team. They have a new manager in Jimmy Wilson, but otherwise there seems to be little chance. In fact, the mound staff is almost identical to that which pitched the club to fifth place last year.

The Giants are a problem child. If the pitchers click, with the expected aid of Gabby Hartnett, and the injury jinx doesn't trail the veterans, particularly Mel Ott and Bill Jurgens, the club might wind up in the first division. Also, it might wind up seventh if Bill Terry's luck of the last couple of years holds out.

The Bees came fast late last season. They still are a young club, but may cause a lot of trouble to the leaders.

## Vikings Take 6-3 Win on Pat's Hurling

Southpaw Clay Patterson struck out 14 and wasn't responsible for a single run in pitching Coach Harold Hauk's Vicks of Salem high to a 6 to 3 win over the Woodburn Bulldogs in a seven-inning game here Thursday.

Patterson allowed but two hits, neither of which figured in the Woodburn scoring.

The Vicks showed three runs home in the first frame on three errors and Austin Wilson's one-base walkoff. They added one in the second on singles by Pete Hauser and Wilson, interspersed by Haag's sacrifice, and put two more across in the sixth on hits by Roque and Freeman, Hoffer's sacrifice and Hauser's bingle.

Woodburn's three runs came in the third on two errors and two bases on balls.

Woodburn: 3 2 4  
 Salem: 6 6 5  
 Mathews and Pavleek; Patterson and Hauser.  
 Umpire, Drynan.

WALLA WALLA, April 10 (AP)—Whitman college students, whose football team has had tough sledding in the win column in recent seasons, decided today to air the whole matter.

Student Body President Jim Miller of Seattle said today's formal move to abolish football in an Associated Students constitutional amendment was "a put-up job," designed to bring sporadic campus discussion into the open.

The consensus appeared to be that students wanted to retain football but wanted to hear suggestions for improvement from Coach R. V. Borleske and others.

Dr. W. A. Bratton, college president, welcomed the move and said he hoped the matter would be thoroughly discussed before the vote April 24.

Spec Keene's crew expects to encounter harder hitting but somewhat softer pitching when they meet the Oregonians at Geo. E. Waters park Friday afternoon in Salem's baseball opener for 1941.

OSG AB R H PO A  
 Specht, 1b ..... 4 0 0 7 1  
 MacRae, ss ..... 3 1 2 0 2  
 Capka, c ..... 3 0 0 14 1  
 Peters, r ..... 4 0 1 0 0  
 Younce, 3b ..... 3 0 0 0 3  
 Pederson, m ..... 4 1 1 2 0  
 Durdan, 1 ..... 3 1 2 2 0  
 Perryman, 2b ..... 4 0 1 1 1  
 Elliott, p ..... 4 0 1 1 1

Total ..... 32 3 9 27 8  
 WHITSETTE (9) AB R H PO A  
 Cline, lf ..... 4 0 0 2 0  
 Walker, 1 ..... 4 0 0 1 0  
 Cameron, 3b ..... 3 0 1 0 2  
 Kolb, s ..... 4 0 1 1 2  
 Murray, 1b ..... 2 0 0 11 0  
 Robertson, c ..... 3 0 1 6 1  
 Daggett, 2b ..... 2 0 0 2 1  
 Owens, m ..... 3 0 0 0 0  
 Hanauska, p ..... 3 0 0 0 4  
 Richards, x ..... 1 0 0 0 0  
 Ragsdale, 2b ..... 1 0 0 0 1  
 White, 1 ..... 1 0 0 0 0  
 Hochstetler, 1 ..... 1 0 0 0 0

Total ..... 32 0 4 24 11  
 x Batted for Daggett in 7th.  
 Errors, Robertson 2, Daggett, Specht, White.  
 OSC ..... 021 100 00x-4  
 Willamette ..... 000 000 000-0  
 Winning pitcher, Elliott.  
 Innings pitched, Hanauska 8, Elliott 9; at bat off Hanauska 32, Elliott 32; hits off Hanauska 9, Elliott 4; runs scored off Hanauska 4; runs responsible for Hanauska 2; strike outs by Hanauska 6, Elliott 13; bases on balls off Hanauska 2, Elliott 3.

Hit by pitcher, Robertson by Elliott. Passed balls, Capka. Left on bases, OSC 8, Willamette 8. Three-base hits, Cameron, Durdan. Runs batted in, Elliott 2, Sacrifice, Capka, Durdan. Stolen bases, MacRae 2, Durdan, Time 1:50, Umpire, Spec Burke.

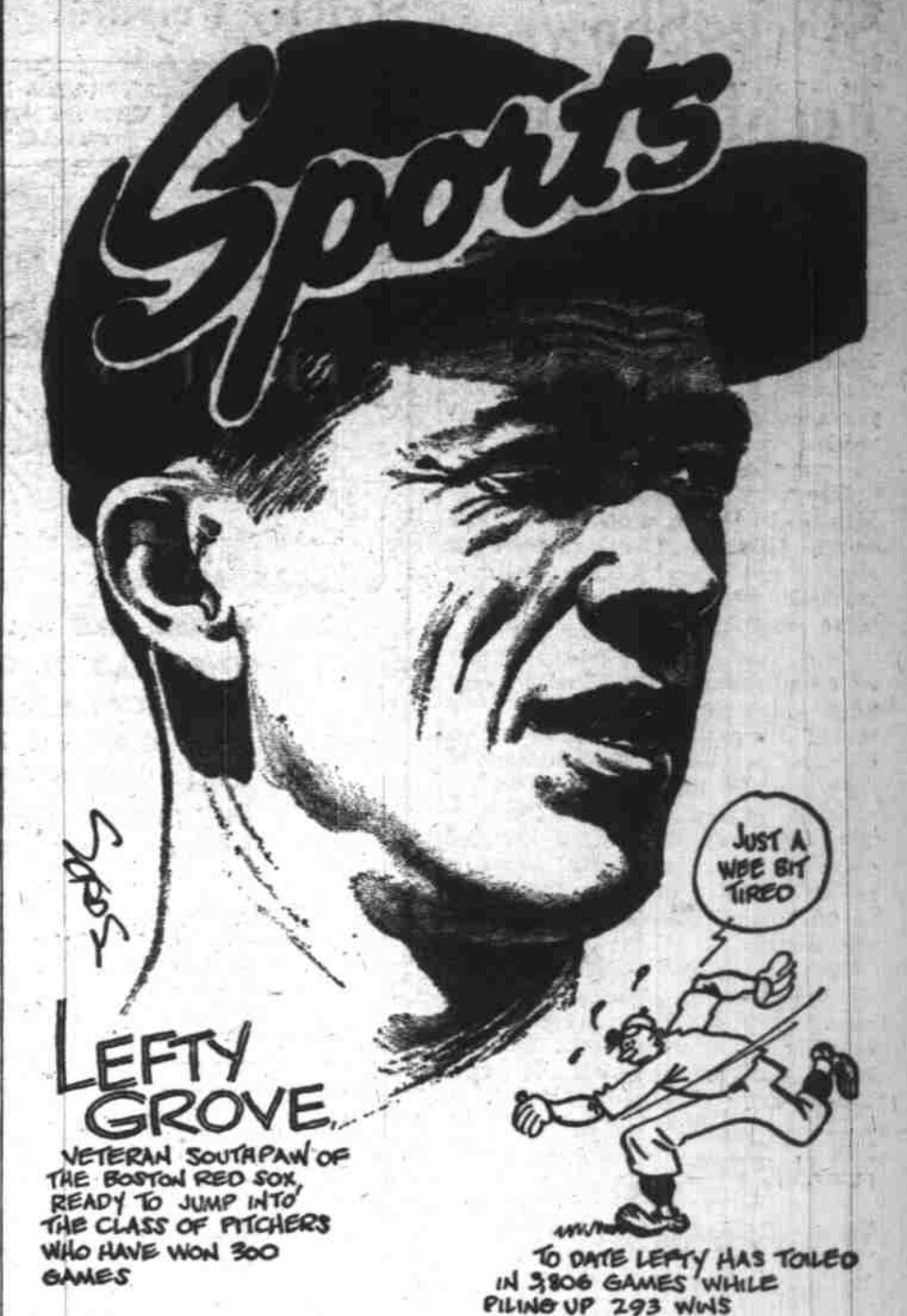
State Pitchers  
 Handicap ..... 99 99 99-397  
 Miller ..... 119 120 120-613  
 Blair ..... 119 120 120-613  
 Duna ..... 214 248 179-511  
 Hart ..... 181 212 182-585  
 Mills, jr. .... 129 160 129-445  
 Totals ..... 990 948 905 2943

Bill Bevis  
 Handicap ..... 125 125 125-373  
 Davis ..... 127 164 126-452  
 Westham ..... 127 164 126-452  
 Talbot ..... 129 131 124-395  
 Savage ..... 109 149 108-394  
 Campbell ..... 91 124 124-354  
 Totals ..... 796 989 892 3522

Bill's Men's Shoes  
 Handicap ..... 99 99 99-352  
 Piller ..... 127 128 127-452  
 McDowell ..... 127 128 127-452  
 Pinomer ..... 127 128 127-452  
 Rice ..... 127 128 127-452  
 Messner ..... 127 128 127-452  
 Totals ..... 896 892 896 3704

LaRoche's  
 Handicap ..... 129 129 129-376  
 Klinger ..... 146 188 129-522  
 Le Roche ..... 125 141 149-488  
 Bobell ..... 125 141 149-488  
 White ..... 125 141 149-488  
 Atkins ..... 125 141 149-488  
 Totals ..... 850 902 948 3704

## SEVEN TO GO - - - By Jack Sords



LEFTY GROVE  
 VETERAN SOUTHPAW OF THE BOSTON RED SOX, READY TO JUMP INTO THE CLASS OF PITCHERS WHO HAVE WON 300 GAMES  
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Salem, Oregon, Friday Morning, April 11, 1941

## Louttit Certified as Referee For Turner-Kahut Battle

Tom Louttit, veteran Portland official, was Thursday night certified as the referee for the Tony Kahut-Leo Turner middleweight championship fight by the Salem boxing commission, it was announced to The Statesman by Secretary Cliff Parker.

"We contacted Louttit before taking official action," said Parker. "He said he would accept the appointment."

So ends the dispute as to whom would be the third man in the ring when Terrible Tony defends his state title against "The Lion" in the armory arena next Tuesday night. The argument began when Farmer John Friend, Kahut's manager, refused to accept Portlander Ralph Gruman as the referee.

Louttit, long a popular arbiter in amateur and professional boxing throughout Oregon and the northwest, was previously held acceptable to both Friend and Matchmaker Tex Salkeld.

Meantime, a heavy advance ticket sale at downtown spots indicated a sell-out for the battle, which is to be staged over the 10-round route. The armory setup is to be increased to the limit to accommodate the expected crowd.

Gilmore's entries: 440 relay—Ken Sherwood, Dan Ross, Daryl Lewis, Max Bibby. Sprint medal—Don Cutler, Lewis, Ross, Roger Probert. Distance relay—Sherwood, Cutler, Bill Byrd, Bob Selberg. Three-mile—Ray Page, Monty Christofferson, Wallace L. A. Gordon, Hofstetter.

1 Mile relay—Dave Traglio, Lloyd Griffiths, Rex Hardy, Bibby. Shotgun relay—Ray Loter, Bill Thompson and either Bill Massey or Jim Hatfield.

Salem high's crack golf team added a third straight victory to its season's score Thursday, dropping the Albany high team 8 to 3 1/2 on the latter's home course.

Little Bobby Burns was medalist with an 80. 3 1/2 Albany Burns 2 1/2 Roberts Sederstrom 1/2 2 1/2 Ralstrom Kay 3 Beardsley 2 1/2 1/2 McReynolds

Silverton Meets  
 WOODBURN, Track  
 SILVERTON — Woodburn will come to Silverton Friday for a Big Nine league track meet. In recent meets Silverton high made a number of good high school marks and efforts will be made to maintain these records Friday afternoon.

Parrish Pounds Greens, 23-6  
 Parrish Pioneers pounded out a 23 to 6 City Intramural softball league decision over the sophomore Greens Thursday, benefiting almost as much from 11 errors committed by the sophs as from the 12 solid smashes they put together.

Parrish ..... 23 12 4  
 Greens ..... 6 5 11  
 Farlow, Wrenaford, Keucher and Wenger, Yoshikia, Patton, Holman and White, Graham.

Bailey Is Named At Marshfield  
 MARSHFIELD, April 10 (AP)—Marshfield high school signed Orville R. Bailey, 31, former university of Oregon end, as football and basketball coach today, succeeding Leslie B. Avrit.

Bailey formerly coached at Reedsport, Dallas, McMinnville, and Edinboro, Pa., State Teachers' college.

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