

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Taking two and hitting to right, and all the time wondering why the Greeks haven't yet voiced a name for the current "situation" . . . Could it be that a clean sweep of major sports championships is in the offing for Willamette U? The Bearcatery has already stowed the football and basketball titles away and, if Friday's conference baseball and track wins are indicative, the Keenemen and Maplemen are well on their way toward the cinder and diamond titles.



SPEC KEENE

drilled into the loop basketball championship on six wins and two losses. . . The Keene fellow, who likes baseball better than chicken a la king, queen, jack and ace, has enough pitching to prance into the baseball championship, providing he doesn't keep up his current average of losing one player per game via injury. . . Maple, ever an optimistic soul, is openly predicting a track title.

In order to win the western division of the Northwest baseball conference, the 'Cat clouters must emerge a percentage victor over Linfield and Pacific, whom they play four games each. . . To win the title, they then must whip the eastern division champ in a two of three games playoff.

Expect Junior Olympics to Grow

American Legion officials responsible for the Junior Olympics, a bang-up athletic event for "average boys," fully expect the affair to take hold and grow as has Junior Legion baseball. . . The Olympics, the brain child of Hershel Taylor of the Eugene post, are to be held in Eugene again this year—next Friday and Saturday—and again the Salem post is sponsoring and financing a complete Salem entry list.

Credit Spec Keene with the statement of the week: "We didn't cancel the Whitman game, we just agreed to call it off" . . . The game wasn't scheduled, it was just agreed upon—eh, Spec?

Expect to see considerable more "inside" stuff pulled by our Senators this season than last. . . Skipper Griffiths intends to employ the hit-and-run, run-and-hit and steal to every possible advantage, now that he has what appears to be a fast enough outfit to work the stuff.

As it now stands, the Solon lineup will have no fewer than seven citizens expected to be threats on the base paths. . . Catcher Eddie Adams, infielders Al Lightner, Fred Lanifero and Griffiths, and Outfielders Bergstrom, Hornig and Petersen are all quick on their dogs, leaving Lee Shinn as the only man in the lineup, outside of the pitchers, who can't be expected to swipe a sack now and then.

Shinn, however, may prove to be the club's best hit-and-run man, for Lee is about the steadiest hombre with the hickory in the lineup. . . He also may prove to be the club's top distance driver, although Bob Bergstrom may give him a dispute.

And so Joe Isn't a Great Champ?

If a great football team, such as was the 1940 Stanford edition, could find no better competition than, say, high school teams, would the Indians have been such a great team? . . . If the Yanks of 1937-38-39 played only such outfits as, say, the Station Townies, the Albany Oaks or, ahem, the Salem Senators, would the Yankees have been rated such a terrific baseball team? . . . Then, friends, why the argument as to whether Joe Louis is a great heavyweight champion?

They say big Smead Jolley, who completely revised the WI book on hitting last season, plans to retire from the game as a player after this season. . . The guy wants to land a job where he won't have to run so fast, like managing.

Fired, rehired and fired in a three-weeks' stretch, is now the record of Glenn Wright, Hollywood coach who managed the Wenatchee Chiefs to the 1939 WI championship. . . First the Hollywood front office released Wright, which drew a round of razzberries from Pacific Coast circuit baseball writers, and then it rehired him. . . Bill Sweeney, Hollywood skipper, then announced Wright's second firing, this time with the explanation the former major league second baseman was getting the boot for violation of the training rules.

Sportster Harry Sharpe of the Yakima Republic reports Leo Turner not only is a native of Toppensish, Wash., but also did his training for the Kahut battle in the Toppensish high school gym. . . So Oregon can't even claim its own middleweight championship, eh?

Spokane Warwhoops Think 1941 WI Pennant Already Hung up in Ulrich's Wigwam

(Ed. note—The following is the first of a series of round-up stories on Western International League clubs as viewed by sports scribes in each of the league cities. The Statesman will, before the start of the WI season May 1, carry similar stories on Tacoma, Yakima, Wenatchee and Vancouver.)

By BOB JOHNSON
Baseball Writer, Spokane Chronicle

SPOKANE, April 19.—(Special)—Don't be surprised if any day now the Spokane Indians send a delegation over to Tacoma to meet League President Bob Abel and pick up the Western International League pennant for 1941.

That, neighbors, is exactly how this town feels about its 1941 contenders. So far as the average fan sees it the other five clubs in the circuit could save a lot of time and expense by giving the Tribe the title and drawing for the other positions out of a hat.

Manager Ray Jacobs' crew, as it lines up now, is a half and half proposition, having half of the 1940 vintage on hand and the remainder new faces.

While Jacobs isn't looking for as much power as last year's lineup, he isn't worried in the least about the team's stick ability. If any clouds develop in what now appears to be a sunny situation, it's likely to occur in the hurling staff. That's where the Indian weakness was in 1940.

Four hurlers are in the fold and the remaining two and possibly three, will come from the Seattle Rainiers. Bob Kinnaman, the right-hander who hurled the league's only no-hit, no-run game last year, is ready for his first full season as a starting twirler. A Murray O'Flynn, acquired late last season out of the Piedmont league and Ken Reid, the Indian's southpaw ace, are back again. First of the newcomers to gain a spot was Damon Hayes, who



NINO MATINEZ

came to Spokane from the Twin Falls Cowboys of the Pioneer league.

The "rookie rule" more or less upsets the apple cart again. Manager Ray likes to have his rookie in the relief hurling role but he doesn't have a new pitcher who can fill the bill. It might be that Hunk Anderson will come from the Rainiers to fill the assignment. Spokane wants Dewey Soriano and Mike Budnick from Seattle but there's some doubt whether both men will be optioned. Mike was with Spokane most of last season, going to Twin Falls in late August.

With the exception of Marty Martinez, who is moving over from third to patrol the area around second, the Tribe infield is brand new. In a last minute deal Spokane acquired Frank Milani from the Yankees for first base. He was with Wenatchee in 1939. While he may

Husky Crew Sweeps to New Mark

They Can 'Em, These Viking Tourers of the Tees



Salem high's undefeated golf foursome, as caught by The Statesman staff photographer, Frank Herbert. From left, Tom Kay, Chuck Beardsley, Bob Sederstrom and Bobby Burns, the Vik foursome which has yet to taste defeat.

Vik Golf Team Wins Fourth Straight Meet

EUGENE, April 19.—(Special)—Salem high's crack golf foursome put together its fourth straight win of the season here on the Laurelwood course Saturday, scoring 32 points as against 30 for Albany, 27 for University high, 23 for Eugene and 8 for Corvallis.

The Vik divotmen had previously hung up two wins over the same teams in five-way meets, and had defeated Albany in a dual session.

Rod Taylor of University high was medalist with a 69, three under par.

Salem scoring: Burns 6½ (78), Sederstrom 8¼ (77), Kay 8¼ (79), Beardsley 8¼ (78).

Ump 'Grounded' As Bevos Best Webfoots, 4-3

EUGENE, April 19.—(P)—Oregon State cracked out all of its runs in the first inning today to beat the University of Oregon baseball team 4 to 3 and even the northern division series.

Umpire Spec Burke was knocked to the ground after the third out in the ninth inning in an fray that followed Coach Howard Hobson's protest of a first base play.

OSC's scoring spree came on four hits and two Oregon errors. Leonard Younce's triple drove in two of the runs.

Oregon also scored all of its runs in the first inning from a base on balls and three Beaver errors.

Oregon State 4 6 4
Oregon 3 5 3
Shaw and Capka; Begleries and Calvert.

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not hit in the clutch like Frank Falconi, who is staying out of work in national defense industries, he'll be stronger defensively.

Replacing Ned Stickle, the Seattle optionee, at short, will be Joe Gedzius, a big handed youngster who has played a couple of seasons of class B ball. Eddie George, a rookie sent up from the Oregon semipro leagues, is the other shortstop candidate. Gedzius has the edge, however, in the field and at the platter.

Third base goes to Chet Rosenlund, another newcomer who shows much promise. His opposition comes from Frank Pacheco, a rookie out of California who was with Medford last season.

The outfield will be the same as 1940 with Levi "Chief" McCormack in left; Dwight Aden in center; and Big Smead Jolley in right.

Jolley's return, after it was rumored he was going to get another trial in the coast circuit, virtually assures Spokane all the batting punch needed. Jolley topped the circuit hitters last year with a .373 average and drove in 181 runs, along with 25 homers. The Indians have another fence buster, however, in Pete Hughes. Peter, believe it or not, gets more distance on his drives than does Smead, but he won't hit quite as often. He's in his early 20s and would undoubtedly be a major league timber but for bad ankles which slowed him down defensively.

McCormack and Aden are 300 hitters who play a great defensive game. Aden has been charged with but one error on a fly ball in his four years in the league. McCormack in left is almost as sure fingered. Beardsley, Shinn, Hornig, Walker.

Solons Best Bearcats In Exhibition, 3 to 2

Granato Singles Home Winning Tally in 8th

By RON GEMMELL
Statesman Sports Editor

A nicely played but explosive exhibition clash went to our Senators, 3 to 2, over our Willamette Bearcats, who enjoyed six innings of Solon pitching and catching, at Geo. E. Waters park Saturday afternoon.

Johnny Granato, rookie key-stoner, singled the winning tally across in the eighth inning, and Outfielder Bob Bergstrom saved the margin with a brilliant, back-handed running catch of George Hochstetler's line drive for the final Bearcat out in the ninth.

Peter Benson, rook right-hander from Jewell, Ore., received credit for the win, while Lefty Gene Fenter was tagged with the loss, thus making it an all-Senator day.

With Bill Hanauksa serving hitless ball at the Senators for the three innings he worked, and with Lee Fallin shutting the scoring door in their faces for two more heats, the Bearcats took a 1 to 0 lead in the fourth on Cameron's triple and Owens' outfield fly.

The Solons knotted the score in the sixth, getting an unearned run off Fallin on an error and singles by Bergstrom and Hornig. Willamette picked up its second counter in the seventh on a walk and singles by Murray and Fallin, but the Senators again tied the score in their half, scoring once on a walk, fielder's choice and singles by Phil Salstrom and Johnny Oravec.

Hornig's walk, his stolen base and Granato's sharp bingle to center provided the winning counter for the Solons, but had not Bergstrom made a beautiful stab of Hochstetler's drive, the score would have at least been knotted in the ninth.

Bobby Daggett, who handled ten chances faultlessly afield, was roosting on second by dint of a well-spangled double when Bergstrom snared the liner to retire the side and end the game.

The Bearcats, earlier in the afternoon, suffered an 8 to 3 defeat by the penitentiary Greys. The 'Cats played the Greys with a complete second team lineup, that included Coach Spec Keene as a pinch-hitter.

Willamette	3	4	5		
Greys	8	14	4		
Walden, McAbee (5), Kerns (4) and Miller; Crosswhite, Cornwall (7) and Klaus.					
Willamette (2)	AB	R	H	P	O
Hochstetler, l.	4	0	0	3	0
Walker, s.	3	0	0	2	0
Cameron, 3b.	4	1	1	0	0
Richards, lb.	4	0	0	1	1
Owens, m.	4	0	0	1	0
Robertson, c.	1	0	1	2	0
Murray, r.	4	0	1	3	0
Daggett, 2b.	4	0	1	2	8
Hanauksa, p.	1	0	1	0	0
Adams, c.	2	1	0	0	0
Fallin, p.	2	0	2	0	2
Fenter, p.	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	34	2	7	24	14

Senators (3)
Salstrom, s. 3 0 1 4 2
Peterson, m. 2 0 0 2 0
Lightner, lb. 3 1 0 7 1
Bergstrom, l. 4 0 2 1 0
Hornig, r. 3 1 1 0 0
Shinn, 3b. 1 0 2 1 0
Jones, 2b. 4 0 0 1 1
Warren, c. 4 1 0 4 0
Williams, p. 2 0 1 3 1
Benson, p. 1 0 0 2 1
Oravec, m. 2 0 1 2 0
Granato, 2b. 1 0 1 0 1
Totals 30 3 7 27 10
Score by innings:
Senators 000 100 100-3
Willamette 000 001 11x-3
Errors, Shinn, Hornig, Walker.

He's Here, but—



BUCKY HARRIS

Harris Arrives But Won't Play

Who should waddle into Salem city last night but Wild William Harris, the nonchalant waddler who provided the big punch in our Senators' 1940 batting lineup.

While Harris stated he intends to work out with the 1941 Senators at George E. Waters park this morning at 11 o'clock, he also stated "I have no intention of playing ball this year."

The Bucko Boy said he was on his way through Salem to Seattle to inspect the Boeing airplane factory. He is on vacation from the North American Aviation company at Inglewood, Calif.

Turner Loop Sked Lists 14 Games

TURNER—The baseball season opens in Turner Sunday with Canby drawing the opening assignment here. Team manager Archie Rankin announces the club roster to include Bud Mitchell, G. Russell, S. Russell, D. Russell, Karl Wipper, John Seims, E. Gatchel, Clem Gentry and D. Bradley. Fourteen games are arranged at Turner; June 1, Turner at Mt. Angel; June 8, Turner at Canby; June 15, Aurora at Turner; June 22, Turner at Molalla; June 29, St. Paul at Turner; July 6, Willamette at Turner; July 13, Turner at Sublimity; July 20, Mt. Angel at Turner.

Winning pitcher, Benson. Losing pitcher, Fenter. Innings pitched, Williams 5, Hanauksa 3, Fallin 3, Benson 4, Fenter 2. At bat off Williams 20, Hanauksa 9, Fallin 13, Benson 14, Fenter 8. Hits off Williams 4, Fallin 4, Benson 2, Fenter 1, Fallin 1, Benson 1, Fenter 2. Runs scored off Williams 1, Benson 1, Fenter 1, Benson 1, Fenter 2. Struck out by Hanauksa 3, Benson 3. Bases on balls off Hanauksa 2, Benson 2, Fenter 3. Left on bases, Williams 8, Senators 8. Three-base hit, Cameron. Two-base hits, Bergstrom, Daggett. Rums batted in, Owens, Hornig, Oravec, Fallin, Granato. Sacrifice, Hochstetler. Stolen bases, Williams, Bergstrom, Hornig. Time: 1:40. Umpires, Adams, Robertson and Kennedy.

Russell Meets Utter, City Championship

Barely recovered from a throat ailment, Jim Russell, indicated on Saturday that he expected to be in condition to play golf today, so the final 36-hole championship flight match in the city golf tournament, in which Russell opposes Bob Utter, is scheduled to start at 9 a. m. this morning. Postponement was impossible for the reason that Utter has been called into army service this week.

The Salem Golf club 16-man team will entertain the Silverton team in a return match, first foursomes probably being off right behind the city finalists. The intercity match players are heading into a busy season, for a team will go to Oregon City next Sunday and Oswego will be entertained here the following Sunday.

The city golf tournament award "stag" will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock with all who participated in the tournament invited to attend the event planned at the golf club by the Active club, tournament sponsor.

Eight additional flight winners were determined Friday and Saturday as follows:

Second flight: L. Alley defeated Estey 1 up.

Third flight: Dr. C. E. Bates defeated Harvey 1 up.

Fifth flight: E. Kitzmiller defeated McBee 3 and 2.

Seventh flight: M. Allen defeated Baldoock on 19th.

Ninth flight: Del DeSart defeated Siegmund 1 up.

Tenth flight: O. Albers defeated Steele 2 and 1.

Twelfth flight: Dr. A. Jensen, Monmouth, defeated Abst 1 up.

Thirteenth flight: E. Givens defeated R. Stone 6 and 5.

Clay Dyer in the 11th flight and G. A. Rogers in the 14th had previously won flight finals.

Burns and Sederstrom are finalists in the juniro tournament.

Luisetti Weds 'Frisco Girl

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev., April 19.—(P)—Angelo "Hank" Luisetti, 24, one of the greatest basketball players the game ever produced, married Jane Rossiter, 19, of San Francisco, here Friday.

They planned to return to San Francisco, where Luisetti lives, and then start on a month's motor tour of the Pacific northwest. Luisetti, former Stanford university ace who competed last season with the San Francisco olympic club, returned Wednesday from Hawaii where he participated in exhibition games.

VFW Slates Heavy Mix Between Fox, Shave

Tiger Jack Fox, nationally known heavyweight from Spokane, and Corporal Ben Shave, Seattle slugger, have been signed for a 10-round main event battle at Salem's armory April 22. It was announced Saturday by VFW Promoter Tex Salkeld.

Finishes 3 Lengths In Front of Bears; Sets Course Record

By RUSS NEWLAND

OAKLAND, Calif., April 19.—(P)—Powered by one of the greatest crews in all its brilliant eight-oared racing history, University of Washington sounded a stirring opening challenge today in defense of its national championship with a course record-breaking victory over University of California.

The Huskies finished with approximately three lengths to spare and going away, eased up.

The time for the three miles was phenomenal, 14 minutes and 28 seconds. It broke by 20.8 seconds the old course record for the Oakland estuary.

California, which set the former record time of 14:48.4 in 1939, also cracked it as it turned under the Fruitvale avenue bridge finish line in the wake of the skimming northern boat. The Bears were clocked at 14:39.

The intercollegiate champions of last year, who will soon be rowing in defense of the laurels on the Hudson, simply pulled away from a California varsity shell manned by valiant but out-classed youngsters.

Three veterans from last year's Foughkeepsie, N.Y., winner formed the nucleus of the smoothly-functioning Washington crew. They dipped their oars with the touch that goes with experience, as compared with the sometimes almost floundering efforts of five sophomores working in the California boat.

At the half-mile mark each was hitting 33 and at the mile Washington was down to 31. California, meanwhile, maintained a one-beat faster stroke.

The two-mile post loomed. Washington, rowing smoothly at 30, appeared to have an open length of water. The Bears were still struggling at 32 beats but could gain nothing.

Washington continued to row easily for the last long mile. The salty water of the estuary was slightly choppy, stirred by a following wind which slapped smartly in the faces of the straining athletes.

Experience counted heavily here. To observers, Jack Kearns, California's sophomore stroke, seemed to be witting under the terrific pressure. It was his first big varsity competition. His crewmates likewise appeared badly tired.

The Washington shell swept over the finish line to the cheers of thousands of spectators clustered on the estuary banks and jamming the bridge.

Washington's junior varsity shell turned in one of the big surprises of the 40th annual regatta by whipping the Bear jayvees by a full length in the brilliant time of 14:43.3, itself bettering the course record. The Husky junior varsity was ahead all the way. California's time was 14:51.

California salvaged the freshman race, the Bears winning by three-quarters of a length in 9:40½ for the two miles. Washington was clocked in 9:43.

Portland Gets 2 More Players

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19.—(P)—The New York American league baseball club has optioned two players to the Portland Pacific Coast league team, Rollie Schefter, secretary, said today.

One is Harry Bassin, first baseman with Oklahoma City last year, the other Fred Collins, left-handed hitting outfielder who played with Birmingham and Oklahoma City last year.

Only yesterday Schefter announced the acquisition of two pitchers, Earl Redi who had been with Newark of the International league, and Art Jacobs, a veteran southpaw formerly with Portland.

Leslie Larrups Greens 15 to 1

Lowie of Leslie pitched two-hit softball Friday afternoon, while his teammates gathered 10 blows off Graham, as the junior high team swamped the sophomore Greens, 15 to 1. Rains, Leslie, had a perfect day at bat getting three for three. The game, a regular intramural contest, was played on the Leslie grounds.

Leslie 15 10 8
Greens 1 2 8
Lowie and Kurts; Graham and White.

Lakemen, Dairy Take Loop Wins

Blue Lake whipped Bob Elstrom's 7 to 1, Hazel Dell downed Kwanis 6 to 3 and Golden Freeman was awarded a 2 to 0 forfeit decision over Slubby Mills and the Commercial softball league made a delayed start Friday afternoon.

Blue Lake 7 3 1
Elstrom's 1 0 4
Applegate and Morely; Miller and Block.

Woodburn Belts Corbett, 10-2

WOODBURN—A big second inning, that was good for six runs, enabled the Woodburn Bulldogs to score a 10 to 2 Big Nine league baseball win at Corbett Friday.

Salem Entries In Olympics Set by Huston

Oliver Huston Saturday announced Salem's golf and tennis entries in the second annual American Legion Junior Olympics, which are scheduled at Eugene Friday and Saturday of this week.

Huston, in charge of the Salem entries for Post No. 9, said the Salem high golf team foursome of Bob Burns, Tom Kay, Charles Beardsley and Bob Sederstrom would be entered in the Olympics' golf event, while Bill Ransom, Wally Palmateer and Armond Carrow have been named Salem competitors in the tennis event.

The three-man decathlon team is to be named Monday, said Huston, after he and Vera Gilmore, Salem high coach, have opportunity to study possible talent.

Decathlon entries this year are limited to those boys, between 13 and 18 years of age, who have not earned a letter in any sport.

More than 200 entries, or twice the 106 of last year, are expected to take part in the Olympics this year.

Silverton, as far as is known, is the only other Marion county post outside of Salem which is sending entries.

The Olympics banquet is to be held at 6:30 Friday night instead of Saturday as last year, said Huston.

Vikings Defeat Chemawa, 13-7

A six-run outburst in the fifth inning assured Salem high's diamond clan of victory, 13 to 7, over the Chemawa Chiefs at Geo. E. Waters park Saturday morning.

Dick Hightberger and Carl Butte, a pair of rookie pitchers, divided the mound assignment that provided the Viks' second win of the season over Chemawa and their fourth victory in five times out.

Hightberger allowed the Chiefs but two hits in four innings and held a 3-2 advantage when Butte relieved him.

The Viks went to work in the first frame to get three tallies on hits by Hoffer, Bower, Freeman and Pearmine, coupled with a pair of boots, and three in the fourth on blows by Pearmine and Butte. Don Bowers' triple, longest blow of the game, scored two of the six fifth-frame runs for Harold Hauk's gang.

Chemawa tallied two in the second, two in the fourth, two in the sixth and one in the seventh. Chemawa 7 6 7
Salem 13 10 7
Mathews, Brown (6) and Bennett; Hightberger, Butte (4) and Hauser, Toomb (4).

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R. O'Neill, E. O'Neill and Messner; Mathews, Holman and Pavlicek.