

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

There'll be no rain here for an 11-day period beginning May 19 and ending May 30, so I have it straight from the drippy yap of "Precipitation Pete," himself. . . Reason: Our Salem Senators are on the road for those 11 days. . . "No more football," says Dick Weisgerber, the ex-Bearcat boomer now a member of the WI's blind Tom staff. . . The former little all-American fullback, who has been a member of the Green Bay Packers for the past three seasons, admits there is money in professional football, all right, but that it's next to impossible to save any of it.

Johnny Oravec, who paired with Weisgerber as Willamette U's "Touchdown Twins" in the 1954-55 era, has applied to Prexy Abel for appointment to the vacant spot on the WI umpiring staff caused by the recent resignation of Eger. . . Should snuff-loving Oravec make it, the "Touchdown Twins" will be back together once more.

Not all winning pitchers are short-game artists, as is proven by such servers as Rapid Robert Feller, strictly a two-hour man, or our Roy Helser, a 2-15 man, but skillful artists like the Coast league's Tony Freitas and Hal Turpin often move through nine innings, providing the opposing hurler cooperates, in 1:15 to 1:30. . . Like Kewpie Barrett of Seattle, the Coast league's leading hurler last season, Helser is given to streaks of wildness, interrupted by stretches of strikeouts. . . The main thing is that both pitch winning baseball.

He's Stogie Man

Young Joe, who gets a preliminary spot on the Powder Proctor benefit card here next Tuesday, isn't the last of the Kahuts. . . Joe is just second to Terrible Tony, that's all. . . After him there are two more, one in high school and the other in grammar school, and they all like to swing those dukes.

Goldie Desmond Holt's Pippins, now in our town, are without the services of Howard Johnson, the hard-hitting, hard-throwing outfielder-pitcher. . . Johnson has decided to accept a job in the Tacoma shipyards that already harbor such ex-WI luminaries as Lefty Isekite and Bob Garrettsom. . . A puzzling growth on the second finger of his pitching hand, which he believed would retard his chances of going up the ladder, caused Johnson to decide to leave baseball. . . In the WI, Johnson has been allowed to tape the finger—something that would be prohibited in higher classification ball.

Speaking of G. Desmond, the Yak skipper, he's an inveterate stogie smoker as well as a sign thief and an ardent exponent of run-em-ragged baseball. . . Last year his team pilfered 154 bases to lead the league handily (or footily, if you like) in that department. . . His cigar average beat that considerably.

Orteig Quits Bosox

Ray Orteig, whom this author considered the WI's best third baseman last season, was in our town to see his ex-Vancouver mates drop Thursday night's encounter to the Solons. . . Orteig, owned by the Boston Red Sox, said he had been placed on the suspended list for failure to report to Greensboro in the class B Piedmont league.

Orteig claims he received a raw deal from the Bosox chain this spring and that he will quit baseball before he'll play for a member of the chain again. . . "I was supposed to have been given a chance in double-A ball this year," said Orteig. "Instead, they first sent me to Scranton in the class A Eastern league and then tried to send me to Greensboro in the class B Piedmont. I asked them to send me back here

'Old Style' Lineup Bags Victory for Slipping Yankees

NEW YORK, May 16—(AP)—Manager Joe McCarthy shook up the lineup of his New York Yankees today, benching his rookie second base combination of Phil Rizutto and Gerry Priddy, and the move inspired the Bombers to break a five-game losing streak with a 6 to 5 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Joe DiMaggio, who had been in a terrific slump, hit his first homer since April 27 in the third inning and opened the ninth with a tremendous triple. Joe Gordon hit a three-bagger that brought him home and Lefty Thornton Lee loaded the bases on two intentional passes. Then Red Ruffing delivered a pinch run to break up the game.

Injuns Win Again

BOSTON, May 16—(AP)—The Cleveland Indians took their second straight game from the Red Sox 9 to 3 today, getting 14 hits while Jim Bagby held his former

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct		
Cleveland	22	9	710	Detroit	13	14	.481
Boston	13	11	548	Washington	13	14	.481
N. York	16	14	533	Philadelphia	13	17	.379
Chicago	13	12	520	St. Louis	9	16	.360

Boston teammates to seven, three of them by Manager Joe Cronin.

Gerald Walker led the Indian attack on three Boston pitchers with a single, a double and a home run, while Clarence Campbell contributed three singles to the cause.

It was a tight game until the seventh inning when Hal Trosky doubled into far center near the flag pole. After Jeff Heath's sacrifice, Walker hit his second homer of the season into the left field screen, making the score 5 to 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Cleveland	9	14	1	1	0
Boston	3	7	0	0	0

Bagby, and Desautels; Harris, Judd (8), H. Newsome (9), and Pytkal.

Tigers Triumph

PHILADELPHIA, May 16—(AP)—Substitute outfielder Pat Mullins' inside home run, Shibe park's first in several years, carried the Detroit Tigers to a 5 to 4 triumph over the Athletics today.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Detroit	5	10	1	1	0
Philadelphia	4	9	0	0	0

Rowe, Trout (5), and Sullivan; Beckman, Ferrick (7) and Hayes.

Solon Rally Wins

WASHINGTON, May 16—(AP)—The Washington Senators staged a two-run ninth inning rally to come from behind and edge out the St. Louis Browns, 7 to 6, here today.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
St. Louis	6	12	0	0	0
Washington	7	18	0	0	0

Auker and Grace; Leonard, Carasquel (7), Anderson (9), and Early.

Mrs. Quinn Tops Women's Tourney

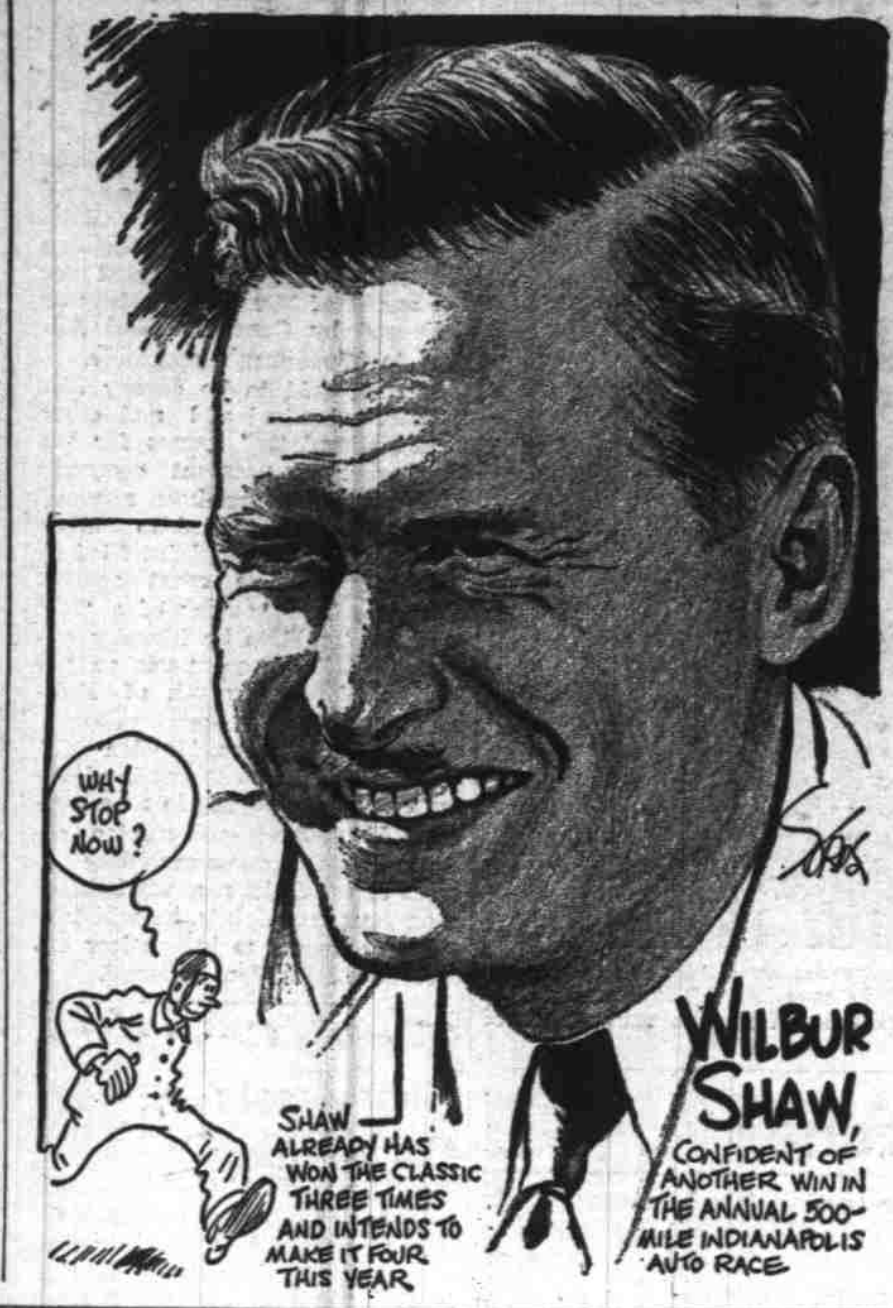
A low net of 52 was carded by Mrs. W. L. Quinn in the blind holes tourney sponsored by the Women's Golf club at the Salem course Friday.

Mrs. Quinn topped class A competition, while Mrs. James Sears carded a 55 to lead class B. Mrs. J. L. Cook's 57 was best class C score.

In the Western International rather than to the Piedmont, but they wouldn't do it."

Orteig, who led WI third basemen last season with a .341 batting average that included 19 home runs, 10 triples and 31 two-base hits, said the only way he'd play ball was for some club to buy his contract from the Bosox. . . The 19-year-old played 144 games for Vancouver last season, fielding .933, taking part in 26 double plays and handling 537 chances. . . He also batted in 116 runs to outdistance all other hot corner protectors in that department.

AFTER FOURTH - - By Jack Sords



Dodgers Drop One--But It Takes Pirates 11 Frames to Stop 'Em

The "Rain, No Game" sign went up at Geo. E. Waters park Friday night for the fourth time in the 16-day-old Western International league season, making exactly 50 per cent of the home schedule that has been drizzled out by "Precipitation Pete."

As a result, five games have accumulated on the make-up slate—one with Wenatchee, a doubleheader with Tacoma, one with Vancouver and last night's game with Yakima.

Oak Knoll Meet Opens Sunday

Seven flights open play at 8 a. m. Sunday in the annual Oak Knoll golf tournament, with competitors expected to continue on a weekly basis.

Cecil Dunn, the 1940 champ, is not on hand to defend his title, but Pete Stoltenberg, the 1939 champion will attempt to regain the crown.

Flight pairings: First—Leo Esty vs. Al Gustafson; Byron Jackson vs. Herb Schoenlin; Bill Blackley, Jr. vs. Bob Woodman; Pete Stoltenberg vs. Rube Saunders.

Second—Earl Bullock vs. Loren Mort; Al McBee vs. Deryl Kendall; Dewey vs. J. L. Conover; Howard Westfall vs. Bud Grant.

Third—Tyler Brown vs. Foster Wintermute; W. D. Purvine vs. Lowell Stone; Ed Mason vs. Bob Ashby; Bruce Carls vs. Sam Miller.

Fourth—Elton Coon vs. Don Fetters; Lloyd Davenport vs. Maynard McKinley; Mike Carmichael vs. Bob Morgan; Joe Gately vs. Deryl Kendall.

Fifth—Leo Dean vs. Al Cox; Joe Vine vs. Art Lampkin; A. C. Perry vs. Mart Fisher; Clay Ferguson vs. George Lloyd.

Sixth—Bud Egerton vs. Sam Shouderblade; D. W. Griffin vs. Lee Howe; Norman Furbrick vs. Cleve Robinson.

Seventh—Stubby Mills vs. Bob Butler; Bob Warral vs. Glen Dull.

Albany Slates Ball Opener

ALBANY — Baseball officially opens here Sunday with the Albany Alcos entertaining the Eugene Townies in the first State league game of the season here. A parade precedes the game at 2 p. m.

Secretary of State Earl Snell is scheduled to toss the first ball, which Gus Jacobson, well known baseball supporter, will attempt to hit it.

Manager Elmo McReynolds announces his starting lineup as Red Miller, pitcher; Amacher, catcher; Ken Manning, first base; Bill Moye, second base; Plouf, third base; Richards, shortstop; Bonney, leftfield; Eddie Wilson, centerfield; Volker, rightfield. Joe Leptich, who suffered a broken thumb a week ago, has recovered sufficiently that, if need arise, he will be able to play the outfield.

Practice Slated For Junior Ball

A practice session is slated for Junior Legion baseball hopefuls at 1:30 p. m. today at Olinger park, providing the grounds are sufficiently dry. Coach Ethan Grant said Friday.

Grant said the Legion club probably will have the use of the Leslie field for practice this summer. American Legion officials have offered to scrape the area and put it into playing shape for the Juniors.

Montgomery Outhits Sweetwater Swatter

Caplanos Top Wenatchee in Only WI Game

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct		
Spokane	10	2	333	Salem	1	4	.200
Yakima	2	2	277	Tacoma	1	4	.200
Wenatchee	6	6	200	Vancouver	4	11	.267

WENATCHEE, May 16—(AP)—The Vancouver Caplanos defeated the Wenatchee Chiefs 7 to 2 in a Western International league baseball game here tonight.

The Caps scored three runs in the third inning on two walks and three hits. Two singles and an outfield out brought in another in the seventh and Lingua's double with a Wenatchee error counted for three in the ninth.

Greenlow, Cap hurler, fanned 10 men, walking only four. Vancouver . . . 7 9 1

Wenatchee . . . 2 9 2

Greenlaw and Brenner; Weller, Bradley (9) and Farrell.

Viks Qualify Bibby, Relay Team in Meet

EUGENE, May 16—(AP)—Favored Medford led the way through qualifying heats here Friday on the eve of the annual state high school track meet. The defending champions qualified 10 men and a relay team.

McLoughlin of Milton-Free-water qualified four and a relay team, while Seaside, Beaverton, Molalla and Chemawa each also qualified four.

Salem qualified Max Bibby in both hurdle races, Bibby winning his heats in each, and a relay team.

Chemawa qualified Berger and LaRocque in the 100, LaRocque in the 220 and Jackson in the javelin.

Molalla qualified Hepler in the discus and shotput, Shields in the pole vault and Davis in the broad jump.

Silverton qualified Herr in the discus.

A heavy rain prevented record performances, but Ray Johnson, Medford, 440-yard run champion, Wally Still, Mae HI, 100-yard dash champ, and Stuart Schweizer, Adrian, low hurdle champ, qualified easily.

Idaho Outwades Beavers Best Oakland Webfoots 8-7

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 16—(AP)—The University of Idaho's Vandals outwaded the Webfoot of Oregon in a rain-plagued baseball game today, picking on the northern division leaders for an 8 to 7 victory, their second of the season.

Oregon went all-out in the second inning to score its seven runs, but pitcher Dal Bechtol survived the assault, pitched shutout ball for the rest of the distance and himself drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the ninth.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Idaho	7	8	5	0	0
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Bubalo and Calvert; Bechtol and Kara.

Oregon Golfers Best Bearcats

University of Oregon's golf team score an 8 to 4 win over Willamette in singles play and a 4 to 3 win in doubles competition with Willamette U's divotmen here Friday afternoon on the Salem course.

Golden, number one man on the Oregon team, shot a par 72 for medal, while Willamette's number one, Buddy Reynolds, fired a 74.

Singles: Oregon 8 Willamette 4 Golden 2 Reynolds 1 Duden 2 1/2 Beardsley 1/2 Engelle 1/2 *LaVatta 1/2 Jordan 1/2 Fraiola 1/4

Doubles: Golden and Engelle, O, 14; Reynolds and LaVatta, W, 11; Duden and Jordan, O, 2 1/2; Beardsley and Fraiola, W, 1 1/2.

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Decisions Jenkins in 'No-Dice' Boperee

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, May 16—(AP)—Bob Montgomery took Lew Jenkins' famous "Sunday punch" for a couple of rounds tonight without finding it too much to sample, and then came on to outpoint the world lightweight champion in ten rounds in Madison Square Garden.

Montgomery weighed 136 1/2, Jenkins 135. Before a roaring, well-pleased crowd, the "Philadelphia Henry Armstrong" laughed off the skinny Texan's ripping right-hand shots in the early going, fought a crowding, slugfing fight all the way and won going away in the non-title tussle by which he earned a shot at Fritzzi Zivic's welterweight crown.

The 22-year-old citizen from the City of Brotherly Love—he proved anything but a standard-bearer for that name—sliced Lew's nose in the fourth round, cut his right eye in the fifth, gashed his left ear in the sixth and floored him in the ninth on the way to winning his unanimous decision.

The Associated Press score card gave him seven rounds, with three for the Sweetwater Swatter who was out of his league tonight.

The knockdown came at the bell ending the ninth round, as the crowd of 14,638 sensing defeat for Jenkins, roared at the bristling slugfing action. Jenkins was backing away, as he did for most of the last five rounds, and the Quaker city negro caught him with a short, sharp left hook, that bounced off Lew's chin. Jenkins' knees hit the canvas just as the bell sounded ending the round.

The 14,638 customers contributed to a gross gate of \$41,703, just a thousand dollars over what Promoter Mike Jacobs had predicted.

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'Cats, Badgers Reset Games

Providing rain doesn't again cancel proceedings, the Willamette Beavers and Pacific U Badgers tangle in a doubleheader baseball clash at Forest Grove this afternoon to decide the championship of the western division of the Northwest conference. The games were billed Friday, but rain washed them out.

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Beavers Best Oakland Second Straight, 8-3

OAKLAND, Calif., May 16—(AP)—Oakland's slipping Acorns knocked on the Coast league cellar door Friday night, dropping a loosely-played 8-3 decision to Portland.

The Acorns clicked in one inning, rapping three hits off Earl Reid for their three runs, but beyond that they showed nothing.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Portland	5	15	0	0	0
Hollywood	5	15	0	0	0

Portland, taking a 3-1 edge in the series, got seven of their eight runs off Stanley Corbett, but four were unearned through Oakland errors.

Reid pitched smooth ball except for an erratic third, while his mates collected 12 hits off Corbett and Ananich, who took over in the eighth.

Portland . . . 8 12 2

Oakland . . . 3 8 6

Reid and Hawkins, Annunzio (3); Corbett, Ananich (8) and Conroy.

Angels Rout Padres

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 16—(AP)—Turning defeat into victory with a wild batting attack in the seventh, in which seven hits netted the same number of runs, the Los Angeles Angels came from behind to rout the San Diego Padres, 9 to 6, tonight.

Los Angeles . . . 9 13 2

San Diego . . . 6 14 4

Stine, Coffman (8) and Collins; Humphreys, Pilette (8) and Ballinger.

Strike up the Band! the Baer Boy May Try To Whip Louis by Way of His Vocal Tubes

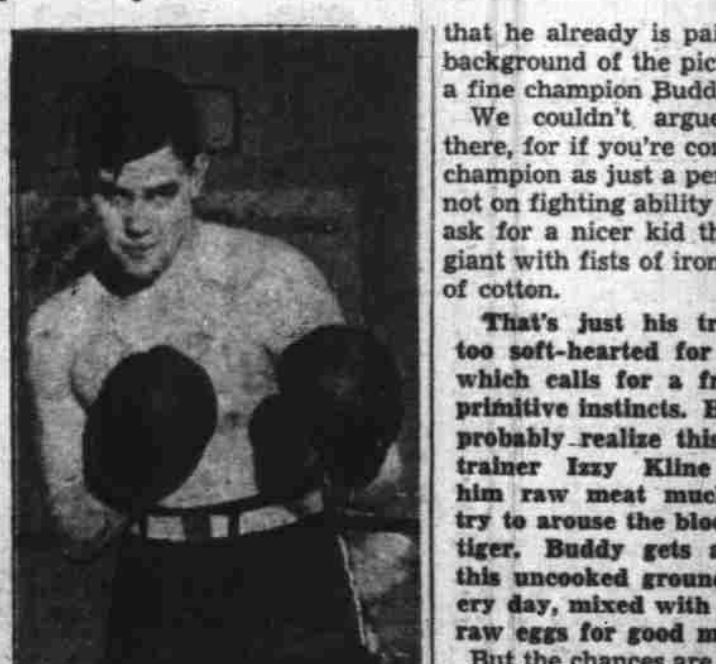
By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, May 16—(Special to The Statesman)—Buddy Baer won his wife through his singing, and now it appears he is plotting to use this same secret weapon to win Joe Louis' heavyweight title, for Harry Mendel informs us that vocal setting-up exercises are a part of Buddy's training routine or next Friday's bout.

He's got a beautiful voice," says Harry, rapturously. "He sings while he does his road work. Honestly, he takes professional singing lessons."

Mendel, who is sort of a well-bellasted information supply ship for the Baer camp, says this as if he had the idea of a fighter taking singing lessons was unbelievable and Buddy either should be given a medal or prosecuted under the anti-noise ordinance.

They've tried every other way, so trying to beat Joe by singing to him might not be such a bad idea at that, as some voices we've heard would make everybody in the immediate vicinity want to get away from there right now, and 15 rounds of crooning probably would be more than even the champion could stand.



BUDDY BAER

Mendel is convinced the younger of the Baer brothers will win the title from Louis, running to four the list of unprejudiced individuals who think likewise. The other free-thinkers are Buddy and his brother, Max, and Ancil Hoffman, their manager.

Mendel, in fact, is so confident

that he already is painting in the background of the picture of what a fine champion Buddy will make. We couldn't argue with him there, for if you're considering the champion as just a personality and not on fighting ability you couldn't ask for a nicer kid than the mild giant with fists of iron and a heart of cotton.

That's just his trouble; he's too soft-hearted for a business which calls for a free flow of primitive instincts. His handlers probably realize this, for Chief trainer Izzy Kline is feeding him raw meat much as you'd try to arouse the blood-lust in a tiger. Buddy gets a pound of this uncooked ground steak every day, mixed with a couple of raw eggs for good measure.

But the chances are that his fare will do no more than make Buddy good and sick of raw meat, for he is by nature a kind, considerate man and you can't turn a rabbit into a wolf by changing his diet.

He has a chance. Anybody his size and power has a chance. But we don't think that all the raw beef on the Texas rangers can arouse the killer instinct. His best chance might be to croon a lullaby, at that.

SHS Golf Team Tops Silverton

Salem high's cragge golf team, which moves to Eugene today to take part in the annual Willamette valley invitational meet, Friday defeated Silverton high 13 1/2 to 1 1/2 on the Salem course.

Bob Sederstrom, with a four-over-par 76, was medalist. Salem 13 1/2 Silverton 1 1/2 Sederstrom 3 E. Durfee 9 Beardsley 3 Adams 0 Kay 2 1/2 Dickman 1/2 Fenter 3 T. Durfee 0 Wilson 2 Adams 1

Viking Net Team Tips McMinnville

Salem high's tennis team defeated McMinnville high, 4 to 1, in matches abbreviated by rain here Friday afternoon.

Results: Singles—Downs, S, defeated Tappcott, M, 6-2, 7-5; Sanders, S, defeated D. Miller, M, 7-5; Ransom, S, defeated Fink, M, 6-2, 6-4; Carrow, S, defeated Macy, M, 6-4, 7-5; Peterson, M, defeated Crockett, S, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

League Baseball

PIONEER LEAGUE

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct		
Twins Falls	7	5	58	Lake	4	6	.400
Pocahontas	11	10	52	Boise	2	10	.167
Idaho Falls	3	10	23	Ogden	2	10	.167