

Softball's 11th Season Opener Viewed by 1500

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Silly sports spasms: 1. The United States Golf Association's decision to limit the elasticity of golf balls.

2. Ouster of non-physical education degree holders from coaching positions in the Portland high school circuit.

What is the USGA trying to do—take away the only pleasure that 80 percent of all golfers derive from their fairway frolics?

What is the Portland prep league trying to do—cut off its nose to spite its face?

Just because a handful of professionals are able to take most of the country's golf courses apart surely isn't any reason why the USGA should kill the game for thousands of duffers whose sole thrill in playing the game comes from smacking the gutta perch pellet out around that 200-yard mark.

And just because a man doesn't have a piece of paper which says he's completed sufficient physical education requirements for a degree surely isn't sufficient reason to kick that man out of a position in which he has been a stand-out for years.

Yet these silly things are happening. The USGA the other day announced that henceforth the "carry" or elasticity of the ball would be limited, and at about the same time the Portland Prep loop "accepted" the resignation of Wade Williams, the gent who has been an A-No. 1 coach at Lincoln for 12 years.

Flatter Duffers: Buyers of golf balls are the masses, the John Citizens who feel that just one 250-yard poke down the middle entirely washes away those seven-stroke par-four holes and that goshawful 90-odd score, and not the pros.

Like Ere Kay, majordomo of the Salem club, this department thinks the USGA should flatter and cajole the duffers and to hell with the pros. If the manufacturers in time devise a ball even I could belt 300 yards (which I'll admit would take quite some devising) why not? It will please many more players than it will offend.

As for the Portland high school situation, which interests this corner only in that it is as correspondingly senseless as the USGA's move to de-power the golf ball, it is to be wondered how long it will be before lightning lope off a limb higher up.

Modern education has come to a pretty pass if it condones such a policy as that which removed Wade Williams and other tried and true coaches from the Portland system just because they didn't have a little piece of paper which vouched for their completion of enough scholastic hours to merit a physical education degree.

If Wade Williams, in his 12 years of handling boys in four sports, hasn't learned more about practical physical education than 101 per cent of the bright young fellows who step out of college with the ink not yet dry on their degrees, yours sincerely is a sadly mistaken character.

Not Excusable: Realizing professional baseball is a cough of thorns 1000 times to every time it is a bed of roses, your correspondent tries to take an understanding attitude toward the individuals whose shortcomings are evident. Seldom, if ever, has this department been guilty of placing a ball player on the "pan"—although I deem that every sports writer's prerogative inasmuch as it is the sports writers who also in a large measure elevate a player to popularity.

There is one thing, however, for which yours sincerely can't find an excuse. That is failure to hustle. Without mentioning any names, suffice it to say that there are one or two members of the current Salem Senator squad who are, in these eyes, guilty of drawing money for work undone.

Explicitly, in the last home series a certain Solon twice in one game walked every step of the way back from first base after he was thrown out there, sulking all the way. He was and is in a terrific batting slump, yes. But that is something excusable. The fact that he allows this slump to reflect on his general attitude is something else again.

Lumberman Dies at 88: PORTLAND, June 9.—(AP)—Louis Gerlinger, 88, retired Pacific northwest lumberman and railroad owner, died here Monday after a long illness of bronchial pneumonia.

Woolens, Browns, Schoens Bag Initial Victories

Eleventh season of under-the-lights softball broke open on Sweetland field Monday night, where 26 teams took part in ceremonies which followed a downtown parade and preceded a tri-pleheader.

An estimated 1500 sprawled through the stands—about the number which procured the pre-opener tickets that are financing this year's "recreationalized" softball program. Gurnee Fleisher, manager of the Salem Softball association said a complete check of ticket sales could not be made until sometime today.

Heads Mentors



STUBB ALLISON

Idaho-Montana Issue Before Coast Coaches

By GAIL FOWLER

SEATTLE, June 9.—(AP)—Resembling a three-ring circus, the Pacific Coast conference spring meeting opened its heavy business session Monday, with not much news of consequence trickling from the deliberation chambers.

The Idaho-Montana issue on whether these schools would be restored to full conference football status was to come up Tuesday. A year ago they received this status, effective in 1942. Now some of the other conference schools are represented as being wary of the proposal and may require Idaho and Montana to meet full conference financial guarantees.

"Undoubtedly it will go beyond the discussion stage," one source said.

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Church Loop Eyed

SILVERTON.—Efforts are under way to form a church softball league at Silverton. A number of churches have already signified

their willingness to join in the move which originated in the Christian church.

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TUESDAY SCHEDULE
6 p.m.—Pheasant 2rs. vs. Jr. Makers
7 p.m.—Four Corners vs. Pioneers
8 p.m.—Brass Ducks vs. Richfield
9 p.m.—Elfitroms vs. Kiwanis.

State and local association officials took part in the ceremonies, including Director Dwight Adams of the state association, President Tom Hill of the Salem association and Harry Collins, member-at-large of the state association.

Winners in the first night stand of the 1941 season were Page Woolens of the City league, Keith Brown of the Industrial and Schoens Juniors of the Junior circuit.

Joe Herberger's Woolen team, still sans uniforms, took the Square Dealers into camp, 8 to 2. From the time Cec Quesseth clouted for the circuit as the first man up until Pitcher Art Siebens connected for his second hit of the night, one of which was a two-run homer, the Woolens hammered away on George Roth, Dealer hurler.

The Page aggregation scored one run in the first, three in the second, two in the third and one in the fifth. Last year's champs scored two tallies in the first and one each of the fifth and sixth.

Whitney led the hitters with two doubles and a single in four appearances.

Mary Ritchie, Keith Brown pitcher, shutout the Unemployment Commission with two blows, both of which were of the fluke variety, while his teammates got 10 runs on nine hits. The score was 10 to 0. The Commission was charged with seven errors during the contest and but two of Keith Brown's runs were earned. Ritchie struckout nine.

Schoens Juniors whitewashed the Parrish Juniors in the five inning nightcap 17 to 0, with Eugene "Jeep" Lowe tossing two-hit ball. Parrish kicked in with 11 errors to help run the score up. Score:

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Parrish 0 2 11
Lowe and Wolfe; Innocenti, Monaco and Zeeb, Kephart.

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Herman Paces PCL Bat Race

LOS ANGELES, June 9.—(AP)—The veteran Babe Herman, Hollywood first baseman, is still holding the way to Coast league bat race with an average of .394. In 50 games the Babe has slammed out 61 hits, nine of them home runs, to keep his manager, Bill Sweeney, sitting on the bench.

Sacramento is leading in team batting with .309. The figures show that Manager Pepper Martin's club leads the league standings by the simple expedient of scoring the most runs—369.

Los Angeles Athletics 3 3 2
Albany 4 7 1
Tooleen and Robertson; Miller and Amacher.
Eugene 9 12 4
Klamath Falls 12 13 3
Ankerberg, Hurney and Bishop; Davis and Warner.
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Klamath Falls 9 10 1
Wiltshire, Spencer and Bishop; Hanauka and Davis.
Medford 5 7 0
Hills Creek 2 9 0
Fox and Calvert; B. Kelsay and G. Kelsay.
Toledo 2 6 4
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Skippers of Baseball Clubs Take the Raps

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pitching staff is made up largely of fellows who had been sent out to pasture by other clubs, and how he and Johnny Bassler worked to uncover a few more winning games in arms that no longer were slingshots. Just shot.

The Browns couldn't bid against

MIGHTY MITE - - By Jack Sords



HE RECENTLY HIT HIS 400TH HOME RUN

Cline, Patterson, Painter Qualify in Oregon Amateur

PORTLAND, Ore., June 9.—(AP)—Lou Jennings, Portland, defending champion, paced the field in the qualifying round of the Oregon amateur golf championship Monday.

Jennings fired a par 71 over the Oswego Lake Country club course. His fellow townsman, Harold Salvador, was two strokes back with a 73.

Mat Hatala, Portland, turned in a 74, and Marty Leptick, Bob Hoffer and Bob McReynolds, all Portland, and Dick Hanen, University of Oregon, had 75s.

Mrs. Mary Mozel Wagner, Portland, Pacific northwest champion, took women's medal honors with an 80, nosing out Sissy Green, Portland, last year's medalist by one stroke. The defending champion, Marian McDougall, Portland, had an 84.

Other scores included: Walter Cline Jr., 83, Pat Patterson 85, Tony Painter 86, all of Salem. Ray Farmer, Salem, picked up.

Alcos Unbeaten In State Loop

By The Associated Press
The Albany Alcos kept their string of baseball victories unbroken Sunday by edging past Silverton which was making its initial state league appearance, 4 to 3.

Silverton hitters pounded out two homers for three runs in the first inning, but Red Miller's offerings were baffling from then on. Albany coupled timely hits with Silverton errors for the winning runs.

Medford had a big sixth inning to defeat Hills Creek 5-2. Klamath Falls took the measure of the Eugene Athletics 9-5 after winning a non-league exhibition game from the same nine the previous night, 12-9.

Bend scored seven runs in the fourth inning against Toledo and won 14-2.
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Turner-Proctor Title Bout Reset June 19
In order not to conflict with the Joe Louis-Billy Conn championship battle June 18, the Leo Turner-Powder Proctor sock session for the Oregon middleweight title has been moved up to June 19, it was announced Monday by Promoter Tex Salkeld for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Boxing Club.

"I have never seen two fighters working so hard," reported Salkeld. "You would think the world's title was at stake. Proctor is confident he can repeat his former win over Turner and many bets have been made by his family that he will do so."

"Turner, on the other hand, claims he wasn't in shape when he was outpointed by Proctor before, but that it's going to be different this time. The guy has cornered most of the sparring partners in Portland. He has 10 days to get in shape but is working like the fight was tomorrow."

Keller Wagner, the Salem heavyweight who has a sensational string of five straight knockouts to his credit since he turned professional, is slated to meet an unannounced opponent in a six-round semifinal. Rumor has it that his adversary will be tough Dallas Bennett, the former state middleweight king who hails from LaGrande.

Ex-Champ Dies

SEASIDE, June 9.—(AP)—Funeral services for Alvin M. Kelley, 36, log truck driver killed in an accident Wednesday, were held here Saturday. He claimed the Pacific coast professional middleweight wrestling championship in 1936.

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McKendry and Bell 387 Court St. "Everything is sure to pan out right for me" claimed George as he made a rush to McKENDRY & BELL to get his pick of NEW STRAW HATS priced from \$1.95 up.

Highway Horrid Solons Open Against Tigers

Iaki Attempts To Measure Jack Lipscomb

Prince Iaki, the Arabian aristocrat who spends his spare time composing literary gems and pounding out finger rings, attempts to beat out a rassin victory over Jack Lipscomb in Salem's armory arena tonight.

The Prince and the Hoosier Hotshot gouge over the full hour route at the top of an American Legion mat program which includes Bulldog Jackson against Herb Parks in a rematch semifinal and Billy McCuin against Walter Sneezie Achui in an 8:30 opener.

Lipscomb, heralded as the horror of matdom upon his return, has twice gone down to ignoble defeat. He therefore expects to make Iaki his first victim in the Salem arena.

The Hoosier Hotshot's attempt to break into the win column may be overshadowed by the Jackson-Parks fray, however, as the Bulldog is seeking vengeance for his defeat by Parks last week. And when the Bulldog seeks vengeance it is generally something to see.

Falls City Nips Statesman, 6-3

DALLAS—Falls City defeated the Statesman nine 6 to 3 here Monday night in the Twilight baseball game.

Falls City 6 5 3
Statesman 3 3 8
Howe, Inman and Gardner; Doran and Fournier.

Racquet King Takes Bride



J. Donald Budge, former world's tennis king, is pictured in New York with his recent bride. Budge also has a new nose and chin, the result of some plastic surgery.

Double Bill Scheduled To Open, 6:15 Tonight

By RON GEMMELL

Statesman Sports Editor

Those highway horrible but home handsome Salem Senators are home again—so the 'w' side of their record should, on a basis of performance thus far this season, begin a much needed ascension.

The Legislators, who succeeded in dropping three of four to Wenatchee over the weekend to thus maintain one of the worst road records since Napoleon's Moscow meander, open a six-day home stand here tonight in a doubleheader with the subterranean

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL

W L Pet
Spokane 23 11 378 Wenatch 15 21 417
Yakima 16 15 476 Salem 14 29 412
Vancouver 20 18 526 Tacoma 14 21 400

Tacoma Tigers. It starts at 6:15, with Dell Oliver slated to pitch the opener and Roy Helsar attempting to bag his seventh straight in the nightcap.

Our Senators, who lost to Wenatchee 8-5 and 6-5 Sunday, own own the record book record of 18 losses to three wins, while their home mark is a booming 11 wins and two losses.

Frankie Dierickx was the Sunday daylight victim at Wenatchee, losing his game in the last of the 12th after Little Skipper Griffiths had given him a one-run lead in the Salem half by doubling home Anlope Al Lightner to send the Solons into a 5-4 lead. Two home runs, one by Hank Bonetti with none on and the other by Pitcher Alex Weldon with two on, did the damage.

Duke Windsor, experiencing one bad inning—the five-run fourth—took the whipping in the nocturnal fray.

In the only other Western International conflicts Sunday, Yakima and Tacoma split a double bill. The Pips pounded to a 7-1 verdict in the first and the Tigers blanked the Yaks 5-0 in the second.

As the Solon-Tiger series opens, the Salems are found to be a half game in front of the cellar-dwelling Tacomas. It's a basement series.

The Tigers are here through Thursday night, playing two tonight and one each Wednesday and Thursday. Then come the high-flying Vancouver Caps Friday, to begin a four-game skein that ends Sunday. The Solons entertain the San Francisco Seals of the Coast wheel here Monday night.

Yakima 7 10 1
Tacoma 1 10 1
McConnell and Sueme; Porter and Stoeber.
Yakima 5 9 4
Tacoma 5 9 0
Barkelew and Evans, Sueme; Cadinha and Cardoza.

Sunday's Box Scores

First game: SALEM (3) BR HO AE
Lanfiero, 2 3 2 2 5 4 0
Cameron, 3 3 0 0 1 2 0
Petersen, m 0 1 0 3 0 0
Lightner, r 6 1 0 2 0 0
Bergstrom, l 6 1 3 5 0 0
Bates, l 5 0 1 1 3 0
Griffiths, s 6 0 1 2 2 1
Adams, c 5 0 1 6 0 0
Dierickx, p 5 0 1 4 7 0
Totals 46 3 10 25 12 2

WENATCHEE (5) BR HO AE
Knobles, l 6 0 2 3 0 0
Endress, j 6 0 3 1 1 0
Cox, 2 6 0 0 3 1 1
Wilson, r 6 0 1 3 0 0
Bonetti, m 6 2 2 3 0 0
Marionetti, s 5 0 1 1 0 0
Farrell, c 5 1 2 8 1 0
Torgerson, l 5 1 2 0 3 0
Weldon, p 4 7 13 26 12 2
Totals 47 8 13 38 12 1

Salem 002 011 000 001—5 10 2
Wenatchee 001 003 000 004—8 13 1

Runs batted in: Endress, Bergstrom, 2, Petersen 2, Torgerson, Weldon 5, Bonetti, 3. Double plays: Farrell, 1. Home runs: Petersen, Bergstrom, Weldon, Bonetti, Stolen bases: Bates, Lanfiero. Sacrifices: Double play, Griffiths to Lanfiero to Bates, Dierickx to Bates to Lanfiero to Bates. Left on base, Salem 12, Wenatchee 11.

Bases on balls, off Dierickx 6, Weldon 8. Struckout by Dierickx 4, Weldon 5. Wild pitch, Dierickx. Passed ball, Farrell. Umpires, Enger and Nelson. Time, 2:40.

Second game: SALEM (3) BR HO AE
Lanfiero, 2 1 2 2 2 6 0
Cameron, 3 5 0 0 2 1 0
Petersen, m 4 1 1 3 0 0
Lightner, r 4 1 2 1 0 0
Bates, l 5 0 1 9 1 0
Bergstrom, l 5 0 1 1 3 0
Griffiths, s 5 0 1 1 3 0
Adams, c 3 1 1 5 0 0
Weldon, p 3 1 0 1 3 0
Totals 28 5 10 24 14 0

WENATCHEE (6) BR HO AE
Knobles, l 4 0 2 0 0 0
Endress, l, j 4 1 1 1 0 1
Cox, 2 4 1 2 1 0 0
Wilson, r 4 1 2 1 0 0
Bonetti, m 4 0 0 8 0 0
Marionetti, s 4 1 2 3 0 2
Mayer, c 4 1 2 2 0 0
Torgerson, l 3 1 1 1 0 1
Libke, p 3 0 0 0 0 0
Farrell, 3 3 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 34 6 12 27 10 4

Salem 100 102 001—5 10 0
Wenatchee 000 510 00—5 12 4

Runs batted in: Griffiths, Wilson, Marionetti, Mayer, Libke 2, Lanfiero 2, Cox 2, Bates 1, Endress 1, Libke, Stolen bases: Bergstrom, Lanfiero, Windsor 2. Double plays: Cox to Marionetti to Torgerson, Windsor to Lanfiero to Bates. Left on base, Salem 11, Wenatchee 5.

Bases on balls, off Windsor 1, Libke 4. Struckout by Windsor 4, Libke 2, Wild pitches, Windsor, Libke. Passed ball, Adams. Umpires, Nelson and Enger. Time, 2:30.

Where's George?



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