

# Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Anything can happen between now and November 29, when Oregon and Oregon State tangle at Eugene for what may or may not decide the Rose Bowl bid, but if the Bevos and Ducks were meeting tomorrow, for instance, this department would, on the strength of what it has seen from these two great football teams, string along with Oregon to win. Reason: The Oregon line that stopped Cal cold Saturday is just as tough, or maybe a little tougher, than the Beavers', and the Oregon backfield is heavier, better balanced and, if anything, a little faster.

Whew! That Oregon starting line averages just a mere 203 pounds to the man, that's all, with only three members under the 200-pound mark... Tony Crish, the crashing end, at 185; Tommy Roblin, the rambling left half, at 185; and Curt Mechem, the left-sided passer, kicker and runner, at 188 are the only lads under 200.

It's difficult, of course, to evaluate Oregon's strength on its showing against California, for the Bears offered one of the weakest running attacks your correspondent ever saw a Coast conference team parade... Absolutely no deception, no power, no drive and no threat at any time... Asked by your correspondent what California students thought of their football team, the editor of The Californian, campus daily, said: "They're not so critical over the team's losses as they are over the fact it plays such terribly monotonous, conservative football."

## Better Placement

Not so much the difference in the distance of the punting in Oregon's 19-7 win, as in the difference in placement of punts and, as your correspondent reported in his story of the game, the accompanying runbacks... Actually, so a close check of my play-by-play reveals, Curt Mechem thumped seven punts out of bounds and kicked only two that California safeties had opportunity to return... California got but 21 yards on punt returns to Oregon's 161, including Roblin's 62-yard runback for a touchdown.

The downfield blocking of the Oregons, on punt runbacks in general and on touchdown jaunts by Mechem and Roblin in particular, was typical of Tex Oliver coached football... Bill Regner, Duke Iverson, Elliott Wilson and Roy Segale mowed would-be tacklers down like grain, while the whole Oregon team was particularly alert in this phase of the game.

If the Ducks and Bevos can both move through their remaining schedules until November 29 without further defeat, what a battle that annual scrap should be... Oregon, with UCLA, WSC, Santa Clara and Washington yet to meet, has a mite the harder row to hoe, although Oregon State, with WSC, Idaho, UCLA, California and Montana all on tap, has one more to play.

## Records Tumble

Not only did Salem's two unscathed records go phloopy over the weekend, but one of our "invincibles" got whacked... The Salem high Vikings found the mud, fumbles and Corvallis' weight too much for them Saturday night, going down to a defeat that not only cost them the leadership of the No Name league but also their prestige as one of the state's outstanding prep clubs.

As was said by Tommy Swanson and Dwight Adams, of Albany, both of whom attended the game, it might have been quite a different story on a dry grid where Salem's speed and diversity of attack might have offset Corvallis' weight and power... But, the Spartans took nice advantage of their breaks and won handily enough to cause a few to wonder just how good this Medford team, which whipped Corvallis 40-0, can be.

Our Bearcats by all means

## Salem Golf Champ, Runner up



Walt Cline, Jr. (right), who won the Salem Golf club championship for the second successive year when, Sunday, he scored a four and three victory over Winfield Needham (left), in the finals. Cline was five under par for the 33 holes.

## Cline Fires Five Under Par Round to Bag 2nd Successive Golf Title

Cutting five strokes off par for 33 holes, Walter Cline, Jr., Sunday retained his Salem Golf club championship by defeating Winfield Needham 4 and 3 in the best-played title match seen on the Salem course in a number of years. Needham, fully as steady after a slightly shaky start, also wound up below par by a stroke.

Deadly chip shots from the aprons enabled Cline to offset Needham's slightly more accurate long approach game, so that they were usually putting about on even terms and Cline's putts from "reasonable" distances dropped just frequently enough to give him the four-hole margin.

Difference in their manner of scoring is illustrated by the fact that on the third nine which they halved in 35s, Cline putted 14 times, Needham 17. Off the tees they were consistent and about even as to distance.

Starting out with a brilliant eagle on the first morning hole, Cline was three up in as many holes and he held that margin throughout the first nine by a posting a 32, four under par. A spectacular hole was the fifth, where Cline salvaged a half in par after hitting a tree with his tee shot. He pulled out with a long brassie shot and a nine-iron dead to the pin.

On the second nine they battled on even terms until they reached the 18th where Needham sank a curling 15-footer for an eagle. Both were on in two. That cut Needham's deficit to two holes, and he picked up another on the second afternoon hole where his birdie putt was only a five-footer. They had halved the first one with long birdie putts. Cline needed accurate chip shots on the third and fourth to stay ahead; and Needham caught up on the sixth where Cline was on the edge of the trap and chipped short.

Needham had caught up but it wasn't for long, for Cline chipped in for a birdie on the seventh and won the eighth when Needham was short with a tricky "slicer" putt.

Cline won the tenth in par and virtually clinched the match with a 15-foot birdie on the 12th, though he needed a delicate "trouble shot" from cramped quarters to hold his advantage on the 14th. It ended on the 15th with a half despite Needham's remarkable recovery shot and 12-foot putt.

Their medal scores by "nines," the last going only six holes: Cline: 32-37-35-22-126; Needham: 35-36-35-24-130. Lawrence Alley defeated Ken Potts 1 up in the first flight final. Potts rallied to win three successive holes after being dormie at the 15th tee.

## Leovich Receives Outright Release From Connie Mack

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 20-(AP)—Irving "Bump" Hadley, veteran right handed pitcher, and Rookie Catcher Johnny Leovich, former Oregon State college athlete, were released outright by the Athletics Monday. Manager Connie Mack said he wanted to give both ample opportunity to make other connections. Leovich was signed this spring while the A's were training in California. He was optioned to Toronto later. Hadley was purchased from the New York Yankees in midseason.

should still have an uncrossed goal, but that, too, went by the boards on one defensive miscue... However, their record of 183 points scored to but seven scored against them isn't so dusty, and if they can upset what will be a highly favored, much heavier Idaho team at Moscow Saturday, the 'Cats will have a mighty good chance of going on through their season undefeated.

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# Gophers Continue To Top Grid Poll

## Michigan Climbs Into 3rd Spot; Duke Drops Notch; Oregon Rated At 16th, Oregon State at 18th

By BILL BONI

NEW YORK, Oct. 20-(AP)—It was Minnesota and Texas still running one-two Monday as 127 of the nation's football experts scanned performances of the top college teams throughout the country and, in the second of the weekly Associated Press ranking polls, kept these two teams at the head of the parade.

At the same time they established Saturday's clash at Ann Arbor between Michigan and Minnesota as very much the week's outstanding battle, and perhaps one of the most vital of the season. For Michigan, on the strength of its 14-7 conquest of Northwestern, was boosted from sixth place a week ago into third, only 263 points back of Minnesota.

The Golden Gophers, No. 1 team in the land a year ago, polled 69 first-place votes, worth 10 points each; 33 for second place, and only one vote for lower than fifth position. This gave them a total of 1169 points, to 1095 for the Texas Longhorns, impressive winners over four rivals from as many conferences, and 996 for Michigan. Texas was ranked at the top on 33 ballots and Michigan on seven.

Duke, dropped down a notch by the Wolverines' climb, also was first choice of seven voters and polled 758 points. Thus the first four teams dominated the poll to such an extent that they drew far more than half of the total number of points awarded.

Back of the Blue Devils came Navy, the east's ranking representative, which climbed from seventh to fifth; Fordham, dropped from fourth in spite of a good-looking win over West Virginia; Notre Dame, which moved from eighth to seventh though it was none too impressive against Carnegie Tech; Santa Clara, up a notch from ninth and only all-winning major team left on the Pacific coast; Texas A & M, Texas' strongest rival in the southeast and that sector's best eleven in 1940, and Tulane, only beaten team to crash the first ten and doing so because of its thundering defeat of North Carolina.

Texas A & M and the Green Wave made the biggest advances, the Aggies coming up from 14th place and Tulane from 17th. They shoved Ohio State, still undefeated but only after a close call with Purdue, down to No. 11.

Besides the Michigan-Minnesota battle, already guaranteed a sellout of better than 85,000, the first-tenners are paired as follows for this Saturday:

Texas with Rice, beaten by Louisiana last week and with Bob Brumley, its ace back, injured; Duke with Pitt, seemingly in for its third straight trouncing; Navy with Harvard, whose upset of Dartmouth promises a real test for the sailors; Fordham with Texas Christian, badly hurt by the loss of Triple-Threat Kyle Gillespie; Notre Dame with Illinois, Santa Clara with Oklahoma, Texas A & M with Baylor, which lost its best back, Jack Wilson, last week; and Tulane with Mississippi.

The standing of the teams (first-place votes in parentheses, points figured on 10-9-8-7-6, etc., basis):

- FIRST TEN**  
 1.—Minnesota (69) 1169  
 2.—Texas (33) 1095  
 3.—Michigan (7) 996  
 4.—Duke (7) 758  
 5.—Navy (3) 614  
 6.—Fordham (3) 506  
 7.—Notre Dame 354  
 8.—Santa Clara 252  
 9.—Texas A & M 243  
 10.—Tulane (1) 229
- Second Ten—11.—Ohio State (1), 206; 12.—Penn., 139; 13.—Northwestern, 96; 14.—Clemson (3), 70; 15.—Vanderbilt, 62; 16.—Oregon, 53; 17.—Temple, 51; 18.—Oregon State, 46; tied for 19.—Villanova and Stanford, 24 each.
- Also on—Washington, 18.

## Coons Returns To Aid Viks In Astoria Go

Although it was "blue Monday" in the Salem high Viking camp as the kids who were knocked over by Corvallis Saturday night went to work for their invasion of Astoria this Friday, there was a bright note, too.

It was the return of Bud Coons, regular fullback, who is expected to be in shape to go against the Fishermen.

The team reported with minor bruises and burns, but no serious injuries. End Jim Wenger sustained a bruised leg, End Rolle Haag a wrenched back and Tackle Lloyd Griffith and Halfback Lutey Simmons showed up with lime burns.

While the Viks offered no alibi for their defeat, they felt certain they could have given a better account of themselves had the game been played on a dry field.

## Elks to Hold Open Meeting On Defense

The Elks club, sponsoring national Defense Week in Salem will hold an open meeting on Thursday night at 8:30 when Dr. R. R. Ivan Lovell of Willamette university will speak on "America and the War."

Fred Paulus will talk today over KSLM on "The Elks Lodge and National Defense. The purpose of the lodge's sponsorship is to make members and the public more alert to national defense problems, stated Dr. Laban Steeves, exalted ruler of the Salem Elks lodge.

## Water Boy Becomes Varsity Player at USF; Allison Agrees Ducks Big, Burly and Fast

By RUSS NEWLAND  
 SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20-(AP)—A water boy who became a varsity player over the weekend superseded such news as practice preparations for crucial games, injuries and other information disclosed today at the weekly meeting of the North California Football Writers' association.

Charley White of the University of San Francisco was revealed as the quick change artist. He was tending water for the team last Saturday. He donned a uniform Monday and henceforth will appear either at halfback or an end position.

During the game with Stanford last week, White puffed off the field with his bucket and growled at Head Coach Jeff Cravath, "I can play better than those fellows." Cravath retorted, "Why don't you show up for practice?" The coach promptly dismissed the subject from his mind.

Head Coach Clark Shaughnessy of Stanford was too wrapped up in preparations for the "make or break" game with Washington in Seattle this Saturday to attend the meeting. He was studying reports furnished by his assistant, Marjorie Schwarz, who sought Washington against UCLA.

Jim Lawson, representing Shaughnessy, said the Indians would come up for the Washington contest seriously weakened by injuries. There is some doubt yet Pete Kmetovic, left half, will play much, if any, of the game. He was injured two weeks ago in the defeat by Oregon State and examination showed he had suffered a chipped bone near the base of one of his vertebrae. Kmetovic has practiced with the team, however.

Other casualties include Hay Hammit, sub quarterback; Arnold Meiners, regular left end and Frank Forbes, reserve back. Ham-

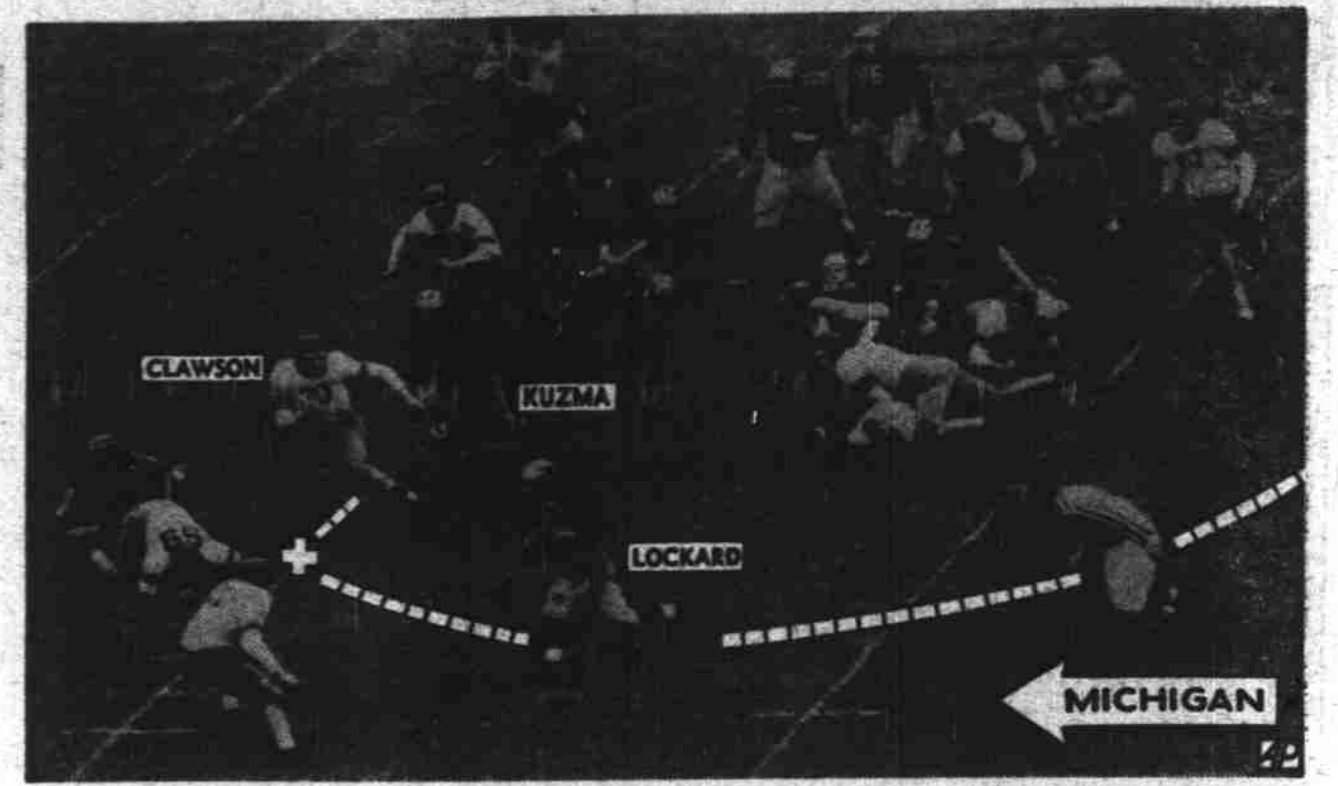
met hurt a leg last Saturday and Meiners is under care for a nerve injury. Forbes suffered a torn knee cartilage and probably is through for the season.

Coach Leonard "Stub" Allison of California, describing his team's defeat by Oregon, said "It was a long, gloomy ride home. Even my pet dog sniffed at me, laid back his ears and backed into the house."

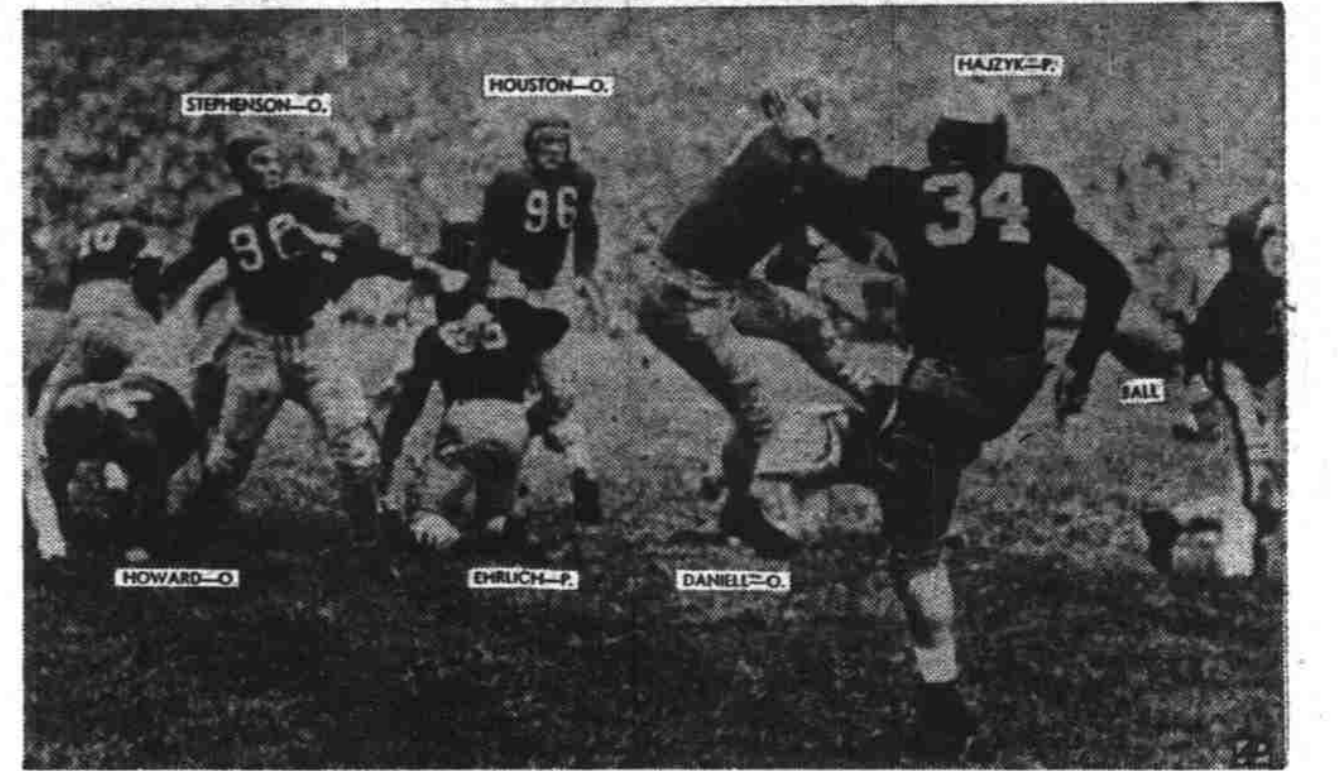
"We bumped into a mighty good club. The Oregon players are big, burly, and fast. We made a couple of mistakes and they scored a touchdown, just like that. Our blocking and tackling must improve. Allison said Russ Messer, 156-pound Oakland boy, had been shifted to first string fullback, replacing John McQuary of Los Angeles.

Edwin N. Atherton, Coast conference commissioner, produced figures to prove the new unlimited substitution rule is not slowing up the games to any great extent. He said the average time for all conference as well as major independent contests was 2 hours 24 minutes. The ideal game is considered 2 hours 30 minutes duration. The shortest conference game to date was played between Oregon State and Washington in 2:09 while the Stanford-Oregon contest was the longest, 2:56.

## Action on the Football Front Saturday



MICHIGAN MOVES—Harold Lockard, Michigan back, gains ground around left end in the first quarter during a Michigan drive to a touchdown in a Western conference game with Northwestern at Evanston, Ill. Don Clawson, NU fullback, tackled Lockard a moment later. Michigan won, 14-7.



BUCKEYES BLOCK—A first-period safety, the initial score of the game provided the margin of victory as Ohio State defeated Purdue, 16-14, in a Western conference clash at Columbus, O. Tackle Jim Danzell is seen blocking the punt by Robert Hajyk, Purdue quarterback. The ball (right-center) rolled into the end zone for a safety.



HUSKIES HUMBLE—In a game filled with fine running plays and passes, despite a steady rain lasting throughout the afternoon, the University of Washington team took the measure of the Uclans from Los Angeles by the score of 14-7. Photo shows Fullback Stackpool, whose play in the first half was sensational, scoring the first touchdown for the UW. Steele, another Washington back, is out in front to clear any possible Uclan tacklers out of the way.

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## Lanifero Fourth, WI Batting; Griffiths Sets Fielding Mark



BUNNY GRIFFITHS

## YMCA Slates Hoop Classes For Nov. 5

Coaches for the third year of the Salem YMCA basketball school were announced Monday night by Physical Director Carl Greider, who said the classes are to start November 5 and 8.

Harold Hawk, head coach at Salem high school, is to instruct the senior class, free to all young men over 15 years of age, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, November 5 to 26.

Gurnee Fleisher and Frank Brown, coaches of Leslie and Parrish junior high schools, will conduct the boys' class for Y members and Sunday school league players, at 11 a.m. Saturdays from November 8 to 23. Five teams were represented at the first Major and Minor basketball league meeting Monday night, and another session was set for November 10. Plans were considered, but no action taken.

## Jolley Wields Best Bludgeon; Pete Hughes Is Home Run King

Pardon, please, for mentioning such a summerish affair as baseball right in the thick of the football season, but the Western International league's final statistics are ready for the public, and, strange as it may seem, some of our Salem Senators didn't do badly therein.

For instance: Lashin' Freddy Lanifero is fourth best hitter in the league with a .332 average, Little Skipper Bunny Griffiths owns a new league fielding record for shortstops with .942 percentage, Bob Bergstrom is 10th best hitter in the loop with .323 and Lanifero established a record when he hit safely in 30 straight games.

Big Smudge Smead Jolley, who set practically all the hitting records in 1939, was again the top batsman this season. He took the batting title with a mark of .345, led in runs-batted in with 128 and total bases, 294.

Pete Hughes of Spokane was the leading home run hitter with 34, three under the league record of 37 established by Morrie Abbott in 1939, and scored the most runs, 139. He also received 156 bases on balls for a new league record.

Club and individual hitting records, for the top 10 of the league and all Salem players:

NAME AND CLUB	CLUB BATTING												
	G	AB	R	OH	H	XB	2B	3B	HR	SB	SH	LOB	Pct
Spokane	133	512	226	603	417	2010	264	71	69	70	134	1126	298
Yakima	134	482	205	633	374	1759	216	62	48	122	1462	214	
Vancouver	137	6729	740	630	3275	1892	235	34	100	98	81	2120	214
Lanifero, Fred, Salem	132	457	156	606	327	1753	218	59	66	63	81	1918	276
Wenatchee	130	4772	632	671	3327	1932	262	60	51	31	256	1153	258

NAME AND CLUB	INDIVIDUAL BATTING												
	G	AB	R	OH	H	XB	2B	3B	HR	SB	SH	LOB	Pct
Lebeck, Russell, Spokane	11	15	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	467
Jolley, F. Smead, Vancouver	133	533	80	184	294	30	4	24	0	0	0	245	345
Martinez, Henry, Spokane	129	451	114	128	31	14	6	5	23	23	0	239	339
McCormack, Levi, Spokane	128	505	131	191	274	23	7	2	11	24	0	239	339
Lanifero, Fred, Salem	132	457	156	606	327	1753	218	59	66	63	81	1918	276
Fleisher, Gurnee, Salem	29	81	13	23	136	36	0	0	2	0	0	294	329
Cole, Melvin, Tacoma	31	194	29	64	83	3	1	2	1	0	0	239	329
Myers, Kenneth H., Spokane	46	223	27	75	109	19	0	0	1	0	0	239	329
Johnson, William H., Yakima	132	452	84	191	238	31	1	1	1	0	0	239	329
Ortiz, Raymond, Vancouver	73	288	64	54	136	19	0	0	5	21	0	287	329
Bergstrom, Robert, Salem	132	452	127	114	179	23	4	7	4	18	0	239	329
Adams, Edward F., Salem	92	348	59	113	139	17	0	0	0	0	0	239	329
Warren, Jack C., Salem	78	217	31	62	83	16	0	0	2	0	0	239	329
Becker, Roy H., Salem	29	81	13	23	136	36	0	0	2	0	0	239	329
Griffiths, John, Salem	131	459	83	123	37	2	0	0	0	0	0	239	329
Cameron, Clinton, Salem	162	366	52	101	139	11	0	0	14	16	0	278	329
Bergstrom, Robert, Salem	132	452	127	114	179	23	4	7	4	18	0	239	329
George, Eddie, Salem	67	194	27	57	87	17	0	0	1	0	0	239	329
Higgins, George, Salem	29	77	15	30	36	3	0	0	1	1	0	239	329
Shinn, Leonard, Salem	25	81	9	20	37	7	0	0	1	0	0	239	329
Stiles, Charles E., Salem	169	405	48	97	127	1	0	0	1	0	0	239	329
Shoemaker, Charles, Salem	24	79	10	12	24	3	0	0	4	1	0	239	329
Shinn, Leonard, Salem	25	81	9	20	37	7	0	0	1	0	0	239	329
Schane, Charles, Salem	12	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	239	329
Lightner, Orville (Al), Salem	67	194	27	57	87	17	0	0	1	0	0	239	329
Dietrich, Francis, Salem	25	81	9	20	37	7	0	0	1	0	0	239	329
Pullin, Lee, Salem	25	81	9	20	37	7	0	0	1	0	0	239	329
Oliver, Dell, Salem	20	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	239	329

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