

From the
BLEACHERS
By AL LIGHTNER

Shame on You, Frisco

Leo "Frisco" Edwards, Salem's chief contribution to baseball's "Blind Tom" society, as well as being one of the peerless Perfection ten-pin topplers during the winter months, "blew" one down in Boyes Hot Springs, Calif., the other day when working the Seals' Regular-Yanigan training camp ball game.

According to reports on the incident by Bob Stevens, writer for a different Frisco's Chronicle Sporting Green, it seems that Ted Jennings, Seal third sacker, who has been trying to execute the hidden ball play for five years, was finally about to accomplish same on Rookie Wilfred Leonard, but the "umps" were more asleep than Wilfred.

Leonard had arrived at third base after a mate had smashed one into the outfield, and Jennings, after receiving the relay throw, hid the ball in his glove much the same as ex-Skip Bunny Griffiths used to do in catching "sleepers" for our Senators.

The rookie took his lead off third and Jennings pounced on him. Flabbergasted, the yearling dove back into third, but only after Jennings had definitely tagged him out. Neither our Frisco or base-ump Trainer Bobby Johnson saw the play.

"I got 'im, I got 'im," screamed Jennings.

"Oh, no you didn't," offered both umpires.

To which the one and only Lefty O'Doul added:

"He was out by two full strides, ya bums: call 'em right. Hey, Frisco, what's the first rule in the book? Isn't it 'keep your eyes on the ball'?"

Our Frisco admitted it was, that he should have been on the play. But Jennings' noble deed was in vain. They let the rookie stay put.

Hot Grapples
Promoter Don Owen's second attempt to revive wrestling in Salem turned out to be quite a slam-bang card, containing more mat action than has been seen in Salem in a long time. If the youthful promoter can repeat often with matches like the ones of Tuesday night, he won't have to worry about attendance.

During the Sockeye McDonald-"Sneeze" Achiu final, a youthful feminine fan was seen being assisted from the Armory auditorium—having become a little too much "wrapped up" in the hot fray, it upset her.

Wanna Play Ball?

Evidently the only one of its kind in the state, the baseball team of the Kappa Gamma Rho fraternity of Willamette has been trying to schedule games with fraternities of other colleges in Oregon, but to no avail as all answer that respective "frats" do not have hard-ball teams.

Gil Weiser, director of publicity at LU, as well as the would-be schedule-adopter for the Kaps, is now offering to slate spring games with any high school teams that are interested.

Hats Off—

To the mighty nice encyclopedia of fishing issued recently by the Field & Stream and Outdoor Life boys—a result of two years' research and planning, it tells, briefly and succinctly, how, where, when to fish and what to use for every type of fishing in fresh and salt water. The "Fishing and Vacation Year Book" also illustrates 594 drawings, pictures and how-to-do-it of practically every kind of American and Canadian game fish, and is truly a publication which its publishers can be well proud of.

Grounders & Pickups

Former All-American Bobby Grayson, Portland boy who showed the grid world how to play fullback for Stanford's Rose Bowl champs a few years back, was sworn in as a navy physical instructor recently, and is now at Annapolis for a month's training. . . . None of the four players peddled to Hollywood by Yakima this winter are acting like they want to return to the WFL—Al Lien and Ronnie Bryant teamed to pitch the Stars to a 4-1 win over Connie Mack's A's the other

Sports

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Statesman Sports Editor

Scheduling of Navy Grid Games Hints That Coast Football Will Be Played

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18—(AP)—Pacific Coast conference football for 1942 may be a doubtful quantity due to the army's 5000-crown limitation but the US navy, at any rate, is planning a football schedule with conference university teams.

Lieut. Frank Wickhorst, co-director of the athletic program at the navy's air cadet training station at St. Mary's, has asked both Stanford and the University of California to give the naval cadet gridiron squad a place on their schedules.

Re-arrangement of the entire 1942 schedule for the conference may have to come at the Portland meeting of the conference heads next week to provide for the games with the navy and also to make provision for the University of California's new academic three-semester plan.

"We will attempt to localize our schedule to fit war conditions," Al Masters, graduate manager at Stanford, said, in comment upon the request from Wickhorst. "This may necessitate dropping one of the games on our nine game schedule. It probably will be a conference opponent and not Santa Clara or Notre dame. We would like to accommodate the St. Mary's training team."

"It is likely that the entire football schedule of the conference will be arranged at Portland next week to accommodate changes caused by California's adoption of a new full year semester schedule."

At Berkeley, Ken Priestly, graduate manager of the University of California, said, "We are scheduled to play Oregon State in Portland on Saturday, October 3, and that is the last day of examinations for the summer semester. We will have to make some kind of readjustment on that game."

"Our attitude toward service teams was indicated last year when the UC Ramblers played four games."

Silverton Quint Will Lose Four Of Starting 5

SILVERTON—The Silver Fox basketball season, just completed, brought to an end the high school hoop careers of the five starters on Coach "Jiggs" Burnett's quintet. Those missing next year will be big John Day, center; Leon Peavey, forward; John Seeley and Kenny Anderson, guards. Bill Duncan, considered the fastest man on the squad, was the starters' only junior.

The Foxes completed an 18-game schedule, winning eight and losing 10, and wound up Big-9 league play in a tie for the title. The team was runner-up in district play.

Day led the team scoring with 156 points, followed by Peavey with 127, Anderson with 105 and Seeley with 101. All the boys are out for the baseball team now. Day is No. 1 pitcher on the Silver Fox nine.

Dodgers Down Cards

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 19—(AP)—Auggie Galan played first base in place of the injured Dolph Camilli, Thursday, and led the Brooklyn Dodgers to a 4-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in the first exhibition game between the two national league favorites this year.

Brooklyn (N) 4 9 1
St. Louis (N) 2 8 2
Higbe, French (4), Davis (8) and Owen; M. Cooper, Shoun (4), Gumbert (7), Dickson (9) and Odes, W. Cooper (6).

day, and Bill Johnson and Roy Younker have been doing their share of the hitting. . . . From the looks of things now, our Senators will be able to use a couple of Bill Johnsons this year. . . .

Flatbush Fans in Agony As 'Lippy' Leo Ignores Their Pet, Dixie Walker

By JUDSON BAILEY

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 19—(AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers are baring around from town to town in Florida while Fred (Dixie) Walker remained in exile with the second stringers' camp in Daytona Beach, and the agony of the fans back in Flatbush is audible all the way down here.

Manager Leo Durocher is being bombarded by letters and telegrams accusing him of all degrees of malice toward the veteran who batted .308 in 1940 and .311 in 1941 for two shining seasons as one of the Dodgers' regular outfielders.

But all this furore is lost on Durocher, who by long practice has become able to out-shout all the fans who can pack themselves into Brooklyn's Ebbets field.

Thursday Durocher declared, "I'm still the manager of this club in spite of what some of the fans may think and I'll keep right on picking my own lineup till Mr. MacPhail puts somebody in my place."

"But I'll tell you about this Walker business. I like him like a brother, but I wouldn't give my brother a place on the team unless he earned it and that goes for everybody on the club."

Walker reported late at Havana and in my opinion he is not in condition. Besides that I know what Walker can do and I have some other players with me who I want to watch.

"Walker is over 21 years old and he knows how to get himself in shape. He doesn't need me around to tell him what to do. As a matter of fact he likes to bat whenever he feels like it, sit down when he feels like it, and go out and snag flies when he feels like it."

"That isn't the way I get a ball club into shape, but if that's the way Walker thinks he can do best for himself, then he can go ahead."

"I may not like the way he wants to train, but when the season opens there won't be any prejudice against him. These games down here don't mean a thing and I wouldn't be using several of my regulars right now if I had enough players here to give them a rest."

"But when the National league season opens I'll pick my strongest lineup irrespective of friendship or anything else. I'll even say that there is another fellow on this club who is a real good friend of mine, but won't be in there if he doesn't show something before the season opens."

"I want to win that championship again and outside of that nothing else matters."

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