

Sports

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From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

Saw our Senators play in war-boomed, city gone crazy Tacoma over the weekend, and although impressions gained after only a few games don't amount to much, listed are the highlights noted:

Playing conditions were worse than any seen in the past four years' openers. In Sunday's doubleheader a gale was blowing out of the south, and snow was actually expected any minute. No need saying it was brutal on the players, all of them. Most of Saturday's opener was played in a downpour—in fact it was started in the rain.

Kenny Clow will definitely win ball games. He had the opener on his hip, but a couple of calls by Amby Moran's partner, newcomer Ed Harris, on the bases, caused more than a little commotion.

The coldness could be blamed for the miserable showing of all five hurlers who worked Sunday. Moore and Smith had nothing compared to what they showed here in spring work. Schanz was worse than that but staggered through. Kelly and Holmes were wilder than the wind. It was evident that all but Schanz had not had enough spring training.

Moore was getting by splendidly on what he had until Clint Cameron forgot to touch first base on one of Johnson's perfect throws with two outs.

He could have gotten into the clear at that as the next two Tacoma batters tapped grounders that could have been just as easy as they were.

Cameroon and one on George, but they went for infield hits. The first was a high bonner at Cameroon—he tried to field it on the short hop, but succeeded in kicking it all over the place and it went for a hit.

George had his in time but took too long to throw it and it went for another hit. Then the defuse started. Seven runs on what we figured was three hits, three errors, two walks and none of them earned.

Moore had fanned Roy Younger and Morry Abbott for the first two outs, too.

Sweat Department Okeh

The Solon sock department will do all right. Gonzales, Leininger, Warren and Caliteaux were hitting 'em on the nose, especially Gonzales. Bill Johnson had a bad day and went hitless in both games, fanning twice with the bases loaded, and that's unusual.

Warren's arm is so sore he can't make a throw to second base. Another indication that there wasn't enough practice time.

Whoever said that Abbott and Holmes were in shape were spoofing, as Abbott looks just like Bucky Harris did most of the time—you can't see his belt buckle for his midsection.

The Senator outfield of Gonzales, Peterson and Leininger look very good. They hauled down some swell catches. But when you see a man tag up third and score after Pete gathers one from short center, you know they're not ready yet.

Diminutive Del Schroe's arm is still troublesome, but he handled 12 chances faultlessly, and rapped two hits in his debut Monday night. He's capable of making a lot of fans forget all about Bunny Griffith's shortstopping.

Pete Wins Argument

Peterson won his first argument as a Skipper Sunday when Del Holmes attempted to bunt a third strike. Amby Moran, behind the plate, gave no indication whether he was out, still at bat or in the dugout and Holmes stayed right in the batters' box. Peterson flew in from center, the argument began and wound up with Amby's partner giving Amby the tip-off that Holmes had actually attempted to bunt.

All Caliteaux looked fine at second base, coming up with some nice plays. He and Schroe teamed for the Solons' first double play Monday. As soon as they became keystones acquainted, they should take care of that part of the diamond okeh.

Tacoma has a fine infield—Art Lilly at short looked particularly above par. Dave Moltor at third has a powerful arm, but appeared weak on ground balls. Roy Younger is playing second, and Charlie Benson, who led the Pioneer loop in rapping last year, is on 1b. The Tigers definitely do not look strong at the plate, however. Salem may not have the potential power the Tigers possess, but should exhibit them.

Caps Appear Best

First series indications point to Bob Brown's Caplanos as the No. 1 nine of the circuit. Brown's flock of options, some of whom Salem might have had, are go-

Cleveland Cops Ninth in Row; Replace Yankees Atop Loop

Hit Hapless A's For Top Rung; Bombers Bow

PHILADELPHIA, April 22—(AP)—The Cleveland Indians notched their ninth consecutive victory Tuesday and gained undisputed possession of first place in the American league with a 3 to 4 victory over the Athletics.

The Tribe climbed into top place as the New York Yankees dropped a 3 to 1 decision to St. Louis.

Led by Jeff Heath who pounded out two singles and a triple, the Indians socked two A's hurlers for 13 hits while Jim Bagby gave up a similar number but was tough in the clutches.

Cleveland020 300 010—6 13 0
Philadelphia000 101 011—4 13 0
Bagby and Desautels; Knott, Christopher (4) and Wagner.

Browns Bop Yanks

NEW YORK, April 22—(AP)—The St. Louis Browns bounced off the floor of a nine-game losing streak Tuesday to trip the world champion New York Yankees 3 to 1 and knock them out of their tie for first place in the American league.

St. Louis.....000 002 001—3 8 0
New York.....000 100 000—1 6 0
Auker and Swift; Ruffing and Dickey.

Bostons 6, Tigs 1

BOSTON, April 22—(AP)—Hal White, rookie Detroit right hander, who registered shutout victories in his first two starts, was knocked out of the box Tuesday as the Boston Red Sox beat the Tigers 6 to 1 in their series opener.

White, Newhouse (7), and Tebbetts; Wagner and Conroy, Peacock (2).

Bobo 4, Sox 3

WASHINGTON, April 22—(AP)—Washington dealt the Chicago White Sox their fifth straight defeat Tuesday, 4-3, as Buck Newsom registered his second victory of the season, permitting nine hits.

Chicago000 200 010—3 9 1
Wash.110 000 02x—4 6 2
Smith and Turner; Newsom and Evans.

Huskies Hop On WSC 9 for 4th Straight

SEATTLE, April 22—(AP)—Washington chalked up its fourth straight northern division baseball victory Tuesday in turning back Washington State's loose fielding nine, 12-3.

Bob Cummins, a first year varsity chucker on the sophomore-dominated Washington team, turned back the Cougars with only six hits while his mates were raking two WSC pitchers for 16.

The Huskies clinched it in the sixth inning when they converted six hits into six runs.

Norm Dalthorp, Cy Stephens and Emmett Watson led the Washington attack with three hits apiece.

The game ended a disastrous six-game road trip for the Cougars, who bagged only one game.

The score: WSC.....100 020 000—3 6 6
Washington 202 106 01x—12 16 1
Aries, Olsen (6) and Davison; Cummins and Watson.

Wilhelm, Ex-State League Head, Dies

EUGENE, April 22—(AP)—George W. Wilhelm, 66, for many years president of the State Baseball league, died here Tuesday of a heart attack.

At the time of his death he was chairman of the Lane county USO drive.

Maple Applies For Work on Alaska Road

Howard Maple, business manager of the Salem Senators baseball club, and track and basketball coach at Willamette university, is applying for a position on the highway being built to Alaska, it was disclosed Tuesday. The nature of Maple's application was not disclosed, however.

Fred Carl Sumner Knopf, of Willamette, said Maple had asked for a leave of absence until the beginning of the fall term, but Knopf said he doubted that Maple would return to Salem by that time should he be accepted to work on the road job.

Maple had nothing to say for publication late Tuesday night other than that he had applied for the leave of absence. He said that it had not been granted yet.

Mrs. George E. Waters, owner-president of the ball club, said Tuesday night that she had "nothing to say at this time."

Maple also is a Salem city councilman from ward seven, by appointment, and is a candidate for election to the position on May 15.

Vikings Handed 1-Hit Shutout By OSC Rooks

CORVALLIS—(Special)—Held to one lone single, Coach Harold Hauk's Salem high school club chinned 5 to 0 defeat from a heavy lumbering gang of Oregon State Rook swatsmiths here Tuesday afternoon.

Respectable Jim Larson, Rook righty, shutout the capital city club for six innings without a blow. Harter Scheble, swift southpaw, then took the hill and Gordy McMorris quickly drove out the only Vik hit, a sharp single to right.

The loss was the fourth straight in regular scheduled games for the Haukmen who now trek to Albany Thursday night for a non-divisional No-Name league battle with Dwight Adams' Bulldogs.

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How They STAND...

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
Vancouver W L Pct. W L Pct.
Tacoma 3 1 750/Salem 0 4 000
Tuesday's Results
Salem at Spokane—(Postponed).
Vancouver at Tacoma—(Postponed).

COAST LEAGUE
Seattle W L Pct. W L Pct.
Portland 14 7 587/Hollywood 12 13 500
Los Ang. 12 8 519/Boston 7 8 467
Oakland 12 10 545/San Fran. 7 14 333
St. Diego 12 12 520/Sacramen 7 14 333
Tuesday's Results
At Portland-Oakland—(Postponed).
At Seattle 2, Hollywood 6.
At San Francisco 4, Sacramento 7.
At Los Angeles 5, San Diego 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Brooklyn W L Pct. W L Pct.
Boston 12 3 800/St. Louis 6 6 500
Pittsburgh 8 5 515/Boston 7 8 467
New York 7 7 500/Cincinnati 6 8 383
Chicago 7 7 500/Philadelphia 3 11 214
Tuesday's Results
Brooklyn 7, Cincinnati 3.
St. Louis 10, New York 4 (10 innings).
Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 1.
Boston 6, Chicago 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Cleveland W L Pct. W L Pct.
New York 4 4 507/St. Louis 6 6 429
Boston 4 4 507/Chicago 3 9 259
Detroit 2 6 271/Philadelphia 3 10 231
Tuesday's Results
St. Louis 3, New York 1.
Cleveland 6, Philadelphia 4.
Washington 4, Chicago 2.

Pacific-Linfield Split Conference Openers

McMINNVILLE, Ore., April 22—(AP)—Pacific university and Linfield college opened the north-west conference baseball season here Tuesday by splitting a doubleheader.

Pacific won the opener, 4 to 1, behind the five-hit hurling of Lee Hagedorn. Linfield reversed the procedure in the nightcap, limiting Pacific to five blows and winning, 9 to 4.

Field Meet Postponed

GRAND ISLAND—The annual field meet which was scheduled to be held here Friday, April 24, but was postponed due to inclement weather, has again been set up to a future date due to the same thing.

School districts included in the event are Hopewell, Fairview, Wheatland, Unionvale, Pleasantdale, Webfoot and Grand Island.

Applies for Enlistment

PORTLAND, April 22—(AP)—Jesse Truax, 20, Corvallis, Oregon interscholastic sprint champion in 1939, applied for enlistment Tuesday in the navy's new flying cadet group.

Motorist Fined

SILVERTON—Talmadge L. Shipp, who was picked up for speeding without lights Saturday night, was fined \$5 in police court by Bert Terry. Shipp gave his home address as Portland. The arrest was made by Chief Vic Grossnickle.

Cincy Riddle No Riddle to Brooklyn Bums

CINCINNATI, April 22—(AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers showed their wrath to the west Tuesday for the first time this season and routed Elmer Riddle in less than two innings to beat the Cincinnati Reds, 7 to 3.

Brooklyn231 000 001—7 8 2
Cincinnati300 000 000—3 6 0
Wyatt, Casey (2) and Sullivan; Riddle, Beggs (2) and Lamanno.

Braves 6, Cubs 3

CHICAGO, April 22—(AP)—The Boston Braves ganged up on big Bill Lee for four runs in the fourth inning Tuesday to defeat the Chicago Cubs, 6 to 2, on a total of 12 hits against three pitchers.

Boston000 401 001—6 12 1
Chicago001 100 100—3 8 2
Tost, Erickson (7), and Klutz; Lee, Flores (8), Fleming (9) and Hernandez, Scheffing (7).

Bucs 7, Phils 1

PITTSBURGH, April 22—(AP)—Earl Naylor, a made-over outfielder, was assigned the thankless task of pitching for the Philadelphia Phils Tuesday but his teammates helped to make his first mound start a weary one as the Pittsburgh Pirates romped to a 7-1 victory.

Philadelphia 000 000-100-1 9 1
Pittsburgh001 023 10x—7 13 0
Naylor, Beck (6) and Warren; Butcher and Lopez.

Cards 5, NY 4

ST. LOUIS, April 22—(AP)—Johnny Hopp, who had been held hitless in four earlier chances, banged a stinging double through Second Baseman Mickey Witke in the tenth inning today to score Terry Moore from second and give the St. Louis Cardinals a 5 to 4 victory over the New York Giants.

New York 020 100 100-4 11 2
St. Louis 010 210 000-1-5 9 1
Melton and Danning; Gumbert, Lanier (7) and W. Cooper.

Our Senators Weathered; Home May 5

The Salem Senator-Spokane Indian baseball game which was to have been played at Spokane Tuesday night was called off on account of weather conditions.

Right-hander Con Rasmussen was scheduled to twirl his debut for the Solons, and weather permitting, will climb the Ferris field mound tonight.

The Solons play Spokane the rest of this week, winding up the series with a doubleheader next Sunday. They return to Salem to open the season here next Tuesday night, May 5, playing against Tacoma.

Day Hurls Fox Nine to Title With 1-Hitter

SILVERTON—Behind the brilliant 1-hit mound performance of Lefty John Day, Silverton's Silver Fox ball club won the lower half of the Big-9 league here Tuesday with a 4-0 win over Molalla. Day had a perfect no-run, no-hitter with two men out in the ninth inning, but gave up a single to Gribble. He walked only one Buckaroo batter, and fanned 13.

The big lefthander faced only 21 batters.

The win marked the seventh straight for the Foxes, who now await the league playoffs here Friday with a clean loss slate.

Woodburn and Molalla, tied for second place, will play today to determine the lower division's second entry in Friday's playoffs.

Molalla000 000 000—0 1 2
Silverton310 000 00x—4 6 2
Larson, Nicholson and Gribble; Day and Simmons.

Oregon Snows Idaho Under 8-0 Score

EUGENE, Ore., April 22—(AP)—Bob Rieder limited Idaho to five scattered hits Tuesday, and the University of Oregon baseball team converted his efforts into an 8-to-0 victory.

Rieder also took part in the run-making. He, Ted Philip and Dick Burns each collected two hits.

It was Oregon's third coast conference northern division victory in five games and the fourth straight defeat for Idaho.

Idaho000 000 000—0 5 4
Oregon011 330 00x—8 9 1
Crowley, Parks (6) and Knopka; Rieder, Taylor (9) and Philip.

Ott's Infield—Playing Good Ball, Too



Four men tried and true—that's the stalwart group making up the new infield of Manager Mel Ott's New York Giants. (Left to right), Johnny Mize, ex-St. Louis Card, first base; Mickey Witke, up from Newark, second base; Billy Jurges, ex-Chicago Cub, shortstop, and Billy Werber, ex-Cincinnati Redleg, third base. Mize hit .317 last year and has been whaling 'em hard and far this season.

Now There's New Trend Among Major League Skippers--The Jitters

By WHITNEY MARTIN
WIDE WORLD SPORTS COLUMNIST

NEW YORK, April 22—(AP)—It may be just imagination, and again it might be an actual trend of the times, but it seems there is more than the usual mental fluttering and uncertainty and downright desperation on the major league ball fields this year.

Not so much among the players as among the managers, who seem to be wearing their fright-wigs continually and through their jittery manipulation of players get themselves into more jams than a kid in a pantry.

We watched tough old Casey Stengel, usually about as excitable as a bin of oats, get himself all tangled up in his lineup the other day so it took him about five minutes to get straightened out.

That might have been just an exception, but when Frankie Frisch uses up all his catchers as pinch hitters and then must send out a call for volunteers and some up with Frankie Gustine behind the plate; when Jimmy Dykes gets his batting order scrambled so that Harry Skelchey misses his turn, and when practically every pilot uses so many men it looks like they are trying out a new unlimited substitution rule, well, maybe it wasn't so exceptional after all.

Just glance back through the box scores and you'll get an idea of what we mean. Measured for length, they look like a delinquent tax list. An 18-man ball game is about as common as a no-hit game.

The Pirates used 26 men the day Casey suddenly found himself all padded up behind the bat and wishing he'd kept his big mouth shut, and just last Sunday the Cubs, Cards and Phils each used 16 men, with most of the other clubs not far behind. In fact, 14 players are about par. Even Joe McCarthy, who would seem to have nothing to worry about but the price of eggs, sent 17 men into a game the other day.

The Stengel affair was a masterpiece of confusion, with players galloping about every which way like kids on an Easter egg hunt and not sure whether they were going in the lineup, had been in or still were in.

The game had progressed in more or less orthodox fashion until the seventh. That is, the Braves were losing and there didn't seem much that could be done about it.

The first two Braves up in the seventh hit safely, and immediately Stengel, master-minding in the third base coaching box, went into frenzied action.

The reliable Johnny Cooney, who had gone into right field the inning before, hadn't touched the ball and hadn't batted yet, was removed for a pinch hitter. Ernie Lombardi, as a pinch hitter, was struck amidships by the first pitch, trotted down to first and left the game for a pinch runner.

Things were happening so fast that Casey was wearing a path from the coaching box to the bench to peer at his squinting Braves and select one at random to go to bat.

The Braves filled the bases, but couldn't score, and then came the job of getting the lineup untangled. Casey went into a huddle with the umpires and his own assistants, and after much semaphoring to the bull pen and checking of the players still remaining on the bench finally got a team on the field without breaking any rules. He flagged down Phil Masi just as the catch was half way to the clubhouse and by means of smoke signals and finger pointing got him located in right field.

And that's just a sample of what's going on in the majors these days. Or maybe it should be that that's going on in the majors.

Hollies Halt Seattle Drive With 6-2 Win

SEATTLE, April 22—(AP)—Hollywood unloosed a 14-hit attack to defeat the loopy-leading Seattle Rainiers Tuesday night in the opener of their Pacific Coast league series.

John Bitter had his fire-ball working nicely as he held the champions to six hits while his mates were keeping Carl Fischer in continual trouble during his six innings on the mound.

Hollywood020 013 000—6 14 2
Seattle000 100 100—2 6 2
Bitter and Atwood, Brenzel (4); Fischer, Libke (7) and Collins.

Sacs 7, Seals 4

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22—(AP)—Night game: Sacramento000 032 101—7 15 4
S. Francisco.....011 002 000—4 10 4
Schmidt and Mueller; Gibson, Epperly (7), Joyce (9) and Ogdowski.

LA 5, Padres 4

LOS ANGELES, April 22—(AP) Night game: San Diego.....000 100 030—4 14 3
Los Angeles.....100 300 01x—5 8 3
Hebert, Thomas (8), Olsen (8) and Salkeld; Mallory, Davis (6), Raffensberger (8) and Todd.

Salem Mermaids Place in Meet

Two Salem mermaids placed among the winners of last weekend's State AAU Invitational swimming meet at the Multnomah Athletic club. Janet Rodgers took second in the 100-yard breast stroke for girls 16 years and under, and Leah Smith also had a second to Brenda Helser in the 100-yard women's freestyle.

Miss Smith was also a member of the MAAC B team which placed third in the National Senior relay. The third gave Miss Smith her second National swimming medal—she won her first in the National Junior relay and the second in the Senior.

Principal at School Parley

WEST SALEM—Tre Oregon state supervisor's dinner at Monmouth Friday was attended by Principal Dashiell of the local school. All the other members of the faculty with the exception of Ralph Nelson and Ira Duitgen, were present at the sessions held on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood have moved back to their home on Plaza street. Wood returned from Pendleton and will take up his former employment here.

Principal and Mrs. Leighton Dashiell are receiving felicitations on the birth of a son Friday at the Bartlett hospital in Dallas. The baby has been named Larry Leighton.

Rev. and Mrs. Don Huckabee, who visited the past ten days at the home of Mrs. Huckabee's parents in Oklahoma, returned to their home Friday.

Meet the Solons



Meet Delbert "Diminutive Del" Schroe

Delbert Schroe, pint-sized shortstop of our Salem Senators. Del is 19 years old, hasn't had to register for the draft yet, stands 5-foot 5-inches in height and weighs 145 pounds. He's also a Portland boy, born and raised in the Rose City and calls it home now. This is Del's first year in professional ball, having played with Medford of the State wheel last year. He hit .325. The pee-wee shortstop is equipped with speed, a good arm and has been referred to by many as the sensational type fielder. He also can hit a long ball despite his size. Del made his professional debut Monday night at Tacoma, handling 12 fielding chances without an error and got two hits. A sore arm has hampered his spring work, but as soon as it heals sufficiently, Del can be expected to cavort at short in commendable fashion. Should he continue to play as he has proven he is capable of playing, he will bolster the Solon infield to a great extent. Makes an ideal lead-off man.

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Bevo-Oak Opener Weathered Off

Tuesday night's scheduled Oakland-Portland baseball game at Portland was postponed due to unfavorable conditions. A doubleheader will be played Thursday night, the first game starting at 8 p.m.

ing great guns, especially in the pitching department. When the rest of the under-trained members of the loop get in shape it should develop into an even chase for the flag. That is, if Vancouver doesn't get too big a jump on the rest of the field.

Peterson said Monday that when the Solons return to Salem next Tuesday, May 5, to open the local season, they will have played themselves in shape, found the best combination available, but will still be looking for another first baseman and pitching help.

With such help our Senators can stack up with any of the other three clubs.

Nat Ace With Broken Leg

What hopes the Washington Senators had