

Sudden Skyrocketing by Nats Has Even Griffith Guessing

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP) Even the man who owns them, Clark Griffith, isn't quite sure what is keeping the Washington Senators, current winners of the American league, so high in the race.

"It's got all kinds of funny angles," the "old man" said Thursday. "I guess you've got to say it's the spirit. These fellows have found out they can win, so they simply go on winning."

"Well, that's another of those peculiarities, puzzling to figure out," he admitted. "We aren't hitting a lick, you might say, yet Stan Spence, with about .167 average, leads the league in runs batted in."

"A team that scores that way must have a lot of speed and we have it in runners like Case, Sullivan, Vernon and one or two others."

From the BLEACHERS

Saw the ex-Yogi man Lou Nova down at Camp Adair the other day—he's there all this week and will put on an exhibition for the men in the huge field house Friday night. Hard to tell who's getting the break there—Nova or the soldiers...



GIL LEISER

Check In Your Own Back Yard, Boys

The man with the sack brought us yesterday morning a well-signed letter wanting to know how come Parrish gets all that publicity in the Statesman while Leslie gets none.

And you're all wrong on that favoritism stuff. Far as we're concerned, it's may the best team win whenever Parrish and Leslie get together.

Woe Is WU—Leiser Is Leaving

Gil Leiser, Willamette U's overgrown publicity man, ex-Collegian sports editor and columnist, tennis team letter winner this season and once in a while a distinct pain in the neck to the Bearcat athletic family...

In parting, Leiser listed the highlights of his four years at WU, brightest of which came at the end. He won every conference tennis match he was in this spring to earn his one and only gold "W"...

Could Kill the Guy, Yet—

Big and busy Gil drew the wrath of many at times because he inadvertently kept getting those irons mixed up and often showed up at the wrong place at the right time or the right place at the wrong time.

The Sports Front—15 Years Ago:

May 28, 1928—Jack Benefiel, graduate manager of the University of Oregon, presided as chairman at the meeting of Pacific Coast conference graduate managers at Missoula, Mont., yesterday.

Husky Grid Outlook Goes Up; 1300 Naval Trainees Coming

SEATTLE, May 27 (AP)—College football prospects for 1943 are just about as clear as one of those Aleutian fogs, but Coach Ralph "Pete" Welch thought he saw a light Thursday.

Lewis Scores Kayo in 7th

OAKLAND, Calif., May 27 (AP) Paul Lewis, crack young middleweight prospect, stopped Al Walker in the seventh round of their scheduled 10-round fight here Wednesday night.

NBA's Greene Blames Boxing Bumbles on NYAC

By SID FEDER PATERSON, N. J., May 27 (AP) As a guy who gets around, Abe Greene looked over the situation Thursday and decided "boxing and his inexplicable gyrations are growing screwier by the day."

Back in the Rut Beavers Drop 4-3 Job in 12 Innings

LOS ANGELES, May 27 (AP)—Portland and Los Angeles Thursday played their second 12-inning game in as many days, but this time the Angels won, 4 to 3.

Suds Finally Win One From Seals, 7 to 4

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27 (AP) The Seattle Rainiers broke into the win column of their current series with the San Francisco Seals when they defeated the local club Thursday, 7 to 4.

Boston Trips Tribe Twice

BOSTON, May 27 (AP)—The Boston Red Sox, back home for an extended stand, defeated the league leading Cleveland Indians twice Thursday, taking the morning encounter 2-0 and following up with a 4-3 decision over the league leaders in the afternoon.

Schanz Downs Twinks, 5-2

SAN DIEGO, May 27 (AP)—The San Diego Padres founded their former teammate, Bill Thomas, for four runs in a fifth-inning outburst to defeat Hollywood, 5 to 2.

Wolves Play At Albany

CAMP ADAIR (Special)—The Camp Adair Timber Wolves ball club, defeated only once in seven starts this season, plays a return game with the Eugene Guletta Reds this Sunday on Central field in Albany.

Ortiz Retains Bantam Crown

LONG BEACH, Calif., May 27 (AP)—Manuel Ortiz, world's bantam-weight champion, retained his title Wednesday night by punching out a unanimous decision in 15 rounds over Joe Roberto of Pasadena, California.

Grant Wins Portland Baseball Championship

PORTLAND, May 27 (AP)—Grant high school won the Portland prep baseball league for the first time by trouncing Franklin's defending champs, 14 to 4, Wednesday.

Term to End

SPRING VALLEY—The school term here will end Friday. On Saturday an all-day picnic will be held at the school starting at 10 o'clock.

Dayton Wins

DAYTON—The Dayton grade school won two games of softball here recently. Boys won 26-26, girls 22-7.

Washington Senators Climb Atop Heap In American League Pennant Chase

Buccos Blast Brooks Again; 4 Bums Chased

Leaders Suffer 2nd Straight Setback

PITTSBURGH, May 27 (AP) After tying the score with a three-run seventh-inning rally, the Pittsburgh Pirates added four more in a tempestuous eighth inning upstaging Thursday night and beat the league leading Brooklyn Dodgers for the second straight time, 9 to 5.

A near riot occurred on the field during the big eighth-inning uprising when pitcher Johnny Allen rushed umpire George Barr after he had called a balk. Allen, Freddy Fitzsimmons, Rube Melton and Lester Webber all were banished from the game.

Shortstop Huck Gentry's stinging single with the bases packed in the eighth with the score tied, sent home two runners. When Fred Walker's throw to the plate was wide, a third run counted and Gentry reached third.

Allen passed Jimmy Russell, putting men on first and third. When Barr called the balk, Gentry scored.

'Junior' Cops Thursday Play

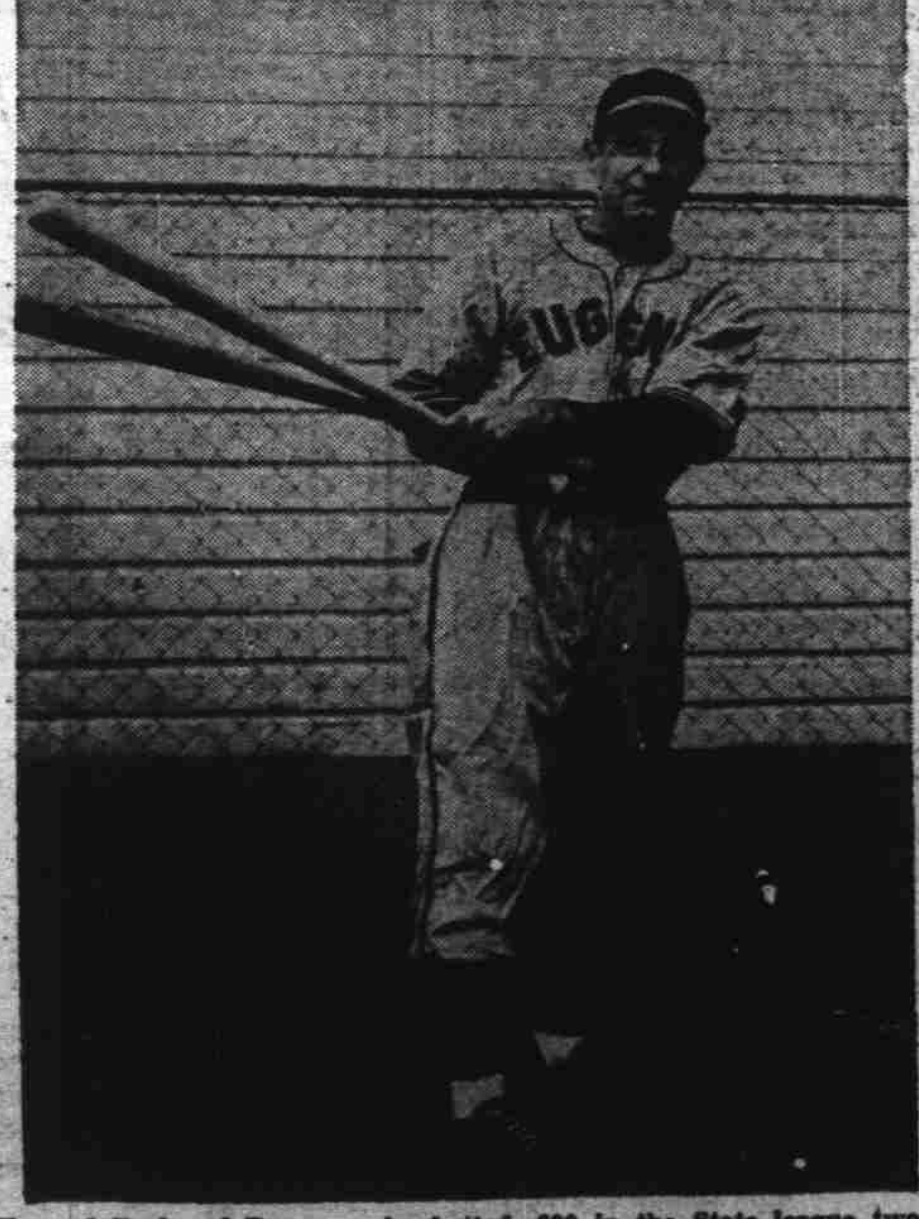
Walt Cline, Jr., returning to the local golfing front after a stretch in the army, yesterday proved he still knows the lingo of the links by snatching first place in the regular Thursday play on the Salem club layout.

A "tombsone" tourney was the order for yesterday's play-par plus handicap over the back nine holes. Cline came closest to his stake on the 10th hole after he, "Monk" Alley and Tony Painter had tied on the nine holes.

Giants 3, Cubs 2

CHICAGO, May 27 (AP)—The New York Giants squeezed out a 3 to 2 victory over the Chicago Cubs again Thursday with Johnny Wittig pitching four-hit ball although a streak of wildness forced him to be rescued in the ninth inning.

Faces Timber Wolves Sunday



Howard Parks of Eugene, who batted .600 in the State league two years ago, will be in right field Sunday at Albany when the Eugene team meets the Camp Adair Timber Wolves in a 2 p.m. game.

TERRIFIC TEX - By Jack Sords



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Beat Brownies While Tribe Downed Twice

Wynn Wins by 4-2, Tosses 7-Hitter

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP) The Washington Senators trounced St. Louis, 4 to 2, Thursday night to take over first place in the American league. A crowd of 13,900 fans turned out to see the Senators reach the top.

Washington moved into first place as Cleveland dropped a double-header to Boston and New York bowed to Detroit.

The Senators, one of the league's surprise packages of the season, clubbed 18 blows off Al Hollingsworth, Paul Dean and Arch McKain to register their second straight night win over the Browns.

Early Wynn, who went the route for Washington, gave up seven blows, three of them by Floyd Baker. It was Wynn's third victory against as many losses. Stan Spence snapped out of a dismal batting slump with three singles and a double to lead Washington's attack.

Tigers Defeat Yankees, Tie 'Em for Third

Newhouser Red Hot; Gordon Hits Homer

NEW YORK, May 27 (AP)—Lefty Hal Newhouser pitched the Detroit Tigers into a tie with the New York Yankees for third place in the American league Thursday with a 3 to 2 victory in the first meeting of the clubs this year.

Newhouser's four-hit hurling was highlighted by 14 strike outs, largest for a pitcher in a major league game this season.

All of the scoring came on two home runs in the fourth inning.

In the top half of the fourth Dick Wakefield dropped a pop fly back of short for a single and Ned Harris drew the only walk given up by Alsey Donald.

Donald, Murphy (9) and Hemmley. It was the fifth straight defeat for the American league champions.

Phils Flopped By Reds, 7-0

CINCINNATI, May 27 (AP)—Cincinnati hitting came to life with a bang Thursday as the Reds, backed by Elmer Riddle's four-hit hurling, pounded two Philadelphia pitchers for 15 safeties and a 7-0 victory, their second straight shut-out.

Fourteen of the blows were off their old teammate St. Johnson.

Phila. . . . 000 000 000—7 15 0 Johnson, Fogarty (7) and Livingston; Riddle and Mueller.

14,894 See A's Tip Sox

PHILADELPHIA, May 27 (AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics ganged up on Johnny Humphries for a four run outburst in the sixth inning Thursday night and defeated the Chicago White Sox 7 to 5 before 14,894 fans at Shibe park.

Chicago . . . 000 101 001—5 11 1 Philadelphia . . . 003 064 007—7 5 0 Humphries, Wallisberger (6) and Turner; Wolff and Swift.

Commission Forecasts Weekend Angling 'Best of Season'

PORTLAND, Ore., May 27 (AP)—Oregon fishermen should have their best luck of the season this week-end. The state fish commission, in its weekly angling bulletin, Thursday reported conditions good with the exception of some eastern and central areas.

The county-by-county summary: Columbia—Most streams favorable, with the Nehalem river best bet.

Washington—All streams low and clear except lower Gales creek.

Lane—Limit catches the last few days in Blue river; good catches from South fork of the McKenzie and Middle fork of the Willamette.

Clatsop—Fair trout catches being made in Necanicum river and lower Nehalem; smaller streams now favorable for fly fishing.

Cook—Good catches reported from Coquille river. The May fly season is on at Lakeside.

Douglas—Fishing in Umpqua river has improved greatly.

Lincoln—Very good catches of bass taken from Devils lake.

Tillamook—Nehalem river fair.

Josephine—Limit trout catches being taken on files in all streams.

Crook—Fair catches reported from Ochoee, Marks and Allen creeks.

Deschutes—Nice catches being taken from Pauline and East lakes and from the Deschutes river near Pringle Falls.

Jefferson—Metolius river improving; Deschutes river fair.

Wasco—Many limits of salmon are being taken in the Deschutes river at Sherar's bridge.

Baker—Streams remain high but angling is improving.

Harney—Silver, Rattlesnake, and Spring creeks yielding good catches.

Lake—Mountain streams too high; others fair.

Klamath—Klamath and Link rivers are good for bait and spinners; Cherry creek, Wood river and Seven Mile creek are fair for bait fishing.

Malheur—Lower Owyhee river turning out some nice bass on deep-running plugs.

Union—Streams and rivers high; fishing poor.

Oaks 4, Sacs 2

SACRAMENTO, May 27 (AP)—Ralph Buxton, Oakland right-hander, celebrated his return to the role of full-time pitcher by hurling the acorns to a 4-2 victory over the Sacramento Solons in a Pacific Coast league baseball game here Thursday. Buxton, until this week, had pitched for the Acorns only on Sunday, working other days in a bay area shipyard.

Oakland . . . 000 003 001—4 9 1 Sac . . . 000 200 000—2 7 2 Buxton and E. Raimondi; Tintar and Petersen.

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