

From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

How come Ray Elliott, our old Senator jack o' all trades—coach, pitcher, infielder, outfielder, bus driver—signs San Francisco Seals contract when last you heard he was in the army air forces with a broken back? That's just exactly it—the broken back.

Likeable Ray finally healed up after months flat on that back (hurt while trying to conquer an obstacle course), was handed a medical discharge and came back to Portland. Being a ballgame and seeing that it is February, the annual early-year baseball itch doubtless caught up with him and he hauled out the glove and spikes for another whirl at it. And with ball teams and leagues being what they are nowadays, wouldn't surprise a bit to see Ray stick right with the O'Doulers. Anything can happen in baseball these days—anything . . . Add "It Could Happen Only in Wartime": Clarence Marshall of Bellingham, who did some relief hurling for Seattle last season, has signed his 1944 Rainiers contract. He has been playing basketball for Western Washington college this winter.



RAY ELLIOTT

... Guess new Coast League Boss "Pants" Rowland thinks our Frisco Edwards is okeh too. Canning four boys in blue and keeping Frisco is one way of saying "yer okeh." Now if "Pants" will only hike our man's pay about fifty bucks a month, Frisco will return the compliment. . . Candidate for world's worst pin-up boy: Bulldog Jackson. Yipe, wot a kisser he does have! He's still the colorful old cuss he's always been, though . . .

Navycat Basketball Statistics

Official statistics—that is, if you'll accept ours as official, they having been compiled by checking back through the files game for game and actually "proving" themselves after a double check—reveal that Ron Runyan was No. 1 Navycat basketball scorer for the 'Cats 19-game campaign, his 80 points two better than the 78s turned in by George Lund and Bill Stroud.

True, 80 points in 18 games (18 is the number in which Runyan played) isn't anything to make Hank Luisetti worry—averages only 4.44 per game to be exact—but considering that Duke Trotter's "decker" system called on the services of 19 players over the route, and nearly all 19 got to play quite often, it isn't bad.

Behind Runyan's 80 and the 78s by Lund and Stroud, the rest of the 'Cats finished up as follows: Paul Folquet 70; Ben Director 64; Roy Oberst 62; Dick Maxwell 39; Wally Brownlee 37; Jim Frank 29; Kenny King 20; John Copenhaver 17; Clark Brown, Carl Plass, George Russell and Bob Warner all with 13; Gordy Kunke 11; Dick Adams 5; Jim Porter 4 and Jack Hannam 0. All totaling 646 points for a 34 points-per-game average. And these figures check with the final scores posted by Willamette in all 19 games she played.

The opposition tallied aggregate 756 points for a 39.8 per game average, the difference between the two averages proving the 'Cats didn't have such a fightful five as their won and lost record would indicate. They won only five and lost 14, but it's nothing to be ashamed of after looking back at the topnotch opposition encountered.

'Nother Star for Ron Runyan

As for Runyan's fete, it adds another star behind his name in our book. We figured Ronald H. Romper as the town's No. 1 athlete for 1943—his footballing and basketballing of a year ago, his Northwest conference mile and two-mile title winning trots and his cleverness in conquering the school's obstacle course faster than anyone else convincing us beyond doubt. The navy has a real hustler in Runyan, and hustle in most any task means as much as it does in athletics—plenty.

Speaking of this "decker" system employed by Trotter, we're told the V-12's now want to battle it out amongst themselves to see which "deck" is the better quint. One "deck", commonly called the "roughies" since they earned themselves more than their share of fouls over the season, is made up of Director, Brownlee, Stroud, Russell, Frank, King and Copenhaver. That's the five which faced Whitman in the second game, losing 27-23. The other outfit, the "smoothies", is made up of Lund, Oberst, Maxwell, Runyan, Folquet, Porter and Plass. It lost to Whitman 43-28. Now they want to cage it off for the title.

Smoker Is Held Success

WOODBURN — Witnessed by the largest crowd in its history, the Woodburn high Lettermen's club smoker was a huge success here Tuesday night. The Joe Kahut-Bobby Brock boxing exhibition topped the show and 11 rough-and-tumble fights helped keep the evening lively throughout.

In the card's main event match Chet English punched out a decision over Herb Ramage. Bob Austin outslugged Bill Mendenhall of Canby in the semiwindup. Don Marshall gained the votes in the opener over Bob Wertz and blood-and-thunder battling was the byword of the Ray Leighty - Don McNulty and Bruce Nelson - Vic Blake bouts, the former going to Leighty with the latter ending in a draw.

Other results: Bill Hall defeated Richard Evans; Tom Tuss defeated Ralph Roggenbach;

Junior Clark drew with Leroy Copeland; Bill Anderson defeated Bill Chase; Alvoid Zuber defeated Ray Studer and Marv Laubach defeated Dick Von.

Dallas Slates Albany Quint

DALLAS —(Special)— Coach O. E. Anderson's Dallas high Dragons, none the worse for their one point loss to McMinnville Saturday night, the first setback of the season for Dallas, clash with the Albany Bulldogs here Friday night. Although both Dallas and Albany are in state hoop district 4, the game will not be a counter since Dallas is in the northern half, Dallas the southern.

Albany and Dallas will play a return game at Albany next Tuesday night. Coach Anderson is also grooming his team for its counting district 4 clash against Salem on the Willamette university floor the night of February 24.

Beavers Clash With 'Cousins' This Weekend

Vandals Only Quint OSC Has Conquered

W	L	Pct.	Pt.	Pt.	
Washington	3	0	1,000	410	276
Oregon	3	0	500	484	261
Idaho	4	4	500	358	258
Washington State	3	5	377	341	241
Oregon State	2	8	206	333	447

Friday-Saturday games: Idaho at Oregon State; Washington State at Washington.

OREGON STATE COLLEGE —(Special)— Coach Babe Brown and his Idaho Vandals will invade Corvallis this weekend for a return series with the cellar dwelling Oregon State basketball club Friday and Saturday nights. Idaho is the only Northern division team the Beavers have been able to beat this season.

The Orange opened their conference schedule by dumping the Vandals twice at Moscow by 39 to 34 and 38 to 34 counts. Since that time the Beavers have lost eight in a row to become mired deeply in the league basement. Idaho, on the other hand, made a surprising comeback to win four straight from arch rival Washington State — the first time such a thing has happened in 30 years. Oregon stopped the surge, however, by beating the Vandals twice last weekend.

With the exception of Forward Dale Hiatt who was left in Seattle to recover from an emergency appendix operation, the Beavers came through the tough Washington series in good physical shape and should be in top form for the Idaho series.

Hiatt, a freshman from Umatilla, is lost to the club for the season. His reserve forward post probably will be taken over by Don Eldridge, freshman left hander from Nyssa. Eldridge has shown considerable improvement in recent practices and may see action against the Vandals.

Although the Orange were whipped twice by Washington last weekend, Coach Statts Gill is not contemplating any drastic changes in his lineup. He said that his men played good ball at Seattle, considering the fact that they were playing against veterans with two, three and even four years of varsity experience.

Probable starting lineup for the Gillmen this weekend will consist of George Sertic and Ed Yarnet, forwards; Hal Puddy, center; and Al Anderson and Happy Lee, guards.

WU Frosh Top Indeps 22-12

Coach Lew Carroll's still sizzling Willamette Frosh won their seventh straight game last night by topping the Independence Hoppers on the Willamette U court, 22-12. The Frosh had things their own way practically throughout and led 12-6 at halftime.

Al "Red" Fedge paced the Frosh with nine markers. Sub Guard Gottfried led Coach Ray Scott's Hoppers with four.

Reynolds (2)	(22)
Wedge (2)	(1)
Wedge (2)	(1)
Howard (2)	(7)
Brown (2)	(6)
Adison (0)	(0)
Independence subs	— Irving 2, Gottfried 4.

Oregon State-Idaho Series to Be Aired

Tidewater Associated announces the two basketball battles between Idaho and Oregon State at Corvallis Friday and Saturday nights will be broadcast over KWJJ, Portland starting at 9 p. m. each night. The Washington - WSC title at Seattle will be carried over KRSO, Seattle (1150 key.) the same nights at the same time.

Duration League Cagers Head for Finish Line

Woodburn Eyes Pennant Clinch at Silverton

W	L	Pct.	Pt.	Pt.	
Woodburn	7	1	875	286	199
Molalla	5	2	425	215	213
Silverton	4	4	500	216	231
Mt. Angel	4	4	500	272	238
Canby	3	5	375	179	226
Chemawa	1	7	125	175	280

Friday games: Woodburn at Silverton; Canby at Chemawa; Mt. Angel at Molalla.

WOODBURN — Although it's readily conceded throughout the circuit that Woodburn's Bulldogs are definitely "in" as this year's Duration league basketball titlist, making it two in a row for Coach Jiggs Burnett's potent crew, there's still the matter of putting a mathematical clincher on the buntings. The Bulldogs will be out to do just this when they romp with Coach Guy "Pop" DeLay's Silverton Silver Foxes at Silverton

Friday night in the league's next to last round.

So close to clinching the flag are the Bulldogs that if they are upset by the Foxes and Molalla get bumped by Paul Keeling's surging Mt. Angel Preps, Woodburn will still nail it to the mast. Should Woodburn lose and Molalla win, then all the Burnett-men need do is beat the lowly Chemawa Indians next week to clinch it regardless of what Molalla does.

In the other Friday game Coach Chief Thompson's Indians host the Canby Cougars. The Woodburn - Silverton mix, always an athletic top-notch in the league, will also give the lumber town residents an opportunity to see how their hopefuls might stack up in district 4 play.

Woodburn clashes with Mt. Angel at Silverton next week in the first round and DeLay's quint takes on the winner of that one in round two. Should Woodburn oust Mt. Angel the Friday night Silverton-Woodburn mix will be a dress-rehearsal of counting district 4 things to come.

The individual scoring chase has developed into a two-way battle between Guard Charlie Sauvain of the Bulldogs and Art Zahler of the Foxes. Sauvain canned 17 last week against Molalla and now leads with an even 100. Zahler, last year's titlist, collected 16 against Canby and now has 95. This pair's individual point-pitching battle will be an added feature of Friday's tilt.

Tha's All Brother



HAMMERIN' HENRY ARMSTRONG (right) stands ready to swing either hand immediately after dropping Lou Hanbury to his knee where he hangs onto the rope and is counted out in the third round of their scheduled 10-rounder in Washington. (AP Wirephoto)

Cooper Snubs Card Contract

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9—(AP)—Morton Cooper, star pitcher of the St. Louis Cardinals, today joined his team mate, George Kurovski in expressing dissatisfaction with contract terms for the 1944 season.

President Sam Breadon, in mailing out contracts last week, said most players had been given salary increases, but Cooper disclosed he was not offered a raise.

He declined to say what he received last year, but he was not backward about stating his demand for the coming season — \$17,500.

Vandals Fear Collins Loss

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 9—(AP)— Coach Babe Brown expressed doubt today that Tom Collins, leading scorer of the University of Idaho hoop team, will have fully recovered from a leg injury by the time of the four-game invasion of Oregon this weekend. The injury, received in the last Washington State college game, held Collins down to four points in the series with the University of Oregon last weekend in which Oregon claimed two games.

Death Takes McFarlin

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 9—(AP)— Herbert McFarlin, 73, secretary of the Oakland Coast league baseball club for 28 years, former newspaper man, died at his home here last night. He had been ill the last four years.

Basket Scores

Willamette Frosh 22, Independence High 12.

Navy 35, Villanova 27.

Army 68, Pittsburgh 32.

Worcester Tech 35, Holy Cross 47.

Tulane 43, LSU 42.

North Carolina Navy Preflight 82, Davidson 28.

Temple 73, LaSalle 45.

Great Lakes 84, Notre Dame 48.

Iowa Seashawks 72, Augustana III 38.

San Francisco State College 36, San Francisco Junior College 35.

South Plains Army Air Field 45, Army Engineers of Texas Tech 43.

Yale 84, US Coast Guard Acad. 50.

Washington and Jefferson 61, Carnegie Tech 31.

Columbia 48, Princeton 25.

George Williams 75, Chicago 66.

Reed Col. 61, Northwest Nazarene 27.

Tilden Carries On, On and On

By FRANK FRAWLEY

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 9—(AP)— In the golden age of sports, back in the early 20's Babe Ruth was baseball's home run king; Bobby Jones had a stranglehold on golf honors; Jack Dempsey was the world heavyweight champion; Charlie Paddock was the "world's fastest human" and Bill Tilden was acclaimed the greatest of all tennis players.

Dempsey, now 48 and a lieutenant commander in the coast guard, has been out of boxing a long time; Ruth's legs gave out several years ago; virtually all the track records of Paddock, a marine captain when he died in a plane crash, have been wiped from the record books; golf is only relaxation for Jones now.

But Bill Tilden, at 51, still plays tennis every day. Those long, space - devouring legs get around the court with some of their old-time agility, and for one set, at least, Bill can hold his own with the best.

Lead Golf Meet

ORLANDO, Fla., Feb. 9—(AP)— Two major league baseball players—Paul Derringer of the Chicago Cubs and Gerald Walker of the Cincinnati Reds — and their feminine partners tied for low qualifying honors in the annual Florida open two-ball mixed golf tournament here today.

Soldiers Tip Trotters

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 9—(AP)— The Harlem Globetrotters, with a record of 68 victories in their last 69 starts, fell before the raggy soldiers from Fort Lewis reception center, 44-47, Tuesday night.

Mautz Heads MAC

PORTLAND, Feb. 9—(AP)— Robert T. Mautz, former University of Oregon football player, assumed the presidency of Portland's Multnomah Athletic club today.

Nats' Leonard 'Out'

AUBURN, Ill., Feb. 9—(AP)— Ed "Dutch" Leonard, Washington Senators knuckle - ball righthander, said today he had been rejected for army service because of an old ankle injury.

Beavers Sign 'Highpockets'

PORTLAND, Feb. 9—(AP)— William Booth, 6-foot, 4½-inch former Olympia, Wash., high school outfielder, has been signed by the Portland Beavers of the Coast Baseball league.

Booth, just discharged from the army, will have a tryout at the spring training camp, William Klepper, Beaver business manager, said.

Angott-Zurita Scrap Okehed

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9—(AP)— The state athletic commission today sanctioned Joe Lynch's proposed lightweight title fight at Hollywood baseball park the night of March 6. The bout will pit Sammy Angott, NBA champion, against Mexico's Juan Zurita. Angott was guaranteed \$17,500.

Viks Headed for Tourney Bleachers, Sez AP

By the Associated Press

Salem's chances for a place in next month's state high school basketball tourney skidded down another notch Wednesday after a 42-37 defeat by Oregon City squad.

It looked as if the Vikings would be sitting on the bleachers in the Salem tournament to which they, as hosts, formerly were automatic entrants.

In the southern half of district 4, the Corvallis powerhouse, marked up its second victory over Toledo, 57-26, to leave only

STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

More Woe for Foes

Ford Returns To Husky Five

Leaders Await WSC, Eye Record Busting

SEATTLE, Feb. 9—(AP)— The University of Washington drew another ace today for its basketball series with Washington State here Friday and Saturday.

Doug Ford, 6-foot 3-inch, 215-pound regular last year, will join the squad Friday night for the first time since the coast conference race opened. The two-year veteran has been unable to play before because of classwork under the navy training program.

His presence will strengthen a 10-man squad that already is rated as a heavy favorite over the Cougars. Washington tops the division with eight straight victories in 1944 games.

If Washington defeats WSC Friday it will tie the Northern division records for consecutive victories. Washington now has 14 straight, counting its winning streak at the close of last year's campaign. Washington set the division record of 15 straight in the 1932-33 seasons. A sweep of the two-game series would give the Huskies a new record and make it 10 straight in this season's conference play.

Larkin Thumps Lu Decisively

NEW YORK, Feb. 9—(AP)—Tippy Larkin used Lulu Constantino as an animated punching bag tonight in winning a decisive 10-round verdict over the New York lightweight at Madison Square Garden.

Larkin, a Garfield, N.J., boy, weighed 139½ pounds to Constantino's 135½.

A crowd of 11,535 that contributed to a gross gate of \$31,914 saw Larkin make a cautious start, then come on strong, especially in the fourth, sixth, seventh and eighth rounds when he jarred Lulu repeatedly with stiff lefts and long overhead rights.

It was a unanimous decision. Judge Joe Agnello gave Larkin nine rounds and only one to Constantino. Judge Sam Robinson gave it to Larkin, eight rounds to two, while Referee Arthur Susskind didn't give Constantino a single round. He gave Larkin nine and called one even.

Detroit's 'Dis' Trout Not Dizzy After All

DETROIT, Feb. 9—(AP)— Paul "Dixie" Trout, a 26-year winner in 1943 for the fifth place Detroit Tigers, has been reclassified 1-A by his draft board, the Detroit club learned today.

Reed Dumps Nazarene

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 9—(AP)— Reed college overwhelmed a touring northwest Nazarene college basketball team from Nampa, Idaho, tonight, 61-27.

Still Pitchin'



CY YOUNG, one of baseball's pitching immortals, is still pitchin'—now by making figs in the Everett, Wash., branch of Boeing Aircraft Co.

Mural League Over

Parrish Fives Topple Leslie

W	L	Pct.
Parrish Huskies	7	0
Parrish Grilles	5	2
Leslie Tigers	4	3
Parrish Wolves	4	3
Leslie Wildcats	3	4
Leslie Panthers	2	4
Leslie Lions	2	5
Parrish Bears	0	7

Individual scoring: Hendrie, Huskies, 76; Province, Huskies-Wildcats, 73; Dasch, Tigers, 66; Boggs, Wolves, 61; Allison, Grilles, 59; Debut, Huskies, 46; Phillips, Wildcats, 48; Janz, Grilles, 46; Halseth, Lions, 45; S. Bacon, Grilles, 36.

The Parrish Huskies and Grilles put an end to both the Leslie win streak at four straight and the junior high school intramural hoop season yesterday by downing the Leslie Tigers, 29-25, and Lions, 38-19, respectively, at Parrish. The Huskies victory saw them finish the campaigning undefeated and atop the standings with seven wins.

Dick Hendrie's 15 points paced the Huskies win yesterday while Roger Dasch was hooping 10 for the Tigers. The Grizzlies were led by Dick Allison's 20 points, Wayne Halseth netting 10 for the Lions.

Hendrie's performance brought him individual scoring honors for the chase with 76 in all. Close behind is Rod Province, one of Parrish Huskies but switched to Leslie Wildcats with 73.

The two schools now select all-star quints and start practicing for the first cross-town championship game to be played on the Leslie floor February 18.

L. TIGERS (25)	(29) P. HUSKIES
Dasch (10)	F (6)
Fry (17)	C (6)
Jackson (4)	D (8)
Fleming (4)	G (15)
Patrik (6)	H (6)
Lions (19)	I (38)
Halseth (10)	J (4)
Billings (5)	K (10)
Daily (2)	L (2)
Pankratz (2)	M (30)
Robins (0)	N (6)

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BOWLING SCORES

The Scio five swept three from Brite Spot, and Statesman, Valley Oil Co. and Papermakers took two of three from Capital City Laundry, Wahl Bros. and M&F Grocery, respectively, in Tuesday night's Industrial league kegling party at Perfection.			
The Statesman's Harold White captured high series for the night with his 548 total, and the 214 single game rolled by Capital City Laundry's Kirchner stood high in that department.			
SKRO (3)			
Schrunk	192	134	168-494
Denmore	131	202	213-346
Greene	110	139	171-479
Palmer	129	182	188-396
Hendrickson	153	154	157-464
Totals	783	941	974-2498
BRITE SPOT (3)			
Handicap	35	25	28-73
Patterson	124	120	178-422
Gallagher	164	143	179-486
Nolan	144	147	177-468
Collins	119	152	128-396
Edwards	187	151	175-513
Totals	773	767	886-2380
STATESMAN (2)			
Whelan	172	148	176-497
White	192	174	177-548
Stietler	148	138	145-411
Melville	178	200	145-480
Mattis	161	128	138-324
Totals	656	546	682-2358
VALLEY OIL CO. (1)			
Handicap	17	17	31
Kirchner	182	214	144-330
Riley	136	153	141-430
Black	120	140	148-404
Woolke	145	161	162-361
Buck	181	154	171-396
Totals	614	614	724-2282
WAHL BROS. (1)			
Federson	134	134	134-402