

Achiu-Belcastro Supporting Mat Melees Set

The meemies come into their own Tuesday night on the Army mat. For with the announcement by Matchmaker Don Owen of the completed card for the weekly muscle party, no less than five crumpled culprits will climb through the ropes starting with the 8:30 p.m. opener.

Even popular and ju-jitsuing Walter "Sneeze" Achiu draws the role of culprit in his main event rematch with Peter "Th' Walloper" Belcastro, for Walter has vowed publicly that he'll loose every trick he knows, right from ju-jitsu to bops on the kisser, at the hairy gent who doled out the fierce shellacking last week. Belcastro debuted locally by trying to punch Achiu full of holes, and despite failing to actually put daylight through the Chinaman he still succeeded in winning the brawl after smashing and bashing out one of the liveliest sessions seen here in weeks. Achiu, usually a contented cuss who takes the bad with the good, stormed the Owen fort for a rematch pronto, quick, now! He got it and also a free hand to use all the tricks in the book.

Jack "Bash 'Em" Lipscomb, super-mealie that he is, draws another toughie in Glenn Stone, the Seattle cop, for Tuesday's semiwindup. Big Stone, recently in the news after quelling single-handedly a couple of nut factory patients up Seattle way, can and does take good care of himself with the crunch cronies and will



No, it isn't a hairy something recently escaped from a zoo, it's merely Peter "Th' Walloper" Belcastro, mat mealie par excellence, who'll do return match bashing with Walter Achiu Tuesday night at the armory.

doubtlessly give two-fisted Lipscomb quite an argument. Text "Toothless" or "Toughie" Porter, the bald-headed guy with the dirty stuff opens the show against the only cleanie on the card, Oregon City's Jack Poppen-

heimer. The latter goes into the navy soon and will be making a final appearance. Maple's sports store and the Pioneer club will have ducks for the show on sale Monday afternoon and Tuesday.

Ducks Sweep Beaver Series With 42-39 Win; Huskies Salvage Finale With Gonzaga, 53-40

UW 'Mixture' Turns Tables On Easterners

Zags Annex Series Three Games to One

SEATTLE, Feb. 19—(AP)—The University of Washington Huskies tonight managed to salvage one victory out of four meetings this season with Gonzaga university of Spokane, winning 53 to 40 after grabbing a commanding first half lead.

A crowd of 7500 at the university pavilion saw the Huskies hand the brilliant navy-filled Gonzaga team their second defeat in 24 games after building up a 25 to 14 half time lead.

A revised Washington lineup, closer checking and a game pushed at break-neck speed from start to finish was the solution that Coach Hec Edmundson finally found to salvage the last of the four-game series from the Zags. Tonight, instead of starting his straight service-team of navy and marine trainees, Edmundson put Freshman Jack Nichols in at center to replace Dale Grondahl and sent diminutive Al Mar, Chinese student transfer from Whitman college in at guard.

Mar, replacing Perry Nelson, who was injured in the final minutes of last night's game, scored two baskets in three shots in the first half to participate in a 12-point rally which eventually meant the game for Washington. Nichols tied for high man for Washington with Guard Bill Morris. Both scored 11 points.

But, while each of the five Washington starters were scoring nine points or better, the usually dead-eyed Gonzagas were not up to their usual game, save for Forward Jim Baker, who was high scorer with 17 points.

WASHINGTON (53)		Fr	Ft	Pt	Tp
Taylor, f		0	1	10	
McMillan, f		5	0	4	10
Nichols, c		1	0	1	11
Grondahl, c		0	0	2	0
Morris, f		5	1	3	11
Mar, g		4	1	1	9
Totals		25	3	11	53
GONZAGA (40)		Fr	Ft	Pt	Tp
Baker, f		3	1	0	17
O'Toole, f		2	2	4	6
Hatner, f		0	0	0	0
Criewe, c		0	0	0	0
Gaston, c		1	1	3	2
McGovern, g		4	1	1	9
Totals		17	5	11	40

Half time score: Washington 25, Gonzaga 14. Free throws missed: Taylor, Nichols 2, Grondahl, Morris 5, Baker, O'Toole, Hatner 2, Gaston 2, Strader 2. Shots attempted: Washington 79, Gonzaga 67.

STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

Week Brings Vik-Dallas, North-South Scraps

Hoop, hoop, hoop! Basketball for the home folks swings into the crucial stage this week. Salem high's Viks taking their first try at earning the district 4 state tourney ticket Thursday night against the touted Dallas Dragons at Willamette and Leslie and Parrish junior highs chasing in game no. 2 for the city championship Friday night at the Villa.

Starting with the Dallas game, for Salem will be win 'em all from here on in or else. Outside dropping one game in the two of three series which

must be played with Corvallis for the tourney ticket. (If the Viks can get by Dallas and the winner of the Mt. Angel-Silverton game to get to Corvallis), the "or else" means they'll be lining up with the rest of the customers outside Willamette gym come March 16-17-18. Mt. Angel and Silverton knuckled down Wednesday night at Silverton for the right to play the Salem-Dallas winner. Corvallis has already captured the southern district 4 title and is waiting for the two-of-three game series with the north's ultimate winner.

Friday night the Villa hall will doubtlessly be the scene of another mass of racing kids, hands, yell kings and queens and proud grownups as the Leslie-Parrish battle for the city championship goes through round two. Leslie, before the largest crowd ever to witness a LP hoop scrap, decisively whipped the Northerners Friday night at Leslie, 38-29, and will be favored to make it two straight for the title Friday. No matter which team wins the next outing the rivals will play a third game at Leslie in March.

Second Place Spot Clinched By Webfooters

Orangemen Falter In Second Period

NORTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.	Pt. Pa.
Washington	10	1	.1000	324 377
Oregon	8	5	.6154	331 330
Idaho	8	5	.6154	325 326
Washington State	7	7	.5000	422 455
Oregon State	4	10	.2857	328 612

Saturday result: At Oregon State 28, Oregon 42.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 19—(AP)—The Oregon Webfoots nosed out Oregon State, 42-38, tonight to sweep the annual basketball series for the first time since 1937 and clinch second place in the northern division, Coast conference, race. They trailed 19-21, at the half.

The first half was very tight with the Beavers outmaneuvering the taller Webfoots and sinking nine of 25 shots from the field to Oregon's six of 18. The lead changed three times and the score was tied the same number.

But the Beavers lost their basket eyes in the second period, often firing as many as six times from under their own basket without connecting. They canned only seven of 32 field tries while the Webfoots hit with uncanny accuracy to make seven out of 11.

For the game Oregon State sank 16 of 57 shots, compared to Oregon's 13 out of 29. Oregon made 16 free throws good to Oregon State's seven.

Anderson, Beaver guard, rang up 17 points for scoring honors, followed by Bray of Oregon with 13.

With five minutes left, and the score 36-32, the Beavers spent a minute and a half firing from under their basket without result. Then Hamilton dribbled down to make it 38-32, and the Beavers started playing keep-away with 3 minutes to go. Hamilton, Phillips and McGrath converted free throws and McGrath field goal to make it 42-33. In the last minute Lee, Reiman and Anderson scored for Oregon State but the rally fell three points short.

OREGON (42)

Player	Fr	Ft	Pt	Tp
Humphreys, f	3	4	0	10
Bray, f	3	3	2	13
Borvick, f	2	4	4	6
Henwood, g	2	0	2	4
Hamilton, g	2	4	2	8
Phillips, g	2	1	1	7
Totals	13	16	10	42

OREGON STATE (39)

Player	Fr	Ft	Pt	Tp
Simms, f	2	0	4	4
Reiman, f	2	4	0	10
Vannet, f	2	0	2	6
Puddy, c	0	3	3	3
Anderson, g	2	1	2	17
Lee, f	2	1	1	7
McGrath, g	2	1	5	5
Totals	16	7	17	39

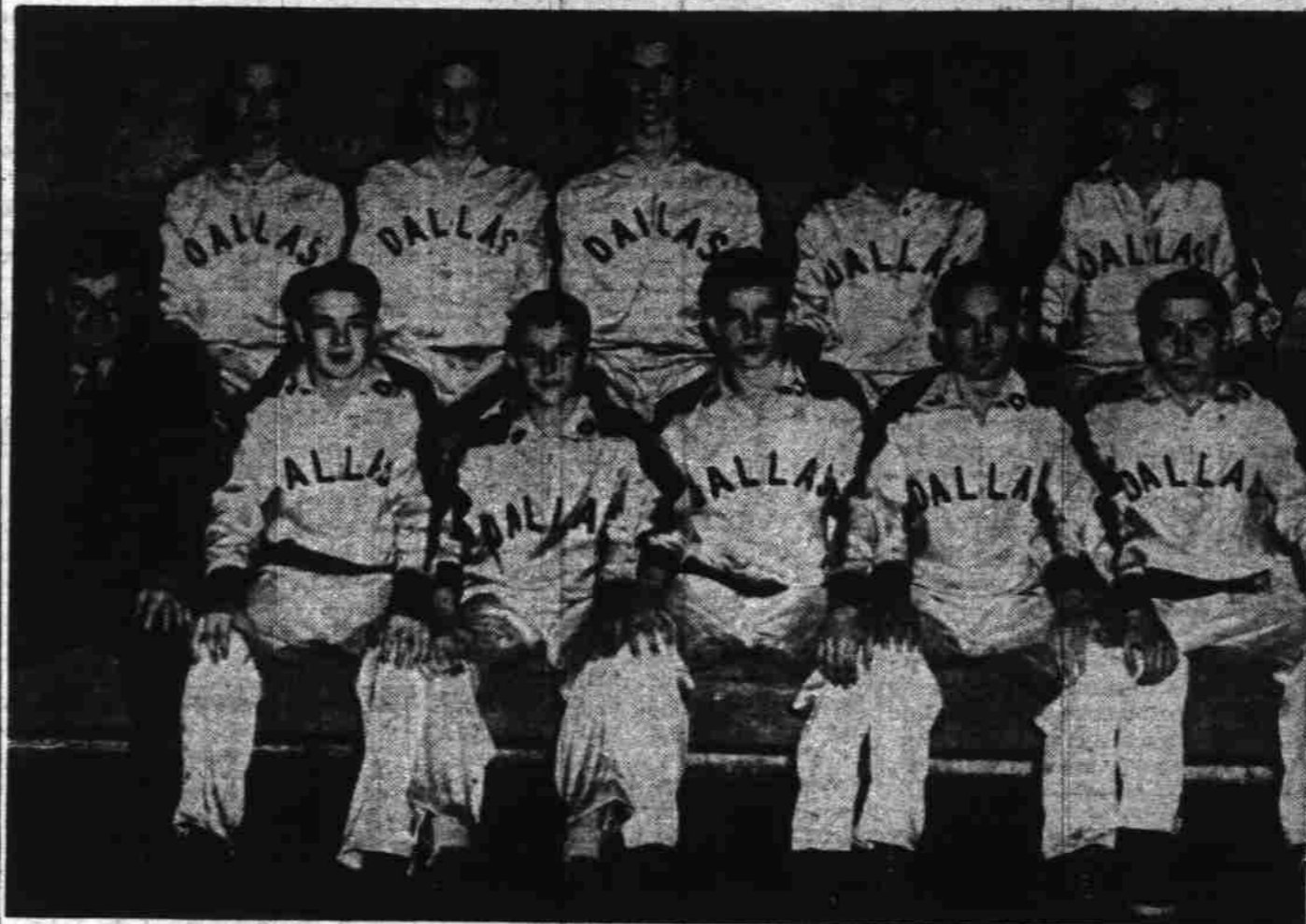
Half time score: Oregon State 21, Oregon 19. Free throws missed: Oregon—Humphreys, Hamilton, Phillips, Bray 2; Oregon State—Simms, Reiman, Anderson, Lee.

Oregon Quints Await Cougars

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 19—(AP)—The Oregon Webfoots will wind up their northern division, coast conference basketball schedule here Tuesday and Wednesday nights against Washington State. The teams split a series at Pullman, Oregon taking the first 40-36, and losing the second, 38-33.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 18—(AP)—A two-game series against Washington State here next Friday and Saturday nights will mark the end of the 1944 northern division basketball trail for the Oregon State Beavers. Jack Friel's Cougars beat the Beavers twice at Pullman last month by 45-41 and 49-35 counts.

Set for Crucial District 4 Clash With Viks



Ready and waiting for next Thursday night's district 4 hoop battle with Salem high's Viks are the Dallas Dragons above. Winners of 13 out of 14 games played this season, they are, front row left to right, Coach O. E. "Andy" Anderson, Mel Courter, Bud Pierce, Mayne Taylor, Ray Osuna and Nell Richardson. Back row, Henry Werkentin, Joe Cochrane, Ray Prescott, Bill Rohrs and Marv Hiebert. The long-awaited clash will take place on the Willamette U pavilion floor. (Statesman sports photo)

Coast Casaba Playoffs Off

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19—(AP)—Edwin N. Atherton, commissioner of the Pacific Coast conference, announced today that conference members had rejected a proposal to hold a basketball playoff series between the Universities of Washington and California.

In announcing the vote compilation, Atherton said it upheld the decision reached last December at a conference meeting. Members voiced their disapproval because of travel difficulties. California won the southern division title and Washington the northern.

Seven Yankees OK Contracts

NEW YORK, Feb. 19—(AP)—The New York Yankees announced today that seven players and coaches have signed their contracts for 1944. In addition to Catcher Bill Dickey, who signed two weeks ago when he was here for the baseball writer's dinner, contracts have been received from Pitchers Hank Borowy and Joe Page, batting practice pitcher Paul Schreiber, infielder Oscar Grimes, outfielder Roy Weatherly and Coach John Schulte.

'El Goofy' Home From Fronts; Learned to Run, but Fast!

NEW YORK, Feb. 19—(AP)—Ver-non "Lefty" Gomez was back on duty with a Long Island war plant today after a three-month tour of army hospitals in North Africa and Italy, during which the former New York Yankee pitcher said he really learned about speed.

"Don't let anyone tell you I wasn't scared when the bombs fell," Gomez explained. "I never knew until I was in an air raid how fast I really could run. I couldn't gain on anyone in the race for the shelters—but I didn't lose any ground either."

Gomez made the trip overseas with Jack Sharkey, former heavyweight boxing champion, and Fred Corcoran, tournament manager of the PGA. They showed moving

Basket Scores

COLLEGE

Oregon 62, Oregon State 39.
Washington 53, Gonzaga 40.
Linfield Frosh 44, Willam. Frosh 38.
Pt. Lewis Recop. Center 46, WSC 39.
UCY 48, Southern California 32.
Detroit Tech 66, U of Toronto 32.
Iowa Senhawks 62, Simpson 32.
Taylor 38, Rice 65.
Marquette 45, Detroit 11.
Indiana 48, Minnesota 47 (overtime).
Kansas 56, Nebraska 47.
Purdue 52, Wisconsin 50.
Eastern Washington 66, Montana U 46.
Colo. College 47, Colo. Mines 17.
Marquette 45, Detroit 11.
Catholic U 64, Delaware 47.
Penn State 35, Pittsburgh 29.
Camp Edwards 54, Holy Cross 51.
Penn 68, Navy 56.
Oklahoma A & M 34, Oklahoma 11.
Olio State 54, Illinois 53.
Colgate 53, New York U 49.
South Carolina 57, Clemson 31.

'Hello' Boys Tip WSC Five

PULLMAN, Feb. 19—(AP)—The Fort Lewis reception center basketball team led all the way tonight to defeat Washington State college 46 to 38 as Gail Bishop, former WSC ace, led the way against his alma mater, pouring in 22 points alone. The victory was the 18th in 21 starts for the Fort Lewis squad.

FORT LEWIS (46)

Player	Fr	Ft	Pt	Tp
Simmons (6)	5	0	9	13
Bishop (22)	13	13	13	13
Wiley (11)	5	0	0	11
Lewis (3)	0	0	0	3
Jones (2)	0	0	0	2

Waterman Sets Bopping Bee

PORTLAND, Feb. 19—(AP)—Promoter Joe Waterman announced today the signing of Gregorio Escalona, Oregon, Mex., featherweight champion of Mexico, for a return 10-round bout with Joey Dolan, Portland, March 3. They fought a torrid 10-round draw February 4.

AMERICAN LEGION
WRESTLING
TUESDAY
SALEM ARMORY
February 22 8:30 P. M.

REMATCH MAIN EVENT
1 Hour, 2 of 3 Falls
Walter "Sneeze" Achiu vs. Pete "Walloper" Belcastro

SEMI-WINDUP
Jack Lipscomb vs. Indiana Ruffian, vs. Glenn Stone, Seattle Cop 2 of 3 Falls, Half Hour

8:30 OPENER
Tex "Toothless" Porter, Seattle, vs. Jack Poppenheimer, Oregon City

REFEREE—ELTON OWEN
Tickets on Sale at Maple's Sporting Goods Store and The Pioneer Club
Admission: Ringside \$1.10 Gen. Adm. 75c Tax Inc.

From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

Good shirts must be easily obtainable up Tacoma way—certainly are lots of persistent Tacomans set on losing the ones they've got now. And if they finally do argue their way into getting the Sacramento franchise, don't think a mess o' shirts won't be lost. . . . Spokane is the logical place for the switch, if one is made, for the Inland Empire city has proven something the Tacoma and Vancouver derbyists haven't. For instance: With war industries going full blast, steaks (when you could get 'em) at two 'bucks per toss and the town overflowing with servicemen, Tacoma played San Francisco a night game in 1942. "Fris" was up and coming in the Coast League, Tacoma was leading the Western International league. Four hundred inquisitive souls bunched their 55c per to see the thing. In 1940, before the war and when a boom was merely voiced by a kid "cop" in rubbing out another kid playmate "robber," Spokane's WI entry played an exhibition with Seattle's Rainiers. That game, played on a Monday night and at twilight, which constitutes two strikes on practically any athletic event, drew 12,000 fans — 8500 in the seats and 3500 roped off around the outfield. What's more, they shelled out \$1.10 a head to get in. . . . Not forgetting, too, that Spokane holds the nation's class B attendance record of upwards of 200,000 for a season, more than some of the major league cities draw during a summer and probably more than Tacoma has drawn aggregately during the latter's six years in the Western International. . . . And if Tacomans wouldn't pay 55c to see the Western International game in action, why will they go \$1.10 to see an undermanned Coast League at work? . . . Yep, Barmum WAS right. . . . Mught just as well move the Sacs to our village and show 'em what lasing a shirt is like. . . .



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'Hearty Thanks,' Pens Grantland Rice

Return letter from Grantland Rice re your recent sports contributions to raise the \$1670.24 for the National Infantile Paralysis fund: "Dear Mr. Lightner: I am in receipt of your letter which tells of the Marion County Police Fund drive raising \$1670.24, and I wish to convey to you and all those who so graciously assisted my hearty thanks in behalf of this very worthy cause.

"With so many kind friends to assist, and such unstinting devotion to our common cause, the free and happy world we fight for on so many fronts, some day soon, be likewise freed of the scourge of infantile paralysis. Sincerely yours, GRANTLAND RICE."

A job well done, 'mates, and thanks again. Ho ho div: Seems they're on us this time—we had the wrong Gill refereeing the Eugene-Corvallis game last week. It wasn't Slat, but Brother Luke, the U of Hawaii coach durationalized at OSC. . . . One or the other, he's probably very unpopular down Eugene way, especially so after reading accounts of the game as seen by a Eugene reporter. As usual, the poor Axemen, who would have you know they wouldn't hurt a defenseless fly, were blown for 19 fouls. Corvallis was taxed with only eight. Therefore, and not hidden between the lines of the Eugene reporter's story, is another cry of "robbery," which seems to emerge from our southern neighbor just every time the Axemen play. The 19 blasts the Axemen got against Corvallis, the 20 again 'em with Cottage Grove and the 18 they had coming (and got) against Salem—37 in three games—added to the fact that Coaches Hank Kuchera and Duane Mellem closely resemble the one and only Wally Palmberg whenever a ref's whistle is blown, is certain proof Messrs. Kuchera and Mellem might try looking at a rule book for foul definitions. They'd be surprised, no doubt.

At Last! Katonen Speaks!

Speaking of hoop refs, neither Dallas or Salem is taking any chances on "homer" work for their next Thursday district clash. Frank Bashor and Paul Warren of Portland have been contracted to work it, Warren being one of the gents selected to toll during the state meet next month. Incidentally, his sidekicks for the tourney will be inimitable Emil Piluso and Ralph "Rose Bowl" Graham. Not much youth there, but plenty of experience.

Village grappling fans might like to know that Matchmaker Don Owen has at long last heard from Coast Champ Paavo Katonen, he who promised to come back to the northwest just as soon as he found out what Uncle Sam wanted to do with him. Seems Uncle hasn't made up his mind yet, as Paavo, a Finnish immigrant and 1-A has his citizenship papers folded up. So for the present the dynamic one with the travelling cauliflower garden is "frozen" more or less.

Another muscular favorite, Jack "Pin-up Boy" Kiser, is also being eyed by Sammy. Kiser is due back to the northwest in the next week or two—he's now in Oklahoma—but about all the grappling he'll do will be with the Portland draft board. 'Tis said. And Herra Schwartzkopf, the Vik phys. ed. department coach drew a three-month deferment for the bad knee he picked up in a City league hoop mix two weeks ago. Funny thing about that knee. Herra hooped through high school and three years at Kansas State, making the Big-5 conference team one year, and wasn't hurt once. Then in a friendly City-gei-together he comes up with a really bad injury. Physicians' X-rays under X-rays proved this. Sorta like the fighter who went through a thousand scraps sans a kayo, but went down for the count when his wife conked him with a salsty left hook.

Salem Gets Playoffs County B Race In 3-Way Tie

JEFFERSON—Coach Pat Beal's Jefferson Lions hooped out a thrilling 22-20 victory over Stayton here Friday night to throw the South Marion county B league basketball race into a three-way tie between Jefferson, Stayton and Aumsville.

A playoff plan has been made, Jefferson to play Stayton Tuesday night on neutral Salem high school court and the winner to play Aumsville Thursday night, also at Salem. The ultimate winner is to play St. Paul, winner of the northern B title, Saturday night for the county championship.

Jefferson Bees needed an overtime period to down Stayton's, 18-16 Friday night.

STAYTON (20) (22) JEFFERSON

Drombosky (3)	F	(11) Bruce
Freebe (2)	F	(4) Frick
Neilson (1)	C	(2) Cole
Johnson (5)	G	(4) Henderson
Giel (5)	G	(1) Knight

Referee—Jim Pate.

City Playoffs In 2nd Round

Second round firing in the City league basketball playoffs takes place Monday night on the Willamette U court with the General Finance and Page-Woolens quints battling for survival in the 7 o'clock game and the Mayflower Milkers and Willamette Frosh taking over at 8 o'clock.

Looser of the first game will be eliminated from further play in the double-elimination meet since both teams have been beaten once. The Finance-Woolen winner will play the loser of the Frosh-Milkers game probably Tuesday night. Monday's winner between the Milkers and Frosh draws a bye Tuesday and enters the finals.

In first round competition the Milkers walloped the Woolens 37-20 and the Frosh tipped the Financiers 28-19.

District Five Tourney Dated

ASTORIA, Feb. 19—(AP)—A double elimination tourney to select the district 5 entry in the state basketball championship contest will be held here March 2-4.

The Astoria Fishermen, who have won sixteen out of twenty games this season, are favorites over the other teams entering the playoff. Astoria, Tillamook, Seaside, St. Helens, Rainier, Scappoose, Vernonia, and the Astoria Jayvees.

Many Seeking Baseball Post

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 19—(AP) Cedric Durst, former San Diego manager, and Ethan Allen, former Cincinnati outfielder, have applied for the position of manager of the Sacramento baseball club, the local committee trying to raise money to keep the club in town, said today. Others who have been mentioned for the post are Earl Sheely, Boston Red Sox scout; Hollis Thurston, Pittsburgh Pirate scout; Johnny Vergez, former manager of the Oakland Acons; Oscar Vitt, ex-manager of the Cleveland Indians; Rogers Hornsby and Casey Stengel. Ken Penner, present manager of the Sacramento club, will go to Rochester as a coach under Pepper Martin if Tacoma takes the Sacramento franchise, under terms of the deal with the St. Louis Cardinals.

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