

STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

Vikings Open Cinder Sched With 4-Way Meet Here Today

From the BLEACHERS

Sock Dept. Reason why Leo "th' Lion" Turner has been completely out of the beak bashing picture since his terrifics with Woodburn Joe Kahut, says Jack Abrahams, Leo's manager and contract holder, is simply because Th' Lion won't do a lick of training... In town recently, Abrahams dropped in long enough to tell that he had three opportunities to take Turner into the middle west and east for engagements, but Leo won't shave off the rough spots which are always coupled with inactiveness in the punch and take racket... Nothing new for Turner—we've always been impressed by the fact that he's never done any serious training but has been too much fighter for any gent his weight in this neck of the woods regardless... We're not alone in wondering just how good Th' Lion would be if he ever decided to hit his training grind seriously... Back to Abrahams, he also reports the hatchet he and Joe Waterman took turns swinging at one another last year is now buried, and not in either's head. Waterman's pets have been biffing on Washington's cards promoted by Abrahams and Indian Jack's braves have been reciprocating by waltzing off some hot prelims on Waterman's Portland shows... No secret Abrahams is looking for a suitable opponent for Turner for another try at our village, but he's making doubly sure this time that said opponent, if found, is "suitable." No more of those Turner-Black Cloud affairs—even Abrahams still laughs over that ill-fated farce... Also coupled with Abrahams' visit is a rumor that Buddy Peterson, the former Independence whiz, is mulling over a possible comeback. Merely a rumor as we get it, however...



JACK ABRAHAMS

Notin' But the Best Biceppers

Bad news for the Jack "Pin-up Boy" Kiser rassin' fans—the blonde with all the pretty muscles takes his army physical early next month. "And I don't think there's a thing wrong with me physically," muses Jack... He's set on making preference for naval service with an eye on becoming either a judo teacher or a physical education instructor of some sort, with another preference on the former. Unlike so many of the crutch cronies, who have everything wrong with them from well calloused and punctured ear drums to flat feet from walking on their heels, Kiser claims his physical condition is 1-A... So's he... Speaking of the rasslers, Promoter Don Owen wasn't merely making idle chatter when he vowed he was after the best boys in the bleep business for his northwest circuit. The customers who saw Tuesday night's effort, one of the best in months locally, are also convinced these are definitely on the upswing for the Tuesday night brawls... And don't forget, next Tuesday night comes the return of the "new" and more gorgeous than ever Georgie Wagner, full-blooded Eytalian count-manager and all. That should be a pip... The grapplers are almost of a mind to hire North High street service station mogul Don Madison on a permanent basis, 'tis rumored, for the soothing words and rub-downs Don administers the stomped and staggered muscles are delicacies they don't get every night. When one of the rasslers gets his teeth kicked, it hurts Donald-almost as much as it does the rasser...

Punching Party Due Soon

Don't be surprised if a 40 or 48, American Legion sponsored fight card finds its way into the Ferry street garden one of these nights—"Promoter" Ira Pilcher is again on the prowl. Even while having that laugh at Pfc. John Steelhammer's expense, Mr. P. was busy on his favorite hobby—reviving the fistic fiestas in the village—and although he has no definite statement to make, he does purr that the proper brew is on the fire. (Mebbe he and Steelhammer will meet in the main event)... Anyway, Pilch has the goodly graces of Joe Waterman & Co. on his side this time, which won't hurt a bit... Perhaps that's where he figures on getting his fighters...

Keeseey Signs With Rainiers

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30—(P)—Jim Keeseey, one-time Portland first baseman, signed with the Seattle Rainiers and left tonight for training camp at Fresno. Keeseey, who is over draft age, managed for Commercial Iron Works in the Shippard Baseball league last year and is a former Boise, Idaho, manager and player.

US Plan Saves Wool Growers 10 Cents Pound

PORTLAND, March 30—(P)—Northwest wool growers are saving at least 10 cents a pound on handling of wool through the government purchase plan, R. A. Ward, manager of the Pacific Wool Growers, said today. "This year's program, generally the same as last year, calls for the Commodity Credit Corporation paying all storage and insurance costs on wool from the time it reaches the primary handler," Ward said. He recently returned from Boston and Washington, DC, where he represented the cooperative in working out the 1944 program.

Pitching Power Tabs Suds for 1st Division

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., March 30—Although their spring training games to date have been far from impressive, the Seattle Rainiers may land a first division berth if for no other reason than their strong pitching staff. The mound staff now numbers no fewer than 13 members, including several hurlers from last year's squad. The Rainiers' fielding has been razzed and the hitting, although poor, is expected to show great improvement with the arrival of several players

Johnson Funeral to Be at St. Vincent's

Funeral services and requiem high mass will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday at St. Vincent's church for George F. Johnson, Brooks, who died Tuesday in a Salem hospital of injuries in an auto-truck accident near Brooks early Monday morning. Recitation of the Rosary will be at 8 p. m. Friday, March 31, at Clough - Barrick chapel.

Johnson is survived by the widow, Mathilda; sons, Francis of the merchant marine and Arthur of Portland; daughters, Marie, Theresa and Sophia of Portland, and Dolores of Dallas; uncles, F. O. Johnson, route 7, Salem, and Albert Johnson, Folk county; and an aunt, Miss Amanda Johnson, Seattle.

No Glass Found in Brandy, Says Conway

PORTLAND, March 30—(P)—Ray Conway, state liquor administrator, said today that glass fragments have not been detected in any brandy sold by the state liquor control commission. None of the 30,000 cases of brandy from Oporto, Portugal, which the California state food and drug inspector said showed presence of glass fragments in preliminary tests, were destined for Oregon, Conway said.

of experience including Joe Dobbin, last year's heavy-hitting shortstop; Roy Johnson, former major league outfielder returning to the game after a year's layoff, and Cornelius Crocena, another outfielder recently obtained from Hollywood. Clarence Marshall, young pitcher with Seattle last season, is showing well among the pitchers and Joe Nokes, Howard Davis and Lloyd Christopher all show promise. Gene Clark, Bakersfield boy

Maroons, 'Dogs And Indians Oppose SHS

Olinger Oval Scene For 3 p.m. Session

Salem high's track and fielders, a dozen lettermen, two transfers and a handful of aspiring rookies strong, don their Red and Black scanties today to open the cinder season in a 4-way meet with the combined efforts of Milwaukie, Albany and Chemawa on Olinger oval. The group romp and jump party is set for 2:30 p. m. Albany and Chemawa, added to the field only yesterday, report only mediocre squads as units, although both are said to have a shining light or two on each. One in particular is Captain George Walters of Chemawa, a sprinter capable of scooting the century near the 10-second mark.

The Maroons, always a topnotch track and field outfit in the No-Name league, report this year they are capable in the field events but only so-so in the field efforts. Another dashman, Richard Hicks, fifth place winner in the state meet's 220-yard event last season, heads the Milwaukie thinclads. Low hurdler Leonard Brown has a .26 mark for the short barriers, also a good reason why the Maroons will hit the scoreboard today. And although the Northerners are reputedly weak in field events, their Bob Eldridge, who also does some sprinting, has last year's No-Name broad - jumping title at 19 feet, much better than average.

For Coach Tommy Drynan's Viks, it's just the opposite from Milwaukie. The Viks have the power in the field events and distance trots, but stack up as being woefully weak in the sprints. Only Richard Taw, a 100-yard man, is back to take care of Salem's short stuff.

The rest of the dozen lettermen are doled over the 880, discus, high jump, mile, javelin and shot events. The SHS 1-2-3 boys, Benny Lambert, Bob Macy and Jim Shawver are half-milers, and good ones; Dave Getzenander tours the four-lapper with Andy Zahare, Art Gottfried wheels the platter over 120 feet, Duane Isaacson shows much promise as a low hurdler, Tom Boardman doubles in the shot and discus, Norm Dalke tosses the spear and Dick Gatke and Jack Larson do the high jumping.

Transfers, Lyle Williams, a pole vaulter who has done 10-6 in practice, and Bob Webber, sprinter - broad jumper are also looked upon as possible points for the Vik side.

The sprinkling of Vik newcomers, who have shown promise in the two-week workout sessions, will be going for the points in the other events.

Gustafson 1st In Ruddles Go

Harry Gustafson, 8-handicapped member of the Mens' club at Salem golf club won himself first prize in the Ruddles tourney by shooting a total of 22. He had an actual round of 40 in the 9-holed Thursday play.

Tony Painter and John Heltzel finished in a deadlock for second with 21½ Ruddles each. Painter toured the nine in 35, three under Heltzel. Don Hendrie was next with 20½ after shooting a 38 and deducting handicap with the number of Ruddles points earned. Fifteen players participated.

No Coaches, No Ball

PORTLAND, March 30—(P)—A shortage of coaches may hold up Portland's plan for free baseball schools for youngsters. Ten schools are slated to open in playgrounds Saturday, but only six coaches have been lined up, City Sports Director Ray Brooks said today.

who signed with Seattle this spring, is an excellent fielder but so far has failed to display ability at the plate that made him better than a .600 hitter of prep pitching. Returning regulars include John Babich, Jack McClure, Carl Fischer, Joe Demoran, Syl Johnson, Byron Speece, Al Libke, Hal Turpin and Frank Tinske, all pitchers; Hal Sweeney and Nick Bonarigo, catchers; and Stanley Gray, Bill Lyman, Joe Dobbia and Jim Gilday, infielders.

Gorgeous Georgie Returns Tuesday -- Piluso to Rattle Him

Gorgeous Georgie Wagner, the limona - folding sharpie of the light heavy bantam's flock, returns to his old northwest stomping grounds next week after successfully sojourning in California, and Tuesday night takes over the Ferry Street Garden main event spot with popular Ernie Piluso. The match was made, signed and delivered by hustling Matchmaker Don Owen yesterday.

And it'll be a "brand new" Gorgeous Georgie coming home Tuesday — Hollywood took its toll on the ornery but cagy mus-

cier. Although he lost his Pacific Coast lightweight belt to one Paavo Kantonen while in the southland, he offset it by teaming up with a full-blood Eytalian count, Signor A. Rossi, and the pair, with Signor Rossi as manager, plan to scuttle the biceps from coast to coast on their way to making Georgie the world's No. 1 lightweight scrapper. The Count, said to be a well - to - do sportsman and soldier of fortune, won't be with his protegee Tuesday night, but as Georgie plans on mopping

up the circuit over a period of three or four weeks, the nobleman, who decks out in the latest from Esquire, including monocle and beret, will be seen plenty later on. Piluso was given the enviable role of bashing with the guy who knows how to both bash and wrestle with the best of 'em by virtue of his easy win over Bowlegged Buck Davidson here two weeks back. Owen says he promised Piluso better things in the future after that one, and the future is now at

hand for the Portland shipyard. Although Owen has yet to fill out the balance of Tuesday's card, expected to be fully as rip - roaring as was this week's, he intends bringing back both stylist Tony Morelli, he with the "windup" hold, and "Taznan" Fotvin, the bald - pated meanie who crunched with Tex Hager. It may be impossible to have Jack Kiser on hand again Tuesday, as he is now busy with pre-induction chores in Portland.

TH' VIKING City Softy Loop Adopted; 1-2-3 BOYS Action to Start Next Week



Above are the 1-2-3 boys of Salem high's track and field team which opens its season this afternoon on Olinger oval against the combined efforts of Milwaukie, Albany and Chemawa highs. The trio, all half-milers, are (left to right) Benny Lambert, Bob Macy and Jim Shawver. They finished 1-2-3 in their pet event numerous times last season. (Statesman sports photo)

Salt Creekers Senior Church Loop Champs

The Salt Creek Baptist church captured the Senior "A" youth basketball league title at the YMCA last night by downing Calvary Baptist 28 to 19 in the playoff tussle. Both teams were tied for first place at the end of the regular season.

Forward sBrtell led the winning attack with 10 points while Andy Zahare's five paced the losers. The tilt wound up for the season all league basketball at the Y. Attentioners are to be turned to softball now.

CALV. BAP. (19) (28) SALT CREEK HOOKS (4) F (2) Thistles Doud (2) F (10) Bartell Zahare (5) (3) Fast Thomas (2) G (4) Bubler Bloom (2) G (6) C. Villwock Calvary Baptist sub-Heman 4; Salt Creek Baptist — E. Villwock 3. Officials: Harold Davis and Chet Goodman.

'Jug' Spears Meet Preview

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 30—(P)—Harold "Jug" McSpaden of Philadelphia took top honors today with a seven-under-par 63 in the pro-amateur event preceding Knoxville's first \$6,000 open golf tournament.

Shooting into a strong wind on a muddy course, McSpaden tied the municipal course record, collected the nine in 35, three under Heltzel. Don Hendrie was next with 20½ after shooting a 38 and deducting handicap with the number of Ruddles points earned. Fifteen players participated.

BOWLING SCORES

SEARS-ROEBUCK (2)			
Handicap	1	2	3
Poulin	142	121	127-490
Hubbard	138	138	121-397
Boyd	181	115	140-436
Briggs	152	117	128-429
Meyers	178	123	178-476
Totals	813	645	708-2342

Gas, Tire Rationing Didn't Even Faze 'Em

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30—(P)—Oregon sportsmen, undeterred by gas and tire shortages, purchased a record high of 159,978 fishing licenses and 126,147 hunting licenses last year, the state game commission said today.

Hockey Teams Reach Finals

MONTREAL, March 30—(P)—The Montreal Canadiens captured their best-of-seven Stanley cup semi-finals tonight by beating Toronto 11 to 0, for their fourth win in five contests. The Canadiens scored seven goals in the third period.

Peanuts Lowry 'In'

LOS ANGELES, March 30—(P)—Harry "Peanuts" Lowry, speedy centerfielder of the Chicago Cubs, has been inducted into the army. He notified friends tonight he is stationed at Fort MacArthur. The Cubs had counted on him to be one of their regular flycatchers.

Dolan, Robleto Scrap Tonight

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 30—(P)—Joey Dolan, Albina shipyard batter, will attempt to revenge his last fall's defeat by Joe Robleto, Pasadena, Calif., in a ten-round main event here tomorrow night. Both men will move out of the featherweight class to make their debut as lightweight. The Mexican, who now scales 122, is regarded as favorite.

Padres Drop Fourth

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MILLER'S FURNITURE (2)			
Handicap	1	2	3
Jones	142	121	127-490
Webb	172	176	175-523
Averitt	128	128	128-484
Albrich	128	128	128-484
Lloyd	158	159	143-466
Totals	841	726	703-2279

Jack Favored At 12-5 Over Zurita Tonight

NEW YORK, March 30—(P)—Beau Jack, one-time Georgia shoe-shine boy who twice has held the New York lightweight title, is the 12-5 favorite in his 10-round Madison Square Garden non-title bout with NBA champion Juan Zurita tomorrow but some of the wise money is on the Mexican.

Johnny Dundee, the old featherweight, king, and Jimmy Johnston, who has talked his way through 50 years of fistic history, agreed that Zurita has the speed and style to conquer Jack, making his third Garden appearance of the month.

Both point out that Jack lost a decision to Bobby Ruffin and had considerable trouble with Lulu Constantino when those two failed to follow the orthodox script.

Zurita, Mexico's first native-born world champion, possesses a switch-stance that was one of his best assets when he dethroned Sammy Angot in Los Angeles March 8.

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Utah Captures Mythical Cage Crown, 43-36

Red Cross Gains \$35,000 From Tilt

NEW YORK, March 30—(P)—Utah's Blitz Kids, winners of the NCAA title, reched basketball heights tonight by defeating St. John's, victor in the national invitation tournament, 43 to 36, in a Red Cross benefit game that attracted 18,125 fans to Madison Square Garden.

The victory, achieved in the last half after the two teams had left the floor at the intermission deadlocked, 19-19, marked a great comeback for the ball-hawking Rocky Mountain boys following their defeat in the first round of the national invitation tournament.

The travelled back east to take the NCAA championship event and qualify for tonight's game, which saw \$35,000 turned over to the Red Cross.

Air Base, Pen Play Saturday

Salem's first baseball contest of the season will be played tomorrow, but even the most ardent fan is not expected to be on deck for the diamond action.

Salem Air Base and Oregon State Prison Greys will meet inside the pen walls in a game that's strictly "taboo" for outside attendance, only inmates to be allowed to view the fracas.

Coach Lt. Charlie Stepp's Air Base nine will play Dallas high school at Dallas Tuesday, and high and Willamette university have also scheduled Silverton for future games. Geo. E. Waters park will be used as the Airmen's home field.

Stayton Lists Boxing Card

STAYTON—Boxers from Stayton, Turner and Aumsville high schools will biff off tonight's boxing card slated for the Stayton high gym. The bouts will be under the supervision of Stayton Coach M. VanDriesche.

A pair of "free for alls," which will see six bashers in the ring at the same time, will be a feature of the card, listed for an 8 p. m. opening.

Tonight's program: Bobby Deik, 84, vs. John Whizehant, 80; John Stevens, 88, vs. Billy Weddie, 88; B. Fashahalt, 87, vs. Billy Trank, 80; Grade school free for all (contestants to be announced); Robert Curtis, 112, vs. A. Korlin, 119; W. Lierman, 110, vs. Ralph Giel, 130; Bill Poole, 115, vs. Buck Miller, 119; Jack Hinder, 125, vs. Bill Davenport, 125; Jack Stewart, 135, vs. T. Pierce, 135; E. Jordan, 145, vs. Ted Nichols of Aumsville, 135; M. Sagnotty, 140, vs. Joe McCoy of Turner, 140; Ronnie Johnson, 148, vs. Clay Perkins, 150; Larry Eriehard, 145, vs. Murray Champagne, 150; High school free for all—B. Coulson, Elynn Humphreys, Jack Stewart, Darrell Hinder, M. Long and Harry Welter; M. Mack, 148, vs. Bob Dombrosky, 160; Gilbert Wagener, 145, vs. Dale Yate of Turner, 150; Jim Latky, 150, vs. Jack Killinger of Aumsville, 168.

Angels Win, 6-4

ANAHEIM, Calif., March 30—(P)—The Los Angeles Angels set back the US Coast Guard nine of San Pedro today, 6 to 4, as Lefty Ray Prim, property of the Chicago Cubs, held the service team well in check.

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