

Beavers Slam Bushers, 17-0

Shone Hits Groove, Allows Three Hits

SAN JOSE, Calif., April 1—(P) Frank Shone pitched three-hit baseball today as the Portland Beavers buried Permanente Metals corporation, San Jose Winter League champions, 17-0, in an exhibition game. Shone conquered the wildness of previous contests, allowing two safeties in the first inning and one in the fourth. He went eight frames.

While Shone was handcutting Permanente, Specer Harris, Carl Anderson and Cessamora, a San Francisco Seal castoff who arrived at the Portland camp today, paced the Beavers' 19-hit attack on three metalworker pitchers.

Harris collected four hits, including a triple and a double, in five trips. He drove in three runs. Cessamora placed at second base by Manager Marv Owen, got two for four and also pounded in three runs. Anderson clouted the first homer of the season here.

The Beavers defeated Permanente, 5-2, Thursday night. They meet the Alameda Coast Guard tomorrow afternoon with Marino Pieretti booked for mound duty.

Parkrose Wins

PARKROSE, April 1—(P) Parkrose overwhelmed Central Catholic of Portland, 68-18, in a dual track meet here yesterday.

Sign It Here, Bambino Georgee



So says Count A. Rossi, former Italian nobleman-sportsman, as he merges with Gorgeous George Wagner (seated), who the count now insists will become the greatest lightweight rasslin' attraction in the world. Rossi, who "found" Wagner in Hollywood recently, is to manage his every move. Georgee appears in the armory Tuesday night against Ernie Piluso, main eventing the card which also features Tony "Windup" Morelli against Jack Lipscomb and "Tarzan" Polvin against Walter "Sneezle" Achli.

Lipscomb-Morelli Scrap Added to Wagner-Piluso Armory Mat Card Tuesday

The grappling fans who wondered during Tony "Windup" Morelli's debut here last week how he'd fare against one of the super-measles have no longer to wait than Tuesday night to find out. For Matchmaker Don Owen has added the ex-Olympic Games bopper with the classy style and comical "windup" hold to the upcoming card in the semiwindup spot against none other than Jack "Bash 'Em" Lipscomb, one of the bigger heels in the muscle fraternity. They'll tussle over the two-of-

three falls, 30-minute route just before Gorgeous Georgia Wagner makes his dramatic reappearance locally in the main event against popular Ernie Piluso.

Morelli, who stole the show last week and was the No. 1 instigator in making it by far the best bleep seen here in months, captured the fancy of the customers in his very first local outing. The guy isn't only a super showman, but a right capable grappler also. He and Bewigged Buck Davidson

slapped and slammed to a thrill-packed draw, and the upcoming walk is expected to be equally as glamorous.

The 8:30 p. m. curtain-raiser could also rate a main event spot were it not for the over-attractiveness of the semi and main heats, for Walter "Sneezle" Achli, the Chinese ju-jitsu artist who makes 'em jitterbug without music, takes on "Tarzan" Polvin, the bald but beefy Canadian meanie who also made his debut last week. Walter will no doubt have occasion to put

to use his tricky knuckles on "Tarzan" for the latter showed he likes his action strictly on the kick 'em and clout 'em side.

Owen reports all is in readiness for the Wagner homecoming. Georgee and his new manager, Count A. Rossi, former Italian nobleman - sportsman who merged with Wagner recently in Hollywood, are determined to make the Gorgeous One the greatest lightweight mat attraction in the world. They'll settle for nothing but wins and double the usual gate slice for

Wagner. Piluso, who easily stomped Davidson here two weeks ago could gain himself a healthy niche amongst the crunch cronies by whipping Georgee, so the homecoming will be much more than a pink tea and back-slapping affair.

There will be no raise in admission prices despite the star-studded card and Wagner's appearance, and tickets may be purchased Monday afternoon and Tuesday at Maple's Sporting Goods store.

STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

Great Lakers Capture AAU Swim Laurels

Bill Smith Sparks Drive to US Title

By JERRY LISKA
ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 1—(P) Sparked by Bill Smith's brilliant triple win, Great Lakes naval station easily captured the 1944 national AAU indoor swimming championships with a top heavy total of 54 points upon the conclusion of the two-day all-star carnival tonight.

Michigan was a poor second with 20 points, while Columbia, paced by a double diving triumph by Charley Batterman, was third with 13 points.

Another twin victory was turned in by Chief Specialist Adolph Kiefer, whose win in the 150-yard backstroke and 300-yard individual medley gave Bainbridge naval station of Maryland fourth place with ten points.

Kiefer's new American record of 3:23.9 in the individual medley Friday night was the outstanding single performance of the meet. The rugged navy veteran tonight recaptured the backstroke crown won from him last year by Michigan's Harry Holiday. Holiday was absent this time.

Smith, 19-year-old seaman, won the AAU medal for top scoring. In addition to establishing new AAU records as he retained his 220 and 440 yard free style titles and winning Alan Ford's undefeated 100 championship, Smith also swam on Great Lakes' winning 400 free style and 300 medley relay teams.

The great bluejacket ace set the 220 record Friday night and tonight he swirled over the 440 in 4:42.1 for a second mark shortly after assuming Ford's throne in the 100.

Solons Lose To Commanders

SACRAMENTO, April 1—(P) Getting to Earl Porter, righthander formerly with Tacoma in the Western International league, for 10 hits and seven runs in the first four innings, the McClellan field Commanders defeated Sacramento of the Pacific Coast league, 8-1, in an exhibition baseball game here today.

Heavy hitters for the winners were Bob Dillinger, third baseman owned by the St. Louis Browns, and Ferris Fain, former San Francisco Seal first baseman. Dillinger had a perfect day at bat with four hits, while Fain collected a pair of doubles.

Paul Bowa, third baseman, was the only Solon to collect more than one hit. He had a double and single.

Preps Announce Diamond Schedule

MT. ANGEL — The 10-game Duration league baseball schedule for Coach Paul Reiling's Mt. Angel Preps has been announced. The Angels will go to Silverton Tuesday for the opener. After that it's Woodburn here April 11, Molalla here April 18, Chemawa here April 14, Canby here April 21, Silverton here April 25, Woodburn here April 28, Chemawa here May 2, Molalla here May 5 and Canby here May 9.

Reiling has been working the team in the following order in recent practices: Joe Bellemeier, pitcher; Vince Traeger, first; Walter Faulhaber, second; Jim Bellemeier, third; Frank Grosjacques, short, and Al Schneider, Lou Turin, Alois Bell, Duane Neale, Jim Welman, Clem Ruef and Larry Vandecouvering, outfield.

Padre Yannigans Trip Regs, 5-2

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 1—(P) Forced to pass up today's scheduled game with the Long Beach Western Pipe & Steels, who were required to stay on their jobs, the San Diego Padres engaged in an inter-squad contest today, the Yannigans registering a 5 to 2 decision over the regulars.

One of Spring 'Cap Favorites



WALTER CLINE, Jr., links stylist who is one of the best par busters in the village, will rate a favorite's role in the Salem Golf club's annual spring handicap tournament which gets underway next Sunday. Cline has a handicap of two.

Hendrie, Lengren Hold Medalist Roles 45 Now Qualified for Spring Handicap as Deadline Nears

Nineteen more Salem Golf club Spring Handicap derbyists posted qualifying scores yesterday, swelling the list to 45, and after deadline time comes tonight the field is expected to reach the 50 mark. Pairings will then be made and first round firing for the trophies and Lawrence "Monk" Alley's 1943 title will start next Saturday, April 8.

Included in yesterday's qualifiers was Don Hendrie, and when he finished up his 18 holes he was the one to beat for the trophy

Fumblin' LA Loses, 7 to 1

PORT HUENEME, Calif., April 1—(P) A fumbling Los Angeles Coast league club took a 7-1 drubbing from the Port Hueneeme Seabees today in a pre-season baseball game. Six errors contributed to the Angels' downfall.

Lefty Bill Gillum handled the pitching honors for the Seabees, allowing only five hits. Pete Malory and Gerald Juzek, Los Angeles hurlers, were nicked for ten blows.

Bevo Ball Seats On Sale Monday

PORTLAND, April 1—(P) Five thousand reserved seats for the Portland Beavers home field opener April 26 against the San Diego Padres will go on sale Monday, General Manager Bill Klepper said today.

San Francisco Loses Another

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1—(P) The San Francisco Seals of the Pacific coast league dropped another contest to a coast guard outfit today. The San Francisco Surf Riders were the victors, 4 to 2.

42nd PCL Derby Starts This Week

Bevos Open Against Frisco Nine; Unpredictable Club Await Bell

Turned slap-happy by the war, but still kicking, the Pacific Coast baseball league tosses off the blanket this week for the 42nd time and sends its eight members cutting and slashing at each other for the pot o' gold which await the four top finishers next September. That is, if they all last until September. What with the new threat of herding 4Fs into war labors, many are

of the opinion all professional baseball won't last through the summer.

However, the Saturday openers, which will see two new owners and four new team managers making their PCL debuts, sends Portland's Beavers against San Francisco in the Bay City, Seattle at Hollywood, Oakland at San Diego and Los Angeles at Sacramento.

The new club owners are holding the reins at Oakland and Sacramento. The new skippers are Marv Owen of Portland, replacing Merv Shea; Dolph Camilli of Oakland, replacing Johnny Vergez; Earl Sheely of Sacramento, in for Ken Penner, and George Detore of San Diego, who displaced Cedric Durd near the end of the 1943 campaign.

Bill Sweeney of the Los Angeles, Charley Root of the Stars, Bill Skiff of Seattle and Lefty O'Doul of the San Franciscans are returning vets with the other four clubs.

Team personnel in every instance points to one of the most unpredictable seasons in the circuit's history. Every team is stocked with a conglomeration of has-beens, not-quites and 4-Fs, the war having taken its fearful toll of honest - to - gosh double-A ballgamers.

Railbirds point to the San Francisco Seals as the club to beat this time since the O'Doulers seem to have the best balanced unit in the spring camps. A few more like the Seattle Rainiers because of the tried and true mound corps under Skiff's wing. And unless the mothering Chicago Cubs supply the Los Angeles Angels with a talented fistful, the Seraphs are pegged for a second-division slot this time.

Sheely reports his revitalized Senators "may surprise" all. Camilli is faced with a pitcher-less club, and San Diego isn't expected to do any better than the seventh place finish of a year ago. Hollywood is regarded as only so-so and Portland is rated similarly since the Bevos need infielders and pitchers.

The teams engage in 10-game series' starting with the Saturday openers.

Oregon Plans \$10,000 Open

PORTLAND, Ore., April 1—(P) The Oregonian said tonight that Oregon golf associations are considering a \$10,000 open tournament here for August.

The tourney would be aimed at drawing nationally-known shot-makers who will compete in the annual Professional Golfers' association championship at Spokane August 14-20, the paper said.

Dodgers Lose One, Add One

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., April 1—(P) A few moments after Luis Olmo received word from his Puerto Rican draft board that he had been placed in I-A, Outfielder Franchy Iboradagary walked out of Brooklyn President Branch Rickey's room and announced he had signed a 1944 contract at "an increase in salary beyond expectations."

Iboradagary recently was reported as on the Brooklyn trading block because of his salary demands.

Dayton Opens Practice For Baseball Season

DAYTON—The Dayton union high school baseball team has started practice for the coming season under Coach Don January. The diamond has been reconditioned via the use of tractors and harrows in charge of Jack Edwards and John Noble, members of the ball team. The schedule of games will be announced soon with Friday, April 7, probably the opening game day.

Swegle Downs Auburn

SWEGLE — Swegle school's softballers scored a 32-22 victory over Auburn here Thursday. Auburn's girls trounced the Swegle lassies 37-20.

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(Ex-champ Returns)

<p style="text-align: center;">Semi-Windup</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 of 3 falls, half hour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tony "Windup" Morelli (New York stylist) vs. Jack Lipscomb (super-measle)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8:30 Curtin-Raiser</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 of 3 falls, half hour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walter "Sneezle" Achli (ju-jitsu artist) vs. "Tarzan" Polvin (Canadian newcomer)</p>
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REFEREE—ELTON OWEN

Tickets on Sale at Maple's Sporting Goods Store and The Pioneer Club

Admission: Ringside \$1.50 Gen. Adm. 75c Tax Inc.

From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

News from the south reports the death of Freddie Lanifero, the "Lashin' Lanny" of 1941 Alamo Senators fame, said killed in action in the south Pacific. Another of our former diamond pals who are going down swinging nowadays. Lanny was by far the best second-sacker to wear the Senator livery during the three years the club operated here, and you can take it from one who saw perform nearly every keystone man in the circuit's history, he was second to none. The likeable bowlegged Italian with the Eddie Cantor eyes and sharp tongue had not a single enemy in the entire league the year he played here, and from the way he slammed the offerings of opposing pitchers and cut off almost certain base hits with his sparkling infield play one would have thought he had nothing but ill - feeling toward him by the opposing teams. But they, like his own teammates, respected him for what he was — a good ballplayer . . . Lanny would have undoubtedly been the No. 1 second-sacker for San Diego of the Coast circuit in 1942 were it not for the war. On option from the Padres, he was called back to that club at the close of the '41 campaign in which he had battled and fielded so well. The bowlegged speedster from Rhode Island, who compared with the best for his ability to pivot on the middle sack and fire for first on a double play, was drafted into the army shortly after being called back to San Diego . . . Details on his death weren't given us, but knowing him as we did we'll bet he wasn't shot in the back . . .



FRED LANIFERO

Tough Blow for WU's Navycats

Competitive athletics with outside service units and schools are practically a thing of the past as far as Willamette's Navycats are concerned, no matter if the best football, basketball or baseball talent in the country should be assigned to the school's V-12 program. Seems somebody remembered the rule which says no admission charges can be made to events in which naval personnel takes part—definitely against naval regulations.

Which means that unless the Navycats hang the "free" sign at the ticket window, athletic get-togethers with, for instance, Washington and Whitman (also navy schools), and the various service teams hereabouts are out. And hanging that sign on the pay window isn't a good habit to get into.

Don't know who suddenly discovered the regulation, but it also seems that it's being broken quite regularly by most all navy personnel stocked schools in the country. Take the most recent Rose Bowl game, for instance. The one way around the regulation: Admission cannot be charged, but if you care to toss in a donation of your own free will it will be gladly accepted.

Good-bye Pro Baseball, No!

What the old draft has thus far failed to do—kill professional baseball—the new draft, that of herding 4Fs into war labor battalions, same now a congressional issue, will no doubt succeed. Pessimism? Sure, and what is there left to be optimistic about? You can't make something out of nothing, unless you take on an overdose of fighting firewater and get too talkative, and when the Capitol Hillers soon start telling the 4Fs where they're going to park their lunch buckets, it won't be in a ball park clubhouse.

Getting right down to it, the club owners are really trying to make something out of nothing now. Two-thirds of the ballgamers now awaiting opening bells for the upcoming season couldn't have carried the gloves of the diamond performers of three or four years ago. "Either Too Young or Too Old" couldn't be better adapted. Look over the roster in the Coast league for instance. How many of those gents have you heard of before? Not very many is putting it gently. And it's the same in the few other minor leagues in operation as well as both major leagues.

They're trying to go ahead regardless, and should be commended for it. But it's a certainty they won't try to carry on with under-18 and over-38 year olds after the new draft takes its jaunt around the Hill. The country's fans—what's left of 'em—won't go for it at a buck or two a clip. They can see that kind of baseball on village sandlots now for free. That is, on some village sandlots.

In Best Shape Ever, but—

Too bad the war is taking its toll in the Coast league, for that circuit, about to flex its 42-year old muscles, is in the best shape it's ever been in as a whole. Sacramento and Oakland both set to prosper under new deals and home management, Portland again a red hot ball town since George Norgan and Bill Klepper took over a year ago, Seattle year in and year out a topnotcher since Emil Sick stepped in—all tending to make the loop as rock-ribbed as they come. And there's Hollywood with a new park and backed by cinema-town dough, San Francisco and Los Angeles, both doing so well the major leagues wouldn't mind moving in—yep, the league is in great shape.

Now if it only had some ballplayers, —

Novel Casaba Games Played

LIBERTY — A pair of novel basketball contests which pitted Boy Scout teams opposite Girl Scout outfits were played here last week.

In the first half of each game and boys' rules the second half.

The weaker sex nearly proved the stronger in the junior patrol game, when the lassies built up a 2-6 halftime lead, but were not able to keep pace with the faster boys' rules the final two quarters, and lost to the male crew, 18-16.

Boy Scout senior patrolers defeated the senior girls, 42-28 in the other game.

Prison Greys Down Airmen

Oregon State Penitentiary's Greys waltzed off with a 6-3 diamond victory over Coach L.A. Charlie Stapp's Salem Army Air Base nine on the OSP diamond yesterday in the inaugural contest of the 1944 Salem baseball season.

Ragged defensive play proved the Flyers' stumbling block. Pitcher Curt Callahan, who huris 'em from theoptside, went the first five innings for the soldiers and was the victim of five unearned runs, scored via the costly Army errors committed at critical moments.

The winners hit the scoring column in the first inning when Swede Johnson, fiery Grey shortstop who turned in four-for-four performance at the plate, plastered one high and handsome onto the mess hall roof for a home run. The Airmen, clad in GI fatigues from shoes on up, evened things in their half of the second stanza when Ed Gosselin doubled Louis Frenzko in from second.

The Greys gathered two more in the third and three in the fifth, all "gifts" from bobbing Flyers. The Airmen threatened in the eighth frame with a pair of tallies, but a fast double play ended their bid.

Each team used three pitchers in the fracas, which was halted in the eighth inning in order to conform with the penitentiary time schedule.

The Greys will meet the Millwaukie townies today in a double-header but only pen inmates will be allowed as spectators.

Callahan, Ulrich (6), Kamanaski (7) and Detore; Cornwall, Ross (4), Johnson (7) and Williams.

Albina Curbs Outside Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., April 1—(P) Albina Engine & Machine Works, which sponsored the Albina Hellships, one of the northwest's top basketball clubs the past season, announced today it henceforth will promote inter-departmental athletics only.

Al Lake, public relations director for the navy shipyard, said the action was taken for economy reasons at the request of navy officials. The Hellships recently won the Oregon AAU basketball crown. They won the Portland War Industries baseball title last summer.

Utah, Colorado Plan '44 Grid

LARAMIE, Wyo., April 1—(P) The University of Utah and the University of Colorado both plan to field football teams next fall, representatives said today after a meeting of the Intermountain Collegiate Athletic association.

Football plans of Colorado State college and Wyoming university will depend largely upon the army's attitude toward participation in the sport by members of the enlisted reserve, it was understood.

Track Schedule Opens

PORTLAND, April 1—(P) Opening prep track relays were won by Roosevelt and Jefferson here yesterday. Roosevelt totaled 24 points to edge Washington and Commerce in a triangular meet. Jefferson overpowered Grant in a dual meet.