

Wallop Week: 2 Fight Cards Upcoming for Fistic Folks

Salem Relays Set Tuesday

Postponed by the weather from last week, the First Annual Salem Relays, anxious to leave the barrier in quest for a position as one of the state's top-notch cinder sessions annually, is set for romping at 2 p. m. Tuesday on Olinger oval. A field of over a dozen teams is expected to help christen the inaugural.

So far only eight teams have notified Director of Athletics Gurness Flesher they'll be here to battle for the trophy which is to go to the outfit scoring most points, but more are expected to trickle in by the time the meet starts. Those who have sent in acceptances are Klamath Falls, Oregon City, Hillsboro (probable), Jefferson, Molalla, Canby and Albany.



EDDIE WELLER, who fights Angelo Pretello here Thursday night in the main event of the 40 & 8 pro boxing revival card at the armory. (Cut courtesy Oregonian)

Navycat Gym, Armory Sites For Parties

This could rightfully be called "Wallop Week" in the town. They've been few and far between the past couple of years, have the beak busting binges, but this week not one but two of same are on tap for consumption by clout-hungry villagers. And both shows, despite falling on successive nights, stack up as good reasons why the fistic followers will be glad the punch pitchers have reopened the town.

Wednesday night the second and official Willamette university V-12 trainees "Happy Hour" will be presented in the school's gym, open to the public and all for free. That start at 7 p. m., and included amongst musical renditions, judo exhibitions and impromptu comedy are some dozen bopping bees by V-12'ers ranging from featherweights to heavyweights. The "dress rehearsal" show was held last Wednesday for the benefit of the naval battalion only and proved to be a roaring success.

The Wednesday show will also serve as a primer and tempo setter for the next night at the village armory where the Marion County Vulture 40 & 8, American Legion, presents its professional boxing revival. Promoter Ira Pilcher, debuting as the "Mike Jacobs of Salem", has merged efforts with Portland interests and has hatched for his first effort what appears on paper to be an A-1 show.

The fighters, right from main eventers Eddie Weller and Angelo Pretello, welterweights, on down to the first prelim men were signed on by Pilcher only after a thorough search and come recommended by at least one respected authority.

The semiwindup, a six-rounder, tosses together Big Dave Johnson, 205, and K. O. Hooker, 188, Oakland, Calif. Johnson is the former Pacific coast intercollegiate heavy champ from U of Idaho. The three 4-round prelims: Bob Wright, 163, Portland, vs. Johnnie Mitchell, 168, Chicago; John "Rocky" Mobley, 140, Washington, DC., vs. Mike Finley, 140, Chemawa; Eddie Walton, 150, St. Louis, vs. Bob Pounds, 150, Vancouver, Wash.

City Softball Sched Complete

The balance of the City Softball league schedule was announced yesterday by Director Chet Goodman of the YMCA. It is as follows, beginning with Wednesday's round:

April 19 — Air Base vs. Maple's at Leslie; Keith Brown vs. Papermakers at Olinger; Golden Pheasant vs. WU Blues at Sweetland; WU Golds vs. WU Cardinals at Sweetland. April 20 — Air Base vs. Golden Pheasant at Leslie; Keith Brown vs. WU Golds at Sweetland; Papermakers vs. WU Cardinals at Olinger; Maple's vs. WU Blues at Sweetland. May 3 — Air Base vs. WU Golds at Olinger; Keith Brown vs. WU Cardinals at Sweetland; Papermakers vs. WU Blues at Sweetland; Golden Pheasant at Leslie. May 10 — Air Base vs. WU Cardinals at Olinger; Keith Brown vs. WU Blues at Sweetland; Papermakers vs. WU Golds at Sweetland. May 17 — Air Base vs. WU Blues at Sweetland; Keith Brown vs. Golden Pheasant at Leslie; Papermakers vs. WU Golds at Olinger; Maple's vs. WU Cardinals at Sweetland. May 24 (games postponed from April 13) Air Base vs. Papermakers at Leslie; Keith Brown vs. Maple's at Olinger; Golden Pheasant vs. WU Cardinals at Sweetland; WU Golds vs. WU Blues at Sweetland.

Bowling Scores

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE (Final second half standings)		
Team	L	Pct.
Nicholson Insurance	29	16 .544
Goldies	27	19 .500
Barber Shop	27	19 .500
Hartman Bros. Jewelers	23	23 .498
Woodburn	21	24 .467
Hamme	21	24 .467
Halterson Construction Co.	19	28 .422
Paul Bros. Tanners	17	28 .378
Averages leading bowlers: West 185, Denmore 167, Wheatley 165, Melville 165, Kirchner 164, Mathis 164, Pederson 164, Forgard 159, White 150, Ertsgaard 150, Schrank 150.		
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE		
Team	L	Pct.
Wahl Bros.	28	14 .541
Statesman	25	16 .611
Papermakers	25	16 .611
Scio	18	21 .462
Valley Oil Co.	18	21 .462
M & F Grocery	17	22 .438
Brite Spot	15	24 .385
Capital City Laundry	13	28 .333
Averages leading bowlers: West 185, Denmore 167, Wheatley 165, Melville 165, Kirchner 164, Mathis 164, Pederson 164, Forgard 159, White 150, Ertsgaard 150, Schrank 150.		
MAJOR LEAGUE		
Team	L	Pct.
Army-Navy Store	25	11 .594
Bert's Prox	20	16 .556
Cline's Coffee Shop	19	17 .528
City Cleaners	15	21 .417
Ramage's T-UP	15	21 .417
Acme Wreckers	14	22 .389
Averages leading bowlers: Cline, Jr. 185, Poulin 182, Hartwell 184, Thrush 182, Cline, Sr. 182, Pederson 182, Coe 180, Haman 180, Krejci 179, Page 179, Friesen 177, Foreman 177.		
LADIES LEAGUE		
Team	L	Pct.
Broadway Beauty Shop	20	16 .556
Miller's Furniture	19	17 .528
Achkin's Bootery	18	18 .500
Kegeties	17	18 .500
Sears, Roebuck Co.	13	24 .333
Averages leading bowlers: Cline, Jr. 185, Poulin 182, Hartwell 184, Thrush 182, Cline, Sr. 182, Pederson 182, Coe 180, Haman 180, Krejci 179, Page 179, Friesen 177, Foreman 177.		

'Nother Biggie: Lipscomb-Morelli Match Added Kiser-Wagner Rattle Card

Back div: More topnotch rattle assured for the Tuesday night crunch customers, for Matchmaker Don Owen has tabbed for next Salem delivery what looks like another thrilling thriller. Owen yesterday announced that Big Tony "Windup" Morelli, who waged that wow with George "Scaldy Cat" Wagner last week, would return this time to smack off the semiwindup brawl against none other than Jack "Bash 'Em" Lipscomb, the Indiana super meanie who has been having trouble holding his spot in the circuit's limelight since so

many top performers have come to this sector of late. Morelli was hot for a return struggle with Wagner this time after their blistering draw last Tuesday, but George ducked it. Little wonder after seeing how he evaded the rugged Gotham stylist most of the hour.

The 8:30 curtain raiser chores fall to Billy McEuin, who plastered "Tarzan" Fotvin so decisively last week in straight falls, and Speedy Tex Hager, who two weeks ago gave off with the best performance of his muscling career as far as village faithful were concerned. Both the opener and semi are tabbed for the usual two-of-three falls, half-hour limited. Both matches should be fitting primers for the main event between Wagner and Jack "Pinny Boy" Kiser.

Kiser, by far the most popular bleeper to show his stuff here, got the main go with Wagner simply because he earned it by upsetting Pete Belcastro two weeks ago. The Wagner-Morelli rematch was a natural for this week, but when George backed down Owen had just the man to lose against him—Kiser. Owen then followed up by signing Walt "Sneeze" Achin to referee the thing and instructed him to award a fall to Kiser if Wagner persisted in spending

most of his time outside the ring and running as he did last week. Wagner was very unhappy with Kiser's refereeing last week, and because brother Don refused to let George pick his own third man for a Morelli rematch, Wagner thumbed down another lift with strong Antonio. Then as a measure of showing Wagner he definitely draws no water in the managerial department of the circuit, Owen assigned the fair and square Chinaman to officiate the Kiser-Wagner mix. Achin stands for little tomfoolery, so it'll be a matter of "rattle, or else" for George.

STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor



BOB WEBER, muscular junior transfer from California, is shown taking off for a 200-yard race in a practice session for Salem high's Viking thincad team. Already recognized as one of the best broad jumpers in the state since he's twice neared the 21-foot mark, Weber is also the Vikings' No. 1 sprinter. He'll be in action Tuesday on Olinger oval when the first annual Salem Relays are presented. (Statesman sports photo)

'Kids' Crack Relay Record In AAU Swim

OAKLAND, Calif., April 15—(AP) The Multnomah club 400-yard free style relay team of Portland, Ore. broke its record in the National AAU Women's Senior Swimming and Diving meet tonight. Mary Ann Hanson, Suzanne Zimmerman, Nancy Merki and Brenda Heiser, churned the 400 in 4 minutes 9.1 seconds—one-tenth second faster than the American mark they established at Seattle in 1942.

The Women's Swimming association team of New York City was second. Third place was taken by the Crystal Palace Plunge of San Francisco and the Medinah Athletic club of Chicago was fourth.

With Ann Curtis leading off, the San Francisco team took the lead in the first lap but after change of the baton, the Crystal Palace team dropped back and the race was between the Multnomah and the New York quartet. In the last lap, Brenda Heiser gave the Portland team a good lead and swam on to win.

It was the second American record established today. In the 400-yard free style race Ann Curtis trimmed a half-second off the 5:27.8 record she set last year in the AAU championships.

In the 100-yard backstroke semi-finals, Suzanne Zimmerman, 18, Multnomah club of Portland, Ore. stroked to victory in 1:11.2.

The 220-yard breaststroke qualifiers for the finals were Joan Fogle, Indianapolis, who won the first heat in 3:16.3; Nancy Merki, Portland, Ore., winner of the second in 3:17.8; Patty Aspinwall, Indianapolis, 3:18.3; Barbara Yodice, New York, 3:23.6; Patricia Sinclair, New York, 3:26.6 and Jeanne Wilson, Chicago, 3:27.7.

FDR Puts OK On Baseball

WASHINGTON, April 15—(AP) Baseball, about to start on its third wartime season despite loss of players to the armed services and other difficulties, got an official nod of approval from the White House today. President Roosevelt, a fan himself, is down south getting some rest and sunshine but his secretary, Stephen Early, spoke for him.

"I know the president is pleased to see baseball continuing," Early told Clark Griffith, president of the Washington ball club. "Everybody knows my feelings in support of sports."

Gervais Announces Sched, Ball Roster

GERVAIS—The first baseball game of the season was to have been played on the local diamond last week with St. Paul but was rained out. Other North Marion county B league games are: April 18, St. Paul at Hubbard; April 21, Gervais at St. Paul; April 25, Hubbard at St. Paul, and the May day game April 28. The starting lineup is, Manning, ss; Ferschweiler, p; Patterson, c; Ronney, 3b; Jorgensen, 2b; Veto, 1b; Rush, cf; Brown, lf; Schlechter, rf; Vachter, rf.

Armstrong Protege Turns Pro at 13

SALT LAKE CITY, April 15—(AP) At 13 Keith Nuttall will become a professional fighter. Morris Nuttall, the boy's father, said he had signed a contract providing for his son's appearance in exhibition fights directed by Henry Armstrong, former three-division champion. Nuttall will receive \$500 each for 15 exhibition bouts from coast to coast, his father said.

Bevos Sign Barker

PORTLAND, April 15—(AP) Frank Barker, infielder from the San Francisco bay area, signed today with the Portland Beavers. General Manager William H. Kleppner said here.

Few Players, Much Confidence

Major Leagues Start '44 Derby Tuesday

NEW YORK, April 15—(AP)—Major league baseball is waiting for the bell, ready to start on Tuesday a season that many crepe hangers said would never start and confident of its ability to carry through to the usual world series. Barring any unexpected shutdown order from the White House, the game figures to survive its third wartime year by counter-balancing expected weekday slumps with a big night and Sunday crowds. By filling in drafter-depleted ranks with minor leaguers, most of them with double-A experience, the national game will be able to present a product that is not dissimilar to the 1943 version.

Beavers Split Two With Seals

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15—(AP) The San Francisco Seals and the Portland Beavers divided a Pacific Coast league doubleheader today with the Seals winning the first contest, 14 to 2, and the Beavers taking the seven-inning second game, 11 to 5.

In the opener the Seals pounded out five hits off Syd Cohen, Portland hurler for only four in the third inning to take the lead and continued their hammering on the offerings of five other hurlers. In all Portland used 19 players, including the six pitchers, in an effort to stop the scoring spree of the Seals.

Portland spotted San Francisco four runs in the first inning of the nightcap but came through in the third inning with a five-run rally that put them well ahead and they held this advantage throughout.

Sacs Dropped Again

SACRAMENTO, April 15—(AP) Los Angeles made it six victories in a row as Pete Mallory hurled the Angels to a 5-2 win over the Sacramento Solons in a Pacific Coast league baseball game here today. Mallory limited the eighth place club to four hits.

Suds Tip Twinks, 4-3

HOLLYWOOD, April 15—(AP) Seattle defeated Hollywood 4-3 in a Pacific Coast league game today behind Hal Turpin's steady eight-inning pitching. The Stars made a strong bid in the late innings, tallying twice in the seventh and once in the eighth, but the rally fell short.

Padres Flop Oaks, 8-3

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 15—(AP) Although relieved in the eighth inning, Lefty Jim Brillheart of the San Diego Padres was credited with an 8 to 3 hurling triumph over the Oakland A's in a Pacific coast league baseball game today. Dolph Camilli, Oakland playing manager, collected a home run in the eighth.

Movitz Wins Slalom

SALT LAKE CITY, April 15—(AP) Dick Movitz, 18-year-old Salt Lake City skier wearing the colors of Alta Ski club, outdistanced a field of 40 today to win the regular slalom of the 1944 Alta cup races.



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COAST LEAGUE	
W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Los Ang 6	1,000/San Fran 4 4 .500
San Dieg 6	2,750/Seattle 3 5 .375
Hollywod 5	3,825/Oakland 3 6 .350
Portland 4	4,500/Sacramento 6 6 .500

Yesterday's results:
At San Francisco 14-5, Portland 2-11.
At Hollywood 3, Seattle 4.
At San Diego 3, Oakland 3.
At Sacramento 2, Los Angeles 5.

'Mad Russian' Back in Fold

CHICAGO, April 15—(AP)—With the "Mad Russian," Lou Novikoff, finally on hand, the Chicago Cubs today had hopes of upsetting their American league city rivals, the White Sox, when the teams resume their spring series at Comiskey park tomorrow.

Novikoff, colorful outfielder, reported this afternoon. He attributed his absence from spring training to his desire to be with his wife, ill at their California home.

Bobo Signed, Then Rased

NEW YORK, April 15—(AP)—Connie Mack signed Bobo Newson to a contract with the Philadelphia Athletics today, and then announced that Bobo's indifferent work in an exhibition game against the Curtis Bay Coast Guards yesterday had cost him the assignment to open the season on the mound against the Washington Senators.

Blevins Awaited For Kahut Scrap

PORTLAND, April 15—(AP)—Bob Blevins, Oakland, Calif., heavyweight, will arrive Monday to complete training for his main event with Joe Kahut of Woodburn next Friday night. Bobby Brock, another Woodburn fighter, will meet Jimmie Hogan, Seattle welterweight in the semiwindup.

Cubs Return Phipps' Contract to LA Club

CHICAGO, April 15—(AP)—Vice President James Gallagher of the Chicago Cubs announced today he had returned the contract of pitcher Jodie Phipps to the Los Angeles club of the Pacific coast league. Bought by the Cubs after a successful season last year with the Angels, Phipps refused to report, and Gallagher said the deal is off.

From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER

Another reminder: If you want to see how the navy has a good time it's "Happy Hour" gatherings and have a good one yourself, don't fail to take in the 7 p. m. show at Willamette gym Wednesday night. We were one of the privileged few civilians who thoroughly enjoyed last week's "preview", and believe me, it's quite a show. since it's all for free, what have you to lose? ... Mistress of the orchard Mrs. Geo. E. Waters has tendered her okeh on both the Airport and WU Navycat ball lines using the big 25th and Turner arena, so don't be surprised if there's one of those rarities within same one of these days—a ball game ... Lee Fallin went down instead of up by switching from artillery teacher to paratrooper — losing his sergeant's rating for that of buck private—but he's said to be happier than a skunk in a cabbage patch regardless. He's now at Fort Benning, Ga., to learn how to come down from 10,000 feet up without busting his neck ... If he fails in the latter, maybe they'll make a second loopy outa him—Benning holds one of the officers training schools, too, and from what we've gathered from talkative enlisted men some of the lootes ought to have their necks busted, at least ... Our old friend and diamond boss Bunny "Little Skipper" Griffiths lays claim to the record for oldtimers making a baseball comeback. No, Bunny doesn't claim it for himself even though he's way past 40. Instead, as manager again for the York, Pa., club in the New York-Penn circuit, he's signed a 56-year old southpaw (yeah, 58!) answering to "Lefty" George. Bunny hired him last season and he did so well as a relief twirler he was rehired and handed a starting role this time. The guy runs a York drug store on the side, so maybe he mixes his own reasons for such belated success ... Anyway between Lefty and Bunny they're doing something it generally takes four or five ballplayers to do—top 100 in totalled ages ... And who was it said "they never come back"? ... Bunny says Lefty will get a pension for life if he lasts until he's 60 ...

Thursday Card Looks Good From Here

No reason why the upcoming Thursday night pro boxing revival shouldn't click. As far as we could find out, and we've tried, the pugilists who are to do opening battle in our town are NOT punch-drunk ham-and-egggers—they're all conscientious youngsters trying their best to climb the punch and take ladder. Take for instance Eddie Weller, the Caddo Indian from Oklahoma City who scraps the main event with Angelo Pretello. Weller is 19 years old. He fought his first professional fight right here in our town in the semiwindup session on that ill-fated card last July. Since then, and proving that he's seriously after bigger and better things in the cauliflower racket, the young welterweight has won himself such favor with Joe Waterman that he's fought his way to a main event role after beating such recognizable prelim men as Don Crowe, Bobby Brock, Jimmy Hogan and Mel Roberts. He's been looking so good that Portland papers have tagged him as "the best prospect on the Pacific Coast" and one who boasts "the best preliminary record on the coast." If he didn't have something on the ball besides the cover he'd never rate a top spot on a Waterman card, of that you can be certain.

Pretello is another like example. He's 23 and despite that comparatively young age was in 1938-39 the leading lightweight contender on the coast. Said to be a slugging type battler who likes to carry the brawling to his opponent, Pretello holds ring wins over Babe Fenton, Pancho Lupe, Rex Rowe, Johnny Benjamin and Don Crowe recently, and a little further back over Don Quinn of Eugene, Danny Snipe of Chemawa, Tommy Moyer of the Multnomah club and Kenny Lindsey of Canada, who's still the Canadian lightweight champ. In fact he kayoed Lindsey in the fourth heat of their go. He's another who carries the stamp of approval from the Waterman farm.

Youngsters Trying the Fistic Ladder

And for the prelim boys Thursday, get these ages, all authentic: Big Dave Johnson and K. O. Hooker, the semiwindup heavyweights, 26 and 22, respectively. Bob Wright, middleweight protege of Portland YMCA Boxing Instructor Sam Duncan, is but 17; Johnnie Mitchell, fresh out of the army and also a middleweight, is 20; John "Rocky" Mobley, 140-pounder who kayoed his opponent on Waterman's March 21 card, is only 19; Mike Finley, former Chemawa Indian school gladiator, is 21; Eddie Worton, at 150 the No. 1 spring partner for Weller, is 20; and Bob Pounds, from Vancouver and making his debut as a pro after numerous Portland and Washington amateur engagements, is but 19.

All of 'em war industry workers who have converged on Portland after hearing how the National Boxing club has so successfully revived the sport, and all of 'em youngsters who have a desire to one day become Henry Armstrongs, Joe Louiss, Jack Dempseys, etc. The talent looks okeh from this corner, and if it turns out in reality to be as good as it looks on paper, the Thursday card will be well worth while.

Sacs to Get Rogers

SACRAMENTO, April 15—(AP)—Forest Rogers, who played in both

the infield and outfield for Lynchburg, Va., in the Piedmont league last year, will report to the Sacramento Solons within the next few days, manager Early Sheely said today. Rogers hit .277 in 128 games in 1943.

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Semi-Windup 2 of 3 falls, half hour Tony "Windup" Morelli vs. Billy "Bash 'Em" Lipscomb	8:30 Curtain-Raiser 2 of 3 falls, half hour Billy "Bash 'Em" McEuin vs. Tex "Cat" Hager
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