

Vik Cindermen Snatch Win In Relay Carnival Opener

From the BLEACHERS
By AL LIGHTNER

Who sed sports wuz dead in our village! Two boxing shows, a wrestling (scuse, "rassing") show, golf tournament in full swing, City League softball, nightly league bowling at Perfection, lively duck-pin toppling at B&B, top rung track meet at Olinger, Leslie-Parrish softball series opener, Maple's Thursday eve KSLM sportscast, Chemetekans back in the bike-riding groove, fishin' season—all this week... Somebody's a prevaricator... Mebbe next week it'll be different, but this week—well, look again... Speaking of the KSLM sportscast at 6:45 Thursday eve, Mikemen T. Cross and B. Keusch have lined up for their "guest star" Eddie Weller, the Indian welterweight who a little later on Thursday night fights Angelo Prettilo in Promoter Ira Pilcher's 40 at 8 armory main event. Pilch himself will no doubt offer a rendition, too, but he's promised he won't sing—anything but the blues... Just to give him a good start, we report on a recent San Francisco fight card: Between one Holman Williams, conqueror of Jack Chase, and Jose Basaro, unknown to Bay City fistic followers. The brawl was billed as a biggie and they nicked the customers \$6.25 per squat to see it. The house grossed around \$1000 (one thousand), and off that sum came a near 25 per cent slice for taxes, government and state. The main event itself is said to have cost the promoter \$8000 (eight thousand). So now said promoter is wearing last year's suit with no shirt underneath. Gruesome, eh, Pilch? ... Just thought you'd like to know more about this fight promoting biz... Good news for Tough Tony Ross rattle fans—the Owen impressarios say Tony can come back to the northwest circuit any time he wants, they'll always have work for him. And with things now on the boom side as they are in the muscles racket herabouts, that should make Antonio come a runnin'... 'Course Owen elaborated a bit by hoping beyond hope Tony licks Paavo Katonen for the Coast title and brings the coveted belt with him if he comes north, but then Owen, being what he is, would think of something like that...



EDDIE WELLER

Sorry, Mr. Smith, 'Tis Impossible

Delbert Smith of Grand Island, Dayton: Thanks for your letter, sir, but despite your willingness to help us "persuade" our boss by using your treasured ball bats, we're afraid it's impossible for us to print Coast league box scores. Like yourself, we and many others would much rather see baseball than read about it. And, being denied seeing baseball as we are nowadays, we'd like nothing better than to be able to at least run the Coast boxes and the major leagues as well. But with the limited space we have, the limited amount of typesetting workers out back and the war capacitated Associated Press wire which forwards the stuff to this sheet, to mention just three things, it is even worse than impossible. As for yourself, guess you'd better go on rooting for Portland until the Senators come back after the war. Then we'll again take up from where we left off by knocking their socks off, with box scores and everything.

The best the village can offer in the sporting matter of pin-topping, 10 Perfection alleys specialists, have entered the KHQ-KGA Spokane Men's Classics this week and Friday and Saturday nights their whirl at the kegging gold. Those going to the Inland Empire to enter all three departments—singles, doubles and teams—are recognizable "Pappy" Cline, Don Poulin, Ellsworth Hartwell, Harvey Page, Joe Coe, John Friessen, Bert Welch, Bill Wheatley, Henry Barr and Don McRae. (What no Mike Steinbock?) Speaking of bowlers, Keith Brown, Building Supply starts its own league at Perfection soon with no less than 18 teams to participate weekly. What's more, Boss Brown has put up some \$600 in prizes for the winners, and that ain't hay.

Achui Puts 'Sleeper' Hold On Wagner -- Kiser Gets Win

Gorgeous Georgie Wagner got his comeuppance last night at the armory and another bumper crop of crunch customers went home righty happy. Too bad they couldn't have had ringside seats downstairs after what they'd seen upstairs, however, as rassin's history was made after Georgie came out of his slumber, showed what he ate for supper and then tore the place up in general. Here's how it happened.

Georgie was as usual up to his sly tricks, the dirty stuff, and behind Referee Walt Achui's back. He had gotten by with a little of everything to punch out the first fall win over Jack "Pin-up Boy" Kiser. Popular Jack came back and used some of Georgie's pet rough stuff to slam out the second fall in the thrilling scuffle. Then in the third Wagner persisted in trying to wrap the ring ropes with Kiser. Achui tried and tried to break it up, but no go. Finally he had enough and pounced on Wagner like a cat on a naughty mouse, digging deep with those murderous pinchers of his on Georgie's neck. What's more he held on tight and by cutting off the blood to Georgie's swimming head put him "out" flat. It took two cops and pal Billy McKain to pack Georgie downstairs while Achui was awarding the win to Kiser.

It took the combined efforts of two rasslers, a referee and about a dozen lucky clients to bring Wagner around after some 10 minutes, and was he sick! Then he went to work on things in general like a mad bull. Again the rasslers and onlookers had to put a halter on him lest the ancient armory suddenly crumble to dust. He was that hot. A half-hour later there was \$1000 in cold cash—\$500 by Achui and \$500 by Wagner—in a stakes-keeper's hands and to go to the one winning the "anything goes" match next Tuesday night. What a picnic it was as those who were lucky enough to be there will attest. Those two have real heat up.

Chemawa Host To Track Meet

CHEMAWA—Chemawa high school will be the host to all Duranton league members here today in a six-way track meet. Molalla's Buckaroos waltzed off with first place honors in a similar affair held last week at Molalla, but are not expected to appear at full strength today, inasmuch as they went "all-out" in the Salem high relays at Salem yesterday.

Pelicans 2nd, Molalla 3rd, Pioneers 4th

Weather Cuts Field To Five Entries

Exhibiting their usual strength in the distances and field events, Salem high's Viking thinclads won the inaugural of their own annual relays yesterday on rain-spattered Olinger oval. The Vikings counted six of the 11 available first places and 50 points to snatch the laurels, while Klamath Falls with 37 points, Molalla with 17, Oregon City with 12 and Jefferson with 2 finished in that order.

Thanks to the unhelpful weather and the fact that the meet was necessarily postponed from last week, the field was made up of those mentioned five teams only.

Coach Tommy Dryman's rompers grabbed off first place in the 2-mile relay, mile relay, shot put relay, broad jump relay, pole vault and discus, and finished second in the sprint medley, distance medley, high jump relay and 440-yard relay. Coach Paul Deller's Pelicans kept it close until the final three events, mile relay, broad jump and discus.

The Vikings missed taking another first by scant inches in the 440-yard relay. It was close all the way in the four 110-yard romps, Steve Kessler, Dan Mocabee and Jim Noreen for the Pelicans and Myron Cavender, Willie Bach and Bill Robbins for the Vikings battling over the first three baton passes. Dave Henthorne, peer of the Pelican scanties, caught Salem's Bob Weber on the last leg, however, and nipped him at the ape. It was the closest race of the day by far.

Marks which go into the books as those to beat in future years in the annual affair, were good in spots, poor in others. The Pelican quartet rump in 48 flat is regarded better than average as is Salem's mile relay time of 3:48 by Deb McLaughlin, Benny Lambert, Art Englebart and Jim Jones. Salem's shot put relayers' mark of 120-feet 10 1/4-inches also rates consideration. Mel Hilliker's 42-foot 8 1/2-inches, Eugene Lowe's 39-foot 11 1/4-inches and Don Bisbee's 38-foot 2 1/4-inches totaled the winning length.

Individual marks which stood out also were the 5-foot 8-inch high jump from a goopy runway by Klamath Falls' Bud Peterstener, the 11-foot pole vault by Salem's Lyle Williams and the 20-foot 8 1/2-inch broad jump by the Viks' Bob Weber. For Williams, it's the second time this season he's hit that high mark, and for Weber, he's yet to turn in a leap of under 20 feet.

3-mile relay: 1st, Salem (Janice, Shaver, Lamb, Moberg); 2nd, Klamath Falls (Tucker, Tindal, Davis, Dawson, Ringo, Marquis); 4th, Jefferson (Fish, Powell, Shetfield, Henderson). Time 8:32.

Sprint medley: 1st, Klamath Falls (McCluskey, Mocabee, Henthorne); 2nd, Salem (Weber, Getzendaner, Bach, Staats); 3rd, Oregon City (Rendall, Connor, Schumaker, Bloom); 4th place. Time 3:48.

Mile relay: 1st, Salem (McLaughlin, Lambert, Englebart, Jones); 2nd, Klamath Falls (White, Smith, Bigler, Henthorne); 3rd, Molalla (V. Kraxberger, Ringo, Marquis); 4th, Jefferson (Koblar, Newhouse, Miller). Time 8:41.

Distance medley: 1st, Molalla (Lane, Kraxberger, Ringo, Marquis, Marquis); 2nd, Salem (Cavender, Bach, Getzendaner, Grimm); 3rd, Klamath Falls (Rendall, Connor, Schumaker, Bloom); 4th, Oregon City (Randall, Koblar, Newhouse, Miller). Time 8:41.

High jump relay: 1st, Klamath Falls (Rendall, Connor, Schumaker, Bloom); 2nd, Salem (Cavender, Bach, Getzendaner, Grimm); 3rd, Klamath Falls (Rendall, Connor, Schumaker, Bloom); 4th, Oregon City (Randall, Koblar, Newhouse, Miller). Time 8:41.

Shot put relay: 1st, Salem (Hilliker, Bisbee, Lowe); 2nd, Klamath Falls (Rendall, Connor, Schumaker, Bloom); 3rd, Molalla (V. Kraxberger, Ringo, Marquis); 4th, Jefferson (Koblar, Newhouse, Miller). Time 8:41.

440 yard relay: 1st, Klamath Falls (McCluskey, Mocabee, Henthorne); 2nd, Salem (Cavender, Bach, Getzendaner, Grimm); 3rd, Oregon City (Rendall, Connor, Schumaker, Bloom); 4th, Jefferson (Koblar, Newhouse, Miller). Time 8:41.

Broad jump relay: 1st, Salem (Weber, Brown, McLaughlin); 2nd, Klamath Falls (Rendall, Connor, Schumaker, Bloom); 3rd, Oregon City (Randall, Koblar, Newhouse, Miller). Time 8:41.

Pole vault: 1st, Williams (S); 2nd, Thurman (KF); 3rd, Henthorne (P); 4th, Thurman (S) and Pillsbury (KF). Height 11 feet.

High jump: 1st, Dunlop (OC); 2nd, Williams (S); 3rd, Dalke (S); 4th, Kessler (KF). Distance 44 1/2 feet 4 inches.

Discus: 1st, Boardman (S); 2nd, Yank (KF); 3rd, Gottfried (S); 4th, Rinserson (OC). Distance 119 feet 1 1/4 inches.

The opening day program brings together these clubs: Buffalo at Baltimore, Montreal at Newark, Rochester at Syracuse and Toronto at Jersey City.

Villagers Invited: Boxing, Judo, Vocalists, Comedy Navycat All-Free 'Happy Hour' Set Tonight

The first of the town's two punching parties this week—Williamette U's navy V-12 "Happy Hour" show, open to the public and all for free—takes place tonight starting at 7 o'clock in the university gymnasium. The second fistic frolic comes tomorrow night at the armory when the 40th U.S. American Legion, presents its first attempt at reviving the professional sport with a 24-round card headed by welterweights Eddie Weller and Angelo Prettilo in the main event.

Tonight's "Happy Hour" show is a remodeling of the "preview" held last week, a 3-hour affair stocked with sparkling entertainment navy fun style, from nose-bruising to boogie-woogie piano beating. Chiefs Bob McGuire, Duke Trotter and Ted Cottingham have "touched up" tonight's show in an effort to overshadow last week's roaring success. Eleven three-round boxing bouts, ranging from 126-pounders to heavies, judo and wrestling exhibitions and bouts, a trampoline exhibition by Jim Forter, piano solo by Dick Malter, vocal numbers by John Slater and Carl Wardrop and burlesque features are on tonight's bill.

Bob Balle, Bill Parkin and Dick Byfield, adept at deadly judo will again exhibit how it's done. A. S. Trank will present a burlesque feature and "Wolf" Wolfsh, 210, and "Overweight" Boyd, 155 1/2, will present their version of the "Fantastic Flamingo." Jim Forter vs. Larry Lorenson, Lofty

Lofty vs. "Finky" Finke and Andy Oeder vs. "Sober" Watson are the wrestling bouts. Boxing judges will be Harry Collins and Harry Levy. The bouts: Chuck Allen, 141 vs. Leo Lane, 136 1/2 (rematch from last week); Gene Gandi, 147 vs. Mac McGilivray, 156; Bill Scott, 152 vs. Jim Cowan, 160; N. R. Smith, 160 vs. B. T. Davis, 160; Dick Dickerman, 175 vs. Pete Cox, 168; J. Scott, 174 vs. "My" Friend, 190; "Irish" Hogan, 155 vs. Jim Watta, 152 (rematch); Jim Mantle, 174 vs. "Flim" Flannigan, 174; Don Turner, 164 vs. Joe Hedges, 164; Jim Conway, 178 vs. George Fraser, 178 (rematch) and Bob Hess, 187 vs. J. Dull, 187.

Although the show in entirety will be free to the public without charge, it won't be against the law for appreciative galleries to toss in a dime or two. Same will be used by the V-12 recreation fund.

Nicholson 'Kids' -- Commercial Bowling Champs



Although exceedingly youthful as bowlers go, the Nicholson Insurance "Kids" above captured the Commercial league kegging title at Perfection this week. They defeated the Woodburn entry in the playoffs after Woodburn copped first half play, Nicholson's second. Left to right they are Hoot Valdez, Pete Valdez, George Manning, Lt. Bill Melville and Warren Valdez. Sgt. Sal Circelli, regular member of the team, is not shown. (Statesman sports photo)

Eight Vikings Taken in by Honor Society

At an impressive ceremony Tuesday morning, Salem high's national athletic honor society inducted eight new members, two seniors, five juniors and one honorary. Bruce Hamilton presided over the induction.

The club is distinguished by its small membership. Until yesterday its enrollment totaled five, and qualifications include outstanding leadership, scholarship and athletic achievement. The five members, who by tradition are all acclaimed presidents, include Bruce Hamilton, Dave Getzendaner, Bob Zeller, Travis Cross and Richard Tav. Each took part in Tuesday's ceremony.

Don Burlingham, senior class president, football and basketball letterman, and Les Purcell, football, boxing and wrestling star, were the only additional seniors named. Juniors included: Art Gottfried, football and track letterman; Eugene Lowe, football, basketball and track man; Tom Boardman, football, basketball and trackster; and Loren Helmhout, outstanding basketball letterman.

Seaman Bill Reinhart, home on leave from the navy and last year's Salem high fullback in addition to numerous club and class positions, was taken into the society as an honorary member.

Angels Smack Stars

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—(AP)—Southpaw Ray Prim hurled Los Angeles to a 9-0 victory over Hollywood today in the first home game of the season at Wrigley field.

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Weldon, Mishasek (5), Embree (6), Miller (8) and Polescar; Prim and Sarni.

Joyce Scores Third

OAKLAND, Calif., April 18.—(AP)—Bob Joyce scored his third victory of the 1944 Pacific Coast league season today as he hurled the San Francisco Seals to a 2 to 1 victory over the Oakland Aorns.

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Joyce and Sprinz; Pippen and Raimondi.

Hey, Fishermen -- Lookee Here!

SILVERTON — Local fishermen are this week boasting of the catch they didn't make but which was made by the youthful fisherman, Earl Hartman, Jr. Young Hartman managed nine fish on the opening day all ranging from 10 to 15 inches. They were caught in Silver Creek.

Restelli Tops Coast Batters

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—(AP)—Dino Restelli, San Francisco infielder, took the Pacific coast league batting leadership with a percentage of .556 in the first week of the current season.

Louis Lorenz, Oakland catcher, was second with .462 in the averages including games of last Sunday, made public today.

Player, Club	AB	R	BI	Pct.
Restelli, San Fran	18	7	26	.556
Lorenz, Oakland	12	6	15	.435
Ballingier, San Diego	23	10	8	.435
Sprinz, San Fran	21	9	8	.429
Uhalt, San Fran	40	17	2	.425
Owen, Portland	36	15	12	.417
Creeden, Seattle	24	14	9	.417
Barton, Portland	28	10	1	.357
Guille, Portland	4	13	5	.325
Suene, Seattle	31	10	3	.323
Kessey, Seattle	28	10	5	.316
O'Neill, Portland	40	12	3	.303
Gyselman, Seattle	41	12	3	.293
Keesey, Seattle	36	10	5	.278
Ciccarino, Port	24	6	3	.250
Dobbins, Seattle	17	4	4	.235
Gray, Seattle	17	4	4	.235
Keweenaw, Portland	35	8	8	.229
Lyman, Seattle	39	8	8	.223
R. Johnson, Seattle	30	6	1	.200
Nokes, Seattle	15	3	1	.187

Seattle Nips Padres, 3-2

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 18.—(AP)—Although Padre hurler Rex Cecil struck out 16 Seattle batters, San Diego dropped its Pacific Coast league series opener with the Rainiers tonight by a score of 3 to 2. Joe Demoran won his own game by driving in what proved to be the winning runs in the sixth inning.

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Bevos Trounce Solons, 10-4

SACRAMENTO, April 18.—(AP)—Roy Helsler made his 1944 Coast league debut here tonight and pitched Portland to a 10-4 victory over Sacramento's Solons. Helsler allowed only seven hits while he and his mates were gathering 16 off three Solon hurlers.

Portland scored two runs in the second, one in the fourth and fifth, two more in the seventh and four in the eighth. The Sacs tossed in five errors to help things along.

Portland 000 110 240—10 16 1 Helsing and Campbell; Powers, Pinstar (2), Rabbitt (8) and Rossi.

McCarthy III With th' 'Flu'

BUFFALO, N.Y., April 18.—(AP)—Manager Joe McCarthy, unable to see his New York Yankees defeat the Boston Red Sox in the opening game of the season today, has arrived in Buffalo to recuperate from an attack of influenza.

His physician said, "He's sicker than he will admit."



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STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

Mid-Season Hurling Marks Major Loop Baseball Openers

'Sluggers' Held to .196 Average As 5 of 7 Tilts End in Shutouts

NEW YORK, April 18.—(AP)—The pitchers had their day as major league baseball launched its third wartime season today, the hurlers holding the wood-wielders to a puny .196 average. No team was able to get into double digits in the hit column, three failed to score a run, three counted but once, four scored twice, three scored three times and only one was able to get four markers times at bat.

Pudgy Max Lanier, St. Louis Cardinal southpaw, came up with the No. 1 effort as he held Pittsburgh to two singles in racking up a 2-0 shutout for the national league champs. Cincinnati's Bucky Walters was the day's hard luck guy, his three-hit effort going for naught as the Chicago Cubs beat the Reds 3 to 0 behind the five-hit hurling of Hank Wye.

Another Hank, Borowy of the world champion New York Yankees, also came up with a 3 to 0 whitewash job as he held Boston to five hits, among which a double and triple proved harmless. Johnny Lindell clinched the game with a homer in the second—his first time up.

Bill Voiselle, who won 10 and lost 21 at Jersey City last year, hurled the New York Giants to a 2 to 1 verdict over Boston's Braves, and became the first rookie ever to hurl and win an opener for the Gotham club. He's also the first national league rookie to win an opener since Hub Purdue in 1912 turned the trick for Boston against Philadelphia. Mel Ott, Giant skipper, tied Gabby Hartnett's modern major league record by playing with the same club 19 consecutive years. Manager Mel went hitless in four trips.

At Detroit, Jack Kramer of St. Louis missed a shutout over the Tigers by a single strike, Pinky Higgins tagging him for a homer with two out and two (Continued on page 11)

Less important changes from the speculator standpoint are the renewal for one year of the free substitution rule, with the provision that players no longer need to report on entering the game; a change in timing of time-outs so that in most cases the ball actually will be put into play after two minutes; and alterations in the rules concerning the shift of players between the line and backfield and in the penalty for interference by the offensive team on forward passes.

PORTLAND, April 18.—(AP)—The purchase of Pitchers Al Ott, 24, and Walter Morrison, 25, from the Buffalo club of the international league was announced today by William H. Klepper, general manager of the Portland Beavers.

Klepper Buys Two Pitchers

NEW YORK, April 18.—(AP)—Morris Reif, 144, New York, scored a fourth round technical knockout tonight over Leo Brown, 142, Detroit, in a bout scheduled for eight rounds.

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