

## From the BLEACHERS

"What about this Junior Legion team?" ... "My kid should be on it—he was robbed." ... "What's the taking of all these star players going to do to the Sunday league?" ... "Who told you you knew anything about coaching a ball team?" ... And many more, all aimed, fired and scored on us already, and the first announcement of the Junior Legion team player selection only yesterday. So, if you don't mind, we'll devote this space to answering questions and offering alibis. Incidentally, we now know why Ethan Grant, formerly the Junior team coach, included four bromos and two cans of aspirin in his daily diet.

First, the Legion team itself. At the beginning of the town's Junior baseball revival, it was planned to work toward an eventual diamond representative for the city in state Junior American Legion play. Legion teams players were to be selected from the proposed Sunday Junior league, "all-stars" so to speak. It was known that no matter who was picked or how many, Salem would doubtless finish as also-ran in state Legion play simply because the village kids aren't up on their baseball ABC's as are others throughout the state and therefore couldn't be expected to compete on a similar plane with them. Two or three years from now, perhaps, but not this year. There's much more to the nation's favorite pastime than the ability to hit or pitch fast ball or curve. Fundamentals which should be learned when the player wades through his earlier school years cannot be taught in a season or two after the player reaches his middle teens. But it was decided to field a Legion team regardless, and with a hope that enough players could be found who might by chance know enough baseball fundamentals to get by. Meanwhile the Sunday league was to function and eight coaches were to both teach and guide the circuit's players.

### 'Politics' Didn't Prompt Selections

Let it be said right here and now that not enough baseball-wise kids have been found to insure a topflight Legion representative for the village. True, natural prospects have been uncovered in places, but their knowledge of baseball innards is frightfully lacking. As for the selection of some players and the apparent ignoring of others, we offer the alibi, if you will, that time is short, too short. The Legion team must not only begin operations as a unit this month, but must have the county championship between itself and Woodburn decided not later than June 30. The Sunday league has been in operation only two games. Ours—was the at first unwanted task of picking 15 players from the latter league to represent the Legion. We know that selecting the 15 "best players" in such a short time is an impossibility, but it had to be done. So we picked what we thought were the 21 best and must eventually cut that down to the 15 before meeting Woodburn in possibly a two-out-of-three series to be finished not later than June 30. Chances are we might have done better had we selected "em blindfolded, but we think not. No "politics" were involved in any way, you may be certain.

### No Interference With Sunday League Intended

As it became apparent that taking the cream of the Sunday leaguers off the Junior clubs would prove disastrous to the entire circuit, it was decided that the Legion team schedule should be if at all possible made up so that players might return to action with respective nines on Sundays. It is now more important to keep the Sunday league operating at full strength than it is to date on 15 players, especially after seeing how little the majority of the 300-odd signees know about the sport. With the possible exception of two or three games, and perhaps less, Legion Team Manager Ira Pilcher will schedule only weekday tilts for the Capital Posters. Created not as a spectator sport, but for the good it will stimulate amongst the "teen-aged kids, it makes no difference whether a Legion game is played Sunday at 2:30 p. m., or Monday at 2:30 p. m. As for the selection of the Legion team coach, there's a manpower shortage. Or hadn't you heard?

## Golfers Slate Two Tourneys

There'll be not one, but two links tournaments a active Mens' club style at Salem golf course this week, and probably two per week for the balance of the summer, announced Committeeman Bill Goodwin yesterday. The doubling up was made in lieu of requests made by aspiring links members who can't always take part in the weekly Thursday frolicking. Novelty tourneys will now be held on Thursdays and weekend.

Today's Thursday play will be a 9-hole flag tourney, players to use full handicaps. Respective flags will be staked out after the player has taken full par and handicap strokes. The flag furthest along at the finish will take down first prize. An 18-hole sweepstakes will constitute the weekend play with prizes to go to the winners. The 18 may be played either Saturday or Sunday.

## Junior League Meet Called

President Oliver Huston has issued a call for both coaches and sponsors on Salem Junior baseball "A" and "B" league teams for Friday at 7 p. m. in Geo. E. Waters park. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Curly's Dairy-Eagles Lodge playoff game at 6 p. m. and all members are urged to be present. "B" members will meet at 7:15 to discuss final plans for Sunday's league openers and "A" members at 7:45 to iron out more problems which have arisen. In case of bad weather all members will meet at the YMCA at the same times.

## Big Six In Baseball

(Three leaders in each league)  
Player, club, G, AB, R, H, Per.  
Walker, Dodgers 51 201 29 83 .419  
Fowler, White Sox 40 126 21 85 .388  
Munsie, Cardinals 50 198 40 72 .383  
Hoellett, Indians 42 155 18 52 .242  
Ferryell, Senators 33 124 7 40 .321  
Weintraub, Giants 42 176 29 80 .341

Runs batted in: American League—Spence, Senators 34; Cullinbine, Indians 31; Stephens, Browns 31; National League—Weintraub, Giants 44; Schultz, Dodgers 44; Kurovski, Cardinals 33. Home runs: American League—Cullinbine, Indians 11; Ely, Senators 7; Spence, Senators 6; Green, Indians 6. National League—Oll, Giants 12; Weintraub, Giants 12; Kurovski, Cardinals 8.



ETHAN GRANT

## All-Veteran Stocked Woodburn Legion Junior Baseball Outfit Claims 'This Is the Year'

WOODBURN—It's state championship year now or never for the power-laden Woodburn Junior Legion baseball nine—the kids working out regularly under Coach Fete DeGuire look at it that way themselves. And to start the 1944 campaign off as though they meant strictly business, DeGuire's team, leader to Albina's Little Hellshippers in that heartbreaking 1-0 state tournament game last summer, started off this campaign by walloping the McMinnville Juniors, 11-1 and 16-1 in successive weeks.

The Woodburn nine which dropped that 1-0 game to Fast-

baller Don Johnson a year ago is back again this summer, practically intact to a man. And all have been "warming up" for the season by playing high school baseball the past spring. They're from all over, so to speak—Mik Angel, Newberg, Hubbard, Canby—but in numbers and strength enough to already insure DeGuire as having one of the teams to beat in the state derby.

The Woodburn pitching department stacks up as A-1 with two proven flingers available. Joe "Red" Bielemeier, ace of the M. Angel Preps team this spring, averaged over 18 strikeouts per outing in his Duration

league season. The carrot-topped curve baller was voted the outstanding player of the state meet last summer and it was he who dropped that 1-0 nod to Johnson and the Hellshippers. He is of course the top man in DeGuire's hurling corps this time, and although scored upon by McMinnville, when a walk, a sacrifice and a single brought in the only McMinnville run in the first game, was credited with the Woodburn win. Then there's Jack Olsen, down from Newberg. In his prep league Olsen hurled seven shutout games, topped by a no-run no-hitter against West Linn. He divided first Sunday

chores against McMinnville with Bielemeier and between the two they dotted the bases but these blows. Fans who have seen both Olsen and Bielemeier work claim the former is as good as "Red" one way or the other, they're both on the same Junior club, good news for DeGuire.

Catching is Babe Reed, back from last season. Were an all-star team selected from Duration leaguers, Reed would most certainly be the backstopper. Possessed with a good arm and the ability to handle pitchers well, Reed can also be expected to pack a potent stick to the Woodburn dish. Dick Twenge, the Newberg football sensation, is also a catcher but may be moved to an outfield berth. At first base is Charlie Savaria, good fielder and power hitter, and also a capable pitcher as he was No. 1 man on the Woodburn high team this spring. Ralph Faulhaber of Mt. Angel, another holdover, is the second-sacker. From Hubbard comes Jack McKee to play shortstop. Regarded as the best player on the Hubbard team this spring, McKee is a consistent hitter, flashy fielder and has been playing regularly in a fast Portland semipro circuit. At third is Al "Superman" Zuber, husky Woodburn football whiz.

A hitter with a good arm and speed afoot, Zuber is said to have caught the eyes of the Brooklyn Dodger scouts during the tryout camp in Salem last fall. He's very young and is only a sophomore in school. The outfield stacks up as a threesome who can get 'em and bring 'em back while on defense and who can pop the pellet when at bat. Twenge is probably one-third of the garden crew and Bill White of Canby and John Gorrey of Hubbard the other two-thirds. What with such talent as this to toss at the enemy, little wonder that the Woodburn kids themselves figure this is the year.

## Reinholdt Elected President Salem Izaak Walton Chapter

Lloyd Reinholdt, Salem industrialist-sportsman was last night elected president of the newly-organized Salem Chapter of the National Izaak Walton League during the final meeting of the Hunters and Anglers club in Eagles Hall. Reinholdt will direct the gavel for the balance of the year. Verne Robb was elected first vice president and Dr. George E. Lewis treasurer. More elections were in progress late in the night, and all voted to offices will serve until January 1 of next year.

A large gathering of both H&A clubbers and auxiliary were present to dissolve the club and make ready for the christening of the new Walton chapter at the next meeting, July 12. Club President James Loder, who has just finished a 3 1/2-year term as head of the active outdoor sports group was presented a leather case by the membership and auxiliary and turned over the gavel to Past President Elmer Church for the final club meeting last night.

A plea was made by Dr. Lewis in behalf of the state forestry department for voluntary help from the membership in tending lookout stations and helping with emergency fire fighting this summer. Another appeal through the Salem USO was made to the club that some arrangements be made toward forming a committee to take a group of about 80 sick and injured service men who are now at Camp Adair on a "real fishing trip" to a nearby lake or stream. No immediate action was announced.

The historic meeting was to end with refreshments served by the auxiliary. The Walton league charter becomes effective July 1.

## All-Star Grid Go August 30

CHICAGO, June 14.—(AP)—The 11th annual all-star football game between a select group of college players and the Chicago Bears, champions of the National Football league, will be played at Northwestern university's Dyrche stadium the night of Aug. 30. Arch Ward, sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, which sponsors the all-star classic, said today. Profits of the game, which last year exceeded \$86,000, will be divided between the army air force aid society and the Chicago service men's centers.

The Bears, who beat the Washington Redskins 41-21 last December to regain the pro championship, will again train at St. John's Military academy, Delaware, Wis. The Collegians will prepare for the contest at Northwestern, their base since the series started in 1934. A staff of five coaches picked from various sections of the country will handle the Collegians.

## Redbirds Nose Chicago, 10-9

ST. LOUIS, June 14.—(AP)—Perserverance paid off for the Champion St. Louis Cardinals who played it uphill virtually all the way today to shake off the Pesky Cellar—Dwelling Chicago Cubs, 10 to 9.

Chicago 220 001 130—9 15 2  
St. Louis 208 249 127—10 15 1  
Wyzs, Vanderberg (15), Alderson (7), Chipman (6) and Holm; M. Cooper, Brecheen (2), Schmidt (8) and W. Cooper.

## Hannery Faces Davis Tonight

NEW YORK, June 14.—(AP)—Two of boxing's top-fight "knockers-outers"—Henry Armstrong of Los Angeles and Al "Bummy" Davis of Brooklyn—meet tomorrow night in a 10-rounder expected to entice 17,000 fans and \$75,000 through Madison Square Garden's portals. Armstrong, only battler ever to hold three world titles at the same time, and Davis, only man ever to flatten Montgomery, holder of the New York version of the lightweight crown, are in the midst of comebacks.

Each has a kayo percentage of close to the 500 mark. Henry quit the ring after losing the last of his titles, but returned in June, 1942, to participate in 39 bouts. He scored 21 knockout victories, won 18 decisions and lost five verdicts over that route.

## Softies Play Finals Today

The first half schedule in the City Softball circuit winds up with four games today, and after the final putout is made, one, two or three outfits may rest in first place in the final standings. Maple's Sporting Goods and Pa-permakers, knotted in first place with five wins and a single loss apiece, face the cellarite Willamette Blues and the fourth place WU Cardinals, respectively, at 6 p. m., time of all four slated tilts.

If both the Maplemen and Papermakers win, they will finish in a tie for the top position, and a playoff will be necessary. If either wins while the other is losing, the one which proves the victor may claim undisputed right to the initial leg's crown. A three-way tie for the top rung would result should both the two top teams lose while Willamette's Golds, now in third place, defeat Keith Brown in their Sweetland field tilt. Air Base and Golden Pheasant mix in the fourth game at Leslie playground, but nothing more than a possible tie for fourth place will be at stake.

## Yankees Snap Losing Skein

WASHINGTON, June 14.—(AP)—Rookie Walter Dubiel held Washington batters to five blows tonight as the New York Yankees snapped a seven-game losing streak with a 6-2 win over the Senators. The Yankees blasted Early Wynn for 14 hits.

## Pauline Betz Reaches Semis

DETROIT, June 14.—(AP)—Defending Champion Pauline Betz of Los Angeles rallied magnificently today to defeat 16-year-old Shirley Fry of Akron, O., 4-6, 9-7, 6-2, thereby reaching the semi-finals of the National Clay Court championship at the Detroit Tennis club.

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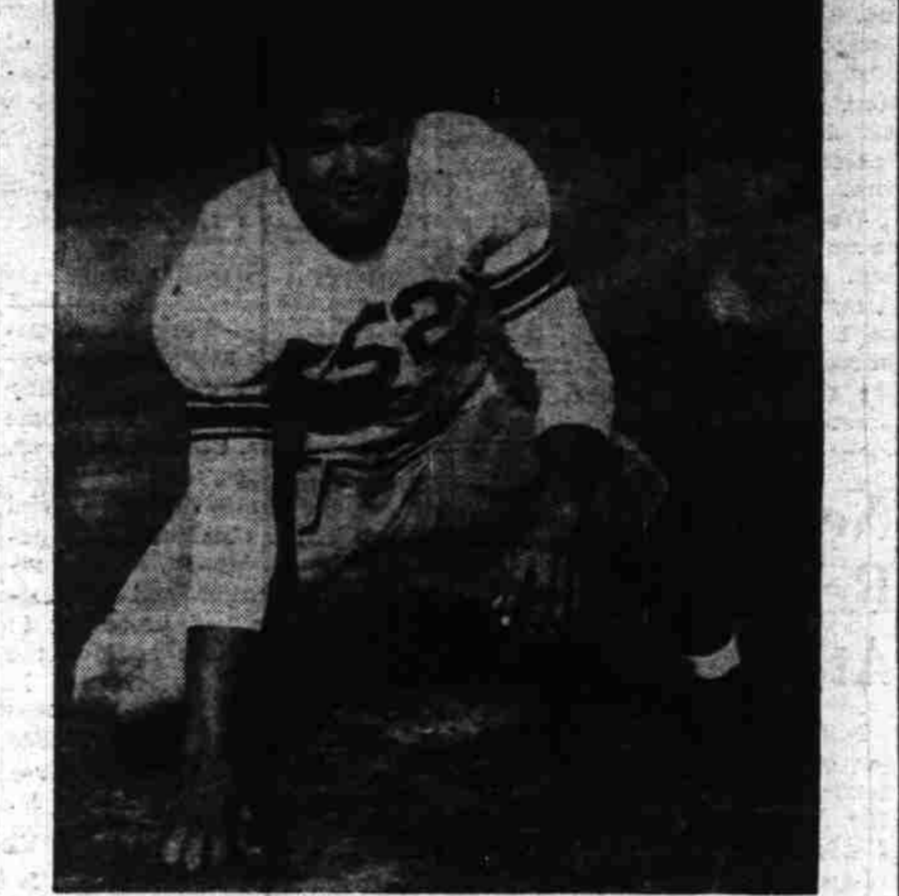
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## STATESMAN SPORTS By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

## Marines Get Navycat Tackle



Big Herbert Heu, 205-pound tackle from Honolulu, on the Willamette Navycat eleven last fall, has been inducted by the marine corps and is now in "boot" camp at San Diego. Carl R. May, also of Salem, left with Heu for camp on June 9.

## Greys, Airmen Battle to 8-8 Deadlock in Bond Ball Game

It may have been perhaps the first and last "grounp" ball game for the village this season, but the Penitentiary Greys, "out" for the first time in almost two years, and the Salem Air Base Flyers, a motley GI crew tried to crowd an entire season into their War Bond ball battle at Geo. E. Waters park last night, the thriller ending in an 8-8 deadlock after 10 innings. Might have been going yet had not darkness intervened to send home the gladiators and around 750 investors in America.

Although 14 assorted boots, evenly divided, found their way into the spirited clash, it wasn't that bad a game. Not by a long shot. A little of everything happened during the two-hours 36-minute — everything from GI carrier pigeons zooming homeward with inning scores to howls and hoots at the automatically "blind" ump. A touch of the good ol' days was there also, in that the Airmen were decked out in the Salem Senators home suits.

The Flyers started out as if they were run-crazy and had the Greys 8-0 in the hole as early as the third frame. But a portending Cecil Ross took over the OSP mound in the midst of the wild 5-run third after starter Bob Johnson was chased and allowed nary a run nor hit for the Airmen the next seven frames. On top of it all he fanned 11 of 'em.

The Greys bounced back in the top half of the fourth with a 5-run outburst of their own on three hits, a walk and two errors. All off Lefty Curt Callahan, who went the entire distance for the Gix. They scored again in the sixth on two more bobbles, and then in the seventh tied it up when Manager Bill Williamson opened with a single, "Blackie" Ward walked, Ross batted out a bunt and Pete Ryan belted the two tallies across with a blooping single to right. From then on it was a ball game as both lefties took turns at rearing the side in 1-2-3 style.

The Greys outtrapped the Flyers, 9 to 6, Williamson doing the pacing with two singles. Gabe Castello's double and single led

## Beavers Bumped Again, 3-2, Fall to PCL Tie With Seals

PORTLAND, June 14.—(AP)—The Oakland Oaks made it two in a row over the Portland Beavers in a Pacific Coast league game here tonight, winning 4-3 and pulling the Beavers into a league lead tie with the San Francisco Seals, who won tonight.

Earl Stromme, Acorn pitcher was touched for 12 hits, one of which was a homer by Spencer Harris in the eighth, but he gained the victory over Lefty Joe Sullivan. The Oaks made the best of their nine hits by scoring twice in the fifth and twice more in the eighth.

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## Nelson Picked In Golf Meet

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y., June 14.—(AP)—Although he finished sixth, five strokes over par and 115 strokes off Sam Byrd's winning pace, in last week's 72-hole test at Philadelphia, Byron Nelson of Toledo was installed today as a 4-1 favorite to cap the \$13,333 Red Cross golf marathon starting tomorrow at Wykagyl.

The experts evidently expect "Lord Byron," generally the guy with the punch in a pinch, to rebound from what he described as the "worst golf I ever played." Nelson came up with that statement after blowing himself to an eight - over - par 70 on the last lap of the \$17,500 Quaker City invitational.

## Valdina Gloss Winner

SAN MATEO, Calif., June 14.—(AP)—Taking the lead in a stretch drive, Valdina Gloss won the \$5000 Lassie handicap at Bay Meadows today by a neck. Loma Mar Kate was second, after setting most of the pace, and Dowry third. The time for the five furlongs was 1:00 4/5.



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## Osborn Bests Rainiers, 9-6

SEATTLE, June 14.—(AP)—A seven-run outburst in the fourth inning, with Charlie English's long triple driving in two of the scores, gave Los Angeles a 9 to 6 baseball victory over Seattle in a free - hitting game here tonight. Don Osborn was winning hurler.

## Playground Opening Move

Leslie and Olinger city playgrounds, slated to open today, will remain closed until Monday morning, Gurnee Fleisher, director, announced yesterday. Reason for the postponement was due to a paint job on the playground buildings which is taking longer than originally anticipated. The swimming pools are also receiving a going-over.

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