

Dasch Grasps Junior Ball Loop Swat Title With .457 Mark; Funlanders Pace Team Derby

Shortstop Roger Dasch of the Eagles Lodge nine, 15 years old this summer, and not much of a hitter when the chase started, slashed his way to the batting championship in the Salem Junior Baseball Major league, averages compiled and double-checked exclusively for The Statesman by Chris Kowitz, Jr., reveal today. The Leslie junior high grad who tasted his first baseball playing this season, started the campaign by going hitless in nine times at bat. But consistent clutching thereafter in pacing the Eagles batting attack brought Dasch to the top with a .457 percentage, 21 hits in 46 times at bat, and 19 points above his nearest competitors, Catchers Dean Hagedorn of Curly's Dairy and Al Russell of Shrock's Motors.

Dasch also tied with Hagedorn in number of hits made, 21, and his 15 runs batted in were but one behind the 16 possessed by leaders in that department, Everett Staats of Curly's and Bob Patterson of Mayflower.

Behind Dasch, Hagedorn and Russell comes Travis Cross and Bob Schwartz, Funland shortstop and catcher, respectively, both tied at an even .400. Staats next at .388 leads the 10 batters who round out the ".300-or-better" class.

Hagedorn scored most runs by five, 25, and Staats is the No. 1 base thief for the inaugural season with 28, eight more than Warren Valdez of Redwood Nurseries, Pete Valdez of Mayflower and Jack Malmin of Curly's-Redwood.

In team batting it's the Funlanders over Curly's by five points, 281 to 276. Eagles are third at .213 and Mayflower fourth at .212. Since Funland and Eagles have a makeup game soon, it is possible that some of the averages may change and new leaders will be made. As Dasch leads by a comfortable margin, however, it isn't expected that he will be supplanted as the circuit swat king.

Pitching statistics will be released later.

Team	G	AB	R	H	E	Pct.
Funland	13	331	90	37	281	.281
Curly's	13	318	85	35	276	.276
Eagles	14	361	97	45	213	.213
Mayflower	14	326	92	61	190	.190
Redwood	13	321	86	61	176	.176
Shrock's	14	336	92	64	174	.174
Valley Motor	14	323	80	59	174	.174
Lions	14	304	41	61	159	.159

Player	G	AB	R	H	E	Pct.
Pfyr, club	13	31	15	21	2	.457
Dasch, Eg	15	45	21	15	2	.438
Hagedorn, Cl	15	48	25	16	4	.438
Russell, Sh	13	32	14	6	5	.438
Cross, Fnd	12	35	6	14	10	.400
Schwartz, Fd	14	40	16	11	5	.400
Staats, Cl	15	40	16	11	5	.400
Patterson, M	13	35	14	10	5	.400
Hendrie, Eg	15	44	15	13	10	.341
Valdez, R	15	45	14	14	10	.333
Fitzner, Fd	14	42	14	14	8	.333
Green, Cl	10	37	9	9	6	.324
F. Vitz, M	16	49	13	13	20	.324
Paulsen, Eg	15	40	12	12	11	.324
Apfligt, R	13	38	6	12	6	.316
Aldman, Cl	15	43	11	9	4	.302
Hansen, Y	8	19	11	9	4	.302
Nolan, Eg	12	38	11	5	5	.302
Harp, Eg	13	33	3	1	4	.302
Hill, V	11	25	6	1	4	.302
Strode, Shk	14	29	8	3	7	.302
K. Lucas, M	14	34	13	9	8	.302
Brandt, Eg	13	30	8	1	8	.302
Craig, V	8	27	12	7	13	.302
Hoack, Eg	13	35	8	4	1	.302
Phillips, M	14	35	11	9	5	.302
Wilkes, Cl	15	38	11	8	2	.302
Yeager, Fd	14	42	10	6	12	.302
Dalke, Cl	15	41	13	13	12	.302
Phelps, Fd	13	32	6	1	0	.302
Mase, Lns	13	36	4	3	2	.302
McKinnon, Cl	15	40	8	3	2	.302
Etnier, M	13	39	12	3	4	.302
Lowe, Shk	10	25	5	3	2	.302
Mahn, Cy	15	41	13	8	2	.302
Hoppes, Eg	12	38	7	3	1	.302
Prvns Rd-cl	14	39	8	7	1	.302
Carroll, Shk	14	37	7	5	6	.302
Day, Cl	15	29	7	5	6	.302
Keppner, Fd	13	30	8	4	2	.302
Ackern, R	15	40	8	4	2	.302
Unruh, Lns	15	38	4	0	4	.302
Johnson, V	14	38	8	2	4	.302
Allison, V	8	15	11	1	0	.302
Stoefeld, R	13	27	6	4	0	.302
Zabats, Eg	15	41	4	3	4	.302
Nash, Rdw	11	30	4	2	2	.302
Cass, V	4	10	4	2	2	.302
K. Sherr, Lns	13	32	1	1	0	.302
Phau, M	11	21	3	3	3	.302
Newser, Fd	11	36	3	3	3	.302
Suing, V	13	36	6	3	4	.302
Ball, Fd	13	33	3	3	3	.302
Hilfiker, Fd	12	20	2	2	2	.302
Sproule, M	14	34	3	3	1	.302
Girod, Shk	12	25	3	3	1	.302
Simms, M	14	34	5	2	2	.302

From the BLEACHERS

Shortie sorties: Check off as left end for the Vikings one Jerry Langan—he won't be with the SHS touchdowners after all. Jerry is the 290-pound lad who played lots of left wing for Coach T. Drynan last fall, and then transferred to Jefferson high of Portland when his family pulled out. He's been working around the village all summer and looked forward to his senior year in Vik spangles. But mom wouldn't move back to Salem to make Jerry eligible this fall, and so there just wasn't much saddened Thomas could do other than to bid the biggie bye-bye as he went back to enroll at Jefferson Monday. . . . Unhappy Drynan, happy Coach Eric Waldorf of the Democrats, for Jerry is the kind of an end block and tackle boss he found to find stuffed in their Christmas stockings. . . . Speaking of football prospects, Coach Earl McKinney had a turnout of 60 at Corvallis high the other day, and Luke Gill, waiting to go back as head guy of the U of Hawaii Rainbows, was right at McKinney's elbow as No. 1 Spartan assistant coach. . . . From football to baseball, see where Al Libke, the former Wenatchee pitcher has been sold by Seattle to Cincinnati as a first-sacker? 'Twas only a month or so ago that Rainiers Boss Bill Skiff hid Libke's toe plate, perched him on 1B and predicted the biggie would show the folks something. . . . He showed 'em, and in so doing jammed another feather in the Skiff managerial bonnet, which already looks like King Tom th' Turkey in his best Sunday-go-to-meetin' duds. . . . He may not be able to keep up the fistic pace any more, but former Middleweight Champ Freddie Steele is doing very much okeh financially in another light. For his performance in "Hall the Conquering Hero," Paramount movin' pitchers gave Steele a contract calling for \$750 per week and named the Gary Coopers, Bing Crosbys, Bob Hopes, etc., to be on their guards. . . . 'Tis rumored from Fort Lewis that the baseball Warriors are liking their chops, for Bobby Downer, the Boston Red Sox great key-stoner, is tabbed for GI delivery to the post when he's inducted this month. . . . Keeping him there is another thing, especially since the recent trend has been to de-glamorize big time athletics and athletes at Lewis.



LLOYD WICKETT

Beavers Lose Fifth in Row; Drop to Third

Solons Score 4-3 Win; Cohen Victim

Team	W	L	Pct.
Los Ang	56	37	.600
Hollywood	51	42	.547
San Fran	48	45	.516
Portland	38	55	.408
Seattle	37	56	.398

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sept. 6—(AP)—The Sacramento Solons edged out the Portland Beavers 4-3 in the first game of their series with the Oregon outfit here tonight, dropping the Bevos from a tie for second with San Francisco into third place in the Pacific Coast league standings. It was the fifth straight loss for Portland.

A single run in the eighth inning proved the winning tally for the Solons, who saw Portland knot the score at 3-all with a counter in the top half of the fifth frame. Sid Cohen, Portland lefthander, went the full route for the losers, allowing nine hits.

San Francisco, 2-1 winners over Oakland tonight, now hold undisputed claim to second place, a full game ahead of Portland, which in turn is 1½ games up on Seattle, idle tonight, in fourth. Los Angeles leads the pack by ten games.

Portland	020 010 000-3 6 1
Sacramento	012 000 01x-4 9 1

Cohen and Adams; Babbitt, Fillette (9) and Stelner.

'Frisco Trips Oakland, 2-1

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6—(AP)—Bob Joyce twirled 3-hit ball and scored the game-deciding run for his 10th victory of the season, as San Francisco defeated Oakland, 2-1, tonight.

Oakland	000 000 100-1 3 0
San Francisco	100 010 00x-2 7 0

Sullivan and Campbell; Joyce and Sprinz.

Ike Williams Bops Angott

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 6—(AP)—Ike Williams, Trenton, N.J., lightweight, won a 10-round split decision tonight over Sammy Angott of Washington, Pa., former NBA lightweight king, in a punch packed bout before 11,568 fans in Shibe park. The crowd paid \$34,251.62. Williams weighed 136, Angott 140½.

Just as in their June encounter Williams won by virtue of a quaint quirk in Pennsylvania boxing rules. One judge gave the bout to Williams, six rounds to three with one even, and the other pointed to Angott by a five to four margin, with one even. When judges disagree in Pennsylvania, the referee's decision is final, and Matt Adgie, third man in the ring, gave it to Williams by a 6 to 4 margin.

16 Turn Out For UW Quint

SEATTLE, Sept. 6—(AP)—Hec Edmundson, University of Washington basketball coach, said tonight that 16 civilian students answered the first of three basketball calls at the university today. The civilian students will work-out three times a week. Navy V-12 trainees will start practice next month and the combined squads a month later.

Don McMillan and Bill Vandenberg, lettermen from the 1943-44 V-12 squad are helping Edmundson with the civilian hopefuls.

Fish Don't Bite For Douglas

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 6—(AP)—The fish weren't biting today for US Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, here on his fifth successive fishing trip. Douglas, here since Tuesday noon, left for Portland after trolling the Columbia for three hours as the guest of Col. Carl S. Dooney, commandant of the river's harbor defenses.

With the justice on his annual party this year were Sol Haas of station KIRO, Seattle; State Representative Eugene Marsh, McMinnville; Col. Walter Abbey, executive officer of Fort Stevens; Chief Deputy Secretary of State Harry Schenk, Salem; C. A. Reynolds of Astoria, and Merle R. Chessman and Robert W. Lucas of the Astorian-Budget.

Yankees Plaster Camp Shanks '49

CAMP SHANKS, N.Y., Sept. 6—(AP)—The New York Yankees interrupted their chase for the American league pennant long enough today to play an exhibition game at Camp Shanks and shell the soldiers, 14-1. Hershell Martin hit a three-run homer in the second inning.

N. Y.	330 003 2-14 12 1
Camp S.	400 010 6-1 4 4

Zuber, Lindell and Collins, Stietmecke; Carter, Ward and Patton, Christopher.

Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland.

'By' Favored, but Ben Also Liked Plenty Nelson-Hogan Rated 1-2 in Texas Golf Open

DALLAS, Sept. 6—(AP)—Woe Ben Hogan checked the Lakewood Country club course from start to finish, looked at his practice score cards which included two par-shattering rounds and decided it would take 269 to win the 72-hole Texas victory open tournament and the \$2000 that goes with it.

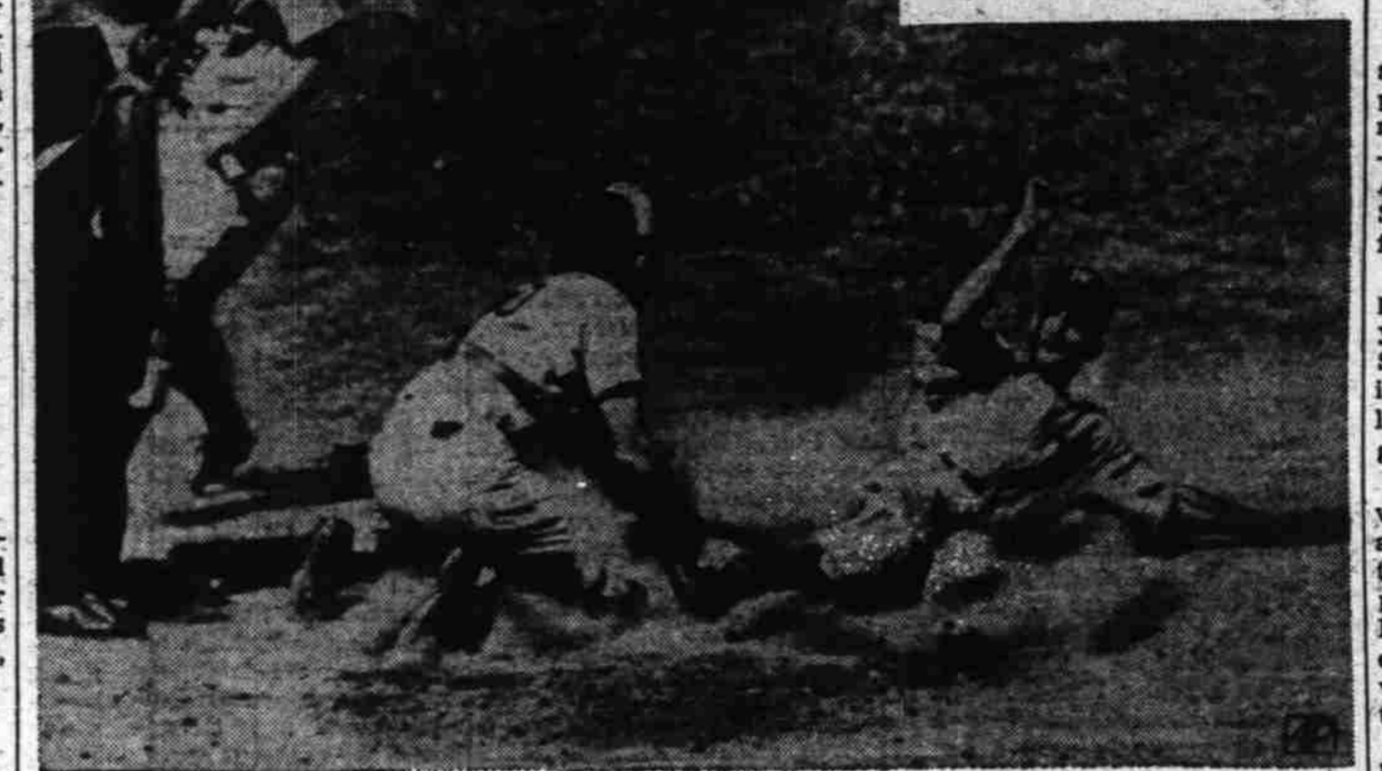
The railbirds, when they heard that, averred Little Ben, who is on leave from the army to compete in the tournament opening tomorrow, was just the guy to shoot the 269.

Nelson, on the basis of six tournament championships this year and total winnings of \$34,267—an all-time record in professional golf—could only be rated No. 1 but they all said around the course that Hogan was the one to beat—as usual. . . . Ben, golf's "busy little beaver," has been here several days sizing up the course and yesterday swept around in 66, one below the record set by Johnny Revolta. However, Revolta made his score in a tournament.



BEN HOGAN

STATESMAN SPORTS



GIL TORRES, Washington third baseman, is targeted out by Mike Garbark of the New York Yankees in an attempt to steal home. The batter is George Case of the Nats and the ump is Charley Berry. (AP Wirephoto)

Viking Squad Swells to 63

Five more aspirants entered the Salem high Viking football fold yesterday, the second day of practice, to hike the number of potential Villa touchdownners to 63. The five are Jim Bradshaw, Curt Coe, Bob Bishop, Rod Province and Dean Hagedorn. Coach Tommy Drynan put them to work immediately with the others.

Darkness came too soon to suit Drynan and the workout was cut short. Not too much can be accomplished with so large a squad, so few assistants, and so little time each night. Drynan shuffled the herd in an attempt to find punters and passers, and although two or three potential pitchers were noted, kickers were frightfully scarce. Also, only one man, Letterman Tom Boardman, is out for the center position. Nightly workouts, starting at 6 o'clock, are on slate the balance of the week. The Viks open against Milwaukee here September 15, just eight days distant.

Millers Slate Seven Tussles

SPRINGFIELD, Sept. 6—(AP)—Springfield Union high's 1944 football schedule was announced today by Coach John O. Young. Games: Sept. 29 Corvallis there; Oct. 6 Lebanon here; Oct. 13 Reedport there; Oct. 20 University high of Eugene here; Oct. 27 Roseburg here; Nov. 3 Junction City here; Nov. 11 Cottage Grove there.

Eagles Practice Set For Friday at 6 p.m.

Coach Ralph Caley has called a practice for his Eagles lodge nine for Olinger field Friday starting at 6 o'clock. All members are urged to be there on time to make ready for the Eagles - Funland game at Waters park Sunday at 2 o'clock.

"Most Valuable" Scarsella Nabs Swatting Lead



YORK, Pa., Sept. 6—(AP)—John (Bunny) Griffiths, playing manager of the York White Roses of the Interstate league and formerly shortstop-manager of the Salem, Ore., Senators of the Western International league, has been named the league's most valuable player of 1944.

Over 40 years old, the Camden, N.J. infielder has been in organized baseball 20 years and is second in hitting in the class B Interstate circuit this year.

Player	G	AB	R	H	E	Pct.
Los Angeles	104	500	120	149	26	.296
Oakland	133	517	63	134	33	.254
San Francisco	154	608	62	134	33	.254
Hollywood	154	608	62	134	33	.254
San Diego	155	532	57	130	15	.254
Seattle	152	500	54	127	20	.254
Portland	155	603	57	127	21	.250
Sacramento	133	514	47	123	3	.244

Player	G	AB	R	H	E	Pct.
Scarsella, Oak	141	524	18	69	23	.275
Kelleher, Holly	113	420	143	131	33	.253
J. Steiner, Sac	9	266	94	30	316	.253
Otero, Los Ang	116	376	116	6	413	.253
Moran, Holly	125	450	144	2	514	.253
Moore, Los Ang	77	112	35	1	313	.253
Ruppell, Los Ang	139	518	160	12	71	.253
McDonald, S De	85	313	97	0	310	.253
Gyselman, Seat	145	554	170	0	327	.253
Libke, Seattle	102	339	104	4	44	.253

SGC Linksmen To Qualify

There will be no weekly Thursday Men's club tournament at Salem golf course today, announces Committeeman Bill Goodwin. Instead, the day will be spent as an additional opportunity for entries to qualify for the upcoming Annual Club Championship which starts next week. Qualifiers may post their 18-hole counts at the clubhouse any time this week including next Sunday, the deadline. Flights will be announced Monday.

There is to be no weekend tournament other than additional qualifying, reports Goodwin.

Detroit Wins Again, Climbs 'Nother Notch

Cramer Paces 3 to 2 Victory Over Chisox

CHICAGO, Sept. 6—(AP)—Roger Cramer, 35-year-old veteran of 16 major league seasons, continued his batting spree by hitting a triple and a single tonight to lead Detroit to a 3 to 2 victory over the Chicago White Sox. It was the only game played in the major leagues.

The triumph enabled the Tigers, for a second straight night, to pick up a half-game on their pennant rivals, moving them to within a game and one-half of the league-leading New York Yankees and a game of the St. Louis Browns. Rufe Gentry pitched the win.

Detroit	301 000 000-3 2 2
Chicago	011 000 000-2 0 0

Gentry and Richards; Humphries and Tresh.

Bombers' Home Debut Friday

SEATTLE, Sept. 6—(AP)—Puget sound will get its first look at professional football — in the new Pacific Coast league version — here Friday night when the Los Angeles Mustangs tangle with the Seattle Bombers in the Seattle football season curtain raiser.

The Mustangs, who have been playing in the south for two years, nevertheless will come to Seattle as an unknown quantity in the league since they were idle last Sunday when the first league games were played.

The visitors who will be out-weighted 212 pounds to 220 on an average will give away 18 pounds to the man compared to the 208 pound starting backfield of the Mustangs. Further the southerners use the single and double wing-backs, very little T formation stuff.

But—like most pre-game football dope—it adds up to take your choice. Seattle defeated Portland 21-13 in the opener and looked good. Los Angeles is the more experienced team and has a number of stars who can play anyplace, and do.

Bomber Dutch Clark said today that barring unforeseen happenings the same lineup that started against Portland would take the field Friday against the Mustangs—with Dean McAdams, Milt Popovich, Dale Holmes and Morris Kohler in the backfield, and Max Harmon, Bob Cramer, Migg Collins, Choo Choo Trout-souvas, Steve Shlivinsky, Byng Nixon and Jack Millard on the line from left to right.