

# Vik Spikemen Nab Second In Portland Relays Start

## SPORTSLIGHTNER

Shortie sporties: Did you know that "Officer" Don Madison relieved an unidentified patron of a knife hewn from an old file which had a 6-inch blade on it the other night at the raffles? The gent may have brought it along merely to clean his finger nails as the bleep bee progressed, but the Hawkshawish service station maestro had other ideas. Especially since somebody flashed what looked like a hari-kari persuader the week before during the free-for-all for Georgie Wagner's scalp . . . Mr. Wagner was still quite peeved about the knife incident this week and asked that we print: "I'll gladly break the guy's leg for him in front of an in-for-free audience if he has insides enough to show himself and climb in the ring with me." . . . Rather stiff words at that. Georgie might be frked . . . To baseball: It may be a new spring training method and then again it could have been the manpower shortage in the suds dispensing business, but ex-Solon Skipper Charley Peterson was a tending bar during the Bearcat Baseball Boosters clam bake in Portland Tuesday night. Freed from his Wisco war job by the baseball brightening WMC move last week, Pete planned to join his Bevo pals in California late this week. Given a chance to play regularly and not merely in home games as was the case last year, Chas. might rap his long-awaited 300 for Mary Owen & Co. this time. In pro baseball nine years, Pete has approached the charmed 300 circle often but has never finished within it. Was well on his way last summer—then came the "home games only" handicap . . . Incidentally, Pete makes a good bartender too . . . Another ex-Solon ballgame, this one WT 2/c "Curly" Leiner, comes up with "good duty" in the coast guard after those 18 months roaming the Pacific. Instead of returning to the big pond after his 30-day leave, Curly was transferred to a fire barge stationed in home-town Portland . . . And another, Johnny Granato, is in the Marine hospital, Seattle, with tuberculosis in both lungs. Bad break for the little shortstop Senator Al Caliteaux isn't further listed on the San Diego Padre roster. Al had two rather poor PCL seasons in '43-44 . . .



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**At Cox New Skipper At Corvallis High**  
No Luke Gill or Jim Carr as the new Corvallis high coach succeeding navy-bound Earl McKinney, we're told from Corvallis. The gent who is to guide the Spartans is Al Cox, now attached to Hood River high, the same Al Cox who rode herd on Monmouth Normal quints before the Oregon Intercollegiate conference became durationalized and the same gent who then signed on at Oregon State as assistant coach and physical education department instructor when all those army trainees were stationed at OSC.  
Cox had fairly good success with the Monmouth Wolves quints and the past season came right close to skipping his Blue Dragons into a state tournament berth. Baker beat 'em out in the Inter-district finals. High-scoring Bud Gibbs, the Blue Dragon center who meshed 475 points in 31 games was under Cox tutelage during the season.  
Re these coaching shifts of late, you can look for Medford's Al Simpson to stay right where he is for at least another year. Alvin is on the prowl for a steady spot since he's on war tenure with the Tornado, but told us this week, "I'd be silly to leave here now with the football team I have coming up next fall. Besides, I'll get over \$3000 here next year." Three thousand is right good in Oregon as prep coaching pay.

**Bevens Banged In Yank Debut**  
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., March 29—(AP)—Home runs by Bob Johnson and Dick Polly helped the Boston Red Sox defeat the New York Yankees 12 to 6 today in the first of nine exhibition games between the two teams. A crowd of 2616 paid plus 1500 wounded soldiers admitted free witnessed the game.  
Rex Cecil blanked the Yankees with two hits in the first five innings, with Francis (Red) Barrett yielding all the Yankee runs in the four he worked. The Red Sox banged Walter Dubiel, Floyd Bevens and Allen Gettel for 16 hits, Center Fielder Leon Culbertson having a perfect day with four hits and a walk.  
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**Jorgenson Called**  
SEATTLE, March 29—(AP)—Bob Jorgenson, ace guard of the University of Washington basketball team and a candidate for the baseball club, has been ordered to report for induction into the armed services, the school announced today.

**So They Wouldn't Win, Eh, Mr. Dick Strite?**  
Excellent pro-Oregon writings concerning the Webfoots' recent invasion of NCAA courts by Eugene Register-Guarder Dick Strite, you have to read 'em twice to make sure Oregon didn't win, they're that good—but what we're reminded of mostly in them is that Richard can now join the we-who-picked-and-ducked corps. We asked Dick before the northern division campaign started just how he pegged his Ducks in the derby. As also-rans is putting it mildly. He insisted the team would suffer from freshmanitis and would therefore choke in the clutch and when the going got tough. That's not what we read in Kansas City accounts . . . Dick, Dick . . .  
Only because the story was wired to us too late to get other than an announcement bulletin in yesterday's paper, the new UCLA Grid Coach Bert LaBrucherie was plucked from four "finals" candidates for the Bruin job—himself, Clark "Cinderella Mann" Shaugnessy, Homer Norton of Texas A & M and Ray Richards, UCLA line coach. LaBrucherie in 1928-27 was a star halfback for the Bruins and then followed up with 16 years of grid success as mentor of Los Angeles high elevens.  
Might be said UCLA will be patting himself on the back one day for hiring the newbie—that is, if he comes through as did one Paul Brown at Ohio State after the Buckeyes brought him into the big time from an Ohio high school. LaBrucherie steps into one of the most prized coaching jobs in 'em all on the Coast. UCLA is teamed by more than a few as athletically THE up-and-coming major institution of learning in the entire west.

**Skusky-Vandal Tilts Set**  
SEATTLE, March 29—(AP)—The universities of Washington and Idaho will meet in a home-and-home baseball series, the first to be held here—April 18-19, Coach Tubby Graves of Washington said today. The dates of the Idaho series will be set later.

## Grant Cinder Artists First

### Gatke and Weber Grab First Places

PORTLAND, March 29—(Special)—Grant high's Generals, perennially a potent track and field squad in the Rose City, today copped first place in the three-way invitational relays meet held here between the Generals, Salem's Vikings and Vancouver's Trappers of Washington. Salem finished second with 24 points to Grant's 39 and Vancouver had 16.  
Inasmuch as it was probably the first track meet held in the state this season, one mark was strictly mid-season. In the 880-yard relay the Grant team of Scott, Smith, Curtis and Wasch rambled off the distance in 1:34.6. Most of the other marks were regarded only as so-so, thanks to the youngness of the season, although Bob Hickock of the Generals soared 11-feet 6-inches in winning the pole vault event and Hal Eischen of Vancouver galloped a sparkling mile in his medley relay stint. Eischen is the 1944 mile champion of Washington. Salem grabbed two firsts in the three individual events, Dick Gatke winning the high jump with a 5-8 1/2 leap and Bob Weber the broad jump with a 19-foot 10 1/4 hop. Lyle Williams, an 11-7 vaulter for Salem last season, finished (Continued on page 13)

## Athletic Goods Dearth Grows

WASHINGTON, March 29—(AP)—Don't lose any balls out in the brush this season, brother, or you may not be able to play another day—the wartime athletic equipment shortage is becoming that acute.  
Any item made of critical materials like leather, wood, textile or rubber is rapidly disappearing from the shelves and stock rooms of sporting goods dealers.  
Since September, 1944, the war department has been taking most of the newly-manufactured athletic equipment in preparation for V.E. day. "When Germany falls, the army will have to keep many men occupied in Europe, and one of the best ways to do that is through athletics," the office of civilian requisitions has pointed out.  
Major and minor league baseball teams have barely enough equipment for this season, the OCR said, while sandlot, semipro and softball teams may find it exceedingly difficult to play full schedules. There may be enough tennis balls and rackets to meet demands but no tennis or basketball shoes have been manufactured for two years. Enough footballs and basketballs may be available for "schools and colleges to live on," but very few new uniforms and such equipment will be made. It may be two years after the war before a normal supply of athletic equipment can be had again.

**Lions and Whales Win Leslie Noon Pennants**  
The Lions, a seventh grade aggregation, won the National league title and the Whales finished on top in the American loop as noon basketball circuits completed their play at Leslie school this week. Scoring leaders for the season's play were Wallace Werneroth in the National wheel with 76 points and Harold Culbertson with 85 in the American loop. A tournament between the eight teams in the two leagues will occupy noon hours for the next two weeks.

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**BOWLING SCORES**

Marian Hubbard rolled high game, 194, and Maude Poulin high series, 468, as Miller's Furniture swept three games from the Rialto quintet in last night's round of Ladies league bowling matches on perfection alleys.

**MILLER'S FURNITURE (3)**  
Poulin 158 158 158—468  
Hubbard 194 138 142—474  
Boyd 121 127 137—425  
Meyer 130 137 133—399  
Totals 633 653 626

**RIALTO (8)**  
Klabe 102 111 128—341  
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Averill 151 111 108—370  
Tom Abrich 135 145 140—420  
Lloyd 119 140 118—367  
Totals 702 714 632 2066

**BROADWAY BEAUTY SHOP (8)**  
McNeil 121 144 126—433  
Allen 101 133 127—421  
Wetly 102 119 92—313  
Cohen 108 127 118—423  
Bowler 136 127 123—386  
Totals 607 673 708 2018

**SEARS, ROEBUCK CO. (7)**  
Alshire 149 140 148—437  
Allen 106 128 127—421  
Juz 133 149 152—434  
Holt 138 108 147—421  
Tyrish 148 136 138—462  
Totals 682 679 722 2157

**WOOLWORTH'S (8)**  
Johnson 119 113 93—325  
Greene 103 121 102—326  
McWhaupt 136 130 107—413  
Taylor 112 83 117—312  
Keeney 106 93 121—322  
Totals 592 556 553 1761

**SURPRISE! NEW ISLAND CARTEGENA, Colombia (AP)**  
Colombia is bigger than it was, a coastal ship captain reported to hydrographic officers. A new inlet,

# Junior Ball Loop Moguls Meet, Up Age Limit, Plan Season

Salem's second annual Junior baseball league season, "A" and "B" division, started the ball rolling last night at the chamber of commerce where President Oliver Huston presided over the first loop law-making assembly of 1945. Although sponsor attendance was slim, a number of new teeth were voted into the league code by the officers, sponsors, coaches and affiliates who were there.  
Probably of most interest to the league, including the 300-odd kids who are expected to play in it next summer, was that the age limit for players was hiked from 17 to 18 years. Any aspirant who has not reached his 18th birthday before January 1 of this year will be eligible to play in the circuits. It was

also voted that the dividing line between "A" and "B" leagues (major and minor) would be via player age. All players, regardless of size or experience, who are at least 12 years old and 15 years old after June 1 of this year will play in the "B" league. All who are 15 years old on or before June 1 will be "A" leaguers.  
Two new sponsors were voted into the circuits. Blue Lake of West Salem was granted a franchise in both the "A" and "B" divisions and the Salem Police were given a berth in the "A" loop. Both new members were represented at the meeting.  
Huston was unanimously re-elected president of the league and Ross Coleman, the founder of the circuit last year was elected unanimously to vice pres-

deny. Dr. Ruskin Blatchford was unanimously elected secretary-treasurer replacing Howard Maple, resigned. A committee was named to seek permission to use Geo. E. Waters park for games during the season.  
The player sign-up, to be conducted much the same as it was last year, will start next Monday, April 2, at Maple's sporting goods store. All kids within the age and residence boundary limits who are interested are invited to sign up starting Monday.  
The residence boundary lines concerning player eligibility in the leagues were limited to (1) any boy who attends Salem schools, (2) or any boy who lives on a Salem rural mailing route or (3) any boy who lives within the city limits of Salem or West Salem. This new rule

makes ineligible those players who last year participated in the league while living in Turner, Brooks, Woodburn, etc., and attending schools there.  
Stanley Smith, standby umpire-in-chief for the leagues this year and stated that he would line up the arbiter battalion for the coming season.  
It was also decided that all American Legion junior players will be ineligible for play in the Junior circuits unless they are released from the Legion team. Legion players will be made eligible at the finish of the Legion season.  
The next league meeting has been dated for Thursday, April 12, at which time sponsors will be urged to commit themselves for the coming season.

# STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor



Something new will be added in Chicago baseball when the big league season opens. These girls will take over their jobs as usherettes for the Cubs and White Sox. (Let's go to the ball game, men.) (AP wirephoto)

## Ross, 'Grey Mask' Signed Up For Next Armory Bicep Brawl

As advertised by Announcer Harry Levy before the Tony Ross-George Wagner mat mix this week, next Tuesday night it's North Capitol street's musclemat against head-splitting "Grey Mask" in the feature attraction at the armory. Matchmaker Elton Owen made the announcement yesterday that both Anthony Q. and the hooded hombre had signed the proper articles for the brawl. Ross won't be right to rattle Mr. Stoneface by beating Wagner this week.  
And another promise given with the Tuesday tussle. Owen proclaims the winner will be given a championship match here the following week with Georges Dullester, new claimant to the Coast junior heavy title after wrestling the crown from lithe Gust Johnson in Portland last Monday night. As possession of these rascal's titles means much to the muscle masters, added incentive is therein added. The Ross-Stoneface meeting, Anthony and the head-bonking hoodlum met here two months ago, but the Ross fists weren't up to matching the Mask's head butts in a wild and woolly brawl.  
Owen announces further that Wagner has lodged his usual yawning complaints after he whipped by Ross this week, but quickly adds that nothing will come of 'em. The balance of Tuesday's card will be announced later this week as it is signed up.

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BROOKLINE, Mass., March 29—(AP)—Mrs. Helen Pedersen Ribbany of New York, a veteran in top-flight tennis competition, today gained her first national title by defeating Katherine Winthrop of Hamilton, the defending champion, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, in the final of the women's indoor singles competition at Longwood.

# Nova, Baksi in Garden Match

Cosmic Puncher, Coal Miner, 10 Round Go  
NEW YORK, March 29—(AP)—Lou Nova, the reformed yogi man, and Joe Baksi, the reformed coal miner, will clash tomorrow in the third consecutive ten-round heavyweight headline bout at Madison Square Garden.  
Nova, whose career has been notable more for such things as the cosmic punch and dynamic stance, his adherence to the yoga philosophy, and odd diets than for consistent ring performances, now is being handled by the veteran manager, James J. Johnston.  
Baksi, who rose from obscurity last year to become one of the leading wartime heavyweights, is on trial. He came out ahead in a (Continued on page 13)



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