

SPORTS LIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

Baseball breaks dept:
Jack Warren, remembered as the youthful but burly basher with Salem's Senators in '41-'42, is to get his whack at the majors after all. A village visitor for a few minutes the other day, Coast Guardsman Jack told that he had sold himself to the Cincinnati Reds, the same club which purchased him from the Senators for \$1500 in '42 only to have the deal go bloomy when Warren's draft board beckoned.



JACK WARREN

And it's quite a deal Jack says he made for himself with the Redlegs. Not unlike most anything else in these price-soaring days, Warren tells he inked the Cincy pact for \$5500, which definitely isn't baseball pay even in wartime. Furthermore, when he reports to the National league nine for duty he's to draw down 800 bucks a month, a cool \$650 more than he got his first year with the Senators. Cincinnati apparently thinks highly of our former fence rattler. Gosh knows when the former village catcher-outfielder will be able to visit the Cincinnati pay window, for he's still very much in the coast guard. After many months overseas he's drawn state-side duty in Seattle. Weighs 196 now, a good weight for a ballgame his size, has two kids and "another one on the way." Naturally he's right anxious for the war to end so that he can take that long-awaited whirl at major league baseball.

If Jack ever carves his niche as a hitter in the big show, New York Yankee Scout Joe Devine can take a bow. Devine was much impressed by the Warren hitting ability, although in its raw infancy, and one night in Waters park after watching Jack bash three straight bingles remarked: "Yeah, and that kid's apt to go right on hitting like that wherever he goes." Devine ogled the Warren efforts for many days that season but probably limited his own actions to merely the luke-warm stage because Jack could hit, period. Manager Charlie Petersen used to hold his breath every time a fly ball went Warrenward, but always insisted same would never hurt Jack if it bopped him on the head.

Elks Club Tournament On Prize-Heavy Side
To golf: The upcoming Salem Elks club sponsored city championship tourney has even veteran campaigner Eric Kay mulling something related to, "Never heard of such a prize-heavy tourney." Meaning that the Elks divot derby will likely be the No. 1 party of all time for prizes obtainable, numerically. In case you haven't noticed, along with the championship trophy which will go to some par-bellitting gent like Walt "Junior" Cline, Glen Lengen, Frank Shafer, etc., a \$25 war bond goes to each ultimate titlist in all flights. Considering there are eight players to a flight after first round kayoes are scored, that makes 13 (12 1/2 actually) war bonds to be given as prizes if 100 golfers enter the tournament. Better still, that's \$243.75 worth of prizes excluding the cost of the championship cup. Strictly no money making proposition in that 100 golfers will post only \$50 in entry fees at the four-bits per throw. Some tournament, eh? Proving that the Salem Elks believe in doing things on the big side.

Waltons Slate Meet Tonight
The Salem chapter, Izaak Walton league of America convenes in its regular meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at Eagles hall, and when the important pow-wow is finished, more definite plans are expected to be set concerning the proposed postwar club house for the chapter. The building program committee is scheduled to make a report tonight and a resolution will be read. A vote will be cast May 9, according to President Verne Robb. Since the building of the club house depends upon the membership, Robb urges full attendance for the important meeting.

Can't Go on Forever—Or Can It?
Lloyd Reinholdt, chairman of the fish committee has arranged for Frank Wire, supervisor of the state game commission to be on hand with the latest information on angling regulations in connection with the opening of fishing season Saturday. New colored films will also be shown during the meeting.

Tribe Welcomes Home
Backbone—A War Hero
"I saw your mention recently of Frank Backbone of Chemawa," writes Hale Tabor, the former Willamette and Statesman man now attached to the McMinnville Telephone Register, "and since I've always been a little awed by his point-making ability, I have a sequel to his story.

"While I was with the Press in Sheridan, Wyo., recently, I saw an item in the Lodge Grass, Mont., paper. Lodge Grass is a town on the Crow Indian reservation. The story was an account of Frank Backbone's home-coming from the army hospital at Walla Walla, Wash. As I remember, he is now a sergeant. Backbone served a couple of years in Italy and was finally sent back to the States because of his wounds. He was later given a 30-day furlough from Walla Walla, so he went home. When his train arrived at Lodge Grass, most of the Indians on the reservation turned out and a parade, complete with band was held. Members of his family were there and a little group of Indian World War I vets led the procession up the main street.

"Incidentally, Backbone comes by his basketball skill naturally. The kids on the reservation only do two things—play basketball and race horses. Some of the teams they have turned out are reputed to be as good as the Harlem Globetrotters, etc. Just thought you'd like to know this."

Aye aye, Hale, and not only us. Chemawa to a resident will probably welcome the news too. Now if "Greg's Gossip" would only acclaim the former Chemawa basketball biggie as the possessor of the all-time high scoring mark for one season of prep ball in Oregon (we can prove Backbone's 1938-39 season of 467 points in 28 games is the best claim yet), the red brick institution north of town would be totally happy.

Braves Win Over Phils
WILMINGTON, Del., April 10—(AP)—The Boston Braves won an overtime exhibition game from the Philadelphia Phillies today, 5 to 2, by blasting three runs in the eleventh inning.

Major League Baseball Spring Training Camp Notations—Strictly on the Personal Side

By Jack Hand
NEW YORK, April 10—(AP)—Conversation in a baseball training camp hotel lobby... Stan Coleman of the Boston Braves explaining how he was working on Butch Nieman trying to get him to pull the ball down the right field line to produce more batters than singles. "I helped Hank Greenberg do the same thing when he was with Evansville in 1931 recalled Indiana Bob. "Had to get him to open his stance a little to pull down the left field line. Nieman has a tendency to high right center and I'm trying to make him get his wrists out front of the ball more. He should have a lot more power."

Coach Earle Brucker of the Philadelphia A's, still gets a laugh from his memories of George Caster after Connie Mack had sent him back to the minors in '36. "Made him mad when I said how do you expect to win in the big time with your fast ball and that curve," chuckled Brucker. "They told him his curve was a slider and that was about all it was. I helped him pick up his knuckler and it went pretty good."

Mr. Mack bought me too."
Lefty Grove coming over to the A's camp just to loosen up the old soup bone and pitching batting practice to the wide-eyed rookies.
George Kell got Lefty and Stan Baumgartner, another retired southpaw now a sports writer, in a pepper game and made them beat. Only time Grove wasn't puffing a big black cigar was when he was in uniform... Did more work than the regulars but said he had no plans for a comeback.
First baseman Joe Kuhel of the Washington Senators was discussing the plays that come up during an ordinary season. Somebody asked him the toughest for him to make.
"I'd say that one when the batter hits a slow-to-middle ball back at you" observed the veteran. "You're playing back and there's a man on first and you come charging in. You get the ball in the baseline and runner is going into second. You have to throw hard but over his head and not too far. I think that's the toughest of all. It took me all last season trying to get Johnny Sullivan to either take one step over the first base bag and reach back or stop one step short to give me a target."

STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

Stub Allison 'Out' At U of California

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10—(AP)—Release of Leonard B. (Stub) Allison, head football coach at the University of California for the last 10 years, was announced here tonight by the executive committee of the associated students. No successor was announced. The committee voted at its weekly meeting Monday night not to renew Allison's contract, and tonight issued the following statement:
"It was made a matter of record that the committee expressed its fine regard for the long and valuable service that Mr. Allison has rendered the university.
"Temporary arrangements for a coaching staff to carry on the sport pending the release of permanent personnel from the armed forces are under consideration and will be announced soon."

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16-0 Debut Win For Salem High

VIKINGS TOPPLE PREPS IN 5-INNING OPENER
MT. ANGEL, April 10—(Special)—Salem high's first baseball team in three years finally shook off the blanket here today despite playing on a diamond just right for a kiddie's mud-pie party, and after a downpour washed out the tussle at the end of five heats, the Vikings had tallied 16 times while blanking Paul Relling's graduation-riddled Duration league defending champion Mt. Angel Preps. The fact that Salem had nary a workout a week previous seemed to make little difference as Coach Gurnee Fleisher's flock, 20 strong, banged out 14 bingles and committed no errors.

Top poke of the day came in a six-run fifth frame when Catcher Al Russell clouted out a deep center field home run with the bases loaded. Along with a fourth-inning double by Third-baseman Bud Craig, they were the only extra base knocks the SHS'ers got.
Mt. Angel was held to a pair of hits, one a double by Sprauer off Rod Province in the fourth and the other a single by R. Bochsler off Tom Faught in the fifth. Every member of the Salem team saw action, including five pitchers. Craig with two-for-three and Shortstop Roger Dasch and First-baseman Johnny Dalke, each with a perfect three-for-three, were the

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Browns Topple Cards Again

ST. LOUIS, April 10—(AP)—Thirteen hits including a brace of homers by George McQuinn and Mike Kreevich produced seven runs for the St. Louis Browns today in their second triumph over the St. Louis Cardinals, 7 to 2. It was the third of a seven-game exhibition city series.
The Cardinals made five of their nine hits in the first two innings but were held effectively in check by Al Hollingsworth, whose arm improved as he went along, and by Weldon West.

Can't Go on Forever—Or Can It?

Passing off yesterday's wash-out of the scheduled Salem-Milwaukie-Oregon City triangular track frolic on Olinger with a groan: Oh well, the boys at least won't be overtrained for the state meet next month," Viking Coach Tommy Dryman & Co. immediately began final preparations for the second annual Salem Relays carnival planned for the swampish arena Friday. Yesterday's "no meet-rain" was the second straight posted for SHS and Dryman is indeed concerned over the shape his horde won't be in if ever it does get another chance to take to the speedways this season.

BOWLING SCORES

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|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| SALEM POLICE (1) | | BOSLER ELECTRIC (2) | |
| Main | 150 156 164-472 | Riches | 211 208 191-590 |
| Kruger | 113 181 154-448 | Schiller | 155 142 137-434 |
| Rowman | 158 163 157-446 | Bishop | 145 171 159-465 |
| McDowell | 117 163 124-404 | Kelly | 140 152 134-406 |
| Prise | 178 136 129-443 | Riffey | 170 170 174-483 |
| Totals | 782 136 782 2440 | Totals | 821 783 784 2386 |
| ARMOUR'S STAR (2) | | KELLY BROWN CO. (1) | |
| Pederson | 168 183 169-520 | Barker | (1) 119 108-410 |
| Aleshire | 186 194 177-507 | Fuhr | (1) 115 109-424 |
| Haugenson | 215 182 188-546 | D. Brown | 145 134 165-444 |
| Bigger | 180 152 188-520 | Powell | 143 143 143-429 |
| Zeller | 186 186 167-539 | Hawkins | 136 110 130-425 |
| Totals | 895 897 870 2632 | Totals | 716 698 775 2190 |
| SCIO (3) | | INTERSTATE TRACTOR (2) | |
| Krejci | 169 182 148-509 | W. Valdez | 203 179 161-540 |
| Carwell | 127 134 134-395 | Stettler | 205 118 154-477 |
| Kerney | 182 183 183-548 | Hasty | 149 143 128-420 |
| Schrunk | 142 180 164-486 | Mirick | 179 121 183-483 |
| Demore | 182 188 179-549 | Farthing | 166 166 152-484 |
| Totals | 782 892 818 2473 | Totals | 902 830 788 2510 |
| TRADE COUNCIL AP of L. (8) | | M & F GROCERY (1) | |
| Dunnean | 153 144 138-435 | Forard | 253 169 161-583 |
| Brant | 161 105 134-400 | Briggs | 137 128 107-370 |
| Breneman | 128 128 128-384 | Curtis | 199 184 141-524 |
| Hoff | 155 145 101-401 | D. Griffith | 143 146 143-432 |
| Coolidge | 150 169 106-505 | Morgan | 186 183 146-466 |
| Totals | 768 733 713 2234 | Totals | 814 854 751 2421 |
| PAPERMAKERS (1) | | BRIT SPOT | |
| Cady | 160 197 187-484 | Patterson | 165 120 113-408 |
| Wilsey | 141 141 171-453 | Ross | 183 180 138-481 |
| Johnson | 160 142 138-431 | Bone | 142 184 181-507 |
| Coleman | 129 123 129-382 | Olney | 192 182 182-557 |
| Bolton | 173 143 167-483 | Ertsgaard | 147 151 185-463 |
| Totals | 744 708 782 2234 | Totals | 828 818 753 2400 |
| FLYFLOWER MILK (2) | | CAPITAL CITY LAUNDRY (2) | |
| Dever | 117 143 163-423 | Kirchner | 183 181 177-521 |
| DeGulre | 157 169 168-494 | Woolfs | 198 159 147-494 |
| Carr | 171 129 129-429 | Buck | 194 194 141-519 |
| G. Nolfinger | 149 164 128-432 | McCluskey | 139 142 180-461 |
| Kendrick | 143 155 126-417 | Mathis | 223 128 170-521 |
| Totals | 763 782 770 2315 | Totals | 885 800 795 2480 |

Bevos Drop 6-3 Decision, Lose Loop Lead to Seattle

NEW YORK, April 10—(AP)—After four days of dickering, spiced by Tom Gallery's gesture of withdrawing from the transaction, the National football league today settled its most pressing problem of 1945 just as planned from the beginning.
That was by merging the Brooklyn Tigers, almost to the point of obliteration, with the Boston Yanks. This merger, expected from the start of the league meeting last Friday, reduced the circuit to ten teams for 1945. Club owners then began drawing up the season's schedule.
The Tigers, already committed to leaving Brooklyn, will virtually lose their identity except that one of the combined club's home games—against the New York Giants—will be played in Yankee Stadium, New York. All other home games will be in Boston.

Boston-Brook Duet on Again

Tigers to Play Game in Yankee Stadium
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Bartons Second Coast Batter

LOS ANGELES, April 10—(AP)—Pete Elko, Los Angeles infielder, leads the Pacific Coast league in batting with an average of .455 for the first 11 games of the season. Larry Barton, Portland first baseman, follows closely with .452.
Elko, hitting safely in every game, amassed the most hits, 20. Two other Angels, Lou Novikovik and Mel Hicks, also are in the first 10 batters. Hicks tops the loop in runs batted in, with 15. Ted Norbert of Seattle leads in homers with four.

Bulldogs Beaten By Molalla, 7-3

WOODBURN—Jiggs Burnett's Bulldogs dropped their second straight Duration league baseball tilt here Tuesday afternoon, losing to Molalla 7 to 3. The Bucks bunched ten hits effectively off hurler Charlie Sauvain and the outcome was never in doubt.
Woodburn's tracksters will swing into action today when they engage Canby and Molalla here in a triangular meet.

Amputees Still Enjoy Sports

WASHINGTON, April 10—(AP)—You can't take the spirit of athletic competition out of America's war veterans, not even when they have lost arms and legs.
Amputees from the Walter Reed hospital demonstrated this today by playing a four-inning softball game in which the enlisted men, all leg cases, whopped it up in defeating the officers' team, 13-6. The game was a feature of the army's physical reconditioning program.
As they amazed themselves, civilian onlookers, newsmen and cameramen with their ability, the amputees played as hard and had as much fun as kids on a corner lot.
A big blond-headed staff sergeant, Frank Bogdan of Buffalo, N. Y., swatted two home runs and circled the bases on a gallop. He also pulled two double plays at short. Bogdan lost a leg in southern France as a member of an anti-aircraft battery with the

Dusette Flattens Mr. Mask, Keeps Jr. Heavy Title Belt

Georges Dusette, the bicepper with the big squeeze, capped a first-cabin mat, melee at the armory last night by defeating via foul unpopular "Gray Mask" in the third fall of their rip-smorter and thereby kept possession of the Coast Junior heavyweight title belt. The tussle was a pee-dinger all the way and had a 900-odd customer crop up and at 'em at the finish.
Mr. Stoneface nabbed the first fall via his headache hold -- head bonks -- and a half-crab. But Dusette, visibly irked, came back to dish up one of the granddaddy's of all bicep beatings dished up in the Garden pit and splattered Mr. Mask all over the arena for No. 2. Powerful Georges loosed a barrage of almost everything -- slugging, kicking, body-slammings -- and at times looked as if he was playing first football, then basketball, then soccer, a bit of tennis and back to more football, each time the masked merrily playing the part of the ball.
Dusette's pet full Nelson, easily tied things up. Stoneface included.
No. 3 saw more of rugged Dusette in action, but suddenly in the midst of it the hooded hombre jolted in with a quick series of his head butts. He went even more berserk than did Georges, and when Referee Walt Achiu intervened he got himself cracked on the noggin too. A wild flurry ensued -- first Dusette and then Achiu getting themselves toppled like tenpins with those butts -- and then out of it all came the win for Dusette via foul. It didn't stop there either, but finally did -- just as a riot flared -- when ushers hopped in the bin to quell hostilities. 'Twas quite a brawl.
In the prelims, both scientific affairs, Ernie Piluso and Ivan Jones swapped falls in an action-filled and grueling go and Tex Hager nabbed the only fall in 30 minutes over "Speedy" Maloney.

Third Straight On Whiskers

Jake Mooty Bested By Seals' Joyce
SAN FRANCISCO, April 10—(AP)—San Francisco's Seals opened their home season successfully and knocked Portland off the top rung of the Pacific Coast baseball league here tonight all at the same time by trimming the Beavers, 6-3.
The loss, Portland's third in a row, dropped the Beavers a game behind Seattle in the standings. Big Bob Joyce, San Francisco's 20-game-winning righthander, hurled the victory and allowed seven hits. Jake Mooty was the loser and gave up 11 bingles. The Seals broke a 3-3 tie in the eighth with three more tallies to sew up the decision.
Portland 000 010 200-3 7 9
San Francisco 000 003 030-6 11
Mooty and Adams, Joyce and Sprinz.

Champs Scarce In AAU Swim

CHICAGO, April 10—(AP)—Record-breaking Ann Curtis will do her stuff, but at least a half-dozen titles will change hands in the national women's indoor AAU swimming championships at the Chicago Town club Friday thru Sunday.
The reason is obvious -- Miss Curtis, the phenomenal lass from San Francisco; Hollywood-bound Brenda Helsen; 100-yard free style titlist; and Patricia Sinclair of the New York Women's Swimming association, 100 yard breast stroke champion -- are the only returning title-holders.
Miss Curtis, who holds more records than you can shake a fin at, will receive the Sullivan trophy at the meet, but the ceremony isn't expected to rattle her so much that she won't paddle off with the 220 and 440 free style crowns again. She may even upstage Miss Helsen in the 100 to avenge an eye-lash defeat by the former Multnomah club (Portland, Ore.) spring star last year.

Elliott Beats Stars

HOLLYWOOD, April 10—(AP)—The high-flying Seattle Rainiers stayed at the top of the Pacific Coast heap tonight with a 4-3 victory over the Hollywood Stars. Glenn Elliott posted his third straight win to spoil the Stars' home debut.
Seattle 000 022 000-4 8 9
Hollywood 300 001 000-3 6 1
Elliott and Finley; Kimball, Mishak (7) and Hill.

Acorns Win in Ninth

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 10—(AP)—Oakland nosed out San Diego, 2 to 1, in a Coast league game tonight, Vic Picette tallying the winning run in the ninth after tripling.
Seattle 000 000 001-2 8 9
San Diego 000 001 000-1 8 1
Stromme, Monzo (6) and Fenech, B. Raimondi (8) Eaves and Ballinger.

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