

Crucial Bevo-Rainier Series Opener Tonight at Portland

SPORTSLIGHTNER

William H. Klepper, known to Northwest baseball bugs as "Bald Bill," generalissimo of all that is Portland Beavers, is indeed happy over the deal which sees our Salem Senators join the Bevo family. Not classed as a baseball brain for nothing, Klepper avers the move will prove beneficial to both his Beavers and to the situation in general here in town and in the surrounding areas. No explanation necessary. Mr. Klepper speaks wisdom and the baseball Berts and Bessies heretofore are well aware of it by now.

Immediate action (business manager, rebuilding, etc.) cannot be taken on the Salem setup now, offers the new boss. He says he'll hold back until he's certain he'll swing into action next year. "When the time comes," says he, "we'll probably put in four steady employees at Salem—a full-time business manager, a secretary for him, a full-time park superintendent and a team manager. Just who they will be I don't know yet."

Although Mr. K. said nothing on the subject while other Rose City dwellers verbally spanked a metropolitan sheet for publishing it, general talk has one George Emigh, late of the army and formerly of Franklin high football coaching reknown, as the new business boss. Emigh is presently employed as trainer for the Beavers. Another source says Bill Garbarino, well known in Portland baseball circles, is the gent who will come up with the Solon business reins. All merely talk, however, and in no way official.

One thing strictly official, and right from Vaughn street park grounds shepherd "Rocky" Benevito himself—he won't be the new Salem greenward guardian. After 19 years of it with the Portlanders, "Rocky" grins, "Heck no, I've got my hands full here taking the bad hops out of this place."



BILL KLEPPER

Pooh-poohs California Cries of Bloupp

After convincing ourself that Mr. K. intends doing as right as he can by our next edition of we asked him his reactions to the through the season have insisted (1) internal strife on the Portland nine was gradually coming to a head, (2) Larry Barton was a cinch to take over the managerial job after Marv Owen was beheaded and (3) Klepper himself had come within whiskers of tossing blows with Owen and they weren't speaking to each other.

Salem Softball Team Forming

The Salem softball team, a galaxy of local stars who have been long active in the sport, is now in the process of formation, announces Manager Bob Schwartz, Sr. The handpicked team will participate in the annual state softball tournament dated for Portland's Buckman field August 13-19.

Schwartz has not announced the complete club roster but urges all players he has contacted to turn out for practice Wednesday and Friday nights of this week. The workouts will be held at Olinger field at 6:30 o'clock each night. The team roster will be announced later in the week.

Fraises Owen's Work

In short, Mr. K. is convinced Mr. Owen has done a good job with the Beavers this year—a very good job. If you don't think so, look at the present PCL standings. As for a manager of the Senators, the quiet and slow-speaking generalissimo merely passes, "Too early yet."

Even Liska Mentioned

Dpn't know where he got it, but Tacoma's Dan Walton carter, first applicant for the Senator skipper ship is Ad Liska, the submariner. "But there's a catch to it," adds Mr. W., "—he wants to take half the Portland club along with him." ... Pulhazec, Dan! The Portlanders want the Salem farm to produce young ballgamers, not a rest home.

'Civies' Again For Red Reese

SPOKANE, Aug. 7—(AP)—Major William B. (Red) Reese, for the last three years physical fitness officer with the Second air force and football coach for the Second air force Superbombers, will return to civilian life this week, friends were advised today.

Kahut-Kennedy Scrap Slated for 15 Rounds

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 7—(AP)—The Portland boxing commission today ruled the fight between Joe Kahut, Woodburn saller, and Moose Kennedy, Negro contender for the northwest heavyweight title, should go 15 rounds.

Christman Improving From 'Beanball' Blow

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7—(AP)—Mark Christman, St. Louis Browns third baseman who was hit in the head by a pitched ball in last night's game with Cleveland, had a "comfortable night," Club Surgeon Dr. Robert F. Hyland reported today. Christman, hit by Alie Reynolds' fast ball in the third inning, suffered a brain concussion and will be out of the lineup for about 10 days, Dr. Hyland said.

Don Pulford Mound Choice For Leaders

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PORTLAND, Aug. 7—(Special) The Pacific Coast league series which may see the leading Portland Beavers put a stranglehold on the 1945 pennant opens here Wednesday night when the Beavers meet the second-place Seattle Rainiers. The Rainiers are eight games behind the Beavers and the third-place Sacramento Senators are seven games in arrears of the Seattle.

Don Pulford, ace of the Beaver mound corps, will likely be Manager Marv Owen's choice in the opener. He will be seeking his 19th victory of the season and will probably be opposed by lefthander Carl Fischer of the Rainiers.

The last series between the two clubs at Seattle saw the Portland club win but three of the seven games, one of the few series dropped by the Beavers during the season.

Three umpires, Jack Powell, Frisco Edwards and Lee Dempsey have been assigned to work the crucial series, and Coast League President Clarence Rowland himself will be in attendance.

Portland General Manager Bill Klepper expects record-breaking attendance for the week. A doubleheader to make up for Tuesday's game lost because of travel delays will probably be played Thursday or Friday.

Cuccinello and Holmes on Top

NEW YORK, Aug. 7—(AP)—Tommy Holmes of the Boston Braves and Tony Cuccinello of Chicago's White Sox still held the lead in the major league batting races Tuesday, with two months of the season to go.

Goody Rosen of Brooklyn still was shadowing Holmes' .365 average with a second-place .362 in the National and Phil Cavarratta of Chicago had become an important factor in the hit derby with his .357 mark. The Cubs' first-sacker picked up seven points during the last seven days, moving to within eight points of the lead in averages, including Sunday's games.

A's Purchase Jake Caulfield

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 7—(AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics announced today that they have taken title to John (Jake) Caulfield, 300 hitting shortstop of the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast league in exchange for Outfielder Charley Metro and two players to be designated before January 1.

Osborne Beats Pauline Betz

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 7—(AP)—Margaret Osborne of San Francisco won the Delaware women's tennis championship for the second straight year today by defeating national champion Pauline Betz, of Los Angeles, in the tournament final here. Miss Osborne lost the first set 3-6, but took the next two sets 6-4 and 7-5.

Dallas Townies Lose to Vanport

DALLAS—The Dallas Townies dropped two more games to the Vanport Black Sox here over the weekend, losing 11 to 1 Saturday night and 8 to 4 Sunday afternoon. The Sox had also won a previous engagement played here early in the season.

American League

W L Pct	W L Pct
Detroit 34 41 .450	Cleveland 48 46 .500
Washington 34 43 .440	Boston 48 46 .500
N. York 30 43 .410	St. Louis 45 47 .489
Chicago 30 47 .390	Philadelphia 32 62 .342

No games Tuesday.



FRANK SHONE, former Portland semi-pro pitcher who has blossomed into his own as a Portland Beaver regular, will be very much among those present this week at Portland when the Beavers battle off another crucial series with the Seattle Rainiers.

Waltons Sked Meet Tonight

The Salem Chapter, Isaac Walton League of America, will convene in its regular monthly meeting tonight at eight o'clock at the Boy Scouts club house, Pringle park. The chapter's auxiliary will also meet tonight at the same place.

Joyce Misses In Try for 25

OAKLAND, Aug. 7—(AP)—The Oaks defeated San Francisco, 8-4, tonight to climb into the first division in the Coast league race. The losing pitcher was Bob Joyce, who was shooting for his 25th victory of the season. He was batted out in the fifth inning.

West Salem 9 Nips Elfstrom

West Salem's Lions kept alive their second half chances in the Junior baseball "B" league last night by stopping the Elfstrom club, 9-0, on George Stoutenberg's no-run no-hitter at the Leslie diamond. The Lions maintain a mathematical chance of winding up the season in a three-way tie for second half honors if the Clough-Barrick team loses to Yeater Appliance Thursday.

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W L Pct	W L Pct
Chicago 63 34 .649	Pittsburgh 51 50 .505
St. Louis 50 42 .549	Cincinnati 43 54 .443
Brooklyn 52 42 .553	Boston 43 54 .443
N. York 44 47 .484	Philadelphia 36 71 .338

Tuesday's game at Boston-Brooklyn, postponed.

Major Clubs Adding Help for Final Pennant Drives

NEW YORK, Aug. 7—(AP)—It's opportunity day for such Johnny-come-latelys as Hookies Art Rebel of the St. Louis Cardinals, Byron LaForest of the Boston Red Sox and Tommy Brown of Brooklyn as the majors stock up on new talent for the final third of the pennant drive.

With recruits moving up from the minors in wholesale lots, players like Hank Borowy and Lou Finney changing uniforms and service stars returning to the game, fans have to look twice to recognize their favorite clubs tomorrow when play is resumed after a two-day travel lull.

Rebel, a chubby lefthander from the Cardinal chain gang, jumped in the world champ's outfield to replace the injured Al Schendienst and has clipped the apple at a .429 pace in eight games. If he can keep it up while the Red Birds tour the east for the last time, he will be an important factor in their bid to catch the Cubs. St. Louis also brought up Pitcher Bill Crouch and the veteran infielder, Pep Young.

Brooklyn, still a factor, brought in Tom Brown from St. Paul along with Pitcher Ralph Branca and Catcher Fats Dantonio. Young Brown's erratic throwing arm forced the Dodgers to farm him out in the spring but scouts say the 17-year-old shortstop is ready.

One-Third Cut In Grid Travel

Layden Submits Pro League Plan to ODT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7—(AP)—Professional football laid its travel-reduction plans before the office of defense transportation today, saying that approximately 33 per cent of its normal mileage could thereby be saved.

Elmer Layden, commissioner, conferred with ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson the second time in recent weeks. No announcement was made, and Johnson and Layden will meet again tomorrow.

The league's 13 non-championship games are involved, and the voluntary reduction outlined by Layden calls for "stop-overs" whenever a team is on the road for two or more consecutive nights.

Further rail travel savings would be effected by water travel between such points as Detroit and Buffalo, and Detroit and Cleveland as well as by limiting squads to 28 men.

Cancellation of non-championship games would represent a loss of "about half a million dollars" and make it difficult for the league to operate financially, was one argument put up to ODT by Layden.

STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor



Lt. Mickey Cochrane, left, gets some football information from Iowa Preflight coach Lt. Com. Jack Meagher. Cochrane, former star catcher and manager of the Detroit Tigers, won four football letters at Boston U. Mickey has been assigned to the football department which is headed by Meagher.

Huskies Start Drills Sept. 1

SEATTLE, Aug. 7—(AP)—Fall football practice at University of Washington will start Sept. 1, a week earlier than at other northern division schools, Coach Ralph (Pete) Welch said today.

The coach explained he had decided upon the earlier start because it coincided with the starting date for the California schools "and we meet California competition earlier than the other northern division teams—we play the University of California Oct. 6."

Trainers Start Early
Welch said the off-season practice period permitted by the conference would start Aug. 13 for the men now in school. These are for the most part navy trainees and will number about 50 players, he estimated.

War veterans and boys under draft age are expected to dominate the squad, Welch said, in that the navy men were restricted as to practice hours and unavoidable for road trips.

Dodgers or San Francisco May Get Tacoma Franchise

SEATTLE, Aug. 7—(AP)—Brooklyn of the National league or San Francisco of the Pacific coast circuit may acquire the Tacoma franchise in the Western International league, the Post-Intelligencer said tonight it had learned from Roger Peck, the present owner.

Peck was reported as admitting Tom Downey of the Brooklyn system had asked him if the club was available.

"We have always worked closely with Charley Graham at San Francisco and . . . he will get first call on the franchise," Peck was quoted as saying. "Of course, I might not sell. Unless the terms are satisfactory I will continue to operate the team."

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Travis on Furlough

ATLANTA, Aug. 7—(AP)—Sgt. Cecil Travis, former star infielder with the Washington Senators, back from overseas service, is spending a 30-day furlough here with his family before reporting to a Texas camp for reassignment.

Gals' Tilt Tonight

SILVERTON—Mt. Angel and Silverton softball girls will play Wednesday night at 7 o'clock on McGinnis field. The game was at first scheduled for Monday night but was later postponed.

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