

WVL Baseball Takeoff Today

All Clubs Hampered By Spring Weather

WOODBURN, March 26—(Special)—The Willamette Valley league baseball teams, hardly a one proper playing condition because of the uncooperative weather conditions the past weeks, open their 1946 schedule Wednesday with four games. That is, the schedule calls for a quartet of openers. Continued weather conditions could force postponement of the entire opening round.

The schedule calls for the following games Wednesday: Sandy at Silverton, Woodburn at Canby, Estacada at Molalla and Mt. Angel at Dallas. Stayton draws the opening round bye.

Very little is known of the potential strength of any one of the nine teams, an indication that the spring race will be wide open.



WENATCHEE DUET: These two gents will do the guiding work baseball play. Buddy Ryan (left), the former Sacramento Senator skipper, will be the Wenatchee field manager. Joe Brownlow (right) is the club's president. Brownlow is the master who can be blamed for fighting for, and getting a WVL franchise for the Wenatchees. They have a working agreement with Sacramento of the Coast league and expect to be tough competition the coming summer. (Cut courtesy Wenatchee Daily-World.)

Talent-Heavy Senators Ball Team Shaping; Edwards Due Wednesday

By Al Lightner
Salem Sports Editor

The advance guard of Salem's 1946 baseball Senators, under the shepherding of new Manager Frisco Edwards, his town today.

Last night Business Manager George Emigh clarified the who's who in that welcome band and added names of more baseball lights who will likely join the Solon corps when the mothering Portland Beavers come home from California April 16. Briefly, Manager Edwards will look at present like a right capable outfit.

Manager Edwards and Pitchers Carl Gunnarson and Ed Karowski will arrive today at 3:55 p.m. by train from California.

The Solon end of the San Jose spring camp was broken up Tuesday.

According to Emigh, the following assortment of catchers, pitchers, infielders and outfielders is scheduled to arrive this week and next to open a 25-day spring training jaunt of its own at Waters park April 1: Catcher—George (Red) Daniels, the receiving part of the red-headed twin brother battery that was broken up when the pitching part was released. Daniels comes heralded as a good prospect, a tag accompanying every one of the others also after their weeks of working with the big brother Beaver at San Jose.

Pitchers—Andy Adams and Pitchers Nick and Sam Djanich, Infielders—Al Prieto, sec-

ond base; Henry Bartolemy, shortstop and James White, third base. Outfielders—Frank (Luke) Lucchesi, Dick Wenner, Ralph Arnott and Duane Crawford.

Scheduled to join the club Sunday or Monday are Ken Wyatt, the pitching lefty from Yalla Walla who holds considerable of a reputation as a hot prospect; George Vico, the slugging first sacker who has been the rave of the Bevo camp in San Jose, and Bill Carney, the ex-U of Oregon outfielder with the rifle arm and ability to belt the ball from the port side.

Also due in Monday with a dozen more hopefuls signed in the northwest during the winter are Bob Caviness, the former McMinnville high and Oregon outfielder who spent the latter

part of the 1945 season with the Beavers as an outfielder who can hit; Bill Tate, the ex-Carl Mays baseball school standout who had a year at Oregon State; Lee (Fireball) Fallin, the pre-war Senator of '41 who paratrooped it during the war and is still highly regarded by the parent Beavers as a pitching prospect, and Sam Tosti, long-ball hitting shortstop speedster who was a standout in the Eugene Cascade league last summer.

Then the probables—those expected to be turned over to Edwards when the Beavers get home: Paul Soderburg, the big righthander with Spokane and Salem before the war and now claimed to be a very good prospect; Nick Goulish, slugging outfielder almost good enough to

play regularly for the Beavers now; Steve Gerkin, the pitching whiz sent down from Philly to Portland who may wind up as a regular with the Beavers and Jim Foster, another flinger just about as highly regarded as the rest by Manager Marv Owen of the Portlands.

Gunnarson is the lefty with the "stuff" who was with Portland last season. Karowski is the Joe Gordon recommendation who has had two years of seasoned hurling with Gordon's army nine in the Pacific regions and who is said to be a cinch to win 20 games in the WVL.

That's what the Senator roster looks like at present. Need we say it also looks like a great year for the Salem Senators starting April 26?

Rain Ruining Spring Sports

Vikings, Bearcats Bugged in Puddles

Salem high's spring sports aspiring Vikings and Willamette university's ditto Bearcats -- not unlike most anyone else for that matter -- would appreciate seeing more of that golden stuff they saw yesterday -- sunshine. And if Ol' Sol doesn't mind, quite a lengthy splash of it, please.

The Vikings and Bearcats, hot to get started with sizeable spring sports programs including track, baseball, tennis, golf, etc., have so far had to limit most of that heat to the expanses of respective gymnasiums. Outside workouts have been almost impossible because of the wetness. The only spring sports group not effected so far is Coach Walt Erickson's Bearcat footballers. They have been getting in spring drills daily.

Should the uncooperative weather continue, the Vikings and Bearcats will be forced to step into seasonal play in poor shape. Tommy Drynan's Viking trackmen have a tentative meet booked for next week with Oregon City. Bill Hanauka's Bearcat baseballers are due to open next week with a double bill at Oregon. Erickson's Willamette trackmen have meets booked a on also. Harold Hauk's SHS nine is scheduled to open its league season April 26, but Hauk hopes to get in a few practice games with nearby competition long before then.

So the sun can start realizing it's spring right now as far as those germs are concerned. And when Manager Frisco Edwards herds his Salem Senators into the Waters pasture next week he'll very likely join the wishful group.

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—Editor—

Hoag vs. Cook Rematch Signed

Ten-Rounder Booked For Next Wednesday

Duane (the Durable) Hoag and Archie Cook, the mayhem minded fistic men who bashed that donnybrook six-rounder here last week, will meet over the 10-round route next Wednesday night at the armory to highlight Matchmaker Harry Plant's boxing show.

"It's costing me plenty," spouted the deal yesterday after clinching the deal with Tex Salkeld, Hoag's manager, "but it's worth it, I think. We should pack the armory with as big a fight crowd as it has ever had. And that fight is a natural if I ever saw one." Plant outbid Portland's Joe Waterman to have offered Salkeld \$500 for it.

Hoag and Cook flailed through six bar-room stanzas last week, the two-fisted Danish belter nabbing the disputed nod. It was the first close fight he has had here in four tries. Cook outweighed Hoag nine pounds and is expected to hold that much advantage again next week.

Both battlers buckled down to serious training yesterday upon hearing they are to go again. Hoag knows he has a king-sized scrap on his hands and Cook, who was tired after six frames last week, knows he must be in better shape to last the expectedly torrid 10 rounds Wednesday.

Plant will announce the supporting card later and will open ticket sales Thursday at Maple & Keene's sporting goods store.

Lynam Takes Mat Thriller

It wasn't for the coveted Coast junior heavy title belt, and it's a good thing last night's Joe Lynam-Bruno Angello biceps brawl before a packed armory crowd wasn't. For Bruno, the ultra-popular but capable belt holder, was bounced in two straight falls by the ex-GI with the punishing judo tricks.

Both times Lynam got help from Referee Al Szasz, who took a pasting, along with Lynam, from Bashing Bruno's bar-room tactics. Slashing judo wallops with the side of his hand on Bruno's neck got Joe both falls, and in the last one, after Szasz had been pummeled around by the barrel-chested Angello, both Lynam and Szasz swatted the villain into submission. All of which was quite okeh with the large crowd.

Bruno had one consolation—an inebriated GI, after challenging anyone in the joint, which was worth many laughs, accompanied the crestfallen Angello from the premises.

The prelims were hot and heavy all the way and fitted right in with the mainer. Ex-Sgt. George Kenniston, a mayhem mister in his first appearance here and a big bruiser on the Victor McLaglen side, walloped out a win over Billy Rayburn in a wild one. Then Paavo Katonen and Georges Dusette went to a no-fall draw in another slambang of the first degree. Jack Kiser's return debut followed and he made it a goodie by using a fashionable "Gillican Twist" on Gust Johnson's leg for the winning fall. Kiser is still the Mr. Spectacular he always was.

ing the shoot. The handicap event Sunday was won by A. Peters of Stayton. Dean Girard of Independence was second.

Okie Ags Cop NCAA Basket Title; Senator Boosters Convene Tonight

Parker Calls Open Meeting

The first open-to-the-public meeting of the Salem Senators Boosters is set for tonight, eight o'clock, at the chamber of commerce. Cliff Parker, chairman of the Boosters, and George Emigh, business manager of the Western International League club, will conduct the session. And Manager Frisco Edwards, who pulls in this afternoon at 3:55, will likely be a special guest.

Parker has lined up a large and strong Booster committee to work on plans for the Senators' opening home game April 30, and that committee will be in attendance to go over those plans. Members of the Salem Cherrians, who are to handle the opening night program, will also likely be in attendance.

"It is the first opportunity for Senator fans to come out and see what we are planning for the opener," announced Parker, "and I'm sure a large number will be there."

Interest in the Senators has been at a high pitch since their affiliation with the Portland Beavers. The interest went up a few notches when Salem's own Leo (Frisco) Edwards was named manager of the club last week.

Spring Campies:

ANAHEIM, Calif., March 26—(AP)—The St. Louis Browns defeated the Hollywood Stars 5-2 today in an exhibition played before an estimated 4000 fans. Steve Sundra yielded both of Hollywood's runs in the first inning. Al Hollingsworth, veteran left-hander, and Dennis Gairhouse faced the Pacific coast leaguers in the last seven innings and were in fine form.

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 26—(AP)—Rookie pitchers Johnny Heiki and Howard Fox of the Cincinnati Reds combined today to hurl a one-hit, 8 to 0, shutout over the Cleveland Indians in the second game of an exhibition doubleheader after the Tribe took the opener, 10 to 3. Paul O'Dea made the only Cleveland hit, a single, off Heiki.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 26—(AP)—The Philadelphia Phils got to Boston Braves pitchers Al Javery and Earl Reid for 10 hits today to take a 5 to 2 victory over the Braves.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 26—(AP)—Walker Cooper, the New York Giants' high-priced catcher who still is in the holdout from the Detroit Tigers, telephoned today that he was working out at Lambert Field, St. Louis, and would be in condition to play by April 9. Cooper expects to be discharged on or about April 2.

LAKELAND, Fla., March 26—(AP)—Left-hander Frank (Stubby) Overmire and fireballer Virgil Trucks buried the Detroit Tigers for a 4 to 0 shutout victory today over the Boston Red Sox in an exhibition baseball game in which two of Boston's three hits were infield scratches.

California '5' Ends Fourth

NEW YORK, March 26—(AP)—With seven-foot Bob Kurland pouring in 23 points, the Oklahoma Aggies won the NCAA basketball championship for the second straight year tonight by defeating North Carolina university 43-40 at Madison Square Garden before 18,479 fans.

Held practically on even terms in the first 20 minutes, Ohio State's Big Ten champions broke the game wide apart with a 41-point barrage in the second half to swamp California 63-45 for third place in the first game tonight.

The eastern division champion North Carolinians stayed tight with the Aggies throughout, but Big Kurland was the difference. The Tarheels could hardly stop the All-American who leads the nation in scoring this year.

Solons Sign Up Catcher V. Gross

Business Manager George Emigh announced yesterday the Salem Senators have taken on another catcher, Virgil Gross of Eugene. Gross was with the Portland Beavers in spring training before the war. He will report to camp at Waters park next Monday.

Santiam Ski Meet, Tonight, Anderson's

The Santiam Ski club will meet tonight at eight o'clock at Anderson's Sporting Goods store instead of at the chamber of commerce as previously planned. No room was available at the chamber. A full turnout of members is urged.

Slave trade was declared illegal in Africa in 1807.

Brownie Star Still Holdout

ANAHEIM, Calif., March 26—(AP)—Shortstop Vern Stephens and the St. Louis Browns are as far apart as ever, principals said today after an unexpected conference. "They wouldn't come up a dollar," said Stephens of yesterday's confab with President Richard Muckerman and General Manager Bill DeWitt of the Browns. Stephens declared he also refused to lower his demand of \$17,500. The club's offer, he asserted, is \$12,000.

Breadon Says Cards Strong

ST. LOUIS, March 26—(AP)—Sam Breadon returned to his Sportsman Park office from St. Petersburg, Fla., in a talkative mood today and opined that he has "a real contender" without a single weak spot in his St. Louis Cardinals squad.

Breadon said no member of the Redbird organization has discussed any deal to trade Lefty Max Lanier for Catcher Mickey Owen of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Caps Get Help From Suds

SAN FERNANDO, Calif., March 26—(AP)—Mgr. Sylvester Johnson of the Vancouver Capilans of the Western International league, planned to head north shortly with nine of 11 players turned over to his club by the Seattle Rainiers as the Coast leaguers broke training camp.

The new Cap players: Al Kretchmar, Seattle, shortstop; Earl Silverthorn, Sedro-Woolley, Wash., outfielder; pitchers Lou Jenicke (who used to pitch for Vancouver under the name of Goldman), Dick Conover, ex-coast guardsman, Jim Hedgecock, Jack Melster, fireball from Seattle's Queen Anne high school.

Two others, Art Bonnell, Long Beach, Calif., second sacker, and Outfielder Frank "Pat" Mullen of Burbank, Calif., are slated for Vancouver, but will remain with Seattle through the opening series with San Francisco starting Friday. Three more who later may be turned over to Vancouver are Pitcher Doug Ford, from the University of Washington, Hunk Anderson, who had a brief stay with Seattle before the war, and Catcher Bob Stagg, pre-war bullpen catcher.

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Salem Quints Annex 3 More

PORTLAND, March 26—(Special)—Salem basketball entries continued to dominate the Kiwanis Goldenball tournament here tonight by taking three more lopsided victories. The Salem Sophs tripped the Baby Vikings of Forest Grove, 48-29, the Salem Intermediates conquered the Tigard Bees, 32-24, and the Salem Jayvees walloped Abbey's Loggers, 47-12.

The Sophs, Jayvees and Cubs from Salem play again Wednesday night. The Intermediates go to the post again Thursday.

Soph's (48) (29) Forest Grove
Miller (9) (1) Noah
Culbertson (13) (4) Schmidt
Fasnacht (14) (2) Gore
Chamberlain (7) (2) Parley
Covall (4) (6) Edwards
Soph's subs - Niewander 1, Forest Grove-Husk 11, Cummings 2.

Inter's. (32) (12) Tigard
Osborn (6) (9) Anicker
Baker (1) (8) Schmitt
McDonald (3) (2) Stephens
Rizer (4) (3) Boder
Patt (18) (2) Cummings

Jayvees (47) (12) Loggers
Coe (4) (2) Greer
Spagle (9) (1) Sears
Hill (6) (3) Leisy
Rogers (11) (2) Bacon
Allison (12) (2) Bacon

Jayvee subs - Phillips 3, Mase 2, Carrow 6, Loggers (Portland) - McLoney 1.

Fish Survival Meeting Held

PORTLAND, ORE., MARCH 26—(AP)—Problems of fish survival when dams are constructed in the Willamette river basin were discussed today by commercial and sport fishing groups at a hearing called by the district U.S. army engineers corps. Col. O.E. Walsh advised the delegates the engineers were anxious to provide all protection possible in building dams and reservoirs.

Groups represented included the Oregon game commission, the Oregon fish commission and the Isaac Walton league.

Snuffy 'Down' Again

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 27—(AP)—Misfortune continued to plague George (Snuffy) Stirmweiss, New York Yankee infielder, who was struck in the mouth with a batted ball today. Just out of bed after being sidelined five days with influenza, stirmweiss was practicing to return to duty when the grounder, batted by Coach Red Rolfe, struck him in the face, cutting his mouth.

Beavers Slate Spring Drills

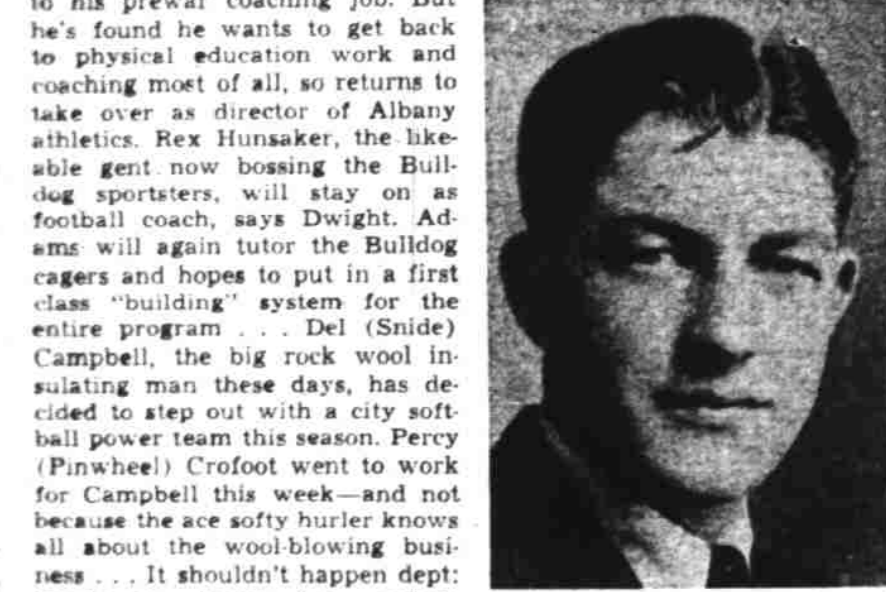
CORVALLIS, March 26. (Special)—With the addition of three new assistants to Coach Lon Stinner's staff last weekend, preparations for spring football practice at Oregon State are complete. Opening workout will be Tuesday, April 2, the day after registration for spring term. Jim Kesselburg, Don Durdan and Bob Detzman are the new grid aids.

Only 17 members of last fall's 50-man squad are expected for the spring drills.

Blackhawks Kayoed
CHICAGO, March 26—(AP)—The Montreal Canadiens, National Hockey league champions, blasted the Chicago Blackhawks out of the Stanley Cup playoffs tonight with a 7-2 victory in the fourth game of the semi-finals of the "world series" of the ice.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

Sportie sorties: The reason Bud Abney, promising southpaw scrapper of Sam Duncan's troupe, didn't show on last week's Jack Von-Benefit card was because he could hardly see to get in the joint that night. Some abscessed teeth gave Abney such a bad time one eye was swollen shut. He's on the mend now, however, and will likely be back in action again soon... It's back to Albany high for Dwight Adams after all. The ex-navy man who is now attending U of Oregon for more brains, at first thought he wouldn't go back to his prewar coaching job. But he's found he wants to get back to physical education work and coaching most of all, so returns to take over as director of Albany athletics. Rex Hunaker, the likeable gent now bossing the Bulldog sportsters, will stay on as football coach, says Dwight. Adams will again tutor the Bulldog cagers and hopes to put in a first class "building" system for the entire program... Del (Snide) Campbell, the big rock wool insulating man these days, has decided to step out with a city softball power team this season. Percy (Pinwheel) Crofoot went to work for Campbell this week—and not because the ace sooty hurler knows all about the wool-blowing business... It shouldn't happen yet: Washington State's Joe - college ballgamers spanked the Bremerton WIL spring trainees 13-4 in a practice game at Lewiston, Ida., the other day which, if nothing else, certainly sounds anything but good for such as WIL strength, prestige, etc. And quite probably right now there isn't anyone more provoked about it all than Bremerton skipper Sad Sam Gibson. The pro nines in spring training face quite a handicap in this respect: While the rahrah boys are bearing down with everything they have—object beating the pros—the same pros are experimenting with players in a king's-ex game and are nowhere near top strength. They are merely taking a workout. So it really isn't fair for them, and it certainly isn't fair to arrive at conclusions when you hear that a class B pro outfit gets itself whapped 13-4 by a team of collegians. The pros should actually refuse to play the rah-rahs altogether unless all reports of the games are kept from the public...



DWIGHT ADAMS

Simpson Will Utilize Grid Aerial Weapon
The question arises: "Will Al Simpson utilize Roger Dasch's sturdy right arm to toss aerials from the Viking "T" next fall?"... Yes, and emphatically. Simpson believes the "T" stands for terrible unless 20 or 25 passes are tossed from it during a game. So Dasch can begin tuning up right away... Speaking of gents with sturdy right arms, both Hub Kittle, the former WIL'er off whom Salem's Blond Bill Johnson simply loved to steal home in the 1942 season, and Frank Volpi, the prewar Vancouver Caps catcher, are recent additions to Sam Gibson's Bremerton entry. Players such as those won't tend to make the circuit a poor one... It's the Victoria Athletics, officially, the Athletics handle winning out over Gulls for the Laurel Harney nine. And Yakima's nickname isn't to be Redskins, after all, but Stars—only natural since the Yaks are all tied up by the Hollywood Stars of the Coast league... Jorge Pasquel, the Mexican man with the moola who has been trying to lure (so far unsuccessfully) the name players from the majors with his fancy offers, is now showing Mexico City natives he means to go all out with his topnotch baseball plans. He's building a \$2,000,000—two million, that is—ball park in the city, erection along the same lines as Briggs stadium in Detroit. But what the Pasquel palace will have that Briggs doesn't is 52,000 thoroughly cushioned seats for the customers, and living quarters and club rooms for the players!

What some guys won't do to give the customers a chance to bet their pesos.

\$1000 Per Month?
The grapevine says Portland's Ad Liska is holding out for merely a \$1000 per month stipend after getting around \$300 last season. If Bald Bill Klepper gives in at that level, it means Liska picks up very nearly \$6000 for the summer. And that, friends, is more money than the majority of major league flingers make during a season.

Looking at it from another angle, however—if the Coast league is so hot to turn third major, maybe it should start paying major league salaries to its established stars.

Vancouver's Caps are to play five Sunday games in Seattle this season when the Rainiers are out of town. Which, as Tacoma Tribune Dan Walton puts it, is a nice way to promote home-town interest in the club—or is it?... No, Salem has no WIL games booked for Portland when the mother Beaver is visiting the southern end of the circuit. The Solons will no doubt tangle with Mgr. Marv Owen & Co. a number of times, both here and at Portland, during the summer, however. The locals will have quite a record to uphold, for in six Portland-Salem games of years gone by, the Salems have triumphed five times.

Hurley Cops Win In Independence

INDEPENDENCE, March 26 (Special) George Hurley of Albany, with 49 hits in 50 shots, won the 16-year end of the first trapezoidal event held at the new Independence Gun club Sunday. Over 125 shooters took part in the well-attended meet. Tom Wilder of Salem, with 48 hits in the 16-year, placed second. Hurley also won the Tad Sheldon trophy given for "high gun" during the shoot. The handicap event Sunday was won by A. Peters of Stayton. Dean Girard of Independence was second.

Bowling

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE:	
Wharley (2)	120
Satcher	120 130 119-369
MacIntee	158 128 144-430
McCurdy	176 131 177-484
Burnhildt	203 146 202-551
Bone	148 148 134-450
M & F GROCERY	
Nuber	166 166 167-499
Jones	125 163 156-444
Denstree	139 112 108-352
D. Griffith	179 122 145-446
Schrank	182 126 145-439
McDowell	128 166 167-461
MAYFLOWER MILK (2)	
DeGuire	144 167 185-496
MacIntee	181 227 162-570
Pastlay	177 119 158-454
Denstree	183 148 139-470
Bone	182 132 145-439
SCIO (1)	
Krejci	160 192 175-525
Denstree	139 215 160-574
Hendrickson	161 188 149-498
Caswell	145 122 143-410
Schrank	126 162 150-438
WALTON-BROWN CO. (6)	
Galagher	141 161 161-463
Schiller	116 145 143-404
C. Brown	141 174 157-472
Riffey	178 148 142-468
Riches	162 181 168-511
BRITE SPOT (3)	
Patterson	115 176 187-478
Ross	132 192 161-505
Zeller	143 164 168-475
Bone	187 170 158-496
Eggenaard	183 167 185-535
NICHOLSONS INS. (1)	
Olney	182 168 206-530
Causey	146 132 152-430
McKinney	141 178 155-474
Friese	147 168 147-463
Gloet	201 178 180-559
PAPERMAKERS (2)	
Cady	160 131 154-445
Wiltsey	155 127 140-422
Johnston	165 175 113-433
Coljeman	142 169 152-466
Bolton	160 183 133-473
INTERSTATE TRACTOR (1)	
J. Farthing	161 147 130-458
Boye	161 192 129-481
Palerson	144 175 176-485
Fearing	154 117 156-421
Valdez	192 200 179-571
TRADE COUNCIL, AF OF L (2)	
Hickman	156 156 200-512
Brandt	124 165 126-415
Futrel	174 112 197-444
Bresemann	152 159 152-462
Mirich	170 159 167-486
KEITH BROWN CO. (3)	
Vydegraff	155 143 146-436
Brown	159 179 144-482
Palerson	146 156 132-416
Palerson	123 159 176-462
Murdock	153 170 172-533
PACIFIC FRUIT & PRODUCE (6)	
Hargerson	127 132 126-430
R. Aleshure	182 158 116-456
Rigler	120 132 142-394
Derrill	172 159 163-444
D. Aleshure	111 209 119-439

Hockey Scores

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