

SPORTSLIGHTNER

LOS ANGELES—The BIG issue of this convention, so far as northwesterners had been concerned, WAS "who would get the Portland Beaver managerial post?" The answer came suddenly and surprisingly enough. Jim Turner, Turner, the Milkman, who won 20 games for the Boston Braves a few years back when he was on cozy terms with 40. So automatically cancelled out are all the rumors of the past weeks which had the Beaver post a cinch for such assorted characters as Paul Richards, the Detroit Tiger receiver; Bill Sweeney, the former Portland skipper and now Tiger coach; Hank Greenberg (that one was ridiculous); Frankie Frisch, who is now out of a job; Charley Root; and even Ted Gullie. And so Turner is the one to pack the hopes of any number of Oregonians as he endeavors next season to get the Beavers back in a winning groove. Now if George Norgan and Bill Mulligan can only line-up some capable stickmen. . . .

Speaking of Richards, he is slated to take over the Buffalo, N. Y., club (International loop) reins come next season. Incidentally Buffalo is said to have gained the Detroit working agreement which Portland originally was supposed to have secured.

The two decapitated Beaver Bigs, Bill Klepper and Marv Owen, are on the prowl for new jobs—Owen a managerial post and Klepper, admittedly, a scouting job in the northwestern states for "some major or coast league team." There has been much talk also that should Portland fall to land her agreement with Detroit, the Beavers will work hand in hand with the

New York Yankees. The picture of Yankee Scout Joe Devine, buzzing seriously with Norgan kindles this wee fame.

Gibson Going Out

But Bremerton Bossman Bill Shepherd openly admitted Wednesday that Sad Sam Gibson would not be the Bluejacket manager next year. Shepherd, who also admits he wouldn't mind peddling the Bremerton franchise, has decided to cut expenses in 1947 and Sad Sam's salary is reputedly a very expensive item.

Financial matters concerning our Western International league are kept pretty much hush-hush around here, but how they do blossom down here. Must be the climate. Anyway, Yakima Owner Fred Macy admits losing \$15,000 last season with the stars and Sam Collins says his year at Spokane was just about bad.

PCC Blooms Major Plea

Whether they'll sell themselves to the major bigs is still a No. 1 issue, but the Coast League majors still hangin' tough for the major league status they've been after the past two years. One way or the other, the Los Angeles sports writing gang, blackfacing such type as



SAM GIBSON

beating their brains out for major league status.

Paquel, Veek Present

The convention has attracted some 2000 baseball men from everywhere—including the fab-ulous Los Angeles is now by far the best sports town in America—thanks to us," insists at least Los Angeles and San Francisco "leave the other bush league coast teams" and step into the big show "where they belong." They point out, with convin-

ing pride, that the L. A. coliseum has had its greatest year in history by pulling 1,417,663 paid admissions for football and that major league baseball in this absolutely wacky village of over 4,000,000 would do just as well, if not better. Incidentally, of that 1,417,663 UCLA pulled 427,618 should in seven games for an average of 61,000 per game and the professional Dons and Rams have done only about a third of the collegians' total. Lots of numbers, those, but they do give you an idea of just how things athletic do draw here, and why these writers are paged at least fifty times a day—but the most courageous of them all is Bill Veek, president of the Cleveland Indians. Less than a month ago Veek had one of his legs amputated just below the knee. But here he is bounding about the lobbies greeting everyone. His miseries are many, but he shows none of them. Veek and Salem's George Emigh are old marine corps buddies. Incidentally—we've heard nothing about the lengthening of the spring training periods next year. But from the looks of the liquid fire these ballgamers are consuming (cripes, they don't even go out and eat!), it'll take at least two additional weeks in the spring to get 'em all in shape again.

Bearcats' Goodman Picked On AP Little All-America!



LITTLE ALL-AMERICAN is Willamette's ace wingman, Marv Goodman, after having yesterday been named to the AP star-studded squad. Goodman was effective on both defense and offense during the Bearcats' campaign and was outstanding as a pass receiver.

End Acclaimed, Offense Record

One of Fastest Men In Attack Say Critics

By Harold Claassen
NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AP)—The east dominates the Associated Press' Little All-America football team for 1946 but it is probable that the Midwest and southwest, in Robert Hawkins of Evansville, Ind., and Rudolph (Little Doc) Mobley of Hardin-Simmons, offer the squad's two outstanding players.

Phil Colella, the former Notre Dame back who followed coach Hughie Devore to little St. Bonaventure in up-state New York; George Bibighaus, once-beaten Muhlenberg's towering end; Tackle Tony Stallon, of Delaware's Cigar Bowl eleven, and Bert VanderClute, a guard on Wesleyan's unbeaten forces are the eastern representatives on the team chosen from among the country's smaller schools.

Hawkins, a punting and pass throwing lineman, is at the other tackle berth with Mike Reed of Louisiana Tech pairing opposite VanderClute at the guards. Cliff Rothrock of North Dakota State is the center.

Sharing the duties of the flankers with Bibighaus is Marv Goodman of Willamette, blocker de luxe and speed merchant of the northwest college conference champions.

Backfield mates of Colella and Mobley are a pair of southerners, Gene Robert of Chattanooga and Hank Caver of Presbyterian. Mobley is the 24-year-old mite who piloted Hardin-Simmons through an undefeated season and into the Alamog Bowl at San Antonio, Tex., against Denver on New Year's day.

Caver is the aerial artist of the first team, hitting his targets 49 times in the first 86 tries. Those flips gained his team 670 yards. He was chosen all-South Carolina quarterback and is the same Caver who pitched his team to an upset victory over Clemson in 1943 before joining the infantry. He won the Purple Heart during three years of army service, being discharged as a 1st lieutenant.

Bibighaus and Goodman would make ideal receivers for Caver's throws. The former returned to the all-Pennsylvania college team this year despite the presence of more highly publicized stars at Penn. Penn State, Pittsburgh, Villanova and Temple. He caught 28 passes that netted 408 yards and registered six touchdowns.

Goodman also is an adept receiver but actually helped Willamette win the northwest college conference crown with his blocking. Pacific coast critics claim he is one of the best in the conference to cross the line of scrimmage in the country.

Yakima Basketball Tack 39 to 32 Defeat on 'Blazers'; 2nd Game Tonight

Handful of Fans See Locals Lose Out After Holding Halftime Lead

By Jerry Stone
Sports Writer, The Statesman
Salem's representative in the brand new Pacific Coast Professional basketball league made its debut before the home folk at the armory last night—only trouble being that there weren't enough folk present to shake a stick at. Getting down to tacks, a meager 220 persons watched as the Yakima Ramblers handed the locals a 39-32 defeat. It was the Trailblazers' third straight licking of the young season, Bellingham having trimmed them twice earlier in the week.

However, the Salems more than held their own up to half time last night, holding a midway lead of 15-13. Both teams had trouble all evening with the floor which has been freshly pressed to erase the wear of wrestling and boxing bouts. Time and again the hoopers were away to the races only to find themselves flat on the floor.

For the Trailblazers it was Scintillating Forward Ernie Maskovich, the fair-haired lad in hoop-potting at Bellingham, who tonight was the mainstay of his team's attack. Ernie counted 12 points during the fractious take high scoring honors—and a majority of those tallies came in the initial half and were principally responsible for the locals' half-time margin. Ernie in the opening minutes was finding the range with one-handed shots from perhaps the 14-foot mark.

Starting the second half Yakima's Sanders, Schlicting and John Matanich counted baskets in rapid succession, which with Stitt's free toss thrown in reversed the score and gave the Yaks a 19-15 lead. Maskovich got one basket back with a nifty push shot only to have Emil Drevetta crack the hemp for two—whereupon Joe Matanich rapidly followed with another two-pointer and gift shot and Schlicting with a basket. That made it 26-20 for the Ramblers as the third quarter ended.

The final stanza saw the visitors easily protecting their margin with Joe Matanich providing most of the insurance with seven points in the short space of a few minutes.

John Kolb, former Willamette star, played half the contest at a guard spot and came through with three buckets—a couple on his favorite wrist flip wizzer.

Hal Schlicting and Bill Osterhaus, the opposing centers were both effective on their work under the backboards. But the standouts of the evening you could safely say were Maskovich and Joe Matanich.

The same clubs meet again tonight, starting time 8:30. Proceeding the main go will be a preliminary featuring a pair of City league teams.



ERNE MASKOVICH Faced Mates Last Night

Leslies Grab Soccer Titles

Leslie teams trimmed Parrish twice and tied a third match as the city soccer championships were bootied off yesterday afternoon. The Southern ninth graders beat the Parrish ninth 4 to 0, the Leslie eighth grade won 6 to 0, and the two seventh grade rivals drew a 2-all.

The schools recently split two other 'mural playoff series. Leslie copped all three of the horse-shoe matches, Don Brennan, Barry King and Frank Lamb defeated the three grade representatives from Parrish. In badminton Parrish swept all three titles from Leslie.

Boxing, wrestling and swimming competition the two schools will all be run off between now and Christmas.

Hawkins, Huber Fight, Portland

PORTLAND, Dec. 5 (AP)—Roy Hawkins, Portland, and Jack Huber, San Francisco, will go

Bowling

Civics league results last night at Capital Alley: **First**: West Salem Lions 2, Salem Lions No. 2 (1); **Junior Chamber 2**, Active Club 1; **Salem Lions No. 1** (2); **Kiwanis No. 2** (1); **20-30 club 2**, Kiwanis No. 1 (1).

LADIES' LEAGUE

Schultz Furniture (8)	116	135	117-368
Strigley	116	135	117-368
Allen	116	135	117-368
Boyd	116	135	117-368
Futnam	116	135	117-368
Blank	116	135	117-368

Good Housekeeping Co. (3)

Dunn	120	187	163-470
Whitworth	114	140	124-287
Durrand	114	140	124-287
Jones	148	155	108-412
Albrich	140	136	145-411

Lux Florists (8)

Wherley	116	150	126-114
McFarland	117	168	135-420
Figlio	117	168	135-420
Lutz	106	93	125-318
Bradley	114	109	142-363

Keglettes (3)

Golden Pheasant (2)	132	107	123-363
McCarroll	132	107	123-363
Aleshire	132	107	123-363
Carroll	132	107	123-363
Cubison	132	107	123-363
Garbarino	132	107	123-363

Capitol Drug Co. (1)

Ryans	106	130	105-348
McElhaney	107	132	124-363
Merrill	106	100	92-288
Cushing	109	123	107-239
Stuehaupt	126	123	140-411

Acklin's Bootery (2)

Bernardi	111	141	128-390
Dake	145	108	158-411
Carroll	125	136	141-363
Randal	177	115	123-415
Posechl	170	104	109-303

STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

Bearcat Hoopers Open Tonight With Vanports

Willamette's Bearcat basketball team inaugurates their 1947 campaign in the Cat gym tonight as they tangle with the Vanport Athletics in an 8 o'clock starter.

Following a week of stiff practice sessions, Coach Elmer Schaeke Thursday announced his starting line-up for the opener—and the Cat mentor's choices included a couple of former Salem high stars. Nabbing opening berths at the forward positions are Al McRae, 6' 4", 200 pound ex-Vik, and Wes Saxton, hitting 6' 2". Starting at center is Duane Ragsdale, another 6' 2" boy and from a famous Bearcat athletic family. At the guards it'll be Rog Runyon, an inch under the six foot mark, and one of two former Salem highers, diminutive Frankie Page or Scotty Sebern. Both Page and Sebern are the driving type. Ragsdale, Saxton and Runyon are lettermen.

Surprising was the fact that Fred Graham, last year's high scoring forward, failed to make the first string grade.

Exceeding the main go will be a preliminary tussle at 6:30 between two squads representing the Willamette Jayvees. Officials for the feature game will be Max Allen and Laurence Butler.

Academy Gridders Feted by Boosters

The Sacred Heart Academy football team was honored at a banquet held at St. Joseph's school last night under the sponsorship of the newly-formed Sacred Heart Boosters' club. Coach Bob Ferry distributed letters to team personnel following the dinner.

The Boosters goal is the fostering and encouraging of athletic and other student activities at the Academy.

Wild Geese Said Plentiful

PORTLAND, Dec. 5 (AP)—A report that Columbia river shores from Arlington to The Dalles were "black with wild geese" sent scores of birders trekking up the river today. With Monday the final day of the migratory waterfowl shooting season, Sherman county's sheriff reported thousands of southbound Canadian geese in the grain fields on Columbia river bluffs.

Hunters in the Klamath and Tulelake areas reported good shooting in a few localities, but said spots open to the general public were not so good. Shooting in Sumner lake and Harney county was described by the state game commission as poor.

Detroit Keg Pace-Setter

CHICAGO, Dec. 5 (AP)—Joe Norris of Detroit got off to a flying start in the finals of the sixth annual all-star bowling tournament tonight. He won seven of his first eight games and piled up a Petersen point total of 40.17.

In the No. 2 spot was a former match-game king, Ad "Swede" Carlson of Chicago, with five games won, three lost and a point total of 38.30.

The finals of the event to determine the national match-game champion are conducted on the Petersen point system which gives a bowler one point for winning a game and one point for every 50 pins knocked down. Sixteen will qualify for Sunday's finals.

Jr. Hoopsters Start Practices

Basketball turnouts at Leslie and Parrish are slated for next Monday afternoon. Coaches Bob Keuscher, at the Southern school, and Bob Metzger, at Parrish, announced today that J. Kerns were added today to the Shrine East team for the New Year's East-West football classic here. Fifteen of the 24 East players have been named now by Managing Director Bill Coffman.

Chairman Babe Hollingbery of the West selection committee said that invitations to prospective western players now are being issued.

55 Grapplers Turnout, SHS

Fifty-five candidates greeted Salem high's initial wrestling turnout of the year Wednesday. Hank Juran, formerly Pacific coast middleweight grappling champ while at University of Idaho, will guide the Vik squad. Juran plans to open a schedule of matches after the Christmas holidays.

Brown Signed, Semi Tussle

Meets Jackie Snell; Mainer Interest High

With a top-flight main event duo already signed for the Dec. 11th ring card at the armory in persons of Eddie (Sugar) Wharton and Billy (The Kid) Fritz. Matchmaker Tex Saikeld added more glitter to the coming clout party when he yesterday announced that Chuck (Kid) Brown, Salem light-weight would be one of the principals in the six-round semi-final.

Brown loser of but one bout in his Armory appearances—and that to Potent Snooks Lacey—will go up against Jackie Snell, Seattle. Snell, a rangy lad, is reported to have plenty of KO punch in his right hand.

In addition Saikeld is lining up three four-round bouts. The card, details to be announced later.

Interest continues to climb in the 10-round bout between Wharton and Fritz. Word from Spokane says Fritz is laid with plenty of heart who can take a punch and give in return. With Wharton's shiftiness and rapier shot making him an always dangerous contender, local fans are anticipating one of the best shows in many a month.

Tickets will go on sale Monday morning at Maple-Keene Sporting store at no change in prices.

Mulloy Gives Bromwich Fight

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 5 (AP)—America's Davis cup stick spiraled upward tonight in the wake of a gallant five-set stand by the veteran Gardner Mulloy against Jack Bromwich, the territorial of the Antipodes, in the semi-finals of the Victorian tennis championships.

A few breaks toward the close of the gruelling match and Mulloy could easily have unseated the star upon whom Australia is banking to retain the international trophy in the challenge round beginning Dec. 26. Bromwich finally emerged on top by scores of 6-0, 6-4, 7-9, 3-6, 6-4.

Ted Schroeder of Glendale, Calif. who defeated Australia's Bill Sidwell, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, in the day's other singles semi-final, must, in the face of Bromwich's narrow squeak today, be given an even chance of trimming him in the finals Saturday.

The Star Squad

The eleven:
Pos., player, college:
End: George Bibighaus, Muhlenberg.
Tackle: Robert Hawkins, Evansville.
Guard: Mike Reed, Louisiana Tech.
Center: Cliff Rothrock, N. D. State.
Guard: Bert Vanderclute, Wesleyan.
Tackle: Tony Stalloni, Delaware.
End: Marvin Goodman, Willamette.
Back: Gene Roberts, Chattanooga.
Back: Rudolph Mobley, Hardin-Simmons.
Back: Phil Colella, St. Bonaventure.
Back: Hank Caver, Presbyterian.

NEW MEXICO ACCEPTS

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 5 (AP)—William T. Wagner, chairman of the athletic council, tonight announced that New Mexico university has accepted an invitation to meet Montana State in the Harbor Bowl at San Diego, Calif., January 1.

PRO BASKETBALL

TONIGHT
SALEM ARMORY
Salem vs. Yakima
8:30 P. M.
Adm.: \$1.25, Tax Incl.
OPENING GAME
Pacific Coast Pro Basketball League

Trautman Minor Chief; Gambling Fight Looms!

By Russ Newland
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5 (AP)—Minor league baseball reached into the majors today and came up with a fighting new president, George Troutman, who first act was to declare ruthless war on gambling in the sport. Only candidate proposed and unanimously elected, the 52-year-old executive vice president of the Detroit Tigers leaves a position at a reported yearly salary of \$36,000 to head the 49-league national association, a position paying \$25,000 annually.

Troutman succeeds Judge William G. Gramham, voluntarily retired, and taking cognizance of Judge Bramham's recent warning that gambling had crept into the affairs of at least one minor league club and was being investigated in others, said he would deal vigorously should any crooked phases in the sport be turned up.

While declining to comment fully on Judge Bramham's exposure of gambling elements, President-elect Troutman declared "gambling is a matter of great concern to players, fans and everyone connected with baseball." He promised swift and drastic crackdowns on any cases brought to his attention of players associating with gamblers or of betting on games and said every effort would be made to keep all known gamblers from the parks.

As the new head of the national association of professional baseball leagues, Troutman will rule over a far-flung empire for a five-year term. As a representative of the Detroit club he was in an American league meeting when his election as national association proxy was concluded. The organization's headquarters have been in Durham, N. C. Judge Bramham's home, since the latter took office in 1932.

Judge Bramham will be retained as consultant, available to the new president, on a \$10,000 yearly lifetime tenure.

Baseball Biz!

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5 (AP)—Oakland's ball club today signed free-agent Larry Barton, first baseman, and took on righthander Johnny Hutchins, who was with Indianapolis last year. In deal with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Hutchings and outfielder Tommy O'Brien were in exchange for Oakland's Wally Westlake and Vic Becolla.

The Oaks also bought Gene Lillard, outfielder with Sacramento last season.

Snead Leader, Miami Golf

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 5 (AP)—Sammy Snead, the British Open champion, waded into a high wind here today to soundly spank the 6310-yard Miami Springs golf course with a five-under-par 65 to take a two-stroke lead in the \$10,000 Miami Open golf tournament.

"Ah, shucks," commented the Hot Springs, Va., hillbilly, "that wasn't nothing." But the huge gallery said he held a hot putter on the greens and his drives were long and true. Closest behind him was Herman Barron, of White Plains, N. Y., who posted a three-under par 67.

DEER CHECKED OUT

PORTLAND, Dec. 5 (AP)—The state game commission reported today that 136 deer were checked out of the Cove area, Union county, during the special November 18-20 season.

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