

SPORTSLIGHTNER

The nationwide baseball "day" for Babe Ruth, Sunday, April 27, will be observed locally sans a ball game. The Senators are idle that day, worse luck, after having finished a series in Victoria the day before.



JACK BOAG

The hemorrhaging will keep him shelved for another four or five weeks. We've seen the Medford ball arena many times, and believe us, if this new Senator outfielder Ben Gregory, of San Bernardino, Cal., has power enough to conquer the fences around it as he has been doing, he has enough to dwarf the barriers around any yard in the league.

Gill to Pluck Aard

The Seattle Cougar club, a reasonable facsimile to the famous Spokane Athletic Round Table, will hold its annual basketball party April 10. Not that such means much to natives this far south. But what does demand special notice is the fact that Oregon State's State Gill will be present that night to receive his accolade as the year's "Slab" job with his Beavers over the winter in tops with the club ballplayers.

The Awful Truth

The Coast league derby takes off today and, as fully expected, the parent Portlands are picked to finish nowhere near the top. All that help promised from the Yankees and Detroit has so far amounted to little more than men-sional. Consequently, "Miracle Man" Turner will be "Miracle Man" Turner if he herds the Beavers anywhere near the first division. Quite naturally, anyone interested in the welfare of the town Senator's Hobby has for many years been active in association affairs and has served as vice-president and head of several committees.

Local Matmen Pocket Titles

A pair of Salem YMCA matmen brought titles home from the state AAU championships held in Portland Sunday. Merle Kirchem nabbed the 165-pound gonfalon with a close decision over his fellow Salemite and brother, Marion Kirchem. The other local winner was Roy Hutchinson, who pinned Carmen Grier, unattached, to take the 128-pound joga.

Youths Forge To ABC Lead

LOS ANGELES, March 31.—(AP)—A pair of youngsters, 15-year-old Allen Spector and 22-year-old Kenneth Hunt, shot a sizzling 1200 today to take over first place in the American bowling congress doubles. Hitting the 200 mark in five of their six individual efforts, the youngsters put together game totals of 455, 401 and 404 to surpass the previous high by an even 50 pins, rolled by Edmund Bruiser and Michael Debridget of Long Beach, Calif.

Solons Have New Trainer

To lighter things, the Senators do have a new trainer. He's Jack Boag, a full-fledged Canadian from Winnipeg, Manitoba who last year became associated with the locals through a friendship with Carl Gunnarson. Like Carl in that he plays ice hockey during the winter months in Vancouver, Boag learned his conditioning ABC's under Billy Hughes, reputable trainer for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers football team, starting in 1935. Since then he has been managing sore muscles in football, hockey and baseball. He's new with the Senators on a full-time basis and gets along wonderfully with the players.

Cerdan, 'Rocky' Awaiting Zale

KANSAS CITY, March 31.—(AP)—Marcel Cerdan, European middleweight champion, earned a shot at Champion Tony Zale by flattening Harold Green of Brooklyn Friday, but Rocky Graziano still will get first crack at the crown, Art Winch, Zale's co-manager, said today. Winch is here with his 160-pound champion for a non-title bout with Al Timmons, Cleveland light-heavy, tomorrow night.

7-Man Mat Tourny Tonight at Armory

Seven Junior-heavyweight size mat gladiators, with two objects in mind -- gain a crack at Bill (Bull) Weidner's title belt and grab a leg of the large silver trophy which goes to the winner -- will be in the ring tonight for three times -- tonight grapple off Matchmaker Elton Owen's single-elimination tournament at the Ferry Street Garden. The mat party, to include at least six matches, will start off at 8:30 o'clock when all seven participants gather in the ring to draw for first round pairings.



Buck Weaver

matches go the allotted 15 minutes sans a fall, the customers will decide winners via applause. Which will make Referee Tony Ross' assignment considerably easier. One fall or a disqualification will decide any match, however, and he who is spilled or fouled out is eliminated for the night. Only winners advance toward the final match. Lined up for the always rip-roaring tourney and its action-filled matches are the following: Buck Weaver, popular and tricky as they come locally; Georges Dussite, a rival for Weaver's crown as most popular and easily the strongest gent in the conclave; Gray Mask, the head-splitter himself; Bearded Benny Trudell, the Ontario backwoodsman; Canadian Herb Parks, as capable an operator as there is in the northwest; "Gorilla" Foggi, the Argentine nasty and Pedro Cortez, a brand new face in these parts, hailing from South America.

JVs, Juniors Pocket Golden Ball Crowns

Two division titles and an assortment of individual player awards were hauled down by Salem teams as the Portland Golden Ball hoop tourney wound up last night. Loren Mort's Salem high Jayvees ended their undefeated season in smashing style and rang up their 28th straight win -- as they took the senior gonfalon with a decisive 46-30 win over the Levi Fives of Portland. On top of this Bob Metzger's potent Juniors annexed the 14 and under crown via a 28-25 nod over the Portland Randolph Foods.

Wilson Wails: Hurlers Scaree in Salem Camp

MEDFORD, March 31.—(Special)—The Salem Senators today returned to their spring training chores here following a two-day layoff because of bad weather, but Manager Jack Wilson saw only woe for his 16-man squad for the coming weekend when it plays five games in three days. Of the 16 men in camp only six are pitchers, and one of those is the manager himself. The Senators are scheduled to play Oregon State college here Friday night and twice Saturday afternoon, and then have two more games Sunday.

The Salmons grabbed a lion's share of the individual honors. The JVs' Harry Culberson earned the tourney gold sportsman-ship award; the Juniors' Daryl Girod grabbed the outstanding player trophy in the 14 and under group, as did JV Ted Covalt in the senior division. And SEVEN local hoopers made the all-stars teams to wit: Intermediates—Bud Duval of the Intermediates; 14 and under—Jim Rock and Daryl Girod; Senior—Harry Culberson, Ted Covalt, and Tom Paulus.

Opening Night Ducats Moving

All box seats have been gobbled up and opening night customers have absorbed a number of the all-reserved grandstand perches for the Salem Senators' opening game Friday night, April 18, the club business office announced yesterday. The tickets are on sale at Maple's sporting goods store and, if purchased there, must be picked up at the time of purchase. The entire Waters park grandstand is being reserved for the opening game with Vancouver. Over 275 seats in it have been sold. No bleacher ducks have been placed on sale yet.

Junior League Meet Tonight

Prospective sponsors and coaches of the Salem Junior League teams are urged to meet tonight with league officers at the chamber of commerce, 8 o'clock, according to Secretary Ralph Caley. This will be the annual spring meeting for the league and a number of business items are up for discussion and action. Sponsors who backed teams in last summer's derbies will be given preference again this year, but should have representation at tonight's session. Anyone interested in coaching in the league is also asked to attend.

Semipro Loops Ready Schedules

PORTLAND, March 31.—(AP)—Oregon's state semi-pro league, which once graduated such stars as Johnny Pesky and Roy Helser, will begin play May 25 after a wartime lapse. A new ball park at Bend, night lighting at McMinnville, and a revamped park at Silverton are in the blueprints for the loop which held a final organization meeting at Albany April 20.

Duck Pins

Ladies league results last night at B & B bowling courts included: Oregon Flax 4, Simpsons 6 (forfeit); Deacons 3, Ladd & Bush 1; Peacock Cleaners 4, The Homestead 6. Lora Nelson took high series and game with 541 and 246.

'Old Salt' Ingram Tells 'Em

CHICAGO, March 31.—(AP)—The walls reverberated at the all-America football conference meeting. "They wanted a man to run this league who can get tough. Well, I've got him, and I mean business." The orator, heard by newsmen through barred doors, obviously was new League Commissioner Jonas Ingram, who today met his all-America employers for the first time at a special meeting to iron out 1947 schedule difficulties. Ingram, former admiral and wartime commander of the Atlantic fleet, boomed out in quarterdeck tones: "We'll stay here until we get this schedule thrashed out -- and I don't care if it takes three days."

Stadium Officials Vow No Mud in Fall

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Multnomah stadium football field—a quagmire in the fall rainy season—will be rebuilt in time for the September 27 Oregon-Texas game, stadium officials said today. The field drew particular sharp criticism from visiting coaches last fall. Both Oregon and Oregon State play some of their games in the stadium and it is the regular home field for the University of Portland.

Vikings Open With Dallas 9

Salem high's all-veteran baseball team opens its 1947 season today—weather permitting—with a practice tilt at Dallas with Bob Daggett's Willamette Valley league Dragons. The game is set for the diamond adjacent to the Dallas high school.

Coach Harold Hauk will likely inaugurate the season with the following lineup: Dick Allison, catcher; Rod Province or Bud Craig, first; Del Kisen or Carlos Houck, pitcher; Dick Hendrie, second; Roger Dasher, short; Craig or Houck, third; Warren Fleming, Frank Osborn, Dick Yelding or Ralph Hammack.

Newcomer Hits Golf Jackpot

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 31.—(AP)—Cary Middlecott, the Memphis dentist who passed up a berth with the Walker cup team to give himself a two-year test as a professional golfer, won the Charlotte open tournament playoff today with a smashing 32-34, eight under par, to trim George Schouh, the San Franciscan who plays out of Mamaroneck, N. Y., by nine strokes.

109 Orangemen Begin Practice

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Thirty-one Oregon State football lettermen from 1945 and '46 squads checked in today for equipment issue and Coach Lon Stiner listed 109 candidates for spring practice opening tomorrow. Late arrivals will boost the club to 125 men from which Stiner faces the job of forming an almost new varsity first string for the 1947 season.

DiMag Gloomy About Chances

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 31.—(AP)—While a glum Joe DiMaggio hobbled about in sneakers to protect his healing heel wound, Yankee President Larry MacPhail prepared today to depart for a look at his farm team in Florida and along the eastern seaboard. DiMaggio, who underwent an operation to remove a bone spur and later a skin grafting operation to hasten the healing of the wound, is downcast about his inability to get into action and fears he may miss a good chunk of the coming season.

It's 'Play Ball!' for Coast League Today as 45th Season Starts



CURTAIN RAISER: Big Jack Salvesson (above), Portland pitching veteran will go to the post for the Beavers in Los Angeles today as the 45th Pacific Coast league baseball season gets under way. Salvesson was one of the more effective Beaver flingers last season.

Battlers End Training

Reeking confidence and boasting tip-top shape, both Harold (Snooks) Lacey and Bobby Richards Monday buttoned up respective training grinds for their Northwest featherweight championship 15-rounder at the armory Wednesday night. Today's work for the pair who waited a 10-round draw here three weeks back will include only light bag punching. Both must enter the armory ring Wednesday night at not more than 126 pounds, or forfeit the \$100 weight and appearance money posted with Matchmaker Tex Salkeid.

Ducats for the 33-round show, at no hike in prices, went on sale yesterday at Maple's and the first-day business indicated considerable interest in the party. Another who insists he is in top fettle and ready to again post a kayo win over his foe is Dick Abney, the village middleweight who bluffs with Ray Garcia, Denver Mexican, in the six-round semiwindup. Abney is especially sharp for this one, for he is meeting Garcia on a winner take all basis.

The trio of four-rounders which open the show at 8:30 o'clock: Ralph Ayers, Salem, vs. Kelly (Deacon) Jackson, Portland, welter; Glenn King, Portland, vs. Nick Burley, Portland, middle; Hal Fries, Salem, vs. Johnny Archuleta, Denver, feather. The opening commission chairman Howard Maple yesterday announced he had appointed Frank Saunders and Harry Collins as judges to assist Referee Packy McFarland in officiating the "no draw" main event should it not end in a knockout.

Fishin' For'm

In answer to the numerous inquiries regarding the 1947 angling regulations, the Game Commission advises that the state printing office has had to delay the printing of the angling synopsis until the present legislative session adjourns because of the pressure of work brought about by the legislature. The synopsis will be printed and distributed as soon as possible and should be available prior to the opening of the general angling season.

Camp Notes

HOUSTON, Tex., March 31.—(AP)—The Boston Red Sox, with Ted Hughes going the distance, scored a 4 to 2 win over the Houston Buffs of the Texas league today. Hughes gained up seven hits, one more than his mates collected off a trio of Houston chuckers. The Red Sox hurler fanned 10 men.

Camp Notes

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 31.—(AP)—Manager Billy Southworth and his Boston Braves spent most of today trouncing the St. Louis Cardinals. The Tribesmen will open a three-game series with the Detroit Tigers tomorrow with Johnny Sain as Boston's starting pitcher.

Filchuck Plans To Play Again

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—Frankie Filchuck, suspended New York Giant gragger, is going into the frozen custard business, but he doesn't intend to quit pro football. Filchuck and Merle Hapes, also of the Giants, were suspended last fall after they had been approached by a gambler who wanted to fix a playoff game between the Giants and the Chicago Bears. They still are under a temporary suspension, awaiting a final decision from Bert Bell, National football league commissioner.

Automobile Steam Cleaning

Advertisement for Automobile Steam Cleaning, Phone 5242, Free Pickup and Delivery Service, Donesley's Motor Clinic, 898 N. Liberty.

Portland Opens at LA; Seals Favored to Retain Gonfalon

LOS ANGELES, March 31.—(AP)—It's "play ball!" tomorrow for the Pacific Coast league, first -- as usual -- to open the 1947 baseball season. Two games -- Portland at Los Angeles and Hollywood at Sacramento -- and a pair under the lights -- Oakland at San Diego and Seattle at San Francisco -- are on the inaugural card.

Probable PCL Hurlers Today

LOS ANGELES, March 31.—(AP)—Probable starting pitchers and starting times for Tuesday's Pacific Coast league opener: Seattle (John Ophal) at San Francisco (Bob Joyce) 7:30 p.m.; Portland (Jack Salvesson) at Los Angeles (Red Lyle), 7:30 p.m.; Oakland (Henry Phippen or Ralph Suxton) at San Diego (Tom Seaver), 8:35 p.m.; Hollywood (Frank Dasso) at Sacramento (Guy Fleicher) 7:30 p.m.

NW All-Star Teams Named

The annual Northwest conference basketball all-star selections were announced yesterday by the coaches of the nine member schools. On the first five are Gene Peterson of Linfield, the league's No. 1 scorer and a unanimous choice; Bob Fincham of College of Puget Sound, last year's scoring champ; Bob Bourland of College of Idaho, another of the big scorers over the past season; Ron Weber of U of British Columbia, the spark plug of the Thunderbirds; and Bob Pollard, Lewis & Clark's gigantic center.

Willamette's Dusan Ragsdale pulled down a berth on the second five, along with Bill Dresser and Art Vermont of Linfield and Harry Kermode of Linfield and Reed Faylor of College of Idaho.

San Francisco—(115-68)—loaded with pitching including returned Bob Joyce, 31-game winner in 1945. Only West regular missing from last year's pennant winner, Oakland—(111-72)—Apparently powerful, but sale of four pitchers to majors may weaken. Late acquisitions may make contender. Hollywood—(95-88)—Some power, with Don Ross, Al Lubke, Jim Deising added, but pitching casts doubt on chances. Los Angeles—(94-89)—Strongly considered to be stocked with Chicago Cubs discards—Lou Stricker, John Ostrowski, Cecil Garratt, Ray Prim, et al. Sacramento—(94-82)—Good dark horse with probably strong pitching and infield reinforced by Mike Scherer at first and Leo Wells at short. San Diego—(78-108)—Much improved, with all-ex major outfield of Dain in Clay. Only West regular Barrett. Grapefruit circuit champions. Portland—(75-108)—One doubtful factor. Lefty Roy Helser may need more pitching, batting help. Fielding probably okay. Seattle—(74-108)—Most overhauled and perhaps most-improved. John Storn, John O'Neil, Hillis Layne, Bob Johnson may boost 'way up.

Yankees Still Eyeing Vernon

ORLANDO, Fla., March 31.—(AP)—With two weeks of spring training remaining, the Washington Senators' baseball team is still being shadowed by New York Yankee officials who are hopeful of acquiring first baseman Mickey Vernon.

The Yanks made their first bid for Vernon in January. Within the past ten days, working in shifts, two Yankee scouts and President Larry MacPhail have been on hand to watch the Senators perform.

Storm Cancels Hood Downhill

TIMBERLINE LODGE, March 31.—(AP)—A blinding snowfall forced cancellation yesterday of the downhill event in the annual far west Jandahar ski meet and awards went to the Swiss winners of Saturday's slalom events. These were, in order of finish: Karl Molitor, Edy Rominger and Paul Velear, all of Switzerland. Don Amik, Seattle, was fourth.

Monarchs Drop Eagles Again

HOLLYWOOD, March 31.—(AP)—The Los Angeles Monarchs, meeting only meager opposition, made it two straight over Portland tonight by trouncing the Eagles 6 to 2 in the second game of their best four-out-of-seven series for the Pacific Coast hockey league championships.

Chase Still Critical

COLUMA, Calif., March 31.—(AP)—Hal Chase, rated as the greatest fielding first baseman of all time, spent a fairly comfortable day at Colusa Memorial hospital, but he still is critically ill. Friends said the 64-year-old Chase appeared slightly improved. His nurse said he had a fair night. He is suffering from a complication of liver and kidney ailments.

LIBERAL TERMS For Your Convenience

Advertisement for State Tire Service, Liberal Terms, For Your Convenience, Get Going - Get Generals, Tires on Terms, State Tire Service, State and Cottage, Phone 9268.

Advertisement for Localaffs, Water! One of your guests insured me! Only one? HERRALL OUGENS CO., 235 S. COMMERCIAL, PHONE 3169.