

Abney, Snap Nab Armory Ring Wins

Four Knockouts in Action-Laden Show; Ayers Suffers First Loss

The customers weren't there in gobs, but the two-fisted action and knockouts certainly were. Only a sparse crowd sat in on Matchmaker Tex Salkeid's armory fistic production last night, but those who did were rewarded with a mitt maestro has tossed in here in months. So it goes. When the palace is packed the action seems limited. When few show up the gladiators try punching each others' ears off.

They did a pretty fair job of the latter species last night as four of the five bouts ended in knockouts. Both Klamath Falls Jack Snap, certainly all the middle-weight prospect he's cracked up to be, and Salem's Dick Abney came through with kayoes in the double main event. And Salem's Hal Fries belted out his opponent, Frank Duane, in their brawl. The curtainraiser was a kayo victory for Bill Boatman of Kelso over Nick Burley, Portland negro, in the light heavy class.

A two-handed fighter and as nice a piece of boxing prize as has hit the local bin since the big brawl, Snap, a thoroughly out-classed the always game and ever-trying Ray Garcia. The blond-thatched southern Oregonian was in at 158, Garcia at 156½. Snap won all the first three heats, decking the punch-happy Mexican in the third and cutting his mouth. Then in the fourth Garcia went down twice, the second time recipient of a kayo when Referee Packy McFarland called a halt. Garcia squawked loud and long afterward that he was not hurt and wanted to go on. But he was badly outclassed.

Abney, in at 157½, found a willing foe in Sonny Jackson, Vanport 159½-pound negro, for two rounds, both of them won by Jackson. But then Abney, after being jarred badly in the second stanza, caught the negro in the third with a smashing right and the end was in sight. He canvassed Jackson twice, bringing spurts of blood from his nose. The third time down Jackson stayed claiming he had wounded his right hand.

Ralph Ayers, the jumping-jack lumberjack, dropped his first fight here in the 4-round special to Paul Kennedy, promising Longview, Wash., 145-pounder who was making his professional debut. The well built negro outclassed Ayers all the way for the four-round decision. Ayers, fighting with two swollen hands and a sprained ankle, held no mysteries for the negro with his bobbing, jumping and weaving style. Ayers

weighed 143 and looked out of shape. Boatman laid out Burley in the second round. The Kelso lad weighed 168, Burley 169. Fries was too aggressive and too much puncher for Duane, knocking out the New Orleans 127-pounder in the second. Fries weighed 125.

'Handers' Face Second Round

The YMCA's Four-Wall Handball tourney went into its third day Wednesday with Class A singles entries getting in their licks along with the Class B doubles combinations.

Upset of the day was Fred Hageman's defeat of seeded Bob Smith in the singles, Hageman taking two straight games, 21-7, 21-18. Other singles results included: Emerson Teague trimmed Chet Goodman, 21-14, 21-8; Henry Singer topped Don Duncan, 21-8, 9-21, 21-10; and Lee Shinn toppled Norman Winslow, 21-18, 21-10.

In the B doubles but one match was run off, Retkhe and Freel beating Rupe Park and Ned Burris, 21-20, 6-21, 21-15. The Calfee-Kelly tussle with Douris and Mounds will be played Friday. Gardner and Morgosian drew a first round bye.

Play will resume Friday with 2d round singles and doubles play in all divisions.

Woodburn Sets Boxing Smoker

WOODBURN — (Special)—An action-filled boxing smoker will be presented at St. Luke's hall Friday night, 8:30 p. m., by the Woodburn CYO club. The club is sponsored by the Woodburn Knights of Columbus. Main event will pit Eddie Kahut against Frank Parker. Joey Gorman goes against Don Vaughtsburger in the semi-final, and 12 additional bouts will round out the card. Joe Kahut and Packy McFarland will referee.

Rollin' Along

By JERRY STONE

Any hopes genta at the Salem Dad's club hoop banquet the other night might have had that Slat's Gill would dish out some very nice savory alibis for the Oregon State defeat by Oklahoma at Kansas City went right out the window.

"For 40 minutes," offered Slat, "we had a chance to prove we were a better ball club—and we didn't prove it." That's putting it bluntly. The Orange member said Gerald Tucker, the Sooners' center, was the best post man he'd ever laid eyes on, even above his own Red Rocha.

Beck Chips-Down Player
Gill paid a fine tribute to his great guard, Lew Beck. "When the going was tough," said Slat, "Beck responded to the situation better than any athlete I have ever known. He's a chips-down ball player."

Rec Edmundson, retiring Washington coach, got his share of praises from Gill also. The Beaver skipper opined that Rec had more to do with building the northern division cage sport than any other individual.

Hoop Set-Up Here Fine
The Dad's cage dinner brought forcibly home just how effective and far-reaching is organized play in this burg. There were a lot of basketballers present—Independent, college, high and junior high varieties. And the bunch of 'em batted a pretty high average during the late season. With kids also learning the maple sport as well as the fifth grade you can see the steps a youngster takes in getting his basketball education in Salem—and, at the same time, the fertile pools of material which are provided for the clubs hereabouts. Yep, the Salem school lads have done their organizing well, very well. It pays off in the end. . . . And incidentally, even Slat's eyes lit up when Loren Mort rose and paid tribute to his Salem high Jayves and their 28 wins-no losses record. . . .

Kaleidoscope
Bob Feller didn't have it and Hal Newhouse did in their opening day mound stints. The argument over who is the better hurler was pretty even a year ago but the tide's definitely turned in favor of "Prince Hal"—and he didn't weaken his stand any Tuesday in white-washing the Browns 7-6. . . . Feller, incidentally, vows he's as good as he ever was in spite of the beating his arm took last season, but somehow one thinks Bob's got his mind on too many business commitments nowadays to ever regain his peak. . . . If you asked Jack Boatman, the Senators' trainer, which was the roughest of sports the half-trigger retort would be ice hockey—and yet the skating game must be a business that surely gets 'em. Jack, for instance, was in a hospital for four months after an ice collision which netted him a ruptured kidney. Right now, knee-deep though he is in diamond doings, Jack finds time to get in sessions at the Salem Ice Arena. . . . Revere: When the touring pros take in the Portland Open this summer wouldn't it be great if they could show to an exhibition round on the local links. 'Course they'd have to have something like a thousand bucks to shoot at. . . . Speaking of big-timers and the Salem course, John Varley, club manager of South River road way, was telling us the other day that the variety offered by the Salem lay-out might impress some of the "name" boys once upon a time. That was the occasion when "Light-horse Harry" Cooper, Jimmy Thomson and a couple of others exhibited here. They went away liking the set-up, related John, and brought up the fact no little in subsequent way-points over the country. . . . Without incident: Jackie Robinson's debut with the Dodgers was minus complications. A goodly share of opinion had held that the appearance of the negro on a major league ball field would result in nothing short of mayhem. His own teammates are going to be the No. 1 problem for Jackie. If he can gain their respect he's on the way to a long career. . . .

No Bomber for Baksi; Louis Talks Retirement

NEW YORK, April 16.—(AP)—Joe Baksi's refusal to sign for a bout with Joe Louis this year following his impressive seventh-round knockout of Bruce Woodcock in London last night has left the Twentieth Century Sporting club with no alternative but to sign either Jersey Joe Walcott or Mello Bettina to meet the heavyweight champion at Yankee stadium on June 26.

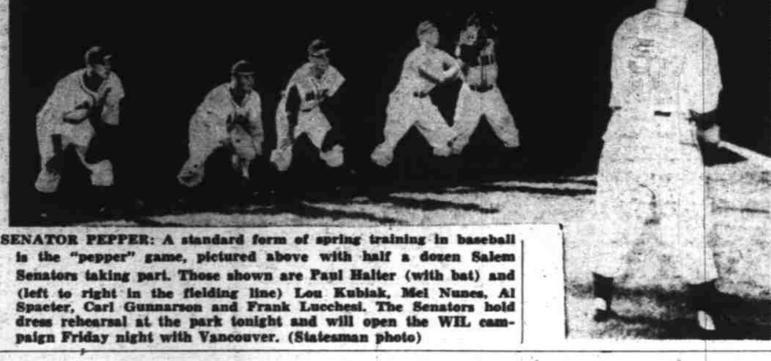
Sol Strauss, acting director of the club during Promoter Mike Jacobs' illness, expects to huddle here either tomorrow or Friday with Louis and his co-manager, Marshall Miles, and it appeared possible that either Walcott, the veteran negro, or Bettina, a southpaw, would get the nod within a matter of days.

Louis declared last night in San Diego that he was prepared to announce his retirement unless a title defense was arranged for him this summer.

"My mind is made up," the 32-year-old champion said, "because a man can go on just so long. If I wait until next year it may be too late, so I am anxious to find out what plans can be worked out for me."

Joe said that if he retired he would accept an offer to enter the insurance business in Detroit, his home town. He said he would leave for New York immediately after he had filled an engagement to referee a wrestling match in San Diego.

Baksi's refusal to agree to the Louis bout came as a surprise as he had appeared receptive prior to his engagement with Woodcock. No explanation was forthcoming as to why he had suddenly cooled toward the bout.



SENATOR PEPPER: A standard form of spring training in baseball is the "pepper" game, pictured above with half a dozen Salem Senators taking part. Those shown are Paul Halter (with bat) and (left to right in the sliding line) Lou Kubiak, Mel Nunes, Al Spaeter, Carl Gunnarson and Frank Lucchesi. The Senators hold dress rehearsal at the park tonight and will open the WIL campaign Friday night with Vancouver. (Statesman photo)

Wyatt to Pitch Opening Game

Salem's 1947 Senators, primed with Vancouver's Caps at Waters their final tuneup session under be dished out before the practice

Senators Hold Final Drill Session Tonight

to make their debut Friday night at the park, will tonight wade through the lights. The new uniforms will and it will be open to the public. Skipper Jack Wilson hustled the 23-man team through two hours of concentrated drill yesterday morning and then headed for Portland to take in the Beaver home opener.

Wilson yesterday decided it will be Kenny Wyatt on the Solon mound for the opener. The letterman lefthander won 15 in the league last season and was one of Salem's most effective twirlers. He said yesterday he is over his sore arm and ready to go.

Elsewhere on the opening nine it likely will be Bill Beard behind the dish, Marty Krug on first, Al Spaeter at second, Mel Nunes at third, either Carl Peterson or Hank Bartolomei at short, Lou Kubiak or Paul Halter in left, Frank Lucchesi in center and Bill Gregory in right. Muscle soreness may be the deciding factor in the appearance of Peterson and Halter Friday. Both have ailing arms.

The advance stages of reserved seat tickets at Maple's has been heavy the past few days, indicating a capacity throng for the inaugural. The Boosters organization is shooting for an opening gathering of 5000, and all indications are that they will get it if the weather holds up. The entire grandstand will be reserved and many good seats are still available but going fast.

Many opening night festivities are planned and a number of "first" prizes will be donated by the downtown merchants. Cliff Parker is in charge of the ceremonies for the opener as chairman of the Boosters band.

Elsewhere in the league Friday night Tacoma plays at Spokane, Victoria at Wenatchee and Bremerton at Yakima.

ABC Leadership Remains Same

LOS ANGELES, April 16.—(AP)—Another listless day of competition went by the boards in the American Bowling congress tournament today with none of the new scores even coming close to dislodging the leaders in the four posted divisions.

The Hermann Undertakers of St. Louis, with 2992, continue to top the five leaders in the five-man event standings; Frank Mataya and Hank Lauman, St. Louis, with 1322 led the two-man event; George O'Flaherty, Waukegan, Ill., with 717 headed the individual event standing and Hank Lauman, St. Louis, with 1944, was out in front in the all-events standing.

MONMOUTH WINS
MONMOUTH, April 16.—(Special)—Monmouth high school basketballers downed Perrydale here Monday, 10-2, on Sawtelle's five-hit pitching. Budd Gronquist's nine plays at Falls City Friday to determine the Polk County B league leadership.

Hoodoo Skiing Remains Good

Good skiing conditions prevail at Hoodoo Ski Bowl on Santiam Pass—and are likely to be favorable for another month—as the report yesterday from Arthur Boeschen, Santiam Lodge manager. The weather has been clear and 65 inches of snow remain on the level. The snow is granulated and well packed.

Three hundred enthusiasts from throughout the mid and upper Willamette valley were on hand last weekend. The tow is operating on weekends, and the lodge is open at all times.

Bearcat Netters Play at Oregon
Coach Les Sparks and his Willamette university tennis team will travel to Eugene today to meet the U. of Oregon swingers in an afternoon session. Since the Ducks are loaded with experienced talent they will be heavily favored to trounce the locals.

Gilmore Names Hayward Team

Insisting he and his clan are merely going along to see the meet and that the clan part is too green and inexperienced to be any sort of a titular threat, Coach Vern Gilmore yesterday named the Salem high athletes who will participate in the Hayward relays at Eugene Friday and Saturday. Gilmore will enter 25 Vikings in the annual prep classic. The Vikings and their particular events are as follows, subject to change:

Pole vault—Ken Fischer, Discus—Frank Brownell, Ed Fossell and Bill Armstrong, 440 relay—Ron Hall, Bud Michaels, Ted Covalt and Ken Fischer, 880 relay—Jim Jensen, Brownell, Fischer and Uoschel, Two-mile relay—Ron Sheets, Walt Westing, Jim McDonald and Al Tussing, Shot put relay—Bob Craig, Bob Wiper, Jim Jeffries, High jump relay—Bill Hill, Dave Changier and Ted Covalt, Distance medley—Gordon Hamelt 440, Dick Morehouse 880, Jim Wilson 3, mile, Lowell Weese, mile, Mile relay—Al Haselback, Jim Jensen, Brownell and Wayne Trowbridge.

'Pilot' Takes Jamaica Run

NEW YORK, April 16.—(AP)—Mrs. Elizabeth Graham's Jet Pilot, a 15-1 shot in the Kentucky Derby winter books, galloped to a two-furlong victory in the Jamaica handicap in the mud at Jamaica Tuesday.

Making his first start since last January at Santa Anita, the \$41,000 yearling buy—who won \$87,830 in taking five races, including the Pimlico futurity last year—took the lead after a quarter of a mile and was never in trouble, as he led I Will from the barn of California Radion Executive Jay Paley to the wire.

Leahy Switches Simmons to Full

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 16.—(AP)—Coach Frank Leahy today announced four position changes as the result of performances during the first two weeks of spring football practice at the University of Notre Dame.

Coy McGee of Longview, Texas, who started at left half in the closing stages of last season, is now being tried at right half. Floyd Simmons of Portland, Oregon, was moved from right half to fullback. In the line, Joe Signaigo, Memphis, Tenn., moved from left to right guard, and Center Marty Wendell of Chicago has been changed to right guard.

Record-Holder in Boston

BOSTON, April 16.—(AP)—Joe Smith, the Medford milkman who holds the course record of two hours, 26 minutes and 51.2 seconds, just got under the wire today by filing for the 51st Boston A. A. marathon to be run Saturday. No more entries will be received for the race in which 178 have been listed as competitors.

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14,854 Watch O'Douls Lose

Helser Winner Before Record 1947 Throng

PORTLAND, April 16.—(AP)—Portland's Beavers came home for the first time this season this afternoon and nosed the San Francisco Seals, 1-0, in a thrilling hurling duel before a throng of 14,854—top opening crowd of the Coast league campaign.

Southpaw Roy Helser held the Seals well in check most of the way until the ninth when a San Francisco threat veteran Ad Liska to his relief. Helser had given up two walks and a double to Don White in that inning when Liska came in to face Third-sacker Ray Orteig. Seal Pilot Lefty O'Doul countered by inserting Ted Jennings for Orteig and Jennings popped out as did Sanders to end the tilt.

Bob Chesnes, the losing pitcher and former Pioneer leaguer, allowed but two hits but walked nine; Portland's single tally came in the seventh via a pair of walks and an error by Shortstop Don Trower on Danny Escobar's ball.

Other results last night saw the San Diego Padres clamor back into first place over the Seals with a 10-4 win over the Hollywood Stars. The Padres sloughed three Star hurlers for 12 blows, among them Max West's triple with the bases loaded in the fifth. Charley Gassaway's five-hit twirling enabled Oakland to top Sacramento, 3-1, and Los Angeles downed Seattle, also 3-1.

San Francisco	Portland
Trower 4 1 4 2	Dobbins 3 1 3 3
Luby 2 4 1 3	Gordon 2 3 1 3
Sherrin 3 0 2 0	Escobar 4 0 0 0
White 4 3 1 0	Storey 3 0 0 3
Bostell 1 2 0 1	Blair 1 0 0 0
Orteig 3 0 1 1	Reich 1 4 0 12
Sanders 1 4 0 7	Wenner 2 0 0 0
Leonard 3 0 2 0	Furutani 4 0 2 3
Chesnes 3 0 0 0	Helser 3 0 0 13
Jennings 1 0 0 0	Liska 3 0 0 0

Totals 32 424 13 Totals 25 227 13
*Batted for Orteig in 9th.
San Francisco—600 000—3 10 1
Portland—000 000—10 9—1

Errors—Trower, Luby, Chesnes, Dobbins. Two base hit—White. Stolen bases—Trower 2, Dobbins 2, Blais 1, Gorbould. Left on bases—San Francisco 7, Portland 10. Bases on balls—Helser 2, Chesnes 9. Strikeouts—Helser 2, Chesnes 4. Hits—Off Helser 4 in 8½; Liska 6 in 5. Wild pitch—Chesnes 1. Winning pitcher—Helser. Umpires—Mazza, Powell and Ford. Time—1:55. Attendance—14,854 paid.

Los Angeles—110 100 600—3 11 2
San Diego—020 151 001—10 12 2
Hollywood—201 100 000—4 6 4
Kerrigan & McDonnell, Rice (5); Dasso, Perme (5) and Unser.

Sacramento—000 000 010—1 7 1
Oakland—020 001 000—3 10 1
Smith, Nelson (7) and Fitzgerald; Gassaway and Kease.

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The Standings



NATIONAL LEAGUE
W L Pct. Brooklyn 1 0 1.000 Cincinnati 1 1 500 Philadelphia 1 0 1.000 New York 0 1 000 Pittsburgh 1 0 1.000 Boston 0 1 000 St. Louis 1 1 500 Chicago 0 1 000
Yesterday's results: At Cincinnati, St. Louis 4; New York 4 at Philadelphia, rain; Boston at Brooklyn, rain and cold; Pittsburgh at Chicago, cold.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
W L Pct. Boston 1 0 1.000 Washington 0 1 000 Philadelphia 1 0 1.000 Cleveland 0 1 000 Detroit 1 0 1.000 New York 0 1 000 Chicago 1 0 1.000 St. Louis 0 1 000
Yesterday's results: At Philadelphia, rain; Boston at Brooklyn, rain and cold; Pittsburgh at Chicago, cold.

COAST LEAGUE
W L Pct. San Diego 9 5 642 Portland 7 6 527 San Fran 9 5 604 Hollywood 7 6 527 Sacramento 9 7 562 Seattle 6 10 375 Los Angeles 9 7 562 Oakland 5 11 312
Yesterday's results: At Portland, San Francisco 6; at Seattle 1, Los Angeles 3; at Hollywood 4, San Diego 10; at Oakland 3, Sacramento 1.

Rain Blocks Other Contests

Ex-PCLER Knocked In 8th by Red Birds

CINCINNATI.—(AP)—The vaunted sluggers of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals came to life in the eighth inning today to push over four fast runs and defeat the Cincinnati Reds 4-1 before a chilly crowd of 2,410. The game was the only one played in the majors, today, because of bad weather.

Coming through with a home run, a single and double and then another homer in quick succession, the Cards' hitting power through the big eighth was reminiscent of the 1946 pennant race that led them to the world championship.

Marty Marion had a perfect day at bat, getting three singles and a two-run homer in four trips to the plate.

The Cardinals knocked Eddie Kraatz, 1946 strikeout king of the Pacific Coast league, from the mound in clinching the game. St. Louis, 000 000 040—4 12 0 Cincinnati—000 010 000—1 8 0
Kraatz, Beags (8) and Lamagne, (5)

Sporting Club Inquiry Looms

NEW YORK, April 16.—(AP)—Sol Strauss, acting director of the Twentieth Century Sporting club, was summoned to appear today for questioning by the district attorney's office in connection with the investigation of racketeering in boxing. A subpoena ordered Strauss to appear and to bring with him the club's records of contracts and of disbursements concerning fights handled by the club at Madison Square Garden and the St. Nicholas arena.

Straus is acting director of the club, biggest promoter of fights in the country, in the absence of Mike Jacobs, who is convalescing at his home in Rumson, N. J. from the effects of a cerebral hemorrhage suffered last December.

Speedway Still Bucks Demands

INDIANAPOLIS, April 16.—(AP)—Entries for the Memorial Day 500-mile race at Indianapolis motor speedway were only two cars short of a full field tonight despite the holdout of a group of owners and drivers demanding a purse increase from \$75,000 to \$150,000 or a share of the gate.

Wilbur Shaw, the speedway president, buttoned up his lip and would not say whether some loophole might be found through which the holdouts might sneak into the competition.

The holdouts are members of the American Society of Professional Automobile Racers. As the entry deadline passed, Ralph Hepburn, ASPAR president, announced that 28 car owners and 26 "best known" drivers had withheld their entries because of the speedway management's refusal to request cash prizes "to the enormously increased costs that now accompany every step in the preparation of race cars and their crews" for the race.

Molalla Tips Foxes

MOLALLA, April 16.—(AP)—The Molalla Indians today downed Silverton, 9-5, in a Willamette Valley league baseball game. D. Owens, winning pitcher for Molalla, also biffed a home run, as did Carl Wickham, losing hurler for the Foxes.

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