

# '500' Solons Hit Road; Flager Back

### Bremerton, Tacoma Next on Sked; Mossor Notches Win, Moore Hits

Bouncing along at an even 500 clip—nine wins and ditto losses—Senators tonight open a 7-game dividing Sunday's Waters park pair in that four-game stand. The Solons play the potent Tacs Wednesday and Thursday nights also and then swing over to Tacoma for four more clashes with Red Harvel's marvels. They come home again next Monday night to play Wenatchee. Lefty Carl Gunnarson, seeking his second straight win, will open for Jack Wilson's Rock tonight.

## Slipping Bevos Play at Home

By the Associated Press  
The Portland Beavers, surprise club in the Coast baseball league, lost their first four weeks of the race but loser of last two series, returns to Portland Tuesday night to open a seven-game series with the fourth-place Sacramento Senators. In other series for the week Seattle plays at Oakland, San Francisco at San Diego and Hollywood at Los Angeles.

## Bearcats Face Linfield Nine

Any hopes Coach Walt Erickson's Willamette university nine has concerning the 1947 Northwest conference title hinge greatly on the outcome of today's 2:30 p.m. clash with the Linfield Wildcats at Waters park. The Bearcats, downed by Linfield at McMinnville earlier for their only loop loss of the season, will be eliminated from titular contention if Henry Lever's club makes it a repeat today. The Bearcats close their regular season play in the conference here Friday with Pacific university.

## Fistic Party Due Wednesday

Stocked with local talent in four of the five bouts, Matchmaker Tex Salkeld's bi-monthly fistic party takes off at the Ferry Street Garden Wednesday night at 8:30 p. m. The 28-round show has Middleweight Dick Abney in its 10-round main event, Featherweight Hal Fries in his six-round special, Heavyweight Keller Wagner in the top four-matter and Dean Abney, younger brother of the main eventer, in one of the other four-rounders.

## Vandals Belt Orange, 6-4

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 5-(P)—The Idaho Vandals defeated Oregon State, 6 to 4, here today with a four-run rally in the seventh inning for their first Northern Division baseball victory of the season. Oregon State took an early lead when Pitcher Warren Simas clouted a long home run over the fence in the second inning with two men on.

## Doug Olds Takes St. Helens Post

ST. HELENS, May 5-(P)—Douglas V. Olds will move from Gresham to St. Helens next fall to become basketball and football coach. He is a graduate of Willamette university, and coached formerly at Chemawa and assisted at Salem High.

## Mets-Corcoran Golf Beef Now Remedied

CHICAGO, May 5-(P)—The heralded one-punch altercation between Golfer Dick Metz and Corcoran simmered to a hand-shaking close today as the executive committee of the Professional Golfers association simultaneously announced new duties for Corcoran, PGA tournament manager.

## Spring Softball Master Bread Rapped

JEFFERS WIN  
CHEMAWA - (Special) - Jefferson high's Marion county B league diamond club chalked up its fourth win of the campaign Friday as it trimmed Chemawa, 12-6 on the local lot.

## Baseball's BIG SIX

Walker, Dodgers	G	Ab	R	H	Pct.
Walker, Dodgers	12	41	12	18	.439
Gustine, Pirates	11	34	11	23	.426
Mullin, Tigers	12	40	9	17	.425
Lewis, Senators	12	43	18	41	.419
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MAIN EVENTER: Rugged Ray Garcia (above), Denver middleweight who has yet to make a bad fight in Salem. Wednesday night mixes with Dick Abney of Salem in the armory's main event scrap. Other Salem batters on the card are Hal Fries, Dean Abney and Keller Wagner.

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## Stainback 1st In PCL Chase

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5-(P)—Outfielder Tut Stainback of Los Angeles, clouting at a 431 pace, led Pacific Coast League batters today, according to averages released by League Statistician William McGee. York, Seattle, and Larry Lee, San Diego, infielders, were tied at 407. Averages for the top 10 including games of May 4:

Player	G	Ab	R	H	RBI	Pct.
Stainback, L. A.	14	51	22	0	9	.431
York, Seattle	14	37	11	0	4	.407
Lee, San Diego	14	37	11	0	4	.407
Kerr, S. Diego	14	36	22	0	8	.383
J. White, Seat.	13	47	0	3	3	.369
Marty, Cacto.	12	103	40	19	38	.359
Crawford, Oak.	18	49	19	2	4	.358
Henson, Sacto.	17	42	16	1	5	.381
Duezabou, Oak.	17	42	16	1	5	.381
West, San Diego	24	76	25	8	23	.371

## Monmouth Tips Indeps

INDEPENDENCE - (Special) - Monmouth high's baseballers captured the initial contest of their hot series with Independence, 9-2, here Friday. A double-bye winners' Tom Coleman in the fifth with the bags loaded clinched the contest after the Independence crew had taken an early lead.

## K-Browns Triumph

Kelth Brown trundlers clinched the second half championship of Commercial league No. 1 last night at Capitol Auleys as they beat Court St. Balleys three games to none. The Kelth Browns tangled with the 1st half winners, Starr Fruit, on May 19 for the circuit crown.

## Senator SWAT

Player	W	L	SO	W	L	SO
Wyatt	4	0	0	1	3	0
Gunnarson	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mossor	1	1	0	0	0	0
Lazor	1	1	0	0	0	0

## Dusette, Parks, Top Armory Mat Fare

Equipped with a main event which could be one of the better bicep shots of the spring season, the return of popular Pierre (Frenchy) LaBelle and the introduction of still another brand new Matchmaker Elton Owen's weekly grappling bee awaits the 8:30 o'clock starting bell tonight at the Ferry Street Garden. Georges (The Muscle) Dusette and Canadian Herb Parks, easily two of the best biceppers in the business along the coast, tangle in the main event. Parks last week flattened Villager Tony Ross, and although Dusette's last main event here was spoiled for him when he was nipped by Coast Junior Heavy Champ Bill Weidner, Owen has promised him another try at Weidner if he can spill Parks tonight.

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SEATTLE, May 5-(P)—Brenda Helser (left) of Los Angeles congratulates Ann Curtis (right), after losing the national 100-yard freestyle swimming championship here to the San Francisco girl. (AP Wirephoto)

## Rook Ballers Down Vikings

Salem high's Viks dropped a 4-2 decision to the Oregon State Rook nine yesterday at Waters park, with Rod Province being shaded by the Rooks' Brauner in a hurling duel.

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## Cutdown Date May 15

# Trade Winds Blow In Major Leagues

NEW YORK, May 5-(P)—Baseball men are looking for a series of player trades, following in the wake of Brooklyn's sale of Kirby Higbe to Pittsburgh and the Ron Northey-Harry Walker transaction between the Phillies and the St. Louis Cards, with the May 15 cut-down date only 10 days away. Brooklyn still must pare five or six men from its 34-man roster and there are several choice trade bait items dangling in Branch Rickey's show window.

## Spokes Better WIL Position

By the Associated Press  
The Spokane Indians, behind the eight hit hurling of Ray Miller, widened their margin in the Western International league race to two full games at Vancouver last night as they trounced the runner-up Capitanos, 7-2, before 2,800 fans. The Spokes fell on two Cap pitchers for 13 blows. Frank Mullens homered for the losers.

## Pioneers Nab Opening Game

Parrish Junior high's Pioneers nabbed the first of their seven-game series with the Leslie Rockets yesterday at Leslie, downing the Southerners in a tight pitching battle, 3-2. Jim Rock of the Pioneers bested Jim Moore of the Rockets, Rock whiffing 11 and Moore 13. The Northerners iced the game in the third when they scored all three runs on two hit batsmen, two walks and two hits.

## Betz, Cooke In Pro Field

NEW YORK, May 5-(P)—Ending any suspense there might have been, Pauline Betz and Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Cooke announced today they had turned tennis professionals and would engage in a long series of matches against each other. The two girls, among the better looking tennis players produced, were suspended as amateurs by the U. S. Lawn Tennis association last month when the news got around that Elwood Cooke, husband of Sarah, was offering to book them as professionals.

## The Standings

WIL	W.L.Pct.	W.L.Pct.	W.L.Pct.
Spokane	13 5 729	Tacoma	9 5 65
Vancouver	11 7 811	Salem	9 5 500
Victoria	11 8 578	Yakima	5 13 278
Bremerton	10 8 356	Wenatchee	14 222

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# SPORTSLIGHTNER

The answer to the question, "Will the Senators do 100,000 at the gate again this season?" might be found in these up-to-date attendance figures: The first 11 home games of the current campaign have lured 16,543 customers, an average of 1504 per game. The first 11 tries last semester total 20,233, almost 4000 more than the total now registered. Too, last season's club was in first place almost the entire season after having won its first 13 straight. The current crew can't seem to slip into the first division. Such facts do not drip encouragement for another hundred grand season, but 57 games left to go and an average of 1500 for each one, as in the first 11, and the townies would slip over the 117,000 level for 1947. . . . With three weeks now played in the league the eight clubs have classified themselves thusly: (1) Spokane, a well balanced Brooklyn-stocked outfit indexed as the best nine in the circuit by everyone who has seen it function. Good pitching and plenty of offense, with power. (2) Vancouver, certainly not now the ball club which slept through four straight local losses at the start. Bill Brenner's entry has the pitching and power to stay up in the race. (3) Bremerton, loaded with veterans and potentially the best club in the league but, as last year, on the hot and cold side. (4) Tacoma, run-making ability in gobs but lacking in pitching. Mgr. Red Harvel intends doing plenty about that second item, too. (5) Victoria, shy on pitching and not really a sound ball club capable of staying in the first division. (6) Salem, pitching and defensive strength now okeh but still sadly lacking in power. Weak in two positions which has Mgr. Wilson laying awake nights. (7) Yakima like the 1946 club, a potent crew with the bat but woefully weak in pitching. (8) Wenatchee, had enough in almost every department that the resignation of Buddy Ryan as a right miffed manager would be no surprise. The parent Sacs haven't done right by Buddy this time. . . .

## Hoop Tournament Made Profit of \$15,000

Series: Champion Major league bowler of the Capitol alleys season for 1947 is Loren (Squee) Kitchen who, the more speculatively minded will recall has been a local athletic standout champion in other fields down the past years. Kitchen finished up with a 188 average, one more than El Haman. . . . Dick Bartell and his Sacs play the parent Portland at home this week and from what we've seen of his press notices the former major league peppercorn shortstop is now captain of the best dressed men in the Coast league. Not even the SF Seals fashion plate Lefty O'Doul can keep strides with Bartell in the haberdashery div. . . . The Oregon High Schools Activities association's May bulletin yields the official info that the 1947 state basketball tournament grossed \$30,604.65 at Eugene, \$15,687.45 of which is listed as pure profit. So if there is anyone left who is in desirous of reclaiming the classic for our town let him now be thoroughly squelched with the rest of us. A \$15,000 profit! Ouch! . . . Crack of the week, besides Bob Moore's Sunday homer at Waters, the first of the local season for the Wilsons: Sam Broadman must've run out of vitamin pills for his Cardinals. . . .

Bull Men Predict Bad Time for Vico  
Sad News: Baseball men who have watched and who can be respected for their judgment aren't at all reluctant to forecast a gloomy future for George Vico in the Coast league with the parent Portland. We hope they are mistaken, but the gents are convinced the big first baseman will never hit good pitching well enough to stick in Triple-A baseball, let alone the majors. Since George was returned to the Beavers by Detroit he hasn't been hitting well at all. This is no doubt the reason for the predictions. Some go so far as to say that "Veek" will soon be benched in favor of Herm Reich at first base, or that he will be returned to the Detroit. All of which adds up to a number of those baseball oddities. During spring training with the Tigers in Florida Vico played at first base in nearly every game. He hit well and often and was classed as the sensation of the Florida camps. He came within a whisker of opening the season at first base for the club. Rather than have him parked on the bench where he learned little, the Tiger management figured it would be much better for Vico were he back in Triple-A ball playing every day. So now he is back, but isn't hitting—much to the dismay of his hundreds of local well-wishers. . . . The season is yet young, however.