

# SPORTS LIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

can print the Lord's prayer on the head of a pin...

So now, and at long last, we're to have auto racing as a part of the local sports parade. Good! And may Jimmy Ryan pack 'em in for his Sunday shows at the fairgrounds, and later on at Otto Klett's rapidly forming sports north of town. From what we've seen and heard of these "hot rod" races Ryan books in Portland, don't miss his opening show at the fairgrounds May 26. The lads in the hopped-up roadsters really go at it. Ryan's opening show will be sort of an "Indianapolis Classic" of his own, for while his program is on here that day the big 500-mile at Indianapolis will be broadcast to the local patrons. Coaching corner: Bob Sheridan, the WSC basketball big who V-12 at Willamette and was quite a footballer for Duke Trotter's 1943 eleven has been signed as head coach at Ashland high, taking over for Jerry Gastineau who moved to Silverton. And WU's Gordon Kunke already is mentoring out at Turner in the Marion county B league, a circuit which will have the services of WU's Ron Runyan at Astoria and Forest Grove. Also, at Astoria, the new coach at West Salem junior high is the new jr. jr. setup—an unenviable chore, for Willie and his handful of athletes must compete with much bigger Lealie and much, much bigger Parrish.



BOB SHERIDAN

again, starting next week. Kneilsen is of the species of mat gladiator which often gets his hair parted by chair-wielding customers. Three or four major league scouts were after him, but it was the New York Yankees which came up with Lefty Les Palmer, the tall Milwaukee lad who a few years ago hurried for that villa's Legion team. Palmer is now with Twin Falls in the Pioneer loop on option—he couldn't hack it with the Yank installation at Victoria. Thanks to a splurge of good

pitching and some suddenly rousing batting support, the townies up and won themselves seven straight games, surprising the multitude. Which only goes to show what can happen, against odds, when a ball club is hustling and playing a "running" game. Items of which John Francis Wilson's line is guilty. Accursed with a shyness of plate power, Wilson has been trying to offset it by playing a running game. And any running ball club, as the baseball saying goes, is off a tough one to beat. The last issue by the Home News bureau, league statistical data, tattles the lack of power on the local line, for as of May 12 the Solons were last in home runs with six, last in doubles with 28 and fourth in triples with 12. Also, they were sixth in team batting with a .265 mark. Being third in fielding has been a help to the pitching, but the tipoff on Wilson's style is yielded by the stolen base column, in which Salem is right among the leaders. As for printing the weekly How listings, brother, how we'd like to if only we had the space. But right now that situation is so brutal that we've a standing order for six of those talented gents who boast they

## Salems Face Catholic Nine

Salem high's strong baseball aggregation meets potent Central Catholic of Portland at 11:15 a. m. Thursday in the first opening bid in the State prep horsehide tourney at Portland. The Catholics qualified for the big show yesterday by turning back Scappoose, 4-1. Other schools winning tourney berths yesterday included Jefferson of Portland which nosed Grant, 1-0, and Forest Grove which beat Hillsboro, 4-1. In the B division, Hubbard earned a slot with a 10-1 decision over Lowell at Jurata City, as Harley Piper hurled one-hit ball and batted in five runs with a pair of homers and a double. The state tournament schedule: Thursday, May 20, 9:30 a. m.—Hood River vs Forest Grove; 11:15 a. m.—Salem vs Central Catholic (Portland); 1:30 p. m.—Sandy vs Hubbard; 3:45 p. m.—Klamath Falls vs Friday (Portland). Friday, May 21, 9:00 a. m.—Hubbard vs Rogue River; 11:15 a. m.—Forkdale vs Astoria; 1:30 p. m. and 3:45 p. m.—Consolation games. P. M.—tournament finals.

## Huston Calls Jr. Ball Meet

League President Oliver Huston who will step down just as soon as a new proxy is named, has announced a Salem Junior League meeting for Wednesday evening, 5:15 o'clock, at Maple's. It is likely Don Hendrie will be elected president of the league at that time. All league officers and sponsors are urged to be present to name a president and hold a short discussion on future plans for the summer baseball play.

## Barisoff Belt Helps Brems

By the Associated Press Bremertons Tars held to their one-and-a-half game league race last night as they trimmed the Vancouver Capitanos, 2-1, while the A's were trouncing the Tacoma Tigers, 10-8. Bill Barisoff, the loop's 1946 home run king, was the hero of the Tar victory as he belted a two-run homer in the ninth inning to cinch the tilt. The Brems' Hub Kittle, though touched for nine hits, racked up his 4th mound win. Bob Hall was the loser, allowing only five blows. The Athletics socked three Tiger pitchers for 18 hits in chalking up their win.

## Academy's Hand JVs 1st Loss

Sacred Heart Academy's diamond club handed the Salem high Jayvees their first loss of the season yesterday as they nosed Loren Morr's crew, 17-15, in a wild fray at Leslie. An eight-run 5th frame sided the Academy to victory. Muller and Keene homered for the winners and Fox did likewise for the JVs. Academy: Caley (6), Stoutenberg (5), Murrell (4), and Greiner (3) pitched. Kittle and Brenner.

## Senator SWAT

(Includes Sunday games) B H Pct. Moore 26 34 .438 Peterson 16 24 .253 Kublak 9 32 .333 Simons 16 4 250 Wilson 3 1 .333 Sumner 8 20 .241 Beard 14 31 .356 Cook 18 3 167 Messer 14 4 .286 Gunnerson 10 30 Spaeer 12 38 .281 Lazor 10 1 100 Bart 7 21 .273 Wyatt 22 2 687 Nunes 12 24 .281 O'Boyle 4 10 000 Krug 10 4 277 Sporer 2 0 000 Pitching: W L SO W L SO Wyatt 6 1 1 Sinovic 2 4 0 Messer 3 1 1 O'Boyle 0 4 0 Gunnerson 3 1 1 Sporer 0 4 0 Lazor 2 1 0 Wilson 0 0 0



CHAMP: Jack Russell (above), by virtue of his 6 and 5 win over Walt (Junior) Cline Sunday captured the Elks Club sponsored Mid-Willamette Valley Links championship.

## Beavers Play At Hollywood

By the Associated Press A 5-2 series win their over the San Diego Padres after dividing Sunday's double bill with them, Portland's Beavers, sailing along in third place in the Coast league baseball standings this week open a seven-game stand at Hollywood with the last-place Stars. The series opens Tuesday night. Elsewhere in the league San Diego goes to Seattle to play the suddenly hot Rainiers, Oakland plays at San Francisco with the league leaders and Los Angeles goes to Sacramento. The Beavers are currently two games out of second place and 4 1/2 out of first. They are two games in front of Tommy Bridges came up with an injured arm in the opener Sunday at Portland and was recipient of a 5-2 loss. Jack Salveson won the nightcap, 9-4, however. Dick Wenner hit 3-for-4 in the second game, one a home run. Seattle took two from Sacramento, 6-0 and 1-0. Oakland and Los Angeles split up two, as did Hollywood and San Francisco.

## Webfeet Whip Orange, 6-0

EUGENE, Ore., May 19—(AP)—Lefty John Day hurled a five-hit shutout for the University of Oregon State college, 6 to 0, in a game delayed a half hour by arguments in the sixth inning. The dispute arose when umpires changed a decision on a third base play and Coach Ralph Coleman of the Beavers permitted OSC to continue play only under protest. Oregon State: 000 000 000—0 6 0 Oregon: 000 100 31—0 3 4 Kruger, Gallagher (7) and Reoland; Day and Carlson.

## Keith Browns, Doolittles Win

The Keith Brown and Doolittles fivesomes collared top honors in the Commercial league bowling play-offs at Capitol Alleys last night. The Keith Browns, pounding through with a 2616 pin total, trimmed Starr Fruit's trundlers who hit for 2588 in the loop No. 1 tussle. Walters paced the winners with a 565 series. The Stars took second honors, while Lutz Florists tipped W. L. Torenson, 2707 to 2520 to take third. In circuit No. 2 the Doolittles beat out Marion Creamery, 2568-2419, for the one-two spots. Phipps whammed a 592 to lead the champs. Goldies of Silverton nabbed third by beating Straw and Straw, 2616 to 2512.

## Church Group Will Show Series Pics

The Men's club of the First Congregational church of Salem will hold a dinner Thursday night, 6:30 o'clock, after which moving pictures of the 1946 world series will be shown. Reservations for the dinner must be made early this week, but the pictures, to be shown at approximately 7:15 p. m., will be free to the public.

## Oregonians -In the Majors-

Table with columns for player name, team, and statistics. Includes names like Pecky Red Sox, Red Sox, Deerr, Peck, Doerr, Red Sox, Gordon, Indians, Pitches, Don Johnson, Yankees, last year.

## Attention Cascara Bark Peelers

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## Dusette, Parks in Mat Rematch Tonight

The mat match which added a lively to "It Could Only Happen on Tuesday Nights at the Armory" — Georges Dusette vs. Herb Parks — returns tonight to the Ferry Street Garden to climax Matchmaker Elton Owen's week-ly production. And just in case the Dusette-Parks natural has lost some of its lustre since the two collided here two weeks ago, M. Owen has lined up a couple of prelims which lean to the much better — than — average side. The opening shot at 8:30 brings in Tennessee Hillbilly Stockey Kneilsen against the likeable newcomer from New Zealand, Jack Carter. The tattooed tough guy from the bare feet and corn pone regions was last week a headliner and a good one. But he got too gay for Parks in the main event, lost it via foul and this week finds himself slumped to the curtain — raising role with the aspiring Carter. Kneilsen must win his way back to the top spot, according to Owen. And that's exactly what Carter is trying to do. The semiwindup special has Terre Haute Trickster Buck Weaver on with "Gorilla" Poggi, the do-no-right nasty. Weaver is rapidly regaining the snap which had him high among the circuit's grapplers before he was seriously injured over a month ago. He had best be in top shape tonight, for Poggi isn't the species of grappler who is easily whupped. Parks won the scrap with Dusette two weeks ago, via foul, when the popular Frenchman, angered at the Canuck's refusal to mix it up finally tossed him from the ring and mixed him up plenty on the armory floor. He was disqualified for this and the clients came close to rioting. The rematch was a natural but Owen couldn't get the two together until tonight. George Foppenheimer will do the refereeing.

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## Tigers Hold Amerk Margin; Speedway Has Driver Trouble

### Williams Belts Clutch Homer

By the Associated Press One of the reasons why the Boston Red Sox are paying Ted Williams around 80 grand to play for 'em was ably illustrated yesterday as the second-place Sox split a twin bill with the American league's pace-setting Detroit Tigers. After the Tigers had taken the opener, 3-2, in 12 innings, and were dangerously close to taking the night-cap, Williams came up in the 9th with the count 3-4 against his club and proceeded to whack his eighth homer of the year with a mate on for the ball game, 5-4. Rookie Don Johnson lost his second game of the campaign against an equal number of wins as the Cleveland Indians dropped the New York Yankees, 5-4. The Chicago White Sox tipped Washington, 4-1.

### The Standings

Table with columns for team, W, L, Pct., and games scheduled. Includes teams like W L Pct., Bremert 22 11 .671, Salem 18 15 .550, Victoria 20 12 .625, Tacoma 14 18 .438, Spokane 19 12 .613, Yakima 11 22 .333, Vancouver 17 13 .567, Wenatche 7 24 226.

### Racers Demand Increased Purse

INDIANAPOLIS, May 19—(AP)—It was just as well today that no second place winner last year, the 500-mile Indianapolis race would be held until next Saturday. There wasn't a single entry ready to take the green flag. The Indianapolis motor speedway scraped the bottom of the barrel to get seven cars qualified over the weekend. Most of the veteran drivers were holding out for an increase of the \$75,000 purse. The American Society of Professional Auto Racers was sponsoring the stay-away campaign and it was holding up the show. Jimmy Jackson of Indianapolis, second place winner last year, was the only speedway — experienced driver on hand in addition to the seven qualifiers, and his car was torn down waiting for new connecting rods. Some of the old-timers have been muttering that the high percentage of new drivers would cause "a lot of bent iron on Memorial Day."

### Tigers Enter

PRINCETON, N. J., May 19—(AP)—Princeton university athletic authorities announced today that the Tigers' varsity crew has accepted an invitation to compete in the University of Washington's second annual 2,000 meter international sprint regatta, scheduled for Seattle's Lake Washington June 28.

## Senators Drop Series Launcher to Yaks, 6-2

Lazor Suffers Loss as Romple Hurls 4-Hitter; 4-Run Fifth Clinches Fracas

YAKIMA, May 19—(Special)—Salem's Senators lost a chance to move closer to the Western International loop's first division here tonight as they bowed to the Yakima Stars, 6-2, and more especially to the four-hit hurling of Fritz Romple, in the opener of a four-game series. Since Lazor went the route for the Solons, being touched for nine blows. The inning which beat him

## Wagner Ill; Off Wednesday

Heavyweight Keller Wagner won't be seeking his sixth straight ring win on the "all-Salem" fistic fiesta at the armory Wednesday night after all. His Manager Phil Bayes announced Sunday that Wagner has been ill with the stomach "flu" and that he would not be in condition to fight the special four-rounder Wednesday night with Bobby Eastman of Klamath Falls. Bayes refuses to allow the big slugger to fight "until he is in the proper shape."

## Leslies Biff Parrish, 5-3

Gaining some consolation after having dropped the city title, Bob Keuscher's Leslie horseholders grabbed the final game of their seven-tilt set-to with Parrish, 5-3, yesterday at Olinger. The series wound up 5-2 for the Pioneers, the northraders having taken the initial four frames to lead the crown. Leslie's mound ace, Jim Moore, twirled a one-hitter for six frames before Leonard Warren's crew got to him in the seventh for three blows and their three runs. Moore whiffed nine. Earl Eshleman, Rocket catcher, suffered a slight concussion in the fifth inning when he collided with a mate while going after a pop-up. Leslie: 000 000 000—3 4 1 Parrish: 000 000 3—3 4 2 Moore and Eshleman, Fry (5); Soderman, Rock (6) and Gilson.

## West Leading PCL Batsmen

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19—(AP)—Big Max West, San Diego outfielder, topped full time workmen in the Pacific Coast league today with a batting average of .368. West has played in 39 games. Actual leader of the loop was Jo Jo White, Seattle manager, who is playing regularly now. White, in 23 games, has hit .392. Johnny Jensen, San Diego, holds second place, with .386 for 25 games with Gus Zernial, new Hollywood outfielder, next with .385 for 16 contests.

## Briton Breaks Jockey Record

LONDON, May 19—(AP)—Gordon Richards, who quit as an office boy at 14 to begin a turf career as a stable lad, set a world record today with his 3,261st victory as a jockey, this time abroad Le Bosc Giard at Worcester. The triumph exceeded by one the number registered by Sam Heapy, British-born Belgian rider.

## Baseball's Big Six

Table with columns for player name, G, AB, R, H, Pct. Walker, Phillies 26 97 11 26 336; Mullins, Tigers 24 90 22 33 267; McQuinn, Yankees 22 79 18 29 267; Dillinger, Browns 21 71 17 29 260; Gustin, Braves 24 97 18 24 237; Verban, Phillies 29 104 15 26 236.

## Future Hurlin'

FOREST GROVE, Ore., May 19—(AP)—A double no-hit hurling duel between Forest Grove's Larry Borst and Hillsboro's Dick Waibel today featured the TV League title playoff captured by Forest Grove, 1 to 0. Byron Hodges, Forest Grove pitcher scored the run when two wild throws permitted him to round the diamond and come home.

## Spring Softball

Campbell's Rock-Woolers stamped the Pink Elephants outfit, 20-0 yesterday at Leslie, as George Eash turned in a two-hitter. While Kohl was muzzling the foe his mates were rapping Harold for 18 hits, including three homers by Os Morley. Master Bread beat Pioneer club, 13-4.

## Russell Tips Cline for Elks Title

Coming from behind after an early two-hole deficit, Stylist Jack Russell copped the Elks Mid-Willamette tourney links title Sunday by his downed that holder of many past crowns, Walt Cline, Jr., 6-5, in the 25th hole play-off. A gallery of 250 persons saw Russell forge into the lead for the first time on the 18th hole and proceed to build a cozy margin up to the point when he clinched the match on the 31st by halving the hole. Cline started fast as he took hole No. 1 with a birdie, jumping his margin to two as Russell slipped to a bogh on No. 5. Going into the 11th hole still was 2 up but Jack pulled up to a deadlock on the 15th. On the 18th Russell went to the fore for the first time as he canned a birdie on the long par five while

Cline was three-putting for a par. That one hole advantage seemed to spark Jack and after the halfway intermission he took three of the next four holes (he halved the 20th) to enjoy a four-up margin. After they had halved the 22d Cline gnawed a hole off his foe's lead as he dropped his nine iron effort 12 feet from the cup on the 3 par 24th, while Jack was overshooting the green by 50 feet. But Russell again upped his advantage on the 25th par 5er as his chip shot rolled to within 4 feet of the pin where he sank for a birdie 4, with Cline missing an 8-foot putt for a five. Jack went 5-up on the following hole—the par 3 No. 26 as his iron was true to the green for

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