

SPORTSLIGHTNER



SAMMY BAKER
The dryness, for even in the springtime a ballgame likes his raincoats once in a while. . . .

The news of how Jimmy Aiken is leading up his Oregon Ducks has reached the southern precincts of the Coast conference and, from the looks of some of the columnists' efforts there, the southerners are casting a worried glance at Eugene. One gentlemanly clarioner that Aiken is heading for the Rose Bowl and

ties, who incidentally wrote even more Oregon high school athletic history by gaining "all state" honors as basketballers, are certain to be on the opposite team in the Shriner's first annual all-star prep football classic in Portland next September. Houch and Baker were two of the sharpest preppers in the state last fall. And on the all-Portland side is sure to be a third member of last year's crop of mighties, Pat Duff of Grant high. . . .

Harland Cliff, last semester boss of the Yakima Stars, is now a scout for the Detroit Tigers. . . . Len Ratto, Beva shortstopper in '47, is given a good chance of sticking with Cleveland. They call him "The Mouse". . . . Jim Brillheart, Tacoma skipper now shaping up his club in Walla Walla, says the Tiges will be a tough outfit in the WIL campaign this season. . . . At Woodland, Cal., Mr. Buddy Ryan of the Spokane grins the same thing. . . . For a guy who not too long ago vowed he would write no more on and against northern division basketball officiating, Lair (Foulball) Gregory is doing o.k. He must have a short memory. We still think he should grab a whistle himself if he doesn't like the way it's done now. Ten to one you wouldn't hear another peep out of him then. . . .

Boosters Boss Ira Pilcher has set a goal of 5000 for opening night attendance at Waters field April 16 and, with the always necessary cooperation of the weather, may make it this time. The Senators missed by only 250 customers a year ago, and by slightly more than 700 the year before that. . . . If Jack Wilson pops up with something that looks on the ferocious side in the next couple of weeks at Corvallis, Pilcher & Co. should easily realize the first 5000 opening night in Solon history. . . .

Those prep football enthusiasts who last fall "would like to see both Carlos Houch of Salem and Sammy Baker of Corvallis in the same backfield" will get their wish. The two prep migh-

Last season it most certainly was Jim (Miracle Man) instead of (Milkman) Turner as the Bevo skipper piloted a purely so-so crew into a P. C. L. first division finish. And from the looks of what Turner has to start today's Coast league race with, he'll do an encore with the stuff if he keeps the Beavers up in the race again. Of course replacements may come through the Yankee lineup later. But right now Turner doesn't have much on paper. . . . If his spring camp game stints are an indication, Kenny Wyatt will stick with the varsity as a reliever pitcher. He has been used in such capacity in many of the early trial runs, and hasn't done badly at all. . . . After sending his Chicago White Sox charges against most of the Coast loop teams in the recent California exhibitions, Mgr. Ted Lyons opined Lefty O'Doul's San Francisco Seals looked to be the stronger of the P.C.L.'ers. Giants Boss Mel Ott pegs the Seals, and the Oakland Oaks as tops also. . . .

California's long drouth may have wrecked the productiveness of the soil, but what a dandy weapon for conditioning it was for the baseball managers. They had their hirelings out in the warm sunshine almost daily for over a month, and we couldn't help but notice the fine shape what teams we saw were in. A number of the players beanoed

Rain Dampens Opening Workout for Senators

CORVALLIS, March 29—(Special)—Baseball's No. 1 enemy—rain—put a dampener on the first Salem Senator spring training workout here on Oregon State's Coleman field today, but not before Manager Jack Wilson & Co. got in a couple of hours of checking in, issuing equipment and batting drill. Wilson intended another two hours of conditioning, but had to shoo his 37-man turnout indoors when the rain made things too wet. Weather permitting, daily drills will be held until the opener with Tacoma at Salem on April 16.

Assisting Wilson in whipping the Solons into shape is the veteran diamond campaigner Moose Clabaugh. Moose joined the outfit at the invitation of Business Manager George Emigh. Most of today's turnout consisted of rookies. Although a number of those classed as regulars was in camp, almost as many more have not yet arrived. Due to check in tomorrow or later in the week are Pitchers Tony Kikura, who was obtained in the Lou Kubiak trade and who has been in the Portland camp over a month; Vince Lazor, 1947 Solon veteran; Bob Stevenson, another up from the Portland camp; Shortstop Joe Gedzius, traveling from his Chicago home; Second-Baseman Al Spaeter, en route from the Beaver varsity; Catcher Frank McMillan, Outfielder Bob Cherry and Third-Baseman Mel Nunes. Those in camp today who also trained at Riverside are Pitchers Hunk Anderson, Daryl Eliason, Bus Sporer and Gene Peterson; Catcher Ralph Mohler, First-Baseman Jim Pritchard, Left Fielder Dick Sinovic and Catcher Paul Halter; Pitchers Bill Carr, with the Senators at the end of last season, and Cal Melwin, obtained from Lincoln of the Western loop, also are here, along with Outfielder Chet Hartman, up from Stockton of the Cal-State circuit; and Dick Gentskow, outfielder who had the big season with Albuquerque while on option last summer.

Rookies on hand, many of whom will be cut from the squad in the next few days: James Cobb, Bobbert Clayton, Rudy Drobnick, Clyde De Witt, Wilford Facer, Jack Ferluga, Henry Geigle, Douglas Dickey, Wendel Olson, Hillard Beeson, Don Mandeville and James Mandeville, pitchers; Duane Eliason, catcher; Bud Bowman, Norman West, Left Fielder Dick Dor, Forbes and John Weston, infielders, and John Klem and Ralph Montgomery, outfielders. Tomorrow at noon Wilson, Emigh and most of the Senator crew will be guests of the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce during a special baseball luncheon.

Gus to Meet British Champ

LONDON, March 29—(AP)—Ted Broadbribb, manager of British Light Heavyweight Champion Freddie Mills, said tonight in a radio broadcast that his fighter would oppose Gus Lesnevich, world champion of the division, in London July 26.

He said the bout would be held in the 50,000 seat White City stadium and that it would be promoted by Jack Solomons. Broadbribb made the announcement, the first of a positive nature regarding the bout, during a guest appearance on a radio show. Lesnevich knocked out Mills here in the tenth round a year ago.

Joe to Leave Isles
NEW YORK, March 29—(AP)—Joe Louis, who ended an exhibition in London Saturday, will arrive in New York on April 12 and leave for a Michigan training camp April 14, the 20th Century Sporting club said today. He will defend his title against Jersey Joe Walcott in Yankee Stadium the night of June 23.

Mat Tourney Tonight

Matchmaker Elton Owen's eight-man "sudden death" grappling tournament sets for tonight at the armory, and out of the seven matches certain for the party will strut the gent who will next week get a fling at Frank Stojack and his coast junior heavyweight title belt. Also, tonight's winner will spear a trophy party for Matchmaker Owen, plus the lion's share of the payoff prize. Owen has booked among the eight gladiators four who have long been favorites here, namely, Joe Lynam, Frankie Hart, Gordy Hessel and Buck Weaver. The other quartet is made up of Paavo (King Kong) Katonen, Jack (The Jaw) Lipscomb, Sammy Kohen and George Curtis. All eight will enter the ring at 8:30 o'clock to take part in a drawing for first-round matches. Then comes the 15-minute limited brawls on a single-elimination basis, winners advancing toward the top prize and losers folding up for the evening. And with such an array of muscle talent as the eightsome makes, most of the single-fall sessions should be dandies. In the event that no fall is gained within the time limit of a match, a decision will be rendered.

Shaping Up the Senators



Much of Monday's opening day ceremonies for the Salem Senator spring training camp at Corvallis was spent via huddle between Manager Jack Wilson (left) and Business Manager George Emigh. Wilson gave the big boss the dope on the team's prospects after having many of the players in tow the past few weeks at the Portland camp in Riverside.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30—(AP)—Babe Ruth picked an all-time all-star baseball team today in the Saturday Evening Post but left right field open because "I just don't want to pick myself." Pitchers—Walter Johnson, Washington Senators; Christy Mathewson, New York Giants; Grover Cleveland Alexander, and Herb Pennock, New York Yankees. Catcher—Ray Schalk, Chicago White Sox. First base—Hal Chase, New York Yankees. Second base—Napoleon Lajoie, Cleveland Indians. Shortstop—Honus Wagner, Pittsburgh Pirates. Third base—Jimmy Collins, Boston Red Sox. Left field—Ty Cobb, Detroit Tigers. Center field—Tris Speaker, Cleveland Indians. Right field—Mr. X. Leaving the selection of the right fielder to his readers, Ruth offered as candidates, Harry Hooper, Joe Jackson, Harry Heilmann, Ross Young and Mel Ott.

Kahut' Hawkins Launch Drills

PORTLAND, March 29—(Special)—Joe Kahut and Roy Hawkins today launched local drills in preparation for their ten-round heavyweight bout here at the Civic Auditorium Tuesday, April 6. Kahut, the Pacific Coast heavy champ, has been taking daily road work at his Woodburn farm. Hawkins has been working out in Tacoma under the watchful eye of his trainer, Jack Chase. All seats for the fight are reserved.

Fraser Eyes Pro Job

SUN VALLEY, Idaho, March 29—(AP)—Gretchen Fraser, Olympic women's slalom champion, is considering turning professional. W. P. Rogers, manager of Sun Valley resort, said Mrs. Fraser, of Vancouver, Wash., had talked to him about a professional contract at the resort but that arrangements have not been completed. ICE PLAYOFF POSSIBLE
SAN FRANCISCO, March 29—(AP)—The possibility of a playoff between champions of the Pacific coast and middle states hockey leagues for the American Hockey association championship was confirmed tonight by G. A. Leader, president of the coast circuit.

Loucks, Shafer Slicker Titlists

Al Loucks and Frank Shafer were assured of the 1948 Slicker title over the weekend thanks to the cooperation of the team of Dave Eyre and Tony Painter. The Eyre-Painter duo, needing three points to tie the nine earlier rang up Loucks and Shafer, muffed their chance as they got by 1 1/2 points in a bout with Jimmy Sheldon and Bob Burns. The scheduled windup between the Leo Estey-Bill Goodwin and Archie Schultz-Jim McNeil combinations was unplayed, but will be off sometime this week since it will have a direct bearing on order of finish. As of now, Goodwin and Estey

Coast Loop Opens 46th Campaign Today; Oilers, Kentucky Reach Olympic Finals

Crown Clash Wednesday Eve Groza, Kurland Star in Crucial Contests

NEW YORK, March 29—(AP)—The Kentucky Wildcats, outlandish Baylor, 77-59, and the towering Bartlesville, Okla., Oilers subdued Denver's Nuggets, 69-40, tonight at Madison Square Garden to gain the final round of the Olympic basketball trials. The two winners will meet for the U. S. Olympic title Wednesday night. The Wildcats were led by Alex Groza, their stylish 6-7 center. Groza scored 33 points to pace all the pointmakers, 26 of them coming in a hectic first half which found the Wildcats out in front 44-30. The Bears, who had bowed to Kentucky 58-42 in the NCAA finals only last week, came back early in the second half to close the gap 50-39, but that was the closest they ever came to catching the fast-breaking Wildcats out in front 44-30.

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Hornets Beat Eugene Icers

Salem's Hornets closed out their Willamette Valley league hockey schedule Sunday night as they trimmed Eugene, 5-2, in the Lane county city. The win was the fifth straight for the Hornets and gave them a final record of five victories, three losses and one tie. There is a possibility the local ice men may meet a Tacoma club in an exhibition go here in the near future. Doc Geyer paced the Hornets Sunday with four goals while Bill Farnow registered one.

BOWLING Scores

COMMERCIAL NO. 1
Walton-Brown (2)
Brown, C. 164 181 133-478
Riffey, P. 159 167 109-495
Silke, P. 167 210 171-548
Catalagher, K. 169 156 139-464
Richer, J. 169 176 149-494
Marion Creamery (1)
Pekar 155 168 143-466
Gustafson 153 197 132-482
King 177 164 226-567
Davenport 162 153 163-478
Kenyon 116 176 207-499

Good Housekeeping (8)
Mathis, Karl 172 180 157-509
Jones, Lloyd 199 169 165-533
Cherrington, J. 158 136 169-463
Simons, Frank 148 159 161-468
Duncan, Don 170 185 137-492
Lutz Florists (3)
Upton, Art 197 161 137-495
Parker, Bob 169 188 183-540
Price, Bob 161 191 203-555
Nagley, Ralph 184 191 176-551
Lutz, Don 188 202 168-558

Starr Fruit (3)
Byers 155 177 171-505
Powell 174 124 164-462
Langhoff 223 186 197-606
Ayres 118 114 117-349
Kitzmiller 209 189 211-609
Court St. Radio (8)
DuBuy 151 168 162-487
McCune 138 141 197-476
Braden 195 160 161-516
Pugh 174 155 154-483
Friesen 191 181 147-519

Woodburn (2)
Perd 158 174 156-488
Deagen 165 122 121-408
Austin 164 175 133-472
Shorey 160 163 164-487
Steele 195 189 227-611
Keith Brown (1)
Cushing, Stearns 177 167 166-510
Bahlburg, Erv 154 190 124-448
Hillcrest, Dave 136 167 135-438
Powell, Mark 170 148 191-509
Murdock, Don 181 142 226-549

Ready for Plunge in PCL



One of the most valuable players in the Western International league last season while catching for the Salem Senators, Bill Beard (above) is now with the Portland Beaver varsity and will be behind the dish today when the Bevos open their part of the Coast league campaign at Oakland.

Banquet Tonight Fetes Local Basketball Clubs

Hoop fans of the vicinity will tonight have a fine chance to pay tribute to the city's quintets at the Salem Breakfast club's big banquet set for the Marion hotel at 8:30. Hoopsters to be feted include those of Sacred Heart Academy, Salem Bible Academy, Salem high school and Willamette, together with the respective coaches.

Coleman Slates OSC Workouts

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, March 29—(Special)—Coach Ralph Coleman is sweating it out this week, awaiting the return of his Oregon State baseball squad to the Beaver campus to commence its pre-season training program. Rain and a water-soaked field made it impractical for Coleman to keep his squad on the campus over spring vacation this week, but if the weather turns good all at the Beaver diamond chief will quickly reassemble his squad. The opening pre-season game against the Salem Senators is April 2.

Training Camp Notes

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 29—(AP)—The New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox set an American league record for Citrus circuit exhibition by playing four hours and two minutes in the Boston Braves today. Empire Summers called the game to allow the Red Sox to catch their bus back to Sarasota. FRESNO, Calif., March 29—(AP)—The New York Giants and Pittsburgh Pirates each made eight hits but the New Yorkers put their to better use and defeated the Pirates 3 to 0 today in an exhibition baseball game. It was a scoreless pitchers' battle between Larry Jansen of New York and Vic Lombardi of Pittsburgh until the fifth inning, when Lohrke of the Giants hit a home run out of the park.

BRADENTON, Fla., March 29—(AP)—Combining four of their nine hits with four bases on balls for a six-run rally in the third inning, the Boston Braves, with most of their regulars in action, today blasted the St. Louis Cardinals' reserves, 10-4.

SARATOSA, Fla., March 29—(AP)—The optioning of First Baseman Walter Dropo to the Boston Red Sox American association farm team at Louisville was announced today by General Manager Joe Cronin.

LAKELAND, Fla., March 29—(AP)—Young Art Houtteman scattered seven Philadelphia Phillies hits today as he went the distance and pitched the Detroit Tigers to a 7-4 win before 550 fans here. TAMPA, Fla., March 29—(AP)—The Cincinnati Reds scored their third straight Grapefruit league victory over the St. Louis Cardinals, 4-2, today before a gathering of 561 fans. Rookie Walker Cress and Ken Raffensberger limited the Red Birds to six hits.

Seals Favored To Take Flag

Bevos, Rated Threat, Clash with Oakland

LOS ANGELES, March 29—(AP)—The Pacific Coast league—baseball's traditional bellow—opens another season of diamond activity tomorrow. Always first to respond to the cry of "play ball," the PCL teed off on its 46th year with high hopes, pocketbooks—and medium-high talent. The league—whose president, Clarence Rowland, hopes to make it major—has added considerable talent of major league status last year, as well as numerous promising rookies from lower loops. Rowland predicts a banner season, topping even 1947 when some 4,600,000 fans were lured through the turnstiles for an all-time minor league record. Experts fail, however, to see how the pennant race can be any closer than last year when Los Angeles and San Francisco battled to a dead heat in the season's standings and the Angels won a single game playoff. "O'Doul, starting his 15th season as Seal skipper, has most of his 1947 team back plus catcher Dixie Howell, outfielder Gene Woodling and infielders Jack Tobin, Frank Shofner and Mickey Rocco. The Seals' pitching appears deeper and more seasoned than other clubs."

Los Angeles, with its better talent gone to the Chicago Cubs and elsewhere, is expected to battle to stay in the first division. Bill Kelley's men may have a hard time breaking through such apparently strengthened contenders as Oakland, Seattle, and possibly Portland and Hollywood. Oakland's mixture of veterans and hustling kids under scrappy Casey Stengel is regarded as a potential troublemaker. Sacramento and San Diego, seventh and eighth last year, are still generally listed as question marks. Sacramento has chosen to build up a flock of aged ex-big leaguers and a brand new manager, Joe Orenco. Orenco is the only newcomer to the PCL. Managerial ranks, of which O'Doul of course is senior member. Sacramento fans are hopeful he'll come through a la Kelly with the '47 Angels—a bell ringer in his freshman season. The openers with probable starting pitchers: San Francisco (Jack Brewer or Cliff Melton) at Sacramento (Tony Freitas or Jack Salvson), Los Angeles (Red Lynn) at San Diego (Tom Seals), Seattle (Herman Essee) at Hollywood (Rugger Arditonal), Portland (Vince DiBiasi or Roy Heiser) at Oakland (Will Hafey).

Michigan Eyes AAU Laurels

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 29—(AP)—With the Big Nine and national collegiate titles already in its possession, the University of Michigan can record an Olympic year "grand slam" this week-end by capturing the national A.A.U. swimming championships in the Yale pool. But, the Wolverines, who de-throned Ohio State in both meets, will find the April 1, 2 and 3 test real tough. The A.A.U. competition has attracted America's best swimmers, including several Olympic hopefuls who have either been graduated from college or are in prep school. They weren't eligible to swim in the collegiate meets, but will be for this one.

'Crests Lead Pro Playoffs

BELLINGHAM, Wash., March 29—(AP)—Bellingham's Firecrackers took a one game lead over Seattle tonight in the best-of-three preliminary championship playoffs of the Pacific Coast Pro basketball league by defeating the Athletics, 84-77. The next playoff game will be in Seattle Thursday night, and the third in Bellingham Friday night, if necessary.

114 Bevo Gridders Out

CORVALLIS, March 29—(AP)—Coach Lon Stiner counted off 114 candidates for the Oregon State college 1948 gridiron squad today as the Beavers checked in for spring training. The list included 29 lettermen, including Don Blum, Dick Gray, Ken Carpenter, Rudy Rupp, Dick Twenge, Don Samuel, Bob Krell and Roy Koch.

Table of Coastal Tides

TIDES FOR TAFT, OREGON
Times for Taft, Ore., compiled by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.
Mar. HIGH WATER LOW WATER
30 2:30 a.m. 6.3 10:49 a.m. 0.1
5:38 p.m. 4.3 10:15 p.m. 3.2
31 4:17 a.m. 5.9 11:30 a.m. 0.4
6:58 p.m. 4.4 11:19 p.m. 3.8

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