

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

Weekend wash: The new basketball rule calling for a player to raise his hand when he's charged with a foul truly is a dandy, if for no other reason than that it will act as a muzzle for many of the more loquacious and loud-voiced customers. They'll see the player hike his hand and will figure he's admitting his foul, so no boo. The rule magistrates didn't make clear what might happen if same player raises one hand but fingers his nose with the other, however...

Mat Maestro Elton Owen is to be denied the grappling glories of "Gorgeous" George. He's making for while—George is wagner too many potatoes down south. But M. Owen finds the attraction of another top villain soon, no less than Rowdy Rufus Jones, the negro head-splitter... Hey, Gregory! They called it fouls in the Kentucky-Baylor game the other night. Sic 'em!... Most athletes in Coast conference schools generally stick to one sport. But not so at Washington. No less than nine of Art McLarney's Husky basketballers are on his baseball team, and Sammy White, the cagey pitcher, is classed as one of the best catching prospects on the coast... Add red hot baseball customers, Numa Arnold and Curt Ferguson of the Willamette Amusement Co. They've purchased 24 tickets for the Senators' opening night with Tacoma here April 16. Of course they might have to row themselves in and out of the park if the weather doesn't change, but they'll be there...



HERMAN REICH

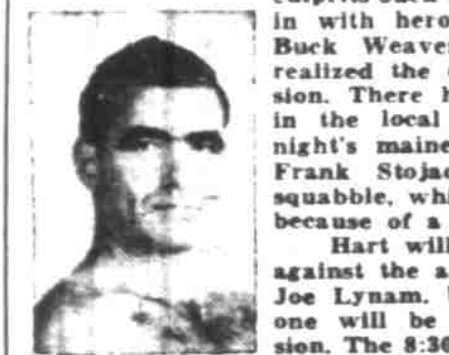
Carl Maxy, the Alsea fishing man who does some scouting for the SF Seals on the side, says of Albert (Bud) Fortier, the Albany lad who hit .420 for Ralph Coleman's Oregon Staters last spring: "If Fortier doesn't make good in baseball, I'll never recommend another player." The Seals have sent Fortier to Yakima, where he is expected to be regular shortstop... Speaking of the Seals, they tried to swing a deal with the Red Sox the other day, but were handed a sympathetic "nope." Handsome Herman has turned out to be one of the top Portland prizes...

Shooters Already Filing for July Meet

The Pacific International trapgun meet booked for the Salem club range in July is such a big affair that reservations and registrations already are trickling into the village. Tad Shelton tells us from 300 to 400 shooters from all over the west will be here to go for the gold and glory, and that when they arrive they'll find a freshly remodeled clubhouse awaiting them. The STC is spending a few thousand dollars improving the clubhouse and water system... Jack Nichols is Washington's "five-year man" in basketball, and now Jack Huskies are to come up with still another in football. Bill McGovern, the big grid center, will be back again in the fall for his fifth season. GI training assignment during the war makes it possible, as in the case of Nichols...

Tag Teams Vie Tonight

As bruising a tag team maimer as he's had in months is Matchmaker Elton Owen's expectation tonight at the armory when culprits Jack Lipscomb and Paavo Katonen climb in with heroically-inclined Gordy Hessell and Buck Weaver. And if Owen's expectation is realized the customers are in for a lively session. There have been some tag team terrifies in the local biceps bin over the winter. Tonight's mainer prospect is the Frankie Hart vs. Frank Stojack coast junior heavy title belt squabble, which was postponed until next week because of a mixup in dates by Tiltill Stojack. Hart will appear in tonight's special event, against the always popular and just as capable Joe Lynam. Unlike the main event melee, this one will be an all-scientific wrestling excursion. The 8:30 o'clock opener brings in the brand new "Phantom," a masked hombre who is said to be an out-and-out toughie. Owens intends to find out just how tough, for he's booked with George Dusette, who could be called "The Great" around here and never be questioned. Owen himself likely will referee.



Joe Lynam

City Pin Tournament Reaches Halfway Point

Some respectable scores (with the aid of handicaps) were on the board as the annual City Bowling tourney reached the halfway mark Sunday at Capitol Alleys — and those same scores will be the targets of another contingent of wheelers as the big show resumes next weekend.

Salems to Vie With Bulldogs

Coach Vern Gilmore's Salem high Vikings track and field squad will today romp with Tommy Drynan's Albany Bulldogs in a 3 p. m. meet on Olinger Field. The meet was originally set for the Albany oval but wet grounds caused the shift to the Olinger lot. It will be Salem's first dual meet of the season although Gilmore's troupe grabbed the championship of the Hill Relays in Portland last week. Gilmore expects a tough meet with the Drynans, for they tied Corvallis, 61-61, in a session a few days ago. Albany's Ralph Barker has racked up two .101 century performances this season, and is a cinch for 220 and relay points also. Ted Coyalt, Jim Jensen, Rom Hill, Doyle Dodge, Bruce McDonald and Dale Odger, who showed well in the Hill meet, are expected to repeat for the Viks today.

Maxie's Trip To U.S. Nixed

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—Rep. McDowell (R-Pa.) said today the state department has turned thumbs down — for now, at least — on plans of Max Schmeling to return to the United States this summer for exhibition bouts. McDowell, a member of the house — American activities committee, told reporters the former heavyweight champion's application for a visa has been turned down. McDowell's protest against the application when Schmeling announced his plans in Germany several weeks ago.

Duck Gridders Open Practice

EUGENE, Ore., April 5 (AP)—Oregon opened spring football training today with nearly 100 candidates reporting to Coach Jim Aiken. Among them 24 lettermen and 20 transfers from other schools. Today's workout was the first of 30 sessions. Oregon opens Sept. 18 with games due every week end.

Table of Coastal Tides

Table with 4 columns: Tide tables for Taft, Oregon, compiled by the U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Month of April, 1948. Columns: Apr. HIGH WATER, LOW WATER, 10:21 a.m., 4:45 a.m., 11:25 p.m., 5:23 a.m., 11:39 p.m., 5:31 p.m., 1:6

Rain No Obstacle: Senators Hold Drill

By Al Lightner
CORVALLIS, April 5.—(Special)—Rain or no rain, the Salem Senators are going to try to be in shape when the Western International league opens next week. They proved that here today when they braved mid-winter weather to get in a two-hour session, their first in four days. Manager Jack Wilson had the aspirants chasing down fungoes and bounding around in "pepper" games. The pitchers did quite a bit of throwing also. About the only thing missing was batting drill. It was too wet for that. Today's scheduled tilt with the U of Oregon at Eugene was canceled, and it is very doubtful the game with the Ducks can be played tomorrow. That will make five games in a row lost to the weather. If conditions will permit it here, the Wilsons will get in a practice tilt with Ralph Coleman's Oregon Staters tomorrow afternoon. But game or no game, the club is slated for another workout even if it's in snow. Over half the players — those who didn't get in a month of training at Riverside — are far behind in their conditioning, and the opener falls one week from next Friday night. Business Manager George Emigh reported today that Beaver General Manager Bill Mulligan is back from California, but that he had no news concerning the availability of playing help for the Senators. Also, there has been no further word on Pitcher Tony Klisura and Outfielder Bob Cherry, the two Oakland lads who refuse to report to the Senators. The Bud Peterson-to-Denver deal didn't materialize as expected, according to Emigh, but it is likely the 1947 Senator shortstop will go to some other club instead of being returned for another season at Salem.

Senator First-Sacker

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Padre 9 Next For Portlands

COAST LEAGUE STANDINGS
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San Fran 3 0 1000 Oakland 2 2 500
Hollywood 2 2 500 Los Angeles 3 4 420
San Diego 4 3 571 Seattle 2 2 500
Portland 3 3 500 Sacramento 0 3 000
Sunday results: At Oakland 6-3, Portland 5-8. At Sacramento-San Francisco, rain. At Hollywood 13-4, Seattle 5-3. At San Diego 6-1, Los Angeles 4-7. By the Associated Press.
The rain-spattered first week of Coast league baseball play over, teams Tuesday start more series. The league-leading San Francisco Seals, winners of all three of the games at Sacramento (four were lost to the weather) last week, go to Hollywood; Seattle goes to Sacramento, Los Angeles to Oakland and Portland to San Diego. Only San Diego and Los Angeles were able to get in all seven games last week at San Diego. The Padres won the series, 4-3.
In Sunday doubleheader games, Oakland and Portland broke even, each taking a 6-5 win; Hollywood beat Seattle 13-3, but then got beat, 5-4, and San Diego and Los Angeles divided, the Padres winning 6-4 and losing 7-1. The Seals were rained out at Sacramento. The winning pitcher for Portland Sunday was Tommy Bridges. Roy Helser lost his game.

Merki Missus, Portland Loser

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., April 5 (AP)—Miss Nancy Merki, national swim star, was married here today to Whitford Lees, Jr., of Asheville, N. C.
Two days ago Miss Merki successfully defended her national 500-yard medley title during the National AAU Women's Senior Indoor Swimming championships held here.
The newlyweds, who have left on a trip north, will make their home in Asheville when Mrs. Lees isn't participating in swimming meets.

Boxing Medical Board Set Up

ALBANY, N. Y., April 5 (AP)—Governor Dewey signed today a bill creating a nine-member medical advisory board to the New York state athletic commission.
The board will set up physical standards and supervise the examination of professional boxers and wrestlers.
Fight promoters, at their own expense, must have in attendance at every bout a physician designated by the commission.

Record Purse For Speed Go

INDIANAPOLIS, April 5 (AP)—A record purse of about \$160,000 was predicted today for the 500-mile auto race by Wilbur Shaw, president and general manager of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.
Shaw said the accessory division of the prize fund is expected to reach \$45,000, compared with \$33,625 a year ago. One oil company industry has doubled its 1947 prize list for the May 31 event.

PCL Belting Stirs Speculation

San Diego, April 5 (AP)—A rash of homeruns — 19 in the opening week of the Pacific Coast league here — caused speculation on the cause today. Some said the league has a livelier ball than last year.
Eight of the round-trippers were hit by San Diego in the seven games and 11 by Los Angeles.
George Herrick, sports editor of the San Diego Tribune-Sun, found those leaning to the livelier ball theory included manager Bill Kelly of Los Angeles and Rip Collins of San Diego. The chamber of commerce, he found, theorized via Collins that the climate is so sunny "the ball keeps dry and is lighter."
Don Stewart, Angels' president, and Bill Starr, San Diego proxy, held the view that batters were just ahead of pitchers in opening games.
Players held varying views. Los Angeles shortstop Bill Schuster, boasting one already, thinks that he is just an improved batsman.

Britain Announces Ambitious Food Plan for Olympic Stars

23 Qualified For Elks Meet
Burrell's 74 Stands For Medalist Honor
Although the weather was anything but cooperative, 23 golfers posted qualifying scores at the Salem course over the weekend for the big Salem Elks club sponsored Mid-Willamette Valley open tournament. The entry field is expected to reach near the 250 mark by next Sunday night, deadline for qualifying.
Bob Burrell and a two-over par 74 were good enough to gain medalist honors, thus far. Tom Wise is close behind with a 75. Most of the SGC hotshots, including defending champion John Russell, runnerup Walt Cline and 1946 champion Jack Brande of Lebanon have not yet played their 18-hole rounds, and it is believed that medalist trophy will eventually go to a sub-par shooter.
Those who have posted scores, and who will be assigned to flights next week in accordance with the size of those scores, are as follows:
Roy Hunt 90, Roy Campbell 97, M. D. Humphreys 100, V. D. McMullen 94, R. Baigley 97, F. Moore 97, Tom Wise 75, Jim McNeill 76, Dick Hendrie 88, B. B. Owen 80, Wes Stuart 80, Glen Burrell 82, Bob Burrell 74, Lin Cline 80, Ted Johnson 80, H. Benn 80, Ray Robb 80, Bob Kelley 97, Charles Holman 102, Earl Kelley 95, Fred Edman 97, Boyd Filler 80, Fay Rice 91.

Priority Set For Athletes

LONDON, April 5 (AP)—Great Britain will serve up the comparatively sumptuous heavy industrial worker's ration to athletics competing in Olympic games this summer.
In some items the athletes will get more than double the allocation of the ordinary white collar worker. They will drink two pints of milk a day, compared with the normal allowance of two and one half pints a week.
The big food bonus was announced today by John Straker, minister of food, who added: "We feel confident that that is a generous scale. The British government invited the world to the Olympic games this year and, it being a very great international occasion, we are most anxious to do our guests well."
Another special concession to athletes — more than 5,000 of whom are expected from 58 competing nations — was to free any amount of food they care to import.
This will be the daily food allowance for athletes living in Olympic villages: six ounces of meat, half ounce of bacon, two ounces sugar, two ounces butter and lard, one ounce cheese, one ounce preserves, one pound potatoes, one-third ounce tea, one-tenth ounce dried egg.
In addition to these items, which are the same as the ration for the heavy industrial worker, Olympic menus will be augmented with two pints milk a day for each person.

Rocky Chalks Close Decision

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—Middleweight Rocky Graziano, the bad boy of boxing, returned to the ring tonight to pound out a narrow-squeak, ten round decision over Sonny Horne. Rocky's title wasn't involved. Graziano weighed 160, Horne 161.
The decision of the judges was unanimous, but many in the crowd of 8,000 thought Horne had won, and therefore booted mightily.
Graziano, a back alley type fighter who usually depends on one punch to win, stalked Horne throughout the fight, but he never connected.

SGCers Lose Oswego Match

A gang of Oswego links hounds snared the first half of a home and home divot duel with Salem Golf clubbers Sunday, coming through with a 40% to 34% victory on the Oswego course. The return match is set for the Salem layout April 25th.
Results (Oswego entries listed first): Dwyer 0, Burns 3; J. Latourette 0, Sheldon 3; Alford 0, McCrary 3; Cruckshank 2 1/2, Gustafson 1; Hart 2 1/2, Varley 1 1/2; Graham 1, Pekar 3; Schmidt 0, Allen 0; Goodrich 1 1/2, Hendrie 1 1/2; Jones 0, Schuit 3; Eckles 2 1/2, Waterman 1 1/2; Kanaga 1 1/2, Dr. Wood 1 1/2; Kerry 3, Baxter 0; Ed Latourette 2 1/2, Wise 1 1/2; Shanks 2 1/2, McCallister 1 1/2; Thacker 1 1/2, Kietzing 2 1/2; Ellis 3, Mapes 0; Anderson 2, Batey 1; Hart 0, Schaefer 3; Weeks 2 1/2, Ingram 1 1/2; O. Wilson 1, Kimmell 2; D. Wilson 3, Thomson 0; Berry 3, Painter 0; Branseth 0, Needham 3; Ferguson 3, Emien 0; Eben 0, Mikila 3.

Hawkins Vs. Kahut Tonight

PORTLAND, April 5.—(Special)—A capacity house is expected here tomorrow night when Joe Kahut, Woodburn's wallowing heavyweight, takes on Tacoma's Roy Hawkins at the civic auditorium in the first grudge battle in Oregon heavyweight fight history. The main event mix is set for 10 rounds.
The natural between Kahut and Hawkins, the two top heavies in the northwest, had been originally slated for last summer but injuries to both fighters halted the venture.
Matchmaker Tex Salkeld has reserved all seats for the bout but announces that a limited supply of duets will be sold at the doors Tuesday night. Prices range from \$2.40 to \$5.00 for ringside seats.
Jack Chase, long a local favorite, will take on Johnny Janis, Chicago, in the six-round semifinal, also a heavy go.

Vikings Slate Woodburn Nine

Coach Harold Hauk's Salem high Viking baseball varsity hopes to hike its curtain on the 1948 season today in a three o'clock clash with Jiggs Burnett's Woodburn Bulldogs at Waters field. The Vikings were washed out of their scheduled inaugural at Silverton last week.
Righthander Eldon Caley likely will open on the mound for the Vikings, with Carlos Houck behind the plate. Burnett's battery choice is apt to be Jack Crockett on the mound and Freddy Gay behind the dish.

State League To Four Teams

ALBANY, April 5 (Special)—The Oregon State baseball league voted itself down to a four team circuit here Sunday and set up an 18-game playing schedule for each team. The opening games are booked for the weekend of May 23. Both McMinnville and Valsetz dropped from the circuit, leaving Bend, Salem, Portland and Albany to carry on. The Bend team will be sponsored by the Elks lodge there. Salem will be under the sponsorship of the Willamette Amusement Co. The Portland team will be operated by Timber Structures, Inc., and will be coached by Wade Williams.
Opening round games will send Albany to Bend and Portland to Salem. All games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays. Salem will play on Saturday and Sunday nights at Waters park when the Portland and Albany teams visit. When Bend plays at Salem the games will be played on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. There will be no split season and no playoffs in the circuit.
Other cities were represented at the meeting, but none were voted in. Next year the league is expected to grow to eight teams.

Marino Meets Bernal

STOCKTON, Calif., April 5 (AP)—Dado Marino of Honolulu, No. 1 ranking challenger for the world's flyweight title, makes his first appearance in this country tomorrow night in a 10-round fight with Mike Bernal of Oakland. Bernal, a bantamweight and former national amateur champion, has lost only one decision in 28 professional bouts.

Duck Pins

Ladies league results last night at B & B Bowling club saw Giegers stop George's Electric, 4-0; Highland Market down Oregon Flax, 3-1; Memorial hospital whip Wooden Shoe, 3-1; and Bessie Bread dump Maudies Inn, 3-1. Jean Zeeb's 582 was top series.

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