

State Legion Tourney Opens at Waters Tonite

The annual Oregon American Legion Junior baseball tournament, generally dominated by the strong Portland entries but just as often a slam-bang encounter between the "teen-agers" before the big boys romp off with it, opens tonight at Waters park with a 6:30 o'clock doubleheader featuring all four qualified teams. Pairings for the twin bill will be made via a drawing at 4 p.m. today, at the American Legion club, with Tourney Director Ira Pflieger, State Legion Commander Jess Osborn and representatives of the four teams—Albany, Oregon City, The Dalles and Campbell Rock Wool of Portland—taking a hand. The Portland team (Jefferson high school), is sponsored by a local business firm with a branch office and rates as the odds-on favorite in the double elimination meet. But the Cummings Movers of Albany, annually a tourney entry, and the Oregon City team, conquerors of Salem in the recent district squabble also boast strong squads. Not too much is known of the eastern Oregon entry, The Dalles.

Governor John Hall will head the list of notables who will at six o'clock commence inaugural ceremonies. Following tonight's doubleheader, a single game at 8:15 o'clock Saturday and another at 8:15 Saturday night will complete the second day of play. Another 2:15 o'clock Sunday, and what is expected to be the championship game at 8:15 Sunday night will finish off the tourney and send its winner into regional play next week. Salem's Capital Post No. 9 is sponsoring the playoffs for the second straight year.

Blasting Still On: Senators Win, 6-0

CAPILANO STADIUM, Vancouver, Aug. 12.—(Special)—Still on the batting rampage that has seen them win their last three games, the Salem Senators tonight upended the Vancouver Caps, 6-0, in the first game of their series. Although held to only six hits by Jim Hedgecock and Herb Kindsfather, two of them were home runs by Salem's Ralph Samhammer, with Al Spaeter on base in the fourth, and by Eddie Barr, with none aboard in the sixth. Samhammer's was his eighth of the season, and Barr's his ninth.

It was a gala evening for Lefty Cal McIlvinn also. Not only did he blank the Caps with his six hits, yielding nary a walk en route, but he also at long last picked up a win No. 14 for the season. Cal has been trying to get off the "13" whammy since July 19.

Salem's other three runs came

Salem (6)		Vancouver (0)	
B	H	B	H
Wentl	6	0	0
Spaeter	3	0	0
Samhmr	4	1	5
Sinovic	4	1	1
Barr	4	0	1
Nunes	3	0	1
Gedzius	3	0	1
Burgher	2	0	1
McIlvinn	3	0	1
Pitching:		Pitching:	
Totals 25 6 27 16		Totals 32 6 27 13	

SPORTS LIGHTNER

The name George (Junior) Simons perhaps doesn't mean much in these parts — that is, if you haven't been keeping an eye on teen-age baseballing up and down the valley. If you have, then you know Junior was for Rex Hunsaker's Albany high schoolers last spring perhaps the most outstanding kid pitcher in the state with his big whiff ball. He up and fanned no less than 21 in that extra-inning thriller with Salem high's Vikings, for example. Simons comes in tonight with his Albany Cummings Movers Legion team for the tournament at Waters park, and no doubt much of the titular hopes

Too late to classify: Doc L. E. Barrick, it develops a few months late, is no longer district five softball commissioner, a post he held for a number of years. Jim McConville is now the commish and has this week been working overtime getting the local softballers through their finals so as to be ready for district warring. . . . The good Doc had best keep in shape, however, for his big chance is coming again. The famed Oregonian, Orioles, with no less than L. H. Gregory, his special pitching, are coming to town Monday, August 23, and Barrick will again be called upon to play second base for the local team.

The last time Doc faced Gregory for our local greats, he smacked them doubles, two of same kind, against the fielder in the 12th, against the right fielder in the 13th, and against the Vaughn street park. So stay in shape, Doc — you're in there. . . .

Lucky guy is John Majeski of the Keizer district, and former sponsor of the Redwood Nursery mine in the first year of Junior baseballing in Salem. John has business in the east late this month, and darned if it doesn't have him in Boston on the very day the Red Sox play Connie Mack's Athletics, and in New York the day the Yankees take over the Detroit's. Business will cease both days between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. . . .

Things in general being considerably more pleasant for Ed Boss Jim Turner these days, we wonder if he would now be generous enough to lend our Senators one of his pitchers for next Monday night's second Portland-Salem rattle at Waters park? Just any one of 'em will do, Jim — Dibiassi, Helsler, Bridges, Johnson, Liska — as Heaven and everyone else in the Northwest knows we could stand one (at least). It's become so bad that Bruce (Voice) Williams is thinking of asking his ROCO audience to contribute a dime a head toward the purchase of one sizeable knight of the toe plate for our men. . . .

Re the WIL moundsmen, those possessed by the Bremertons have paid off well. Same Brems are now in a walkaway for the pennant and there isn't a club in the league that can catch 'em. Pitching is at least 75 per cent of any ball club. If you think not, go down the Brem lineup and compare its so-so hitting with the power and run-producing found in the Tacoma roster. Bremerton will win on pitching. Tacoma has more than enough batting power, but will lose because of feebleness on the mound. The same goes for Spokane, Victoria and Vancouver. . . .

Albany Ace



George (Junior) Simons (above) is ace of the Albany Cummings Movers hurling staff and will see much action in the State American Legion Junior baseball tournament starting tonight at Waters park.

Capitols Eye 3-Team Meet

The Salem Capitols, champs of the State league, are anticipating a formal invitation to participate in a three-team tournament at Eugene near the end of the month. Eugene baseball men contemplate staging a tournament featuring the local State league champs, Albany's Alcos who won the Oregon semi-pro title and the Miller Lumbermen, who are headed for the Cascade league bunting. Should the Lumbermen cop the latter crown, it is very likely the tournament will be held. All games would be played in Eugene's Civic stadium.

Meanwhile the Caps are tuning up for their big challenge game at Silverton Saturday night at 8:15 o'clock with the Silverton Red Sox. The Bill McGinnis-Jerry Gastineau Billvertons won the Willamette Valley circuit pennant.

Softy Playoffs Near End Line

The rapidly diminishing Salem City league softball playoffs knocked off another session last night at Leslie, the American division champion Mootry Pharmacia's facing Salem Navy 6-0, and the Marine Reserves downing 12th Street Market 5-3. Jim Rawlins pitched a one-hitter for the Mootrys and hit a homer. So did Al Wickert and Kasey Kreil.

In tonight's games it will be Master Bread against Naval Reserve at 7 o'clock. Pink Elephant opposite Warner Motors at 8 and Knights of Columbus against Golden Pheasant at 9. Master Bread and the Pheasants are battling it out for the National title, and a Sunday afternoon playoff game with Mootry's. The titular playoff will be a 2-of-3 series.

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Taft, Ore., August, 1948. Compiled by Coast and Geodetic Survey, Portland, Oregon.

Aug.	Time	LOW WATER	Time	Hi.
13	8:29 a.m.	4.2	1:30 a.m.	0.3
	7:17 p.m.	4.4	12:51 p.m.	3.9
14	9:46 a.m.	4.4	3:35 a.m.	0.0
	8:18 p.m.	6.3	2:03 p.m.	3.2
15	10:49 a.m.	4.6	3:32 a.m.	-0.2
	9:14 p.m.	6.4	2:11 p.m.	3.2
16	11:25 a.m.	4.8	4:43 a.m.	-0.3
	10:05 p.m.	6.5	4:07 p.m.	3.1
17	12:14 p.m.	4.9	5:28 a.m.	-0.4
	10:52 p.m.	6.5	4:57 p.m.	2.9
18	12:44 p.m.	5.0	6:50 a.m.	-0.5
	12:02 p.m.	6.5	5:29 p.m.	2.7
19	1:13 p.m.	5.3	7:35 a.m.	-0.4
	1:11 a.m.	6.4	6:18 p.m.	2.5
20	2:11 a.m.	5.3	8:56 p.m.	2.3
	2:29 p.m.	6.2	7:34 a.m.	2.0
21	3:08 a.m.	5.2	9:34 p.m.	2.1
	3:26 p.m.	6.0	8:56 a.m.	0.4
22	3:28 p.m.	5.5	8:15 p.m.	1.8

U.S. Pies Up Olympic Points; Track Team Wins; Welch-Hofmeister Duet Cops Pro-Amateur Title

Idaho Duo Posts Final 128: Steiger-Sheldon in Top Ten

The Lewiston, Idaho, combine of Pro Bill Welch and Amateur Bud Hofmeister, after scorching the course with a 13-under par 59 Wednesday, came in with a 69 at Salem golf club yesterday, and with it 128 total for the two days speared first place in the 1948 Pacific Northwest Pro-Amateur tournament. To Welch went the top slice of the \$1500 purse for the pros, and to partner Hofmeister went the perpetual PNPA trophy and an expensive set of silverware.

The Idaho team, due mostly to its mediocre second day, finished only one swing above two other duos, Frank Newell and Jack Walters of Tacoma and Dick Haskell and Jim Mallory of Seattle. Two teams tied for third at 130 — Larry Lamberger and Lew Jennings of Portland and Al Zimmerman and Bud Haskell of Portland. Tied at 131 were Sid Harmon and Jim Shriver of Walla Walla, Defending Champions Emery Zimmerman and Ray Weston of Portland and Woody Lamb and Jim Bushong of Bend. Four teams wound up at 133 to complete the circle of money and other prize winners. They were Joe Steiger and Jimmy Sheldon, Salem's only entry; Ed (Porky) Oliver and Erv Parent of Seattle, Harold West and Gene Bates of Tualatin, and Dave Killen and Duke Mathews of Olympia.

A gallery numbering nearly 500, thankful for the lateness with which the party took off yesterday after Wednesday's too-early start, was on hand for the finish at 7:30 o'clock last night. The major onlookers, out to see the largest golf tourney in Salem's history, followed the colorful Oliver, a US Ryder Cup player, and Marvin (Bud) Ward, twice national amateur champ from Spokane. Ward and Pro-partner Roy Moe finished with a 137, out of the chips.

Par figures were again poohed yesterday, as 29 of the 33 teams out for the second round bettered the 72 standard listed by the treestudded and picturesque South River Road layout. Complete tourney scoring follows:

128 — Bill Welch — Bud Hofmeister. Lewiston, Idaho. Frank Newell — Jack Walters, Tacoma. Dick Haskell — Jim Mallory, Seattle. Ray Moe — Marvin Moe, Victoria. Jennings, Portland; Al Zimmerman — Bud Haskell, Portland. 130 — Emery Zimmerman — Ray Weston, Portland; Sid Harmon — Jim Shriver, Walla Walla. 131 — Dave Killen — Dick Mathews, Olympia; Joe Steiger — Jimmy Sheldon, Salem; Harold West — Gene Bates, Tualatin; Ed Oliver — Erv Parent, Seattle. 134 — Ted Longworth — G. Jones, Portland; Buck McKendrick — Leo Johnson, Portland. 135 — Bob McKendrick — Stafford, Oswego; Ray Homberger — Tom Marlowe, Portland. 136 — Jim Buseck — Bob Cook, Coos Bay; Sherman Ellsworth — Bob Ingalls, Corvallis. 137 — Ed Bates — Jack Brande, Astoria; Roy Moe — Marvin Moe, Victoria, Spokane; Willie Price — Dick Price, Longview. 138 — Hayden Newell — Jim Frazier, Portland; Harry Clow — Len Holmes, Vancouver; John Rudy — M. Georgetti, Tacoma; John Langford — Harry Bates, Portland; Bill Selkirk — Spike Beeber, Klamath Falls; John Hostner — Scotty Campbell, Seattle; Ken Tucker — George Holland, Everett. 141 — Ken Putnam — Glen Sherill, Seattle. 142 — Eddie Hogan — Ray Chirgwin, Portlan. 143 — Wendell Wood — Bruce Fischer, Eugene. 146 — Roy Moran — Dom Provost, Rogue Valley. 147 — Tom Ely — Clyde Roberts, Hayden Lake, Ida.

A Bouquet for The Babe



NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(AP)—As sad faced kids watch, 10-year-old Marian Duffy gives a bouquet of flowers to nurse for delivery to Babe Ruth in Memorial hospital today. The 53-year-old king of baseball sluggers is in critical condition. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

'Slight Improvement--Still Critical'--Ruth

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Babe Ruth showed slight improvement today in his battle with a critical illness at Memorial hospital. His family and friends seemed encouraged about his condition. Mrs. Claire Ruth, his wife, told reporters "He's feeling better" as she left the hospital for a short time this morning.

The bulletin at the Memorial hospital center for cancer and allied diseases said the former baseball star had rallied and that his pulse was stronger. "Condition improved, although still critical," it added.

The great home run slugger has been sick for two years, but his condition suddenly became much worse yesterday morning. At that time, his physician said a cold developed pulmonary complications and his temperature went up alarmingly.

The Babe's army of friends and well wishers rallied behind him during the day with an outpouring of telephone calls, telegrams, letters and visits which swamped hospital facilities. One of the hundreds of young persons Ruth had visited when they were ill sent him this message:

"Dear Babe: You told me to put up a good fight. Now, I'll hope you'll do the same thing. You are in all our prayers."

It was from Margie Redmond, 17, of Paterson, N.J. In August last year Ruth went to a hospital to cheer her up when she was suffering from a form of paralysis.

British Beat Relay Quartet

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The United States Olympic team, picking up points today in yachting and canoeing, pushed its total to 609 points at the close of the 12th day of competition. The Olympics close Saturday. The first-place Americans now are within 20 points of the total Germany amassed in 1936. Sweden remains in second place with 318½ points, France has 177, Britain 143 and Italy 142.

America's gentlemanly sailors mopped up the Olympic yachting honors, usually an European monopoly, today but managed to send only one man into the finals of the boxing tournament. The U. S. was expected to dominate.

United States yachtsmen won the overall championship in the Olympic regatta with two firsts, a second and a third in the five classes and atoned for their complete shutout in 1936 when the Star Spangled Banner never once rang out over the bay.

The resounding American successes at Torquay, however, was not duplicated at the empire exposition poolhouse where only welterweight Horace Herring of St. Petersburg, Fla., was able to bash his way into the boxing finals.

The U. S. Olympic track and field team defeated a British empire squad, 11½ to 3½, in the dual meet which traditionally follows the games, scoring one of the most decisive triumphs since the series began in 1920.

A crowd of more than 40,000 at White City stadium watched the Americans grab the top three places in six of the eight individual events on a program top-heavy with relay races.

Although the British won only three of the 15 men's events outright and tied in another, one of their victories made up for all the losses. That came in the 440-yard relay when an empire quartet strengthened by two Australians galloped away from the U. S. team which the displaced Olympic 400-meter relay final.

The empire sprint was made up of John Bartram and John Treloar, both of Australia, and Alanastair McCordquale and Jack Archer, both of England.

The Americans used Barney Ewell of Lancaster, Pa., Lorenzo Wright of Wayne University, Harrison Dillard of Baldwin Wallace and Mel Patton of Southern California, the same combination which first was disqualified after its Olympic triumph and then reinstated on the strength of the official moves.

Bartram made up ground on Wright and a poor American exchange of the baton put Dillard at a disadvantage. Archer came home ahead of Patton by almost five yards in 41.8 seconds.

ceedingly irked and revengeful, Jones asked for and received the rematch from Matchmaker Elton Owen.

Knox, amounting to as tough a grappling hound as there is in the circuit, spilled the usually rugged negro in straight falls this week, climbing the brawny by boning Rufe's head against the post. Owen will announce participants in the prelim matches later, and he says he will do the refereeing himself.

Cleveland Splits Pair, Loses Top to Mackmen

The Cleveland Indians went base-hit berserk in the second game of their American league doubleheader with the St. Louis Browns last night, winning by the enormous score of 26 to 3, but it did them no good. They had lost the opening game, 8-4, and the combination cost them the league lead to the Philadelphia Athletics.

A rare move on top by the slim difference between .601 and .600 in percentages. The Tribe mashed out 29 hits in the second game and tallied nine times in the first inning.

The twin bill was the only American league action, as the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees were rained out at New York in the only other scheduled game.

The Boston Braves extended their National league margin to four games when Lefty Warren Spahn tossed a 2-1 winner over Brooklyn. Relief pitcher Ralph Branca's wild pitch let in Sibby Sisti with the winner in the ninth.

The Pittsburgh Pirates made another bid for a first division berth by beating the St. Louis Cardinals, 2-1. Wally Westlake singled in two runs with two out in the ninth.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland	100	901	002	-11	1
St. Louis	020	410	014	-13	1
Zolack, Kleinman (4), Muncie (7) and Regan, Tipton (4); Ostrowski and Moss.					
Cleveland	004	343	310	-26	29
St. Louis	000	100	002	-3	7
Bearden, Feller (8) and Hegon, Tipton (6); Sanford, Biscan (1), Widmar (1), Stephens (4), Drews (8) and Parize.					

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis	000	001	-2	6	1
Pittsburgh	000	001	002	-3	1
Dickson and Wilber, Baker (6); Lombardi and Kluttz, Fitzgerald (7).					
Brooklyn	000	001	000	-1	0
Boston	001	000	000	-1	0
Natten, Branca (8) and Campanella; Spahn and Mast.					

PHILADELPHIA LEAGUE

Philadelphia	05	45	201	Detroit	00	34	481
Cleveland	02	400	Washington	03	42	410	
Boston	00	44	St. Louis	00	40	404	
New York	00	44	Chicago	00	34	343	
Thursday results: At St. Louis 5-3, Cleveland 4-26, At New York-Boston (rain). (Only games scheduled.)							

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Boston	01	44	Pittsburgh	01	47	320
Brooklyn	05	45	Philadelphia	09	55	471
Cleveland	02	400	Cincinnati	45	49	429
Boston	00	44	St. Louis	00	41	404
New York	00	44	Chicago	01	39	394
Thursday results: At Boston 2, Brooklyn 1, Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 2. (Only games scheduled.)						

Anglers Face 'Good' Weekend

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—A number of Oregon areas today predicted good results for fishermen this weekend. The state game commission's angling outlook:

Clackamas county—Clackamas river—low and clear in good. Sandy river—fair to good. Camp, Still and Clear creeks and Salmon river—fair to good. Lane county: McKenzie, south fork, Horse creek and Blue river is fair. Linton and Clear lakes spotty. Frontiers for trout. Water conditions excellent. Wasco county: Dechutes river, low and clear. White river low and clear.

Odele lake: Fly fishing for small rainbows is good. Other fishing fair. Crescent lake: Fishing for rainbow good. David lake: Dry fly fishing for large rainbows improving rapidly. Opal and Thompson lakes: All types fishing fair to good. Crescent creek, Marsh creek and Little Dechutes: Fly fishing good early in morning and late in afternoon. Bait and spinner fishing poor.

Coos county: A few sea-run cutthroat are being taken in tideswaters.

Striped bass fishing slow on lower Coos bay. Western Lane county: Trout angling slow. Few sea-run cutthroat entering the Stuehler, but catches have been small.

Linn county: Fresh waters are poor for angling. Troutling for steelhead trout in tideswaters poor. Some Chinook salmon taken on troll in lower Siletz, Yaquina and Alsea rivers. Salmon fishing continues good offshore.

Tillamook county: All streams low and clear and angling above tide water not so good. Several nice takes of sea-run cutthroat taken from lower Nehalem and Nestucca rivers from head of tidewater down stream. Troutling for silver salmon is poor. Tidesmook bay in vicinity of Garibaldi good the past weekend.

Rogue river: Trout fishing good and improving. Small gray hackle and blue spangled flies best. Salmon fishing good at Cold Beach but poor in the upper river.

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Beaver Surge Continues 6-3

The Portland Beavers, on the strength of Vince DiBiasi's fourth flinging and perfect 3-for-3 outings by Harvey Storey and Herm Reich, one of Storey's being a home run, continued their drive toward a first division berth in the Coast league baseball race last night by beating San Diego again, 6-3. A crowd of 8603 watched the battling Beavs sneak to within two games of the fourth place Padres.

The red hot Portlanders play the Salem Senators, a trifle on the warm side themselves lately, in a Waters park exhibit next Monday night, 8:15 o'clock.

San Diego 010 200 000-3 4 1
Portland 010 200 000-2 2 1
Juristich, Kerrigan (4) and Cametti; DiBiasi and Silveira.

Sacramento 000 200 300-3 10 0
Seattle 000 011 200-4 8 0
Grissom, Salvo (7), Nagy (9), Cecil (9) and Moore; Karpel, Besley (8) and Grano.

Oakland 100 020 300-11 12 1
San Francisco 300 400 011-9 14 5
Wilkie, Speer (2), Buxton (9), and Lombardi; Fisher (6), Gables (9), Melton (9), and Leonard.

Hollywood 200 100 002-5 7 1
Los Angeles 002 100 000-3 2 1
Arizola, Albosta (8) and Gladd; Lynn and Novotny.

Keizers Upset By Yeater '9'

The Keizer Merchants had a bomb tossed into their Salem Class B Junior baseball loop pennant aspirations last night at Olinger when the Yeater Appliance team, on the one-hit hurrying of Bob Baggett, topped the Merchants, 3-1. Landon was the only Merchant to get a hit. Yeaters got only two bingles off three Merchant flingers, by Cobb and Dobbins. The loss dropped the Merchants into second place, for at Leslie last night the Four Corners club, previously in a tie with Keizer, eked out a 5-4 nod over Salem Sand and Gravel. Four Corners is now a game ahead.

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3rd prize, Pfluger Bond Salmon Reel	Value 8.75
4th prize, 150-yds. Fortuna Salmon Line	Value 6.50
5th prize, 3 Salmon Plugs	Value 5.25
6th prize, 2 Salmon Plugs	Value 3.50

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