

# Spokane Waves Pennant as WIL Season Ends; Senators Win Weird Finale, 5-4



She's all over but the shouting (and growling), and were we to pluck "the most valuable player" on the Senators ball club for 1948 it would be a standoff between Dick Sinovic and Cal McIrvip. Rapping Richard's bat, 30-30 arm and ability with glove can't be overlooked, and had he not been around this semester the club wouldn't have finished nearly as well off as it did. That is, if a second division finish can be classed as well off. As for McIrvip, he too was one of the team's top swatsmen, despite dividing his time between outfield and mound. And his success on the mound, brief as it was, was a considerable course by his having to play the outfield in between times, makes Cal just as eligible as Sinovic in our book.

Others will swear by their personal favorites, like Eddie Barr, Al Spaeter, Mel Nunes, etc. Which is good. Barr's terrific hitting in the last half of the campaign can't be unnoticed, and the off-season infield work by Messrs. Nunes, Spaeter and Jim Wert is deserving of no little notice. Nunes was again the top-most fielding guardian of the far turn in the league, banded in almost 80 runs en route and will find his total of 117 innings either first or next to it in the WIL.

A quick look over the ups and downs since April 16 show that Salem might have won the pennant, if both Bremerton and Spokane hadn't been around. The Senators won only five and lost 16 to the Breds. Against Spokane it was eight wins and 18 losses. The Solon record with Tacoma was 14-12, with Vancouver 10-9 and with Victoria 9-14. The Vics join the Breds and Spokes as being the only outfits topping the locals over the season.

In the matter of games won at home and on the road, the final count reads 39 won at home to 42 lost, and 34 wins abroad, alongside 45 losses. Doubt it plays amiss as one of the brighter features of the season. The final 173 total (last night's final game not included) is eight more than the all-time record of 165 set by Yakima last season, and is also something to be right proud of. Adding even more impetus to the toasty turvy season, so far as Salem was concerned, is a look at the win-loss streaks compiled. The club had top victory streaks of 4, 7, 9 and 5 games. Itals had won in 10, 7 and 13 in a row. The 13 in a row actually was what broke the club's back so far as a first division finish was concerned.

Players Were Plentiful We've kept accounts of the daily doings by the Solons, and it would be surprising to know that more than 30 players either came, went or stayed during the season. Nineteen of these had a whirl at pitching, and had the club been a winner neither list would have been nearly so large. The old losing baseball team ditty, "The 'I'll Be Some Changes Made," certainly was applicable here.)

Individually, the final shot of "Senator Swat" listed (we hope) on the page will show you what the regulars wound up hitting and how the pitchers finished their wins and losses. As for runs batted in, doubles, triples, homeruns and stolen bases, just keep on reading. These do not include last night's final game, but they can be brought up to date by adding to them the results of that game.

Runs batted in, doubles, triples, home runs and stolen bases listed in that order behind each name: Sinovic 112, 40, 15, 15, 14. Barr 103, 31, 11, 16, 11. Nunes 84, 46, 4, 2, 10. Wert 81, 23, 5, 1, 4. Gedzius 80, 19, 3, 6, 7. Samhammer 58, 14, 2, 8. Spaeter 58, 20, 10, 14. McIrvip 51, 13, 4, 5, 0. Burgher 49, 21, 4, 5, 6. McNulty 32, 16, 2, 2, 3.

Consequently, Sinovic is RBI champ, Barr is tops in homers with 16, Sinovic in triples, Nunes in doubles and both Sinovic and Spaeter in stolen bases.

Red Face Department Pardon, please: We announced after the snappy Senators triple play the other night that it was first ever in pro ball for the Waters arena. Not so, as we have been informed thusly by more than a dozen stout-shouldered customers. All remembered a triple play made in the 1940 season here, so we needed into the records. Sure enough, the Salems manufactured not one, but two of the gems that summer, one here and the other in Vancouver. And embarrassing as it is, we had a hand in both. We remembered the one in Vancouver—a line drive to Bucky Harris with bases loaded, he stepping on first base and then tossing over to us at third to retire the side. The other we thought happened in Spokane. But it came about here instead, and also was a bases-loaded liner which we speared, stepped on third and threw to Harris at first (we could throw that far then) to retire the side. And now to football.

B's Organize For Campaign Paul Reiling, Gervais, was elected president of the Marion county B league for the coming year at a meeting here last night. W. Bayless, Mill City, was named vice president and Ordie Hoyer, Gervais, will fill the secretary-treasurer post. Officials advised that Hubbard, in the future, will be known as North Marion high school. Three games will open the B grid campaign October 1st.

# Locals 'Shoot Works', Snatch Ender; Spaeter Mound Winner

It could only happen in a season-ending, anything-goes finale, and it happened at Waters park last night. A crowd of 1244, putting the final total at 77,659 for the season, sat in on the "thing", a reasonable facsimile to a baseball game, which was finally won by the Senators, 5-4, with two runs in the ninth inning over Victoria. The "Who's On First" routine by Abbott and Costello had nothing on our local heroes as they said good-bye for 1948. Salem sent seven pitchers to the mound—infielders and outfielders turned pitcher all of a sudden, that is—and with both the townies and the Vics acting more like they belonged to a Ringling Bros. pitch than the Western International league, the '48 chase was brought to a weird but strictly hilarious finish. The crowd got quite a bang out of it all told.

There's not much use tabulating just how the runs were scored, or who scored 'em. The scorekeeper was still trying to decipher those items 4½ hours after the game was over. But Salem did win finally, 5-4, according to the umpires, and Al Spaeter, seventh Salem flinger for the session, pocketed the hurling victory. He had succeeded, in order, Ray McNulty, Ralph Samhammer, Mel Nunes, Eddie Barr, Dick Sinovic and Jimmy Wert.

And when you consider that Manager Jack Wilson, in his finale as Senator manager (he has resigned, you know) used 16 players in empty-four positions along the way, you have an idea of just what transpired. Even Len Kasparovitch, strictly a Victoria Athletics pitcher, got into the act for Salem long enough to make an assist in the fifth inning.

On the serious side, Salem wound up either fifth or sixth for the season, depending upon how Vancouver made out at Yakima in their standard time finisher last night. If the Vans lost, Salem wound up fifth. If the Vans won, Salem wound up sixth. But little difference there, as both spots are in the second division.

At any rate, the Spokane Indians, thanks to their terrific last-month finish, today hold the 1948 pennant. They bounced Tacoma twice Tuesday night, John Cordell hurling both ends of that double bill, and again in the first game of a double bill last night to nail down the flag that Bremerton thought it had for three months of the campaign. That makes three pennants for the Injuns—in 1940-41-48.

Lou Kubiak, an infielder-outfielder with the Vics all season (he was with Salem last summer) pitched the distance for the A's and let out 22 hits. But as mentioned, things were so weird along the way that it would take three chrysalis balls and an ouija board to figure out the who and why end of everything. Usually most folks frown on such a way to climax a season, but the gathering last night found any number of hearty laughs in the proceedings. Victoria, in the person of bow-legged Charley Balassi mostly, managed to keep pace with the local Vics in the department. The Vics used 12 players, and most of 'em pitchers at that.

Even a dog tried to get into the act early in the game, but he was benched quickly when he refused. You can look at "Senator Swat" to play center field for both teams, elsewhere on the page for final batting and pitching averages for the Solons. Wilson got a wove of a hand when he pinch hit himself in the ninth, his bow-out. . . . Spokane pulled over 9,000 for its finale last night and in it Frank Nelson won his 24th game by blanking Tacoma 4-0. . . . Bremerton lost the second game of its double bill to Wenatchee, 1-0, doubling any chance the Tars had at the flag. . . . Spokane's torrid streak against the Indians win 45 of their last 56 games. . . .

# Bowling Scores

Table with bowling scores for Major League, Civic League, and Aime Motor. Includes names like Pink Elephant, Cupboard Cafe, and scores for various teams.

# Football Start

Coach Harry Mason has over 20 aspirants, including six lettermen out for football at Salem college and academy, and is shapening up the squad for its first game with Newport on September 24. The lettermen are Ernie Dennis, Mikkelson and Dick Carter, Tackles Harry Ediger and Dick Zeller, Center Vernon Isaac and Halfback Don Goertzen.

# Black Better

CLEVELAND, Sept. 15 (AP)—Improvement was marked today in Don Black's fight for recovery from a brain hemorrhage, but a physician said the stricken Cleveland Indians pitcher still was not out of danger.

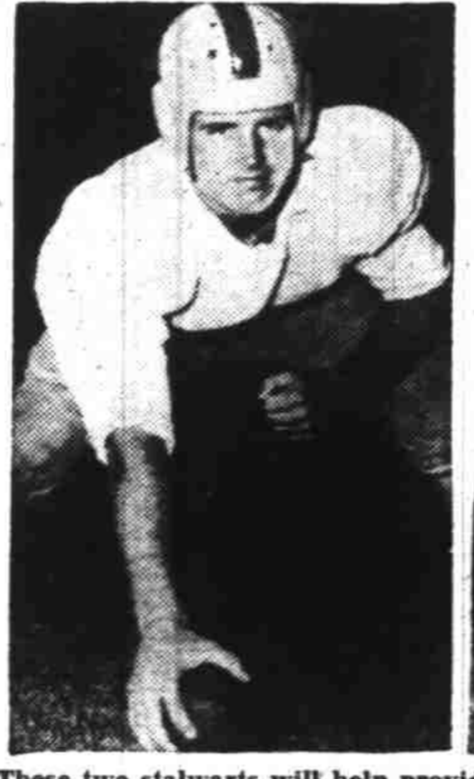
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# Salkeld Adds Special Bout

Matchmaker Tex Salkeld, his 10-round main event between Jack (Ginger) Snapp and Joey Albina, a super fistic plum for the army next Wednesday night, yesterday began lining up the supporting card. The six-round semiwindup special will feature speed, as Featherweights Jerry Strutz and Jimmy Gooding have been booked for the bout. The former Fort Lewis soldier boy Strutz has been a top favorite here ever since he began boxing in Salem over a year ago. Gooding is just as clever and fast, and hails from Portland.

Hard at work in his Portland training quarters, Snapp yesterday agreed to put his Oregon middleweight championship up in the mix with Albina. Usually the title bouts in the state are for 15 rounds. But Albina has been so insistent upon getting a crack at the Ginger Boy's toga that Snapp, with a wide grin of confidence, agreed the titular angle for 10 heats. The balance of the card will be booked later. Strutz and Gooding, incidentally, have met twice before, each winning once.

# Gauchos, Vandal Enemies



These two stalwarts will help provide opposition for both Oregon and Oregon State Saturday as the 1948 football season opens at Eugene and Corvallis. At left is Center Frank Kirkland, 208-pound cogger of the Santa Barbara Gauchos who battle the Webfoots. At right is Johnny Brogan, soph backfielder, and pass thrower for the Idaho Vandals who play the Beavers at Corvallis. Both games start at 2 p.m.

# Beavers Lose, Tie Frisco

By The Associated Press The San Francisco Seals licked the Portland Beavers, 11-5, last night in the first game of a pair, with the second game being called at the end of the eighth with the score tied, 4-4. PORTLAND, Sept. 15 (AP)—Second night game: San Francisco 621 100 00-4 10 2 Portland 020 100 01-4 12 0 (Called end 8th; league curfew) Werle, Soriano (8) and Leonard; Bridges and Silvers. Sacramento 000 010 000 1-2 14 0 Hollywood 000 000 001 0-1 10 0 Lierman and Castino, Woods and Kahn, Gladd (2). Oakland 000 010 031-5 13 2 San Diego 203 120 00x-9 9 0 Olsen, Venturillo (3), Walden (7) and Ritchey; Tost and Lombardi; Raimondo (6). Los Angeles 000 030 030 000 00-3 13 1 Seattle 000 000 211 000 00-3 18 2 Adams and Malone, Novotne (14); Karpel, Hall (9) and Grasso, Stumpf (9).

# Academy Waits Football Start

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# Cats Hear Bad News

Willamette's Bearcats weren't figuring too strongly on knocking over the Portland Pilots Saturday afternoon in their grid inaugural at Portland's Multnomah stadium to begin with, and since a couple of reports have reached Coach Jerry Lillie and Co., the chances for an upset win are exceedingly damp. The reports, delivered by former Bearcats Hill Reder and Mary Goodman after watching the Pilots tune up, insist the PU eleven "will beat Willamette by 30 points." Reder is now an assistant coach under Hal Moe at Portland. Another report which has made the Cats dig in a little deeper in their final drills holds that not a member of the WU team could make the Portland squad.

The Methodist eleven will nonetheless shoot for an upset of the team that beat them 27-0 at the close of last season. Lillie has been sharpening up his passing attack all week, with both Bobby Douglas and Johnny Burleigh on the pitching end. All starting positions loom as secure now with the announcement that made-over Tackle Norm Dversdahl, of all-Portland fame last fall at Jefferson, will open at right end.

# Bosox' Amerk Margin Reduced; Braves Protect Nat Advantage

# Chisox Wallop McCarthys as Yanks, Tribe Rest; Southworths Top Cubs

The Boston Red Sox muffed a chance to stretch their American league lead at the expense of a second-division club Wednesday as they were smothered by the Chicago White Sox, 17-10. The loss cut the Bosox' margin to 1½ games over the runnerup New York Yankees who were idle, as also were the third-place Cleveland Indians. A 10-run seventh inning helped the White Sox to victory. Philadelphia's Athletics decisively the St. Louis Browns, 8-7, in 12 innings, and Washington's Senators suffered their 15th straight loss as the Detroit Tigers beat them, 4-2. Lou Kretlow, fresh up from the Eastern league, scattered nine Solon hits.

The Boston Braves retained their five-game lead in the National league race as they trimmed the Chicago Cubs in the final meeting of the year between the two teams. Four Cub errors helped the leaders. The second-place Philadelphia Athletics, however, topped the New York Giants, 8-3. Preacher Roe twirled a seven-hitter as the Brooklyn Dodgers beat Cincinnati, 2-1, in the second game of a twin-bill. The Reds took the opener, 3-2, on Howie Fox's six-hit job. Hank Sauer rapped his 31st homer for the Reds in the initial go. The St. Louis Cardinals downed the Philadelphia Phils, 2-0, behind George Mungler's smart three-hit hurling.

# Orange Expect Tough Vandals

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Sept. 15 (Special)—The preliminary drills are just about completed and Oregon State's question mark football team will start playing for keeps against the highly regarded Idaho Vandals in the Pacific Coast conference opener on Bell field here Saturday. Idaho, under its popular coach, Dixie Howell, proved to be the surprise team of the 1947 season on the Pacific slope. The Vandals recorded amazing upset wins over Stanford and Utah in posting four victories in eight games for their best record in years. Idaho is expected to be even better this year. In fact, many Vandal supporters are predicting this will be the best Idaho team in history.

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# Viks Wait Trappers

Their spirit in high gear and primed to open the season with an upset victory, Salem high's Vikings will today put the finishing touch to their pre-season football workouts. The Vikings open Friday night on Sweetland field at eight o'clock with the Vancouver, Wash., Trappers. The Trappers, reportedly 28-lettermen strong for the Western Washington prep race, will be heavily favored for the win. Head Coach Loren Mort, about to make his debut as SHS grid skipper, will stick by his opening lineup as announced early this week. The backfield lists Buzz Covalt at quarter, Deen Paulus and Bud Michaels at the halfback posts and Deb Davis at full. They'll operate from Mort's freshly installed version of the T formation.

The line finds Doug Rogers and Jim Rock or Al Kleinsmith at the wings, Gordon Bacon and Don Allison at tackles, Fred Sproule and Ray Cummings at guards and Tom Soderman at center. Only Michaels, Paulus, Sproule, Cummings and Rock are holdovers from last year's varsity. Mort has lined up the others from his crack Jayvee eleven of 1947, with the exception of Allison, who moves up directly from a rarrish Junior high.

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