# **Newcomers in Mat Prelims**

Two newcomers one a Class Triple-A cleanie and the other an established meanie dot the prelim assignments for Tuesday night's mat card ton Owen has announced. The party of the first part is Bill Sledge of Texas, a former Randelph Field GI flyer who saw much wartime service in the Pacific.

the grappling Bill Sledge country as a topnotcher, Sledge will debut in a clash with Irish Jack O'Reilly, the muscular and mean Aussie.

Ben Sherman, fast-moving Eugene grappler is the nasty who comes in. He'll meet Rene LaBell

Declaring that every position on

the club is wide open, Willam-

ette U Baseball Mentor Johnny

Lewis is these days busy admin-

istering early drills to the Bear-

of lettermen in Lou Scrivens, Johnny Slanchik, Howard Olson,

Cat Baseball

**Drills Begin** 

reports that Sherman is just as rough and tough as the next guy when in the ring. Both prelims will be 2-of-3 fallers, limited to

On top of course is the Frank Stojack vs. Bulldog Clements in the local ring, as the mustachioed and tough Texan, Bulldog Jackson's protege, has yet to lose a match here. So Stojack can pluck himself an extra 50 clams if he can self an extra 50 clams if he can spill Clements. Chances are Stojack will have both Clements and Jackson to beat, as when Junior is getting stomped in the ring Pappa Buildog generally joins in the melee.

club, it was announced today. Russell will replace Ted Neist,

now on leave of absence. Marvin (Bud) Ward, twice National Amateur golf champion, was one of 16 applicants for the sat varsity. The opening game is position. Ward said if he were not

#### the new Bush pasture field here, where Willamette will play its Valley League Lewis' pitching staff, a week ahead of the others in workouts, looms strong. He has a fistful

been announced by League Secre-

## **Marion-Polks Set Ball Sked**

STAYTON, March 12 - (Special)
Marion-Polk league secretary Joe
Boyle has announced the loop's
1949 baseball schedule, which
consists of 33 games. The season
will open April 12 and will close
Way 13 Games will be played

SEATTLE, March 12-(P)-Kay
McNamee of Vancouver, B. C.,
was the only double winner, and
the University of Washington's
swimming squad was the team
winner in the Pacific Northwest

Academy and Salem academy at events, and swam successful legs stayton. The schedule is a double of the 300 yard medley and 400 round-robin setup on a home- and- yard free-style events to cap a home basis.

TAMPA, Fla., March 13 -(AP)

Howard Fex, tall strong armed

righthander of the Cincinnati

Reds, is firmly convinced the

club's change in managers will

Fox is the lad who shone so brilliantly in the Reds' training camp last spring but folded like an accordion in the summer. The 28 year old Oregonian was a sensation in the exhibition

series. He won six games and

had admiring watchers mention-ing him in the same breath with

He was a changed pitcher once

the campaign started, dropping seven of his first nine decisions.

Only a strong finish enabled him

to wind up a disappointing sea-son with a 6-9 won and lost

"You notice I didn't start to win until the second half of the season," he pointed out today.

Ewell Blackwell.

him a better pitcher in

Russell Beats Out Ward, Walla Walla

WALLA WALLA, WASH., Mar. 12-(AP)-James C. Russell, form-erly of Coos Bay, Ore., and Salem, Ore., has been appointed profes-sional at the Walla Walla country

scheduled for April 1, against accepted for the job he would re-Oregon College of Education on tain his amateur standing.

Johnny Slanchik, Howard Olson, Larry Stocks and Bert Lund. There are others with good prep background trying for mound as-The catching will be Grade A if Roy Harrington's leg injury, absorbed during football season, as follows:

absorbed during football season, is healed enough to allow him to play. If not, Lewis must find another backstop, as Dick Allison, the No. 2 maskman last season is now scholastically ineligible.

Infield aspirants are three and four deep at each spot, and the outfield has its load of prospects also. Sorting through these to find the best combinations will be Lewis' main chore for the next gouple of weeks.

As follows:

March 25—Sandy at Woodburn, Mt. Angel at Silverton at Woodburn, Sandy at Mt. Angel. April 15—Dallas at Silverton, Molalla at Mt. Angel at Canby. April 15—Dallas at Silverton, Molalla at Mt. Angel at Canby. April 15—Dallas at Sandy at Mt. Angel at Canby. April 22—Canby at Silverton, Mt. Angel at Estacada, Molalla at Sandy. April 29—Dallas at Canby, Estacada at Woodburn, Silverton at Woodburn, Canby at Woodburn at Mt. Angel, Canby at Estacada. May 6—Canby at Woodburn, Dallas at Mt. Angel, Canby at Estacada. May 6—Canby at Woodburn, Dallas at Mt. Angel, Canby at Estacada. May 6—Canby at Woodburn, Dallas at Mt. Angel, Canby at Estacada. May 6—Canby at Woodburn, Dallas at Mt. Angel, Canby at Estacada. May 6—Canby at Woodburn, Dallas at Mt. Angel, Canby at Estacada. May 6—Canby at Woodburn, Dallas at Mt. Angel, Canby at Estacada. May 6—Canby at Woodburn, Dallas at Mt. Angel, Canby at Woodburn, Dallas at Mt. Angel, Canby at Estacada at Mt. Angel, Canby at Silverton, Mt. Angel, Canby at Silverton, Mt. Angel at Canby. April 15—Dallas at Sandy, Molalla at Sandy, April 29—Dallas at Canby, Estacada at Dallas, Molalla at Mt. Angel at Canby. April 15—Dallas at Sandy, Molalla at Mt. Angel at Canby. April 15—Dallas at Sandy, Molalla at Sandy, April 29—Dallas at Canby, Estacada at Dallas, Molalla at Mt. Angel at Canby. April 29—Dallas at Canby, Estacada at Dallas, Molalla at Mt. Angel at Canby, April 29—Dallas at Canby, April 29—Dallas at Canby, Estacada at Dallas, Molalla at Mt. Angel at Canby, April 15—Dallas at Sandy, April 29—Dallas at Canby, April 29—Dallas at Canby, April 29—Dallas at Canby, April 29—Dallas

### **Huskies Snatch** Stroke Honors

best pitch is a sinker. Hereafter, I want you to throw it low."

tions and showed immediate im-

like the best pitcher in camp.

Fox followed Walters' instruc-

the hitters.

# May 13. Games will be played every Tuesday and Friday throughout the campaign. The opening round April 12 has Philomath at Monmouth, Independence at Sacred Heart Academy and Salem academy at Academy at Academy and Salem academy at Academy at Academy and Salem academy at Academy at Academy at Academy at Academy and Salem academy at Academy at

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., March 12-(P)-Seven persons were hurt today as Don Evans of San Bernardine, Calif., wen the national amateur 100-mile motorcycle ti-tle for the second straight year Howie Fox Grateful to Walters

Evans, 19-year-old rider, hit Referee Jim Davis of Columbus. O., as he got the checkered flag at the finish. Davis' injuries were "The reason was Bucky Walters. When Bucky took over the managership from Johnny Neun, he told me I was pitching wrong

Robert Mazey, Detroit entrant, was gravely hurt when his mount spilled during the race. He had a to the hitters.

"'Look,' he said, 'you've been pitching high to Johnny Mize, Stan Musial, kalph Kiner, Bob Elliott and Del Ennis. And they've been hitting it back at you faster than it came in. Your best nitch is a sinker Haracter. crushed head. Four other riders were injuged less seriously. A spectator, Fred Kreuger of Old Tapon, N.J., suffered a broken leg when a cycle skidded off the beach and road track and hit him. The winner averaged 79.78

provement. He whipped the Giants, 3-1, and followed with a pair of 3-2 triumphs over Brooklyn and the Philadelphia It's Time to Fox, who owns a pretty good fast ball and curve in addition to the sinker, said he was gunning for a 15-victory season. With Blackwell taking things easy following a kidney operation, Fox thus far has looked like the best pitcher in camp.

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# **Boston Boasts** More Strength

By Joe Reichler

BRADENTON, Fla., March 12-(AP)-"We're the champions. We have definite designs on first place again. The other clubs will have

So said Billy Southworth manager of the defending champion Boston Braves as he discussed the

ever. They are eager to prove that it wasn't all luck last year." Southworth based his optimism

on the following: "Shortstop Alvin Dark will open the season as a proven big leaguer whereas last spring he was an untried rookie; the acquisition of Pete Reiser, the return of Jimmy Russell, the development of Vernon Bickford into a fine starting pitcher, and the wealth of man- go. power insuring a fine bench of reserves, all tend to make us

stronger. Southworth expressed the opinion that the race would be one of pears tightest in years "because the clubs have levelled off."

"There isn't a real weak club in the league," he said. Billy declared that only Dark at short, and Bob Elliott at third base, were sure of their jobs.

"There will be a free-for-all for the other positions," he said. "That's a healthy sign. Ray Sanders has delighted me with his disposition this year. He really thinks he can beat out Earl Torgeson for the first base job. He has looked great so far. He appears fully recovered from the wrist operation.

"Jeff Heath, currently a stubborn holdout, must beat our Marv Over Houtteman Rickert in right field. Even Tommy Holmes in left is not sure of his job."

# Spokane Signs Tuck Stainback day and doctors over his condition. Dr. Edgar T. Watson, who has been treating the Tiger pitcher, treating the Tiger pitcher, was much im-

SPOKANE, March 12-(AP)-George (Tuck) Stainback, 36-year-old veteran outfielder who played with seven major league teams, was signed today by the Spokane Indians of the Class B Western International baseball league. Stainback, who played in the 1942 world series with the New York Yankees, is the first player on Spokane's 1949 roster. The Inon Spokane's 1949 roster. The In-dians have mailed contracts to 15 Marshfield won the grade school

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(Special)-There may be a spot or first division berth. two where he seeks replacements, but take it from Manager Bill Sweeney of the Portland Beavers, he isn't going to have a stumble-bum club in tow in the forthcoming Pacific Coast league pennant

Indeed, after 18 days in spring drills here and with a 2-2 record in four preseason tussles, Sweeney frankly admits his team is going

# **Sites Pondered**

Joe Eves Six Cities For Ez-Walcott Bout

MIAMI, Fla., March 12 -(AP)-Promoter Joe Louis and his business partners are considering six cities as a possible site for the Ezzard Charles - Joe Walcott match, he said today.

Under consideration for the fight - already sanctioned by the National Boxing association - are Detroit, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Chica-

Louis conferred with his partners, Arthur Wirtz and James Norris, before he left for Aruba, Dutch West Indies, where he aptonight in an exhibition Louis said he would meet with

Wirtz and Norris in Chicago March 23 when they probably will announce the city of their choice. They also have conferred with Lou Viscusi, manager of Featherweight Champion Willie Pep, regarding a title match with Sandy Saddler but Louis said no decision had been reached. The former heavyweight champion, who retired March 2, will return from the West Indies Monday.

# **Docs Optimistic**

LAKELAND, Fla., March 12 (AP) Handsome Art Houtteman, the Detroit Tigers big righthand pitcher, whose skull was fractured in a serious traffic crash Thursday night, was "about the same" to-

said Houtteman was much improved yesterday and was holding his own today. His pulse was normal, as was

his blood pressure, an indication no unforeseen troubles would develop internally, Dr. Watson said.

#### PIRATES MAKE GRADE

players who were with the club basketball tournament sponsored by Hill Military academy here to turned.
Stainback was out of baseball last year because of an injured with a 39-38 victory over Seaside. Oregon City won third place with a 33-27 win over Echo; Elkleg. He batted .279 in 87 games with Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast league in 1947.

With a 33-21 with over 221 with a 25-21 victory over Redmond; and Willamina won fifth, downing La Grande, 24-19.

He laughs off questions asked him concerning the Beavers' actual title chances. He points out its a bit difficult in mid-March to dium on March 30. tell what league standings will look like in mid-August, but he is convinced his club will be a rough and ready outfit which will welcome the chance to come to grips

with seven other PCL foes. Bold Bill admits he hopes to land a seasoned first baseman from the New York Yankees and he would welcome a left hand pitcher with savvy and experience. Such help, says Bill, is forthcoming.

At second base, reliable Eddie Basinski will give the Beavers a strong defensive performer and his running mate at shortstop, Frankie Zak, is expected to again produce his scintillating performances of last year. Joe Brovia, Johnny Rucker and

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RIVERSIDE, Cal., March 12- to be a definite contender for a either Dick Wenner or Dick Sino-Special)-There may be a spot or first division berth.

We where he seeks replacements, He laughs off questions asked the Beaver outfield when the club toes the starting line in Seal sta-

> Sweeney isn't worried about his pitching, particularly if one good hurler is sent him by the Yanks. His "big four"—at the moment—consist of Vince DeBiasi, Tommy Bridges, Roy Helser and Jake Mooty—in that order.

> Bridges, the one-time pride of the Detroit Tiger mound staff, will

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