

# Solons, Cats vie Today

## Vik Teams Hit Road

Both Harold Hauk's baseballers and Vern Gilmore's trackmen take to the road today for their next Salem high athletic outings. The baseball team plays the strong Albany Bulldogs in a 3 o'clock game at Albany. The trackmen at eight o'clock will be defending their 1948 championship in the Willamette Valley invitational invitational under the Springfield high arc lights. Gilmore does not expect to retain the title won last year, however. Approximedly a dozen Class A schools will take part in the night circuit meet at Springfield.

## WVU Thinlads In 4-Way Meet

WOODBURN, April 13-(Special)—Four Willamette Valley league track and field teams will take part in a meet on the Woodburn high oval Thursday, starting at 3 o'clock. Participating are the Silverton Silver Foxes, coached by Muri Anderson, the Mt. Angel Preps, coached by Gene Barrett, the Dallas Dragons, mentored by Ken Jacobson and the Woodburn Bulldogs, skippered by Marshall Barbour.

On Friday afternoon the Molalla Indians come to Woodburn to play a league baseball tilt with Chuck Sheron's Bulldogs.

## 1st '49 Ace Sunk at SGC

First local hole-in-one of the year was raked up on the No. 12 hole at Salem Golf club Wednesday as Bob Evenden, Salem, hit one in with a seven iron. There was nothing phony about Evenden's ace. The ball went into the cup on the fly. Witnesses were Bob Albrich, Paul Sundin and Evenden's son.

## Bearcat Oval Troupe Tunes

Coach Jerry Lillie is this week applying the final touches to his Willamette U track and field team for its opening match, next Saturday at Portland in the Lewis & Clark college relays. The Bearcats open their dual meet campaign in Salem with Pacific U on April 23.

Linfelth comes to Salem April 30, Portland on May 3 and Willamette goes to Lewis & Clark on May 7. Then Lillie takes his team to Whitman on May 14. The

# SPORTSLIGHTNER

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Mid-week meanderings:

So sorry you missed the opener in Portland Tuesday. You also missed (1) seeing quite a ballgame in action in this Luke Easter, already the Black Bambino of the Coast league (what power he has!), (2) seeing Harry Storey get a grand ovation when introduced in his new San Diego suit and (3) hearing Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee get an unrestrained and impressively long bo- blast the likes of which she certainly hopes never to hear again when she got up to take her bow. Tuning in on that welcome was worth the price of admission alone. We happened to be sitting directly behind former Mayor Earl Riley when the bo- began, and had the noise not been so loud we're sure we could have heard him eject a gleeful "Hah!" That is, if he weren't pitching with the razzberries himself. . . . Re Mr. Easter, whose speed and nimbleness afoot for a 240-pounder are as awesome as the way he puts a charge into a pitched baseball, he gold should be worth nothing but sold at the gate to any ball yard in which he'll be playing. Already we've talked to a bus load who want to go to Portland not to see the Bevos lose another, or to see Mgr. Bucky Harris & Co., but to see Big Luke at bat. He'll show you something too, friend.

Speaking of batting power, that wallop parked in the center field bleachers at Portland Sunday by Bob Cherry of the town Senators is encouraging indeed. It proved that no ball park in the W.V. including our own Waters arena will be able to hold Big Bob's top serves. Cherry is big enough alright. He stands well over six feet and carries 200 pounds. The home run has never been one of Bob's main fortes in pro ball, but he showed Sunday that he is capable of hitting one, down town now and then. Such power is a welcome item on the local scene indeed.

## McGinnis Back at Silverton— and Loaded Up

Fair warning to all State league ball clubs: Bill McGinnis is back at Silverton after sojourn in southern California, and has lined up quite a team. Those who will recall Bill's prewar baseball efforts at Silverton need not be reminded of how tough he can be on the opposition. . . . Jerry Lillie stands to have one of the better cinder tracks in the state on the new WU Bush pasture field when completed. Real cinders, purchased from the Union Pacific railroad are being pressed in, and the jumping pits are taking shape. Jerry hopes to inaugurate the oval when Pacific comes in for a dual session May 23. . . . Come to think of it, when will the WU's hang a name on that place? Surely they don't want to have everyone going along calling it "Bush Pasture" . . . Bad news comes in this communique from Pen- tecton, B. C., where the Vancouver Caps are training. It says Bob Costello's pitching arm, according to himself, "is in much better shape than it was in 1947 when he won 21 games for Spokane." Rapid Robert, and he is that when right, labored with an ailing flipper last season and wound up winning only 14 games. Also, not content with having Costello, Bob Snyder, Jim Hedgecock, Carl Gunnarson, Hank Anderson and Larry Manier for a staff, Caps Mgr. Bill Brenner has picked up George Nicholas, who won 16 times for Tacoma in 1948. Ouch!

## Sacs' Wilson Mixed Up in Don Johnson Deal

The reason why Don Johnson was sent to the Sacramentos and not the Portlands by the Yankees lies in the fact that same Yankees are vitally interested in the slugging Bill Wilson, homer-hitting Wenchette of last season who now plays regularly for the Sacs. This also the reason why the same Sacs have sent playing help to Denver of the Yankee chain. . . . Don't know whether the Messrs. Aiken and Bowerman used a Royal Coachman or a Blue Caddis, but Compton J'Er Bill Fell is supposedly headed for the U of Oregon. Fell was a halfback terrific for the Little Rose Bowl champs and is a sprinter who does better than 10 seconds in the century. If he does go to Oregon he won't be the first athlete sent to the Webfoots by our old Alma Mater. There was also one Buck Berry, a footballer, and Vic Townsend, a basketballer, and Mack Robinson, a trackman. Remember? Mack is the older brother of Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson, incidentally.

## Northwest conference meet is slated for May 21 at Lewis & Clark

## He'll Face Senators Today



Little Lou Scrivens, ace of the Willamette U pitching corps will be on the mound for the Cats today when they play the Salem Senators at three o'clock on the new Bush park diamond.

## Harry Sharpe, Winner Of 77-Rounder, Passes

ST. LOUIS, April 13-(P)—Harry Sharpe, who came to fame in the gas light era with a knockout victory in a fight that went 77 rounds, died today. He was 78. Until three weeks ago he was active in business as an insurance broker.

It was on Feb. 5, 1893 that Sharpe knocked out Frank Crosby in a fabulous battle on a Sunday afternoon at Nameoki, Ill., just across the Mississippi river from St. Louis. Crosby died six years ago.

Boxing was illegal in that day, and they sneaked away from the St. Louis police, who had stepped in twice when the contest was about to be staged here. They sneaked as much as a special train could sneak, for it was a special that carried a crowd of some 300 devotees, with tickets in hand, to a cold picnic grove at Nameoki.

Winner and loser spent two weeks in bed—and 11 months in jail.

The fight lasted five hours and five minutes, through rain, snow and sleet, and ended by the light of election-night torches and the special's locomotive headlight.

It is in the books as the longest knockout battle fought with gloves, under the Queensberry rules. The record books do not take note of one of the most remarkable facts about that remarkable fight—for the last 12 rounds or so there was no referee. He didn't last.

## Chemawa Captures Win Over St. Paul

CHEMAWA, April 13-(Special)—The Chemawa Indians won their Marion County baseball game over St. Paul's Bucks today, 7-3. Bill Belgarde's three-run triple in the five-run fourth inning sent the Indians on their way. The Saints could get only one hit, by Marshall.

St. Paul, 000 111 0-3 1 3 Chemawa, 000 520 -7 7 3

Marshall, M. Kirk (6) and D. Kirk; Wells, Hyde (6) and Davis; Butler (6).

## Salem Hi Jayvees Bow to Woodburn

WOODBURN, April 13-(Special)—The Woodburn high Jayvees today blanked the Salem Jayvees, 7-0 on the three-hit pitching of Freshman Oscar (Chub) Larson and Dale Yuraneck. The Woodburns collected five hits off DeGuire and Sodemann, Salem's pitchers.

Salem, 000 000 0-0 3 3 Woodburn, 302 002 x-7 5 3

DeGuire, Sodemann (3) and Howard, Peterson (3); Larson, Yuraneck (6) and Henderson.

## Wolves to Play Clark JC Team

OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION-(Special)—The Oregon College of Education Wolves baseballers journey to Vancouver Friday to play the first game of a series with Clark junior college.

The season thus far the Wolves have registered two wins and three losses. The Wolves have a weekend rest and then resume Tuesday, when Coach Bob Knox's club will play Vanport at Monmouth.

MOLALLA SLATES RANGERS. MOLALLA, April 13-(Special)—Coach Budd Gronquist's Molalla Indians trackmen will go to Escatawa Thursday for a dual meet with the Rangers. Gronquist pins most of his point hopes on jumper Grant Schiewe and Runners Les Reich and George Kirk and high-jumper Len Saudinger.

## Tilt Booked for Bush Field; Senators Trounce Pacific U's

Salem's Senators, baseball variety, today come home for the first time this season when they go against Johnny Lewis' Woodburn Bearcats in a three o'clock tilt on the Bush park field. The game will be No. 6 of the 10 on the Senator's grapefruit loop schedule. Wednesday at Forest Grove the Solons spanked Coach Pete Jonas' erratic Pacific U Badgers by an 8-2 count to make it three wins and two losses against college competition to date.

Intending to shoot the works for a possible win over the pros, Coach Johnny Lewis is expected to lead with the ace of his hurling staff, Little Lou Scrivens. Manager Bill Beard announced Wednesday that Jimmy Foster, no giant himself, and either Lefty Jack Ferluga or Irv Whitt will face the Bearcats.

Beard used Bill Osborn and Gene Peterson at Forest Grove Wednesday, and although Pete was considerably wild in his four-inning stint, both combined to hold the Badgers to seven hits. Salem collected 10 off two P.U. flingers, including three-batters by Wayne Peterson and Bob Courage in a three-run second inning. Other than those blows, however, the Salem plate punch wasn't too sharp. A number of Salem bingles were on the not-well-hit side.

The Senators went scoreless after the second until the seventh, when five hits and three Pacific boots brought across five runs. Bud Peterson and Hill Beeson, both with a pair of hits led the Solons at the plate.

Osborn in his five innings looked good. He fanned four and walked only one. He gave up a run in the eighth when outfielder Dick Morgan cracked a double to left and romped in on Catcher Bob Morrison's line single to center. The smooth-working Osborn allowed only one other hit in the five heats he toiled.

Peterson's wildness had him in a jam most of the time. In all but the eighth inning, when the Badgers scored their other run, Pete managed to hurl his way out of trouble, however.

Bob Cherry was out of the lineup, and may be for a short time. He has an infected tonsil, which probably will be taken out this week. Wayne Peterson played only part-time also, as he twisted an ankle sliding into second base in the seventh inning and was taken out of the lineup. The injury isn't serious, for which Beard is indeed thankful. Although Wayne is normally a second-sacker, it appears he will be the Salem third baseman until another comes along.

Baseball score table with columns for SENATORS (5), PACIFIC (2), and various player statistics (IP, AB, R, ER, SO, BB).

Senators: W. Piron 3.4 1 1 1 D. Mren 3 1 3 1 0 P. Trana 2 2 0 MDonald 3 1 0 2 1 1 Beeson 2 2 0 Mollena 4 1 3 0 0 Wasley 1 3 0 Morgan 4 1 3 0 0 Olson 2 0 0 B. Mron 4 1 3 0 0 Wacker 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0

Hit by pitcher: G. Peterson. Passed balls: Morrison. Left on bases: Senators 11; Pacific 8. Errors: Kaufman, Mullier, Morrison, Peterson, Morgan, Three-base hits: W. Peterson, Courage, Buck 2, Mollena 4, Peterson, Morrison, Thurston. Runs batted in: W. Peterson, B. Morrison, Courage, Beeson, Wasley, Olson, Spawer, Peterson, Wasley, W. Peterson, Beeson, Double plays: Spawer to West, Umpires: Martin & Gonzales.

## Elliott New O-City Coach

OREGON CITY, April 13-(P)—Charles Elliott, 27, who has been assisting with line coaching at the University of Oregon, was named Oregon City high school football coach today.

He will take over the post of Dan Jones, who will devote full time to basketball and track here. Elliott played varsity football at Oregon before joining the pro gridiron circuit.

## Relays, Baseball On Jr. Hi Menu

The second relays meet of the season, West Salem at Leslie, and the No. 2 baseball clash of the campus, Leslie's lead over Chemawa at Parrish, are on the menu for Salem junior high athletes today.

The relays meet will start at 4 p.m. So will the baseball clash on Olinger field. Last week the Parrish relays men swamped West Salem, and earlier this week Jim Dimit's Leslie baseballers crushed the W-Salems to get the seasons under way.

## Mikan Sparks Quint to Title

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 13-(P)—Injured wrist and all, George Mikan pushed in 29 points tonight to spark Minneapolis to a 77-56 victory over Washington for the championship of the Basketball Association of America.

## Leslie Relaymen Down West Salem

The Leslie Junior high relays team Wednesday defeated West Salem in their three-class match at Leslie, 2-1. The Leslie Ninth graders won 6-0 and the Leslie Eighth won 5-2. But the West Salem Sevens copped their part of the meet, 3-2. The clashes were originally booked for Thursday, but were moved up without notice.

The anaconda, sometimes more than 30 feet long, is the largest of New World snakes.

## Another Negro Flash Brightens Tribe Picture

By Gayle Talbot  
NEW YORK, April 13-(AP)—What might prove to be one of the most important baseball tilts of the spring was hidden today in a box score from Texas, where it said "Minoso, r!" for the Cleveland Indians.

That would be Orestes Minoso, the 24-year-old Cuban Negro flash who was the sensation of the western training camps. He's still with the world champions a week before the season opens and the fact that Manager Lou Boudreau is giving him a shot at the outfield at this late date is significant.

Minoso, who played class-A ball with Cayton last year and hit at a terrific clip, wasn't even in the Cleveland roster when he reported this spring. It would be a feat to match that of Larry

Doby's with the same club last season if he should wind up in right field. Doby reported as a first-baseman, was shifted to the outfield at Coach Bill McKechnie's persuasion, and it wasn't until May that the Indians decided not to farm him out. He was the Indians' star in the late stages of the flag race and the world series.

Minoso, similarly, came up as a third-baseman this spring. In front of him for that job were only Ken Keltner, who hit 31 home runs last year, and Al Rosen, who clouted .327 for Kansas City.

But from the outset Minoso hit so hard, ran so fast, threw so hard and fielded so spiritedly that Boudreau realized President Bill Veech had slipped him something special. With each succeeding day, Orestes picked up a

couple more English words and became a bigger problem. With this "Minoso, r!" Boudreau might have found the solution. That is the one point of comparative weakness in the champion's line-up—right field. Neither Allie Clark nor Bob Kennedy quite measures up to the solid sander Boudreau would like to have out there.

Should Orestes make the grade, there appears to be an even chance that the Indians will have three Negro regulars in their line-up a year from now. Lube Easter, the huge fellow from St. Louis who presently is hitting clusters of home runs for Bucky Harris' San Diego club, should be about ready to take over first base next spring. In addition the world champions have Satchel Paige on the pitching staff.

## Ball Officials Discuss Suits

CHICAGO, April 13-(AP)—The American league today conferred with Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler on player suits against organized baseball, but the discussions were kept secret.

Chandler and his counsel met for nearly three hours with 13 American league officials at the commissioner's suite in the Blackstone hotel.

Afterwards, the group posed willingly for news pictures, but were mum on what had been said about current litigation against the major leagues. A similar meeting had been held yesterday with National league representatives at Cincinnati.

Chandler, however, said there would be no joint meeting between the two leagues on the same subject. Such a meeting had been expected.

Organized baseball must file answer in New York on April 23 to a suit by Max Lanier and Fred Martin, former St. Louis Cardinal pitchers, for \$2,500,000 damages. The Wayne Peterson lawsuit, suspended for five years because they jumped to the Mexican league in 1946.

## Webfoots Top Vandals, 11-4

EUGENE, April 13-(P)—The University of Oregon opened the Northern division baseball season here this afternoon, defeating the Vandals 11-4 behind the five-hit pitching of Mel Krause, sophomore right hander. He held the invading Vandals to one hit—Nick Stallworth's second-inning homer—until the sixth.

Eight of Oregon's runs were earned. The Webfoots batted Urd-nold Beebe from the mound in the fifth.

First baseman Dick Bartle, with a triple and single and catcher Gene Rose, with a double and single, paced Oregon.

The second game of the series will be played tomorrow at Idaho. 019 161 200 4 5 2 Oregon, 320 530 600-11 13 2

## Beard to Speak On Friday Morn

Salem Senators Manager Bill Beard will be the principal speaker Friday morning, 7:30 o'clock at Nohlgren's, when the Salem breakfast club holds its weekly meeting. Beard will speak on the prospects of his team in the upcoming Western International league race. Also ticketed for honors is Bill Robertson, Oregon State college basketball trainer who is an expert in the deliberance of poetry.

## Sublimity Nine Tops Hubbards

SUBLIMITY, April 13-(Special)—Sublimity whipped North Marion of Hubbard, 5-2, today in a Marion County B league baseball tilt. Levermann and Gerspacher combined to hold the N. Marion. 200 000 0-2 5 5 Sublimity, 110 012 -5 10 2

Driver and Kaufman; Levermann; Gerspache (6) and Higberger.

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## STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

20—The Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Thursday, April 14, 1949

## Padres Again Slap Portland Crew, 6-2

PORTLAND, April 13-(P)—San Diego's Max West rapped out a homer to drive in three runs in the first inning tonight and the Padres went on from there to defeat Portland's Beavers, 6-2, in a Pacific Coast league encounter. The win

Padres over the Bevs. Southpaw Roy Helser went the distance for Portland, giving up 11 hits. Jess Flores, on the mound for the southerners, permitted the Portlands four runs.

Both Beaver runs came in the sixth inning as Helser, Eddie Basinski and Leo Thomas grouped doubles.

West's homer was his seventh of the season and his three runs batted in gave him 22 and a tie with teammate Luke Easter for the league lead.

Baseball score table for Padres vs Beavers with columns for SAN DIEGO, PORTLAND, and player statistics.

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Portland: Helser 9 37 6 11 6 3 3 Errors: Easter, Thomas. Runs batted in—West 3, Flores, R. Wilson, Basinski, Thomas, Meener. Two base hits—Flores, Basinski, Thomas, Sirovic. Home run—West. Stolen base—Thomas. Double plays—Basinski to West, R. Wilson to Meener to Easter; Fernandez to Basinski. Left on bases—San Diego 9; Portland 3. Umpires—Empire, Barbour, Sowers and Bentz. Time—2:02. Attendance—3,448.

## Long Lay-Off Faces DiMag

BALTIMORE, April 13-(P)—Joe DiMaggio will probably be discharged from Johns Hopkins hospital tomorrow, but the New York Yankee centerfielder will continue treatments for his sore heel as an out-patient.

The big slugger arrived at the hospital shortly before 2 a.m. His right heel, from which a bony growth, or "spur", had been removed between seasons, was painful. He was examined by Dr. George A. Bennett, who had treated him several times before.

Afterwards, the hospital issued a bulletin stating that the "length of the disability will be determined by the results of the treatment." Doctors declined to speculate on just how long that would be.

DiMaggio has been plagued by injuries and other physical ailments during most of his career. He has made five trips to Johns Hopkins in the last two years. Apparently he will not be on hand for the opening of the season next Tuesday.

## Grapefruit League

BIRMINGHAM, La., April 13-(P)—The Pittsburgh Pirates, energized by a two-day layoff, today outslugged the Birmingham Barons of the Southern association, 10-7 in an exhibition game.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 13-(P)—The New York Giants figuratively murdered Steve Gromek today as they pounded out a 16 to 6 victory over the world champion Cleveland Indians. Gromek's right-handed offerings were pestered for eight hits, including four home runs, in the second inning. Before Mike Garcia warmed up and came to the rescue, the Giants had scored 10 runs.

GLADEWATER, Tex., April 13-(P)—Karl Drews and Tom Ferrick allowed but five hits and the St. Louis Browns blanked the Glade-water Beavs of the Lone Star league 5-0 today for their sixth straight triumph.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 13-(P)—Fred Sanford became the fifth New York Yankee pitcher to go a full nine innings today as the American leaguers turned back Terre Haute of the Class B Three-I league, 10-4.

Barb's sporting goods? -is on the Ball! 175 S. High Street Watch for the New Mercury Outboards

## Rickey Blasts 'Clause' Foes

Says Opponents Have 'Commie Tendencies'

NEW YORK, April 13-(AP)—Branch Rickey said today baseball's reserve clause is opposed by persons of "avowed communist tendencies" and he drew immediate fire from men challenging the game in the courts.

The president of the Brooklyn Dodgers made his statement in a speech before the Advertising club at Baltimore.

He added that persons opposing the reserve clause "deeply resent the continuance of our national pastime."

Danny Gardella, the former New York Giant outfielder who has a \$300,000 suit against baseball pending in the courts, and his attorney, Frederic A. Johnson, quickly answered the charges.

Offering to "match my own record and that of Gardella against Rickey's any time," Johnson said:

"Rickey has had dictatorial power to lord his despotic reign over the true principles of American life."

The attorney then added: "Name calling is the last resort for a beaten man. The treatment Branch Rickey has accorded baseball players would have made Simon Legree blush for shame."

"At least Simon had the initial sanction of the law and of the constitution."

Gardella, now a hospital attendant at White Plains, N. Y., said the "communist" charge was not worthy of comment.

## Toronto Eyes Hockey Record

TORONTO, April 13-(P)—The Toronto Maple Leafs moved within a game of becoming the first team in modern professional hockey to win the Stanley cup three successive times tonight as they dented Detroit Red Wings 3-1. It was their third straight victory without defeat in the best of seven final National Hockey league series.

The Leafs came from behind after being outplayed by the league champions in the first period. They thrilled 13,822 fans by scoring three goals in five minutes and 17 seconds past the half-way mark of the second period.

## Sacs Pound Seattle

SEATTLE, April 13-(P)—Pounding five Seattle pitchers for 17 hits, the Sacramento Solons evened their Pacific Coast league series at Seattle by defeating the Rainiers, 15-8, here tonight. The loss snapped a six game Seattle winning streak.

Seattle: 000 642 531-15 17 8 Sacramento, 000 400 102-4 11 3

Benton Rose (3), Ruppel (6), Conner and Kutz, Karpel, O'Pittner (6), Breisler (5), Lyons (1), Kimball (1) and S. White.

## Stars Win Again

HOLLYWOOD, April 13-(P)—The Hollywood Stars made it two in a row over San Francisco tonight, exploding for seven runs in the eighth inning to win the Pacific Coast league game 7 to 6. San Francisco — 000 002 02-4 11 3 Hollywood — 000 600 007-7 11 3

Peretz and Parier; Hughes (10), Salvo and Wood (9) and Sandlock.

## Oaks Even Series

OAKLAND, April 13-(P)—Les Scarcella's two-run homer in the last half of the ninth tonight gave the Oakland Acons a 4 to 3 victory over Los Angeles to square the Pacific Coast baseball series at a game apiece.

Los Angeles — 000 002 00-3 12 4 Oakland — 000 002 00-4 11 3

## The Standings

Table showing Standings for COAST LEAGUE and PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

## Duck Pins

Men's Automotive league results last night at B and B Bowling courts: Ford 4, Oldsmobile 0; Buick 4, Cadillac 0; Hudson 4, Kaiser-Frazer 0; Chevrolet 4, Dodge 4. Ford had high team series and game with 2165 and 811. Dorvan Holt's 519 was top individual series and Vern Boock's 213 was best solo game.

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