

# WIL Race Opens Thursday

Ready for Another Busy Summer at 'Mike'



When Station KOCO goes on the air Friday night with the play-by-play of the Salem Senator opening game at Tacoma, the veteran 'Custer' Bruce Williams (left) and newcomer Dick Mason (right) will be at the 'mike.' They'll broadcast all Senator games this season. Mason replaces Marv Byers this season. (Statesman Sports photo)

## Wolfe Winner Via Early Kayo

What help does Mgr. Bill Beard seek for his Senators nine as it stands by to embark on the WIL jaunt? Briefly, another outfielder, another infielder (preferably a third baseman) and another pitcher or two which would be stamped "certain winner" for this league.

Blond Bill isn't satisfied with the right field spot, now held by the young Hill Beeson. A strong lad who can hit a fr piece when he ties into it, Beeson may need another season of lower class play. Big Jim Olson, who doesn't wear those glasses to improve his looks, just didn't work out as an outer defenseman. So another gardner is needed to join Messers. Mel Wesley and Bob Cherry, who have proved they'll certainly do in their spots.

As for third base, Wayne Peterson came to the club as a second sacker. It was figured at the time that Al Spaeter wouldn't be back. But he's back, and there isn't a key-stoner in the circuit who can take his glove away from him. Jess McWilliams, former third baseman with Wenatchee and obtained in the Joe Gedzias trade, has refused to report.

So that left Beard with no alternative other than to put Peterson at third, out of position. Hockey player Doug Stevenson wasn't ready for Class B ball, so off to Klamath Falls he went. Just where the badly needed infielder will come from is a question. But the management is trying to collar one.

The other side of the infield, first base, will be occupied by Jimmy Wert until and if the time comes that Portland sends down Marty Krug. Should Marty be sent down, he and Jim will have to argue it out.

**Big 'If' is Cloud Over Pitching Staff**

As we've mentioned before, a full grown "if" hangs over Beard's bill staff. If Johnny Bianco's arm is OK and he cuts loose, there is one sure-fire winner. If Bus Sporer can get the ball over the plate consistently, there's another. Bill Osborn has yet to prove himself a winner, but Beard believes he has the necessary stuff. Ditto Gene Peterson. Olson as a pitcher was a rather fortunate cuss in sparing a number of his 17 victories last semester. If he can remember the combination, nice things can be expected from him again. Ray McNulty helped as a reliever for Jack Wilson last season. And since Ray has played considerable as an infielder, he's automatically the club's general all-around handyman right now. As for Lefties Glenn Miller and Jack Ferluga and Right-handers Clyde DeWitt, Irv Whit and Jimmy Foster, none can be depended upon to win and must show their potentialities when called. If one or two happen to blossom forth as an unexpected phenom, so much the better. A couple of hard-throwing guns sporting that label would be indeed welcome, however.

**Five Positions Appear Well Settled**

The catching, second base, shortstop, left and center field slots are set. Beard and Bob Courage should do okay. Bud Peterson and Al Spaeter will have few peers under any circumstances in this league. Mel Wesley is a good fielder and should hit a basketful. Bob Cherry is another glove man and anticipates his best season in pro ball. It will be up to those two to chauffeur of the Senator runs.

It might be figured that Eddie Barr, one of seven outfielders on the Portland varsity, will be sent back. We're afraid not. Ed was in town early this week and when we asked him if he would come back, he uncoiled an emphatic "no." Barr figures he has served his full apprenticeship in Class B circles. He did add that both Hal Saltzman the pitcher and Cal McIrvine the pitcher-outfielder probably would come back if sent, and that McIrvine wants to have a full-fledged at playing the outfield. No complaints there.

**Players Need Apartments, Houses Prompt**

Sorties: Know of any available and furnished apartments or houses? If so, get in touch with the Waters field office pronto, as the Senator players need 'em. Beard, Bianco, Cherry, Osborn and many of the others, plus their families, are on the looking list. Good break for Dick Sinovic, that deal with Pittsburgh. If our Rapping Richard isn't ready for Triple-A ball with Indianapolis, he'll be sent to New Orleans of the Southern Association. And ballgamers seem to hop from there to the majors just as fast, if not faster than they do from any of the other circuits. Not a certainty yet, but Vince Lazor, one of the older Senator standbys, might do the Tacoma pitching Friday night in the opener against the locals. . . Vancouver, B. C. publicity lists our former villager as "Madman Tony Ross", a top mat culprit. New do you suppose Anthony has blown his fuse again? . . . Mentor Vera Gilmore says his Viking runners haven't any semblance of a chance for the Hayward Relays title at Eugene Friday, but figures three of his best trowers might pocket a few points, in the 440, 550 and 2-mile jaunts. . .

**Leslie-Parrish In Relays Today**

The Salem Junior high school league's third relays carnival of the season will be galloped off today, starting at four o'clock, on the Leslie oval when Harry Mohr, Rockets play host to Bob Metzger's Parrish Pioneers. In the two meets held thus far, Parrish swamped West Salem in all three class divisions and Leslie won the 9th and 8th classes over West Salem, but dropped the 7th class nod. Consequently, the Parrish runners will be favored today.

**Feminine Pin Meet to Open**

COLUMBUS, O., April 20 (AP)—The country's cutest keggers converge on Columbus Thursday for the 41-day women's international bowling congress.

Exactly 22 years ago Ohio's capital was host to this same 10-pin classic, and 224 teams took part. This time 2600 quintets, 700 over team game and series with the 1942, will be on hand. That means 13,000 will be on the feminine firing line in quest of \$83,784 in prizes.

**Duck Pins**

Automotive league results last night at B and B alleys: Cadillac 3, Chevrolet 1; Oldsmobile 3, Dodge 1; Buick 3, Kaiser-Frazer 1; Ford 3, Hudson 1. Oldsmobile had top team game and series with 2044 and 779. Bill Hamby's 489 was high individual series and Glen Schroyer's 197 was high solo game.

## Solons Depart Today, Tacoma Vancouver, Victoria Book Games Tonight

By Al Lightner  
The Western International League's 10th pennant derby opens Thursday night in two of the circuit's eight cities, but it won't be until Friday night that all eight clubs take their inaugural 1949 swings.

In the Thursday night commences, Spokane's fast strengthening Indians play at Vancouver with the team that all hands have selected as the potential flag winner, and Yakima's newly named Bears, an outfit in unknown quality and quantity, plays at Victoria. On Friday night the Salem Senators make their debut with the Tacoma Tigers at Tacoma, and at the same time the Bremerton Bluejackets open at Wenatchee with the Chiefs.

The Senators, 30 strong and in top shape, depart Thursday morning for Tacoma. They will play the Tigers four games, ending Sunday, and then will jump over to Bremerton for a three-game series starting Tuesday. Salem returns to Waters field to open the home season the following Friday, with the Vancouver Caps as the foe.

At Vancouver, Manager Bill Brenner has named veteran right-hander Bob Snyder for his opening mound choice, and either he or Bud Sheely will catch. The Spokane, bossed by Jim Brillheart, will open with either Jack Teagan or Bill Werbowaki, both vets. Joe Rossi will catch.

Manager Joe Orengo of the Yakima has named his battery as Fritz Romple and Ray Orteig. Ted Norbert at Victoria, loaded with another batch of New York Yankee farmhands, has not announced his opening choice.

For the Senators at Tacoma Friday, tall Bill Osborn will open, with Beard behind the plate. Either Vince Lazor or Gordon Walden will be Mgr. Bob Johnson's pick, and Jap Holm will catch. Beard handed the assignment to Osborn Wednesday.

In issuing his pre-season getaway speech, league president Bob Abel has predicted a great campaign for the loop, and one that will be short and sweet to every one but Pancho with a knockout win in 1:10 of the second round. A jolting left to Pancho's tummy, followed by a right hand to his mouth was all there was to it after the two had looked in the opening round like they might make for quite a squabble in the 10-round.

Pancho was hurt by the blows, and it took a busy few minutes for his handlers to revive him afterward. The Ashland scrapper, who claimed afterward it was the first time he had been knocked out in over 70 outings, weighed 144. The Indian lad, aggressive and business-like as ever carried 147 1/2.

Dean Abney also came up with a kayo victory in his sixth with Tommy (Jumping Jack) Withers, Roseburg. Withers, a very unorthodox type of boxer in that he jumped, skipped and ran all over the place, was hard to catch for four rounds. But Durable Dean, looking in fine trim, finally bagged his foe in the fifth and decked him twice for nine counts. A two-fisted surge in the sixth had Withers helpless when Referee Packy McFarland stopped proceedings. Dean weighed 150, and Withers, a rather rugged individual, 152.

Little Indian Joe Pete proved he was the best man in his return engagement with Jimmy Ogden, long-armed Portlander, and beat Jim in four rounds. The popular little Red skinned had Ogden down at the bell in the second round. McFarland's bell had reached "night" when the song rang.

There was no question about the nod this time, even though Ogden fought a much better fight than he did two weeks before. Little Joe weighed 124 1/2, Ogden 126.

In the other two prelims, the impressive negro boy, Don Doyle of Portland, at 140, won via knockout over Lloyd Smith, 139, Roseburg in the third. McFarland had to stop this one also. Salem's Johnny Hoffer, 138, went to a draw with Tommy Golin, 127, Portland.

**Dallas Grabs Track Victory**

SILVERTON, April 20 (Special)—Dallas' tracksters captured top honors in a triangular meet today, racking 71 points to 46 1/2 for Silverton and 37 1/2 for Woodburn.

Jack Holders, Dallas; Ray Myers, Silverton and Bob Seaton, Woodburn, each grabbed a pair of wins.

**Jefferson Wins Four-Way Meet**

JEFFERSON, April 20 (Special)—Jefferson high school's tracksters easily walked off with honors in a four-way meet held here today. Pat Beals' crew tallied 79 points, the State Deaf School was second with 29-1/2. Stayton garnered 28-4/5 and Turner trailed with 13.

The Grimes brothers—Jack and Jim—paced the Jeffs to the triumph. Each collected 16 1/2 points to tie for high individual honors. Jefferson grabbed 10 firsts.

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## Senators Sign Larry Orteig

Lawrence (Larry) Orteig, the 190-pound six-footer who played 149 games in Yakima's outfield last season, has signed with the Salem Senators. Business Manager George Smith announced last night. Orteig is the younger brother of Ray, now catcher for Yakima. His addition to the Solons gives them a third experienced outfielder, and it is likely he will move into the right field position. Orteig was signed as a free agent.

Last season Orteig hit 37 doubles, eight triples and two home runs in his .271 batting average. He had 71 runs batted in and a fielding average of .958. He bats and throws right handed. He was with the club last night during its final arc-light drill at Waters field.

## Sacs Decision Beavers, 3-1

PORTLAND, April 20 (AP)—Sacramento's Beavers won their Pacific Coast league series with Portland's Beavers here tonight by taking the first game of a twin-bill, 3-1, behind the three-hit pitching of Don Johnson.

Jake Moety started the seven-inning tilt for Portland and was belted for a two-run homer by Jim Tabor in the second inning. Portland's lone run came in the first frame.

(Second game result not available at deadline time.)

SACRAMENTO	PORTLAND
Ratso . . . 3	Basinski . . . 1
White . . . 1	Rucker . . . 2
Gray . . . 0	Thomas . . . 1
Marty . . . 0	Barrett . . . 0
Redgin . . . 1	Wenner . . . 0
Wietm . . . 3	Krug . . . 2
John . . . 0	Fernandez . . . 0
Moety . . . 1	Moety . . . 0
Lazor . . . 1	Lazor . . . 0
Heiser . . . 1	Heiser . . . 0
Barr . . . 0	Barr . . . 0

Totals 24 4 8 Totals 23 3 2 7  
Lazor grounded out for Moety in 6th.  
Heiser flied out for Fleming in 7th.  
Barr ran for Fernandez in 7th.  
Portland 100 000 0-1  
John . . . IP AB R H ER BS SO  
Moety . . . 7 24 4 3 0 0  
Fleming . . . 1 3 0 0 0 0  
Runs batted in—Tabor 2, Plumbo 2.  
Two outs, bases empty, home run.  
Tabor Double plays—Ratto to Wietm.  
man to Grace; Basinski to Krug; Left Plumbo to Fernandez.  
Hit by pitcher by Moety (Marty).  
Balk—Johnson Umpires—Engeln, Doran.  
Orr. Time—1:10 102 002-6 7 2  
Hollywood (6) 010 003 000-4 9 2  
Buxton (6) 010 000 000-0 0 0  
Los Angeles (4) and Sandlock.  
Los Angeles 100 102 010-8 11 0  
Watkins and Malone; Lien and Partee.

## Salem Jaycees Top S-Hearts

The Salem high Jaycees baseball club uncoiled a four-run rally in the seventh inning Wednesday to edge out a 6-5 decision over the Sacred Heart Cardinals. The winning burst was sparked by Jack Largent's homer with a pair of mates on the sacks.

Sonny Walker of the JV's gave up only four hits and fanned 15. The Vics' records collected eight blows off Lenner.

Salem JV's 601 601 4-6 8 5  
S Heart 300 101 0-5 4 0  
W. Watkins and Peterson; Lenner and Sundburg.

## Taylor Promises Spirited OSC Club

PORTLAND, April 20 (AP)—Oregon State's new football coach promised school boosters here tonight the 1949 team would play spirited and fascinating football.

Le Verne Taylor declined to guess how many games his team would win, but he said both the coaching staff and the players would do their best not to disappoint alumni. Taylor said he had hoped Line Coach Jim Dixon would remain on the Beaver campus, but that Dixon reported he had made other commitments. Basketball Coach Slat Gill introduced the 40 members of the Western NCAA runner-up squad.

**Table of Coastal Tides**

Tides per Taft, Oregon, April, 1949 (Compiled by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Portland, Oregon)

APRIL HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
21 6:49 a.m. 2.3	2:54 a.m. 3.2
9:15 p.m. 5.1	2:04 p.m. 0.2
8:01 a.m. 4.9	2:44 a.m. 2.8
9:47 p.m. 5.3	2:42 p.m. 0.1
9:08 a.m. 4.9	3:40 a.m. 2.2
10:18 p.m. 5.6	3:40 p.m. 0.6
10:06 a.m. 5.0	4:40 a.m. 1.8
10:44 p.m. 5.8	4:19 p.m. 0.8
10:58 a.m. 5.0	5:06 a.m. 1.1
11:42 p.m. 6.0	5:00 a.m. 0.0
11:47 a.m. 5.0	5:39 a.m. 0.5
11:33 p.m. 6.2	5:23 p.m. 1.5
12:42 p.m. 6.0	6:00 a.m. 0.0
11:55 p.m. 6.3	5:49 p.m. 1.9
1:17 p.m. 4.9	6:48 a.m. -0.3
12:17 a.m. 6.4	7:22 a.m. -0.6
2:00 p.m. 4.8	8:48 p.m. 2.6
12:45 a.m. 13.4	9:00 a.m. -0.7
2:47 p.m. 4.8	7:20 p.m. 2.9

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## Pitching Sparklers, Groth's Hitting Feature Major Action

**STATESMAN SPORTS**  
By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

14—The Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Thursday, April 21, 1949

## Northwest Badminton Tourney Slated Here

The Willamette University gym will Saturday be the scene of the Pacific Northwest YMCA Badminton Tournament. Local Y officials expect some 40 shuttlecock acers to be on hand to vie for the men's and women's titles.

## The Standings

**COAST LEAGUE**

W L Pct	W L Pct
San Diego 13 7 650	Los Angel 12 11 522
Hollywood 14 8 630	Oakland 10 13 436
Seattle 12 10 545	San Francisco 9 14 389
Sacramento 12 10 545	Portland 11 9 500

Wednesday results: At Portland 1, Sacramento 3, second game unreported. At Hollywood 4, Oakland 6. At San Francisco 1, Los Angeles 5. At Seattle-San Diego postponed rain.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

W L Pct	W L Pct
New York 20 10 667	Cleveland 11 1 300
Detroit 20 10 667	Washington 11 2 333
Philad. 21 1 667	Boston 0 2 000
St. Louis 1 1 500	Chicago 0 2 000
Wednesday results: At St. Louis 2, Cleveland 7. At New York 3, Washington 0. At Detroit 6, Chicago 2. At Philadelphia 2, Boston 2 (10 innings).	

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

W L Pct	W L Pct
Brooklyn 30 10 750	Chicago 11 1 500
Cincinnati 10 1 1000	Philad. 11 2 333
Boston 21 7 750	St. Louis 0 1 000
Pittsburgh 11 1 500	New York 0 2 000
Wednesday results: At Chicago 2, Pittsburgh 0. At Brooklyn 6, New York 2. At Boston 6, Philadelphia 3. Only games scheduled.	

## Cleveland Ace Faces Layoff

ST. LOUIS, April 20 (AP)—Bob Feller, the Cleveland Indians' high salaried pitcher, has pulled muscle in his right shoulder, but only time will tell how serious the injury really is.

The veteran right-hander was ordered to give the arm "a week of absolute rest." Dr. Robert F. Hyland, noted athletic surgeon who examined Feller's arm today, said he would be out of action for at least a week.

"At this time I cannot say if the injury is of a permanent nature," Doctor Hyland said. "But must remain under observation for some time to determine how serious his ailment really is."

## Boxer Succumbs

HONOLULU, April 20 (AP)—A professional boxer died today after a knockout blow to the jaw—the fifth ring fatality of 1949. The fighter, Frederick Bungat, 32-year-old lightweight, had been boxing professionally since 1945 under the ring name of "Freddie Sulvano." He succumbed from a brain hemorrhage after a bout with Juan Efran.

## Oregonians -In the Majors-

ABR	NO	AE	RBI
Doerr, Red Sox	3	0	4
Peaky, Red Sox	4	0	2
Gordon, Cleveland	3	2	2

## Jones Equals Doubles Mark

Raschi, Rush Hurl Three-Hit Shutouts

By The Associated Press  
A pair of fine three-hit pitching performances, the continued terrific hitting of Detroit Rookie Johnny Groth and a record-equalling performance by Willie Jones of Philadelphia highlighted the second full day of 1949 major league action Wednesday.

Vic Raschi, the New York Yankees right-handed ace, chalked one job as he hurled the Gotham club to its second straight win over the Washington Senators by a 3-0 score. Groth, who powered a pair of homers Tuesday, came back with a homer, double and single Wednesday to pace the Tigers to a 5-2 verdict over the Chicago White Sox. Groth knocked in all the Bengal runs to up his runs-batted-in total to seven. Virgil Trucks permitted the Chixos only four blows. Cleveland's defending American League champion, grabbed their initial 1949 victory with a 7-3 decision over the St. Louis Browns. Bob Lemon set the Browns down with seven hits, two of them being homers by Dick Kokos and Jack Graham.

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## Cougars Clout Orange Outfit

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 20 (AP)—Washington State banged right off with four runs in the first inning, added five in the third and then two more today in walloping Oregon State 11 to 1, in their northern division, Pacific Coast conference series opener. Pitcher Ward Rocky held the Beavers to six hits while the Cougar infielders turned in four double plays to break up Oregon State's few scoring threats.

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OSC 000 010 000-1 6 3  
Rockey and Carr; Snyder, Erickson (3) and Roelandt.

**Today's Pitchers**

NEW YORK, April 20 (AP)—Probable pitchers for tomorrow's major league action (last year's won and lost records in parentheses):  
National league—New York at Brooklyn—Hartung (8-8) vs. Roe (12-8); St. Louis at Cincinnati—Munger (10-11) vs. Vander Meer (17-14); Pittsburgh at Chicago—Munier (6-4) vs. Duhal (6-10). Only games.  
American league—Washington at New York—Thompson (8-10) vs. Eyrn (8-5); Boston at Philadelphia—Parns (15-8) or Hughton (3-11) vs. Marchion (9-13); Chicago at Detroit—Judson (4-5) vs. Kretlow (2-1); Cleveland at St. Louis—Gromek (9-3) vs. Starr (10-0).

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