

SPORTS

by Al Lightner

Midweek meanderings:

Too bad Mel Patton doesn't have another year of competition at USC for his coach Jess Hill believes the great sprinter could also crack the world 440 yard dash record if he trained for it. That might be too rugged a ramp for the skinny 145-pound six footer, but the eyes of the track world certainly would be focused on him once he ever tried it. Incidentally, should you want to see Patton in the stuff, make the jump to Seattle May 22 for the Coast conference meet. 'Twould be worth a jaunt of that distance just to see him romp. That hole-in-one hampered by local barrier Ace Fish the other day at SGC was just what he was looking for. The extra yard for it was a very nice supply of razor blades. (Wot the heck, you can sell 'em A.S.) The early-season win habit by Yakima's Bears has brought on in the Apples City. The customers have turned out over 3000 strong for every game the Yaks have had at home. Little wonder why they have been winning as the first bitches of league averages from the Home News bureau shows that all eight Yakima regulars were hitting over .300 when compared. The team average was .339 for the period. Strangely enough, Hemertson's was .340, but the Bears don't have the pitching Yakima has to go with such robust hitting punch. Salem's team mark for the first averages was .275, not the way the Senators have been going of late it's now considerably better. Tip to all will pitchers—get a winter job in our town paper mill. Bus Sporer worked there last off-season, and he says it was "a damn good job."



MEL PATTON

Candidate for the presidency of the extra base-hitting department in all prep baseball heretofore is Jack Hande, the Silverton high catcher who was one of Jerry Gastineau's better basketbatters last winter. In his first 14 hits for the Foxes this spring Hande belted 11 of them for extra bases, four for home runs. . . .

Norbert Reportedly on Spot at Victoria

Another good tip, right through Yankee West Coast man Joe Devire himself holds that Ted Norbert had better do something besides second-line job at Victoria or try to go as manager. Yakima has picked up the veteran lefty Larry Powell, who was with Tacoma back in '48 and who later barrelled for the SF Seals a number of seasons. If he still got it, Powell will show you one of the best screwballs any league pitcher ever had. He also possessed one of those big off-the-shelf downer curves, breaking in to a right hand batter, just the opposite of the screw ball, which made a pretty tough home on the mound. Another reason for the Yakima success is that they have their pitching president Dewey Soriano, a smart oldtimer, on hand to pump right in to put the fire out when the enemy begins teeming off on one of the other flingers. A "stopper" like Soriano is worth his weight in gold in the lower class leagues. . . .

Experience Not Yet the Answer for Spokes

From the looks of their perch in the present W.L. standings, experience isn't the answer for the Spokes. Jim Brillheart is loaded up with such oldsters as Tuck Stalnack, Ken Richardson, Jack Calvey, Larry Barton, Orrin Baker and others, but they're not coming through with sufficient wins. And they'd better win in Spokane or forget about filling those nice new Ferris field seats. Perhaps the ancients aren't bearing down in a league so sure to feel inferior for their talents, and perhaps they're just waiting for the warmer weather before letting out. At any rate, something seems to be amiss when you analyze the way in which Yakima pulled a double play on the Spokes the other night, one of the whackiest we've ever heard of. Look it up.

Goof-ball Double Play for Sure

Larry Barton was on first base and Joe Rossi singled to center. The ball bounded through outfielder Gene Thompson. Another outfielder, Edie, saw the ball down and threw it in to Yak second-baser Al Jacinto. Ross in the meantime had rounded second, but suddenly decided to go back to that bag. Jacinto tagged him out, looked up and saw Barton, of all things, halfway between third and home, stopped! Jacinto proceeded to run him down also as he tried to get back to third, completing the double play all by himself. The dingy thing wiped out a Spokane rally, naturally, and Yakima won the game 13-9. After that, you can't help but feel something is okey in the Spokane ranks. If it ever happens to our side here at home, the third base coach better go hide for a week or so.

IT'S A HABIT

PROSPECT, May 11—(P)—For righthander Bob Nelson, Prospect high school pitcher, these perfect baseball games are getting to be a habit. Last season Nelson started his career with a no-hit, no-run game against Butte Falls. This week he pitched another. An 11-0 win over Rogue River High.

QUARTER HORSES READY

PENDLETON, May 11—(P)—Nearly a hundred horses were entered today in the Northwest Quarter Horse association racing meet opening tomorrow. Horses have arrived from several western states for the three-day show, sale, and races.

Bearcats Top Webfoots

HARRINGTON'S HIT

ROY Harrington bounced a single into center field with Gerdy Lenz on second base with two out in the bottom half of the eleventh inning at Waters field last night, and the victory went to the Lewis-Willamette Beards at a 4-3 victory over the University of Oregon Webfoots.

Hal Zacher, manager of the Duck center fielder, was on the mound for Don Kiser's northern division team at the time. He had relieved Jim Hann in the sixth inning. Lenz had gained life on a misjudged popup to the infield that went for a hit. He went to second on Dick Brown's single to left, but he didn't get two away, the left, but mighty catcher slammed one of Zacher's swings into center.

Center-fielder Ray Stratton fired the ball to the plate, but not in time to get Lenz with the winning run. Look.

Johnny Slanick, a surprise starter for the Cats in that he hasn't been able to haul all season because of a back injury, went the distance. He walked nine and gave up 12 hits, but was tough in the pitcher's box. Willamette had 11 hits in all, three by John Markosky, three by Slanick and two by Brouwer. Both Chuck Strader and Norm Herwood had three hits for the Webfoots who beat Willamette 4-3 in an earlier mix at Eugene.

(4) Willamette

Player	AB	R	H	E	BB	SO	PO	EA
Kewitz	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Zacher	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cohen	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Barde	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Strader	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Herwood	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kish	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkin	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hanne	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horton	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walters	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rose	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Winning pitcher, Slanick. Losing pitcher, Zacher. Ball, Clanchik. Hit by pitcher, Slanick. Sacrifice, Strader. Stolen bases, Zacher, 2; Brouwer, Kish; Mattie, 2; Brouwer, Kish; Mattie. Double plays, Norbort-Baker. Co-baser-Kish.

Player	IP	AB	R	H	E	BB	SO	PO	EA
Slanick	11	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hanne	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clanchik	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Soons Lose to Victoria 15-11, but Hold Second; Nats Take Ninth Straight; Giants Finally Halted

Club Swings To Van Next

Pitching Hits Snag: Cherry a Grand-Slam

ATHLETIC PARK, Victoria, May 11—(Special).—The Victoria Athletics finally caught up with the Salem Senators tonight in the final game of their Western International league series, had two big innings and won the slugging 15-11. In the process, the Yaks tagged three of their Salem pitchers used, Salem pitching stood out in the first two games of the series, won by the Senators easily.

Salem did swing over to Vancouver for four games, starting with a single mix Thursday night. Tonight's loss didn't hurt the Salem's second place standing in the league, as Bremerton lost also, Manager Bill Beard's crew is a game up on the Yaks.

The Athletics started off on wee Jim Decker with a six-run blast in the first inning, chasing him out. In came Bill Osborn and he lasted until the fourth, when seven more Victoria runs trickled across the plate. Gene Peterson came in for Osborn. Pete was wild and finally gave the center field fence in the seventh inning. Only Miller of the quartet had no trouble with the Athletics.

Although it went to no avail, Salem's batting attack included 11 hits of Dick Frowse, Victoria had seven on in the fourth, home run over the center field fence in the seventh inning.

Cherry had a big night for himself in the RBI department also, with seven batted across.

Only 815 customers saw the game.

Team	AB	R	H	E	BB	SO	PO	EA
Victoria	33	15	11	1	11	11	11	11
Salem	33	11	11	1	11	11	11	11

Ready for Action in Weekend Battles



These Oregon State Beavers have their work cut out for them the coming weekend. In mixes with the Oregon Ducks. In the above photo, Ken Elliott shows he rolls over the bar in the high jump at the 6-foot, 5-inch level. The three batsmen below (l-r) are Catcher Frankie Roelandt, and outfielders Bill Harper and John Mack. The OSC and UO trackmen vie Saturday at Eugene. The baseballers play Friday at Eugene and Saturday at Corvallis.

Hoffert Wins, Wagner in Draw

Abney, Pete Lose In Armory Scraps

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All in all 'twas a bad night for the Salem gloved gladiators last night at the armory. Two of 'em, got beat, another got a draw, and aged the only win of the night for the main event. About 8:30 against the rugged and closely-cropped Davey Ball of Bakerfield, Calif., the hustling Ball found a bad flaw in Dean's armor, began piercing it regularly in the early rounds and finally slammed home a solid left hand in the 25th of the seventh round. The bad spot for Abney was his mid-section. In the up-close battling Ball repeatedly rapped at Dean's tummy, and before putting him down for keeps with the left in the seventh and a seven count win in the eighth.

In at 152 1/2 pounds, Ball wasn't off to too fast a start. But he seemed to pick up steam as he went along, and although he took considerable punishment in the face from Abney's right along the way it was clearly evident by the fourth round that Ball's left hand in the infighting was doing plenty of damage to the local hero. Ball also bloodied Abney's nose in the fourth round.

As for rounds won by each batter up until the end, our card had one even, one for Abney and four for Ball, the last four in a row.

Indian Joe, in his third professional fight, ran up against an 18-year-old "Brave" Junior, who gave every impression he knew just what the ring game is all about. The Reading, Cal., Red-son, in at 128 1/2 to Indian Joe's 127, was the faster of the two. The outcome could have been called a draw at that, for Pete was the stronger of the two at the end and had landed the cleaner, posturing along the way.

Big Keller Wagner ran into a hot one in Chuck Maxson, the Oregon State college slugger also. It was Maxson's first pro fight after a number of years as one of the top amateur heavyweights in the state. Wagner found the 188-pounder hard to hit all the way. Maxson beat Wagner at 192 down for a knockout in the fourth, but other than that it was an even fight and a good one, as were all bouts on the card. Wagner looked in fine trim and went the four heats in good style.

Hoffert, at 128, outpointed Jimmy Ogden, 127, Portland in a wild and woolly opener, after which Don Dovie, 141, Portland negro, flattened Hank DuBois, 142, Portland in the second round.

The Standings

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL		
Team	W	L
Yakima	14	4
Salem	12	7
Bremerton	11	8
Wenatchee	9	11
Last night's result: At Victoria 15-11, Salem 11; At Vancouver 7, Wenatchee 11; At Spokane 14, Tacoma 7; At Bremerton 2, Yakima 3.		
COAST LEAGUE		
Team	W	L
Hollywood	26	10
San Diego	23	13
Sacramento	22	14
Oakland	22	14
Last night's result: At Portland 6, Hollywood 11; At Eugene 7, 10, 9-9; At Los Angeles 2, San Diego 7; At Sacramento 1, Sacramento 6.		
AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Team	W	L
New York	16	6
Cleveland	15	7
Detroit	11	9
Washington	8	11
Chicago	7	12
Philadelphia	6	13
St. Louis	6	13
Boston	5	14
Los Angeles	5	14
Pittsburgh	4	15
St. Paul	4	15
Philadelphia	4	15
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