

Albany's Simons Cracks Jump Record as State Track Classic Starts; Jerry Lillie Released From Contract at WU, Eyes Oregon Duck Post

Viking Outfit Passes Tests

Qualifying Jaunts Establish Favorites

By Al Lightner
BELL FIELD, Corvallis, May 20.—(Special)—One 14-year-old record was lowered here today as Oregon's high school track and field team opened the 23rd annual state meet. The record-shattering performance was by George (Junior) Simons of Albany high, better known throughout the prep sports world in the state for his ability as a baseball pitcher.

Simons hurled the broad jumping pit leaped 22 feet 8 inches, with them hurried off to Springfield where climaxed his great day by hurling a no-run, no-hit victory for the Bulldogs over the Big Six league Millers.

The old broad jump mark of 22 feet 6 1/2 inches was set by Eugene's Sandy in 1925. The big Albany athlete, who is also a basketball star during the winter for the Bulldogs, will have a chance to crack his own new mark in the meet finals tomorrow.

Union high of Eastern Oregon produced another surprise to the day. Their game evident it may upset the defending champion Healey team for the state Class B title by qualifying 10 men in eight events for the finals tomorrow in that division. Healey qualified six men in six events and Jim Peterson of Malheur county had six in four events.

In the Class A division, the favored team from the Medford area, the defending champion, qualified six men in six events plus a fourth team Klammath Falls qualified four men for four events.

The top of the list in the 100-yard dash was won by the defending champion Healey team. Those two ran in separate qualifying heats today with Healey burning in the faster times. He went the 100 in 10.1. Riggs did it in 10.2. Brock had a 22.6 in the 220 and Hogg a 22.8.

Salem's brilliant 100-yard dash turned in the best time of the day for the 40. He romped it in 52.1 in his heat. Ron Hall of the Vikings qualified with a 22.5 in the 220. There were three better times in that heat. Jim Jensen of the Vikings had a 10.1 in the 100 and 24.1 in the 220.

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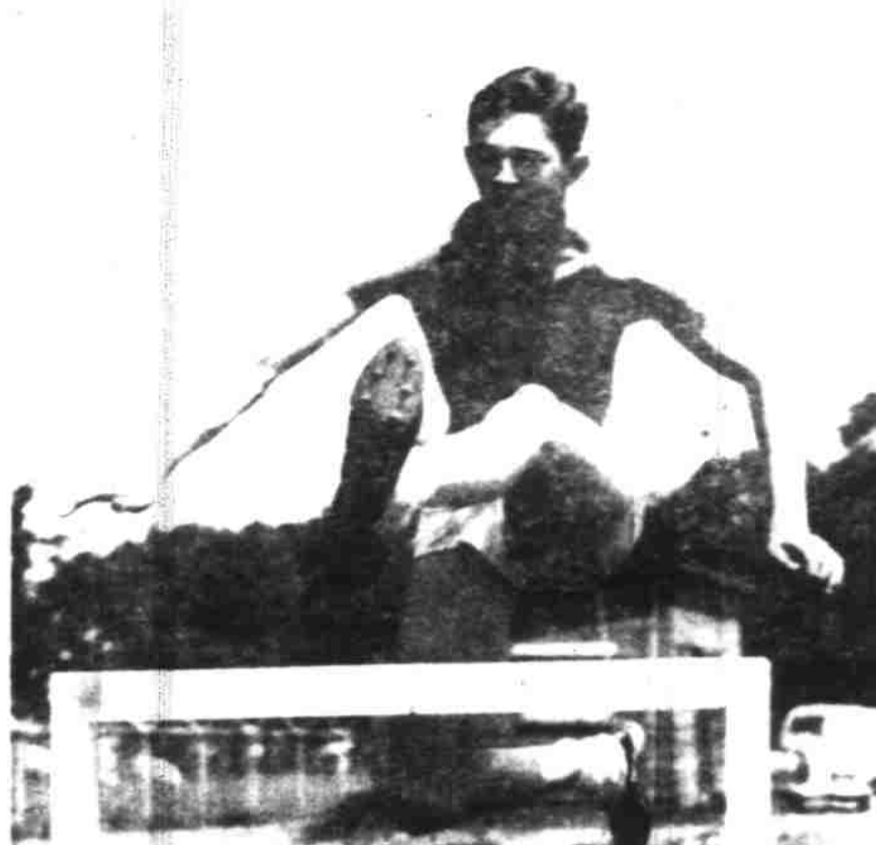
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Bearcat Timber Topper



Willamette's top pointsman Ted Merz (above) will be one of the hurdling toughies in today's Northwest conference track meet on the Lewis & Clark oval in Portland.

L-C Runners Favored

PORTLAND, May 20.—(Special)—The Lewis & Clark Pioneers, who have dominated all meets they have been in this spring with schools their own size, will be favored Saturday to walk off with the 1949 Northwest conference track carnival. The oval session is scheduled for the L-C premises in Portland. Schools to compete with the Pioneers are Willamette, Linfield, Pacific, Whitman and College of Idaho. On the strength of their dual meet victories in the recent past, College of Idaho, Whitman and Willamette are expected to provide the major scrap for second place.

School officials will convene Saturday also to discuss the athletic programs in football, basketball and spring sports for the future in the conference.

Viks Lose to Eugene, 5-1, as Season Closes

Salem high's baseball Vikings ended their regular season on a sour note Friday as they came up against the one-hit hurling of Gordy Lewis and dropped a 5-1 decision to Eugene's Axemen in a Big Six tussle at Waters park. The tilt went only five innings because of rain.

The wail was Eugene's second of the season over the Viks. The loss was Salomon's third in local competition against five wins and in bowing to locals last hope for a state tourney berth went out the window.

Salem got but one blow off Lewis but that was respectable enough in itself, being a fourth frame home run belted by Outfielder Frank Osborn for the Viks' sole run.

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STATESMAN SPORTS

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Senators, Chiefs Slate 2 Tonight

Rain Washes Out Friday Booking: Bianco, Sporer Due for Hill Jobs

Rain, the monotonous stuff, for the seventh time in 13 scheduled WIL games at Waters field last night again washed out the Senators, this time with the Wenatchee Chiefs. The so-for mud splattered home campaign for Manager Bill Beard's hustling band has

spattered three games with Vancouver, one with Victoria, two with Spokane and one with Wenatchee go down the drain. An attempt will be made to make all of them up later, via doubleheaders of course.

The first such try will be made tonight at seven o'clock when the Solons and Chiefs, weather permitting, have at it in two games.

Tall John Bianco and Bus Sporer are the tentative pitching choices for the Senators. For Manager Charley Peterson's visitors, making their first stop of the campaign to Salem, the mound assignments could go to Joe Currell, right-hander once with Portland and Detroit, and Lefty G. Greenlaw, veteran WIL'er.

Other league recognizable on the Wenatchee club include Nick Pesut, catcher, Hal Rhine, infielder, and Jim Warner and Clint Cameron, outfielders.

Not a star in the making on the occasion of signing Pitcher Bill Bevens same terms as Senators' old Joe F. and Bill Bevens was in touch with Portland Bevens' General Manager Bill Mulligan during the day, but the outcome of their effort was not announced. Bevens, excited by his bid from the Senators club Friday night, as before he is leaving town Thursday. Spike, Mgt. Jim Bullheart said he was definitely interested in signing the Los Angeles right-hander.

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New Assistant For Jim Aiken

Successor Not Named At Willamette U

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Jerome (Jerry) Lillie, for the past two years athletic director and head football and track coach at Willamette university has been released from his contract at the school at his own request.

Dr. Herbert Smith, university president reported late Friday night he had contacted the members of the athletic staff and that they had submitted a request for a replacement. Smith, who had just arrived at the campus Friday night from a trip to Eastern Oregon, made no statement on Lillie's successor at Willamette.

Although Lillie could not be reached for comment Friday night, it is known that he will sign on at the University of Oregon as assistant to head football Coach Jim Aiken. Lillie has been in Eugene conferring with Aiken and other Oregon athletic officials for the past two days. The post at Oregon, to be filled by Lillie, was contingent upon his release from the Willamette contract.

The addition of Lillie, former Grant high school and Hawaiian Prep senior coach, likely will fill out Aiken's football coaching staff at Oregon. Aiken only this week hired Bob McCarver, his former assistant at McCarver, as his line coach.

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