

# SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

This 'n' that about this 'n' that:  
The era of miracles isn't over after all. The parent Portlanders are but one game of emerging from the Coast league cellar. A task for which Bill Sweeney should be accorded "manager of the month" honors.

The local and fast-talking Capital Post American Legion Junior ballers have not one, but two coaches this semester. Bill Hanauka is head man, and Al Todd, a village mint buyer is his aide. Proudest guy in town these days is Eddie Sallstrom, store lieutenant at Maple's and once an all-State basketballer for the Vikings. Mrs. S. presented Ed with twin boys the other day. Mike and Mark, at 5-pounds, 13-carrots, and 6-pounds, 1-orange, respectively.

Something to look forward to for those anglers who like to tie into the big ones. We've told that a couple of the southern Oregon lakes are being stocked with imported rainbow trout. The famed Lake Pat and Otter. Some of those giant Klamath trout fingerlings are growing at the rate of two inches per month. In from three to five years hence—well, don't be alarmed if you think you too have looked a submarine. Both molters Dick Peterson of Oregon State and Dick Smith of Washington State have their work cut out for them next weekend at Los Angeles in the NCAA meet.

Wisconsin's Don Gehrmann will be the only one not hit by the 5-foot, 9-inch and 130-pounder broken 4-10 in the four-tupper three times this season. Fact is, Gehrmann will be shooting for USC's Lou Zamperini's NCAA record of 4.083. Neither, Peterson or Paeth have yet cracked the 4.15 mark, but have been close... Speaking of having their chores before them, add to that list the many shotguns who will be here for the big State shoot next month at STC. Also booked for the meet is one Arnold Reigger, the pudgy Boeing airplane worker out of Seattle who, south recall, was high all-events man here last year in the G and Pacific tourney. Reigger's shooting iron is still plenty hot, as only recently he mopped up on a couple of the big sessions in Washington.

## Attendance Trend Is Downward Since 1916

In a statistical mood we've been looking over a few facts and figures on Salem Senator attendance, established at Waters field since the WWI rejuvenation in 1916. After string up same old trend seems to be downward. Instead of the other way. Of course there are many items to be considered in comparing year-for-year gate receipts—weather, position of club in the standings, scarcity of money (or vice versa), etc. But at any rate, the figures are interesting. Look:

Opening night attendance 1946—4309 (missing by a mere 441 the official all-time high of 4750 in 1940). In 1947 it jumped up to 4335, but in '48 it sunk to 3680. Then this year it slumped to 3157. The first 17 home games of '46 lured 29,361 customers. The same number of games in '47 pulled 25,743. In '48 it was 20,926, and this year 19,177. Falling off every year, but probably most of it due to bad weather conditions. The Salem teams have been first divisoners all four years, and in '46 the Senators were smack on top. There is no question but what a dollar was much easier to find then, also. As for seasonal totals, the 1946 record breaking year saw 102,956 on the books. The next year, 1947, 98,330. Last year, 77,659. And this year, plagued by a bad start, the average, although not too bad right now at almost 1130 per game, must pick up considerably if the charmed "hundred thousand" total is to be achieved.

The good weather is now before the club, and some juicy series move in soon. For example, those eight straight games with Yakima turned in the other direction before Labor Day arrives...

## Fourth of July Came Early in Tacoma

Fine tribute to Les Sparks, that WU alum deal which in a small but appreciative way thanked him for his 26 years of solid service to the school's athletic department. Best part of it is the parade the school will have in July. Usually things of that sort are done only after he who is honored is at the same time very dead and buried. We hope Les has another 26 years of it left in him, as Willamette U' without the little guy just isn't Willamette U'.

Cursed with a problem at first base—if you want to call it a problem when a club is hitting well over .300 as a unit and is a long hop, skip and jump ahead of the field in the standings—Yakima has picked up via option from Sacramento Gene Petralli, the "teen-ager" with Spokane last season. Both Buddy Ryan and Delph Camilli are pretty high on the kid as a prospect.

They celebrated the Fourth of July early in Tacoma the other night. No less than 64 base hits—sixty-four of 'em, that is—were bashed in a Tacoma-Spokane doubleheader! ... Right proud high school standing by next weekend during the NCAA track classic at Los Angeles will be University high of LA. Both Mel Patton, the great Trojan sprinter and Craig Dixon, the ditto hurler for UCLA were peppers there at the same time. ... About Patton, if he wins the 100-yard dash Saturday he'll become the second sprinter in history to win three NCAA's century titles. Ralph Metcalfe, of Marquette is second with 1932-33-34. Note he achieved 200 feet in the AAU carnival last week. California's George Roseme, who did 221 feet recently, started out the season with a best of 179' 3".

## Papermen in 8-3 Win, Hold to Softball Lead

The Paper Makers last night spanked out an 8-3 victory over the winless Reservees in the City league softball opener at Leslie field and thereby held onto their leadership of the circuit. The Papermen are now a game ahead of second place Mootry Pharmacy.

## Cerdan via KO Is Sentiment

DETROIT, June 13—(AP)—Handlers of middleweight champion Marcel Cerdan voiced fears today the Casablanca would have to knock out challenger Jake La Motta to win the title fight here Wednesday night.

Cerdan's American representative, Lew Burston of New York, appeared before boxing commissioner Floyd Stevens. He pleaded for an even break for the champion.

"We have been placed in a difficult position by the buildup for this fight and the pro-La Motta sentiment which exists as a result of his frequent Detroit appearances," Burston told Stevens.

"That possibly could sway the manner in which the officials vote if the fight goes the full 15 rounds."

Meanwhile, odds on the challenger continue to drop with a possibility La Motta may enter the ring at even money.

Tonight's Industrial league game, a makeup tilt, sends Warner Motors against Clear Lake on Lower Leslie field at 7 o'clock. In the City circuit, starting at eight, it's Campbell Rock Wool against Knights of Columbus and Mootry's opposite 12th Street Food Market.

Paper Makers 000 53-8 6 1  
Mozines 002 10-3 3 1  
Clayton and Woodworth, McCleod, Jones and Eshelring.

Golden Pheasant 303 100 0-7 7  
Randy 000 018 0-3 4  
Miller and Wenger, Maerz and Applegate.

Tribe Tops Brooks  
CLEVELAND, June 13—(AP)—Rookie Roberto Avila scored the winning run in the eighth inning on a double by Ken Keltner as the Cleveland Indians edged the Brooklyn Dodgers 3-2 in an exhibition game tonight.

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## Rickey Accepts 5 New Plaques in Fame Hall

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y., June 13 (AP)—Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, praised sport as a road away from war to peace today in accepting five bronze plaques of baseball heroes for the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Honored in sun-drenched, informal ceremonies on a flag-draped wooden stand in front of the ivy covered Hall of Fame were Mordecai (Three Finger) Peter Brown, Charles A. (Kid) Nichols, Herbert J. Pennock, Charles L. Gehring, and Harold J. (Pie) Traynor. The plaques in the hall now number 58.

Brown and Pennock are dead. Gehring could not be present. Only the 79-year-old Nichols, and the 49-year-old Traynor were on hand.

Rickey extolled each star in turn. "Three Finger" Brown was praised for his record as a National and Federal league pitcher in winning 239 games and losing 130 back at the turn of the century.

Gehring, Detroit second baseman from 1924-1942, was termed

# Senators Drop Opening Game to Vancouver, 7-4; Coast Conference Meet Gets Off to Slow Start

## Olsen Licked; 2 Tilts Tonite

### Locals Fall into Tie with Wenatchee

The Vancouver Caps stuffed a sour note into the Salem Senators' homecoming at Waters field last night, nabbing a 7-4 win to open the six-game stand between the two clubs. Worse still, the enemy lit into Big Jim Olsen to hand him his third loss of the season and, sadly, pushed the Salems down to a fourth place tie in the standings with Wenatchee at an even .500 percentage.

As for Bill Brenner's visitors, they were selected to win the six games of the leading Yakima Bears, and widened the distance between themselves and the Salems to four games.

Manager Bill Beard's band will have a double chance to get even tonight, as one of two doubleheaders with the Caps is to start at seven o'clock. The other, making up earlier rainouts, will be played Thursday night, following a single shot Wednesday. Ray McNulty will be one of Beard's flingers tonight.

A fine crowd of 2004 turned out for "YMCA Night" to watch proceedings last night, and for five innings felt little pain. But the peppy Caps, who nicked at Olsen all through the earlier innings, crammed across three runs in the sixth and there went the ball game.

Big Jim's opponent, righthander George Nicholas, had his troubles in the early phases also, but got better as he went along. He yielded tallies in the second and third innings, but from then on it was goose-eggs.

Vancouver started off in great shape by scoring thrice in the first inning. Jim Robinson singled and went to third when Hank Fernandez' soft infield tap was booted. Robinson scored on Len Tran's fly to left, after which Charley Mead singled to right. Then Mgr. Brenner creased a sharp double left-center for the other two runs.

Salem got a loner in the second on a walk to Bob Cherry, an infielder out and Bob Hedington's single to center. But the Caps got it back in the third on Ray Tran's single and stolen base and Bob McLean's single through the middle.

The Senators tied it up in the third and appeared to be off to the races. Both Wayne and Bud Peterson singled. Larry Orleig forced Bud to second, but Mel Wasley walked, filling the sack. Then Cherry, the top RBI man on the club, came through with a cast into right-center that went for a double and three runs when Right-felder Mead, who looked for a moment as if he might catch the ball, stumbled and almost fell. Nicholas settled down from here in, however, and gave up only four more hits. He doled nine for the night. Olsen had 12 bopped off him.

The game went to pot in the Vancouver sixth when Brenner singled, moved up on a sacrifice and scooped when Pitcher Nicholas, quite a hitter in his own right, bashed a single solidly to center. Then when Robinson punched out his third hit and Fernandez doubled to right-center, both Nichols and Robinson tallied.

The game also was a record-breaker in one respect. It was played in one hour and 31 minutes, besting the 1:32 a Tacoma-Spokane 1949 "taps" took last week. ... The battle also was rough on both Messrs. Olsen and Nicholas in a physical way. Jim was bopped on the arms by two line drives, and another just missed his head by scant inches. Nicholas had his glove knocked off with liners on two occasions, but recovered both times to toss out some batters. ... A fluke play took Olsen out of the inning in the second when, with two on and two out, Olsen topped a pitch and sent it along the first base line. He bumped Nicholas while running to first—Jim had the play beat a block—and was called out for interference, retiring the side.

As expected, no home runs were hit in the big orchard. The Salems bopped 13 on their recent six-game road trip into Canada. The Waters arena is simply too big. ... Both Nicholas and Olsen had on their hitting as well as pitching logs. Both got two hits, and one of Olsen's was a double.

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by Rickey "a man of mechanical precision, obscure so far as showmanship was concerned, but a very great player." Herb Pennock, the great American league pitcher who died last year, was called "a lovely character, modesty itself, and greatness." Traynor, the Pittsburgh Pirate immortal, was called "a mechanically perfect third baseman, a man of intellectual worth on the field of play."

Kid Nichols, said Rickey, "was one of the great pitchers of the olden days" to which the Kid replied that "I appreciate what they have done for me."

## Top Tag Bee at Armory Tonite

Expected to be one of the best in a long line of action-packed thriller-dillers, the Buck Weaver-Al Szasz and Frank Stojack-Lefty Pacer tag team duets collide tonight in the top mix on Matchmaker Elton Owen's weekly show at the armory. Buck Weaver and Szasz are among the top crowd-pleasers to flex a muscle in the Salem arena in years. Stojack is the capable, and oft-tough Coast junior heavy champ, and in the 200-pound Pacer he has for a partner an unorthodox top-notch whose left-handed style of applying holds makes it tough on his opponents.

"This one should be a real 'grip,'" insists the matchmaker, who will do the refereeing himself and who has lined up a pair of comely prelims to go along with the glittery mainer.

In the 8:30 o'clock opener, Toughie Tony Faletti goes on with Dale Kiser, younger brother of Jack who is making his professional debut. A beautifully built 18-year-old of 175 pounds, Dale has been learning from his illustrious brother Tiger Jack, who will second him tonight. Then in the second prelim, Jack himself tangles with the powerful Bill (Bull) Wiedner, expert airplane spinner. The older Kiser is hot on the trail of top laurels in the local ring.

## Los Angeles Next for Bevs; Leading Hollies Play Solons

Fresh from winning their first series in weeks, the Portland Beavers, still the cellar occupants of the Coast league standings, Tuesday open a new series at Portland, with the almost-as-lousy Los Angeles Angels. Seven games are on the menu for the week, climaxed by the usual Sunday afternoon doubleheader. Portland won 6 of 7 from San Francisco last week.

Elsewhere in the loop starting Tuesday, San Francisco is at Seattle, San Diego at Oakland and Sacramento at Hollywood. The Stars continue to lead the circuit by a comfortable distance, and this week should fatten up on the Solons who have been having their troubles trying to play even .500 baseball.

Given another good week at home against Los Angeles, the Portlands could climb from their basement hole for the first time this season. They are now but a single game out of seventh place.

Next week Portland plays at San Francisco, Seattle at Los Angeles, Hollywood at San Diego and Oakland at Sacramento.

## White Upholds Swatting Lead

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13—(AP)—Al White, Sacramento outfielder, with a batting average of .372, topped the Pacific Coast league in batting statistics announced today.

The top batting averages:

A. White	.372	G. Ab	.345	Hr	12	Rbi	27
Malone, L.A.	.329	H. S	.320	S	45	372	2
Paster, S.D.	.320	W	.317	B	40	37	2
Colman, Seattle	.312	D	.310	H	36	35	2
Tabor, Sacto	.310	L	.306	S	31	25	4
Soren, Holly	.309	H	.307	H	34	34	3
Nahr, Seattle	.302	L	.300	H	33	38	3
McKevick, Oak	.295	H	.292	H	31	33	3
Thomas, Port	.294	H	.291	H	34	37	3
Maurio, L.A.	.285	H	.283	H	30	37	3
Rucker, Port	.281	H	.280	H	32	32	3
S. White, Sea	.248	H	.246	H	26	31	3
Becker, Sea	.237	H	.235	H	26	30	3
Livino, Sea	.227	H	.225	H	21	30	3

## Longer Hunt Season Seen

SEATTLE, June 13—(AP)—Duck hunters may get a longer shooting season this fall in the Pacific northwest. Game directors from four states, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, presented their recommendations of a 60-day season at a regional meeting today with fish and wildlife service representatives. They said later the service was apparently willing to consider "relaxations."

The directors, through Tom Murray, Idaho, also asked the same bag and possession limits as last year. The shooting last year was restricted to two 16 1/2 day shooting periods.

## Senator Swat

The date at which gunpowder was first used in artillery in battle is uncertain, but is believed to be 1531.

It was used at that time in a battle with the Spaniards and the Indians at the Battle of San Juan. The Spaniards were victorious and the Indians were killed.

Bad Start:

Vancouver (7)	B H O A	(4) Salem	B H O A
Robinson	3 3 0 2	W. Pet	2 5 1 4 4
Fernandez	5 1 2 0	B. Pet	5 1 2 2 0
Tran	5 3 3 1	Olsen	5 3 3 1 0
Mead	5 2 2 0	W. Wasley	3 0 5 0
R. Trans	5 1 1 3	Cherry	3 1 3 1 0
Brenner	4 2 2 1	Nicholas	4 2 2 1 0
Snyder	4 2 0 2	Hedington	3 4 1 2 2
McLean	3 1 1 0	Krug	4 2 8 2
Nichols	3 0 2 0	Olsen	4 2 8 2

Totals 37 12 27 11  
Vancouver 301 905 900-7 12 0  
Salem 013 000 4-9 1

Pitching	W L S O	P	W L S O	
Olsen	7 3 23	3	Sporer	4 4 35
McNulty	5 2 28	2	Peterson	2 4 29
Foster	2 1 18	2	Fredericks	3 4 20
Osborn	3 2 23	2	Sciara	0 0 0

## STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

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## Involved in Major Trades

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## Red Sox, Giants, Nats, Cincy in Major Trades

NEW YORK, June 13—(AP)—The Boston Red Sox traded two of their former stars to Washington today for Pitcher Walt Masterson and the New York Giants shipped Reddy to receiver Ray Mueller.

Letty Mickey Harris, mainstay on the Red Sox's 1946 pennant winning team and Outfielder Sam Mele, rookie standout of 1947, went to the Senators. No cash changed hands in the Cooper-Mueller trade and a Washington official said no money was involved in the deal with the Red Sox. Reports from Boston, however, indicated that once again Sox owner Tom Yawkey shelled out plenty of cash to bolster his club.

## The Standings

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL  
Yakima 37 17 685 Wenatchee 28 20 500  
Vancouver 30 22 577 Bremerton 25 32 421  
Spokane 29 25 519 Lew. Angle 33 45 423  
Salem 26 28 506 Victoria 23 34 404  
Monday result: At Salem 4 Vancouver 7. (Only game scheduled.)

COAST LEAGUE  
Hollywood 51 28 646 Oakland 38 40 487  
Seattle 44 36 530 San Fran 30 42 462  
San Diego 40 37 518 Los Angeles 33 45 423  
Sacramento 33 38 493 Portland 31 44 413  
(No Monday games.)

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
(No games scheduled Monday)

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
(No games scheduled Monday)

## Robinson Now Swat Leader

NEW YORK, June 13—(AP)—Jackie Robinson of Brooklyn has taken over the batting leadership in the National league and is doing his best to monopolize the specialty departments.

The stellar second baseman raised his average seven points to .349 during the past week. He's tied for the lead with teammate Pee Wee Reese for runs scored, 44, and stolen bases, 11. Robinson also leads the league in hits with 73, is tied with Carl Furillo of Brooklyn and Roy Smalley of Chicago for tops in triples with five and is tied for second with Puddin' Head Jones of Philadelphia in the two-base hit department with 14. Eddie Waitkus of Philadelphia has the most doubles, 16.

Robinson and Red Schoendienst of St. Louis were the only ones of last week's top 10 hitters to improve their average during the week. Schoendienst is second in the Brooklyn star with 340, up five points during the week. Ralph Kiner, of Pittsburgh, last week's leader, slumped from .366 to .339 which was good enough for third place.

## Auction Tonight!

### Glenwood Ballroom

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