

# SPORTS LIGHTNER

An add to the not-so-dumb fraternity is Jim Brillheart, mgr. of the Spokane. Jim popped off here about that a putrid baseball town he thought our village is, so 4000 paid admissions showed up on "Razzberries to Brillheart's Night". Spokane took away 40 per cent of the gate of course. Brillheart used the same gag at Bremerton the other night when only 248 paid were in the stands and, with newspaper and radio help after poohing the navy city as Class-X, well over 1000 turned out the next night. Tacoma and Wenatchee should be next for the sly guy.

The pitching doctor Frank Dierrick has been one of the most popular gents on the club since joining the Portland Beavers. No, the others don't ask him how he throws his hard one or curve, but instead plague him with pleas for the proper remedies for their ouch-ouches and pains. 'Tis said Tommy Bridges, already has been good for three sizeable prescriptions as authorized by Frank, and that after diagnosing a pale Ad Liska one day the doc sent him home to shake the "flu". At the rate he's going the prewar Salem Senator fireballer will make more money at his profession on the Portland than he's being paid for pitching.

Don't know just how far Bill Healy has gone in his dickering with the Portland big shots for the local club, but would guess it isn't much farther than a short step. 'Tis said Healy is interested if the price for franchise and park is in the neighborhood of \$60,000. We happen to know (and can prove it) that the first price the big shots will fire at you if you should care to talk turkey with them is (hold your breath) \$125,000, with added provisions. 'Mebbe Healy can't get the third base bleaches one light pole and Mel Wasley with his \$80,000.



RAY McNULTY

**Ray's Slider Had 'Em All Fooled at L.A.**

Perhaps you've heard it by now, and perhaps not. At any rate Ray McNulty was telling us the other day (he still makes his home in Salem) about his debut with the Beavers at Los Angeles. He was pitching to Catcher Eddie Fernandez and the batter was Wayne Terwilliger. Scraph second sacker. Not accustomed to the way in which Fernandez signaled for certain pitches. Ray didn't know just exactly what to throw when Fernandez wiggled his little finger at him from beneath the pad and glove. The signal was Fernandez' call for a fast ball.

So perplexed Ray up and threw "the best slider I've thrown all season — one that broke at least three feet." Terwilliger sort of fell back and half swung all at the same time, lofting a little dinker that Ford Mullen had to run in from his second base berth to catch.

The expression on Terwilliger's face tatted that he didn't believe what he saw that particular pitch do. But it was no worse than that on Fernandez' puss as he came'alloping out to the mound waving his arms and bawling "time out!"

When Fernandez got to Ray he blurted, "Cripes, kid, does your fast ball do that all the time?"

Raw-boned Ray likes his new surroundings, and says he's learning a lot sitting around listening to pitching babble by such capables as Bridges, Helsler and Fleming. But it's that sitting around that gets him down. Admittedly a neophyte as a PCL flinger, McNulty believes sincerely he could help the club if given a chance to pitch regularly. The way things are now he'd just as soon be with the Senators, working consistently. Ditto for Bill Burgher the catcher who can't do much backstopping for the Beavs. Burgher admits he'd rather be with the locals, playing right-field every night.

**'Clown Prince' Coming in Wednesday**

Baseball's famed "Clown Prince", Al Schacht, comes in Wednesday night to make his first pitch at Waters field. And if you've never seen the guy in the pug hat and swallow-tail coat put on his act you've missed something. His mimicking of such greats as Babe Ruth, Bob Feller, et al., along with his numerous other skills are real ribtickers.

Schacht is now in the midst of his 25th year of barnstorming. He's played before more than 70,000,000 people which, surprisingly enough, far surpasses the totals of such favorites as Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, et al. He's annually a part of the world series classic and has appeared in 25 of them.

A major league pitcher with Washington at one time, but admittedly not a very good one, Schacht's pantomime of pitching to the Mighty Red Sox with the bases full, is a scream. So is much of his other antics for that matter.

**Who's wrong? The parent Portlands upon selling Dick Sinovic to Vancouver, figured (1) he couldn't hit enough, (2) he couldn't throw enough and (3) he couldn't run enough to be classed as a Triple-A prospect. In fact, they couldn't find anything good about the guy, including his attitude. But Bob Brown, the Connie Mack of minor league baseball in the West openly opines that Sinovic (1) can hit often and hard, can (2) throw with any outfielder in the circuit and (3) can run like a thief. His attitude? The very best, just as it's always been. Brown goes so far as to predict a bright future for Rapping Richard, and not in a league below Class Triple-A par.**

The Senators found their former mate everything but what he was accused of being during their recent joust with him in Vancouver. And if such was painful to the gents who were responsible for peddling Sinovic, we're indeed tickled.

**'Corners' Lose, Three Clubs Lead 'C' League**

Three clubs were knotted atop the Junior "C" league standings following action Monday evening on two fronts. The Four Corners crew, previously sole-possessors of first place with a four won, none lost record, were knocked over by the Midget Markets and Dan Feller, 4-0. The win gave the Midgets a share of the lead and also getting in on the tie were the Keizer Truxax Oilers who whipped Schroeder's Four-Star Markets, 7-1.

The Midgets also got one blow off Jack Lindberg and Bud Bartels but that one — a double by Wayne Osborn — was combined with a walk and two errors in the first inning to give the Midgets two runs and all the margin they needed. The Oilers banged 11 hits including a homer by Shaft as they downed the Schroeder's. Simms socked a homer for the Markets.

Tonight the "B" leaguers return to action with Keizer Merchants meeting Salem Heights at Salem Heights. West Salem slating Mayflower at Leslie and Salem Laundry colliding with the Salem Realtors at Olinger. All ties start at 8 o'clock.

Truxax Oilers 544 3-16 11 0  
Schroeder 040 2-4 1 1 0  
Keppinger, Shaft (2) and Newton, Smith and Byring.

4 Corners 000 0-0 1 1 2  
Midgets 220 0-4 1 1 1  
Lindberg, Bartels (2) and Schroeder, Feller and Osborn.

**Baseball's BIG SIX**

Leading batemen (three leaders in each league):

Robinson, Dodgers	87	776	130	267
Dillinger, Browns	87	344	49	120
D.Maggio, Red Sox	86	363	80	125
Williams, Red Sox	85	381	97	124
Kell, Tigers	80	358	65	123
Slaughter, Cards	82	339	56	112
Schoendienst, Cards	83	396	59	129

Runs batted in — National League: Robinson, Dodgers; Hedges, Dodgers; K. Gordon, Giants; T.C. American League: Williams, Red Sox; 105; Stephens, Red Sox; 104; Wertz, Tigers; 90. Home runs — National League: Kiner, Pirates; 27; Gordon, Giants; 23; Sauer, Cubs; 22; American League: Williams, Red Sox; 26; Stephens, Red Sox; 25; Joost, Athletics; 21.

**Today's Pitchers**

National league: Boston at St. Louis (Elliott); Cincinnati at Philadelphia (9-4); Brooklyn at Pittsburgh (night); Barney (4-6) vs Chesnes (5-5); Philadelphia (night); Heinzelman (13-4) vs Wehmeier (5-6); New York at Chicago — Jones (8-7) or Hansen (1-6) vs Leonard (4-12); American league: Detroit at New York (night) — Houtteman (8-6) vs Reynolds (11-1); St. Louis at Boston (night) — Stutz (1-7) vs Stobbs (5-3); Cleveland at Washington (night) — Wynn (6-2) vs Harris (2-7); Chicago at Philadelphia (night) — Gumpert (6-9) vs Fowler (10-6).

**Yakima Hikes Lead to Five**

YAKIMA, Aug. 1-(AP)—A pinch hit double by Ray Ortega into deep right centerfield and Al Jacinto's hit to the identical spot chased two runs across for Yakima in the ninth inning as the Bears increased their Western International league lead to five games by beating second place Vancouver 9-1 in the first of a crucial four game series here tonight.

Charlton put Vancouver ahead for a second time in the game in the eighth inning when he hom-

## Wasley Cracks All-Time Mark

### Athletics Spear 9-6, 7-1 in Dismal Dish

By Al Lightner

Apparently left to plummet into the dungeon by their Coast League elders, the Salem Senators seem to be en route to such fate, but fast. They were whacked twice by the once-lowly Victoria Athletics last night at Waters' field, by scores of 9-6 and 7-1, and today did themselves 9-5, and today of the first division and, worse still, a scant three hits ahead of the last place Tacoma Tigers.

Just when it will end, if ever, is easily answered. It never will until pitching help, and lots of it, arrives to put an end to the robust run-making the enemy nines enjoy at the expense of the locals.

The mound corps, or what there is of it, was dealt another blow besides the double setback last night when it was reported that Jim Olson, hottest winner of the lot will be lost to the club indefinitely. Jim has come up with one of those dangerous spinal discs, which could mean the end of his ballplaying this season. His absence leaves Manager Bill Beard with only six flingers, all of them already overworked and facing nine games within the next six nights.

It was Bill Osborn and Gene Peterson in for the losses in the opening stand with the A's. Osborn was replaced by Jimmy who was succeeded by Bob Drilling in the opener. Peterson went the route in the nine-inning clash, and was touched for 14 hits.

It should be said in defense of all, however, that errors in both games had as much to do with the enemy scoring as did the 24 hits. No more the sharp-throwing unit and once was, the inner defense yielded seven unearned runs in the twin bill, four in the first game.

A downright paid doubleheader crowd of only 732 paid showed up, which added to the evening's dreariness. About the only thing they got any kick out of at all, other than giving Marty Krug and Bob Hedington the usual ride, was Mel Wasley's 7th home run of the season in the first game.

"Hambone" sent it from the premises in the sixth inning with Bob Cherry aboard and as the towering high fly left it took with it the all-time Salem Senator record for home runs hit in one season. Wasley's 7th homer, bettered the 16 made by Eddie Barr last season, which stood high for all years Salem has had a club in the W.I.L.

Wayne Peterson hit his ninth home run of the season in the ninth inning also, but the Athletics were by then far ahead and comfortable behind the sidearm flinging of Frank Logue.

Gene Peterson was battling a lost cause almost all the way the nightcap, as he was up against the top lefty in the league, Jim Propst. Only an error kept Propst and his buzzing fast pitches from earning a shutout. He fanned seven and walked two. Logue struck out six and walked a pair in his game.

Johnny Hack, with two hits in each game, was a major thorn, and Russ Walseth, with four hits, and Gil McDougald with three in the nightcap made it a threesome for the night.

Only Wasley and Wayne Peterson were able to dent the Vic pitching noticeably. Wasley had a perfect out for each game and came out for three hits in eight trips. Osborn hurt a leg while making a pitch in the third inning of his game, so perhaps he too will be sidelined with Olsen.

New York Yankee Scout Joe Devine was perched in the stands watching his old hirings, and he didn't make Joe's visit a bust.

The clubs go again tonight in another seven o'clock party, with Stu Fredericks and Cal McIrvine slated to do the Salem hurling. Joe Blankenship and Elmer Provse could be Mgr. Earl Bolyard's choices.

## Making Magic for Vikings



With the opening of football practice less than a month away, Salem high Coach Loren Mori is these days spending much time diagramming the plays the Viks will use on the enemy. Mori recruits a full set of miniature "players" during his pencil work.

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

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## Ross, Williams in Mainer

Grappling fans won't be surprised at all tonight if blood flows during the Tough Tony Ross vs. Tat-tooed Al Williams main event on the armory mat. Not accustomed to being considered as possibilities for the Coast Junior Heavy title belt, both noted nasties are apt to make mayhem upon each other in their effort to spear the important win which will send his holder into another elimination scrap with Frank Stojack next week here.

Matchmaker Elton Owen is conducting a shakedown cruise in Salem, Portland and Eugene in an effort to uncover the best possible threat to Jack McLoughlin, the gent now holding the coveted title belt in Vancouver. B.C. McLoughlin beat Stojack twice to nab the belt. So tonight Ross and Williams are sure to uncork their best and roughest stuff in an effort to survive the "first round."

Al Szasz and Buck Weaver, another pair of possibilities will meet in the semifinal match tonight and Tex Hager takes on Billy McEwin in the 8:30 o'clock opener. All three matches will be 2-of-3 fallers.

## Papermakers Top GP's, Again Snare City Lead; Warners Win

The Papermakers once again went to the top of the City Softball league standings last night with a narrow 4-3 decision over Golden Pheasant. The win put the Makers one-half game up on the Mootry Druggists who will have a chance to once more share the lead as they collide with Campbell Rock Wool at 9 o'clock tonight. Another City tilt last night was given to 12th Street Market on forfeit when Randle Oil proved short on players.

In the Industrial circuit Warners Motors took the measure of Interstate Tractor, 8-5, behind the hurling of Leon Mickenham.

The Papermakers win over the Pheasants saw Bob Knight come up with a three-hit mound job while Warren Miller of the GP's was yielding four. The Makers' winning tally came in the fifth when Don Vandevort uncorked a long triple to score Ralph Maddy. The GP's had tied it 3-3 in the fourth with three runs off Hagedorn's two-run single and a wild pitch.

Also on the City bill tonight is an 8 o'clock go between the KC's and Marine Reserves. In the Industrial loop it's Post Office against Paper Mill.

Warners 207 300 1-8 6 4  
Tractors 220 021 0-5 6 9  
Mickenham and Wood; Krett and Butts.

Pheasants 000 300 6-3 3 2  
Paper 012 010 7-4 4 3  
Miller and Warren; Knight and Payne.

## Amerk, Swedish Stars Collide

GOTEBURG, Sweden, Aug. 1-(AP)—Craig Dixon of UCLA, who this spring equalled the world record for the 220-yard low hurdles, won the 110-meter hurdles today in a dual meet of U.S. and Swedish track forces.

Dixon's time was 14.3 seconds. Americans also took the pole vault, broad jump and 1,000 meter relay while Sweden won the 1,500 meter run and the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Bob Richards of Champaign, Ill., won the pole vault with a leap of 14 feet, 2 inches. George Rasmussen of Oregon was a close second.

## Senator Swat

(Up to date)

Cherry	303	129	328	W.Pitrsn	450	115	255
Wasley	256	110	309	G.Pitrsn	60	14	233
B.Pitrsn	441	135	306	Foster	42	10	238
Beard	247	71	288	Snyder	12	218	
Krug	241	64	266	Carlson	116	26	220
Buckley	53	14	264	Fredericks	37	212	
Hedging	304	81	267	McIrvine	26	4	160
Drilling	38	10	263	Osborn	24	1	042
Olihan	89	23	258				

Pitching: W L SO  
McIrvine 2 2 23 Foster 2 6 45  
Gieson 6 31 Peterson 10 56  
Osborn 8 6 49 Fredericks 2 9 33  
Drilling 5 6 67

## Channel Swim in Nude Panned

DOVER, England, Aug. 1-(AP)—Curvaceous Shirley May France, 16-year-old Somerset, Mass., mermaid, was criticized today for planning to swim the English channel in the nude.

And it was a man who disappointed of the idea.

"Nudity appeals to little boys and indecent people," Edward Temme, first man to swim the 20-mile stretch of water twice, told British and American news-men today.

## Locals Lose 'Rubber' 10-7

### C-Posts Held to 3 Hits in Payoff Mix

FOREST GROVE, Aug. 1-(Special)—Hillsboro's American Legion Junior baseball crew earned a State tourney berth here tonight as they downed the Salem Capitol Post club, 10-7, in the rubber game of their sectional playoff. Each team had previously taken a game in the playoff set.

Impotency with the stick was a big factor in the Salem loss. The losers could collect but three blows off Pete Peterson and John Nierman over the route while the winners collected seven off Jim Rock who went all the way for the Salems.

The Hillsboro outfit after being blanked in the initial two innings, went to town in the third with three runs and added another three in the fourth to pile up an early lead on the Capital City team.

The Boros manufactured their third inning spree on a pair of errors and singles by Rogstrom and McKichan off Rock. The trio of tallies in the fourth were produced as Rock suffered a wild streak and walked three men, Rogstrom and LeBlant then came through with opportune base knocks for the victors.

The Salem gang finally broke the scoring ice in the top half of the fifth frame with three markers of their own. Pete Peterson, who had held the Capitol Posts well in check, gave a pair of free passes which were converted into runs when Bill Stewart came through with a two base wallop. Stewart then tallied via a fielder's choice. Nierman went to the rescue of Peterson during the uprising.

Hillsboro picked up another tally in the bottom half of the fifth and put the game on ice with three more in the sixth, with McKichan's two-run triple the key blow.

The Salems banged over their fourth marker in the sixth via three free passes and a single by Roy Parsons and made a final and spirited bid in the seventh with a three-run burst. Those final three counters came without benefit of a single hit. Three walks by Peterson (he gave nine in all during the fray) plus a Hillsboro error did it.

## The Standings

**WESTERN INTERNATIONAL**

Yakima	W L Pct	51 33 501	Victoria	W L Pct	50 39 459
Vancouver	44 42 604	Bremerton	48 62 436		
Spokane	38 52 327	Salem	47 62 431		
Wenatchee	54 36 491	Tacoma	45 56 405		
Monday results: At Salem 6-1, Victoria 9-7, At Yakima 9, Vancouver 8 (Only games scheduled).					

**COAST LEAGUE**

Hollywood	W L Pct	51 33 501	Portland	W L Pct	43 64 467
Sacramento	69 38 342	Seattle	67 67 482		
Oakland	67 61 323	San Fran	56 72 438		
San Diego	64 64 305	Los Angeles	45 72 425		
(No games Monday) Tuesday series starts — Oakland at Portland; Hollywood at Seattle; San Diego at Los Angeles; Sacramento at San Francisco.					

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

St. Louis	W L Pct	58 38 594	Philadelphia	W L Pct	54 47 315
Brooklyn	57 38 600	Pittsburgh	45 50 474		
Boston	52 46 331	Cincinnati	38 58 396		
New York	50 46 321	Chicago	36 63 364		
Monday results: At Boston 4, Cleveland 3; at Washington 0, St. Louis 2 (Only games scheduled).					

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

New York	W L Pct	60 35 632	Philadelphia	W L Pct	54 47 315
Cleveland	56 40 382	Chicago	41 57 418		
Boston	54 43 357	Washington	36 63 364		
Monday results: At Boston 4, Cleveland 3; at Washington 0, St. Louis 2 (Only games scheduled).					

## Brooks Only 1/2 Game Back

### Tribe Loses Ground On Loss to Red Sox

NEW YORK, Aug. 1-(AP)—Brooklyn's Dodgers shaved St. Louis' National league lead to a slender half game tonight by shutting out the Pittsburgh Pirates, 9-0, while the Cardinals were losing an 8-1 decision to the Boston Braves.

Ralph Branca, apparently blank in the groove, hurled a four-hitter as his mates batted around in the first inning to grab a 6-0 lead. The Boston Red Sox beat the Cleveland Indians in the rubber game of their five-game set, 4-3, to move within two and a half games of the second place Indians, and seven out of first place.

Mc Parnell bested Bob Lemon in a hurling duel, allowing nine hits for his 15th victory. It was Lemon's sixth defeat. Ted Williams drove in the winning run in the seventh with a single.

Warren Spahn registered his 13th victory, spinning an eight-hitter against the Cards. A three-run homer by Ed Sauer, former Redbird, and another two-run blast by Bob Elliott, accounted for more than half Boston's runs.

Led by Bobby Thomson, who blasted two doubles, a triple and single, the New York Giants walked the Chicago Cubs, 11-3, to take over undisputed possession of fourth place. Clint Hartung went the route for his ninth victory.

Bob Dillinger pounded out three hits in four times at bat to lead the St. Louis Browns to a 2-0 triumph over the Washington Senators. Karl Drew started eight hits for his fourth victory.

The three hits raised Dillinger's league leading average to .349, five more than Dom DiMaggio's figure. DiMaggio had two hits for the Red Sox to extend his hitting streak through 23 games.

All other teams were not scheduled.

## Iba Criticizes Basket Ruling

BEAUMONT, Tex., Aug. 1-(AP)—Henry Iba, producer of national champions, says basketball games next season will be only 38 minutes long.

He doesn't mean that literally but observes that for all practical purposes the fans might just as well file out of the gyms when the last two minutes of a game are reached.

Iba, whose Oklahoma A. and M. teams twice won the National Collegiate title and who was named "coach of the year" last winter, is here lecturing on basketball at the Texas coaching school. He took occasion to lash out at the new rule in the game that says if there's a foul in the last two minutes the team that is fouled not only gets to try for a free throw but also gets the ball out of bounds afterward.

Iba, noted for defensive basketball, said the team behind in the last two minutes wouldn't have a chance in a million of catching up under the circumstances. "It won't be able to get the ball," he declared.

"I think this is the first mistake ever made by the rules people in the history of the game," he said.

## Florida Sleet Victor

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 1-(AP)—Clarence Camp of Ocala, Fla., won the first title in the National "Hampton" skeet tournament today — the 410 gauge division of the preliminary national handicap.

Camp had a perfect score, 100x 106, in a shootout with five other sub-small gauge shooters.

A total of 224 entered the 100 target event, boosted to championship status this year.

## Lesnevich Glad He's Underdog in Title Go

NEW YORK, Aug. 1-(AP)—Edward Charles, who defends his NBA-heavyweight title Aug. 10 at the Yankee stadium, and challenger Gus Lesnevich were pronounced in "superb" physical condition today at the customary preliminary checkup.

Dr. Vincent Nardiello, representing the New York State Athletic commission, gave the usual pre-fight diagnosis after the two fighters stepped on the scale.

Charles, down to fighting weight and ready for the bell any time, weighed only 180. He said he would go into the ring at that figure. When he defeated Jersey Joe Walcott to win NBA recognition as Joe Louis' successor at Chicago June 22 he weighed 181 1/2.

Keeping his weight up as high as 180 has been a problem for Charles during the hot spell. The champ from Cincinnati returns to boxing tomorrow after a day layoff and will spar a three-round exhibition Wednesday night as part of a diamond gloves show at Paterson, N. J.

Lesnevich, undisturbed by the odds that make him an underdog at prices ranging from 8 to 5 to 4 to 1, weighed 183 at the commission offices. He had to work hard to make the light heavyweight limit, his old class, when he lost to Joey Maxim at Cincinnati, May 23. As the Maxim bout was designated by the NBA as for the American light heavyweight crown he had to make 175. He did it with four ounces to spare but claimed it weighed him.

"I always like to be the underdog," said Lesnevich, "let the other guy be the favorite."

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