

SPORTS LIGHTNER

From the looks of a compilation of oral, written and reported testimony we have since breaking the Salem Senator blowup last week, and therein practically ruining a week's leave, incidentally, one thing is quite obvious: Those who have either written or spoken their pieces on the situation — and they are many indeed — list as the biggest bugaboo of all the tieup with Portland. Or if you'd like it more plainly, the great majority of the fans who are steering clear of the Waters field premises when the ball club is in town are convinced the future of the Senators as popular heroes here is jeopardized so long as the club labors under the direction of the Portland Beaver officers. Which of course isn't good news for those officers. But at the same time they might be reminded they have no one to blame but themselves. Like any other business involving buying and selling, the customers just won't buy if they don't like the product being sold.

We have not only our own evidence of this down-with-Portland feeling, but can muster more. The baseball broadcasting KOCO group can produce a sizeable batch of such protests also, sent in by many of the many who deem a Senator play-by-play one of their favorite radio programs.

Just what will come of it all is being now processed no doubt. Portland will sell the local holding alright, if existing financial arrangements can be made. Or she will pull the franchise and move it elsewhere as threatened. That threat partly really blisters us. It amounts to this: Just because the fans won't support a second division club and the policies by which it is operated, they are to be penalized by losing the club itself.

The fans are here alright, despite what the operators might think. They proved that both in 1946 and '47, one-hundred-thousand strong both years. The Senators were first division those years, you'll recall, and had something to sell. They also proved it one night this season by turning out almost 4000 strong for a Spokane doubleheader into which was woven a "Razzberries to Mgr. Brillheart" gag, same worked up without any assistance from the club itself.

Ownership by the Fans is One Answer

Buy the club and be done with the Portland tieup? Easier said than done, as those who are now negotiating along those lines are perhaps discovering. But there is a way, and a good one. In fact, we understand a group of downowners is contemplating a mass meeting to talk over the plan. The out we have in mind is nothing new. But it is somewhat novel as well as practical. It concerns club ownership by the fans themselves.

We have only to finger out the Billings, Mont., entry in the Class C Pioneer league for a good example. Money to field and operate the Billings club was realized via the selling of stock last year. A president and other officers, including a board of directors were elected and the stockholders numbered into the hundreds. Even such gents as Bing Crosby, Ty Cobb, Mickey Cochrane, etc., were sold shares. Quite easily too, as like a lot of other people they enjoy seeing baseball blossom even in the smaller cities and towns. A tieup with a major league club was made (Brooklyn Dodgers) and sound baseball men were hired to direct actual operations. Billings started out in last place last year, and finished there. But in spite of it, and the dividends on the stock were such that the holders in the very first season got back just about every dollar they invested. We know this for sure, as our brother-in-law happens to be one of those stockholders.

Billings Finds Home-Owned Plan a Dandy

This year the Billings club is operating on velvet you might say. And what velvet? Instead of being in last place, the club has been on top since the opening game and — get this — is averaging around 4000 paid admissions for every home appearance! The hundreds of club owners, plus plenty of their pals are really putting that home-owned business venture over the top. The same setup could be employed here. It will take some work of course. But it can be done. And never have we heard of one of these home-owned ventures doing a floper. If handled by the right men, who can secure the necessary affiliations for playing personnel, those who would invest in such a project might also tie into a pleasant surprise.

For all the necessary information on just how the Billings layout functions, a club official from that city would no doubt enjoy a plane trip to Salem, expenses paid of course, during which he could talk to any conclave and answer questions. General Manager Bill Mulligan of the Portlands could attend the same pow-wow for that matter, and be quite instrumental in any transactions that might occur.

Better Get to Gettin' Pretty Quicklike

It's a cinch something should be done soon before the natives awaken some of the ball club sporting a new name. Like the Walla Walla Walrus, for instance. Such is possible too, despite the fact that the present landlords can't move Waters field. We've already been told that at the rate the Senators are losing money now it would be much cheaper to padlock the joint and merely pay taxes on it rather than operate a ball club in it. They aren't bluffing, girls.

Bremerton Wins Legion Title; Steels Top Oilers, Take Lead

Losers Protest Crucial 'C' Go

The Salem Steels took a mighty step toward possession of the Junior "C" league title last night at Olinger as they turned back the erstwhile pace-setting Keizer Trux Oilers, 8-4, in a crucial fray which was played under protest by the losers.

The win, garnered oddly enough on but one hit, shot the Steels one-half game above the Oilers who have finished their season with six wins, two losses.

The Steels can sew up the crown if they can get by the lowly Elstroms next week in the finale — this is, if last night's Oiler protest is not upheld. The complaint held that a Steel player was ineligible.

Another "C" tilt last night saw the River Bend Steels, who still have an outside chance for a title, crush the Schreder 4-Star Markets, 1-0, on the one-hit pitcher of Keith Johnson.

Five Oiler errors and Jerry Kipping's wildness helped the Steels even though they got only the one blow off the Oiler hurler.

Bob Whittaker set the Trux gang down with four hits.

Tonight the "B" leaguers resume with the leading West Salem Lumbers meeting Salem Realtors at Olinger, the runner-up Keizer Merchants tangling with Salem Laundry at Leslie and Salem Heights mixing with Mayflower at Salem Heights.

Oilers 000-4-4-5
Steels 250-1-2-1-0
Kempinger and Newton; Whittaker and Stryker.

River Bend 211-15-10-8
Schreder's 000-0-0-1-1
Johnson and Davis; Smith and Clifton.

COAST LEADERS
C A N H Pct
Wilson, Oakland 122-432-153-344
White, Sacramento 143-978-377-344
Nolan, Hollywood 137-820-273-533
Madden, Los Angeles 89-287-118-331
Handley, Hollywood 88-264-118-328

Runs batted in — West, San Diego, 129; Noren, 88; Baxes, Hollywood, 86. Home runs — West, 37; Kelleher, Hollywood, 23; Baxes, 21; Lyons, Seattle, 21.

The Standings

| WESTERN INTERNATIONAL | | |
|---|---------------------|----------|
| W.L.Pct. | W.L.Pct. | W.L.Pct. |
| Yakima 72-42-568 | Victoria 86-70-444 | |
| Vancouver 67-48-593 | Sahara 84-71-432 | |
| Spokane 65-60-520 | Bremerton 52-78-419 | |
| Wenatchee 63-63-500 | Tacoma 50-78-397 | |
| Monday results: At Spokane — Victoria (score on page one); At Wenatchee 11, Vancouver 14. (Only games scheduled.) | | |

| COAST LEAGUE | | |
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| W.L.Pct. | W.L.Pct. | W.L.Pct. |
| Hollywood 82-62-509 | Seattle 72-72-500 | |
| Sacramento 76-67-534 | Portland 70-79-480 | |
| Oakland 71-68-528 | San Francisco 67-79-465 | |
| San Diego 72-71-503 | Los Angeles 60-82-432 | |
| Monday results: At San Diego — Sacramento (score on page one); (Other series starting Tuesday, Seattle at Portland, Hollywood at Oakland, San Francisco at Los Angeles.) | | |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | |
|---|------------------------|----------|
| W.L.Pct. | W.L.Pct. | W.L.Pct. |
| Brooklyn 88-40-530 | Philadelphia 84-57-466 | |
| St. Louis 81-41-524 | Pittsburgh 81-86-468 | |
| New York 80-52-519 | Cincinnati 45-89-408 | |
| Boston 55-54-505 | Chicago 42-71-372 | |
| Monday results: At Chicago 2, St. Louis 5; at Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 8. Only games scheduled. | | |

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | |
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| W.L.Pct. | W.L.Pct. | W.L.Pct. |
| New York 81-41-524 | Philadelphia 81-86-468 | |
| Boston 67-45-596 | Chicago 47-54-423 | |
| Cleveland 65-65-591 | Washington 38-71-349 | |
| Monday results: At Philadelphia 9, New York 5; at Boston 3, Washington 11 (innings); at Cleveland 4, Detroit 3 (10 innings); at St. Louis 0, Chicago 8. | | |

| American League | | |
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| W.L.Pct. | W.L.Pct. | W.L.Pct. |
| New York 100-103-000-10-0 | Philadelphia 001-125-00-0-11-1 | |
| St. Louis 000-00-0-0-0-0-0-0-0 | Los Angeles (5), Boston (6) and St. Louis (6), Schatz and Guerra. | |
| Washington 000-000-001-0-0-0-0-0-0 | Hudson and Early; Dobson and Tebbel. | |

| American League | | |
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| W.L.Pct. | W.L.Pct. | W.L.Pct. |
| Detroit 100-100-000-0-0-0-0-0-0 | Cleveland 100-100-000-0-0-0-0-0-0 | |
| Monday results: At Philadelphia 9, New York 5; at Boston 3, Washington 11 (innings); at Cleveland 4, Detroit 3 (10 innings); at St. Louis 0, Chicago 8. | | |

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Stojack-Williams Go Tonite

Stoic Frank Stojack, the muscled might of the Coast's grappling junior heavyweights who is striving to regain the main event, that is, the weight's title belt, but who unwillingly submerged under Al Williams' style of punishment, went here last week, gets his return crack at Unaffable Alvin tonight in the top go on a matchmaker Elton Owen's weekly mat party at the armory. And if the 140-pound member of the Coast's wrestling team is to be a scrambled egg before the brawling is done, it will be only because Stojack unbuttons his revenge — lots of it.



Billy MULLIGAN

End of the Line in Sight

Solons Face Brems In Series Opener

Back up to sixth place, and only a short hop from fifth, the town Senators return to their home park tonight to open the next to last week of WIL play on the Waters field schedule. Mgr. Bill Beard's crew, fresh from winning five and six to Bremerton and Tacoma, open with the Bremertons tonight at eight o'clock. Following Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday engagements with the Tars, in comes Tacoma for the four remaining games of the week.

Although they have little chance of catching the fourth place Wenatchee Chiefs, the Solons can at least soften up their second division perch with another good week against the Brems and Tigers. Either Bob Drilling or Johnny Burak will toe the pitching task for the locals tonight. Just who will do the Bremerton hurling is a guess for probably Mgr. Alan Strange himself. Both Bremerton and Tacoma have been forced to use just about everyone but their batboys as pitchers lately.

There are but 14 more home games left to go. The seven this week will be followed by a final week, against Wenatchee and Yakima starting August 25. The Senators button up their Waters slate on Monday, August 29, and then finish up play with a week on the field at Wenatchee and Yakima. Now nine games behind the Chiefs, the Solons could earn themselves a spot in the post-season playoffs if they can go by Wenatchee in the remaining 26 games left to play.

Wilman Injured, Wife Killed in Car Wreck

KENOSHA, Wis., Aug. 15-(AP)—Mrs. Joe Wilman was killed and her husband, the national match bowling champion, was injured Sunday night in an automobile collision near here.

Wilman, suffering head injuries and cuts, was brought to St. Catherine's hospital along with eight occupants of the other car. The Wilmans are from Berwyn, Ill.

'Nobody Fined' Says Southworth

NEW YORK, Aug. 15-(AP)—Billy Southworth, manager of the Boston Braves, has denied the report he had fined two of his players for fighting.

"I have not fined anybody," Southworth told the Associated Press. The Boston Globe, naming Club President Lou Perini as its source, said First Baseman Earl Torgerson and Outfielder Jim Russell had been fined by the manager.

The players did not fight each other, but engaged in a skirmish with unidentified persons in a Chicago hotel room, the paper quoted Perini.

Yankees made 30 hits in one game for an American League record.

Oregonians - In the Majors

Oregonians in the Majors
What they did Monday:
Gordon, Indians — 2 2 0 0 0 0 0
Doerr, Red Sox — 3 0 0 4 0 0 0

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Baseball's BIG SIX

Robinson, Dodgers — 110 429 91 156 304
Kell, Tigers — 101 403 74 143 355
Williams, Red Sox — 114 414 115 143 350
DiMaggio, Red Sox — 104 432 98 148 343
Slaughter, Cardinals — 105 383 63 123 329
Musial, Cardinals — 111 459 83 136 317

Home runs — National League: Klinger, Pirates, 22; Jordan, Giants, 24; Bauer, Cubs, 24. American League: Stephens, Red Sox, 31; Williams, Red Sox, 28; Joost, Athletics, 21.
Runs batted in — National League: Robinson, Dodgers, 94; Hodges, Dodgers, 85; Kimer, Pirates, 78. American League: Stephens, Red Sox, 132; Williams, Red Sox, 118; Wertz, Tigers, 100.

Johnny Wins By 2 Strokes

Victor Gets \$10,000 Via Four-Under 68

By Charles Chamberlain
CHICAGO, Aug. 15-(AP)—Johnny Palmer, belting phenomenal recovery shots, plucked a four-under-par 68 to Jimmy Demaret's 70 today to bag the \$10,000 top swag in a playoff for the Tam O'Shanter "World" golf championship.

The flashy Demaret, gleefully accepting bets on nearly every green from Promoter George May while Palmer ignored them, won \$7,000 as runner-up.

Making each shot he took worth nearly \$150, the 31-year-old Palmer really stole the vault keys on heavy rough, with fir trees directly hiding a clean shot to the pin.

The Badin, N. C., pro picked an eight-iron, and although he was unable to take a free swing without ticking branches, he uncocked the top shot of the entire tourney. The ball lifted over the first row of firs and lit on the green four feet from the cup. He scored a birdie three to move two strokes ahead.

Demaret, treed on the other side of the fairway, had to play safe short of the green, eventually to take a standard 4.

Although Palmer's second shot on the 17th was his greatest, it was only slightly more spectacular than some others which left Demaret more than a little limp by it all.

In grabbing his first major title since taking the 1947 western open, Palmer needed only 27 putts compared to a regulation 36.

Demaret, the Ojai, Calif., fashion plate who willingly snapped up May's \$100 to \$200 wager on snaring a birdie on the 16th and then lost, was never ahead — even at the mutuels.

Palmer made his run for the Tam Bonanza with rounds of 67-69-69-70-68-343. This barrage, which includes today's playoff, represents 17 strokes under par. Demaret's chain was 69-68-71-67-70-345. Both were deadlocked at 275 after the regulation 72-hole windup yesterday.

Palmer's first prize boosted him from fourth to third place among pro golf leading money winners with a total of \$23,150. Demaret remained in fifth place with \$17,067.

Sam Snead, first prize boosted \$5,000 for finishing third yesterday, leads with \$30,893. Cary Middlecoff is second with \$24,604, and Lloyd Mangrum fourth with \$20,848.

Caplanos Nip Chiefs, 14-11

WENATCHEE, August 15-(AP)—Vancouver's Caplanos stood off a ninth-inning challenge to defeat the Wenatchee Chiefs, 14 to 11, in a Western International league series opener here tonight.

The Caps blasted out 18 hits off three Wenatchee pitchers.

The Chiefs came into the last of the ninth trailing by seven runs. Then with two out, six hits brought in four runs and it took a separating stop of a line drive by Ray Tran to retire the side.

Vancouver 303 002 303-14 18 2
Wenatchee 310 000 124-11 14 7
Snyderland Shealy; Orrell, Johnson (1), Winter (7) and Pesut.

EASTS' TAKE TILT

COMISKY P A R K, Chicago, Aug. 15 — The west's six-year strangle hold on baseball supremacy in the American Negro league was broken today as an abrupt halt here Sunday night to the eastern All-Stars scored a 4-to-0 shutout before 35,000 fans.

Statesman Sports

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor
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Nice Going, Pard



Dave Bristow (left) receives the congratulations of John Crockett (right) after the two had battled off the Salem Men's Singles championship Monday. Bristow won the match, 8-6, 6-8, 6-3, 6-0, climbing a double elimination tournament which was directed by City Tennis Supervisor Del Ramsdell.

Bristow Tops Crockett, Nabs Men's City Singles Confalon

Favored Dave Bristow, a Willamette University star, captured the Men's City Tennis Singles title Monday as he topped John Crockett, ex-University of Oregon ace, in the finals of the three-day meet.

The finals win climaxed an unbeaten sweep through the tourney for the smooth-playing Bristow. His steady game gave him the jump on Crockett in the first set of the playoff match but Crockett, employing smashing serves, came back to even things in the second set.

The turning point came in the third set when Crockett began to tire. Bristow stroked his way through the final two sets without being badly pressed.

It was Bristow's second win over Crockett in the meet. He had previously turned back the former Duck Sunday in the championship bracket finals to earn a berth in the playoff match.

Crockett moved back into contention in the double-elimination show as he knocked over Ray McCoy, 6-4, 6-2 and then beat George Watt, Salem high student, 6-1, 6-2, in the semi-finals.

Young Watt gained the semis with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory over schoolmate Jim Morgall.

McCoy, before being eliminated by Crockett, had ousted Dick Deen, Salem high's No. 1 ace.

Bristow and Crockett stood far above the other participants in the meet. The only sets lost by either were in the matches in which they played each other.

Walcott Helps Boost Ez's Claims

NEW YORK, Aug. 15-(AP)—It appeared today that Ezzard Charles whose hope for universal recognition as heavyweight champion rests on his ability to eliminate all possible challengers, could do worse than hire Jersey Joe Walcott as an assistant eliminator.

The venerable Jersey Joe effectively put Sweden's Olle Tandberg into the also-ran ranks with a four-round knockout in Stockholm last night, thus making one less chore for Ezzard.

Walcott's victory over the so-so Swedish fighter really did little to alter the heavyweight picture, except possibly to strengthen his hope that he might qualify for a return bout with the party-crowned Charles.

The International Boxing club admits its plans, if any, are vague at present, and that Walcott's triumph failed to change the situation one way or another.

Sockers Only 3 Tilts Back

Dyers 1/2 Game from Top; Feller Vicer

NEW YORK, Aug. 15-(AP)—The Boston Red Sox hacked the American league lead of the New York Yankees to three games tonight, edging the Washington Senators, 3-2, in 11 innings while the Yankees were upset, 9-5, by the Philadelphia Athletics. Ted Williams singled home Dom DiMaggio with two out in the 11th to give the red hot Red Sox their sixth straight triumph over the hapless Senators.

The A's staged a five run sixth inning rally to overcome the Yankees. Trailing, 5-4, going into

Ruth Honored Tonight

NEW YORK, Aug. 15-(AP)—All members of the New York Yankees will take part tomorrow night in the dedication of Babe Ruth plaza prior to the Yankees' game with the Washington Senators at the Yankee stadium.

The dedication of the street near the stadium is scheduled to start an hour before the game time. Tomorrow will be the first anniversary of Ruth's death.

the sixth, the A's pounced on young Duane Pillette and Ralph Buxton for five markers. Bobby Feller pitched the third place Cleveland Indians to a 4-3 tenning decision over Hal Newhouser and the Detroit Tigers. The Indians are four games behind the Yankees. Vic Wertz put the Tigers ahead temporarily at 3-2 with a two-run homer. The homer was Wertz' 13th and boosted his runs batted in total to 100, third best in the majors.

Lefty Bill Wright pitched the Chicago White Sox to an 8-0, two-hit victory over the Browns in a night game at St. Louis. The White Sox wrapped up the game with a five run blast in the sixth on four walks and singles.

The Pittsburgh Pirates won a 9-7 slugfest from the Reds under the lights at Cincinnati. The Reds took a 5-3 lead with four runs in the fifth, three a result of Danny Litwhiler's homer. The Pirates bounced back with four in the sixth and stayed in front the rest of the way. Ralph Kiner socked his 32nd homer with one on in the first for Pittsburgh.

The second place St. Louis Cardinals clipped the Chicago Cubs, 5-2, in the major only day game. The triumph moved the Cards to within a half game of the pace-setting Brooklyn-Dodgers. Harry Brecheen tamed the Cubs on six hits while the Cards collected 12 including Stan Musial's 20th home run of the season.

The Dodgers, New York Giants, Philadelphia Phils and Boston Braves were idle.

National League

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| St. Louis | 002 120 000-8 11 |
| Chicago | 000 100 010-2 6 |
| Brecheen and Rice; Chipman, Adams (5), Muncie (8) and Owen | |
| Pittsburgh | 010 004 002-9 18 |
| Cincinnati | 000 140 100-7 14 |
| Wertz, Sewell (8) and McCullough; Wehmer, Lively (7), Blackwell (8), Kraut (9) and Cooper. | |

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