

WIL Meeting Opens Here; Sale of Senators Near

'Atlas', Maurice Top Cards



THE GREAT ATLAS

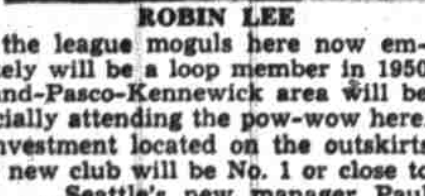
"The Great Atlas," said to be some punkins as both strong man and wrestler, makes his Salem debut tonight in the main event on Matchmaker Erny Owen's weekly card at the armory. The onetime "Mr. America" and his 53-inch chest and 19-inch biceps will collide with Maurice LaChapelle, who may not be as strong as some of the junior heavy giants but who bows to few when it comes to fast and tricky mat science. Both gladiators weigh around 190 pounds and "Atlas" gets his into a 5-foot, 8-inch frame. He hails from Los Angeles and is reputedly one of the strongest men in the world at his size. His pet hold is a full nelson. LaChapelle is now completely recovered from the spectacular finish in his scrap two weeks ago with Frank Stojack, in which Maurice almost

hung himself upon a flying tackle at Stojack turned out to be a neck-stretching finish for the Frenchie in the ropes. Tattooed toughie Stocky Knelsen, the ol' bear rasser will go against another newcomer in George Strickland of Louisiana in the special. Strickland is a Jack Kiser type scientific and a good one. In the 8:30 o'clock opener Glen Deaton, younger brother of the famed Dean Deaton of Salt Lake City tangles with meane Pete Bartu. Harry Elliott will referee. He resigned after admitting making an officiating error in the wild tag team scrap here last week but Owen refused to accept the resignation. The official outcome of the tag team is pending a rematch ordered by the Salem mat commission.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

This 'n that about this 'n that: Warned you quite awhile back that Howard Maple was more than slightly interested in buying the Senators and, by the time this reaches print he and four local associates might have done just that. The associates, if you haven't already guessed it are Mayor Bob Elfstrom, Grover Ben Pack, former Coroner "Doc" Braddock and Russ (Studebaker) Bonesteale. Their offer to Boss Bill Mulligan was \$65,000, which included ball park. Chances are if Mulligan hasn't accepted it by now he won't at all. Should the deal go through Maple will run the club from the general manager's swivel and hope to negotiate a tieup with the Cleveland Indians. He's a good friend of Hank Greenberg, Cleveland vice proxy. The field manager? Maple says he wants Ad Liska, long-popular submarine pitcher with Portland. . . . Whether the Maple group takes over or not, it's nice to know that baseball will be played here next summer. WIL President Bob Abel, meeting with the league moguls here now emphasized Monday that Salem definitely will be a loop member in 1950. The new WIL club in the Richland-Pasco-Kennewick area will be known as the "Tri-Cities" team officially attending the pow-wow here. The park itself will be a \$75,000 investment located on the outskirts of Kennewick. Richards insists the new club will be No. 1 or close to it in league attendance for 1950. . . . Seattle's new manager Paul Richards says he wants a "young and fast club" for the Rainiers next season. Which could mean that such worthies as Dick Sinovic, Len Tran and Vern Kindstater will get special spring training attention, as all three former Vancouver Caps answer those qualifications. . . . One of the best prep and prospects in this part of the state is Wes Ediger, 6-foot, 2-inch, 180-pound wing for Ken Jacobsen's Dallas Dragons. A junior with another season to go, Ediger can really appear those aerials. And easily one of the best backfield prospects is Mt. Angel's Bob Hanauka, the sturdy 176-pounder we wrote of last week after his 205 yards gained in 10 tries against Canby. Bob followed that up with an even more stupendous performance a week later against Dallas when he romped 248 yards in nine tries, and in one play was thrown for a four-yard loss. Altogether in the two games Hanauka made 585 running yards in 19 carries, proof that he must be eating his Wheaties and that some of the college scouts had best be giving him the once over. He's a senior. . . .



ROBIN LEE

New Wenatchees Didn't Get Many Good Players
Speaking of the Wenatchee club—the former Bremerton outfit that moved in—it didn't get too much in the way of talent in the transaction. The 11 players included in the deal are Pitchers Joe Sullivan (who won't report), Dude Baldwin, Bob Firack, Vern Kahout, Glen Halstead and Al Lee, Catcher Len Neal (from Sublimity) and infielders Don Stanford, Charlie Bushong, Lou Herr and Jim Ragni. The Browns peddled John Marshall, Al Rossing, Lil Arnerich and Dave Dahle, their bigger whacks, before the deal was made. Of the group left only Ragni is on the outstanding side during the 1949 WIL campaign. . . .

The district 11 cage conclave will again feature Salem against the field of Woodburn, Silverton, Mt. Angel, Sacred Heart and Stayton next March. But it may be the last time those smaller schools must battle Goliath and beat him in order to go to the state tournament. The long discussed reclassification of the state's schools supposedly goes into effect next year (in football also), which means they will then occupy one of three indexes, Double-A, Class A and Class B. Salem and other schools of 400 or more in attendance will be indexed in the Double-A group. Those between 150 and 400 will be in the A class and those below 150 in the B.

All of which will amount to a fair shake for many of the current Class A schools, including the five teams that are faced with playing Salem in the district basketball showdowns each winter. After all, they'd like to get to the state tourney once in awhile and not have to pay to get in. . . .

Robin Lee, OCE's Deserving of Attention
Had a good look at OCE's Robin Lee in his 30-point evening at Ashland against Southern Oregon Saturday night, and if the tow-headed halfback isn't deeply considered for at least Little All-Coast honors come selection time he's getting a capital "C." His 30 points must put him high over all scorers in the west as before he went into the game he ranked 13th nationally. He now has 13 TD's for 78 points in all. Our convictions need no other proof than the words of Mel Ingram, veteran Coast conference football umpire who worked in the Saturday game at Ashland. Said Mel: "He could play on any team I've seen in the Coast conference." Which amounts to a pretty fair accolade for the former Eugene high whiz who's now a junior under Bill McArthur at Monmouth.

Another titan for the Wolves in the SOCE clash as they racked up their seventh straight win and became the only unbeaten college grid team in the state was Center Jack (Butch) Langlie, the 6-foot, 2-inch and 265-pound junior from Louisiana. It's been a long time since we've seen a better performance by any lineman in one game and after ward even the SOCE players and rooters were convinced Mr. Langlie is good enough to play with the pros. . . .

Altogether the Wolves were sharper than Bob Hope's wit in the SOCE game, and should they get by Chico and Humboldt in their last two games (no reason at all why they shouldn't, either), they'd be no disgrace in any of the smaller bowl games, such as the Pear Bowler at Medford on Thanksgiving. No OCE isn't in the Coast conference class, but they'd provide a few fits for many of the smaller outfits believe us.

Salem, Tacoma Assured Ball

All Eight Cities Set For 1950 Operations

By Al Lightner
"There definitely will be Western International league baseball in Salem in 1950, as all league cities are set to go," President Robert Abel of the circuit said Monday after he and the WIL directors wound up the first day of their November meeting at the Senator hotel.

Abel listed along with Salem the following cities as having franchises set for 1950 operations: Tacoma, Vancouver, Victoria, Yakima, Wenatchee, Spokane and Tri-Cities.

Although nothing official was reported on it by the league directors, it is known that the deal between Portland-Salem General Manager Bill Mulligan and Howard Maple and his associates, wherein the Salem Senators will be purchased by the latter group, is practically clinched. Maple spent considerable time with Mulligan Monday and official announcement of the sale is expected this week. A former business manager of the club in 1941 and since then a local businessman, Maple has been negotiating with Mulligan for some time. It is believed that he and his associates have purchased the franchise and Waters field for the sum of \$65,000, which is \$5000 more than the now defunct "Save Our Senators" group offered Mulligan earlier.

Senators Business Manager George Emigh last night said he knew nothing official, but admitted that "big things are about to pop." Mulligan left town last night for Los Angeles and the Coast league meeting which starts Thursday, but it is believed that he clinched the deal with Maple before he left.

Abel's statement cleared up the situation existing at Tacoma also. San Diego Padres' President Bill Starr, who owns the Tacoma franchise and park informed the meeting by telephone that if he could not sell the Tacoma holdings to local interests there he fully intended operating the Tigers again himself.

Official league sanction has been given both the Wenatchee-to-Tri-Cities and Bremerton-to-Wenatchee moves. A new ball park is being erected by the Tri-City officials.

The visiting moguls will stride into the second and final day of their session today. Discussions on the 1950 schedule, umpiring staff, etc., are due, according to Abel.

Those in attendance along with Abel and Emigh are Dewey Soriano, president of the Yakima club; Bob Brown, Vancouver president; Babe Hollingsbery and Dick Richards, president and vice president of Tri-Cities; Joe Brownlow, Wenatchee Valley Baseball Co., representative; Roy Hotchkiss, Spokane president and J. V. Johnson and Reg Patterson, Victoria president and business manager.

Bowling
(University Bowl)
LADIES' OFFICE LEAGUE
TOP NAT (2) Welch 298, Gould 299, Chisno 229, Delano 438, Hamilton 413, CURLY'S DAIRY (2) Owen 360, F. Rath 414, Kanesh 232, Vibbert 267, Brant 260.

Table of Coastal Tides
Tides for Taft, Oregon, November, 1949 (compiled by U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Oregon.)
Nov. 9
Time Ht. Time Ht.
9 2:38 a.m. 4.9 7:03 a.m. 3.4
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9 3:27 a.m. 4.8 7:37 a.m. 3.6
10 1:32 p.m. 6.6 9:10 p.m. -0.4
9 4:19 a.m. 4.7 8:18 a.m. 3.7
10 2:12 p.m. 6.5 9:58 p.m. -0.3
11 5:12 a.m. 4.7 9:16 a.m. 3.8
12 3:04 p.m. 6.3 10:30 p.m. -0.2
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Brown, Abel Speakers; Eugene Interests Show
The Salem Breakfast club, not a stranger to producing gala welcomes to visiting dignitaries, last night rolled out the push for the visiting Western International league dignitaries via a banquet at the Marion hotel. Well over 100 assorted fans and guests attended the lively affair, which was preceded by a social hour.

Principal speakers for the occasion were Bob Brown, Vancouver club president who last season celebrated his 50th year in organized baseball as player, manager and owner, and Bob Abel, longtime WIL league president. Brown related many colorful incidents of the early years of baseball in the Northwest, around the turn of the century, and cited numerous great players

Woodburn Can Clinch Crown With Win Over Canby Eleven Today

Prep Grid Titles at Stake This Week

Although one of them is already in the satchel as a result of St. Paul's clinching of the Marion County B league championship last week, titles for at least three other valley football circuits will be decided by games this week. The Willamette Valley loop's flag will be taken today after two games, moved up a few days to make room for possible playoffs in the state whirl. At Woodburn in 2 p.m. today the league leading Bulldogs take on rugged Canby in a make-or-break battle for Coach Chuck Sheron's club. A win will give the title to Woodburn and will send the Bulldogs into a Friday game with Milwaukie for district honors. Also due tonight at Estacada is the Sandy-Estacada clash, originally booked for Friday. Inasmuch as Don Bryant's Rangers are in second place and can win the championship if Woodburn stumbles before Marv Goodman's Canby eleven — that is, if Estacada gets at Silverton Friday afternoon and Molalla at Mt. Angel Friday night. The Marion-Polk circuit winds up play Friday also with the fea-

MARION-POLK LEAGUE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PP	PA
Monmouth	3	0	1	1.000	145	27
Stayton	2	0	1	1.000	95	38
Independence	1	1	0	.750	104	13
Sacred Heart	1	3	0	.250	58	106
Philomath	1	4	0	.250	12	129
Salem Acad.	0	4	0	.000	13	134

WILLAMETTE VALLEY LEAGUE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PP	PA
Woodburn	5	0	1	1.000	101	46
Estacada	1	0	1	.571	118	29
Mt. Angel	4	2	0	.667	128	89
Canby	4	2	0	.667	105	68
Sandy	1	3	0	.500	71	73
Silverton	1	4	1	.500	49	69
Molalla	1	5	0	.400	32	113
Dallas	0	6	0	.000	53	171

MARION COUNTY B LEAGUE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PP	PA
St. Paul	6	0	0	1.000	81	18
Gervais	5	1	1	.850	123	39
Aumville	5	1	0	.710	99	32
Jefferson	4	2	0	.667	74	26
Mt. City	2	3	2	.400	82	82
Chemawa	2	0	0	.667	49	21
Sublimity	1	5	1	.500	44	92
Turner	0	7	0	.000	25	133

ture game due at Monmouth at 2 p.m. That one puts John Mathis' strong Independence Hoopsters against Johnny Chamberlain's Wolverines. The Wolverines are now tied with Stayton for the lead, while Indep has lost one game. And since Joe Boyle's Staytons play Philomath at Stayton Friday afternoon, the outcome of the clash at Monmouth is ultra-important to the Wolverines. They must win in order to finish in a tie with Stayton. The Eagles will be heavily favored to wallop Philomath. The third game Friday sends the two Salem entries, Sacred Heart Academy and Salem Academy, into their annual "civil war." Neither has a chance for

the championship, but the game still will be a last-ditch battle as usual. Last week the "big three" won handily, Monmouth 53-0 over downed by Gervais and knocked from the race. In other games Jefferson continued on the improved side by blanking Sublimity 21-0 and Burt Burrough's Mill City eleven turned back Bill Patterson's Chemawa Indians 19-13.

Big Six league play hits a climax Friday night. Salem is at Eugene and Corvallis at Albany. All four are now tied for the league lead and all four still have a chance for the district crown. So it's a very crucial night for them. Last week in non-league skirmishes Salem walloped Astoria, Albany tied Gresham, Eugene lost to Marshfield and Corvallis was idle.

In the local Junior High league race Clay Eggleston's Parrish Greys, with a 3-0 record, have a virtual clinch of the pennant with one more round of play left. Walt Dickson's Leslie Blues also have a chance and those two clubs battle it out Friday night at Leslie, 7:30 o'clock. In the Friday 4:45 o'clock game at Leslie the West Salems play the Leslie Golds,

Big Wheels of the WIL Meet Here



These are men who are currently holding the Western International league baseball pow wow in Salem. Seated (l-r) are Joe Brownlow, president of the Wenatchee club, League President Robert B. Abel, President Dewey Soriano of Yakima, President Babe Hollingsbery of the Tri-Cities club (formerly Wenatchee) and Bob Brown, Vancouver president. Back row (l-r), Roy Hotchkiss, president of the Spokane, J. V. Johnson, Victoria proxy, Dick Richards, one of the Tri-Cities directors, George Emigh, Salem Senators and Reg Patterson, Victoria business manager. The meeting will conclude today. (Statesman photo.)

Duck Club Worries Waldorf

Middlecoff Runnerup

Snead Golfer of Year

CHICAGO, Nov. 7-(AP)—Slammin' Sammy Snead, who barely missed scoring a grand title slam, was selected the golfer of the year in a national-wide poll conducted by the Professional Golfers' Association of America. Snead's selection was announced today by George Schneider, manager of the P. G. A. tournament bureau.

Runner-up to Snead in the poll conducted among sports writers and sportscasters was the man who beat him out of golf's most coveted crown, National Open Champion Cary Middlecoff.

The national open title eluded Snead but he copped the masters, the P. G. A., and western open championships among his six tournament victories to date.

With still the Miami open (Dec. 8-11) to be reckoned in official P. G. A. money-winning for the year, Snead has a top grab of \$3,892, followed by Middlecoff with \$24,604.

For 69 rounds of tourney play, Snead has an impressive average of 69.49 strokes per round. Middlecoff's average is 69.92.

Vik Harriers Whip Molalla

MOLALLA, Nov. 7.—(Special)—Winning the first three positions Salem high's cross country team chalked up a smashing 17-51 victory over Molalla's Indians today. Molalla, however, took the junior varsity gallop, 20-59, although the

Vik's Dick Glasgow finished first. Salem's Kent Myers led to the wire in the varsity event, hitting a 10:36.1 time. Dick Adams and Richard Strong of the Viks finished second and third respectively.

Others in order of finish: George Patterson, Molalla; Conrad Booye, Salem; Don Herring, Salem; Gene Klein-smith, Molalla; Ronald Hamann, Salem; David Casbeer, Salem; Herbert Stepper, Salem.

Second in the Jayvee go was Molalla's Ron Rawlinson. The top seven finishers in the varsity event qualified for the Willamette Valley meet at Jefferson.

Notre Dame Retains Role as Top Eleven

Irish Far Ahead; Army 2nd, Oakies 3rd; Sparts Advance Despite Loss

By Jack Hand
NEW YORK, Nov. 7-(AP)—Notre Dame so completely dominates the top 10 college football ratings that even losing to the Irish moves a club up the ladder.

Michigan State, a shadowy tenth last week, hopped to eighth in the sixth weekly Associated Press rundown in which 168 sports writers and sportscasters participated.

There were no shakeups in the ratings with Notre Dame still way out front on 137 of the 163 first place votes. That amounts to roughly 84 per cent of the ballots, about the same as it has been running for weeks.

Back of Notre Dame, it's Army, Kansas, Oklahoma, California and Michigan in that order, just the same as last week. Cornell moved up a step to sixth and Rice advanced from eighth to seventh.

Minnesota and Virginia are the only newcomers, displacing beaten Baylor, which lost its first game to Texas, 20-0, and Southern Methodist, held to a surprising 25-27 tie by Texas Aggies.

The Minnesota Gophers 55-7 romp over supposedly strong Iowa gave them a big lift, and Virginia's convincing 26-14 decision over Penn lifted the unbeaten Cavaliers into the top ten.

Notre Dame apparently lost little prestige in yielding three touchdowns to Michigan State, two in the final minutes. Instead the voters figured the Spartans tougher than expected because they held the Irish to a 34-21 victory. The battle of West Point in which Army ruined Fordham's perfect record, 35-0, in a savage rough-house drew 13 first place votes for the Cadets.

Nine experts tabbed Oklahoma as the No. 1 team but they wound up third despite a 39-0 rout of Kansas State. The Sooners face their big test Saturday in strong Missouri. Once again California held fourth place with three first after drubbing Washington State, 33-14. "They play Oregon Saturday.

On a point score basis, figuring 10 for first, nine for second, and so on, Notre Dame has 1,378, Army 1,144, Oklahoma 1,108 and California with 805 points. The Wolverines subdued Purdue, 20-12, to move a step closer to the Big Ten title. Cornell, a 33-7 winner over Syracuse in a blinding snowstorm, drew one first place ballot and an even 500 points. Rice, 14-0 conqueror of Arkansas, is right behind Cornell with 467 points. Rice meets Texas A & M next.

Investigation Set, Mays' Crash

GLENDALE, Calif., Nov. 7-(AP)—They brought Rex Mays home today, a mourned campaigner of the automobile race tracks.

His body was brought to Forest Lawn Memorial park from Bel Mar, Calif., where he was killed yesterday on the 13th lap of an AAA 100-mile championship race.

The American Automobile association through its regional director, Gordon Betz, planned to investigate conflicting reports of just how the spectacular accident occurred.

But officially the case was closed. The San Diego county coroner's office accepted the death as an accident of the racing game and planned no inquest. A sheriff's deputy who saw the

accident filed a report with the coroner that the end-over-end fatal spill of Mays' car on the southeast turn followed a side-swiping with Johnny Parsons' car.

There were other witnesses, however, who didn't believe Parsons' car was involved. They include Betz, "Fee-wee" Distace, a race driver who was watching the event, and Dr. Thomas J. Whitecock of San Diego, track physician.

Whatever happened, the Mays car rolled and tumbled end-over-end, knocking down rail posts along the track and tossing Mays onto the dirt. At least two other racing cars in succession struck the 36-year-old star driver's body.

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