

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

Today's whirl concerns a hot potato. And if you don't think the to-be-or-not-to-be on Salem Senator baseball broadcasts for the coming campaign isn't considerably on the warm side, you've no doubt been out of town.

First off, as we warned in this corner a couple of weeks ago, there is a very good chance no broadcasts will be forthcoming this season. Briefly, the reason adds up thusly: Senators Boss George Emigh, committed to making the Senators a paying enterprise financially, feels that broadcasts of home games in entirety is painful to his gate receipts. He also feels that many fans, knowing they can sit at home and listen to B. Williams and D. Nason put the Waters field tilt right in their laps, would patronize the park more if there were no complete broadcasts. Emigh okes the airing of all games played on the road, and that part of those here at home which would be presentable after 9 p.m. From the third or fourth inning on, in other words, after the cash customers have paid to get in.

But the rub comes at the other end, with the KOCO people. They can line up sponsors for all the games in entirety, but cannot if only the road tilts, and part of those here at home are aired. The sponsors back away from Emigh's plan.

The two sides have been dickering, trying to arrive at a mutual agreement. So far no soap. True enough, the KOCO people pay Emigh for the privilege of broadcasting the games, but he feels that the stipend doesn't begin to offset the loss he takes at the gate.

We wrote our slant on the mess two weeks ago. We feel that all Emigh has to do is provide a winning ball club, and then it would make no difference if the games were broadcast in five languages with Sunday afternoon television tossed in. The routin' tootin' customers would be there to see a winner. However, he's running the Waters field show, and if he feels that radio in his park is cutting his attendance, that's his business. We firmly believe that KOCO does the Senators a barrelful of good, from any angle.

Our mail of late has been well sprinkled with protests by fans who want the broadcasts. We have been told by both KOCO and Emigh that similar squawks have reached them. Whether or not they'll convince Emigh he is wrong we don't know. Right at present, however, he doesn't seem to mind holding the hot spud at all.

Yipe, and with an election coming on!

Hobson Merely 'Yale Book Writer' to Holly

Speaking of Emigh, he says he could have had Art Pennington just before the Bevs let him go last week, but didn't want him. Thus departs from the WILL its first negro player in history—that is, unless he books on with another league member...

As for Bud Peterson, if the Portlands don't keep him as utility infielder they'll likely trade or sell him rather than ship him back to Salem, the so-and-so's...

If the quality and smoothness in cigars are to be the deciding factors come November, Walter J. Pearson is a shoo-in for the guy's swivel. He's handing out some real goodies. Much to C. Ferguson's dismay... Best appetite we've seen in years belongs to Ted Loder, WU's basketballer. What Theodore did to the vittles during the Viking Victory spread the other night would have made Diamond Jim Brady jealous...

Remember when Hobson was but a struggling prep cage coach at Benson Tech in Portland...

All Any Team Needed Was a "Squee"

Huntington had quite a tribute for "Squee" Kitchen, his 1930 all-star who is now one of the larger wheels at the Paulus Bros. canteen layout. "You could have only 'Squee' Kitchen," reminisced Holly, "but our meddlers played with him and some s--- with a championship caliber team every time. He was that good as a leader."

Huntington's accounts of a playoff game with Independence in the twenties was enough to bring cold chills to any basketball official also. Those were the days when most anything went—anything but scientific basketball. The Indeps had notified Holly they would accept any referee for the game, provided he didn't come from Salem. So the foxy Huntington went to McMinnville and got the football coach from there to "ret" the rascal.

To make a long but amusing story, short, the final score was Salem 6, Independence 3. One field goal was called, by Salem's Bob Ashby. The rest of the time the players were throwing mid-floor blocks and tackles befitting any Rose Bowl team. The referee? Heck, he was having more fun than any one in the joint, despite the fact that he didn't once step off a 15-yard penalty...

Sparks Walking State Tourney Encyclopedia

Yes, basketball times have changed. For instance, Paul Hendricks, the Viking cage coach back in 1921 and now a village bar-ter, recalls how in that year he had to coach all seven sports at SHS, by his lonesome, along with conducting gym classes all day long. All for \$200 a month. Les Sparks' name long in '22 and was Hendricks' assistant in football before taking over the Villa basketball job later on.

Incidentally, if the OHSAA ever loses its state tournament record books, it need not fret. All the directors need do is buzz with Sparks for a spell and he'll provide enough facts, figures and dates to fill a volume. No one in Oregon is better qualified as a state tourney historian than Prof. Leslie J. What a terrific memory he has...

Opener Saturday Against Greys

Vets Bolster Vik Ball Club as Drills Start

Coch Harold Hauk turned his back on a triumphant hoop season Monday and started processing his Salem high baseballers for their season's opener Saturday against the Penitentiary Greys.

Inclement weather forced the Vik tossers to work indoors and Hauk devoted the first day to fundamentals and pepper games.

The SHS coach has ten lettermen to build his squad around. He can man every position with an experienced performer and prospects are sharp that the locals will be in the thick of the upcoming Big Six league flag chase.

Cougar Cinder Coach Injured

PULLMAN, Wash., March 27-(AP)—Jack Mooberry, Washington State college track coach, was seriously injured this evening when a 16-pound shot hurled by a member of his track squad hit his head.

Dr. Buel L. Sever said Mooberry received multiple fractures on the right side of the face below the eye and will be in the hospital several days at least. Mooberry has shown some improvement since the accident, reports indicate.

The accident occurred during a practice session. Mooberry had been instructing the shotputters on points of form. He left the shooting practice area to speak to a hurdler nearby, then, apparently not hearing the shouts of the track men, walked back into range of the shot. The heavy shot traveled an estimated 40 feet through the air before it hit Mooberry and knocked him unconscious, observers said.

Mooberry has coached the WSC third-levels to 17 consecutive dual meet victories and two northern division Pacific Coast league championships since he took over in 1946.

The sentence "the marines have landed and have the situation well in hand" is thought to have been coined by Richard Harding Davis.

Clark college in a pre-conference game -- if it isn't rained out.

Sluggers Cheers Coleman

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 27-(AP)—Oregon State Baseball Coach Ralph Coleman today welcomed hard hitting outfielder Ralph Kravitz to the team. He is a transfer from Vanport college. Kravitz slugged the ball at a .390 clip last season for Vanport.

The Staters open the season Wednesday against Lewis and

Coast Loop Opens 48th Race Tonight

Truman, O'Riley in Title Whirl Tonight

Handy Andy Truman, the bi-cepping border patrolman who since returning from the land of the Rio Grande has aspired for nothing more than the Coast lightweight mat title belt owned by Irish Jack O'Riley, gets his big chance at the armory tonight. Handy Andrew, a right capable matador in the 178-pound class, goes for the belt with Aussie O'Riley in Matchmaker Elton Owen's main event. The brawl is ordered by the commission, inasmuch as O'Riley hasn't defended his belt here in months, and inasmuch as Truman, after demanding a title go with the muscular meenie two weeks ago, spilled him in last week's non-championship mix.



ANDY TRUMAN

NCAA Title Go Tonight; Heavy Crown Battle Off

Charles Injury Blocks Scrap

By Tom Benton
BUFFALO, N. Y., March 27-(AP)—The off-again-on-again NBA heavyweight title fight between titlist Ezzard Charles and challenger Freddie Beshore finally hit the rocks for keeps tonight.

Jr. Baseball Meeting Set

The first Salem Junior Baseball league meeting of 1950 will take place Wednesday night, 7:30 o'clock at Mayflower hall in the Hollywood district. The pow-wow, kicking off the upcoming campaign, will be open to all prospective players, coaches, managers and sponsors, plus any parents who are interested in the annual summer program.

CCNY Quint, Braves Ready

By Will Grimsley
NEW YORK, March 27-(AP)—The scene is the same and so is the cast of characters but a tired, vindictive Bradley will attempt to rewrite the finish when it plays City College of New York tomorrow night for the NCAA basketball championship.

Bevos Plagued By Hill Trouble

HOLLYWOOD, March 27-(AP)—The Hollywood Stars open the defense of their 1949 Pacific Coast league baseball championship tomorrow night against the Portland Beavers with the Stars' Glenn Moulder, a 14-9 winner last season, scheduled to oppose Red Adams or Red Lynn.

'Two-Minute' Held Doomed

NEW YORK, March 27-(AP)—The National Basketball Coaches association indicated today it will throw out the controversial two-minute rule.

Junior Sports Schedules Set

Spring sports schedules for the Salem Junior high schools were announced Monday by Athletic Director Vern Gilmore. The baseball state opens Tuesday, April 11, with West Salem's Giants playing Leslie on the Leslie field.

Bowling Scores

Table with bowling scores for various leagues and teams, including Commercial No. 1, Knights of Columbus, and others.

Statesman SPORTS

Al Lightner, Editor

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Set for 1950 Season



Mel (Hambone) Wasley, leading home run hitter for the Salem Senators last season, joined the list of those in the club's fold for 1950 when his signed contract was received by Gen. Mgr. George Emigh Monday. Hambone will check in at Corvallis this week when the Senators open training. (See story on page 9.)

Mintz Says Joe'll Change Mind Ez's Skipper Shaken By Louis' Decision

By Tom Benton
BUFFALO, N.Y., March 27-(AP)—Jake Mintz recovered today from a horrible experience—being struck dumb.

inside BASEBALL TRAINING CAMPS

BURBANK, Calif., March 27-(AP)—Henry Thompson's home run and Bob Rose's double gave the New York Giants their first victory today in four exhibition games with the St. Louis Browns. The score was 3 to 2.

BRADENTON, Fla., March 27-(AP)—Rookie Boston Braves first sacker Hank Ertman clubbed a bases-loaded double in the last of the eighth today, scoring the necessary runs for a weird 18-16 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 26-(AP)—Six bases on balls from two Brooklyn Dodger pitchers after two were out, and a double by Sam Chapman of a hard hurler gave the Philadelphia Athletics five runs in the eighth inning and an 8-4 victory today.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 27-(AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals, scoring three runs off Tommy Byrne in the sixth, three more off Don Johnson in the seventh and then staying off two late inning rallies by the Yankees defeated the New York Yankees today, 9-7.

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Beavers Open Against Stars

Twinks, Padres Rated Among Teams to Beat

LOS ANGELES, March 27-(AP)—The Pacific Coast baseball league swings into its 48th season tomorrow—the nation's first to start and longest to run. A close pennant battle is in prospect before the curtain comes down next October.

Portland	Hollywood
Marquez, cf	Stevens, 1b
Rucker, 1b	Fallon, 2b
Wesner, 3b	Sauer, cf
Rocco, 1b	Kelleher, 1b
Brovic, rf	Franklin, 3b
Polly, ss	Abernethy, 1b
Austin, 2b	Dapper, c
Gladd, c	O'Neil, ss
Adams or Lynn, p	Fouler, p

firmly believes this will be the most successful season in the loop's history and that the 1948 minor league record attendance of 4,068,432 set out here will be surpassed before the 200-game campaign is over.

Play gets underway in four cities—the defending champion Hollywood Stars opening at home against Portland, San Francisco at San Diego, 1949 runner-up Oakland entertaining Seattle and Los Angeles invading Sacramento.

All are night games with the exception of Sacramento. The opener and a doubleheader Sunday are the only home games to be played by daylight in the Solons' park all season.

Rowland plans to attend the Sacramento opener and then hurry to Oakland where he will be met by the co-honor guest of the night, baseball's high commissioner, A. B. (Happy) Chandler.

Hollywood plans to touch off its season with a typical Hollywood touch—a civic banquet tonight, a parade down Hollywood Boulevard, and appropriate ceremonies at the ball park tomorrow night. It Bandbox park, to which a Hollywood record of 502,445 journeymen last year, promises to be filled to its 12,000 capacity.

The same is promised by the other parks—San Diego, with 10,000 on hand, Sacramento with 10,700 jamming the place and Oakland with a crowd approaching its 14,000 capacity.

As the defending champ, Hollywood has drawn considerable support from the seers. But many have picked San Diego, and even Rowland, a cautious baseball man of 40 years' experience, admitted he thought the Padres "might be the one the other fellows will be shooting at."

San Diego has a rough hurdle to get over on the first night, if San Francisco runs true to form. Lefty O'Doul's Seals have won 10 straight opening day games and 13 out of their last 14 inaugurals.

The probable starting pitchers for Tuesday's Coast league opener: Portland (Red Adams or Red Lynn) at Hollywood (Glen Moulder).

Los Angeles (Bob Muncie or Ralph Hamner) at Sacramento (Orval Grove).

San Francisco (Cliff Melton) at San Diego (Al Olsen).

Seattle (Herb Karpel) at Oakland (Earl Harrist).