

# Tigers Picked to Capture AL Pennant

## SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

This, that, etc.: Moose Claibough talking: "I've been around baseball a long, long time, but never have I seen anyone work a club into shape any harder than Ad Liska. You can be sure of one thing with him as manager here; you'll have an outfit that will be in tip-top shape and one that will hustle." . . . Now if they'd only start to hit . . . Speaking of L.A. Ad, who has been dubbed the Jack Benny of Baseball because no one seems to know his actual age, he was born in Dwight, Neb., on July 10, 1907. That makes him 42. But you'll have a tough time convincing yourself he's that old after you watch him move around the pitching mound . . . Best chance the myriads of vote-seekers have yet had to unblock their assorted lies came at the Legion club the other night when each was given a minute to spout to the gathering. Promises, pledges and other poppycock fairly oozed from the joint. And all the while the city fathers were goofing up on the daylight saving time issue during their downtown pow-wow. They should've joined the Legion brawl instead. . . . Remember Rusty Colman, the little red-headed emcee of the now defunct Leonard's nightery? He happened in on the Senators Boaters pitch this week and may be back in town shortly to do a night club sort of thing. You should hear his rendition of "Tavern in the Town." Concerns what happened to his spa in Portland after Mayor Lee got through with it. . . . Next member of the chamber of commerce, Chester Stackhouse. . . . Good bet for a strong prep football team, some autumn, Medford's Black Tornado. The habitually potent Medfords, again under ex-Willamette Lee Ragsdale, are reportedly set to spring another powerhouse eleven. "Rags" himself is quite optimistic over the potentialities. . . . Just a hunch right now, but ours is that Lefty Ken Wyatt will draw the honor of pitching the opener Tuesday night at Waters field. Hope it'll start Kenneth off on a 20-win season. . . .



DICK GRECO

### Hollywood Bowl Racing for 1950 in Tangle

Don't know whether or not we'll be having auto races again this year at Hollywood bowl, the \$100,000 white elephant on the northern fringe of town. The premises are currently in a legal tangle involving taxes. One local outfit offered to buy the whole shebang for \$25,000 recently, but was turned down. It's figured that \$50,000 might swing the deal. Object of the party who offered the 25 G's was to tie in with the midwest and roadster racing people for a full season of speed events and rearrange the premises so that outdoor boxing, softball, etc., could be accommodated.

The Portland faction that came in late last season with the hot rods, after chasing the midwest out, has made another offer to lease the bowl again this summer. So has the more welcome local group since its offer to buy was vetoed. But no action has yet been taken on either offer by the landlords of the plant. The rods dropped around \$100 last year during their short run here, while the midwests, seemingly more popular with the fans, made a little money before they were edged out.

The local bowl isn't the only auto racing plant having its woes. The racing war now in full bloom in Portland left Promoter Jimmy Ryan minus such drivers as Bob Gregg, Gordy Livingston, Gordy Youngstrom, Louie Sherman, Frankie Osborn, etc. for Ryan's opening program last Sunday. That group, along with many other topnotch pilots, has vowed never to race for Ryan again and wants to find some sponsor who'll produce regular programs in the local bowl. . . .

### Liska, Emigh Look for Needed Help From Beavers

Wednesday could have been an eventful day for the immediate future of the Salem Senators, for it was the one during which Mgr. Liska and George (Claghorn) Emigh went to Portland to hit up Messrs. Mulligan and Sweeney for some ballplayers. Yes, the local nine needs help. That is, if they're to be indexed as a solid outfit when the WIL bell rings next Tuesday. So hold a hope that Mulligan and Sweeney were in a good mood Wednesday.

The club needs outfielding help most of all, but Liska will happily accept other various and sundries the Bevs can hand over. For example, Ray McNulty, Bob Drilling, Eddie Barr and Bud Peterson would do nicely. So would Dick Greco, the homer hitting outfielder with San Diego, who wants to play in Salem and who has both Liska and Emigh wanting him to play here quite badly. The Senators might land Greco through a possible Portland-San Diego deal.

As the Senators now stand there are much too many question marks within the ranks. The catching will be okeh with Bill Beard, Bus McMillan and Bill Courtney. The pitching, even though the potentials are there, hasn't yet developed to the extent of two or three bigger wheels of which the majority of mound wins will be expected. The infield as well as the outfield is by no means set. The strictly steaksy spring training weather has thrown Liska far behind the schedule he had hoped to maintain. He hasn't had time enough to really sort through the 29 aspirants in camp, and with the opener only a few days distant something must pop soon. Were the Bevos to pop through with those players mentioned, Liska will be able to wade into his WIL debut Tuesday feeling much more confident than he does now. If they don't come through with adequate help, it's apt to be another long and dreary summer around 25th and Turner road.

## AAU Ring Meet Ends, Polish Ace Stand-Out

BOSTON, April 12-(AP)—A Polish middleweight who formerly hailed from Bremerton, Wash., was named the outstanding competitor of the National AAU Boxing tournament after tonight's win. Wes Echols, now of Atwater, Calif., drew all but two of the eight votes for the award after he gained the 160-pound championship with a decisive victory over John Hawthorne of Baltimore.

Philadelphia's hard-punching battlers gained three of the eight individual titles and won the team crown. The Pacific northwest's four survivors of the third round all were eliminated in the final day's action.

Dick Rall, Seattle, who grabbed off top honors in the recent Pacific golden gloves, lost out in the 126-pound championship bout to Sammy Rodgers, Baltimore, on a split decision.

Portland's Wendall DeLorme, who scored one of yesterday's outstanding upsets, was ousted on another split decision in the semis at the hands of George Justice, Philadelphia.

Two Washington, D.C. entries gained titles in the heaviest divisions. Eldridge Thompson became the 175 pound titlist by eking out a tight win over Jesse Manequait of Baltimore, and heavyweights Norval Lee topped Stan Howlett of Madison, Ill.

## NCAA Appoints Trio To Make Video Study

CHICAGO, April 12-(AP)—A three-member committee to study college athletic television problems today was appointed by Hugh Willett of Southern California, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The group includes Tom Hamilton, University of Pittsburgh athletic director, chairman; Willis O. Hunter, University of Southern California athletic director; and Ralph Furey, Columbia University athletic director.

The group will report to the NCAA executive committee next September for possible drafting of legislation to be submitted to the NCAA convention at Dallas, Tex., in 1951.

## Senators Sked Bearcat Nine

### 2 Games at Waters; Liska Seeks Help

The monotonously present rain, which has already cursed the Salem Senators with one of their worst spring training periods in club history, washed out last night's scheduled exhibition game at Forest Grove with the Pacific U Badgers. If the stuff lets up at all today, the Solons and Willamette's Bearcats will tangle in a 1:30 p.m. doubleheader at Waters field here. The pros have been able to play only three exhibition games thus far during the training season, and the Western International league opener is booked for next Tuesday night with Tacoma here.

Wondering what he's ever done to deserve such bad breaks with his first professional managing job, Skipper Ad Liska ordered the squad out for more running and throwing practice Wednesday afternoon in the armory at Corvallis, when it was learned that the Pacific game was off. He left Trainer Doc Boag in charge and took off for Portland with Gen. Mgr. George Emigh and Assistant Moose Claibough to buzz with Bevo Commanders Bill Mulligan and Bill Sweeney on the possibility of player help for the Salems.

Liska wants one or two outfielders, a couple of pitchers and an infielder. Whether he gets them or not remains to be seen. Boag was instructed to have the Senator pitchers do plenty of running and throwing during the armory tuneup Wednesday. They haven't had half a chance to do the necessary spring training pitching.

Senator mound staff members who may see the hill action today, if the doubleheader is played, are Lefty Ken Wyatt, Bill Osborn, Dick Waibel, Johnny Burak, Ludwig Lew, Ken Courtin, Jack Hemphill, Tom Entwistle, Bob Stevenson, Gene Valentine, Fred Owens and Stan Gilson. Johnny Lewis at WU can use Lou Scrivens, Howie Olson, Frank Gatchell, Ray Pointer, Claude Nordhill, Gordy Lenz, Bert Lund, Mike Glenn, Larry Stokes, Bob White and Larry O'Dell.

## Petersen Sale Plan of Bevov

PORTLAND, April 12-(Special)—The Portland Beavers are negotiating for the sale of Shortstop Bud Petersen to the Denver Bears of the Class A Western League, it was reported today.

Petersen, short-patcher with the Salem Senators most of last season, has been serving in a utility capacity with the Portland club.

## Track Clinic Set for Boys

A track clinic and meet for boys of 9 years through junior high school age, YMCA members and guests, will be conducted Saturday at 9 a.m. at McCulloch field, sponsored by Salem YM and Willamette university.

Roth Holtz, YM boys' work director, said Coach Chester Stackhouse and members of the Willamette track team would demonstrate for the boys.

## Princess Aids Future Jockey

LONDON-(INS)—Princess Elizabeth personally stepped into the role of ambitious young Ernest Ernie, 14-years-old, four feet, five inches and weighing a mere 63 pounds, admittedly is "horse crazy" although the only horses he had ridden are stocky farm "plugs" near his home at Teversal, Nottinghamshire.

Secretly, Ernie painstakingly composed a letter to Princess Elizabeth, telling her of his hopes of becoming a jockey and asking her help in finding him a job with a racing stable.

In his letter he said: "I know you like horses and you will understand how I feel about them and why I want to be with them." By return mail a reply came from Clarence House that Ernie's letter had been forwarded to a trainer.

Shortly afterward, Ernie received another letter, this time postmarked Nottingham and signed by Captain Boyd-Rochford, the King's trainer. The letter advised Ernie that he had a job and asked him to let the captain know when he reaches school-leaving age (now 15) so that everything can be arranged.

Ernie will finish with books in September and start working on his dream immediately after that.

Ulysses S. Grant's father was a tanner. The boy who was to become president started as an apprentice in the family sole-leather tannery.

## Bauer Sisters In Pro Ranks

NEW YORK, April 12-(AP)—The golfing Bauer sisters turned professional today with the full blessing of the U. S. Golf association. Dave Bauer, father of Alice and Marlene, made the announcement at a swank cocktail party in a mid-town hotel. No members of the USGA attended. It was that organization which admitted under questioning last month that it was investigating the amateur standing of the two comely girls.

Joe Day, executive secretary of the USGA, said the girls had the USGA's best wishes in their new field because "they are a nice family." The two will play their first tournament for cash at Pebble Beach, Calif., April 29-30, the father said.

Marlene, 16, was National Junior Girls champion and semi-finalist in the National Women's Amateur Golf tournament last year. She also was voted women athlete of the year in the annual Associated Press poll, and was Golf Guide's woman golfer of the year. Her sister is 20.

## Shinn, Duncan Win More Handball Matches Played

Lee Shinn hurdled another foe Wednesday in defense of his Marion-Polk Class A Handball singles title. Shinn notched his second victory of the current meet as he topped Norm Winslow, 21-20, 21-17.

Another "A" singles victor was Don Duncan who stopped Bob Smith by 21-12, 21-8 scores. Third round of the Class A singles is due Friday with Shinn meeting Jerry Mulkey and Duncan tangling with Winslow. The meet is a double elimination affair.

Class B and C singles—with eight entries in each—are scheduled to get under way next week. Doubles action is also slated next week.

## Gregg Entered In 500-Miler

INDIANAPOLIS, April 12-(AP)—A two-time starter and two rookies were named Wednesday as drivers for three cars entered in the May 30th 500-mile race at the Indianapolis speedway. The veteran is Bill Cantrell of Louisville, Ky.

One of the rookies is Bob Gregg of Camas, Wash. Gregg is to drive the Esmeralda special entered by Leo Dobry of Tacoma. Gregg has been driving on west coast tracks but will be making his first start at the speedway. He has won top laurels in the Pacific Northwest in midwest competition. The other rookie entered is Gene Hartley of Roanoke, Ind.

## Dudley Landed By 'Skin Club'

WASHINGTON, April 12-(AP)—Bill Dudley ended an eight-year quest today when he signed a 1950 contract to play with the Washington Redskins. President George Preston Marshall has been after the former University of Virginia All-American halfback since he entered the pro ranks in 1942.

The Tribe finally acquired "Bullet Bill" in a straight player swap which sent halfback Dan Sandifer to the Detroit Lions.

## Kahut Displays Wares in Eugene

EUGENE, Ore., April 12-(AP)—Joe Kahut, Woodburn heavyweight, went four fast rounds with Tommy Demers, Sand Point, Idaho, in a no-decision exhibit bout here tonight. Four other bouts were on the card, which drew 1,500.

Results: Don Rogers, 135, Portland, knocked out John Warren, 133, Los Angeles (2); Luis Ortiz, 152, San Jose, drew with Al Cliff, 152, Portland (4); Bob Schaeffer, 153, Eugene, knocked out Bill Davis, 154, Portland (1); Dick Welzen, 152, Cottage Grove, decision over Joe Alberta, 160, Mexico City (4).

## Looks Like They'll Not Show Up at All No Run, No Smelt, No Good

The prolific Sandy river smelt or cutchaon have yet to appear this spring, and smelt dippers have only a slim chance of delving into the silvery horde, reports Charles Lockwood, state game director. A check of records for the past 30 years reveals that the latest smelt run began April 24, the earliest on March 4, stated Lockwood. Generally the run appears the last week in March and continues for a week to two weeks. In 1926 dippers hung up their nets after a good run which lasted a full March 12. Then the unpredictable smelt again surged up the Sandy on April 8. The only other double run recorded was in 1906. Though some have expressed concern over the failure of a

## Detroit Hill Staff Shines

### Expert Says Bengals Will Top Bosox, NY

NEW YORK, April 12-(AP)—Detroit's greatly improved Tigers are the "dark horse" selection to upset the favored Boston Red Sox and dethrone the defending champion New York Yankees in the American league pennant race. The odds-makers have made the powerful Red Sox a 7-5 favorite with the prod Yankee a second choice at 2 1/2 to 1, but neither possesses as strong a pitching staff as the 4-1 underdog Tigers. Pitching is not the only Detroit asset. The outfield is the envy of the league. The Tigers own the best third baseman in the majors and one of the smartest second basemen. In Red Rolf, they have an alert and aggressive manager who did a tremendous job last year, his first with the club.

The Yankees, because of Joe Dimaggio and Joe Page, a fine pitching staff and good reserves, should give the Tigers a battle. The race may be decided on the final day just as the last two years.

The Red Sox, man for man have the best front-line team in baseball, may not even do as well as last year. They still haven't adequate reserves in their pitching, except for Mel Parnell and Ellis Kinder, is uncertain. Also, the same veterans who lost two straight pennants on the final day, if only the acquisition of Luke Easter, slugging rookie righthander, figures to finish fourth. Pitching, once Connie Mack's forte, will prevent the Philadelphia Athletics from breaking into the first division.

Chicago appears to be the best of the remaining trio. Washington is the worst. That leaves the St. Louis Browns in seventh place. The writer hopes to get back in winning stride by selecting the Tigers. Cleveland was the successful pick in 1948 but the Red Sox failed to come through last year.

The probable order of finish: 1-Detroit. 2-New York. 3-Boston. 4-Cleveland. 5-Philadelphia. 6-Chicago. 7-St. Louis. 8-Washington. The Tigers finished fourth last year, 10 games behind the Yankees. However, they played the best baseball in the league over the final six weeks. They narrowly missed third after moving out of the second division.

It is on the strength of the mound corps that the Tigers are expected to make a spirited bid for their first flag since 1945. In righthanders Virgil Trucks, Art Houtteman, Fred Hutchinson and left-handers Hal Newhouser and Ted Gray, the Bengals have a five unmatched in the league. Together they won 77 games last year.

## Spokane After UW-Cougar Game

SPokane, April 12-(AP)—Spokane, starved for collegiate football since Gonzaga quit the game in 1941, lined up valuable support today in its campaign to get the 1950 Washington State-University of Washington game played here.

The traditional battle between the two state rivals is scheduled November 25 in the 25,000-seat Rogers field at Pullman. A new \$500,000 civic stadium here is scheduled for completion September 15. It will also have 25,000 seats. Forest Evashevski, the new WSC coach, said he is in favor of moving the game to Spokane. Robert Brumley, WSC's athletic director, said he is willing "if it is practical."

## Monmouth 2nd, Turner 3rd Stayton Cinder Squad Snare 5-School Meet

Stayton's Packers grabbed most of the points in a rain-plagued five-school track meet at Sweetland field Wednesday. The Packers amassed 71 tallies to gain a comfortable margin over second-place Monmouth. Turner was third with 21 1/2. Sacred Heart had 19 and Salem Academy trailed with 3 1/2.

The Packers piled up seven firsts and also scored heavily in seconds and thirds. Double winners for the day were Jim Loyd of Monmouth and Bill Bear of Turner. Loyd racked wins in the century and 220 sprints, while Bear was top man in the mile and the 880.

The bad weather prevented any sharp marks. 100: 1st-Loyd (M); 2nd-Hamilton (S); 3rd-Staudinger (S.H.); Mark: 11.4. Mile: 1st-Loyd (T); 2nd-Peoples (M); 3rd-Nealson (S); Mark: 5:14.9. 800: 1st-Witt (T); 2nd-Watkins (S.H.); 3rd-Branch (S); Mark: 59.2. Low hurdles: 1st-DeWannan (S); 2nd-Reiner (M); 3rd-Titus (S); Mark: 16.8. 220: 1st-Loyd (M); 2nd-Hemington (S); 3rd-Kianich (S); Mark: 28. 440: 1st-Bear (T); 2nd-Hemington (S); 3rd-Kianich (S); Mark: 22.58. 880: 1st-Loyd (M); 2nd-Hemington (S); 3rd-Duman (S); 3rd-Witt (T); Mark: 18 feet 2 inches. Disc: 1st-Feilen (S); 2nd-Cox (S); 3rd-Benshaw (T); Mark: 101 feet 11 1/2 inches. High jump: 1st-Nightengale (S); 2nd-Yort (S); 3rd-Smith (S); 4th-Tincknell (T); Neely (T); and Fetters (S.A.); (S); Mark: 5 feet 5 inches. Vault: 1st-Frye (S); 2nd-Kirsch (S); 3rd-Greene (S.H.); 4th-Pallet (S); Mark: 9 feet 3 inches. Shot: 1st-Feilen (S); 2nd-Henshaw (M); 3rd-Cortina (M); Mark: 40 feet 8 1/2 inches. Javelin: 1st-Cox (S); 2nd-Henshaw (M); 3rd-Hatch (S); Mark: 134 feet, 3 inches. Relay: 1st-Stayton (S); 2nd-Monmouth (S); 3rd-Sacred Heart (M); 1:45.7.

**Johnston Power Mower**

Manufactured by Jacobsen A 4-Cycle Engine 18" - 20" - 22" cut available

**TERMS**

**SALEM BOAT HO'ISE**

100 Chemeketa Ph. 2-9368



Salem Senator wheels Wednesday over the 23-man roster before going to Portland to obtain any possible player aid from the parent Portland Beavers. Manager George Emigh and Ad Liska, and Trainer Doc Boag (l-r) check the roster in the above photo. Salem opens here against Tacoma Tuesday night. Meanwhile the club is scheduled to play Willamette U in a 1:30 p.m. doubleheader today at Waters field. (DH photo.)

## Kahut vs. O'Day Scrap on Again

## Rogers to Fight Main Event Here

Don Rogers, the talented young Portland lightweight sensation who belted out Mickey Gimmell in the first round of his Salem debut a few weeks ago, returns to the armory next Wednesday night to again highlight the main event of the VFW card. The 23-year-old

blonde with the lethal fists will meet Joe Pradon, San Jose, Cal., 140-pounder in the 10-round mainer. Pradon is a protege of Felix Ramirez, the only fighter holding a win over Rogers since the latter turned professional 10 battles back. In fact Ramirez is trainer for the young Pradon, who is classed as a rough and tough Mexican lad around the bay area.

Of equal importance as the mainer will be the Wednesday show's four round special, capping the lesser prelims. In it young Eddie Kahut of Woodburn, his bashed nose now completely healed, will go against Irish Johnny O'Day in their grudge scrap. They were to have clashed here last week, but Kahut absorbed his damaged nose from brother Tony Kahut in a training sortie and had to be taken off the card. O'Day knocked out Tony Kahut here a year ago, ending the latter's ring career. Eddie wants to get at the unpredictable Irishman as a measure of revenge.

Both Tony and Joltin' Joe Kahut will be in Eddie's corner for the kid's big brawl. A six round semiwindup will another pair of four rounders will be added to the card by Matchmaker Tex Salkeld later on.

W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Hollywood 10 3 .769	Los Angeles 8 8 .500
San Diego 11 8 .567	Oakland 5 9 .400
Portland 7 6 .538	Seattle 4 6 .400
San Fran 5 7 .533	Sacramento 4 11 .266

## OSC Trackmen Slate Huskies

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 12-(Special)—How Oregon State's track and field team stacks up in 1950 northern division dual meet competition should be learned this weekend when Grant "Doc" Swan takes his cindermen to Seattle for a Saturday afternoon engagement against Washington.

Last year the Beavers upset the Huskies, 66-65, in a thriller at Corvallis. Oregon State boasts some top individual performers but lacks depth which was clearly brought out at Eugene last Saturday when Oregon defeated the Orange 10-2 in the annual relay. It was the Webfoots' first relay victory over the Beavers since 1938.

## Calumet Horses Named for 'Cap

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 12-(AP)—Calumet Farm today limelighted for Keeneland's opening tomorrow by naming speed demon Coaltown, derby hopeful Theory and Deluxe, last year's main hope at this time for the derby, for the Phoenix handicap. Whether all three will start in the \$10,000 added six-furlong event which features the first program of racing in Kentucky in 1950 has not been indicated.

## VANDALS START INVASION

MOSCOW, Idaho, April 12-(AP)—The Idaho Vandals will take seven pitchers along tomorrow when they leave on a six-game western road trip that opens their Northern division Pacific Coast conference baseball season. The Vandals meet Washington at Seattle Friday and Saturday; Oregon State at Corvallis Monday and Tuesday; and Oregon at Eugene Wednesday and Thursday.

### Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Taft, Oregon—April, 1950 (compiled by U.S. Coast & Geodetic survey, Portland, Oregon.)

APR. HIGH WATERS		LOW WATERS	
Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
9:49 a.m.	8.9	4:22 a.m.	1.9
10:44 a.m.	8.8	4:22 p.m.	0.4
11:32 a.m.	8.4	4:36 a.m.	1.1
12:21 p.m.	8.1	4:37 p.m.	0.7
1:13 a.m.	8.3	5:27 a.m.	0.8
2:04 a.m.	8.2	5:29 p.m.	1.1
2:59 a.m.	8.1	6:12 a.m.	0.2
3:50 a.m.	8.3	6:30 p.m.	1.5
4:41 a.m.	8.5	6:49 a.m.	2.1
5:33 a.m.	8.7	6:59 p.m.	1.9
6:25 a.m.	8.7	7:22 a.m.	2.3
7:16 a.m.	8.9	6:57 p.m.	2.5
8:08 a.m.	9.2	7:12 a.m.	2.7
8:58 a.m.	9.4	7:28 p.m.	2.7