

# Brooks, Bosox Favored as Major Loops Swing into Action Tuesday

## Tight Pennant Races Likely

### Dodgers Rated Only Real Standout Crew

By Gayle Talbot  
NEW YORK, April 15 (AP)—The 1950 big league baseball campaign opens on Tuesday in eight cities, and everything points to two more gripping pennant races that should thrill the nation's fans down to the finish of the 154-game schedule.

Still fresh in memory are the feverish closing hours of last year's struggles in which the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National league and the New York Yankees of the American clawed their way past the St. Louis Cardinals and Boston Red Sox into a World Series that was almost anti-climactic.

So conditioned has the baseball public become in recent years to such hair-raising finishes that it more or less expects to sweat through a couple more next autumn. Rare is the expert who picks the winner in either league with any degree of confidence.

Spring training which began a month and a half ago has done little toward clarifying the situation. No contender has stood out especially. The managers have devoted themselves largely to trying to uncover the elusive post-war rookie stars who might upset the remarkable balance among the leading clubs.

Joe McCarthy's Red Sox, who have missed by such thin margins the past two years, have been established 13-10 favorites in the American league. The defending champion Yankees are quoted second at 5-2, Detroit third at 4-1, Cleveland fourth at 6-1, and the rest nowhere.

Brooklyn, which looks like the nearest thing to a standout in either circuit, is a short 6-5 to repeat in the National, reflecting the respect for the Dodgers' lusty hitting, strong-arm pitching and deep replacements from their farm system if it is needed.

The St. Louis Cards, growing older and with no bright new stars showing up, are quoted at 3-1 against Boston at 4-1, the Phillies at 4-1, and the rebuilt New York Giants at 12-1.

One National league manager, who was too smart to permit his name to be used, told this writer he wouldn't be surprised to see the Dodgers "sew it up by the middle of August."

## WIL Opens Up Tuesday Night

(Continued from preceding page) sole, Gordy Walden, Joe Wyatt, Gene Thompson, Ken Blankenship, Jay Ragni, Cy Greenlaw, Lloyd Dickey, Bob Jensen, Nini Tornay, Nick Pesut, Glen Stetter, Jim Olson, Vince Lazor, Bill Werbowksi, John Conant, Hank Anderson, Dewey Soriano, Bob Costello and others whose names sound a familiar note to WIL fans the league over.

The strong clubs this year, at the start at least, loom at Yakima, Vancouver and Victoria. Others could secure player help within the next week or two to establish themselves as potential flag winners also.

Pennant winners in the past have been Tacoma in 1937, Yakima in 1938 and '49, Wenatchee in 1939 and '46, Spokane in 1940-41-42 and Vancouver in 1942-47. Still looking for their first flags are Salem and Victoria, and of course the new Tri-City entry. The league was defunct in 1943-44-45 because of the war.

Tuesday's opener will be the eighth in history for the local ball yard. The Salem club originated in 1940 when the Bellingham franchise was purchased and moved here by the late George E. Waters. The Senators finished fifth in 1940, fourth in '41, third in '42, second in '46, fourth in '47, sixth in '48 and again sixth last season.

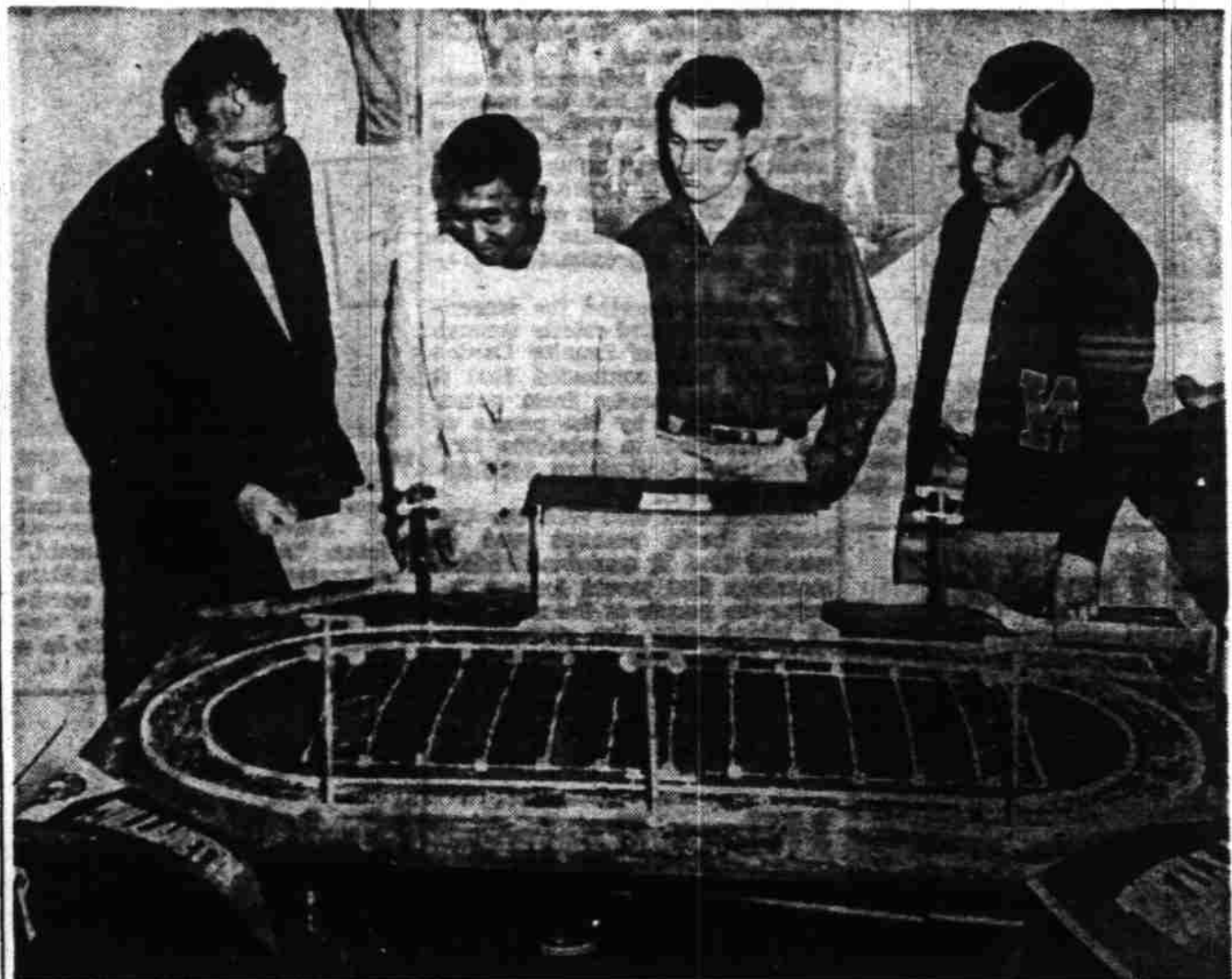
Ad Liska, for the past 14 years a star performer as a submarine pitcher for the Portland Beavers, will be making his managerial debut when the Senators open against Tacoma. Before Ad as Salem skipper were Bummy Griffiths (1940-41), Charley Petersen (1942), the late Leo (Frisco) Edwards and Ted Gullie (1946). Jack Wilson (1947-48) and Bill Beard (1949). Oldest manager in point of service in the league is Alan Strange, who bossed at Bremerton since 1946.

The Senators are scheduled to play Tacoma here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, after which the Vancouver Cape come in for Friday, Saturday and Sunday engagements. The Salems then hit the road April 25, playing at Victoria and Vancouver.

Opening night seat sales so far indicate a crowd of around 4000 Tuesday night. If the weather is helpful. The opening night attendance record is 4750, established in 1946.

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## All Smiles as Cats Book Hawaii Eleven



Smiles were plentiful around the Willamette campus Saturday when it was announced the Bearcats will play host to the University of Hawaii Rainbows at local Charles E. McCulloch stadium October 14. The good news is shared (above) by Athletic Director Chester Stackhouse, Charlie Nee, Freshman Quarterback Bruce Jarman, up from Grant high of Portland, and Bill Ewaliko, Nee and Ewaliko, both Bearcat grid vets, call Honolulu home and will be playing against former classmates at McKinley high. Meanwhile, stadium seat sales have passed the \$1500 mark.

## Help! Is Pete's Cry for His Tri-City '9'

All that mumbling and grumbling you've heard from far off Lindsay, Cal., wasn't another Golden State earthquake. It was just Try-City Braves Mgr. Charley Petersen bawling for help for his Western International league ball club. The flag-cared likeable who piloted Salem's '42 Senators and who rode herd on last year's Wenatchees before they moved to the Richland-Pasco-Kennewick area wants pitchers, a catcher and some infielders. He figures only his outfield may be set.

Gene from this year's club are such as pitcher Merl Frick (12-6), Infielders Hal Rhyne (360), Bob Goldstein (369), Clyde Haskell (328) and Richie Myers (301), and Outfielders Al Libke (362) and Dick Faber (395). So little wonder Pete is screaming for aid. He may get some of those back before long, as the Tri-City nine is supposed to be still hooked up with the sinking Sacramento of the Coast league.

As Charles Augustus now stands he has only the nucleus of a solid ball club. For pitcher



CHARLEY PETERSEN  
ers he has holdovers Bill Capliner (13-8), Cy Greenlaw (11-14), Long Lou McCollum (14-

## 'Slicker' Ends Today

### Baxter Leads SGC Go

Floyd Baxter, an eight-handicap man, currently leads the firing in the Salem Golf club's Spring Handicap tourney on his 11-under-par 205 for 54 holes. The meet is a 72-hole affair with wind-up set for next Sunday night. Heavy action is due today.

Close behind Baxter are Ned Ingram and Fred Ritner, each with 10-under-par marks. Ingram shows a 73-76-224, which with his six handicap gives him a 206 net. Ritner has hit 74-84-158 and a 134 with his 12 handicap. Baxter's record is 75-75-79.

Several swingers have already completed their 72 holes. Of these Ralph Mapes stands in front with a seven-under performance. Mapes hit 79-75-75-72-301 for a net 281 with his five handicap. Harry Quistad shows a 76-75-74-77-302 and a net 282, six under par for the distance.

Jim Sheldon boasts low gross to total to date with his 142 for 36 holes. He carries a three handicap for a net eight-under 136.

Other top swingers: Win Needham 70-76-2-141, 3 under; Corey Eastman 80-80-80-10-210, 6 under; Don Woody 81-80-10-141, 3 under; Bert Victor 74-78-74-4-212, 4 under; Jack Russell 74-4-70, 2 under; Bud Marvin 71-78-71-3-208, 6 under; Clay Carson

13) and Forest (Bullet) Orrell (15-10). Then there is Catcher Nick Pesut (.319). Vic Buccola, fluncy - fielding first sacker, was plucked from the Yankee chain, so the Braves are well fixed in that spot. Third baseman Neil Bryant (.294) is back again. Veteran Al Spaeter (.264) has been secured for second base. Another catcher and a shortstop are needed.

Clint Cameron, the league's No. 1 hitter with his 380 mark last year, is back for outfield duty. Clint can also catch. Jim Warner, who set a new WIL home run record in 1949 with 43 smashes, is also on hand, along with Dick Favor, hard - hitting gardener up from Stockton of the Cal - State loop. But that's about all Petersen has, until his cries for help are answered.

A general all-around handyman himself, Pete may find the name Petersen holding down a regular's berth when the bell rings Tuesday night. But it'll be out of necessity.

## Whits Defeat Coyote Outfit

WALLA WALLA, April 15 (AP) A late rally fell short for College of Idaho here today as the Whitman college missionary baseball team won the Northwest conference opener for both teams, 6-5. C. of Idaho .000 100 040-5 8 3 Whitman .001 110 30x-6 6 1 Schaffer and Ferguson; Garrey and Neher.

## UO ACE SKI VICTOR

PORTLAND, April 15 (AP)-Matt Vranizan, University of Oregon won the Class C Men's title today in the third annual running of the Trodde Giant Slalom race on Mt. Hood. Marisue Edmonds of the Trodde Ski club won the Class C Women's title.

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## Katonen-Atlas Grudge on Top

### Tuesday Mat Card Now Set

Matchmaker Elton Owen Saturday completed the booking for his four - match card on the armory mat Tuesday night. First of the two one-fall prellims will start at 8:30 p. m. Then will follow a 2-of-3 falls semiwind-up, after which comes the grudge rematch involving Faavo (King Kong) Katonen and The Great Atlas. Epistolistic and chesty Atlas is expected to produce another of his amazing feats of strength also.



The semiwindup will bring on the debut of a brand new top-notch here, Eddie Williams, blond scientific who is graded A-1. He hails from Mississippi

and will tangle with Irish Jack O'Kelly, coast lighthouse champ. Gorgeous Gordy Hensell, who chased O'Kelly from the premises last week, will clash with Rod Fenton, Vancouver, B. C. toughtie in one of the prellims, and Arnie Skaaland, young sensation from the Washington - British Columbia sector will debut against Johnny Favich in the other.

The Katonen - Atlas retake, after their bloody no - contest brawl of last week, will have special rules. It is not to be stopped no matter how much blood is spilled. Atlas bopped open a bad gash on Katonen's brow last time, and Referee Harry Elliott stiped the mix after 18 minutes and despite a raging Katonen. Southpaw Faavo demanded the rematch, with a "bigger and tougher" referee. Owen has signed Buck Davidson to "ref" the rematch, which appears to be a blood 'n thunder dandy.

## Topnotch Tilt for Starter

### Cats Book Hawaii For Local Tussle

Renewing a rivalry the bombing of Pearl Harbor interrupted, the Willamette University Bearcats have scheduled the University of Hawaii Rainbows for the dedicatory game at new Charles E. McCulloch stadium in Salem October 14. Announced Saturday by Athletic Directors Chester Stackhouse, Willamette, and Tommy Kaulukui, Hawaii, arrangements include a Bearcat trip to the islands in 1952.

## 'Cats, Pilots Split 2 Tilts

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The Pilots picked up a brace of markers in the third with three hits off Gatchell, including a double by Pitcher Bob Knapp. Gatchell went four frames to notch the hill win and Nordhill took over starting the fifth.

Six tallies over the second and third innings handed the Pilots the nightcap win, four of the runs being unearned as the Willamettes booted the ball around. John Della Villa knocked in two of the Portland runs. Howie Olson took the brunt of the Portland explosion and was charged with the loss. Larry Stocks replaced him in the fifth, and whiffed four in his two-inning stint.

Willamette scored once in the first on a double-strike by Cliff Girod and George Matile and got another in the third via Irv Roth's single.

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Roth	3 1 1 0	Carich	1 3 0 0
Stocks	4 0 1 0	Fajer	1 3 0 0
Brower	1 4 1 1	Shookley	3 0 1 0
Bove	1 0 0 0	Brugato	3 1 2 6
Gatchell	2 0 0 0	Knapp	3 0 0 0
Walker	0 0 0 0	M. Fajer	1 0 0 0
Nordhill	1 0 0 0		
Bates	2 1 0 0		
Total	29 4 8 0	Total	29 2 3 3

x batted for DellaVilla in 7th.  
x ran for Bove in 6th.

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## Hollywood Racing Bowl to Local Men

### New Group to Sponsor Racing, Fights, Softball This Summer

The Hollywood outdoor sports bowl on the northern fringes of the city has been leased to a local group of men who will operate the plant this summer under the "Valley Sports" banner. It was made known Saturday. In the group, whose offer was accepted by the Pioneer Trust Co., in charge of the bowl, are Curtis Ferguson, N. J. Arnold, Charles T. Heitz and Michael Carty.

## Cougars Beat Webfeet Again

EUGENE, April 15 (AP)—A long triple by Gordy Brunswick and a single by Clayton Carr in the tenth inning gave the Washington State Cougars a 5-4 victory over the University of Oregon baseball team here today.

That gave the Cougars two straight wins over Oregon as they opened the Northern division baseball season.  
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Galloway, Foster (5) and Carr; Johnson, Mills (5), Rogers (10) and Smith.

Another offer, by a Portland faction, was turned down in favor of the local bid.

The new operators will sponsor both midget and roadster racing, boxing matches, exhibition softball and other outdoor activities in the bowl this summer, after remodeling the premises somewhat. Dates of these events will be announced later.

The group is tied in with the officials of the midget, roadster and other major auto racing groups in the northwest, and will have such major pilots as Bob Gregg, Lou Sherman, Gordy Livingston, Max Humm, Howie Osborne, etc., in action here, along with their wide assortment of top-notch midget and roadster racers.

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