

# SPORTS LIGHTNER

This, that, the other, etc.: Salem Senators fans who have long bemoaned the loss of Al Spaeter need quibble no longer. We've got him back. Only he's now quite a bit bigger and hits 'em left handed. Or haven't you yet had a close look at the Salems' new Bill Spaeter? Were Bill not so big, and if he swung from the right instead of the left side you'd swear he's actually Al, not Bill. The brothers do look that much alike. Surprising too is the fact that Bill is younger than Al. A Negro, Hurley Bell turned out to be a dud so far as help for Ad Liska's mound corps is concerned, but the guy's short run with the club long will be remembered. He's the funniest thing to hit Waters field in years, and that includes the Parkins, Schachts and the rest of 'em. A combination of Satchel Paige and a sunburned Ol' Man Mose, Bell swiped completely the Portland-Salem exhibit. Whether or not Hurley's intentions with the Senators were on the serious side we don't know. If they were they shouldn't have been, for his palmer days as a pitcher were noticeably long gone. As a showman, sprung on the Monday night customers without warning as he was, the guy was terrific. It's just too bad Hurley doesn't have more on the ball and less on the calendar, for a gent of his caliber would have done more to wake up the slumbering populace hereabouts than half a dozen Novikovs. . . . Where'd Hurley come from? He's the same fellow George Emigh says he got from one of the negro leagues around Chicago awhile back, but who has just about three weeks late in reporting to the Salems for his trial. . . . Monday was Adolph James Liska's birthday. Feeling just as chipper as do most folks on their anniversaries, Ad says it was his 33rd. If so, there's a misprint on his birth certificate, for it lists 1907, not 1917 as his commencement. . . . Even at that the guy still has plenty of bounce for a 43-year-old. . . .



BILL SPAETER

**Mickey Now Operating Shop in Arlington**  
Item for "What They're Doing Now": Mickey Flax, former boxer, marine and local restaurateur is now operating the Happy Canyon Coffee Shop at Arlington. . . . Monday night exhibit fans were a bit disappointed over not seeing either Bevo fleetfoot Eddie Barr or Luis Marquez in action, but were glad to see longtime local favorite Cal McIrvine do a bit of the flinging for the varsity. . . . Best track of that game came in the five-hit Bevo second when a third-base bleacher leatherlunger belted forth with "Haw! Don't youse guys wish you could do this against Seattle?" No doubt brought on by the five straight losses the Portlanders were handed at Seattle prior to the local visit. . . .

**Tiff Blossoms as Top Shotgun Threat**  
WIL upspring in general here this season has been okeh, but in just about every other league city the newbies are accusing Bob Abel's boys of being collectively the worst ever to call 'em in the loop. . . . A pair of the better softball hitters in Corvallis these days are Dick Ballantyne and Norm Carey, better known for their ability with a basketball. . . . Independence Bob Bliff, the retund trashpooter who has suddenly developed into a major threat in any meet he enters (he won the big money at Portland in the State shoot and added to it handsomely during the recent PITA zone conclave here), hasn't let his success with a shotgun away him from his love of the bangtails. Bob plans to go to Seattle's Longacres track next Sunday just to watch his favorite outburner in action, Oregon bred Roscaaw, "Rosie," as she's more commonly called, is once again sound and has been knocking off six furlongs in around 1:18. . . .

Speaking of trashshooters, one of the grand old men of the sport in the Northwest was here for the Salem Gun club party. Frank Troeh, who must be heading toward the 10-year mark is the man, and it wasn't too many years ago that he was classed as one of the best doubles shooters in the land. He had his licks in the doubles here, but could score only an 88. Such was good enough for fifth place at that. . . . And then there was the ribbing Stayton's Chris Nettling was taking from some of his party when his 14-year-old kid Dave outshot his pappy in every event one day. . . .

**'Stinker' Randle Produces Top Laff**  
Mt. Angel's district semipro tournament was loaded with food ball games and plenty of fans, enough of the latter to indicate that plenty of moola was made. But lo, it seems to happen in all such bush ball parties held in this part of Oregon, the Mt. Angel sponsors found after they'd worked hard to make it a success, Director Ray Brooks had to take almost all the money to pay expenses. . . .

Best rib of the week was produced by the Hollywood Lions clubbers and Ed (Stinker) Randle Wednesday. They invited both Ad Liska and George Emigh to be guests of honor for their regular luncheon and then greeted the Senators bigs by offering as payday help a few club members who had dressed for the occasion in baseball uniforms. . . . (Liska took a longing look at a couple of 'em, too.)

In answer to queries since the Bevo-Senator tilt, Bill Mulligan wasn't here for it. Not that he would have been anyway, but at the time he was in the east with other minor league moguls trying (but failing) to talk the majors out of being so smart. Even Bill Sweeney arrived late for the mix and didn't bother to suit up. . . .

## Navals, Unemployments Take Wins: Suppermen Seek Ninth

The Naval Reserves and rejuvenated State Unemployment Compensation Commissions nabbed victories in the Portland Industrial League softball pitch at Leslie last night, the former nipping Mayflower Milk and the latter taking Post Office Carriers 8-5. The Reserves have now won eight, lost five. The Milkers have a 2-11 mark, the Unemployments 3-9 and the Carriers 4-10.

C. Swink's two-run triple in the sixth provided the win for the Reserves. Eight Carrier errors and 13 hits by the Unemployments, including a two-run homer by Vick in the second, took care of that contest.

Tonight's round finds the Salem Supper Clubbers going for their ninth victory in City league play at nine o'clock. The 12th Street Merchants, with Wally Whitted on the mound, will be the opposition. The only Industrial league game booked tonight puts the Teamsters Union against Paper Mill at seven o'clock.

Mayflower . . . . . 029 000 0-2 6 4  
Naval Reserve . . . . . 100 003 2-4 7 1  
Kemper and Wangler; Farlow and C. Swink.  
Unemployment 150 011 8-13 8 4  
Hurd and Gardner; Lowe and Widows.

**Senator Swat:**  
(Averages are up to date):  
B H Pct.  
Allison 2 1 590 Beard 187 46 246  
Lineberger 2 1 300 Scott 233 55 246  
McNulty 26 8 400 Tierney 311 216 182  
Lew 28 9 321 Osborn 33 8 182  
Drew 238 78 251 Liska 11 2 182  
Wesley 267 83 280 Burns 27 4 148  
Cherry 237 73 384 Spaeter 7 0 500  
Gaviglio 301 73 343 Goldstein 7 0 500  
Costello 7 0 500

**HOW TO STORE EGGS**  
MOSCOW, Idaho (AP)—Eggs ought to be stored in the case with the little end down, reports the College of Agriculture here. In the big end of the egg there is an air sac. If this end is kept up, the air stands less chance of being damaged.

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# LaMotta Decisions Mitri to Hold Middleweight Title; Senators Nip Wenatchee, 5-4, Behind Bob Costello

## Passes Costly To Breisinger Peterson Released; Third Game Tonight

**By Al Lightner**  
Statesman Sports Editor  
The generosity of west Wenatchee Lefty Tom Breisinger is greatly appreciated by the town Senators and their Rangy Robert Costello this morning. For it was Breisinger's scattering in three frames last night at Waters field that aimed the Salems at their series-evening victory, a 5-4 conquest of the club so anxious to jump into first place in the Western International league standings.

Breisinger walked only five and gave an identical amount of base blows to the Solons. But four of the five passes blossomed into runs for the resident nine. For the spectacled Costello, as hard a working flogger as there is in the loop, it was his first win since joining the local corps. He issued five free punts to the initial sack, but only one managed to do him harm. Big "Cos" was off to a 3-0 lead at the end of two heats as his foe had nothing but trouble finding the plate. Breisinger walked both Al Drew and Wally Scott to start with, and they moved along on Bill Spaeter's perfect sacrifice bunt up the third base line. Drew scored when Bob Cherry's infield roller was too slow for a play at the plate.

Walks to Bill Beard and Gene Gaviglio, a hit batsman and Drew's off-field line single to left netted the second Salem run, after which Gaviglio scored the third when Scott bounced lightly but efficiently out to Breisinger himself. The Chiefs tied it with a loner in the fourth and two more in the fifth. The first was unearned as it came a direct result of Salem's only error of the session and a subsequent single by Len Neal, Wenatchee catcher from Sublimity. The next two were earned as Walt Pockey singled, Don Fracchia doubled hard to left and Bud Hjelmna singled to center.

The Salem's got one back in the fifth on Scott's long triple to left-center and Cherry's line single to left. The Pockey-Fracchia punch tallied the final Chief run in the seventh, but Chief in Costello seemed to get better with each pitch. A snappy double play hauled him out of the jam in the seventh after the run had scored. What amounted to Salem's winning tally came in the sixth on a walk to Beard; Gaviglio's sacrifice and Drew's bleeder single to left with two outs. Drew may not be the answer to any club's power problems, but he does manage to punch away at the proper holes. He's now the club's leading regular hitter, incidentally.

Costello gave seven hits and a fanned four. Exhibiting as much stuff as has any pitcher in the league—if he could only get it over the dish—Breisinger fanned seven. Final game of the series tonight at 8:15 o'clock. . . . Only 633 paid customers on hand last night despite the perfect weather, but there were around 150 additional kids present in the "Third Base Club." Wally Peterson has been released outright. General Manager Emigh reported, and Hal Zurcher is likely to be optioned out again today. . . . Neither Bill Spaeter or Bob Goldstein the southpaw swingers could do much with Breisinger's portly swerves—the newcomers simply had the misfortune of "breaking in" here against a lefty-loaded hurling staff. . . .

**Thankee, Tom:**

WENATCHEE (4)	(5) SALEM
ABH POA	ABH POA
LaNeal 3 0 1	11 Drew rf 3 2 4 0
Fracchia 4 1 1	8 Scott ss 2 3
Pockey lf 4 1 1	8 Spaeter lf 3 0 1 0
Fracchia 3b 4 2 0	11 Cherry cf 4 1 1 0
Hjelmna 2b 2 0 0	2 Wesley lf 0 2
Bailard lb 4 0 7	0 Beard c 2 1 4 3
Unfried rf 4 0 3	0 Gaviglio 2b 1 0 3 3
LeNeal c 1 1	0 Goldstein lb 0 0 2 2
Breisinger p 4 1 1	4 Costello p 4 0 0 2
Thompson 4	201
Total 34 7 24 0	Total 27 5 27 11
X-Fouled out for La. Neal in 9th.	X-Fouled out for Polich in 9th.
Wenatchee 000 120 100-4 7 0	Salem 120 011 009-5 1 1

Balk: Costello, Breisinger.  
Breisinger IP AB R ER SO BB  
Costello 9 34 7 4 3 5  
Hit by pitcher: Goldstein. Passed balls on bases: Wenatchee 8, Salem 7. Errors: Scott. Three-base hits: Scott. Two-base hits: Fracchia 2, Beard. Run batted in: Drew 1, Scott 2, Len Neal, Fracchia 2, Hjelmna, Cherry 2, Sacrifice: Spaeter, Gaviglio 2. Double plays: Scott to Gaviglio to Goldstein. Time 1:38. Umpires: Jacobs and Pearson. Attendance: 633.

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## Spokane Tips Tacoma, 8-7

**By The Associated Press**  
Spokane kept the Tacoma Tigers from stretching their narrow lead in the Western International league Wednesday night by scoring twice in the ninth inning for an 8 to 7 victory. Joe Rossi scored on a squeeze play for the winning run. Vancouver jumped on Tri-City for 12 hits and a 12-2 victory at Vancouver and at Victoria, the Yakima Bears collected 20 hits and as many runs for a 20-6 romp over the Athletics on their way into second place in the league standings. The Yakima Victory dropped Wenatchee into third place.

Tri-City 100 001 000-2 9 3  
Orrell, Greenlaw (6) and Pesut, Vancouver 010 005 005-12 13 0  
McCusgan (6); Snyder and Heisler.

Spokane 200 040 002-8 10 1  
OF Flynn (7), Yerkes (8), Tacoma 013 101 100-7 11 4  
and Rossi; Lout, Anderson, (5), Knezovich (8), and Sheta.

Yakima 003 045 011-20 20 0  
Victoria 150 000 000-6 13 0  
Domincichello and Tiesiera; Hodgecock, Propst (4), Noyes (6) and Rinning.

## Evens Count Solons Edge Beavers, 4-3

PORTLAND, July 12—(AP)—Bill Evans pitched the Sacramento Solons to a 4 to 3 victory over Portland tonight to even up their Pacific Coast league series to one game each. Portland had the tying run on second base in the ninth but Evans subdued the rally by forcing Luis Marquez and Johnny Rucker to pop out. Sacramento's three-run outburst in the first inning drove Jack Creel, the loser, from the mound. Herman Reich doubled home two of those runs. In the third, Steve Souchcock's home run gave the Solons a 4-0 lead.

Joe Brovia belted his 20th home run of the season in Portland's fourth inning but the bases were empty. In action at Seattle, the Rainiers evened the count with San Diego on a 3-0 victory as Jim Wilson racked up his 14th consecutive league win and fourth straight shut out. His scoreless inning strung up now at 37. Al Litchner over Los Angeles to a 3-1 victory at home park to square their series at one each.

SACRAMENTO (4)	PORTLAND (3)
ABH POA	ABH POA
Busby cf 4 2 3	0 Marquez cf 5 3 5 0
Ratto ss 3 1 2	4 Rucker lf 5 0 2 0
Hodgins rf 4 0 0	0 Beasick 2b 4 3 4 2
Souchcok lb 3 1 9	1 Brocco lb 3 0 6 0
Tabor 3b 4 0 0	2 Brovia rf 4 1 3 0 0
Reich lf 4 0 5	4 Glend c 3 0 1 4 3
Reidno 2b 4 0 5	4 Austin ss 3 0 1 4
Steiner c 3 1 4	0 Polich 3b 3 0 2 2 0
Evans p 3 1 1	0 Creel p 0 0 2 0 2
	Lindop 2 0 0 1
	Adams p 0 0 0 0
	x-Barr 1 1 0 0
	x-Mayne 2 0 0 0
	x-Ritchey 1 1 0 0
Totals 32 7 27 11	Totals 36 9 27 9
X-Fouled out for La. Neal in 9th.	X-Fouled out for Polich in 9th.
X-Doubled for Adams in 9th.	
Sacramento 000 000 000-4 0 0	Portland 000 100 101-3

**Losers**—Creel, R—Busby, Ratto, Souchcock 2, Brovia, Austin, Barr, E—Marquez, RBI—Hodgins, Reich 2, Souchcock, Brovia, Marquez, Ritchey 2B—Reich, Barr, Marquez, Ritchey, HR—Souchcock, Brovia, SH—Ratto, DP—Basinski to Austin to Becco, Left—Sacramento 3, Portland 2, HBP—Souchcock by Creel, U—Somers, Cunningham and Young, T—1:40, Hollywood 000 000 000-0 2 0, Oakland 100 000 000-1 2 1, Karpel and Dapper; Shoun and Malone.

San Francisco 100 090 000-3 8 0  
Los Angeles 100 000 000-1 12 0  
Lien and Orteig; Manville, Adkins (8), Kush (9) and Novotny.

Seattle 110 000 001-3 9 1  
San Diego 000 000 0-0 3 3  
Wilson and Warren; Welmsker, Jurisch (9) and Moore.

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# Statesman SPORTS

Al Lightner, Editor

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## Pit Boss Hit by Racer Weimann in Stock Car Victory at Holly-Bowl

**By Les Cour**  
Bill Weimann of Portland, driving a break-neck race, copped the 50-lap class A stock car race at Hollywood bowl Wednesday night before 4,500 fans who sat horrified as an official stepped in front of a speeding car in the sixth lap. Lawrence C. Deuber, 1402 1/2 Washington st., Oregon City, acting pit boss at the bowl and veteran stock car driver, was reported in "serious" condition at Salem Memorial hospital early this morning. Deuber stepped in front of the 1946 Hudson driven by Keith Olson in the sixth lap of the A race.

The hot rods will present a full program again Saturday night of this week at Hollywood Bowl. Time trials will start at 8 o'clock.

He was hurled 15 feet in the air and almost 30 feet down the track. City Ambulance service drivers who brought Deuber to the hospital reported he suffered a fractured arm and possible head injuries. Starter Pat Vedan said Deuber apparently thought all the cars had passed the starter's pit and stepped in front of Olson who was trailing the pack, but hitting about 50 miles an hour.

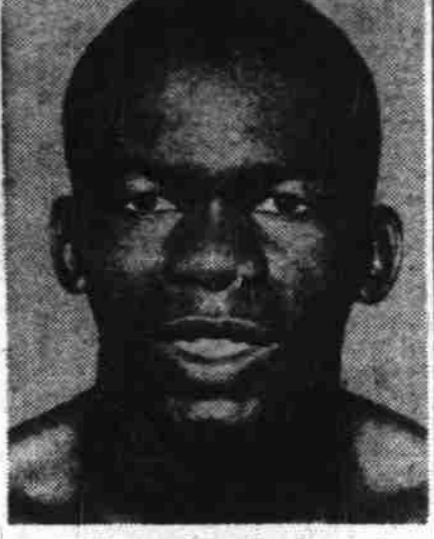
Weimann, driving a Ford V-8 sedan, clocked 14 minutes and 56 hundredths seconds. Wayne Jensen wound up a poor second, Jimmy Wilkerson was third, Wally Gervais, fourth and Gordy Haines, fifth.

Jensen, a Yakima driver, copped the three-lap trophy dash in 1:06-17. Bud Emra was second and Bill Weimann third.

In the first of four, seven-lap heat dashes, Weimann was top-rolling around in 2:32.56. Jensen was second and Emra third. Weimann captured the second heat in 2:33.31. Haines was second and Wilkerson third. In the third heat Gervais was first with a 2:33.54, with Bill Amick second and Ray Elliott third. Frankie McGowan buzzed in first in the fourth heat in 2:36.21. Ormand Millard was second and Keith Olson third. Promoter Charles Heitz announced that at least 14 roaring hot rods will hit the bowl track Saturday night for the next program.

The National Geographic Society says the skirt of the Greek national costume takes 40 yards of material.

## Upset Italian Champ Licked in 15



Ike Williams, heavily favored to whip George Costner in a non-title fight, was lucky to stay the ten-round distance in a fight Wednesday night at Philadelphia.

**Edge Unanimous for New York Defender**  
**By Jack Hand**  
NEW YORK, July 12—(AP)—Middleweight Champ Jake LaMotta laughed off the first defense hoodoo tonight to conquer previously unbeaten Tiberio Mitri of Italy in a fierce 15-round battle at Madison Square Garden. The unanimous decision pleased the surprisingly large crowd of 16,369 which paid \$99.841. Squat Jake, a 5 to 8 1/2 favorite, raked the dead game invader with a fierce body fire that left little doubt about the decision. Referee Mark Conn found LaMotta a lopsided 12-3 winner and Judge Joe Agnello saw it 9-6. Only Judge Bert Grant had it close, 8-7. The AP scorecard gave the champ a 9-5 edge with one round even. Burning with fierce pride in the title he won from the late Marcel Cerdan at Detroit in June 1949, LaMotta stalked the "Trieste Tiger" for 15 long and weary rounds. Never was he able to floor his back-peddaling foe. Never was Jake the Bull in danger of hitting the deck, although he tired in the last three rounds while Mitri, his right eye almost shut, closed strong. It was all LaMotta in the first two rounds. Suddenly in the third Mitri seemed to hit his stride, the Italian, celebrating his 24th birthday today, scored repeatedly with a stinging left jab. And he kept Jake bobbing and weaving with his zinging uppercuts. Still he was ineffectual, like rain on a tin roof, noisy but harmless. Except for the last three rounds when tiring Jake chose to coast home with a decision win, Mitri was backing up while LaMotta swarmed to the attack. (Continued on next page.)

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