

Feller Beats Chisox; Braves Turn Back Dodgers

Bevens Comeback Try Big Success; Blanks Victoria 7-0 on Four-Hitter

Hurler Proves Arm is Sound

1567 Watch Dramatic Effort in Opener

By Al Lightner
The guy they said was all through can still pitch, plenty! Big Bill Bevens, a heartbroken hero in defeat during the 1947 world series and since then shunted from one club to another because of an ailing arm, made his dramatic debut with the town Senators last night at Waters field. There were hundreds, including many in the crowd of 1567 who would have given odds that the 33-year-old resident of Bailey road would again fail, therein adding another chapter to the book full of bad breaks the huge right-hander has suffered since that October day in Brooklyn's Ebbets field.

But there was no failure this trip. Bevens blanked the Victoria Athletics with four hits as the Senators won 7-0. And from the very first inning, when he fanned two of the three batters who faced him, there wasn't a skimp in the arena who didn't realize that the arm that has brought so many disappointments was once again sound and able to author hopping fast balls and sharp-bending curves.

From the time he first walked to the hill, when a rousing burst of vocal support sent him on his way, to the last out Bevens was a determined man. He knew the spot he was in. But he was up to the task all the way. So were his teammates who seemed to put out that little extra to bring Bev the convincing win that has been so long in coming. Third-baseman Glenn Tuckett and Shortstop Richie Myers came up with some fielding gems along the way, and it was the spectacular Tuckett who saved Bill his shut-out in the sixth inning with the top defensive play of the young season.

An infield hit by Gene Gaviglio and a sacrifice brought up the always-dangerous Gene Thompson. He lashed a sizzling grounder near the third sack that was base-hit all the way. But Tuckett made a desperate stab at the ball, speared it, and threw out Thompson at first. Had the ball got by Tuckett, Gaviglio would have scored easily.

This was the only real threat the Portland Beaver pets could muster. They got two men on in the fourth, and two more on base in the fifth. But Bevens, who has retired the side with ease. He faced but 30 batters, walked only four, fanned three and made a total of 119 pitches during the nine innings. The latter figure is acceptable as Bevens pitched at a pace, let alone one who has been noted for his wildness over the years.

Of the four hits off Bevens, one went for a fluke double. Tom O'Loughlin lined a single to left in the fourth, and the ball bounced badly and high over Glenn Stetter's head. The other bingles came in the fifth, sixth and seventh, all singles on the ground.

The Solons had their troubles scoring also until the sixth inning. Then it was a single to left by Stetter and three consecutive walks by Lefthander Bill Payne that gave the home clan its first tally. A lovely error on a perfect double play put off the bat of Bill Beard, netted two more for the frame, however, and a 3-0 Salem lead.

Dick Waibel, once a Senator himself, took over the pitching chore for Kewpie Barrett's visitors in the seventh and got right into a four-run jam. Myers singled and then stole second. Dick Faber singled, Stetter scratched an infield bingle for one run; Waibel balked in another before walking the bases loaded, and then Tuckett, a hero for the night in his own right slammed a single to left for the other two tallies. Tuckett earlier in the game rapped a double high off the left-center boards also.

With the big 7-0 lead to work on, Bevens breezed through the final two frames. Of Bill's thoroughly welcome stand Boss Luby said after the game, "He was in charge all the way. It was a beautifully pitched ball game." The dressing room was loaded with congratulatory slips on the back. Also of particular note, the Senators have now played four straight games sans an error and will be working on a three-game winning streak when they play the Vics again tonight at 8:15 o'clock. Lefty Aldon, winner of the opener against Tri-City last week, will be the slab for Salem. Ronnie Smith or John Marshall will be his opponent.

Today's Pitchers

National League—New York at Philadelphia—Jansen (1-1) vs Heintzelman (0-1); Philadelphia at St. Louis—Bridgman (1-1) vs Newcomb (2-0); Chicago at Cincinnati—(night)—Minnick (1-0) vs Fox (1-0); Pittsburgh at St. Louis—(night)—Chambers (1-1) vs Potholny (0-1).
American League—St. Louis at Chicago—(2) — Widmar (0-1) and Starr (0-1) vs Gumpert (1-0) and Dobson (0-1); Philadelphia at New York—Ladd (1-0) vs Shea (0-2); Washington at Boston—Merrero (1-0) vs Consuegra (0-1); Kansas City at St. Louis—(night)—(1-1) vs (0-1).

Slump Hits Major Gates

NEW YORK, April 24—(AP)—Blame it on the weather, TV, General MacArthur or the cost of living, but major league baseball attendance is off some 22 per cent for the first week of the season. Actually, more home dates were played this year than last, 45 to 46, and there were fewer postponements, 13-8, than last spring. The two-league total for the week was 673,365 as compared to 769,968 in 1950, a drop of 95,763. Figured on a per game basis, the percentage drop is roughly 22 per cent. American league figures show the most marked decline, particularly at Boston, Detroit and St. Louis. Both the New York Giants and Yankees showed healthy increases with top flight attractions.

Caps, Yakima Still Unbeaten

By The Associated Press
The Vancouver Capilanos and the Yakima Bears remained unbeaten and at the top of the Western International league standings as play resumed Tuesday night. The Capilanos topped the Spokane Indians, 7-3 with the aid of a four-run spree in the seventh inning. Bob Snyder went the route for the Caps, notching his second win of the campaign.

The Yakima club chalked its fifth in a row with a 7-6 margin over the winless Wenatchee Chiefs. A 14-hit attack helped the Bears to the triumph. Tacoma notched its first win with a 6-3 victory over the Tri-City Braves. Bill Clark of the Tigers went the route, giving the Braves nine hits. Wenatchee—000 012 003—6 9 0; Y. K. 001 023 001—7 14 1; Reisinger, Trichter (9) and LeNeal; Thompson, Savares (9) and Tiesera. Tacoma—230 000 100—4 12 1; Tri-City—001 000 020—3 9 1; Clark and Sheets; McCollum, Olson (9) and Pesut.

Vancouver—200 100 400—7 7 3; Spokane—011 001 000—3 2 0; Ritchie and Snyder; Eckhart, Roberts (7) and Nulty.

Gervais Crushes Mill City 22-1

MILL CITY, Apr. 24—(Special)—One-hit hurling by Doug Hall plus a 19-hit attack carried the Gervais Cougars to a 22-1 victory over the Mill City Timberwolves Monday in a Marion County Baseball League game. Feature of the Gervais attack was a grand slam homer by John McCall in the seventh inning, during which the Cougars tallied ten times.

Rollin' Along by Jerry Stone

Consternation has hit the ranks of local softballers—and it's because play under the lights apparently is to be non-existent this season after years and years of ace action.

Own Field Needed
Seems the city school board wishes to leave Leslie field free for seeding during the summer so that it will provide a surface for junior high football games. This, of course, would cancel out softball on the Leslie lot—and the proposed alternative is twilight ball on fields at Bush pasture and at one or two other sites about the city.

Hopes are held that in the near future the Salem Softball association can provide its own lighted field. But the fly in the ointment is that the association has never been financially able to stand on its own feet for the obvious reason that the sport is purely a recreational one. . . . So the softballers' chances for re-establishment of nocturnal ball would seem to hinge on aid from such a source as the city recreational fund.

At any rate, night ball appears to be out so far as this season is concerned, though the matter is to be definitely decided at a meeting next week.

Some May Bolt
The chances are that some City league teams may bolt from the loop rather than resort to the twilight setup. Several managers are reportedly eyeing leagues outside Salem.

One of the principal regrets expressed by partisan softballers is that the key of night games will take the wind out of the boom the sport experienced last season. The problem is just another forcible illustration that the city needs other playing fields—and fully equipped ones—to handle the growing demands of softball and junior league baseball. . . .

More Cinder Glamor
Brother, is one Chet Stockhouse drawing up the local club-

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Angels Climb Closer

Slumping Bevovs Topped By Improving Seals 7-1

PORTLAND, April 24—(AP)—Portland's slumping Beavers took another on the nose tonight, losing a 7-1 game to the San Francisco Seals. Al Lien and Hank Behrman of the Seals held the Beavers to four hits and Jack Graham applied the big punch for the Bay City team with a pair of homers.

Stojack Keeps Mat Title Belt

In one of the finest armory matches in months Frank Stojack last night retained his Coast junior heavy mat title by downing Arnie Skaaland two falls out of three. The muscular Stojack nabbed the opening fall with a dropkick and body press in 21 minutes, after which Skaaland came back with an "iron cross" hold in nine minutes. A giant swing ended things 12 minutes later despite the rugged body scissors Skaaland had on Stojack most of the time and the rough tactics the former WSC footballer used.

Eddie Williams came up with the special win over Soldat Gorky in their rematch. But only because Soldat was too rough on a hombred He was disqualified in a straight falls by Referee Walt Achiu. When Soldat tossed Achiu from the ring in the No. 2 fall, that was enough for the ref. The sensational Ted Bell, looking more impressive with each coil appearance used a series of rolling head scissors to beat Ace Abbott, and Jack Kiser dropkicked George O'Hara into submission in their mix. All matches were considered better than usual.

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Bone Defeats Touted Asplund

Harold Asplund, the touted Brunswick-sponsored bowling ace from the midwest, broke even in a pair of match-game appearances in the city Tuesday. John Bone surprised with a 762 to 738 win over the luminary in a four-game set at University Bowl. Later Tuesday night Asplund teamed up with Frank Evans to defeat Pinky Hartwell and John Glodd 1933 to 1893 in a five-game doubles duel. Large crowds turned out at both alleys to watch Asplund in action. The pin star gave demonstrations at University earlier in the day.

McMINNVILLE, April 24—(AP)—Willamette tonight knocked Linfield from the Northwest conference baseball undefeated ranks by beating the Wildcats 8-7. The loss dropped Linfield from a first place tie with Whitman in to a second place deadlock with College of Idaho. Willamette went into the game with a 1-0 lead. Dave Pearman batted in six runs for Willamette with a homer and a double.

Parish Downs Leslie Ballers
Clay Egelston's Parish Pioneers remained unbeaten in the Junior high school baseball race Tuesday as they edged out a 4-3 decision over the Leslie Rockets. Ron Whitaker went the route for Parish, giving seven hits and fanning 11. Floyd Trussell of Leslie yielded only three blows in losing. Kurtz' single in the seventh inning brought in the winning run for Parish. Leslie—100 002 0—3 7 2; Parrish—020 001 1—4 2 3; Trussell and Johnson; Whitaker and Striffler, Pingle (7).

Preps Retain Lead in WVL
MT. ANGEL, Apr. 24—(Special)—Pitcher Tom Ebner and the Mt. Angel Preps captured their fourth straight Willamette Valley league win today as they whipped Mollalla, 6-1. Ebner gave only three hits and fanned 11. A five-run sixth brought the Angel margin. Mollalla—000 100 0—1 3 3; Mt. Angel—000 105 x—6 6 4; Sangren and Blackburn; Ebner and Turin.

Yea Bevens:
VICTORIA (0) Salem (7)
Dunnas 4 3 2 1 Myers 2 1 2 6
Gaviglio 2 4 1 2 Luby 2 1 2 6
O'Lughlin 2 1 2 1 Faber 2 1 2 6
Thompson 2 1 2 1 Faber 2 1 2 6
White 2 1 2 1 Faber 2 1 2 6
Murrell 2 1 2 1 Faber 2 1 2 6
Friedman 2 1 2 1 Faber 2 1 2 6
Jackson 1 4 0 8 Bevens 2 4 0 3 0
Paine 2 0 0 0 Bevens 2 4 0 3 0
Marlin 2 0 0 0 Bevens 2 4 0 3 0
Waibel 2 0 0 0 Bevens 2 4 0 3 0
Total 39 424 16 Paine in 27. 17
K—Walked for Hack in 7th.
Victoria—000 000 000—0 4 1
Salem—000 002 000—2 2 0
Leading pitcher—Paine. Ball—Paine.
Pitcher—Ip Ab R H R E Bb
Paine 2 3 2 4 3 2 3 0
Waibel 2 3 4 4 2 2 1 1
Revs 2 3 4 4 2 2 1 1
Total 10 13 16 16 10 10 10 10
Left on bases V. S. S. Errors: Gaviglio, two-base hits Myers, O'Loughlin, Jackson, turn batter in Tucker, Paine, 1st 1st 2nd, Sacrifice, Faber, O'Loughlin, stolen bases Myers, Double Play Gaviglio to Dunn to Jackson. Time 2:30. Attendance: 1267.

Webfoots Nab 4th Straight
EUGENE, April 24—(AP)—Oregon took its second northern division Pacific Coast conference baseball victory from Washington State here today, 4-1—the fourth straight win for the Webfoots in division play. Pitcher Stan Aune got credit for the victory, his second in the ninth yesterday, as Oregon defeated the Cougars, 7-6. Washington State opens a two-game series with Oregon State at Corvallis tomorrow. Wash. State 000 010 000—1 10 2; Oregon—000 021 01x—4 9 1; Wilkinson and Carr; Aune and Smith.

Chemawa Victor, Triangular Meet
CHEMAWA, Apr. 24—(Special)—The Chemawa Indians rolled up 66½ points today to take a triangular track meet with State Deaf school and St. Paul. The SDS' were next with 35½ and St. Paul trailed with eight.

Viking Jayvees Defeat Mt. Angel
Salem high school's Jayvees got off to a big start on Bob Miller's grand-slam homer in the first inning and went on to earn an 11-6 victory over the Mt. Angel seconds on Olinger field Monday. Ken Fingle went the pitching route for the Vik Bees, giving eight hits. One of them was Leo Buchelt's two-run homer in the fifth inning. The result left the Salems with a 4-1 season's mark.

Huskies Take Pair
SEATTLE, April 24—(AP)—The University of Washington Huskies took both ends of a two-game series by defeating the Idaho Vandals, 6-4, in their Northern Division, Pacific Coast conference baseball tangle here today.

Kids Fishin' Derby Winners



Winners of the annual Junior Mill creek fishing tournament sponsored by the Salem Lake Waltons and Salem Lions club are pictured above with respective prizes. Front row (l-r), Mickle Wallace, Salem; Gary Clatterback, State Deaf school; Judy Laetsch, Salem; Dennis Gregg, Salem. Second row: Charles Schmitt, Salem; Jerry Coon, Salem; Bob Stebner, Salem; Norman Franzen, Salem; Richard Claus, Salem; Marilyn Pearson, Turner. Back row: Lester Schwag, Salem; Richard Remy, Salem; Bruce Philipp, Stayton; Richard Boedighelmer, Stayton. (Harger photo).

The Standings

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Vancouver	6	1,000	0.360
Yakima	5	1,000	0.333
Salem	4	1,200	0.250
Victoria	3	400	0.286

COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Portland	17	12,288	0.583
La Angeles	15	13,536	0.520
San Diego	14	13,519	0.507
Seattle	14	14,500	0.493
San Francisco	7	11,250	0.383
At Los Angeles	6	San Diego 3, Oakland 3	0.333

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Cleveland	8	1,887	0.420
Washington	7	1,887	0.367
New York	6	2,714	0.183
St. Louis	2	2,687	0.136

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	4	1,887	0.211
Chicago	4	2,687	0.136
Pittsburgh	4	2,687	0.136
St. Louis	2	2,600	0.077

Russia Applies for Membership In International Olympic Group

MOSCOW, April 24—(AP)—Russia named an olympic committee today and applied for membership in international sports organization. At Lausanne, Switzerland, permanent headquarters for the international olympic committee, Chancellor Otto Mayer said the membership application had been received and "was certain it will be approved" at the IOC's meeting in Vienna next month.

Mayer pointed out that Russia had received several invitations to rejoin the olympic brotherhood, from which it withdrew in 1912, and that "since we invited them there is no doubt about their admission." The action was interpreted in some quarters as indicating the Kremlin does not expect a world war by 1952.

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Washington	001	101	0.009
Boston	000	200	0.000
Kuzava and Grass; Wright, McDermott (7) and Walker.			
Philadelphia	000	200	0.000
New York	000	200	0.000
Shantz and Tipton; Lopat and Berre.			
Chicago	001	001	0.000
Cleveland	001	011	0.002
Cain and Marboe; Feller and Megan.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	000	003	0.000
Chicago	000	000	0.000
Law, Werle (8) and McCullough; Loren, McLeod (8) and Walker.			
Boston	010	001	0.032
Brooklyn	000	001	0.000
Surkon and Cooper; Mueller (7); Roe, Erskine (8) and Campanella.			
Cincinnati	000	000	0.000
Pittsburgh	010	000	0.100
Ramsdell, Perkowski (8), Wehmeier (7) and Pramesa; Lanier and Garagi.			

New York—000 081 000—4 10 1
Philadelphia—010 211 00x—6 12 1
Bowman, Jones (4), Kramer (8), Kennedy (8) Gettel (8), Koelo (7) and Wilber; Miller, Konstanty (9) and Wilber.

Estacada Tips Dragons, 1-0
DALLAS, Apr. 24—(Special)—Monte Nicholson shaded Wes Ediger in a fine hurling duel today as the Estacada Rangers took a 1-0 decision over the Dallas Dragons in a Willamette Valley league collision. Nicholson gave only three hits and Ediger yielded but four. The only run of the game came in the fifth via singles by Nicholson and Kelly. Estacada—000 010 0—1 4 4; Dallas—000 000 0—0 3 1; Nicholson and Bowers; Ediger and Sjolund.

Bearcat Netters Defeat Wildcats
McMINNVILLE, April 24—(Special)—Willamette university's netters took their third straight Northwest conference victory today, downing Linfield's Wildcats, 5-2. Results: Singles—Donn Gassaway (L) over Cecil Conner (W) 4-4, 4-3; Ray Grundhauser (L) over Bob Pettold (W) 6-2, 6-3; Al Miles (W) over Hal Lapp (L) 6-3, 6-2; John Ambler (W) over Hal Lapp (L) 6-1, 6-1. Doubles—Conner and Pettold (W) over Gassaway and Grundhauser (W) 1-6, 6-2, 6-4; Miles and Hammond (W) over Lapp and Lapp (L) 6-3, 6-7, 6-6.

COUGARS NEXT OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 24—Oregon State's winless trackmen will have little chance to worry about last Saturday's 94-47 loss to the University of Washington Huskies. The depth-minus Beavers must take on another tough northern division foe Saturday on Bell field—Washington State college. And from all indications, the perennially-strong Cougars pack every bit as much power as Washington.

Duck Pins
Davis Oil clinched the title in the Men's City league last night at B and B Bowling courts by topping Sunset Donuts, 3-1, in final action. Other results: Salem Tire 3, Heider's Radio 1; Olson's Florists 4, Gas Heat 0; Quality Used Car 3, Les Newman's 1. Davis Oil hit a 2280 and 808 for team scoring honors and Eddie Harrison of Olson's Florists was the individual pacer with a 344 series and 209 game.

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Yankees, Nats, Cardinals Win

Solons Whack Bosox; Phillies Top Giants

By Ralph Rosen
NEW YORK, April 24—(AP)—Bob Feller and Ed Lopat, a pair of veterans, and Max Surkont and Bob Kuzava, comparative newcomers to the major leagues, turned in their second straight victories of the 1951 season today.

Feller pitched a steady game as the league-leading Cleveland Indians turned back the Chicago White Sox, 5-2. The famous right-hander scattered 10 hits while his mates collected eight off Lefty Bob Cain, who made his initial appearance of the campaign. Today marked the 30th anniversary of the start of the American league as a major circuit.

Lopat turned back the Philadelphia Athletics, 3-0, on a neat four-hitter for the New York Yankees. The Yanks scored all of their runs in the first inning against Lefty Bobby Shantz, beat the Chicago White Sox in their Fenway park late this year, Alex Kellner of the A's performed the feat last Friday. Only Gene Bearden of Washington and Hal Newhouse of Detroit managed the trick in 1950.

Home runs by Clyde Vollmer, Bobby Doerr and Ted Williams accounted for all of Boston's runs. Williams' poke was his third of the season and 296 of his career. Surkont, a hefty right-hander, pitched the Boston Braves to a 7-4 decision over the Dodgers to halt Brooklyn's five-game winning streak. Sid Gordon's three-run homer in the seventh and Bob Elliott's two-run single in the ninth turned the tide for Boston.

Young Vernon Law of Pittsburgh and veteran Max Lanier of the St. Louis Cardinals came up with their initial victories of the season. Law, with help from Bill Werle, gained credit for the Pirates' 6-4 triumph over the Chicago Cubs. Lanier pitched the Red Birds to a 3-1 decision over the Cincinnati Reds.

Wally Westlake led the Pirates' attack, driving in four runs on a three-run homer and single. Lanier scattered eight hits and never trailed as the Cards nicked Willard Handberg for two runs as the first two innings. Stan Musial snapped out of his batting slump with three singles in three official trips to the plate.

The Philadelphia Phillies turned back the stumbling New York Giants, 6-4, in a night game at Philadelphia. The loss was the Giants sixth straight.

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