

SPORTSLIGHTNER

He'll not get to go to the state meet at Corvallis the coming weekend—that is, unless he pays to get in. Third place is the best husky Jim Wiemals of Sacred Heart Academy could do in his specialty, the 880, in the district finals. Only the 1-2 placers qualified for the Corvallis classic. But from what we saw of Jim in that 880 romp we'll betcha there isn't another kid in the state who has more intestinal fortitude (guts to those who don't mind the word) than he has.

Wiemals was elyashed out of place ribbons in both the 440 and 880 during the Capitol League meet earlier last week, and was visibly determined it wouldn't happen again in the district finals. He was far back in the pack as the field turned into the stretch of Saturday's gruelling race. Both Dick Glasgow and Jack Knapp of Salem were out in front and going strong.

But Wiemals dug in a little harder and ran a little faster. About 15 yards from the tape he looked as if he were about to collapse. His eyes were bugged and his complexion had turned the shade of purple that means utter fatigue. Yet he kept driving, almost caught up with Knapp and made a final, desperate dive across the finish. The urge to finish even second was written all over the kid in one of the most dramatic pieces of effort we've ever seen in our many years of both participating in and following athletics.

Wiemals didn't quite make it and was placed third. He was completely spent when he crossed the line and tumbled to the cinders in a sprawling heap, upsetting Knapp also. Both kids were so all in that they were powerless to untangle their arms and leg: and needed help.

This wasn't meant to be a sob for a kid who didn't quite make the grade in the track meet. It's merely a pat on the back for a lad whose sheer determination far exceeds his ability. Kids like that are awfully hard to find these days...

Even More Athletic Laurels for Gervais Johnny

While the little spot of drama provided by Wiemals may have gone unnoticed for the most part Saturday, the all-around performance of Gervais High's Johnny McCall certainly didn't. Settling records in three events (all he was allowed to participate in) and making up 15 yards as anchor man on Coach Orde Hoyer's relay team so that it too established a new district mark was a pretty fair day's work for the Cougars' all around athlete.

You'll recall that McCall was the Mr. Big of Class B footballing in these parts as a halfback last fall, and was also one of the top basketball scorers in the Marion County B League season. He's also one of Gervais' top baseball players.

A group of coaches were parked in the McCulloch Stadium seats watching the big Saturday meet when someone posed the question, "How'd you guys like to have a dozen McCalls to coach on your teams?"

Almost in perfect harmony the group, which included Muri Anderson of Silverton, Mush Barbour of Woodburn, Pat Beel of North Marion, Bud Gronquist of Molalla and Joe Boyle of Stayton, chimed in, "Heck, we're not that choosy—we'll take just one like him."

Local Shrine Links Tourney to be a Whopper

Last year's Salem Shrine Club sponsored golf tournament for the benefit of the Shrine Hospital's crippled kids amounted to over \$400 for that great and worthy cause. But from the looks of what Chairman Earl Bourland & Co. are cooking up for this year's meet (June 1 at Salem Golf Club), the hospital will benefit considerably more.

The sponsoring Shriners have rounded up some \$2,000 worth of valuable prizes to be won during the single-day tournament, same including a Lincoln Zephyr auto being donated by L. A. Warner of the Warner Motor Co. One would think that the auto (it runs, too) would be prize No. 1. But it isn't. This year's champ will win a \$135 wrist watch and a trophy worth over \$100. The car, a 12-cylinder job, will be but one of another 60 assorted prizes which list everything from a woman's formal dress to a pair of men's shoes.

Shriners always have been noted for their ability to do things in major style once they undertake them. The golf tourney is no exception, and where 200 linksmen took part in last year's conclave, over 400 will bang away this trip.

The meet is open to all masculine golfers, and flights are to be arranged for those who shoot 70 or 170 for 18 holes. Entry fee is \$4, which includes everything and registration can be made by writing "The Hospital Committee, 411 Masonic Building, Salem, Ore." There will be registrations from all over the state, Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend, Eugene, Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Portland, etc., and from some of the state's foremost par busters.

Victoria's Pries Top Hitter After Two Weeks of WIL Play

Victoria Third-base man Don Pries, with a .460 average, led the Western International League in batting after the first two weeks of play, according to official figures released by the Howe News Bureau of Chicago, league statisticians. Vancouver Manager Bill Schuster was hitting .500, but had been to bat only 24 times.

Departmental leaders were: Runs—Cecce Garriot, Victoria, 19; Hits, Pries and Bill Andring, Yakima, 23; total bases, Andring, 33; doubles, Walt Pockeyak, Wenatchee, 7; triples, John Ritchey, Vancouver, 3; home runs, Jack Helmut, Lewiston, 2; runs batted in, Chuck Abernathy, Victoria, 15; stolen bases, Gene Klingner, Yakima, 6. The averages:

TEAM	B	H	2B	3B	HR	Pct
Victoria	438	130	32	2	310	.295
Lewiston	329	91	16	2	277	.277
Spokane	390	104	20	2	287	.267
Wenatchee	391	104	19	2	286	.266
Vancouver	395	101	18	7	256	.256
Salem	483	123	14	3	239	.239
Yakima	420	124	9	3	238	.238
Tri-City	272	64	9	2	235	.235

TEAM	B	P	A	E	Pct
Vancouver	15	372	173	13	.971
Salem	13	317	117	17	.962
Spokane	14	311	100	13	.961
Tri-City	19	369	181	26	.954
Yakima	13	330	135	26	.947
Lewiston	7	252	90	19	.947
Wenatchee	9	313	129	27	.943

Walker Cooper Out of Action

BOSTON (AP)—The Boston Braves' leading batter—catcher Walker Cooper will be out of action for about a week because of a back injury, the club said Monday.

The big, veteran backstop—sporting a solid .360 batting average—fell into the New York Giants' doughnut here last Saturday while chasing a fly ball. X-rays showed he suffered a crack at the base of the spine.

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Morton C. Cooper, former St. Louis Cardinal baseball pitcher, was arraigned before Magistrate Bernard W. Cnefow Monday on a charge of child abandonment.

HOOP GAMBLER HIT

NEW YORK (AP)—A member of a gambling ring who attempted to bribe Junius Kellogg of Manhattan College touched off the whole basketball "fix" scandal was sentenced to one year in jail. He is Irving Swartzberg, 37, who had a record of 15 previous arrests.

Senators Home, Face Vancouver Caps

Mixed Tag Team Tiff Tops Mat Bill

How the top Japanese Judo experts Masa Kimura and Shibu Yamauchi will fare in an American style tag team match with Frank Stojack and Jack Kiser, and how the latter will do in Judo sprints with the Japs are the principal items on the menu at the Armory to-night as Match-maker Elton Owen presents his weekly wrestling card at 8:30 o'clock.

The Japs, both owners of Japan's famed wrestling "Black Belt" and in the process of barnstorming the USA, last week gave an exhibition of Judo here. They have a standing offer of \$1,000 to anyone who can stay in the ring for 10 minutes with either of them, and this will be in effect tonight in the mixed tag team battle.

The previous fall in the fastest time. "We've never tried anything like this before," Owen said Monday, "and I think it will be very interesting. Apt to be plenty of fireworks, for those Japs are sure to be bounced around by Stojack and Kiser, and in turn will give Frank and Jack a few fits with that Judo stuff."

Owen wanted to match Stojack with Leo Wallick in a special event tonight, but Wallick drew a one-week suspension by the Salem Wrestling Commission for his antics in last week's wild team scrap with Stojack and (Cont'd on next page.)

Giants Show Class on Road



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Surprising Indians, Solons

Still Hot as Major Teams

By JACK HAND
NEW YORK (AP)—The folks who buried the New York Giants when Monte Irvin broke his ankle are sneaking down back alleys.

By circling the Western bases and Boston at a sprightly 10-out-of-11 clip, the Giants proved they were no one-man ball club. Maybe the imminent loss to the Army of Willie Mays will prove they are a two-man club. Who knows? Right now it looks more like a Sal Maglie-Larry Jansen-Jim Hearn club. The unbeaten "big three" of the pitching staff is 10-0 for the year. Wes Westrum .333 and Whitey Lockman .310 are the only .300 hitters on the club.

Giants Hottest Team
The Giants are the hottest thing in the majors. No question about that. But Cleveland and Washington also are running a temperature.

Three straight wins at Yankee Stadium left the Indians treading on the clouds. Sunday's double win over the down-to-earth St. Louis Browns left them two full games in front of the league.

Washington, Too, has been walking on air. Since Bucky Harris latched onto Jackie Jensen, Archie Wilson and Spec Shea he has won seven of eight. The Senators hang in second place as they hit the road for Detroit for their first western swing.

For the next 10 days the Eastern teams of the American League will be in the West.

Browns Get Jolted
The Browns learned some of the facts of life in the East, dropping from the super level to the .500 class. Still they are tied with the Yanks for fourth place and going back home to open a long home stand. First opposition comes from the Philadelphia A's, who have picked up considerably after a horrible start.

The Giants, who have played only four home games, face Cincinnati at the Polo Grounds Tuesday night. Either Maglie or Jansen is slated to do the pitching for Leo Durocher's crew.

Cincinnati and the Chicago Cubs tied for third place, continue to surprise with their consistent play. They have dropped off a bit from their early spurge but remain well over the .500 mark.

Oregon Drops Tiff to Huskies

SEATTLE (AP)—A hit batsman spelled the margin of victory for the University of Washington Huskies Monday as they edged the Oregon Ducks, Northern Division baseball leaders, 5-4.

The Ducks, trailing since the fifth inning, pulled even 4-4, with a pair of runs in the top of the eighth.

Then in the last of the eighth, Oregon reliever Bill Mays hit Tom Absher with the bases loaded to force in the winning run. Oregon—100 000 120—4 10 3 Washington 000 030 11x—5 10 3

Stiegum, Mays (8) and R. Böttger; Bell, Murphy (9) and Mitchell.

Musk ox produce wool as well as beef.

Viking Jayvees Lose

The Salem High School jayvee baseball squad dropped an 8-2 decision to Albany Monday afternoon in a game played there.

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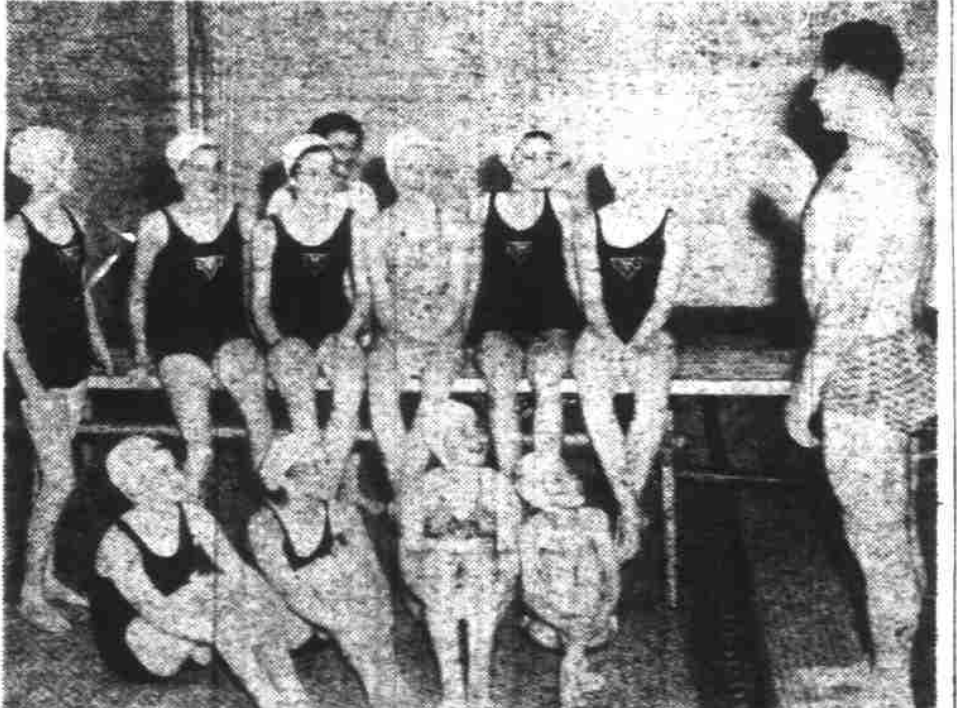
Smith, Striffler and Pingli; Smith and Bradley.

Gregg Leads Coast League

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Right hander Hal Gregg of Oakland led Pacific Coast League pitchers through games of last Sunday with six wins and no defeats.

The former major leaguer, who fashioned a seven-inning no run no hit masterpiece against Portland May 1, has appeared in eleven contests and tossed 50 frames. Elmer Singleton of San Francisco tops the loop in strikeouts with 48.

Swam for Salem Y in Tourney



Listening to instructions from Coach Clarence Wilcox are these members of the Salem YMCA Girls swimming team who Saturday defended their Class B and C titles in the Pacific Northwest YMCA championships at Portland. From left to right on floor are Melodee Palmer, Doris Hein, Joy Brown and Sandra Cords. Back (l-r), Sharon Truax, Jean Lidbeck, Sally Joseph, Sandra Joehmsen, Shirley Wilcox and Roberta Eyre. Mrs. Mary Wilcox, who also helps coach the team, stands behind group.

Ya Do It Like This, Bob



Vancouver Capitanos Mgr. Bill (The Rooster) Schuster, left, who leads his Caps into Waters Field for a series opening game with the Salem Senators tonight, shows Pitcher Bob Snyder, right, his batting grip during a dugout discussion. At last look Schuster was leading the WI League in batting with a .500 percentage. Snyder, a record-setting 27-game winner for the Caps last year, recently rejoined the club after a trial in the Southern Association. The colorful Schuster will be principal speaker for the Salem Breakfast Club meeting at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday at the Senator Hotel.

Senators Trade Michaels; Get Jensen, Shea, 7 Others

NEW YORK (AP)—Washington continued its role Monday as the "trading" club in the majors by swapping second baseman Cass Michaels to the St. Louis Browns for pitcher Lou Slaughter and infielder Fred Marsh.



The STANDINGS

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL

Spokane	14	6	700	Salem	9	12	429
Victoria	12	6	667	Tri-City	9	12	429
Vancouver	9	10	563	Wenatchee	8	11	421
Lewiston	8	10	474	Yakima	7	13	350

No games scheduled Monday. Tuesday—Vancouver at Salem, Wenatchee at Spokane, Yakima at Lewiston, Victoria at Tri-City.

COAST LEAGUE

San Diego	17	8	680	Portland	17	8	680
Hollywood	22	16	579	San Francisco	18	22	450
Oakland	22	16	579	Seattle	17	22	436
La Angeles	19	20	487	Sacramento	15	23	356

No games scheduled Monday. Tuesday—Hollywood at Portland, Seattle at San Francisco, San Diego at Los Angeles, Oakland at Sacramento.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Nw York	15	5	750	St. Louis	11	13	458
Brooklyn	14	9	680	Philadelphia	8	13	351
Chicago	14	9	609	Boston	8	14	364
Cincinnati	14	9	609	Pittsburgh	5	20	200

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland	17	8	680	New York	11	11	500
Washington	13	8	619	Chicago	11	13	458
Boston	14	9	606	Philadelphia	8	13	351
St. Louis	12	12	500	Detroit	9	17	227

Whitman Takes League Crown

FOREST GROVE (AP)—Whitman clinched the Northwest Conference baseball title when it defeated Pacific in the second game of a doubleheader. Pacific won the opener 6-3.

Sid Aronson, who pitched the last five innings of the opener, went the route in the seven-inning second game and limited Pacific to seven hits.

Kay Frizzell and Jack Nash, both of whom got three hits in five times at bat, led Pacific's scoring attack in the opener.

First game:

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Gloss, Ball (9) and Lengan.	
Whitman	326 000 3-14 10 3

Searcrais, Aronson (5) and Nehr; Ross, Ball (9) and Lengman.

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Aronson and Nehr; Ball, Simmons (2), Perkins (3), Folquet (3) and Plaza, Toland (7).

Longdon After 4,000th Win

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Durable Johnny Longdon gets a chance Tuesday to win his 4000th horse race.

He needs three winners to do it, and he's accepted seven mounts in the eight-race opening program of Hollywood Park's 13th season. Longdon is in his 25th season.

SHELLS IMPORT OKEYED

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Monday passed and sent to President Truman a bill permitting free importation of racing shells to be used by American oarsmen in preparation for the 1952 Olympic Games.

McNulty After Fourth Mound Win Tonight

By AL LIGHTNER
Statesman Sports Editor

Deadlocked with Tri-City for the No. 5 rung in the Western International League standings, but having the last week shown definite signs of a sunnier spot in the first division, the Salem Senators return to their home arena tonight to open a three-game series with the Vancouver Capitanos, the circuit's No. 3 team after three weeks of play.

Game time will be 8:15 o'clock and on the mound for Boss Hugh Luby's charges will be Rawbone Ray McNulty, who'll be after his fourth win of the season. McNulty's last outing was an 8-1 conquest of Lewiston Friday night.

Hits Now Coming

After losing five of seven games during their first week at home, the Solons compiled a snappy four won, three lost record at Yakima and Lewiston last week. The club's hitting, with men on bases, showed a definite improvement and the pitching for the most part was good.

Right-fielder Andy Anderson had a good week on the road, whacking nine hits in 28 trips for a .321 mark. Curt Schmidt, playing regularly in left field, hit 4-11 for a .364 average, and Dick Bartle, whose timely hitting was noticeable all week picked up seven bingles in 23 trips for a .304 mark. Catcher Bob Nelson, whose defensive ability on the club leaves nothing to be desired, continues to hit right around the .300 mark, and Glenn Tuckett has shown signs of shaking his early slump by getting six hits during the week on the road.

Luby Hitting .358

Boss Luby continues to punish the ball with a soaring .358 average, but Shortstop Gene Tansell found the week a rough one and tumbled to .284. Johnny Moore hit seven for 28 on the road, a .250 mark.

The Caps have recently "loaded up" with such men as Pitcher Bob Snyder, a 27-game winner in the league last season, and Gordy Brunswick, the long-ball hitting Seattle optionee. They are managed by the colorful Bill (The Rooster) Schuster who waves a mean hit baton himself.

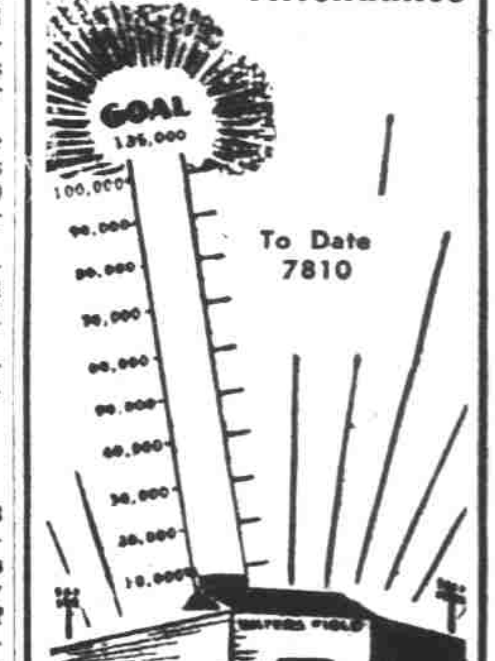
Johnny Ritchey, the league's No. 1 hitter in 1951, is again Vancouver's catcher. Others on the club include First-base man Jim Wert, Shortstop Ray Tran, the colorful Outfielder Edo Vanni and Lefty Carl Gunnarson, who goes on and on as a WIL pitcher.

The Vancouver-Salem series will conclude Thursday night after which Yakima comes in for games on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Other series in the league starting tonight find Victoria at Tri-City, Wenatchee at Spokane and Yakima at Lewiston.

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