

SPORTS LIGHTNER

We trust that the overlords in charge of the great program that is American Legion Junior Baseball learned themselves a lesson at Yakima last week. We're also in hopes that they realize what a bunch of stuffed shirts they are to be vulnerable enough to allow the protest atrocity involving the Oregon and Hawaiian entries.



VINCE GENNA
A right deserving guy.

We doubt if any real conspiracy was attached to the loused-up mess at Yakima, even though at the time we were perfectly willing to go to Yakima to help knock a few heads together, feeling that the Salem kids were being purposely gypped. We'd have had plenty of company too, for not in many a moon has anything stirred up the local animals such as that egg-laying exhibition did.

American Legion Junior Baseball is governed by the professional baseball rules book in all instances other than eligibility and the fact that team directors cannot coach from the coaching boxes. Consequently, when the protest was upheld at Yakima by the head Legion ringmaster in Indianapolis, he was acting in direct conflict with the rules book. Therefore, the same gent in Indianapolis is naught but a nucklehead not worthy of his high position in the opinion of the thousands who now realize that the Salem team was given a bum shuffle.

The first line of the American Legion Junior Baseball Code of Sportsmanship reads, "Keep the rules." The high pooh-bah in Indianapolis must not be up on his reading.

The Hawaiian team, not to be blamed for the incident in any way, had a legitimate protest coming when batter Mike Campbell stepped on home plate while attempting to bunt, and base-runner Twink Pederson advanced a base. The game umpires were right in calling Campbell out for his mistake. But they flubbed up when they forgot to send Pederson back to first base.

Really An A-I Job of Botching Things Up

Had the Hawaiians lodged their official protest at that time, there would have been no cause for the belyaching that came later. But because they were not lodged until an inning later, the Salem coach (Vince Genna) wasn't notified of it until the seventh inning of the game and the official scorer, who must be notified immediately according to the rules, hasn't YET been notified by umpires or game officials.

It was a botched up mess the likes of which we've not run across since we started batting baseballs through the neighbors' windows. And the way it was handled by the Legion baseball big-shots was equally punted around.

Had the protest been lodged at the proper time, and had Genna been informed of it in accordance with the rules, he would have sent Pederson back to first base himself. Vince knows the rules and would not have taken the chance of having a protest cost his kids such an important game. As it turned out Salem would have knocked the socks off the Hawaiians even if Pederson had also been called out during the incident.

Having teen-age kids play seven games in five days is against every unwritten rule of health and physical fitness. Yet this seemed to make little or no difference to the gent in Indianapolis, whose name we know but do not believe important enough to mention.

Thankfully enough the Salems elected to play the ordered game rather than to give up in disgust and come home. They were right, according to the rules, but they were denied their rights. They could have come home, and would have been just as much a collective hero as they are now as they prepare to battle San Diego and Denver at Hastings. Genna and his gang of determined hustlers have more stomach than a train-load of tripe.

On paper Salem hasn't a chance at Hastings. But we've learned to not sell Genna's Gang short. After all, they weren't supposed to be good enough to win the state title. Now they're among the lone remaining 12 Legion teams in the nation that have a chance for the "world" championship. Thousands of teams started out toward that utopia last June.

Capital Post Men Now Have Job Before Them

Capital Post No. 9 has no doubt launched plans for a great homecoming for the kids after their warfare is over. Legionnaires are always appointing committees for this and that. If they don't name a couple for this occasion they belong in the knucklehead class also.

One should work up a rousing reception that would put our fair village on its ear. The other should start now to build up a cash fund for Coach Genna, aiming at no less than \$1,000. Capital Post itself could start the ball rolling by tossing in the first \$250.

Why a cash fund for Genna? He gets nothing for coaching the team. Still he has a wife, two kids and a job that he hasn't been able to make any money at for quite a spell simply because he's been with the Legion Gang. It's safe to say it has cost Vince \$500 to coach the team this season. And \$500 is a lot of money to a truck-driver.

If you care to pitch in a bit on the fund, just drop in to Wicklund's Sporting Goods Store, 372 State St. That's the headquarters for volunteers.

So let's get with it. Vince really deserves it . . .

We also hope that the day will come when Yakima has one of its Junior teams here in Salem for play. The hospitality and friendship shown the Salem kids at Yakima last week was reportedly of the lowest grade. We'd like to have the Yak kids here some day, not to reciprocate with similar nastiness, but to show them that Salem people are a much better grade of human being . . .

Clarence Smith Takes Final Hard Top Feature

By CHARLES IRELAND
Statesman Sports Writer

Clarence Smith wrapped up the Hard Top championship of Hollywood Bowl for 1952 Saturday night with a thrilling victory in a 20-lap feature race that followed two 50-lap preliminary races.

Starting from scratch in a 16-car field, Smith wrestled the lead from Walt Pfinghaug on the next-to-last lap of the final race. Finishing third behind Pfinghaug was Red Monaghan, and Salem's Bob Porter was fourth. Trailing the leaders were Don Guth, Art Watts, Don Nelson, Dick Braniff and Dick Gabourri in that order.

The race meet was a riot of dust and spinouts. The spins, which usually occur on the curves, happened right in front of the bleachers with regularity last night.

The worst one saw Danny Hopp and Arman Millan collide, with Hopp swinging into the infield and disappearing in a cloud of dust. He suffered a minor shoulder injury.

Smith won the first 50-lap race, an event that was enlivened by the antics of "Wild Bill" Hyde who spun out three times but never stopped trying. Dick Gabourri and Don Nelson finished fast to place two-three behind Smith.

The second 50-lap race went to Porter who grabbed the lead at the half-way mark and built up a big lead over Jerry Watts, who was second. Fred Golliday, driving a noisy GMC job placed third and Dick Braniff was fourth.

A field of 30 cars timed in for the event with half of them starting each of the long races. Another huge crowd, estimated at 2,300 was on hand.

Porter beat Smith and Golliday in the "A" trophy dash, and Kenny Dean beat Hopp in the "B" Dash.

The meet terminated auto racing for Salem until Sunday afternoon, Sept. 7, when so-called "In-

'Comeback Kids' Face San Diego in Legion Play; Senators Again Stymied by Yakima Hurling, 3-0

Doubleheader Today, 2 p.m.

Thompson in Hill Nod Over Francis; Oldies, Bishop in Fine Show

By AL LIGHTNER
Statesman Sports Editor

Deeply saddened by the tragic death of their president Don Young earlier in the day, and looking the part both at bat and in the field, the Salem Senators dropped their second straight tussle to the Yakima Bears at Waters Field last night, this time 3 to 0 to go alongside the 3-1 setback of Friday. The Yak pitching in the two games has stifled the Salems' with nine hits, all singles.

Certainly a much better ball club than one staggering around in the second division of the W.L. League standings, the Bears now find themselves back on the game back of the Salems' hold on fourth place. And unless the locals can shake their woeful hitting slump in today's series-ending pair, they'll no longer be residents of the league's blue-blood fraternity by nightfall.

Reason for Change

Today's bill is to be played at 2 p.m., instead of the usual 6:30 o'clock for two reasons: (1) Boss Hugh Luby didn't want to interfere with the airing of the American Legion Junior Baseball game at Hastings tonight, which is to be carried play-by-play over KOCO at 6:30 o'clock, and (2) he wanted to get an early jump to Vancouver where the Senators open a series Monday night.

Perhaps playing under the bright light in two today will be what the suddenly pumice Salems need. It's a cinch they can do no worse in run production than they've thus far managed with the Bears.

Tall Jack Thompson spun up last night's headache, a snappy five-hitter during which he was never in any real danger. Two of the hits were flukes in that they bounced crazily over infielders' heads. Another was a blooper to center. The only really well tagged wallop was produced by Bill White in the second inning when he sent a smoking liner over Ernie Schuerman's head at shortstop.

Twin Killings Hurt

The Salems failed to get a runner as far as third base all night and two Yakima double killings made the No. 2 bag a rather distant target for the resident crew.

Bud Francis was the loser despite pitching well enough to deserve his eighth win of the season. As it was he absorbed loss No. 3. Thompson now has a 12-14 record.

Bud was scored on in the first inning, after walking Earl Richmond, wild pitching him to second and giving up a single to Jerry Zorn. Bill Spaeter's throw from right field came within a singed eyelash of nailing Richmond at the plate.

It was 1-0 until the seventh when Ken Richardson dented the left field fence with a double, Mike Donahue singled to center, scoring Richardson, and Richmond later singled in Donahue. This was Francis' lone bad inning.

Francis yielded seven hits, whiffed three and walked five. Thompson fanned five, walked four.

Bob Collins (10-9) and Vince DiBlasi (4-5) are to pitch today's pair, against Bob Savage (5-4) and Chuck Donley (1-3).

The Portland Old Timers, with the once great Sylvester Johnson of St. Louis Cardinals fame doing mighty effective flinging, won the two-inning exhibition game with the Salem Oldsters, 5-0, before the regular tussle. Biddy Bishop, hurling for the Salems, couldn't get his "spitters" over too well, and when he did the Portlands whacked 'em good. Bishop's support left quite a bit to be desired also.

Johnson, Moose Clabaugh, Harry Rice, Wes Schulmerich, Ray Elliott, Vince Pesky, Deacon Van Buren, Len Fallon, Tom Johnson, Gene Vandeneys, Ted Norbert, Billy Sullivan and numerous others were among the oldsters.

Famous magico Billy Bishop's pre-game act was a distinct wow. He did the Hindu "rope trick," juggling a hat from a rabbit and amazed everyone with his ability to escape from a severe trussing by both Managers Luby and Dario Lodigiani.

The Senators were attired in black arm bands in respect to their late president and will wear them the balance of the season.

Danger Ahead:

Yakima (3)	W.L.Pct.	(6) Salem	W.L.Pct.
Richmond 5 1 1	1.000	Tanells 5 3 0	0.000
Schrmn. 4 1 1	1.000	Deyo 4 0 1	0.000
Zuvela 3 1 2	0.750	Perez 3 4 0	0.222
Noren 1 0 1	0.500	Spaeter 2 1 1	0.500
Albin 4 2 2	0.667	Bartle 1 3 2	0.333
Lodgani 2 3 0	0.400	White 1 3 1	0.333
Richard 3 4 1	0.750	Thrasur 1 1 0	0.000
Donahue 4 1 0	0.250	Gall 1 3 0	0.000
Thompson 3 0 1	0.333	Francis 3 1 0	0.250

Totals 34 8 27 14 Totals 30 5 27 11
Yakima 100 000 200-3 8 0
Salem 000 000 000-0 1 0
Pitchers: IP AB R H ER SO BB
Thompson 9 30 5 0 0 5 4
Francis 9 34 3 2 3 3 8
Wild pitch: Francis, Left on base:
Yakima 10, Salem 7. Error: Tanells.
Two-base hits: Richardson, Schuerman.
Runs batted in: Zuvela, Donahue, Richmond, Sacrifice: Schuerman. Stolen bases: Spaeter, Albin. Double plays: Gall to Tanells to Bartle, Schuerman to Lodigiani to Noren, Richardson to Noren. Time: 1:56. Umpires: Maslowski and Jacobs. Attendance: 1,398.

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Up-Staters Earn 12-6 Win Over Portlanders In Shrine Prep Clash

PORTLAND (AP)—The State All-Stars came out fresh at the start of each half, scored a touchdown each time and took the lead in the annual Shrine football series with a 12-6 victory over the Portland All-Stars.

After scoring the touchdown that put them ahead at the outset of the last half, the State team settled back to defense and beat off every thrust by Portland.

Mostly this consisted of guarding against passes by Quarterback

LEAGUE'S blue-blood fraternity by nightfall.

PORTLAND (AP)—Dick Pavlat, Astoria, was named the most valuable player in Saturday night's Shrine grid game. Lou Lofland, Portland, was named the best offensive back and Jerry Exley, Portland, best defensive back. Ron Van Metre, The Dalles, was voted the best offensive lineman and Jim Boutler, Rogue River, the top defensive lineman.

Jack Keller, whose sizzling throws made Portland a constant threat. State's Lead Series

A crowd of 20,000 was on hand to see State take a 3-2 edge in the series played annually between outstanding seniors from Portland high schools against those from upstate.

The first time State got the ball it went 50 yards to a score in four plays. Halfback Dick Pavlat of Astoria was instrumental in the yard gaining, but it was Fullback Larry Rose of Reedsport who carried the ball over.

He took a short pass from Quarterback Jerry Crimins of Milton-Freewater and rambled 18 yards around end to the touchdown. Pavlat's placement conversion try was wide.

Portland Ties Count

The Portlanders came right back, marching 6 yards in 10 plays with Halfback Kenny Deane plunging over from three yards out. Portland's conversion try also was wide.

At the beginning of the second half State took the kick-off and went 49 yards in nine plays for the winning touchdown.

A penalty figured large in the score. Portland apparently had State stopped on the Portland 22, but an illegal use-of-hands infraction put the ball within a yard of the goal. Crimins went over on a quarterback sneak. Once more the conversion kick was wide.

OSC Stadium Work to Start

CORVALLIS (AP)—Work is scheduled to start Monday on a new Oregon State College football stadium to be built near Gill Coliseum.

E. B. Lemon, dean of the OSC faculty, said a \$27,000 contract has been let to John Havlik, Scappoose, to excavate 55,000 yards of dirt. The dirt will be piled around the sides of the bowl to be used as a foundation for seats.

Contracts will be let next for a drainage system and the first 100-foot section of stands.

Lambeau Given Redskin Post

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Earl L. (Curly) Lambeau, veteran of the National Football League wars, stepped into the league's hottest coaching job Saturday—the head man's job with the Washington Redskins. Owner George Preston Marshall announced the signing of Lambeau, former Green Bay Packers and Chicago Cardinals coach. Terms of the contract were not disclosed, but it was reliably indicated Lambeau will receive \$15,000 for the first year.

Lambeau succeeds Dick Todd who walked the Marshall plank Thursday as the Skins bowed to the Rams, 45-23, in their second pre-season loss.

JAP TEAM WINS

ISTANBUL (AP)—Japanese track and field athletes returning home from the Olympics at Helsinki, won nine of 14 events in a dual meet with Turkey here Saturday.

WIL Line Scores:

First game: Vancouver 010 001 000—2 10 0
Victoria 002 000 01x—3 11 1
Guldberg and Ritchey; Leavitt (8) Lorino and Martin, Bottler (6).

Second game: Vancouver 100 030 132—10 14 2
Victoria 002 000 301—7 10 3
Lorvich and Leavitt; Hunt, Gunnarson (9) and R. Bottler, Helbig (9).

First night game: Wenatchee 000 201 0—3 4 1
Tri-City 002 000 01x—3 11 1
Bauhofer and Pockay; Greenwood and Lewis.
Lewiston 033 022 001—9 11 1
Spokane 000 100 000—6 5 5
Po well, Schulte (1) and Lundberg; Chase and Hinz.
Lewiston 000 040 0—4 7 1
Spokane 000 000 0—0 5 1
Brenner and Lundberg; Marshall and Sheets.

Angels Again Dump Beavers

LA Nabs 4th in Row; Oaks Slip From Top

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles made it four straight over the skidding Portland Beavers with a 7-4 Pacific Coast League victory Saturday. Bill Moisan went the distance for the Angels, spacing seven hits, while Fred Sanford and Roy Welmaker of the Beavs were being touched for 12.

Seattle knocked Oakland out of a tie for the lead by drubbing the Aconas 6-3 in 12 innings. Hollywood's Stars took over sole ownership of the top spot with a 6-4 win over San Diego. Johnny Lindell chalked his 21st pitching win for the Twinks. Homers by Richie Myers and Dino Restelli helped Sacramento nose San Francisco 2-1.

Portland (4) (7) Los Angeles

Austin	4	2	3	Hollis	2	4	0	3	4
M'Conn	4	2	0	Usher	m-1	4	2	2	0
Russell	4	0	1	Connors	1	4	1	0	1
Brovlar	0	3	0	Northey	r	3	2	0	0
Artl	3	1	3	Layton	m	2	0	1	0
Egert	3	2	2	Peden	c	4	1	0	0
Basinski	3	0	1	Brinkopf	3	2	2	0	1
Sanford	3	1	0	Moisan	p	4	0	0	3
Welmk	p	0	0	Talbot	1	0	0	0	0
x-Tipton	1	0	0	Magur	1	0	0	0	0

Totals 22 7 24 14 Totals 22 12 27 15
x—Struck out for Gladd in 9th.
x—Grounded out for Welmaker in 9th.
Portland — 002 001 000—4 7 0
Los Angeles — 003 002 02—7 10 3
Loser — Welmaker.
Errors — Egert, Welmaker, Portland 6.
Los Angeles 6. Two-base hits — McCormick 2, Usher, Layton, Brinkopf, Baker. Home run — Layton. Sacrifice hit — Egert. Runs batted in — Connors, Northey, Peden, Sanford 2, Brinkopf 2, Baker. Double plays — Artl to Basinski to Artl, Connors to Baker, Basinski to Artl to Austin. Umpires — Somers, Anake and Silva. Attendance — 4,036. Time — 2:06.
Seattle — 000 100 020 003—6 19 0
Oakland — 010 061 100 000—2 7 2
Hall and B. Wilson; Evans, Candini (8) and Noble.
Hollywood — 210 001 200—6 9 2
San Diego — 010 003 000—4 11 0
Lindell and Sandlock; Flowers, Hinner (7), Olsen (9) and Summers.
San Francisco — 000 010 000—1 3 0
Sacramento — 010 061 100 000—2 7 3
Lien, Muncieff (8) and Orteg; Flores and Smith.

Longacres Mile Slated Tonight

SEATTLE (AP)—Thirteen horses remained on the entry list late Saturday for the \$10,000 Longacres Mile, the Pacific Northwest's horse racing classic which will be run Sunday evening at the Renton oval.

The three teams here represent the cream of hundreds of Legion teams from California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

The winner of the local tournament goes directly to Denver for the Little World Series with three (Continued on next page)

Kiner Gets Death Threat

PITTSBURGH (AP)—An FBI agent pinch hit for Home Run Hitter Ralph Kiner Saturday after an anonymous letter writer threatened to shoot the Pittsburgh left fielder unless he paid \$6,200.

The FBI agent kept a rendezvous at 3 a.m. in a Pittsburgh suburb but no one showed up to pick up the money.

Kiner, who admitted he was nervous playing against the Brooklyn Dodgers Friday night and Saturday, received the letter late Wednesday. He turned it over to Branch Riley, Pirate general manager.

"I called in the FBI — the only thing I could do," Rickey declared.

Although he clouted his 27th homer over Branch Riley, Pirate dropped a 3-2 decision to the Dodgers Saturday, Rickey said: "If anyone had shot off a firecracker in left field all you probably would have seen out there was a pair of shoes."

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Pearce Named For Hill Duty

Sectional Tourney Opens at Hastings

By MEL WILLIAMSON
Statesman Sports Writer

HASTINGS, Neb. — (Special)—Their spirits at an astronomic level despite the injuries within their ranks, the Salem Legion Post No. 9 American Legion Junior baseball team arrived here Saturday for their Section D tournament games with the San Diego and Denver entries.

Coach Vince Genna's "Comeback Kids," who don't know what it is to quit even when against terrific

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