

League Clashes Occupy Willamette Valley, Yawama Football Teams on Friday Night

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Both Willamette Valley and Yawama League football teams stride into their first full week of circuit outings Friday, with four clashes listed in the former loop and three in the latter. The Yawamas got under way last week with Sheridan's Spartans smashing Banks 32-0, North Marion's defending champions nipping strong Dayton 6-0 and Willamina's Bulldogs rolling over Sherwood with ease.

This week Sherwood is at Yamhill, Willamina at North Marion and Amity at Sheridan, the first two listed as afternoon games, the latter as a night mix. Dayton steps out of league play but right into counting district action Friday night at Central Union, opening the latter's schedule.

The WVLers hepped of their annual jamboree Tuesday at Estacada, the annual "kickoff" for league play. On Friday night Mt. Angel is at Dallas, Sandy at Canby, Estacada at Silverton and Molalla at Woodburn for the official

openers. Canby is defending champion, but Coach Hank Ercolini's Cougars have been hard hit by graduations and the 1952 season. Ercolini has but seven lettermen in Backs Curt Howland, Bob Herman and Bob Kraft, and Linemen Roger Montgomery, Ron Hadsall, Arlan Bigham and John Belton. Silverton could come up with the surprise entry for this year's race. Muri Anderson has a dozen lettermen and a 10-6 win over Clatskanie as a starter for the season. Backs

Dean Stiles, Jack Todd, Bob Robbins, Bob Warren, Larry Cople and Roger Unbenhower are veteran backs, and Leon McCammon, John Anderson, Jim Black, Ernest Todd, Ray Riches and Bob Lance are returning linemen.

Woodburn, with Chuck Sheron again at the helm, lists nine lettermen — Gary Raid, Dick Lee, Jerry Plank, Duane Roberts, Dick Alexander, Elwood Ostrum as linemen and Bob Baumann, Del Wolf and Gene Fieck as backs. Mary Hebert's Molalla Indians boast

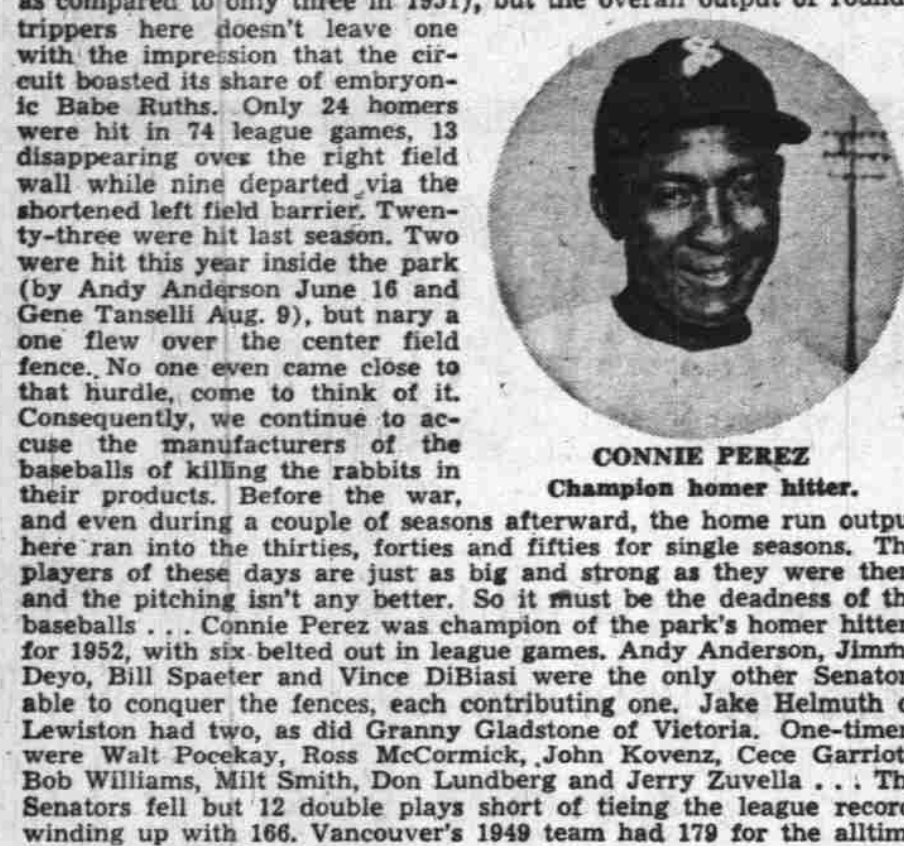
only six lettermen and a flock of graduated losses. Ron Schienborn, Dave Defraites and Jim Alexander are linemen and Fred Sandgren, George Krupicka and Len Fryer are backs. Hard-running Krupicka will carry most of the offensive hopes of the tribe.

Ken Jacobsen at Dallas lost most of his sharp backfield of last year, with only George Curtis returning. The Dragons are big enough, but like most of the other league teams, are shy on experience. Don Earl, Bill Davis and John Kitzmiller are returning backs, along with Curtis, and Earl Gibbs, Bill Trent, Bob Olson, Dick Baker, Rex Domashofsky and Harold Stephens are linemen with experience.

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SPORTS LIGHTNER

The shortened left and center field fences at the ball park make for more home runs over those barricades during the '52 season (nine as compared to only three in 1951), but the overall output of round-trippers here doesn't leave one with the impression that the circuit boasted its share of embryonic Babe Ruths. Only 24 homers were hit in 74 league games, 13 disappearing over the right field wall while nine departed via the shortened left field barrier. Twenty-three were hit last season. Two were hit this year inside the park (by Andy Anderson June 16 and Gene Tansell Aug. 9), but nary a one flew over the center field fence. No one even came close to that hurdle, come to think of it. Consequently, we continue to accuse the manufacturers of the baseballs of killing the rabbits in their products. Before the war, and even during a couple of seasons afterward, the home run output here ran into the thirties, forties and fifties for single seasons. The players of these days are just as big and strong as they were then, and the pitching isn't any better. So it must be the deadness of the baseballs. . . . Connie Perez was champion of the park's home hitters for 1952, with six belted out in league games, Andy Anderson, Jimmy Deyo, Bill Spaeter and Vince Dibiasi were the only other Senators able to conquer the fences, each contributing one. Jake Helmutz of Lewiston had two, as did Granny Gladstone of Victoria. One-timers were Walt Pockey, Ross McCormick, John Kovetz, Gene Garriot, Bob Williams, Milt Smith, Don Lundberg and Jerry Zuccella. . . . The Senators fell but 12 double plays short of tying the league record, winding up with 166 Vancouver's 1949 team had 179 for the alltime WIL high. . . .



CONNIE PEREZ
Champion homer hitter.

Should be some interesting sportscasts via KOCO each week night during the Fall and Winter months what with the Oregon State coaches to be interviewed every Tuesday night, the U of Oregon mentors on Wednesdays, Sam Hays' grid roundup on Thursdays, Smilin' Jack's prognostications on Fridays and Hugh Luby doing a baseball "Hot Stove" session on Saturdays. All programs will run from 7:30 to 7:45 p.m. . . . Customer wants to know: "If Salem Legion team had so many professional prospects on it, how come we don't hear of any being signed up?" Ans: The kids are still in high school, and it's against pro baseball regulations to sign a boy until his high school class graduates.

Where They'll Be and What They'll Be Doing

What will the Senators ballgamers now be doing since the season is ended? Taking 'em one by one and listing place of residence: Bob Nelson, Sam Rafael, Cal, tree surgeon. Art Thrasher, Los Angeles, mechanic. Ray McNulty, Roseville, Cal, auto salesman with brother's firm. Bob Collins, San Francisco, plumber. Ted Edmunds, Santa Barbara, back to school. Jack Hemphill, Silverton, operating service station. Bud Francis, Oakland, Cal, aircraft mechanic (quite likely to enter armed forces shortly). Vince Dibiasi, Oakland, Cal, clothing store salesman. Wayne Rick, Malibu, Ore., farming. Dick Bartie, Portland, sporting goods salesman. Hugh Luby, Salem, auto salesman for Warner Motors. Gene Tansell, Salem, fruit inspector for department of agriculture (Gene passed exam with grade of "A"). Connie Perez, Mantaza, Cuba, winter baseball leaguer. Wayne Peterson, Salem, state employee. Jim Deyo, Sacramento, back to school. Bill Spaeter and Bill White, Los Angeles, school teachers. Trainer Pete Chinn, Oakland, Cal, employment unknown at present.

Hard to Tell Just Who Will Be Back in '53

Which ones will be back next year? Hard to say. The Senators organization owns most of the boys, but with GI drafting, retirements, possible trades, etc., and with Boss Luby doubtfully determined to produce a pennant winner in '53, one guess as good as another as to just who will be back again. How did the organization make out financially this year? Final accounting hasn't yet been made. But Generalissimo Luby only Wednesday made the remark, "Things look pretty good for us for the season. I think we might come out of it in pretty good shape" . . . Despite drawing around 20,000 less this year than last, the operation is certain to finish up in much better financial shape than in '51. Which is a credit to the guys running the show. Only the sale of a couple of players last season saved the Senators from dropping around \$15,000. The deficit this year, if there is one at all, will be much, much less than that. . . .

37-Man Duck Squad Goes South For Loop Starter With Bruins

EUGENE (AP)—Coach Len Casanova Wednesday named 37-man squad to make the trip to Los Angeles for the Pacific Coast conference opener with UCLA Saturday.

The Webfoots are due to arrive in Los Angeles by plane Thursday afternoon. They will work out Thursday and Friday on the turf at the Coliseum.

Casanova said the squad was in top physical shape for the game. In the offense a department against the Bruins Ducks will depend greatly on the passing of Quarterback Hal Dunham and the receiving of End Monte Brethauer. Top man in the Oregon running attack likely will be veteran Fullback Tom Novikoff and Halfback

Ted Anderson also should see plenty of action.

The probable offensive starting lineup for the Webfoots Saturday: Ends—Monte Brethauer and Lyman. Tackles—Hal Reeve and Len Berrie. Guards—Ken Sweitzer and Emmett Williams. Center—Jiron Pfeister. Quarter—Hal Dunham. Left half—Ted Anderson. Right half—Farrell Albright. Fullback—Tom Novikoff.

Blowers Drop From Tourney

WATERTOWN, S. D. (AP)—Sunner, Ja., and Dallas, Tex., will battle it out Thursday for the championship in the Western Division playoffs of the American Baseball Congress here.

Portland, Ore., (Archer Blowers) suffered two one-point losses Wednesday, bowing to Sumner, 5-4, and to Dallas, 10-9.

Ten errors marred the night game after Dallas got off to a 6-1 lead in the first inning. Portland's big inning was the eighth, when the West Coast team scored five runs.

NCAA GROUP MEETS
KANSAS CITY (AP)—The newly created National Collegiate Athletic Association membership committee and its committee on infractions met here this week, with seven cases of infractions scheduled for discussion.

High Individual Game—Ed Logan 8-2.
High Team Game—Loder Bros. Oldsmobile 8-3.
High Team Series—Loder Bros. Oldsmobile 25-6.

Giants Gain Ground on Brooks, Yanks Protect Margin

PCL Pacers Mathematically In Hollywood Tops Beavers 6-3, Clinches Pennant

PORTLAND (AP)—Hollywood's Stars clinched the Pacific Coast League pennant Wednesday night by defeating the Portland Beavers 6-3. The outcome left the Stars 6½ games ahead of the second place Oakland Oaks with six games to go.

Davey Licks Graziano

CHICAGO (AP)—Undefeated Chuck Davey Wednesday night buckpedaled to a unanimous and tremendously popular 10-round decision over Rocky Graziano, former world's middleweight champion. Davey, a topflight contender for the welterweight championship, although outweighted, completely outclassed the ferocious, wild-swinging Graziano and won virtually every round. At the official weigh-in, Graziano tipped the scales at 158 and Davey at 150½.

Graziano, fighting with determination but swinging wildly, was merely a shell of his former self. Davey, an elusive, cat-like southpaw from Detroit, spared the always-crowding Graziano with jolting rights and smashing lefts to the head and body while always going away or circling his wild-swinging foe.

In the third round Davey doubled Graziano up with two ripping left hooks to the body and slowed him perceptibly. Davey is undefeated in 36 bouts as a professional although held to two draws.

'Mo' Advances In Tournament

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The ladies dominated the center court at the Los Angeles Tennis Club Wednesday, with National Wimbledon Champion Maureen Connolly the No. 1 attraction in winning her quarter final match in the Pacific Southwest Tournament.

Queen Maureen advanced to the semi-finals by defeating Mrs. Dorothy Bundy Cheney of Santa Monica, 6-1, 8-6.

Louise Brough of Beverly Hills won her match over Anita Kanter, Santa Monica, 6-1, 6-1. Shirley Fry of Akron disposed of the Japanese star, Sachie Kamo, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, and Doris Hart, Miami defeated Mrs. Helen Perez, Los Angeles 6-2, 6-1.

In a distinct upset in men's doubles unheralded Felicissimo Ampon of Manila, P.I., and Fred Fisher, Seattle, playing somewhat over their heads, defeated the U.S. national doubles champions, Mervyn Rose of Australia and Vic Seixas, 7-9, 6-2, 1-6, 7-5, 10-8.

SBC to Hear From Ogdahl

The entire Willamette University football squad, Coaches Ted Ogdahl and Jerry Frei and Athletic Director John Lewis will be the honored guests for Friday morning's meeting of the Salem Breakfast Club at the Senator Hotel. Meeting time is 7:30 a.m. Ogdahl will be the principal speaker.

The annual election of officers is to be held Friday morning also. Hunt Clark is outgoing president. A turnout of the entire club membership is urged for the Friday occasion, one of the first big sessions of the 1952-53 Breakfast Club season.

Stockman to Join Lumber Firm

PENDLETON (AP)—Rep. Lowell Stockman, who leaves Congress this year, will enter business with Elmer C. Kerns, whose major enterprise is the Pilot Rock Lumber Co.

Stockman, who declined to seek re-election, left Wednesday for Washington, where he will sell his house. He intends to return to Pendleton in mid-October, unless Congress then is in session.

Oregon Realtors End Conclave
BAKER (AP)—Oregon realtors wound up their annual convention here Tuesday after passing resolutions that call for limitations on taxes and public housing. Another resolution urged a boost in the ceiling for state loans to veterans from the present \$6,000 to a limit of \$9,000 on homes and \$12,000 on farms.

Utes His Foe Saturday Night

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Beavers Set for Utah Opener; Lineups Listed

OREGON STATE COLLEGE (Special)—Oregon State's Beavers, low in pre-season rating polls but high in team spirit, plan a light taping-off drill Thursday before leaving for Saturday's intercollegiate clash with the University of Utah at Salt Lake City. Coach Kip Taylor will board a plane out of Salem at 11:15 a.m. Friday, arriving at Salt Lake City at 3:50 p.m., in time for a workout on the Ute turf that night. The teams play under the lights Saturday at 8 p.m.

The Beavers will be minus the services of their top left halfback candidate, Letterman Jack Peterson, for the Redskins encounter. Peterson injured a leg in practice a week ago and is not slated to make the trip with his teammates.

Another back on the doubtful list is Marvin Ussery, the transfer right halfback from San Francisco City College. Ussery suffered a

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Trojans Await Test With WSC

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Southern California's Trojan football squad headed for Memorial Coliseum Wednesday night for a workout under the lights.

The Trojans, who play Washington State Friday night in the big stadium, didn't plan any heavy work. Coach Jess Hill said he merely wanted them to get the "feel" and to polish up in signal drills.

Washington State's 37-man squad is due in late Thursday, for what figures to be the most important game of the early season for both teams.

VANDALS TO PASS
MOSCOW, Idaho (AP)—The Idaho Vandals put in another hard and secret practice session Wednesday in preparation for their gridiron opener against the University of Washington in Seattle Saturday. No secret was made, however, of the fact the Vandals plan to give the Huskies some of their own "Heinrich" medicine, with quarterback Wayne Anderson doing the tossing.

Two Salem Men in Orient

News of two Salem fighting men was released by the Armed Forces Home Town News Center. M. Sgt. Jason Evenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Evenson, 1244 Park Ave., is now serving with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea. Evenson, a member of the 23d Infantry Regiment, has served two years in the Army.

PFC Charles W. Lay, whose wife, Norma Mae, lives in Salem, recently arrived in Japan and is serving with the 24th Infantry Division. Lay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lay, of Lewiston, joined the Army in December, 1951.

Durochers Nip Cubs as Bucs Top Bums, Gap Sliced to 3; Stengels, Indians Grab Wins

The pursuing New York Giants and Cleveland Indians, refusing to be counted out of the pennant race, clung to their slim flag hopes Wednesday but the time was getting shorter and shorter.

The Giants sliced a game off Brooklyn's first place lead in the National League, shutting out the Chicago Cubs, 2-0, while the tall-end Pittsburgh Pirates, upset the Dodgers 4-1. That left the Brooks with a three-game lead with nine left to play.

Cleveland whipped the Washington Senators, 6-1, but remained two and a half lengths behind the American League pace-setting New York Yankees, who walloped the Detroit Tigers, 12-5.

In the only other game of the day, the St. Louis Browns amassed 16 hits including Bob Nieman's 15th home run to thrash the Boston Red Sox, 10-4.

Bob Lemon became the third Indian pitcher to reach the 20 victory total as he doled out seven Washington safeties while his mates were clubbing starter Walter Masterson and Randy Gumpert for nine that included a homer by Bobby Avila.

Scribes Roast Leo's Gamble With Rookies

NEW YORK (AP)—Leo Durocher got a hot roasting from New York baseball writers Wednesday for his losing gamble in starting rookie pitcher Jack Harshman in the important game with the Chicago Cubs Tuesday.

The move was branded an "inexcusable boner" and "a shameful giveaway" by reporters covering the New York Giants. The tempestuous Giant manager defended his strategy stoutly, contending: "I just gambled and lost, that's all."

The Giants lost the game, 9-0. "Shameful Giveaway" "To the 7,637 fans who came out to cheer the Giants onward, this was a shameful giveaway," said Jim McCulley of The New York Daily News. "And so it must have appeared to Leo's gallant players.

"When the Giants heard Durocher was going to start Harshman there were plenty of raised eyebrows." Ken Smith of The Daily Mirror reported the fans were "dumb-founded" when Durocher picked Harshman, a former first baseman just recalled from Minneapolis, over regulars Jim Hearn and Dave Koslo.

Durocher, whose relations with Giant writers reportedly have cooled during the last ten days, said: "I had to go with Harshman. Who else did I have? The other were overworked."

Jersey Joe's Skipper Demands Return Bout Pact—Or Fight Off

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott's manager said Wednesday he will give Rocky Marciano's manager until fight weigh-in-time Tuesday to sign a new contract.

GROSSINGER, N.Y. (AP)—Rocky Marciano Wednesday passed the 90-pound mark in training for his title bout next Tuesday night at Philadelphia with Heavyweight Champion Jersey Joe Walcott.

for a return bout "or the fight will be off." "I'm not kidding," said Felix Bocchicchio, Walcott's manager. "I want just a pure contract for the return at 30 per cent in case I accidentally lose." The "I," naturally, referred to Walcott, the 38-year-old heavy-

weight champion, who is scheduled to defend his crown against Marciano at Philadelphia's Municipal stadium Tuesday night. The weigh-in is held at noon the day of the fight.

Walcott, meanwhile, boxed four rounds and once again belted out a sparmate. He flattened light heavyweight Pete Nelson with a left hook.

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