

# SPORTS LIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

Friend Herb Ashlock, sports ed of the Spokane Chronicle clarified the other day that this was Howie Odell's final season at Washington, win, lose or draw. Odell vehemently denied it, a conventional move under such circumstances. But brother Ashlock, whose bad habits don't include crawling out on limbs retorts, "Just wait 'n see, wait 'n see." Herbie always did have a good nose for news...

Back in town after almost three years of absence, and looking more rugged than ever since trading his curly locks for a rah-rah style crew cut is Tony Ross, once the ringmaster of the Army rascals. Tony actually revived the Tuesday night parties here almost 10 years ago. He's still a mat gladiator and eventually will be booked here in a "homecoming" match. Since last around these parts Anthony has stormed rascals' rings all over the United States and South Africa. They must've stormed back too, for he now sports quite a few new touches to his profile... Seven of Vince Genna's Salem Legion Junior baseballers are now footballing for various high schools, Larry Springer, Paul Beck and Mike Campbell for the Vikings, Chet Schmidt for the Salem Academy Crusaders, Gary Espe for Gervais and both Jerry Waldrop and Danny Feller for Cascade. Catcher Wayne Osborn would have joined them at Salem were it not for the severe thumb break he suffered in the playoffs at Yakima... Warner Motor Co. chiefs had best keep an eye on Hugh Luby when the Xmas holidays roll around. He's apt to go AWOL to return to a business he had last year in Oakland, that of selling Christmas trees. We understand he was officially known as "Sierra Hugh" during his Oakland enterprising. If Mr. L. was "Sierra Hugh", wonder if Mrs. L. was really "Sierra Sue"?



TONY ROSS  
Back in town again.

**Billings Provides Real 'Night' for Dapper**  
So appreciative of his managerial job at Billings in the Pioneer League were that hustling city's fans that they gave Cliff Dapper, boss of the Eugene Larks last season, a special "night" that was worth over \$3,000 to him. Among the many gifts was a Ford pick-up truck for use on his California avocado farm and the surprise presence of his wife and child, secretly flown up from their California home for the occasion and at the expense of the ball club. The night was a total surprise to Dapper until shortly before game time.

Yes, Billings lost the ball game that night, 5-4. It never fails. Incidentally, the Class C city drew 121,482 for the season, finishing third in the flag race. The Eddie Fernandez-Walter Mails guided Pocatello club won the Pioneer pennant... Seven members of Coach Walt Aldridge's North Marion Huskies football team double in brass, and such isn't the trite remark one might think. The seven, regaled in grid uniforms, play everything from trumpets to tubas in the school's marching band just before kickoff time for the Husky games, and then scoot into touchdown action while someone baby-sits their musical instruments. North Marion Chieftain Pat Beal is right proud of the fact that the school has a 40-piece band this fall...

**Irwin Harris Turns Outdoor Writer**  
Best looking prep backfielders we've seen thus far this season are Cleveland's Ron Slemple, Willamina's Roy Zimbrick and Mt. Angel's Wes Lightfoot. All are sharpies as runners... Even though he's traded his Oregon State athletic news command for another OSC job of being manager of educational activities, Irwin Harris is still doing some sports writing. He has an interesting article coming up in the October issue of "Field and Stream" entitled, "Where Big Rainbows Are Easy to Catch." Locale of the story is the Crane Prairie Reservoir, an angling spa that Harris rates right next to Heaven...

Now official—the town Senators finished up with a 74-78 mark for 1952—not the 73-78 folks in Yakima and way points would have it. The Salems closed out one full game up on the fifth place Yakimas, and clinched fourth place in the standings the night before the season's last game. The Chicago Howe Bureau, which does up the star on the WIL, lists the final standings as 74-78 for Salem, 73-79 for the Yaks...

After Southern Cal's whopping 35-7 nod over Washington State, wonder what Cougar Coach Al Kircher new thinks of one Grantland Rice. Mr. Rice, previously put Kircher on a large limb by announcing for all footballdom to hear that the Cougars would play in the Rose Bowl next Jan. 1. No doubt Kircher would like to drape said bowl around Granny's ears...

## Big One for Georgie . . . Dusette Gets Title Belt In Top Army Mat Scrap

George Dusette, the muscle-loaded matador from Montreal, an all-time favorite in local mat circles, gets his big opportunity tonight at the Army. George goes against Rogers Mackay, the young sensation from Salt Lake City, for Mackay's Coast junior heavy title belt, a coveted bauble Dusette has been after for many a moon but has been unable to capture.

Matchmaker Elton Owen wanted a battle for Salem and selected Dusette as "definitely the outstanding challenger." And Owen himself will be among the many who hope that the deserving George is able to wrest the belt from the 'big, fast and tricky' Mackay.

The champ almost lost the belt to the gent in a recent match at Roseburg. He was up against Frank Stojack, and Frank pinned him the only fall in the hour-long sizzler. National Wrestling Alliance rules insist that a challenger must pin a champion twice in order to take the title. So Stojack missed by a whisker.

Dusette hopes that his powerful full Nelsons will be the items responsible for a change in management of the belt. He tonight. The special match puts the terrific Cal Roberts of Vancouver, B.C. opposite Mr. Sakata, Jap-American strong boy with the vicious judo pranks. Roberts is on the rise in local mat ranks, but is against a Grade-A gent in Sakata.

Sakata's partner in tag team mat crimes, Toi Yamato, is in the 8:30 o'clock opener with the veteran warrior of many a mat battle, Gust Johnson. Yamato was disqualified in his local match with Roberts last week, a wild melee that finally ended in the dressing rooms where the sinister Jap was again counted out.

**NEW HONG KONG STADIUM**  
HONG KONG (AP)—The Government of this British Crown Colony plans a \$400,000 sports stadium seating 30,000 persons. Construction will start in December and take two years.



ROGERS MACKAY  
Title belt on block.



AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	Cl.
N. York	96	59	608
Cleve.	80	90	600
Chicago	72	81	522
Phila.	77	73	513

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	Cl.
Brook.	88	90	594
N. York	88	90	594
St. L.	85	83	574
Phila.	82	85	561

Maryland produced 532 million eggs in 1950.

## Bowling Scores

LADIES' MINOR LEAGUE	
TOP HAT CAFE (2): B. Hughes 201, D. Frederick 290, D. Coon 328, F. Pulis 201.	TEAM NO. 7 (2): S. Arthur 405, D. Koenig 296, 1 Straight 377.
LEE'S FINE CARS (3): L. Fallon 264, J. Greenlee 232, J. Aaron 418, L. Reinke 245.	
BARB'S SPORTING GOODS (1): D. Valdez 241, V. Cannon 238, E. Valdez 294, E. Jackson 392.	
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# Marciano Rules Favorite to Take Walcott Crown; Cleveland Clips Tigers, Cuts Yank Lead to 1 Game

## Huskers Miss Salem Visit

The University of Nebraska football team, which is to play Oregon at Portland next Saturday night, will not visit Salem as first planned. It was disclosed Monday via telephone conversation with A. J. Lewandowski, squad business manager at Lincoln, Neb.

"We at first planned to headquarter in Salem, when the game was scheduled for Eugene," he said. "But since it was switched to Portland, we have altered our plans so that we will now stay there."

The Cornhuskers arrive in Portland late Friday and will work out at Multnomah Stadium Friday evening. Original plans had them arriving in Salem Friday, with a workout scheduled for McCulloch Stadium.

The Michigan State College Wolverines will headquarter here next week, however, when they come West to play Oregon State at Portland October 4.

## Brooklyn Can Clinch Today

Indians Need All 4 If Yankees Win 4 of 6

By The Associated Press  
The Cleveland Indians gained a half a game Monday in their desperate but tardy pursuit of the league-leading New York Yankees by trimming the Detroit Tigers, 6-3.

The win boosted the Tribe within one game of the idle Yankees. It was the sixth straight win for Cleveland and the 15th victory in the Indians' last 17 starts.

The smallest crowd in six years turned up to watch as Early Wynn checked the Tigers with five hits for his 23rd pitching triumph.

Both the Indians and Yankees have now won 90 games, but the

## In The Stretch

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	Cl.
New York	90	58	608
Cleveland	90	58	600

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	Cl.
Brooklyn	88	54	636
New York	88	54	592

## Opener Waits Bearcat Team

With three full weeks of practice behind them and part of another yet to go, the Willamette Bearcats open their 1952 football season next Saturday night at Chico with the Chico State Wildcats. Coaches Ted Ogdahl and Jerry Frei will apply the finishing touches to the Bearcat-drills in the earlier portion of the week, and the traveling squad will depart Friday for the clash.

Willamette finished up the 1951 season with Chico here and scored an avalanche of touchdowns to nab a 53-7 victory. Ogdahl & Co. don't figure to have things nearly that easy in Saturday's scrap, however.

The game will mark the first for Ogdahl and Frei as coaches of the Willamettes. They'll name the traveling roster in mid-week, following additional workouts to see how much progress a heavy list of injured players have made. A rash of injuries broke out on the squad last week, and at one time 11 aspirants were down with assorted wounds.

## Kansas Shines After Opener

NEW YORK (AP)—Time was—and not long ago, at that—when September was a month for the college football powers to play what their coaches laughingly called "scrimmages" against their less-fortunate brothers.

Now they start off with critical games right off and today, even before the baseball pennant races have been decided, two fairly important upsets and one near reversal were in the books.

Maryland's narrow 13-10 squeak over Missouri was the most surprising of the first big day of the season Saturday. The Terrapins were rated the second-best team in the country behind Michigan State in the pre-season Associated Press poll of sports writers and sports casters, but they did not play up to expectations.

The fact is, they were pushed around the field for almost 50 minutes. Then, with a little more than a minute to go, Jack Scarbath, an All-America candidate connected for his second touchdown pass, and the Terps had the game.

But Texas Christian and Kentucky had no such luck. The defending southwest conference champions went down to an ignominious 13-0 shutout at the hands of Kansas and Villanova thrashed Kentucky, 25-6.

Gil Reich, West Pointer before the cribbing scandal was the main thorn in the side of the losers, flipping passes for both Kansas touchdowns. The result established Kansas as a definite threat to take over Oklahoma in the big seven race. Oklahoma in an opens against Colorado Saturday.

## Cal Rolls Again

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates currently are the losingest team in baseball but at least they will not set a National League record in the 1952 season.

The 1935 Boston Braves hold the modern record for most National League defeats during one season. That year they lost 115 games and won only 38. In 1899, Cleveland, then in the National League, lost 134 while winning 20.

The American League record for most defeats was set by the Philadelphia Athletics when they lost 117 and won only 36 in 1918.

Detroit . . . 002 010 000—3 5 2  
Cleveland . . . 003 001 025—6 11 0  
Trucks and Bats; Wynn and Hegahn.

Braves Still Hold Losing Record

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## Facts 'n Figures for Fight

WALCOTT	AGE 28	MARCIANO
6 FT. HEIGHT	5 FT. 11 IN.	
WEIGHT	195 LBS.	185 LBS.
NECK	17 IN.	16 1/2 IN.
REACH	74 1/2 IN.	67 IN.
CHEST	40 IN.	39 IN.
CHEST EXPANDED	43 IN.	42 IN.
FOREARM	13 IN.	12 IN.
WAST	35 IN.	32 IN.
BICEPS	16 IN.	14 IN.
THIGH	21 IN.	22 IN.
CALF	14 IN.	14 1/2 IN.
ANKLE	9 1/2 IN.	10 IN.

PHILADELPHIA—Here's how the world heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott of Camden, N. J., and challenger Rocky Marciano of Brockton, Mass., shape up for their title bout slated for Municipal Stadium here Tuesday night. (AP Wirephoto.)

## Cougars Said "Fine Team"

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Oregon and Washington State football teams drew unstinted praise Monday from the men who coached the teams that beat 'em.

Washington State, declared Coach Jess Hill of Southern California, "is certainly a fine team. The 35-7 score does not indicate the difference between my team and the Cougars."

"I can guarantee that if the same two teams played each other every week, there'd be some mighty good football seen, and the results would be a lot different," Hill concluded.

Coach Red Sanders of UCLA, whose Bruins finally downed Oregon 13-6, put it this way: "I give full credit to Len Casanova and the Oregon defense," Sanders said. "In Emery Barnes, they showed me the best defensive end I've seen in a long, long time. He looked six-foot-eight or nine to me."

The two coaches were featured guests at the weekly Football Writers Luncheon.

Hill pointed out that the Trojans' two pass interceptions, which were raced back for touchdowns by Halfback Jim Psaltis, Halfback Jim Sears' 77-yard punt return, and an unfortunate Cougar fumble early in the contest, "play a demoralizing effect on a team."

Athletic Director Ted Paysour of Northwestern, whose team plays USC here this week end, said Coach Bob Volts was "somewhat concerned" about playing a night game, and facing a single wing attack. The Wildcats have played but one night game in their history, Paysour noted.

## Huskies Hold Secret Drills

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## Gate of 50,000 Expected as Champ in 2nd Title Defense

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Young Rocky Marciano rules a 3 to 3 choice to wrest the world heavyweight title from 36-year-old Jersey Joe Walcott Tuesday night in the same Municipal Stadium where Gene Tunney upset Jack Dempsey just 28 years ago.

Co-promoters Jim Norris and Herman Taylor expect a crowd of 50,000 and a gate between \$500,000 and \$600,000 for the biggest heavyweight promotion since the Joe Louis-Walcott return.

The weather forecast calls for a cool, cloudy day with temperatures in the 60s.

There will be no home television or radio of the bout, scheduled for 6:00 p.m. (PST). However a record number of 50 theaters in 31 cities will screen the show on a coast-to-coast theater television network.

Like the Tunney-Dempsey go this too, is a battle of youth against a veteran. But this time it's the 28-year-old challenger who waxes out of a Dempsey-like crouch against a boxer-puncher champ.

CO Expected

Few expect this contest to go the 15-round limit for each man packs a KO punch in either hand. In fact, they're betting about 2 to 1 it won't go the route.

Can Marciano take it? Will Walcott's legs stand up? Those are the key questions in this second defense by Jersey Joe of the title he won from Ezzard Charles in 1951.

Walcott's camp insists Marciano's concrete jaw never has been fully tested. They run down his perfect record of 37 knockouts in 42 straight wins by rapping the opposition. Joe Louis, they claim, was only a name when the Rock knocked him into retirement. Harry Matthews, they say, was only an over-stuffed light heavyweight when Marciano flattened him in two rounds last July.

Walcott's Punch Tops  
The champ's supporters insist nobody ever has hit Marciano like Walcott will hit him. They remind you of his three knockdowns of Louis and his one-punch KO of Charles.

But the fact remains that Marciano never has been on the deck. Only once was he close to it. That was in his slugfest with Carmine Vingo, a budding young puncher, who wound up in the hospital.

## 5 Carloads of Hogs Isolated

PORTLAND (AP)—Five carloads of hogs from St. Paul, Minn., were isolated at the Portland stockyards Monday after the swine showed symptoms of the disease vesicular exanthema.

The area was just being cleaned up from a previous outbreak, in which 500 hogs were slaughtered. The area still was under quarantine.

Dr. Ralph Younce, state veterinarian, said it will be Wednesday before tests show whether the outbreak is vesicular exanthema, a seldom fatal but highly infectious hog disease. There are 358 hogs in the group placed in isolation.

TOURIST POLL

VANCOUVER, Canada (AP)—After polling 45,000 visitors, the Tourist Association announced that this city's "average tourist" comes from California, stays 4.3 days in a hotel, travels by car and comes because he liked the place the last time he was here.

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