

Halbrook Flunking Out at OSC? Not So's You'd Notice

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Perhaps hatched by some of the recent warm spring sunshine, a rumor has been making the rounds. It's a dandy one for Halbrook and Tony Vastella on the verge of flunking out of Oregon State College, where they are expected to achieve basketball playing greatness in the next two or three years.

Were the fabulous 7-foot, 1-inch Halbrook to fall before the

schoolman's axe, it would be OSC patriots to be comparable to the tumbling of the Tower of Pisa. Lending Vastella would inflict a deep wound to these patriots also.

But from the looks of the grades racked up by the pair this last semester, they're in good health both physically and mentally. Halbrook checked in above the acceptable "C" level, and Vastella hanged out a snappy "B-plus."

Hence one more dead runner... Hollywood Bowl auto racing for 1953 makes its Salem splash Saturday night, May 2, Northwest Sports chiefs Paul All and Henry Ireland inform. The speed shows will then roll at the bowl every Saturday night, with Hot Rods, Stocks, Hard Tops and Midgets all getting a whack at it. Incidentally, Northwest Sports

has branched out this year and will also promote auto racing at Pendleton...

Local advance guard of the Salem Senators departs today for Calistoga and Monday's spring camp opening. Both Bill Bowers and Lou Scrivens are driving down together. The team will amount to 650 miles of nothing but line drives and strikeouts...

Steve Tabacchi, general manager of Emil Sick's local sundry, would like to give full sponsorship to the orphaned Capital Post No. 9 American Legion Junior Baseball team, and would call the team the 66'ers, for obvious reason. But the likker counsell, which doesn't allow such advertising in Oregon, will have none of it. Too bad, for the brewery is always willing to lend a hand in anything good for Sa-

lem, and would make a dandy sponsor for the C-F team...

After having lost a couple hundred bucks on their poorly-attended Army show of Wednesday night, the Salem Cherrans may forego the sponsoring of any more amateur mitt cards. For the present at least, it takes about \$500 to crack the "nut" for the amateur shindigs—travel expenses for the kids, their meals, rentals, etc. Wednesday's card, a triple-decked war all the way for real effort and action, crossed only around \$400.

It would be a shame to lose the amateur boxing bees, for the kids give with a great show. What with such lads as Curly Dyer and Willard (Battling) Nelson hailing from the ol' home town, the local attraction angle is well taken care of. The 16-year-old Nelson kid, cockiness and all, is real comer...

Oregon Ball Loop Accused of Raiding

Vet Receiver Set for Opener



Harv Koepf, above, veteran Willamette University catcher, will be back of the dish today at the penitentiary where the Bearcats open their 1953 baseball season with the Prison Greys. Game time is 1 p.m.

Spokane Manager Don Osborn Files Protest After Losing Cal McIrvine to Bandon Team

SPOKANE (AP) — The Spokane club of the Western International Baseball League accused Oregon semi-pro teams Friday of "raiding" the WIL and luring away top talent with fabulous offers — almost up to \$1,000 a month.

Don Osborn, general manager of the Class A Spokane Indians, said it's a serious situation costing WIL owners thousands of dollars and he urged an emergency league meeting to deal with it.

"Nonsense," retorted Bill Burger, manager of the Bandon team in the semi-pro Northwestern Oregon League which is sponsored by lumber companies.

Cal McIrvine, leading pitcher in the WIL last year with a 13-4 record and a 2.22 earned run average, has declined to report to Spokane this year and will play for Bandon instead.

McIrvine, acquired from Victoria and expected to play a key role in Spokane's 1953 plans, "told me he could make almost \$1,000 a month with the semi-pros and we can't match that," Osborn said.

Burger said McIrvine will work for the Moore Lumber Co., sponsor of the Bandon team, at the regular pay scale in the mill. The average lumber wage is about \$2 an hour for a 40-hour week.

Burger said it's the security of a year-around job and not any "fabulous salaries" that draws players from the WIL to the semi-pros.

He said players in organized ball who draw little money to get to the high minors or the major league hardly get enough money to live on.

The Western International has a salary limit of \$5,700 a month for 18 players, an average of \$317.

Osborn said he is as serious as the Western International as was the post-war "jumping" of American players to the high-paying Mexican League. Those who "jumped" got five year suspensions from U. S. leagues.

Osborn urged similar sanctions against WIL players who leave their assigned clubs for the semi-pros.

He said the Oregon league has indicated interest in other Spokane players and "one very important player in our league." He didn't identify the latter, but mentioned Ward Rockey, a former Spokane pitcher, as one who skipped off to Oregon.

Rockey, now with the Coos Bay, Ore. Lumberjacks, said nobody enticed him to the semi-pro, that he had just come to town and that he just even knew him as a ball player. He works in a lumber mill office.

Osborn accused the semi-pro of "sitting like vultures" waiting until organized ball has developed a player for possible sale to the major or minor league and then "step in and dangle them with fabulous offers."

Osborn made his charges in a letter to Bob Brown, president of the WIL. A copy also went to George Trautman, president of the National Association of Baseball Leagues — the minors.

McIrvine was the last installment on a player deal with Portland that sent Catcher Joe Rossi of Spokane to the Pacific Coast League in 1950. He wound up with Cincinnati of the National League.



CAL McIRVINE
He left Spokane club.



DON OSBORN
He's hollering plenty.



BILL BURGER
He's laughing it off.

Game Tonight in New York . . .

All-America Basketeers Dot East-West Lineups

NEW YORK (AP) — Three All-America players head the hand-picked collegiate basketball squads which clash at Madison Square Garden Saturday night in the annual east-west all-star basketball game.

The game is sponsored by the New York Herald-Tribune with proceeds going to the Fresh Air Fund.

Walt Dukes, Seton Hall's unanimous All-America center, and Ernie Beck, Pennsylvania's Ivy League record setter, represent the Eastern squad while Bob Houbregs, Washington's hook shot wizard, is the All-America color guard for the West.

Two of the country's leading coaches will match strategy in the contest. John (Honey) Russell, whose team won the National Invitation Tournament, is coach of the Easterners. Branch McCracken whose Indiana Hoosiers swept to the NCAA crown and No. 1 national ranking, is tutor of the Westerners.

Young Punches Ring Victory

NEW YORK (AP) — Paddy Young smashed his way into an American middleweight title fight with Carl Olson Friday night by scoring a unanimous decision over rugged Ernie Durando in a 12-rounder. Young, an 11 to 10 favorite, weighed 160 to Durando's 157 1/2.

Cut over both eyes by the fourth round and rocked twice within the same span, the lion-hearted New Yorker came on to win impressively in this fifth meeting of the two sluggers.

Young's hard-earned triumph was his third over the Bayonne, N. J., belter and moved him into the final round of the NBA and New York Commission's middleweight elimination tournament.

Dallas Quint Handed Honor

DALLAS (Special) — The Dallas Chamber of Commerce Friday honored the Dallas High Basketball team at a luncheon. The Dallas team last week won sixth place in the State Basketball Tournament at Eugene, Oregon.

Johnny Lewis, Willamette University athletic director and basketball coach, was the speaker for the Friday occasion. Coach Gordy Kunkle of the Dragons also spoke.

Johnston to Miss Beaver Tussles

CORVALLIS (AP) — Second baseman Danny Johnston will be lost to the Oregon State College baseball team for the remainder of its California tour.

OSC Athletic Director Spec Keene said Johnston suffered a mild concussion in a game Tuesday when he collided with Outfielder Bud Shriciff. Both were chancing a fly ball.

Keene said Johnston will remain in a Berkeley hospital until Saturday.

Training Camp Notes

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Jackie Jensen blasted his fifth exhibition game home run Friday, a first inning smash over the rightfield fence off Jack Faszholz after Mickey Vernon doubled, and the Washington Senators carried on to defeat the St. Louis Cardinals.

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Pitcher Lew Burdette hit a home run with two out in the ninth inning to give Milwaukee a 3-2 triumph over Brooklyn Friday.

Ralph Branca, pitching for the first time in two weeks, was the victim of the deciding blow, which ended Brooklyn's six game winning streak.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Lefty Alex Kellner became the first Philadelphia Athletics pitcher to go the distance this spring as he hurled the American League's first 9 to 3 victory over Baltimore of the International League Friday.

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Dale Mitchell's pinch single with the bases loaded, quickly followed by Jim Lemon's three-run homer, installed five runs for the Cleveland Indians in the eighth inning Friday

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies put together four singles and a pair of walks for three runs in the last of the 11th inning Friday to edge the Boston Red Sox 4 to 3 in a grapefruit league game.

The American League Red Sox had snapped a 1-1 tie in the top of the 11th on a two-run homer by Outfielder Gene Stephens.

ST. PETERSBURG (AP) — The New York Yankees scored eight runs in the fourth inning Friday for their biggest scoring session of the spring and drubbed the Detroit Tigers, 8-3.

Vic Raschi was the winning pitcher, but he was slugged for ten hits in five innings.

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — The St. Louis Browns overcame a four-run Chicago Cub lead Friday, and beat them on a 7-4 victory in a spring exhibition baseball game.

I-Walton Sports Show Opens Today at Armory

The third annual Isaac Walton League Sports Show, a lush spread of just about everything in outdoor sporting equipment, with entertainment attached, opens its two-day run at 1 p.m. today at the Armory. The show will run from 1-10 p.m. today, and from 10 noon to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Numerous merchants in this area will have on display the latest in sporting goods, from wet trout flies to outboard motor boats. Of special interest will be a line braiding machine, which for the first time locally will allow many sportsmen to witness details of line construction.

In addition to the wide display of hunting and fishing gear, there is to be exhibitions of duck calling, retriever handling, plug and spin casting, archery and continuous outdoor movies. "You'll Remember Oregon," a colored movie of the entire state will be a highlight of the show.

The Walton show, held in conjunction with Salem merchants, has been held in the I-Walton Clubhouse the past two years. But attendance at the previous spreads was so great that a larger arena had to be secured for this year's addition. Almost every foot of floor space in the Armory will be devoted to the displays. The show is the only one of its kind in the Northwest this spring.

Admission fees for the show are 25 cents for adults, 9 cents for children either day.



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Bearcats Open Baseball Campaign Today at 'Pen'

The first baseball game of the season in Salem is booked for today at 1 p.m., when the Willamette University Bearcats go against the Prison Greys within the walls of the penitentiary—weather permitting of course. The clash will launch a 21-game schedule for the Johnny Lewis coached Bearcats. It will also get the Greys' diamond show on the road for the 1953 campaign.

Holdout

Lewis plans to use most of his pitching staff in the clash. Which means that Andy George, Benny Holt, Mickey Coen and Dave Gray likely will take turns at trying to fool the Greys batsmen.

The Bearcat catching will be handled by veteran Harv Koepf and Les Akeo. Dave Perlman, a three-year letterman, will open at second base, and holdover Elmer Hansen is to be at shortstop. Outfielders expected to be leaving soon for the military service.

A pair of freshmen, Jack Sorvens and Tex Kirkendall may alternate at the third base position. First base is a wide open scrap involving no less than four candidates.

Veterans Duane Shield and Denny Elasser will make up two-thirds of the outfield. Chuck Lewis, diminutive football halfback, will get to play some in the outer garden also, with Charlie Naone and Mike Muax listed as other possibilities.

Plagued with rather weak teams at the penitentiary in the last few seasons, the Greys of this summer hope to be able to field a strong unit.

The Bearcats travel to Oregon State for their next game, Thursday, April 2. The Beavers play the Bearcats on the Bush Pasture diamond Tuesday, April 7.

Oregon Golfer Posts Victory

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif. (AP) — Medalist Don Kreiger was upset, 4 and 2, by teammate Robert Atkinson of the University of Oregon in a quarter final match of the Northern California Intercollegiate Golf Tournament Friday.

Atkinson's opponent in Saturday's semi-final will be Ken Venturi, former California state amateur titlist from San Jose State.

Kreiger was the low qualifier in a field of 100 Thursday when he racked up a 1 over par 72.

Stanford captured the team title in 296 strokes, finishing 11 strokes ahead of Oregon.

First round scores included: Kreiger defeated Monte Shebelut, Fresno State, 5 and 4.

Robert Atkinson, Oregon, defeated Stan Gurn, San Jose State, 4 and 3.

Stayton Beats Silverton 3-2

STAYTON (Special) — The Stayton Eagles Friday posted a 3-2 baseball victory over the Silverton Silver Foxes here, gaining revenge for the 8-2 thumping the Silverton team inflicted on the Eagles Thursday at Silverton.

Friday's mix was a pitcher's battle, with Roger Nielson coming out on top in the duel with Silverton's Mattox, while Silverton got four off Nielson. The latter fanned eight, to five for Mattox.

Silverton . . . 010 010 0-2 4 2
Stayton . . . 000 012 x-3 3 1
Eagles and Umberhough; Nielson and Hinrichs.

Pep Granted New License

NEW YORK (AP) — Willie Pep, former world featherweight champion, was granted a new license to fight in New York Friday by the state Athletic Commission.

Pep's former license was taken from him after his foul-packed bout with Sandy Saddler in the Polo Grounds, Sept. 26, 1951. In addition to his written application for reinstatement, Pep apologized to the commission for his conduct in person.

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for West Coast, Oregon—March, 1953			
Pacific Standard Time			
HIGH WATERS		LOW WATERS	
March	Time	HT.	Time
27	10:23 a.m.	5.5	4:39 a.m.
28	11:18 a.m.	5.5	5:29 a.m.
29	11:47 a.m.	5.5	6:27 p.m.
30	12:00 noon	5.5	6:58 a.m.
31	12:10 a.m.	5.5	6:39 a.m.
	12:40 p.m.	5.4	1:21 p.m.
1	12:31 a.m.	5.1	7:13 a.m.
2	1:21 p.m.	5.5	6:58 p.m.

Bowling Scores

MEN'S CITY LEAGUE		CAPTOL MINORITE LEAGUE	
University Best			
MASTER BREAD (3): C. Smith 646, R. Gardner 411, F. Juntia 444, M. Brown 288, E. Stevens 288, B. Galloway 288, W. Paulus 487, CADWELL OIL (1): J. Lake 353, O. Coater 374, G. Snyvers 446, J. Gannon 462, C. Grabenhorst 321.			
GIL WARD'S (3): J. Fellen 328, H. Kelley 404, R. Solum 381, B. Price 431 (3 games), S. Surratt 432, MOOSE LODGE (1): J. McCollister 428, C. Alexander 400, E. Hedine 408, R. Davey 383, J. Decker 428.			
ERON LODGE (1): J. Johnson 328, J. Norby 401, K. Johnson 328, E. Anderson 328, O. Justice 328, HAYDEN'S CAPITAL CITY BOWLING (3): M. Nichols 428, W. Hayden 428, F. Kaban 481, P. Ade 391, B. Willey 440.			
LEWIS FINE CARS (3): L. Killinger 428, C. Smith 328, R. Lewis 428, CHRYSLER (1): J. McCallister 428, C. Alexander 400, E. Hedine 408, R. Davey 383, J. Decker 428.			
GENERAL FINANCE CORP. (3): M. Brown 218, L. Gesselle 412, J. Haly 288, C. Stevens 288, B. Galloway 288, BANTAM HARDWARE CO. (3): E. Haly 288, C. Stevens 288, B. Galloway 288, T. Mauer 218, J. Christensen 288, H. Gesselle 412.			

Report from Calistoga . . .

Luby Awaits Ballplayers From Coast Loop Teams

CALISTOGA, Cal. (Special) — "I'm to find out just who we'll get from Sacramento, San Diego and possibly San Francisco sometime next week," Salem Senators Manager Luby said here Friday night as he prepared to start spring training for his Western International League team Monday morning.

"I believe we are better off now than we were at this time last year," Luby added. "I anticipate some real help from the Coast League team."

Racers Ready For Sunday Go

PORTLAND (Special) — Between 30 and 35 auto racing drivers are standing by for the state's first speed program of the 1953 season, the 100-lap Governor Snell Memorial Trophy run Sunday at the Portland Speedway. The field of Stock Cars is the largest in the history of the annual race.

Time trials will start at 1:30 o'clock with heat races to follow. The 100-lap special event will of course cap the program. The meet was originally booked for last Sunday but was rained out.

Numerous 1953 model cars have been registered for the big event. Bill Wileman, 1952 Stock Car racing champion of Oregon will be driving one of the new models, a Dodge Red Ram. Veteran Ray Elliott will also pilot a Red Ram. Herschel McGriff, one of the most talented of the Stock Car drivers will be at the wheel of a 1953 Oldsmobile 88.

The driving field lists all of the Stock Car pilots in the Northwest area, and all are enthusiastic over the coming season. Many have new mounts, and those who are standing by the machines Friday drove last season have worked the bugs into top condition.

Gervais Trounces Chemawa Indians

GERVAIS (Special) — Gary Espe's pitching and the hitting of G. Thompson featured a 12-4 Gervais baseball victory over Chemawa in a Marion County B League opener here. Espe fanned 12, walked 5 and fielded 6 chances himself. Thompson had three hits in five trips.

Chemawa got by three hits off Espe, and made 13 errors.

Chemawa . . . 000 002 0-4 8 12
Gervais . . . 250 341 x-15 6 9
Morin, Bobb (6) and Williamson; Espe and Elliott.

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McCarthy Claims Libel Suit Victory

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) said Friday he collected \$18,500 in the March 16 out-of-court settlement of a libel-slander suit he had filed against the Syracuse (N.Y.) Post-Standard.

He made public a letter he had written to the Wisconsin income tax department at Appleton, Wis., asking whether the sum is taxable.

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Favored Teams Nab Mat Wins

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — The dual between Oklahoma University and Penn State College, the unbeaten and almost unbeatable wrestling powers in their territories, carried on through the first half of the National Collegiate A. A. Championships Friday.

Each qualified four men for Saturday's semifinal matches, the largest number of any team, in strong bids for the team honors taken by Oklahoma for the past two years.

The summaries included:

Preliminary Round:

167-pound: Del McGee, Washington State, pinned Fred Loffredo, Iowa State Teacher, 1:27.

First round:

115-pound: Bob Christenson, Northwestern D. Gary McClain, Oregon State, 6:4.

151-pound: Hudson Samsen, Penn State, pinned Lewis Williams, Oregon State, 3:40.

123-pound: Richard Hockley, Wyoming D. Richard Gibson, Washington State, 6:4.

137-pound: De Lance Duncan, Washington State, pinned John Woodward, Colorado A. and M. 1:57.

157-pound: Robert Fischer, Maryland D. Byron Nelson, Washington State, 7-1.

Quarter Finals:

137-pound: Norton Compton, Illinois D. De Lance Duncan, Washington State, 7-0.

Rain Washes Out Vik Ball Opener

The scheduled Salem-McMinnville baseball game, first one of the season for the Vikings, was postponed Friday because of rain. The tilt was slated for the McMinnville diamond. Coach Harold Hank's team next plays Molalla at Salem March 31.

Player's Theft Beats Convicts

WALLA WALLA (AP) — Glenn Kranc committed a bald-faced theft right inside the penitentiary grounds and it hastened instead of hindered his departure from the grim gray walls.

Kranc stole home — right under the watchful eyes of armed tower guards — to give Washington State college a 6-5 baseball win over the State Prison Mavericks.

It was WSC's opening pre-conference contest of 1953.

The score was tied at 5-5 when Kranc, second baseman for the Cougars, hit on for home and squeaked in just ahead of the ball. He also was hitting star of the day, getting a double and two singles in four trips to the plate.

Funny thing, too — it was the umpire who got called "robber," when he ruled Kranc's steal safe.

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