

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

Sunday sorties:

From the looks of the way in which he's been conducting himself at bat thus far this season, Les Witherpoon has turned out to be not another Andy Anderson, as it was feared he might, but a good investment for the Senators instead. The big guy is definitely a better ballplayer in all departments than he was supposed to have been when the Senators landed him, and the club now at long last has a lad who can plaster the long, authoritative ball. Incidentally, Witherpoon will soon have his family with him here, his wife and four kiddies from Deland, Fla. . . . New first baseman Joe Clardy, whose addition to the club means Les off the field bag and into the outfield, is by no means a green pea in baseball. He's 25 and had a whopping big season with Las Vegas of the Class C South-Western International loop in 1952. Fourteen home runs, 22 triples and 33 doubles, plus 103 runs batted in would indicate Clardy can hit. His doubles, triples and RBI marks surpass those compiled by Witherpoon in the same league last season, and Clardy's .348 batting average wasn't too far behind Les' .363. . . . The guy may be a load of help, hopefully. Now all we need are a couple of good pitchers and another hitting outfielder. . . . Salem High's track and fielders probably won't make too big a splash in the state meet this week despite their impressive success in the district run-offs. But look out for Vern Gilmore's crews of next year and the one after that. Vern says he now has the finest bunch of sophomore prospects he's ever had at the Vik Villa. . . . What with H. Hauk's baseballers and Del Ramsdell's tennis team doing so good, Lee Gustafson's footballers looked for next fall. Gilmore's three-clad solid future-bookers and Hauk's basketballers annually Grade A, athletics at Salem High are definitely getting back on the big beam where they belong. . . . Another new addition to the Tony Ross family coming up, Tony's dog Kippy, a pedigreed German Shepherd, is about to become a mother. Anthony has bought himself a spread out near the Fairgrounds and plans to raise both dogs and little rasslers on it. . . .



BOB DRILLING
Senators missed him

McShain Looks a Lot Like Max Baer

Speaking of the rasslers, Tuesday nighters of this week will see in Danny McShain a gent who is almost a dead ringer for Maxie Baer, former world heavy boxing champ. McShain isn't nearly as hefty as Baer at 196 pounds. But his facial features do resemble those of the one-time playboy of the ring, the guy who was noted around the world for his "million dollar body and ten-cent head" . . .

One of the more amazing accomplishments in athletics in these parts is owned by Bill McArthur, the OCE football and track coach. It isn't of Bill's coaching feats that we write, even though he has proved himself many times over as a thoroughly capable mentor. McArthur is also a real sharpie at handball and golf, and when given the opportunity can show you a few stunts on a diving board. Of course there are many others who can play good handball and golf, and who can do one-and-a-halfs, gainers, etc., off a diving board. But they have two legs. Bill has but one. He lost the other some time ago after the pro football incident in which it was so badly banged up it had to be taken off at the knee. . . .

Yon Senators were recently all primed to make a big pitch for Bob Drilling, the Portland Beaver flinger who made the dog-house because he refused to report to Victoria last year. Boss Luby figured Drilling might report to Salem, and was after him. But just when things looked real rosy, Drilling had a change of heart and checked in at Victoria the other day. . . .

Bob pitched for the Senators before he had his big 20-win season at Portland. The local dandies secured him from Yakima in a trade for Bus Sporer, you'll recall. . . .

Gordon's Real Status May Be Soon Known

If Freddie Hutchinson continues having his flat spots with the Detroit Tigers much longer, we should be finding out if there were anything to the story that the Detroiters hired Joe Gordon as a scout only to have him standing by to take over when and if Hutchinson flopped as Tigers manager. . . .

This said that Gordon is getting no less than \$25,000 per year for his role of western slope scouting chief. Which is an astronomical figure for that type of work, and one that would have bystanders believing that Gordon is being counted upon to do much more for the Detroit organization that beat the bushes for playing talent. . . .

One good reason why the Keizer merchants have taken one-third sponsorship of the Salem American Legion Juniors could be blamed on Pete Pederson, operator of the popular drive-in beanery near the Keizer school. Pete has long been a real booster for kid sports in Salem, and Twink Pederson, the classy little second sacker on Vince Genna's Capital Posters happens to be his son. . . . We understand also that the new Berg's Market going up in the Keizer area will be the sponsor for the kids' Salem Junior Baseball team of that sector. . . .

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DUCK GOLFERS WIN
PULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—Oregon's undefeated golfers chalked up a 19-8 win over Washington State in Northern Division matches Saturday.

Al Mundel, Oregon, shot a 69 on the par 72 course to become the day's medalist in defeating Larry Graff of WSC 3-0. He and Fred Strabel lost their best ball match with Les Hilby and Jim Howell 2 1/2 - 1/2.

Elks Divoters In Semi Frays

Two Key Contests Set in Title Flight

Four swingers, eyes on the coveted crown in the Elks-sponsored Mid-Willamette Valley Golf Tournament, tee off at 11 o'clock this morning at Salem Golf Club in the semi-finals of the Championship flight. The four are survivors from an original field of 32 in the top flight. . . .

One of the featured matches pits Jack Brande, the long-hitting Lebanon husky, against Cliff Ellis of Salem. The other sees Don Spillman, local evangelist, trading strokes with Dusty Woods, sharpie from McMinnville and the meet medalist. . . .

Brande goes into today's action as a slight favorite over Ellis, but the latter might pull a surprise. Ellis carries a darkhorse label, having pulled several upsets in getting as far as the semis. Brande has twice got as far as the finals in the big tourney, but has yet to notch the title. . . .

The Spillman-Woods match appears to be a toss-up. Both linksters currently are at the top of their games. . . .

The semi-finals will be over the 18-hole route. Next Sunday's finals between today's victors, is set for 36 holes. . . .

Semi-finals already have been disposed of in the first flight. Bert Victor won by default over former Elks King Jimmy Sheldon and Jim Hunt, last year's champ, topped Bob Stephenson. The two will meet next Sunday for the toga in that flight. . . .

Finals are on tap today in all other flights. . . .

McKenzie Hot for OCE

MONMOUTH—(Special)—Linfield's Wildcats captured a three-way cinder meet with OCE and Portland State here Saturday, but Dor McKenzie of OCE stole the show as he captured three events and tied for first in another. Linfield finished with 72 1/2 points, OCE was second with 45 1/2 and Portland State trailed with 44. . . .

McKenzie, the whizz from Salem, won the century in 10.3, took the 220 in 23.7, snared the broad jump with a 21' performance and tied for top honors in the high jump with a 5' 10" effort. That gave McKenzie a total of 17 1/2 points for the afternoon. . . .

Bill Arnold of OCE took firsts in the pole vault (10' 6") and in the high hurdles. . . .

Bill McArthur's Wolves led in firsts with six but Linfield depth proved too much. . . .

Tide Table

Tides for Taft, Oregon—May, 1953 (compiled by U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Oregon).

HIGH WATERS LOW WATERS				
May	Time	Ht.	Time	
10	10:22 a.m.	4.9	4:18 a.m.	-0.2
11	10:03 a.m.	7.1	3:54 p.m.	1.3
12	11:24 a.m.	5.0	5:06 a.m.	-1.0
13	10:47 p.m.	7.3	4:41 p.m.	1.6
14	12:21 p.m.	5.1	5:56 a.m.	-1.8
15	11:27 p.m.	7.4	5:25 p.m.	2.0
16	1:14 p.m.	5.1	6:42 a.m.	-1.8
17	12:07 a.m.	7.4	7:27 a.m.	2.3
18	2:06 p.m.	5.0	6:55 p.m.	2.6
19	12:45 a.m.	7.2	8:12 a.m.	-1.7
20	2:57 p.m.	4.9	7:43 p.m.	2.8
21	1:29 a.m.	6.8	8:57 a.m.	-1.4
22	3:47 p.m.	4.8	8:32 p.m.	2.9
23	2:13 a.m.	6.4	9:43 a.m.	-0.9
24	4:38 p.m.	4.8	9:30 p.m.	3.0
25	3:00 a.m.	5.8	10:31 a.m.	-0.5
26	5:31 p.m.	4.8	10:39 p.m.	3.1
27	3:58 a.m.	5.2	11:18 a.m.	0.0
28	6:21 p.m.	4.9	12:01 a.m.	2.9
29	4:37 a.m.	4.7	12:36 p.m.	0.8
30	7:07 p.m.	5.4	1:19 a.m.	2.8
31	6:13 a.m.	5.1	1:59 p.m.	0.8
1	7:48 p.m.	5.4	2:56 p.m.	0.8
2	7:34 a.m.	4.0	2:26 a.m.	2.0
3	8:26 p.m.	5.5	1:43 p.m.	1.2
4	8:51 a.m.	5.9	2:50 a.m.	1.4
5	8:56 p.m.	5.9	2:30 p.m.	1.6
6	9:58 a.m.	4.0	4:06 a.m.	0.7
7	9:52 p.m.	6.1	3:15 p.m.	1.9
8	10:57 a.m.	4.2	4:45 a.m.	0.1
9	10:03 p.m.	6.3	3:56 p.m.	2.2
10	11:48 a.m.	4.4	5:23 a.m.	-0.4
11	10:36 p.m.	6.6	4:35 p.m.	2.5
12	12:34 p.m.	4.5	5:39 a.m.	-0.9
13	11:02 p.m.	6.7	6:12 p.m.	2.7
14	1:19 p.m.	4.8	6:37 a.m.	-1.2
15	11:43 p.m.	6.9	5:30 p.m.	2.9
16	2:03 p.m.	4.8	7:15 a.m.	-1.8
17			6:31 p.m.	3.0

Wolves Down Owl Tossers

MONMOUTH—(Special)—Bill Palmquist pitched and helped bat OCE's Wolves to a 13-4 win over the Oregon Tech Owls here Saturday. Palmquist gave five hits over the nine-inning route and also belted a two-run homer in the fourth frame. . . .

John Robinson picked up a triple and two singles for the winners. . . .

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Bag Limit Upped For Diamond Lake

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Game Commission raised the bag limit for Diamond Lake in the Cascades north of Klamath Falls. . . .

The lake will be open from May 16 through Oct. 18, adding about a month to the originally scheduled. The lake is scheduled to be poisoned to remove trash fish in the fall of 1954. . . .

The limit will conform to the general limit throughout the state size a day. . . .

Scio A Juggles

ALBANY—(Special)—Scio whipped Philomath 13-10 Saturday to gain the district B finals against Monroe next Tuesday. Eight enemy errors helped Scio to the win. The district finals is set for Albany also. . . .

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Scio -----322 230 1—13 8 1

W. Carter, F. Carter (5) and F. Carter, W. Carter (5); Comer, Bryan (4) and Bryan, Bain (4). . . .

The last great auk, a bird which could not fly, is believed to have been killed about the middle of the 18th Century. . . .

Cascade Cougars Against Creswell High Monday

CASCADE UNION HIGH SCHOOL (Special)—Coach Bob Stewart's Capitol League champion Cascade Cougars go to Junction City Monday afternoon for a district playoff game with the Creswell High baseball team. . . .

Righthander Danny Feller, who yielded only one earned run in his numerous league pitching appearances this season, will be on the mound for the Cougars. . . .

COUGAR NETTERS VICTORS

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—Washington State edged out Oregon 4-3 in their Northern Division tennis matches Saturday, splitting the doubles with them, but taking three of the five singles matches. . . .

HENLEY VICTOR

ASHLAND (AP)—Henley shaded Malin to win a Jackson-Klamath County Class B high school track meet here Saturday. . . .

Henley rolled up 53 points to 51 1/2 for Malin, 32 1/2 for Merrill and 11 1/2 for Jacksonville. . . .

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