

Spokane Again Dumps Salems, Takes WIL Pennant



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Rollin' Along

With Jerry Stone

Candidate as one of the oldest and most faithful Senator followers: Edwin R. Palmer, 62-year-old resident of 670 N. 14th, who has followed the progress of every Waters Park game this season either by being there personally or via Chuck Boice's radio descriptions. . . . Some of the younger ones need the spirit of Mr. Palmer. . . . Bob White, the former WU footballer and mentor at Stayton, works for his masters this winter at Willamette. . . . Bob Baltimore, the Mill City whizz named the outstanding West back in the B Shrine game a year ago, is among the freshmen aspirants working under Ted Ogdahl's eye in Bearcat drills. . . .



LEO DUROCHER Faithful to His Ritual

We grieve for KOCO's Chuck Boice Saturday night when he airs the Willamette-CPS opener at McCulloch Stadium. And you will too after noting that the Logger lineup includes the name of one Lou Grzadziewski. . . . Chuck had best hone up his adenoids for that one. . . . A bit of commotion in local bowling circles this season, with some of the pin-pelters pulling allegiance away from Uni-Bowl because they figure a rather bad shuffle was handed Frankie Evans when he was ousted as manager early this summer. . . .

Big Tracks Crack Down—Quick

If what some certain jockeys got away with at the recent Fair races had been enacted at such bigtime tracks as Santa Anita, said riders might have been suspended for life. That's the opinion of a local man who formerly saw a lot of duty at the big California tracks in an official capacity. . . . "Sometimes," he adds, "the veteran jockey is inclined to take liberties at the small track." . . . And perhaps that's also why many of your small track riders aren't booting 'em home at Santa Anita or Hollywood Park. . . .

Larry Oslund, a well known gent in local bowling circles, has just returned from his annual pilgrimage to New York where he studies for his master's and gorges himself on ball games. . . . Oslund saw plenty of the Dodgers and Giants and Yankees—and says there's no kidding about that raw Brooklyn power. . . . Best pitching performance watched was a one-hitter by the Yanks' Bob Kuzava, the guys that looked the fastest were Washington's Bob Porterfield and the Chicago Sox' Virgil Trucks. . . .

One of the big kicks, says Oslund, was watching Leo Durocher go through his daily routine at the Polo Grounds. . . . Most ball players, in bowing to superstition, have their pet idiosyncracies on the diamond. . . . Durocher, as this writer observed a year ago, has an unalterable procedure while guiding his Giants from the third base box. . . . At the start of every inning the guy picks up the third baseman's glove, gives it two whacks with his fists and kicks twice at the hotcorner sack. Then Leo moves back to the coaches' box and scrapes all the chalk lines away with his foot. . . . It's a ritual that never varies. . . .

Leo Retrieved Glove, Homer Won Game

Oslund, pointing up how much of a ritual it is, recalls one occasion when the game was tied in the top half of the ninth, with the Giants coming to bat in the bottom half. Third sacker Hank Thomson took his glove into the dugout and thusly when Durocher went out—no glove. . . . Leo hurried back, got the glove and proceeded with his routine. Thomson, the first hitter, then poked a homer to win for the Giants. . . . That must have given Durocher renewed faith in his dilly-dallying—but how come the Giants aren't going to finish any higher than the second division? . . .

One day, relates Oslund, the Dodgers were ready for Leo. They piled four-inches of chalk on the coaching lines at Ebbetts Field to try to snafu the ritual. . . . But that didn't stop Leo. He merely piled dirt on top the chalk. . . .

Some rumblings of discontent in semi-pro circles because service teams loaded with drafted major leaguers too often pull in the laurels in the big national tournaments. When is a pro a pro—and when isn't he? It's asked. . . . Speaking of service teams, Fort Ord has quite a football aggregation. In addition to Don Heinrich, the ex Husky aerial whizz, the lineup includes Ollie Mattson, former USF All-America and Pat Canamella, the star SC linebacker. . . .

Ross Cops Hot Mat Mix Over 'Arrogant Erie'

Tony Ross thrilled an Armory load of wrestling customers last night by winning his big brawl with Eric (The Great) Pederson, in two straight falls. It was a stormy, rough battle all the way and with a climax befitting the heat-filled warfare between the two. . . . Ross got the first fall, quick-like, by wading into the Los Angeles blond with a series of backbreakers and a body press. It took about a minute. The inspired Salem grappler had Pederson on the run in No. 2 also suddenly flipping him through the ropes and into the crowd. . . .

Pederson obviously blew a fuse at this point, and tangled with members of the crowd as Referee Doug Donnan tolled the count. Pederson was still involved in the wild out-of-the-ring fracas when counted out, giving Ross the match. But just as Donnan raised Tony's hand, in stormed the berserk Pederson and slammed on a full nelson hold. He refused to break it, and it took a number of other grapplers, Matchmaker Elton Owen and some fans to finally pry him loose. . . .

Owen and Danno McDonald forcibly led Pederson from the premises, and Ross, hurt by the terrific nelson hold, had to be carried out. . . .

Walton Meeting Slated Tonight

The Salem Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America is to meet tonight, eight o'clock, at the chapter clubhouse. It will be the final business meeting before the opening of the annual deer hunting season in Oregon October 3, and a number of hunting items are up for discussion. . . .

Veck Wants Shift

CHICAGO (AP)—An American League committee Wednesday will hear President Bill Veck's latest proposal to shift his St. Louis Browns to another city, most likely Baltimore. . . .

The four-man group's conclusions are not expected to be made public until a full meeting of club owners, possibly during the World Series.

Three-Run Blast in Eighth Ruins Senators, Ends Season

By AL LIGHTNER
Statesman Sports Editor

It's all over, and they didn't do it. The Salem Senators fizzled and fell for the third straight time at Waters Field last night, losing the 1953 Western International League championship to the Spokane Indians. The score was 5 to 2 in the finale, with the Tribe scoring three fatal runs in the eighth inning to crack open a 1-1 game. Manager Don Osborn's outfit took the crucial series four games to two.

Thus what at one time in July was the greatest baseball season ever known here wound up on a doleful note. The Senators started out poorly, fought their way to the first half title with a tremendous stretch drive, and took out after the second half flag with an equally astonishing burst. Then suddenly, as Milt Smith was taken from the club and some of its other members assumed a lackadaisical attitude toward winning both portions of the race, the Salems gradually ran out of gas, finishing a poor sixth.

They proved in the big series, when the blue chips were down, that they didn't have what it required. Last night's windup was another exhibition of impotency by the Waters Fielders. They got eight hits off three Spokane flingers, but not a one drove in a run. Both Salem tallies were unearned because of errors by Shortstop Wilbur Johnson. . . .

But then Spokane fielding did as much to shackle the Solons as anything else. Four times the Tribe infielders checked in murderous double plays, and on four occasions the fielders were in the right spots when what might have been productive drives were belted by the luckless Solons. One of these, in the ninth inning, was the backbreaker. . . .

After Jimmy Deyo had walked, Jerry Ballard poked a liner toward right-center. Jimmy Brown leaped high, speared the drive with a spectacular catch and doubled Deyo at first base. Les Witherspoon then followed with a booming triple to right-center which would have meant two runs and the tying tally on third base with no outs. . . .

It was a typical Dave Dahlie pitching sortie—no runs upon which to work. The southpaw went 1-0 behind in the fifth on a walk, a passed ball and Bill Sheets' ground single through the middle. The Senators, almost helpless against the soft slants of moose-like Virgil Givannoni, finally got to the big righthander in the seventh, knotting the score. . . .

Connie Perez singled with one out and got to second on Deyo's sacrifice. Connie then scored when Johnson booted Ballard's grounder. When Witherspoon shot another single to right, putting Ballard on third, Osborn jerked Givannoni and hauled in Art Worth, hard-throwing lefty, to pitch to Bob Nelson. . . .

Luby countered this strategy by sending up Chuck Essegian to bat for Bob Nelson. Chuck ran up a 3-0 count and then popped out, ending the rally. The hopeful crowd of 1,959 had something to cheer about, for it was again a tie game. But not for long. . . .

Dahlie got by the first Spokane swinger in the eighth before Stan Palya doubled hard to left-center. Will Hafey, the big Spokane slugger, was next, and should have been an out. He popped an easy foul off to the left that Don Masterson couldn't find in the lights, a bad break that prolonged Hafey's time at bat. He then drilled a single to left, scoring Palya. . . .

Adding insult to injury, Carl Bush as next up skied a home run over the right field fence. This made it 4-1 for Spokane. Salem got one back in the eighth as Gene Roenspie, who had replaced Dahlie after Bush's homer, was safe on Johnson's error. Gene got to third on a freak hit by Dick Sabatini, one that bounced badly over the mound and eluded Brown's hungry glove. Roenspie then scored when Luby lined deep to Ed Murphy in center. . . .

The Spokes picked up their last run in the ninth on two infield scratches, a sacrifice and a fielder's choice. Taking no chances even after Brown's fine play and Witherspoon's triple in the ninth, Osborn sent in Righthander Bill Franks to pitch to Masterson. Don fled easily to Murphy, ending everything. . . .

While the title chase didn't turn out so good, it did draw well. A total of 15,318 watched the six games, 8,430 at Spokane, 8,888 here. . . .

Before the game Luby, Trainer Pete Chinn and Clubhouse Boy Puhlman were presented with gifts from the Senator players. Jerry Ballard, Connie Perez and Joe Nicholas also accepted the clothing prizes (over \$100 worth) from Joe's Upstairs Clothing Shop, won during the last two weeks of the regular season. . . .

Four Dallas Archers Have Successful Hunt

Statesman News Service

DALLAS — Four Dallas residents who took part in the bow and arrow hunting at Hart's Mountain in southern Oregon over the weekend, returned home Tuesday with a deer apiece. . . .

O-City Wins Again

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP)—Physician Frank Diericks buried shut-out ball in relief Tuesday, to carry Oregon City, Ore., to an 8-4 victory over Allison, Iowa, in the American Baseball Congress Northwest Division playoffs. . . .

Marion B Grid 'Jam' Tonight At Woodburn

The Marion County B League football jamboree, featuring both 6-man and 11-man touchdowning, is to be held tonight in Legion Park at Woodburn, starting at eight o'clock. . . .

Two 6-man games, each of 15 minutes in length, will be held first, with Detroit, Oregon School for the Deaf and St. Paul providing the action. The St. Pauls will have two teams. . . .

Three regular 11-man games, also of 15 minutes in length, will follow. Drawings are to be held to determine opponents. . . .

Yost Ousted

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Jerry Cole, White Plains, N. Y., defeated Dick Yost, Portland, Ore., 1 up Tuesday in second round play of the National Amateur. . . .

Finis:

Spokane (5)	B HOA	(2) Salems
Murphy 5 2 6 0	Sabatini 4 1 3 0	Worth 4 1 2 0
Commd. 3 4 1 2 2	Luby 2 4 0 2 2	Tussell 4 1 1 0
Palya 3 2 0 0	Perez 3 4 1 1 3	Dahlie 3 0 7 1
Dkryr 1 3 0 7 1	Deyo 2 1 3 0	Ballard 1 4 0 6 1
Brown 2 3 0 3 5	Witrspon 4 2 6 0	Nelson 2 0 2 0
Givonni 2 0 2 0	Nelson 2 0 2 0	Dahlie 2 1 1 0
Bush 1 1 4 0	Essegian 1 0 0 0	Mitrae 1 0 0 1
Worthe 1 1 0 0	Roenspie 1 0 0 0	Rospie 1 0 0 0

National League

Philadelphia	020 100 010—4 10 0
Chicago	010 000 100—2 8 2
St. Louis	020 001 000—3 8 0
Cincinnati	020 000 000—4 0 0
Brooklyn	010 001 002—4 8 0
St. Louis	010 001 010—3 8 1
Pittsburgh	100 003 030—7 12 2
Milwaukee	200 002 001—5 10 0
Cleveland	100 000 000—1 4 0
New York	100 000 000—0 7 2
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American League

Chicago	020 020 002—6 12 0
Boston	000 000 000—0 3 1
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Spokes Celebrate Their Pennant Victory



Manager Don Osborn (holding towel) gets the glad hand from Will Hafey and some of his other happy baseball warriors after clinching the 1953 Western International League pennant last night, with a win over the Salem Senators at Waters Field. Others in the picture are Catcher Bill Sheets (left), Pitchers Virgil Givannoni, Jack Spring and Bill Franks (1-r behind Hafey), Carl Bush (making like Tarzan) and Jimmy Brown (with glasses). Osborn wound up his career at Spokane with a pennant, as he has announced his resignation as Indians manager. Hits by Hafey and Bush, the latter a two-run homer, wrecked the Senators in the final game last night.

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

N. York	95 66 674	Wahngtn	73 71 507
Cleveland	85 50 388	Detroit	57 89 380
Chicago	84 61 579	Phidpha	54 90 373
Boston	79 67 541	St. Louis	51 94 352
Tuesday results: At New York 0, Cleveland 1; At Boston 0, Chicago 6.		Only games scheduled.	

Vikings Prime For Astorians

Salem High's Viks, aiming for their second straight win of the young grid season at Astoria Friday night, spent time on both offensive and defensive departments in drills Tuesday at Olinger Field. . . .

Coach Lee Gustafson has a high-spirited bunch of lads prancing about this week following the opening 21-0 win over Cleveland of Portland, but warns them that Astoria may be a tough one to get over. Play-polishing has been one of the chief points this week and there also has been no neglecting of fundamentals. . . .

The Viks will be in top physical shape for the No. 2 test of the season, barring any last minute practice injuries. . . .

404,000 Less at Coast Games

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Pacific Coast League drew 404,000 less spectators this year than in 1952, President Clarence Rowland announced Tuesday. . . .

Los Angeles and Sacramento were the only clubs showing an increase over last season. San Diego had the worst setback, with 121,799 less than the year before. . . .

The league executives meet here Friday to consider the 1954 schedule and to thresh out the critical financial situation. President Bob Cobb of the pennant winning Hollywood Stars said he is going to demand that the league make its stand at once on the long-nurtured . . .

Spahn, Lopat Mound Pacers

NEW YORK (AP)—Veteran southpaw Warren Spahn of the Milwaukee Braves and Ed Lopat of the New York Yankees shared earned run laurels in the major leagues Tuesday. . . .

Statistics compiled by the Associated Press disclose that Spahn tops the National League with a 2.22 average. Lopat is the American League ERA leader with a 2.52 mark. Figures include games through Sunday. . . .

Gray (8-14) vs. Nison (4-7); Feller (16-8) vs. Philadelphia (night); Covey (8-6) vs. Frisco (8-10); St. Louis at New York (2 twi-night); Pilletti (4-11) and Turley (2-3) vs. Lopat (15-3) and Reynolds (11-7). . . .

Today's Pitchers

National League—Brooklyn at St. Louis (night); Roe (11-2) vs. Staley (16-8); New York at Cincinnati: Koles (5-12) vs. Perkowski (12-9); Philadelphia at Chicago: Miller (7-7) vs. Pollet (5-7); Pittsburgh at Milwaukee: Face (6-7) vs. Buhl (12-8).
American League—Chicago at Washington (night); Trucks (12-3) vs. Marrero (7-7); Detroit at Boston:

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