

Erskine, Lopat Likely Starters in Big Series

SPORTSLIGHTNER

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In winning the WIL batting crown with a 3544 mark, Jack Warren nipped Glen Weaver by .008 at the wire (Weaver .3536), and the two provided the closest hitting duel since Salem's Jack Richards of 1942 eyelashed Clarence Maddern of Vancouver.

Only four 20-game winners for the season, John Conant leading with 24, Joe Nicholas racking 23, Bill Brenner 22 and John Marshall 21. Actually it was a hitter's league, what with 33 regulars batting .300 or better, and with the best earned run average for pitchers only a so-so 3.06 by Pete Hernandez of Vancouver. . . . Some of the oldtimers found the '53 wind-up rather damaging physically, to say the least. In the final Spokane-Lewiston series, Pitcher John Cornell was struck in the leg by a line drive off Ken Richardson's bat. It broke Tennessee Jawn's leg. At Edmondton, Bob Sturgeon and Vic Buccola collided at first base, and Sturgeon suffered a broken arm. Then there were the non-physical hurts involved in Harv Storey's untimely sacking at Vancouver and the resignations of Don Gibson at Spokane and Brenner at Lewiston. We've an idea that Brenner timed his withdrawal to accompany the news that Storey was fired and Dewey Soriano had been moved up in the Seattle Rainiers family. Brenner came within a short whisker of getting the Vancouver managerial post last winter. If he hadn't already signed his Lewiston pact a few days before, he would have been hired at Vancouver. It's a good bet that he'll now move to Vancouver, where he's very well liked. . . . But the beatings taken by all those mentioned during the campaign don't hold a ten-cent candle to the one absorbed at Calgary. The Stampeders stomped less than 30,000 customers into their Buffalo Stadium for the entire season, and lost the sum total of \$72,000 in their first whirl at professional baseball. You'll recall that Calgary, along with Edmondton, was to have drawn like sixty as a new WIL entry. Turns out that sixty was closer to the average per-game attendance. . . .



MURL ANDERSON
Has fine string going

'Elma Elm' Winds Up at Washington

Little doubt as to where Gary Nelson, the 7-foot, 1-inch basketballing "Elma Elm" finally wound up. And it wasn't at Oregon where he at one time pledged allegiance. The kid registered at Washington. Brother, won't he be a popular item when he visits Eugene with the Husky hoop-suiters? . . . When in Spokane recently to play the Green Bay Packers, Coach Jumbo Joe Stydahar issued a quote to newsmen, "The team we Chicago Cardinals would like to beat most of all is Green Bay." A week later in Portland, where the Cards were to play the LA Rams, Stydahar told newsmen, "The team we like to beat most of all is Los Angeles." Not so dumb, that boy. . . . And by the way, what happened to all the feuding and fighting Stydahar was supposed to do with LA Coach Hampton Pool during and after the Portland game? Betcha it was done in a hotel room after the clash, with cocktail glasses at three paces as the weapons.

The Seattle Rainiers must like the way in which Dewey Soriano dresses, or combs his hair. They certainly couldn't have brought him up as their new GM on the basis of his recent operation at Vancouver. His Caps didn't win either half of the pennant race, and (get this) drew only 70,000 for the season, almost 15,000 less than we did here. Vancouver is a city with a population of well over half-a-million folks, you'll remember. We predicted when Soriano landed the Vancouver job that it was merely a stepping stone for him—that the parent Seattlees were actually grooming their fair-haired boy for the varsity berth one day. We didn't expect the day to get here so soon, however. . . .

Silverton Eleven Boasts Fine Record

One of the best win records among the high school football teams is owned by Murl Anderson's Silvertons. They've lost but once in their last 16 trips, over a span of three seasons. That lone setback to Mt. Angel last season, cost the Foxes the Willamette Valley League title. Speaking of the preppers, it's too early to tell if the village Vikings are in the have or have-not class this semester. Neither Cleveland of Portland (Sacked 21-0 by Lee Gustafson & Co.) or Astoria (bombaraded 40-0) are indexed at toughies. The big tests will be against Stan Czech's Albany Bulldogs, Dick Twenge's Corvallis Spartans and Bud Robertson's Eugene Axemen. The Albany crew plays Salem at Waters Field next Friday night, and what to expect of the Vikings for the balance of the season can be gleaned from the outcome of that clash. . . . Leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to beat Notre Dame next Saturday, the U of Oklahoma has even turned to a plea to Soomers rooters, via radio, to pitch in and help. We happened to pick up Station KOMA in Oklahoma on our car radio the other night, and the announcer gave with a spiel: "All you football fans in Oklahoma be sure to write a letter or card to the Soomers team, letting the boys know how much you want to see them beat Notre Dame."

Dandoy Sparks Trojans' 29-13 Win Over Cougars

By JERRY O'BRIEN
PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Aramis Dandoy, a fancy stepping halfback who ran 91 yards for one touchdown and engineered two others, led Southern California to a 29-13 victory over Washington State Saturday.
Dandoy was the workhorse all afternoon for the Trojans and WSC had nothing to match him or catch him.
The 20-year old junior from Torrance, Calif., was terrific. He was on the throwing end of the USC passing game but it was his running that had the Cougars in the hole all day.
Linden Crow, USC's right halfback, went 68 yards for the second Trojan touchdown in the opening quarter after Dandoy had sparked the first 46-yard march.
The Cougars thrilled a crowd of some 19,000 with a first period threat but fought a losing cause the rest of the way.
Bob Burkhardt, WSC's fine quarterback, hit big Howard McCants on a 57-yard passing play in the

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Viks, N-Bend, Rams Look Good; Medford Upset

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
North Bend and Central Catholic of Portland, two of the early season favorites in Oregon high school football, came through with walloping victories in weekend games while Medford was an upset victim.
Little Crater High of Central Point surprised the favored Medford team, nailing out a 20-14 decision in a non-district game.
North Bend's win over redoubtable Grants Pass, 42-20, also was a non-district game that had only prestige at stake. Both have been mentioned prominently as possible state champions.
The defending class 1-A champ, Central Catholic, powered past Milwaukie, 27-0, in a district contest.
Among other likely 1-A teams Salem sank Astoria, 40-0; Marshfield crushed Cottage Grove, 32-2; Eugene defeated Springfield, 19-6; Lebanon downed Albany, 25-18; The Dallas got past Milton-Freewater, 6-0; La Grande trimmed Baker, 19-6; Corvallis, defeated Bend, 20-6; and Klamath Falls beat Roseburg, 24-0.
In class 2-A a highly rated Ashland team defeated Wy-East, 21-0, in a non-district contest.
In other top 2-A games Burns downed Madras, 27-13; Rainier defeated Seaside, 18-13; St. Helens trimmed Vernonia, 21-7; Clatskanie blanked Scappoose, 19-0; Willamette outscored North Marion, 27-15; Willamette overwhelmed Elmira, 25-0; Oakridge overturned Creswell, 28-6; and Drain defeated Pleasant Hill, 20-6.

One at Waters Field . . .

Grid Jamborees on Tap For Two Loops Tuesday

Football jamborees take over the sport spotlight on two fronts Tuesday night, as a pair of leagues merge their respective personnel for as many colorful grid parties.
The Capitol League is to hold its "jam" at Waters Field Tuesday at 8 p.m., with Sacred Heart Academy, Salem Academy, Philomath, Cascoe Union, Central Union and Stayton taking part. They will play three 20-minute games on a "North vs. South" basis, with Stayton and the two Academy outfits making up the "North" side.

18-Foot Putt Gives Littler Amateur Title

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Gene Alec Littler, a taciturn Navy airman from La Jolla, Calif., who never had a golf lesson in his life, won the 53rd National Amateur Championship Saturday by sinking an 18-foot birdie putt on the final green for a 1-up victory over Dale Morey of Indianapolis.
There have been few more dramatic finishes in this aged fairway event than the one provided for a tense gallery of 4,000 at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club.
Apparently hopelessly beaten after his game had collapsed on the first nine holes of the afternoon, the steel-eyed, leathery Morey rallied his nerves and his shots for a finish that almost overtook the highly favored youngster from the West Coast.
At 23, Littler, who has 15 months more to serve in his four-year Navy hitch, is one of the youngest ever to win this championship.
Francis Ouimet was 21 when he won back in 1914. Bobby Jones won his first of five crowns at 21 in 1924 and Billy Maxwell was the same age when he triumphed at Saucon Valley, Bethlehem, Pa., two years ago.

Cards Ragged As COP Wins

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Independent College of the Pacific scored twice in the second period, once in the third and once in the fourth to upset Stanford Saturday 25-20 in a football season opener witnessed by 16,000 fans.
COP's running attack consistently cracked Stanford's line and quarterback Roy Otson passed for big gains. Stanford, regarded as a potential Pacific Coast Conference "sleeper," was hurt by sloppy tackling, missed blocks and a spotty offensive effort.

Davidson Big Cal Headache

By RUSS NEWLAND
BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Led by their iron man quarterback, Cotton Davidson, who directed the attack for 59½ minutes, the Baylor Bears pounded out a 25-0 victory over the California Bears in an inter-sectional football opener here Saturday.
A crowd of 34,000 saw the hard-hitting team from the Southwest Conference outplay and outmaneuver its Pacific Coast foe in the first grid rivalry between the two schools.
Baylor scored in every quarter, combining a pulverizing ground attack with sharp aerial thrusts.

'Dancer' Gets Rest

NEW YORK (AP) — Native Dancer was retired for the year Saturday by Alfred Vanderbilt, his millionaire sportsman owner, knocking out any chance that the grey 3-year-old champion ever would meet the king of the handicap horses, Tom Fool.
Bruises which appeared in the Dancer's left forefoot after he won the \$100,000 American Derby at Chicago's Washington Park Aug. 22 have failed to heal.

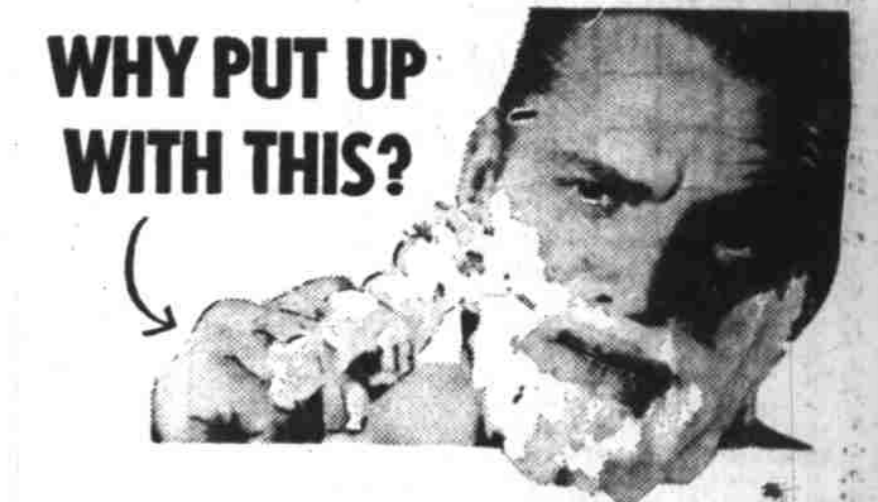
Triple Tag Team Clash At Armory on Tuesday

A triple tag team match, the first of its kind in Salem ring history, highlights Matchmaker Elton Owen's wrestling card at the Armory Tuesday night. Two prelims, first of which will get the show under way at 8:30 o'clock, also are on the Tuesday ticket.

Actually the big tag teamer is a couple of sizzling rematches rolled into one all-out sortie. Last week the regular tag teams of Johnny Henning and Luther Lindsey, and Red Vagnone and Irish Jack O'Riley produced a whizzer that ended in an uproar and a reversed decision after foul play by culprit Vagnone and O'Riley. Owen was certain he would rematch the two teams.
Then when Tony Ross and Eric Pederson also turned the packed premises topsy-turvy in their feud, won by Ross even though he had to be carried to the dressing room, the matchmaker was sure he wanted a rematch here too.

So he came upon the idea of putting 'em all on together, three on a side. Ross joins the Henning-Lindsey team, Pederson the Vagnone-O'Riley clique. Along with other various and sundries, all of which should be on the warm side, it will be the first opportunity for local fans to see the powerful Lindsey in the same ring with equally strong Pederson.
In Tuesday's opener Victorio Ochoa will tangle with rought Paul DeGalle. The second prelim will have the fireballish Danno McDonald opposing Greg Jarque.
There will be two referees in the ring at all times during the main event scramble—for obvious reason, it'll be wild.
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