

SPORTS LIGHTNER

This, that, etc.
The team that failed to win a basketball game all of last season may be the one to beat for the Capitol League title this trip. Warren Schue's Central Hi Panthers have half a dozen lettermen and a promising transfer in tow, and all insist this will be their year.

Speaking of prep basketballers, Gordy Kunkle at Dallas is having a time of it with his Dragons during their practice sessions. The kids are about to move into their new gym, a glittering and spacious edifice which will seat around 2,200. And so enthused are they over it that they don't want to even run through their practice chores in the old arena, the infamous "Black Hole." Kunkle believes the home opener with Stayton on December 15 will be pitched in the new gym, which should make for a big day of rejoicing in the Polk County seat. They've been after a new gym for years at Dallas, and their dreams of same are about to come true. So enthused over the forthcoming WIL campaign are the natives of far-off Edmonton, that the city council there has appropriated no less than \$165,000 out of its general fund for the construction of roofing over the ball park stands. The Eskies had a big season in '53, their first in the league. They intend making '54 even bigger, and the covered stands will help tremendously. You'll recall that Edmonton led the WIL in 1953 attendance, despite the roofless stands, an overdose of rainfall and some mighty frigid evenings. . . . Both Frank Evans and Brownie Valdez, two of the better bowlers in the village, are branching out this winter. They've joined the Salem Basketball Officials Association and will be doing some of the whistle-toting in the various prep games hereabouts. Noted softball pitcher Jim Rawlins is another who has taken to the striped-shirt activity.



HUB KITTLE
A colorful character.

This Could Be Big Month for the Beavers

Whether the Oregon State Beavers and their "Taller Firs" lineup are to be recognized solidly in the forthcoming Associated Press basketball polls for the nation's collegiate quints should be determined this month. The OSCs play NCAA defending champion Indiana in a couple of games later in the month, and the Hoosiers, who didn't lose a single regular during their great season of last season, are picked to again win the Big Ten and NCAA titles. If Slats Gill's gang can handle them sufficiently in their upcoming series, the Beavers will gain much national recognition.

Also, the Staters have quite an impressive jaunt to the east following the Indiana series. They play Ohio State at Columbus before going on to Raleigh, N. C., for the Dixie Tournament, a conclave that will see a goodly share of top eastern and southern cage squads competing.

So it could amount to a mighty big month for the O-Staters; one that will either earn them the stamp of national prominence, or one that will find them not quite up to such a par. Gill himself doesn't believe this will be the big year for the Beavers. He's pointing to one year hence, feeling that will be the real biggie.

Yakima's revitalized Bears are hoping to land Hub Kittle, the colorful, terbacery-chavin' pitcher of the WI League's yesteryear as their new manager, replacing Walt Novick. But the Bears are apt to find Kittle a rather exclusive item. Since he joined the Phillies' organization Kittle has won four pennants in five seasons, in the Far West, Pioneer and Three-I leagues.

Who Can Ever Forget Colorful Mr. Kittle?

The old righthander may never return to this circuit, but he'll always have a private niche for himself in it as one of its most colorful characters as well as capable pitchers. Who can ever forget the accusations, rows and suspensions Kittle was involved in while flinging for the old Bremerton club? Everyone in the circuit other than the Bremertons themselves were convinced that Hub's pet fork-ball pitch was in reality a combination of a spitter, a "shine" ball and a serve that was well juiced with slippery elm. It did too many tricks between the time it left Hub's fingers until it plopped into the catcher's mitt to be legal. All were certain of that.

It got so bad that umpires were instructed by Boss Bob Abel to give the hurler the heave-ho even if he stopped between pitches to wipe the perspiration from his brow with his right hand. It was just one big argument after another whenever he pitched.

And all the while he laughed heartily to himself. Kittle vowed that he never really cheated in his life as a pitcher. But he was content to have everyone believe that he did. It gave him a real pitching weapon.

"After all," he used to grin, "if the hitters think you've got a lollipop of a pitch, they're looking for it. That makes you just that much more effective with your other stuff. It's a great psychological advantage for a pitcher, and I hope they keep right on thinking I'm the biggest cheater in baseball!"

Matt Leads Sacred Heart . . .

Cardinals Beat Saints 41-29 in Cage Starter

SUBLIMITY (Special)—Leo Grosjagdes' Sacred Heart Cardinals opened the 1953 cage campaign Wednesday night with a 41-29 non-league victory over Sublimity's Saints of the Marion B League. 15 points and 10 by Forward Jim Moriarty.

Ron Bontz paced Sublimity with 12 markers.

Sacred Heart held an 11-4 margin at the first-quarter stop and was in front 27-12 at the half. It was 31-19 for the Cards when the third period finished.

Matt hustled in seven field goals in taking scoring honors for the night. Next high man for Sublimity was Dave Parrish with seven.

The Jayvee contest was also won by Sacred Heart (score not available).

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Lulay f 0 0 1 1	Frank f 1 0 0 2
Staab c 1 0 2 2	Parrish c 2 3 0 7
Matt g 1 1 1 5	V. Row # 0 0 0 0
Fwood g 1 1 0 3	Kintz g 1 0 0 2
Endres f 2 0 0 0	Weller f 2 0 0 2
Barr f 2 0 0 4	Sullivan f 0 0 0 0
Sbery f 2 0 0 3	L. Reis g 0 0 0 0
Joseph g 0 0 0 0	Lewis c 0 0 0 0
O'Con g 0 0 0 0	Beil g 0 0 0 0

Totals 19 3 9 41 Totals 11 7 4 29
Sacred Hearts 12 17 11 31
Sublimity 4 12 19 29
Officials Zito and Ireland.

The B. F. Whitakers' racing stable will return to Hialeah this winter for the first time since World War II. Heading their lineup is Grear Queen, champion filly of the year.

DUCK PINS

Commercial League results last night at B and B Bowling courts: Ramages 3, Rosebraugh Furnaces 1; Lana Tavern 3, Blue Lake 1; GMC Trucks 4, Portland Road 1; Rickford 0; Erickson's Market 3, Ohm-wrt and Calabal; B & B Wholesale 3, Mick's Sign Shop 1; B & R Wholesale led the team scoring with a 214 series and 765 game. Harold Johnson of B & R and Herb Neinst of Mick's shared high series with 503 each, while Neinst had top game with 217.

Bearcat Cagers to Open Campaign Here Tonight

Preps Wait Heavy Cage Slate This Weekend

High school basketball teams of the valley area soar into the first heavy weekend of play for the infant season Friday and Saturday nights, with three local games and two jamborees sharing the spotlight.

Salem's Vikings commence their schedule at the Vik Villa, with Roosevelt or Portland providing the opposition. Both Sacred Heart Academy and Salem Academy have home assignments also. SHAA playing the St. Francis of Eugene quint at the Armory Friday night, and Salem Academy playing host to the

Gervais Cougars in the Crusaders' West Salem Gym the same night.

The jamborees will take place at Willamette University Saturday night, and at Sweet Home Friday night. In the former, the 10 Marion County B. League teams will convene for their annual frolic, starting at 7:30 p.m. At Sweet Home, the Huskies will be the host team for a conclave featuring the Corvallis, Albany and Lebanon squads.

Falls City is to play in a jamboree at Alsea Friday night also.

Other Friday night prep games have the Chemawa Indians engaged at Colton, Canby at Jefferson, Sher at Philomath, Central Hi at Sheridan, North Marion at Woodburn, Banks at Nestucca, Dallas at Stayton, and Cascade Union at Silverton. None are league games.

On Saturday night, Amity opens its schedule at Perrydale. All games other than those booked for the various jamborees will carry Bee team prelims starting around 6:30 p.m. The collegiates will be busy during the weekend also. Willamette plays the U of Hawaii here tonight, and the St. Martin's Rangers Friday night. Oregon State takes on the Hawaii Rainbows Friday and Saturday nights at Corvallis, and Oregon is host to San Jose State the same two nights. OCE has a Saturday night date with Linfield at Monmouth, and on Friday night the Linfields play Clark College at McMinnville. Lewis & Clark plays St. Martin's at Portland Saturday night, and Pacific University goes against Portland State, at Portland, Saturday night also.

New Bearcat Hawaii Outfit WU Gym Foe

St. Martin Team Here For Friday Night Go

The Willamette University Bearcats open their 25-game basketball schedule tonight at eight o'clock with a WU Gym engagement that will also feature the University of Hawaii Rainbows.

The colorful and capable Rainbows are in this area for a series of games, and are to play the Oregon State Beavers at Corvallis Friday and Saturday nights.

Coach Johnny Lewis' Bearcats have a Friday night slated also, with the St. Martin's Rangers of Olympia, at eight o'clock in the Willamette Gym.

Coach Al Saake of the Rainbows has a veteran crew to toss at the Bearcats in tonight's commecer. They aren't especially big, in a collegiate basketball sense, but they are sharp and clever with their ball-handling and shooting.

The Rainbows are led by Center Bill Lee, a rangy 6-5 all-around star who will be remembered for his fine play against the Cats here last year in a game won by the Rainbows.

Others in the Rainbows' starting lineup are Bob Leisher (6-0) and Al Manliguis (5-11) at guards, and Fred Furukawa (6-4) and Harvey Lee (6-1) at forwards. All are veterans except Leisher, a freshman.

Lewis likely will start a unit which will consist of four lettermen and a transfer. Tom Gooding, six-foot four-inch post performer from Boise JC is the transfer, and will be flanked by 6-2 Bill Colvard and 6-4 Pete Reed at forwards, and six-footer Dick Hoy and either 5-10 Jerry McCallister or 5-9 Duane (Lefty) Shield at guards.

Reed is a made over center who played the post spot for Willamette last season. A lefthander with a fine hook shot, Reed could conceivably team with Gooding to provide a productive 1-2 punch, for Gooding can score often with a dandy right-hand hook.

Letterman Dave Gray at guard and Freshman Neil Causebie (6-7) and Jack Bishop (6-5) are sure to see action also. The height of the latter pair could be of considerable use inasmuch as they are taller than any of the Rainbows performers.

Portland Buys Walt Judnich

ATLANTA (AP)—Portland bought outfielder Walt Judnich, a left handed hitting outfielder, from Seattle Wednesday in a Pacific Coast League deal. Judnich, formerly a major leaguer, batted .298 in 1952.

Portland also released outfielder Jim Russell to enable him to take a scouting job for Brooklyn in Pennsylvania.

Players Refuse to See Frick After Legal Adviser Snubbed

By JACK HAND
ATLANTA (AP)—Major league player representatives refused Wednesday to talk business with Ford Frick after the baseball commissioner had barred their newly-elected legal adviser from the long-planned meeting on pension programs.

The 16 players, one from each big league club, formally elected J. Norman Lewis, New York attorney as their legal counsel Wednesday and then sent Ralph Kiner of the Chicago National League club, and Allie Reynolds of the New York American League team to see Frick.

Although all 16 had been invited to attend, at baseball's expense, only the two league representatives were sent to ask permission for Lewis to sit in. When Frick refused to let the lawyer come to the meeting, the players returned to their associates with the news.

The 16 players then held a three-hour session and decided not to meet with Frick under his conditions.

Frick called a press conference late in the afternoon and explained his reason for not permitting the players' attorney to attend. He said he had called an informal session and that no legalities were involved, therefore no attorneys were needed.

Frick added he had told his own attorneys they would not be permitted to attend. Frick said it is a prerogative of the commissioner to call baseball players and officials into formal sessions at any time to discuss problems which may arise.

Frick, who has been ill during his stay in Atlanta, will leave Thursday afternoon for New York with Charley Segar, secretary of baseball. There will be no further sessions with the players in Atlanta. Most of the players left

Halbrook Definite Starter . . .

Beavers to Open Cage Action This Weekend

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—(Special)—Oregon State's promising basketball squad, full of new hope and a 7-foot 3-inch center, will open the 1953-54 campaign here Friday and Saturday nights against the touring University of Hawaii Rainbows.

The Beavers have been drilling long and hard for the opener, with battles for starting positions still in full bloom. Wade "Swede" Halbrook, the 7-3 sophomore, is sure to open at center, with junior lettermen Ron Robins and Bill Toole likely regulars at guards. Robins is 5-8 and Toole 5-10.

Coach Slats Gill, now in his 26th season as OSC headman, can just about take his pick in selecting the forwards. Right now, three lettermen and a pair of sophomores have the inside track. The veterans are Tex Whiteman (6-6), Ted Romanoff (6-8) and Tony Vlastelica (6-5). Larry Paulus (6-3) and Jay Dean (6-5) are the sophomores.

Whiteman and Romanoff have best in recent practice sessions, but Vlastelica is always a great offensive threat and a proven game performer. Whiteman is a tireless worker and excels in backboard play. Paulus and Dean need only experience to improve.

From all indications, the Hawaii quint is considerably stronger than the club which laced the Beavers over in Honolulu last March. Spearheading the Rainbow attack is Bill Lee, a 6-5 three-year letterman forward. Other vets include Fred Furukawa, Harvey Lee, Larry Leolunui, Albert Monliquis, Truman Bruce and Walter Tagmuna. Their coach is Alvin Saake.

Barton Named Bronco Skipper

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP)—Larry Barton, coach and first baseman for the 1953 Lewiston team of the Western International League, was named Wednesday as playing manager for the Broncs' 1954 team.

This was announced by Business Manager Tom Tabor.

Barton, 39, began his professional baseball career in 1932. He has spent ten seasons with four different clubs of the Coast League and has managed three Class C league teams, including the Pocatello 1950 club that took the Pioneer League pennant.

He played for the Spokane Indians in 1949.

Fish Regulations To Be Set Jan. 8

Oregon sport fishing regulations for 1954 will be tentatively set following a public hearing Friday, January 8, 1954, in the game commission's Portland office at S. W. 17th and Alder.

The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. and winter and summer regulations for all game fish will be covered. Persons or groups having suggestions regarding the tentative regulations should submit them to the commission in written form.

Following a two-week interval, a second public hearing will be held by the commission January 22 to set the final regulations for 1954.

Spokane Club, Phils Tie-up

SPOKANE (AP)—The Spokane Indians of the Western International League have made a working agreement with the Philadelphia club of the National League for the 1954 baseball season, owner Roy Hotchkiss reported Wednesday night.

Hotchkiss, in Atlanta, Ga., to attend the minor league conference, also said in a phone call to Spokane that the Indians will go to Bensenville, S.C., for spring training. There they will work out with Philadelphia, and Schenectady and Terre Haute, two other members of the Phillie organization.

The Indians had a limited working agreement with the Phillies last year, through Baltimore then of the International League.

Old Sheepshead Bay, N. Y., race track is now a housing project called "American Park."

Dempsey, Rich Floridan Linked

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The Daily News in a copyrighted story Tuesday said wealthy Mrs. Harmon Spencer Auguste was in New York for the announced purpose of marrying Jack Dempsey.

The former world heavyweight boxing champion was preparing to go to New York from Chicago, said the newspaper.

Mrs. Auguste said to have inherited \$35,000,000 from her late banker husband, left Palm Beach for New York Monday, said the News.

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Coyote Tackle Included . . .

AP's Little But Mighty '53 All-America Listed

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
NEW YORK (AP)—The greatest scorer of modern football and one of the slickest running halfbacks of the post-war era were named to The Associated Press' Little All-America Wednesday.

Leo Lewis of Lincoln University at Jefferson City, Mo., is the great scorer. In three seasons of collegiate football he has crossed the goal line 53 times. He is the nation's leading point-maker this season with 132 points.

The smooth striding halfback is Hugh Laurin Pepper of Mississippi Southern, whose team opened its schedule by defeating Alabama and then closed it by blanking Georgia and downing Chattanooga.

Paired with these stalwarts is Pence Dacus of Southwest Texas State, by statistics the nation's best passer; and Richard Woot of Arkansas State, whose team plays in the Tangerine Bowl on New Year's Day.

Nine Seniors
Nine seniors and two juniors make up the 1953 Little All-America. It probably is the greatest collection of stars ever to win the award. The honored players represent teams that won 89 of 96 games during the season.

Center of the first team's line that averages 210 pounds is Stan Sheriff, who paced California Poly to an unbeaten season. His club scored 400 points and gave up only 65. Sheriff already is the property of the Detroit Lions, who drafted him a year ago.

Robert Lade of Peru, Neb., Teachers, is one of the tackles and the only repeater from the 1952 team. At the other tackle is Norman Hayes of the College of Idaho. Both of their teams were unbeaten during the campaign: The College of Idaho, however, tackles Sam Houston State in the Refrigerator Bowl.

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Hawaii Quint To Be Feted

The University of Hawaii Rainbows and Coach Al Saake will be the honored guests this morning during the Salem Breakfast Club meeting at the Senator Hotel. Meeting time is 7:30 a.m., and the event is open to the public.

The weekly meeting of the sports - boosting organization was delayed this week so as to coincide with the visit of the Rainbows. The Hawaiians open a long stateside basketball tour at Willamette University tonight, playing the Bearcats at eight o'clock.

They play the Oregon State Beavers at Corvallis Friday and Saturday nights.

Breakfast Club officials are hoping for an exceptionally large turnout this morning, so that the Island visitors can be properly welcomed to Salem. Saake will introduce his 14-man squad and will talk on sports in his native Hawaii.

Numerous Willamette officials will be present also.

Brown Elected Walton Head

ROBERT E. BROWN was named president of the Salem chapter of the Izaak Walton League at the annual election held in the organization's clubhouse Wednesday night. The main speaker of the evening was Statesman Outdoor Editor Don Harger, who spoke on steelhead fishing.

Other officers named for the coming year: Vice-president — Leighton Whitsett; secretary — Paul Nicholson; treasurer — Monroe Cheek; directors — Jack Walter and George Sorenson.

Yak Officials To Be Named

YAKIMA (AP)—Directors for the Western International League Yakima Bears baseball club will be nominated Thursday night. A nominating committee was chosen at a meeting of stockholders earlier this week.

The club is to take the Bears off the hands of Frederick Merz Jr. Authorization was announced by Orin E. (Babe) Hollingbery who said that \$21,380 in stock had been sold during the "Save the Bears" campaign. That was \$1,380 more than needed to make the purchase from Merz.

The campaign to sell stock will continue, as at least \$10,000 more will be needed for club operation.

ATOMIC TRAINS

DALLAS, Tex. (INS)—The Association of American Railroads is working on an atomic-powered locomotive but says the atomic-powered train is still a long way off. Col. R. S. Henry, a vice president of the association, said the association has one of its scientists working with the atomic energy commission on plans for the locomotive.

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