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Snead Edges Hogan in Masters Golf Playoff

Ben Defeated By One Stroke

Third Tourney Nod For Slammin' Sam

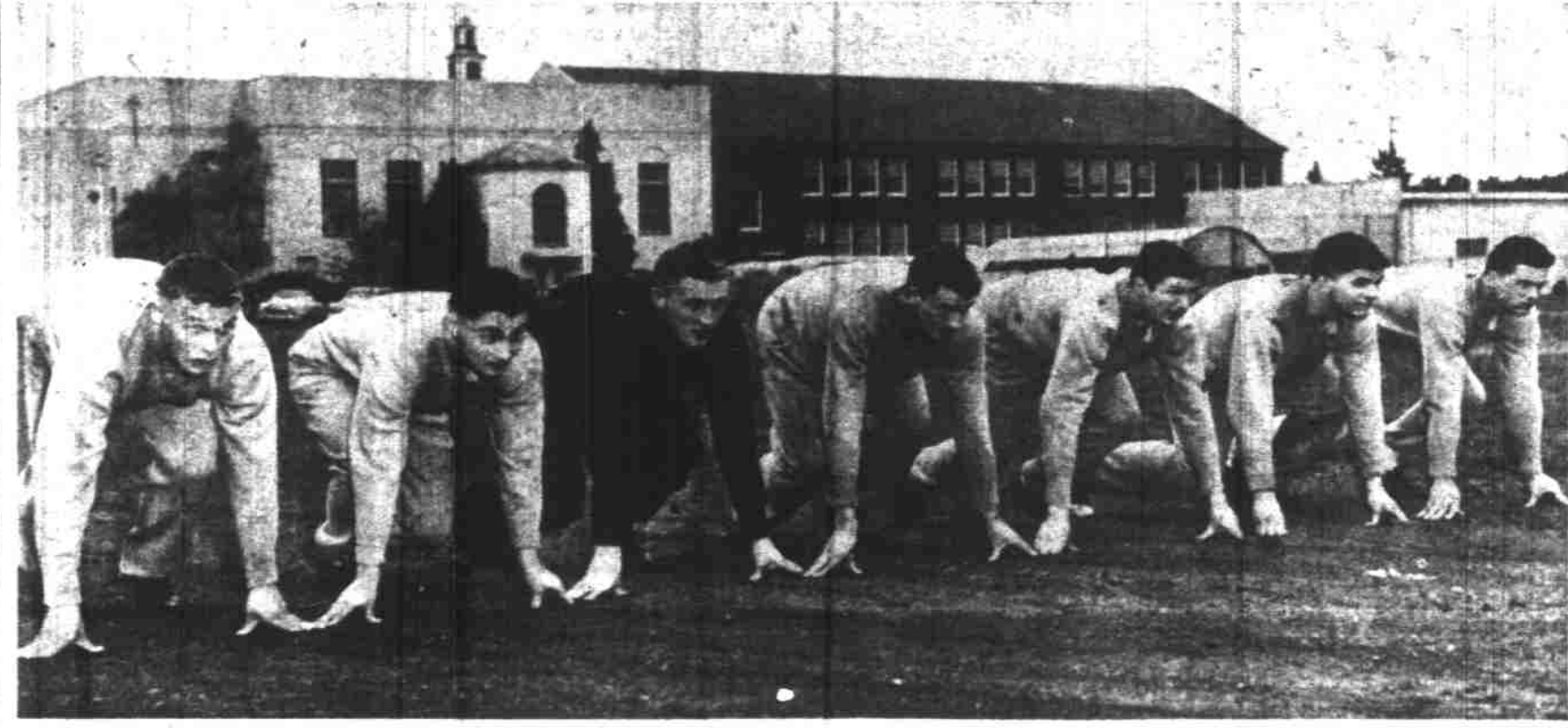
By HUGH FULLERTON JR.
AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Sam Snead gambled with the "Graveyard of the Masters," the tortuous 13th hole, and beat Ben Hogan by a stroke in an 18-hole playoff for the Masters golf title Monday.

Snead won by a score of 70 to Hogan's 71 in a duel that carried right up to the final green. They had finished the regulation 72 holes Sunday with scores of 289, highest ever to win a Masters tournament.

The victory made Snead the second man ever to win the Masters three times, putting him even with Jimmy Demaret. And it deprived Hogan of the same honor and preserved the tradition that no Masters champion ever repeats the next year.

Hogan had won last year with a record 274 score and before that in 1951. Snead's previous victories had come in 1949 and 1952. Demaret, completing his triple in 1950, was the only player to break (Cont'd on page 2)

Playing New Role This Spring for Salem Vikings



These seven Salem High athletes, all members of the crack football team last fall, are now point-getters for Coach Vern Gilmore's track squad which today meets Lebanon High on Olinger Field at 3:15 p.m. From left to right are Terry Salisbury, Ken Rawlings, Neal Scheidel, Jim Anderson, Del Funk, Jim Person and Ray Taylor. All but Person and Taylor are sprinters. Those two handle the weights. Most of the names were synonymous with grid points during the '53 campaign.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

This, that, etc.: So impressive was Mel Krause in his Sunday tryout in the Silverton game, that the Senators up and signed him. The former U of Oregon basketballer is as strong as garlic breath, can run, has a fine arm, is an all-out hustler and looks as if he knows what the bat is for. He's been a semi-pro stand-out in the fast "Sawdust" League of Southwest Oregon, and both Mgr. Storey and Generalissimo Luby feel that he's good enough to be a WIL regular.



MEL KRAUSE Senators sign him.

Dean, to name three. But the lad who made the wise old baseball men's eyes bug Saturday (same inclusion) Dodgers Scout Sylvester Johnson and former Senators Mgr. Jack Willson was a big, raw-boned sophomore named Joe Kennedy, from Mt. Vernon, Wash. He started to heat up on the sidelines in the ninth when the Senators launched a rally. His free-wheeling, yet overpowering style, plus what looked like a smoking fast ball had the oldtimers forgetting all about the ball game. They wanted to know who, how old, and where from pronto. The kid is 19, stands at 6-2 and has 195 pounds very well proportioned. . . . Former Senators slugger Dick Sinovic didn't make the Milwaukee varsity this spring as hoped. He's been optioned out to the Braves' Toledo club. But said Braves still feel that the onetime Rousing Richard of Waters Field will one day be a regular outfielder with them. . . . Ballplayers are among the elite when it comes to passing off wise cracks, a known fact. And the Senators' aspirant who passed this one off the other afternoon is a paid-up member. Noting that Mgr. Storey was forced to play a catcher in left field and an infielder in right, the boy dryly remarked, "They can smuggle dope into this country, but we can't get a ballplayer out of Cuba." . . .

These Are Painless Days for the Beavers

It's not hard to imagine that the gents who run the Portland Beavers are feeling no pain these early days of the PCL race. Not with the way their pets have been behaving. It's safe to say that many a one of 'em—including Manager Clay Hooper—expected the club to do much. (Continued on next page)

Nasties Are in For It . . .

Gomez, Henning After Mat Tag Win Tonight

The tag team combo of Pepper Gomez and Johnny Henning take on nasties Kurt von Poppenheim and Tommy Martindale tonight in Matchmaker Elton Owen's wrestling feature at the Armory. And if the former tandem has its way about things, they'll be mighty rough for the culprit side of the action.

A battle with Northwest tag team champs George Dusette and Luther Lindsey has been promised the winner of the scrap, which is reason enough for both sides to cut loose to the limit. But the participants in this evening's scuffle won't have that alone in mind.

It was only last week that Gomez lost, via disqualification, to von Poppenheim when Henning jumped into the ring to help the Pepper Pot out during a hectic moment in that main event. The week before, Gomez was given a referee's decision over Martindale. All of which has made both "Poppy" and his partner.

It should be a dilly of a tag scrap," Owen assures. The matchmaker has lined up one of the best looking supporting cards he's had in months. In the opening mix, a single-faller at 8:30 o'clock, Indiana Buck Weaver, the popular and balding Mr. Trickster himself, makes a return to local action against Con Bruno, a squat tuff who also goes by the name "Mr. Five-by-Five." He's a topnotcher from Calgary and produces plenty of action. The special event, a 2-of-3 fall-



GEORGE DUSETTE He's in special event.

Storey, Luby Talk at B-Club . . .

Senators Play Rooks Today; Krause Signed

By AL LIGHTNER
Statesman Sports Editor

The town Senators were back at their Waters Field practice labors Monday, following the 11-1 spring camp victory over the Silverton Red Sox Sunday. Both Manager Harvey Storey and General Manager Hugh Luby got an early start Monday by appearing before the weekly meeting of the Breakfast Club, and later announced that Mel Krause, the former University of Oregon basketball captain and baseball pitcher has been signed to a contract.

Krause played with the Salems Sunday against Silverton, got three hits and impressed with his defensive ability. He's 24, stands at 5-11 and weighs a solid 180. He's the prep cage coach who recently switched from Willamette High in Eugene to the Portland system, and has been a star in the fast Southwest Oregon "Sawdust" circuit the past couple of years as an infielder.

"He can play anything and play it well," Storey told Monday. "I think he's quite a prospect and I've been keeping an eye on him for a couple of years." Krause will of course not be available for full-scale duties until the school term is over in June. But he will be with the Senators for all home games.

Central Cops Oval Victory

MONMOUTH (Special)—Central Hi scored 81 points here Monday to win a four-way track and field meet with Willamina, Dallas and Sheridan. Willamina had 46 1/2 points, Dallas and Sheridan 3 1/2.

Don Owens with 22 1/2 points and Larry Johnson with 15 1/2 paced the victors. Baker scored 10 for Willamina and Harold Holdorf netted nine for Dallas. Event winners were as follows:

High hurdles: Johnson (C) in 18.4; 100-yd. dash: Owens (C) in 11.1; Mile run: Fowler (W) in 5:02.4; 440-yd. dash: Owens (C) in 38.5; Long hurdles: Johnson (C) in 24.5; 220-yd. dash: Owens (C) in 26.0; 880-yd. run: Alisp (C) in 2:14; Shotput: Alisp (C) in 38' 3"; Discus: Fratzke (C) in 110' 3"; Javelin: Stephens (D) at 150' 1"; Pole vault: Baker (S) and Holdorf (D) tie at 5' 6"; High jump: Baker (W) and Holdorf (D) tie at 5' 5"; Broad jump: Owens (C) at 19' 3 1/2"; Relay won by Central (Owens, Snyder, Layton, Johnson) in 1:44.2.

Brones Clout Easy Victory

LEWISTON, Idaho (Special)—Vancouver of the Western International League swamped the Pioneer League Pocatello Bannocks 12-1 in exhibition baseball here Monday.

Bill Brenner, the Vancouver manager, gave up nine hits but kept them spaced except for the first inning when Pocatello scored its only run.

Al Torres pitched all nine innings for Pocatello and was hit hard from the fourth on. Nick Pesut got three hits in five times at bat for the winners. Brenner, with a two-run double in the ninth, went two for five along with Ellis Dougherty.

Vancouver 001 021 116—12 11 0 Pocatello 100 000 001 1 9 6 Brenner and Pesut; Torres and Montgomery.

DOWLING SCORES

Ladies Minor League—U-Bowl PAYLESS DRUGS (1)—D. Valdez 378, Hills 294, N. Valdez 300, W. Valdez 419, WESTERN PAPER (3) Kirby 463, Hall 308, Cogswell 330, Bjland 336.

JOHNSON'S (1) Reinke 438, Sheldon 384, Nicholls 354, Lance 335, KRIS (2) Morley 408, McMus 337, Moen 424, Smith 479.

MOORE BUS FORMS (3) Mulcahy 397, Strader 408, Wilcox 341, Case 342, MEADOWS REST. (1) Eckstrom 350, Furrer 368, Arnold 347, Arthur 420.

SALEM BUILDERS SUPPLY (1) Curtis 401, Keene 383, Fredrick 378, Coon 412, NEHI (3) V. Gannon 367, Allen 400, J. Gannon 357, Eldred 407.

High team game, Nehl, 437; high team series, Krebs, 1648; high ind. game, Jo Gannon of Nehl, 264; high ind. game, Carol Smith of Krebs, 479.

Capital Alley—Commercial No. 1 LANA AVENUE SERVICE (3)—R. Gunn 55, K. Nelson 545, J. Doerfler 521, Barber, W. K. Hays 362, FARRIN' REAMERY (1)—M. Allen 526, W. Peizer 348, L. Davensport 417, K. Kenyon 453, King 462.

RAWLINSONS LAUNDRY (3)—D. Ringland 493, W. Spriggs 601, W. English 463, H. Gustafson 509, R. Mettler 523, NICKS INN (1)—B. Wild 482, T. Gannon 494, E. Ryan 494, Hartman 506, W. Miller 547.

ORVALS USED CARS (3)—S. Kichen 558, W. McClary 551, O. Lama 554, H. Wilkerson 554, W. Chne Jr. 547, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (1)—L. Kouturey 442, T. Biegler 494, H. G. Benton 571.

McQueen 557, M. Artz 488, B. Biegler 514.

STARR FOODS (3)—G. Lengren 509, B. Duffus 506, H. Nichols 492, B. Langhoff 547, Sheldon 459.

NICHOLSONS INSURANCE (1)—F. Bolton 531, W. Gardner 506, B. Eberstedt 483, M. Cady 511, D. Cushman 482.

JAYSONS CLOTHIERS (2)—T. Brennan 589, H. Haugen 513, J. Lebold 432, T. Gannon 494, E. Ryan 473, GOLDIES OF SILVERTON (2)—C. Herr 511, F. Frank 495, C. Howell 481, H. G. Benton 571.

Hi-h team game and series, Lana Avenue, 904 and 3003. High ind. game, John Doerfler of Lana Avenue, 285. High ind. series, Clay Foreman of Woodruff Furniture, 608.

Kegler Fires Sizzling 299 In ABC Meet

SEATTLE (AP)—A stubborn No. 7 pin that wavered momentarily but refused to go down Monday kept Dale Carter of Bremerton, Wash., from becoming the 14th man in American Bowling Congress history to roll a 300 game.

Although Carter failed to make the perfect game ranks, his 299, first of this year's 51st tournament, was only the 15th of its kind rolled in the world series of bowling.

Carter, a 27-year-old Bremerton roofer, would have been the second man of the 1954 tourney to hit a perfect. Tony Sparando of Rego Park, N.Y., turned the trick March 31.

Despite his 299 first game score, Carter failed to crack the top 10 in singles as three afternoon sessions passed without any changes in doubles, singles or all-events.

Carter slipped to 205 in his second game and tumbled down to 171 in his third try.

Leslie Relays Team Winner

Leslie Junior High's varsity relays team Monday downed West Salem 25-10 in a meet at Leslie, but the Giants copped both the 8th and 7th grade portions of the outing by 30-5 and 20-5 scores.

One city relays record was topped by Leslie's broad-jumping trio of Foxley, Bacon and Blasco. They aggregated a 53' 5 1/2" mark, topping the old mark by one-fourth of an inch. Monday's varsity winners:

220-yd. relay: Leslie (Rawlings, French, Gates, Bacon) in 25.3; 440-yd. relay: Leslie (Rawlings, Thompson, Robinson, Gessner) in 50.8; 880-yd. relay: West Salem (Miller, Rivett, Moore, Scott) in 1:45.2; Medley relay: Leslie (Thompson, Bacon, Gates, Blasco) in 4:09.7; Shot put relay: Leslie (Robinson, Thompson, Blasco) at 124' 6"; Broad jump relay: Leslie (Foxley, Bacon, Blasco) at 33' 5 1/2"; New city relays record. High jump relay: West Salem (Scott, Sellers, Moore) at 14' 1 1/2".

Trojan Football Ace in Smashup

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Tom Nickoloff, 21, an outstanding end on the University of Southern California football squad last season, was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Palm Springs Saturday night.

Nickoloff, a senior, has been drafted by the Los Angeles Rams pro football club. A spokesman for the Rams said they were informed Nickoloff suffered a fractured leg and a concussion.

A physician said Nickoloff's condition was critical. Nickoloff, accompanied by Ed Fouch, another SC football player, hit a bridge abutment. Fouch suffered only a few scratches.

Cascade Blanks Philomath Nine CASCADE UNION HIGH SCHOOL (Special)—Cascade blanked Philomath 6-0 Monday in their Capital League baseball opener here, scoring all six runs in the fifth inning. Jerry Pfing and Harold Bitterman combined to hurl three-hit ball for the winners.

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George Hurls One-Hitter . . .

Bearcats Open League Play With 9-0 Victory

The Willamette Bearcats got their Northwest Conference baseball schedule off with a spectacular bang Monday by blanking the Pacific University Badgers 9-0 on the flossy one-hit hurling of vet-

George Francis, who pitched a double. The clash, played at Forest Grove in the rain, saw George fan eight and walk four. His mates got him off to a fine start by scoring a run in the first inning and three more in the second. Two additional tallies in the fourth and three more in the seventh completed the scoring for Coach Johnny Lewis' Cats.

Willamette pounded out 12 hits all told, and six Badger errors were tossed in also, making it easier for the Bearcats. Three of Lewis' freshmen—Terry Zieglman, Harvey Neffendorf and Gary Shugarts—were the batting stars for the game, getting seven of the 12 bingles. Shugarts had three.

Zieglman's double, followed by some poor Pacific defense, netted the first run. George's single was the telling wallop in the three-run second, and Zieglman, Pete Reed and Neffendorf delivered hits in the fourth for those two runs. Reed slammed out a two-run bingle in the seventh to wind up with three RBIs for the contest.

The Bearcats gave George some fine support, making but one error in the sluggish going. Willamette (9) (0) Pacific BHOA Randedl 4 0 0 0 0 Zieglman 2 5 2 0 2 Gehris 3 0 0 2 1 Nelson 1 1 0 3 0 Bryson 2 0 0 1 1 Shugarts 1 5 3 2 0 Olson 4 0 1 0 1 Reed 1 5 2 1 0 Kemp 2 4 0 1 2 Patton 5 1 6 1 0 Ross 3 1 0 2 2 Neffendorf 3 4 2 1 0 Adams 3 0 1 0 2 Scott 3 0 0 0 0 Cronin 2 0 0 0 0 Sherman 3 0 1 0 0 W'man 2 0 0 0 0 George 4 1 0 3 0 Muto 1 0 1 0 1 Burgess 1 0 0 0 0 Coker 1 0 0 0 0 Hays 1 0 1 0 0 Gusk 1 0 0 0 0 McClister 0 0 0 0 0 Munz 1 0 0 0 0

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Pitching Summary:

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Ross	7	36	11	9 4 6 6
Murotomoto	7	26	7	2 2 1
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Silverton Takes Win Over Tribe

SILVERTON (Special)—The Silverton Foxes took a 6-1 Willamette Valley League baseball win over Molalla here Monday, with Larry Coppie both hurling the triumph and adding two telling hits. The Foxes scored four times in the fifth for the victory, on hits by John McGee, Jim Black, Dick Pasley and Clyde Kuensky.

It was the first league game for each team. Mollala 000 100—1 7 2 Silverton 010 041 X—6 7 1 Debrates and Durand; Coppie and Umbenhower.

Vandals Mentor Sees Progress

SPOKANE (AP)—Coach Skip Stahley, in a jocular mood, forecast Monday a 100 per cent improvement next fall in University of Idaho football. "We ought to win two games."

The Vandals won only one last year. Stahley was here for a Spokane sportswriters' luncheon and he talked on problems, pessimism and practice to date. Then he hustled back to Moscow for one of the two spring drills left.

For problems, Stahley cited a great lack of speed and depth, and said the material on the whole is pretty green.

Today's Pitchers

NEW YORK (AP)—Probable pitchers, attendance and weather outlook for Tuesday's major league opening games: Last year's win and lost records in parentheses; all times Eastern standard.

National League
Brooklyn at New York—1:30 p.m.—Eckman (23-4) vs. Mastie (8-9), 35,000, fair and cool.
Milwaukee at Cincinnati—2:30 p.m.—Buhl (13-8) vs. Podbielniak (6-16), 20,000, cloudy.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh—1:30 p.m.—Roberts (23-16) vs. Friend (8-11), 20,000, fair and cool.
Chicago at St. Louis—3 p.m.—Minner (13-15) vs. Haddix (20-9), 18,000—threat of occasional showers.

American League
New York at Washington—3 p.m.—Ford (18-6) vs. Porterfield (22-16) or Stobbs (11-8), 35,000, sunny and cool.
Baltimore at Detroit—2 p.m.—Pillelita (7-13) or Lazen (7-12) vs. Gromek (7-9), 40,000, fair.
Cleveland at Chicago—2:30 p.m.—Wynn (17-13) vs. Pierce (18-13), 30,000, partly cloudy.
Boston at Philadelphia—2:05 p.m.—Parnell (21-8) vs. Shantz (5-9), 12,000, fair and cool.

Player Trade Causes Buzz

Ike to Toss Opening Serve at Washington

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK (AP)—The Enos Slaughter story still had baseball fans buzzing as the major leagues prepared to open the season Tuesday with a full eight-game schedule expected to draw about 215,000 fans.

Long ago the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Yankees were firmly established as pennant favorites but the trade of Slaughter to the Yanks Sunday added new spice to the conversation.

The veteran St. Louis Cardinal outfielder, who will be 38 in two weeks, probably won't be in the starting lineup when the Yanks open at Washington's Griffith Stadium in their drive toward a sixth straight pennant. But manager Casey Stengel indicated he might give the "country boy" plenty of action in right field as a reserve or a two-platoon man with Hank Bauer.

"I think we made a doggone good deal which will help us plenty at a time when we need all the help we can get," said Stengel.

The Yanks' sorry spring training record (14-19—worst in the American League), indicates they do need help although the experts pick them to repeat and the bettors make them an even money choice.

Brooklyn, regarded a shoo-in by many and 7-10 in the pre-season odds, starts its drive for a third straight National League championship at New York's Polo grounds where new manager Walter Alston will throw his "World Series" lineup against the Giants, revived by the return of Willie Mays.

With President Eisenhower primed to throw out the first ball at Washington and the weatherman forecasting generally fair weather for the big day, everything is ready for the start of another 24-week grind.

About 35 per cent of the opening day lineups will be changed from a year ago, due to trades of veterans or the advance of rookies from the minor leagues. Bobby Thomson, perhaps the most important player traded in the off season, won't be in the Milwaukee lineup because his broken ankle will keep him sidelined for many more weeks.

Among the newcomers who will be watched carefully are Henry Aaron, Thomson's left field replacement at Milwaukee; Vic Power and Spook Jacobs of the Philadelphia A's; Frank Bowling, Al Kaline and Bill Tuttle of Detroit; (Cont'd on page 2)

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