

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

Sunday sorties:
No doubt but what both Spee Keene at Oregon State and Leo Harris at Oregon are feeling rather happy these days—happy that their bids to basketballing Rio Grande College were turned down. Rio Grande, starting Bevo Francis, was offered a \$10,000 guarantee for Oregon appearances next December. The school wasn't interested. Now that Francis has been flunked out of school, the basketball team next December will have about as much crowd appeal as poison oak. Then on the other hand, pity the poor schools which have contracted Rio Grande at fat guarantees, for next season... So many requests by mat fans asking why Eric Pederson doesn't appear here that we submit the following explanation: The guy is in Maestro Elton Owen's doghouse because of repeatedly failing to show up for advertised bookings. Now en route to Hawaii for a series of appearances there, Pederson will never again wrestle for Owen until he (in the words of the matchmaker himself) "puts up \$500 as forfeit money for every one of the bookings he fails to make." I'm sick and tired of the guy's runouts and the disappointment he gives the fans, adds Mr. O. . . .



BUDDY PETERSON
Ex-Senator going great.

Outfielder Dwane Helbig, balking at reporting to the Victoria club, has returned to school at Oregon State and may not play any baseball at all this season. This also being told that Pitcher Bill Bottler, the former U of Oregon kid who also is ticketed for Victoria by Portland, doesn't want to go there and would much rather be sent to Salem. His dad is all for the idea also. Seems that those who have played at Victoria don't like that off-balance park with its poor lighting and atrociously short center field fence. . . . He hasn't told whether he'll be a pitching general manager or not, but "Kewpie Dick" Barrett, new generalissimo of the front office at Yakima has been taking his daily workouts with the club. So has H. Luby with the Senators, for that matter, despite his announced retirement. Might not be a bad bet that should things get tough for the Solons around second base, same H. Luby will once more don No. 4 for action. It's a tough disease to kill, that urge to play baseball. . . .

Former Solon Shortstops Off to Fine Start

In looking back over the years, it seems that the town Senators have always been blessed with a good shortstop. Right from the beginning in 1940, when John (Bunny) Griffith both managed and played the deep infield patch for the Salems, there has been a succession of good ones. There was Griffith, Eddie Wheeler, Wally Flager, Buddy Peterson, Richey Meyers and Gene Tansell, to name the more outstanding ones. Whether Tansell comes to terms for another season here, or whether this impressive looking kid Carl Bellotti wins the job and develops into another crack shortstop remains to be seen. But it is nice to note that two of the more recent Senator grads who played the spot have blossomed into front-liners in the neighboring Coast League. They are of course Meyers with Sacramento and Peterson with San Diego. Both are off to a rousing start this season, afield as well as at bat. And if they happen to keep it up, neither is too old to be taken aboard next season by some major league club. . . .

Sylvester Johnson Move a Puzzle

Many strange things happen in the diamond sport, most recent addition being the swapping of Enos Slaughter by the Cards to the Yankees. There have been others and there will be more. We peons will never be allotted the real reason why. In this same category is the recent switch made by Sylvester Johnson as a scout. He was for years with the New York Yankees organization, and suddenly he's with the Brooklyn Dodgers, with no explanation. Those who observe such transformation with average interest are always quick to come to their own conclusions. Most folks hereabouts feel that Sylvester Johnson Jr., son of the once famous major league righthander, is involved in the change made by papa from the Yanks to the Brooks. Anyone who has seen the Johnson kid pitch has been assured that he's a whopper of a major league mound prospect. Wise baseball men, hardened by years of experience in the game, render little other than ooohs and ahhs over his ability and future. When Sylvester Sr. was in the Yankee organization it was a foregone conclusion that the boy would eventually become a member one day, after pocketing a sizeable bonus. But something has gone amiss. Was it a squabble over bonus? Was it that the Yankees wanted to start the boy out now rather than wait out the four years he expects to attend Oregon State? Were the Yanks outbid by the Dodgers? Father Johnson doesn't say. But it will be very interesting to see just where the strong-armed kid does land in pro ranks once he's finished at Corvallis. . . .

Tuesday at Armory . . .

Seven Gladiators Set For Mat Battle Royal

Matchmaker Elton Owen Saturday named the seven gladiators who will make up the battle royal at the Armory mat Tuesday night, reminding that the winner of the melee will (1) get a \$200 purse, (2) a trophy and (3) a match the following Tuesday night with Luther Lindsey here. In the every-man-for-himself scrap, the first of its kind for the Salem ring in many months, will be the dashing Pepper Gomez and Johnny Henning, who won this week's tag team mix here. Tiger Tommy Martindale and Kurt von Poppenheim, the two culprits who lost to Gomez and Henning, Bust-in' Buck Weaver, Con (Five-by-Five) Bruno and Mexican Juan Hernandez. "It's quite a lineup as any wrestling fan will attest," Owen adds. There will be four mat nasties in the mixup, to only three of the heroic blend, Gomez, Henning and Weaver are of the latter species. The seven will go at it at 8:30 o'clock. First eliminated will be finished for the night. The next two will return for a single-fall match, as will the next pair. The final two remaining in the royal will come back to wrestle off the main event, for the purse, trophy Lindsey date. The battle royals are usually high among the favorite types of grappling for the fans, and Tuesday's appears to be a promising one. Tickets for the card will be on sale at Barb's Sporting Goods Store.



TOMMY MARTINDALE
"Tiger Man" on mat card.

Church Softy Play to Open

The 21 teams entered in Church Softball League play will begin action this week, with four games set Monday evening in the Junior division. The Juniors will play Monday and Wednesday evenings during the season and the Senior League's games are set for Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Olinger and Baker Fields. The Senior loop is split into "A" and "B" divisions. Monday's opening Junior slate: Calvary Baptist vs. St. Marks Lutheran, 1st Nazarene vs. 1st Congregational, 1st Baptist vs. Highland Friends, Leslie Methodist vs. Englewood EUB.

Cubs Rib Cards In 23-13 'Game'

NL's Longest Nine-Inning Contest; Garver Blanks Orioles; Chisox Win

NEW YORK (AP)—The Chicago Cubs rolled up their highest score in 32 years Saturday, winning a 23-13 marathon from the St. Louis Cardinals. The game lasted three hours and 43 minutes, five minutes more than the previous longest nine-inning game ever played in the National League. A 10-run fifth inning proved the difference as the Cubs pounded six St. Louis pitchers for 20 hits and the Cards shelled three Chicago hurlers for 15 safeties. Five homers were hit in the game, one triple and 10 doubles. There were also 21 bases on balls issued in the weird contest. Six errors were committed, five by St. Louis and three of them by third baseman Ray Jablonski. It was the most runs the Cubs have scored since they outlasted Aug. 25, 1922. In that game the Cubs came up with 14 runs in the fourth inning. The previous longest regulation game was 3-3 between Brooklyn the Philadelphia Phillies 25-23 on and New York, Sept. 6, 1952. The major league record is 3-52 set by the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees last May. Five Clubs Tied The victory, their second in three games, moved the Cubs into a five-way tie for first place. It was the third straight loss for the winless Cards. Detroit took over undisputed possession of first place in the American League as Ned Garver hurled a 1-0 victory over Joe Coleman and the Baltimore Orioles. The Tigers made only three hits to Baltimore's five but two of them came in fourth inning for their lone run. Harvey Kuenn singled, advanced to second on a walk to Ray Boone and scored on Walt Dropo's single to center. In the only other American League game, the Chicago White Sox finally broke into the winning column, defeating the Cleveland Indians 8-1. Held to only six runs in the first three games, the White Sox unleashed a five-run attack in the first inning to shell Art Houtteman off the mound. Bob Keegan yielded only four hits as he went the route for the Sox. He was helped by home runs off the bats of Chico Carrasquel, Jim Rivera and Ferris Fain. Braves Top Reds Milwaukee's Braves handed the Cincinnati Reds their first defeat of the season as Lew Burdette hurled a seven-hitter for a 5-1 triumph. Johnny Logan smacked two homers for the victors, both coming off rookie Corky Valentine, the starter and loser. A crowd of 20,938 home fans watched the Braves win their second straight after their opening day defeat. The scheduled games between the Giants and Dodgers at Brooklyn, Pirates and Phillies at Philadelphia, Senators and Yankees at New York and Athletics and Red Sox at Boston all were postponed because of rain.

Senators Win: Yakima Faced Again Today

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swingers for the afternoon was four singles. The 319 spectators liked that, immensely. Young Dick Young went the first five heats for the Bears, and left with a 2-0 count against him. The two were scored in the first inning when Carl Bellotti singled to center, Krause singled to short, Charley Neal dropped a solo into left, scoring Bellotti, and Norm Harms singled infield, tallying Krause. There were no further Salem threats off Young, but his relief, veteran sidearm Ray Machado, was nipped for the other two Solon runs in the seventh. Lou Scrivens started with an infield hit to short, moved to second on Bellotti's sacrifice bunt and scored when Krause boomed a line triple into right-center. Krause ambled in on a wild pitch as Machado was facing Perez. Both the pesky Scrivens, who is almost certain to land the utility berth with the Solons, and Krause had two of the nine Salem hits. Perez failed to hit safely, but in his first trip drove Herm Lewis far back against the right field fence with a 340-foot try. Camp notes: Storey sat out Saturday's mix as he wants to get a look at Krause on third base. Also, the boss has a sore arm. Tansell was in suit and rarin' to go. He'll play today, either at short or second base. Kellogg won't go into action for some time yet, as he's not in shape. The Yaks' new shortstop, Pete Gomez who, like Perez hails from Cuba, saw his first action of the spring. He's reputedly a terrific fielder. . . .

Eastern Meeting Calls OCE Coach
OREGON COLLEGE, Monmouth—Bob Livingston, Oregon College basketball and baseball coach leaves Portland by air Sunday, April 18, to attend the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at the Hotel Statler in New York City. He will return on the following Sunday. In his absence, Bob Frantz, assisted by Darrel Davis will be in charge of the Wolves' baseball practice sessions and will coach the team in its April 23 meeting in Monmouth with Portland State. Big Ten Conference football squads are limited by NCAA regulations to 20 spring practice sessions in a 36-day period.

| Yakima (6) | | (4) Salem | |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Site | B H O A | Scrivens | B H O A |
| Catron | 4 0 0 1 3 | Bellotti | 2 1 2 5 |
| Lewis | 4 0 1 0 | Krause | 4 2 2 3 |
| Noren | 3 1 0 2 | Perez | 0 3 0 3 |
| Head | 4 1 2 0 | Neal | 4 1 1 0 |
| Walker | 2 1 0 3 2 | Asmum | 3 1 2 0 0 |
| Sumrs | 4 2 4 6 | Harms | 2 1 1 1 |
| Gomez | 2 0 0 0 | Heater | 4 1 6 0 |
| Young | 2 0 0 0 | M'Flin | 3 0 0 1 |
| Mchdo | 0 0 0 0 | Castell | 1 0 0 0 |
| Strng | 2 0 2 3 | | |

| Totals 31 | | Totals 32 | |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Yakima | 000 000 000—4 0 0 | Salem | 000 000 20—4 9 1 |
| Pitcher | IP AB H R ER SO BB | | |
| Young | 3 11 3 2 2 2 1 | | |
| Machado | 3 11 3 2 2 2 1 | | |
| McFarlane | 7 23 2 0 0 3 2 | | |
| Castell | 2 8 2 0 0 2 1 | | |

Bearcats Beat L-C in Pair

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Gary Jackson socked a bases-empty homer for the Pioneers in the first frame, this one a long belt over the right field barrier. The six runs in the second inning and three more in the third sewed up the second game for the Bearcats. Dave Gray went the route for Willamette, giving seven blows. Three walks and six hits accounted for the big second frame, chief blows being a two-run double by Bill Nelson and Jerry McCallister's two-run single. Lewis and Clark totalled three homers in the nightcap, but all came with the bags empty. Outfielder Connie Kilmer socked two, in the second and sixth innings, and Jerry Shepard hit the other in the fifth.

| WU (6) | | (5) L & C | |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|
| Ziglm | B H O A | Reman | B H O A |
| Nelson | 4 0 0 2 | Schultz | 6 10 0 2 |
| Shurts | 2 1 0 0 | Jackson | 6 2 0 1 |
| Reed | 4 1 1 2 | Lewis | 5 2 5 0 |
| Patton | 4 1 1 2 | Martels | 2 0 4 0 |
| Wfndr | 2 0 2 0 | Kilmer | 1 1 0 2 |
| M'Cltr | 3 0 1 0 | Shprdr | 0 0 1 0 |
| Munt | 2 0 1 0 | Allen | 4 2 1 0 |
| George | 2 2 2 0 | Hyde | 2 2 0 0 |
| Shield | 1 0 0 0 | Ronne | 1 1 5 0 |
| Hudlen | 1 0 0 0 | Myer | 0 0 0 0 |

| Totals 34 | | Totals 44 | |
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| WU | 000 000 000—1 5 0 | L & C | 100 013 000—5 10 2 |
| Pitcher | IP AB H R ER SO BB | | |
| Hyde | 10 34 6 8 3 17 4 | | |
| George | 10 34 6 8 3 17 4 | | |

National League

St. Louis — 0510 40012—13 15 5
Chicago — 223 100 10—23 20 1
Staley White (3), Lint (3), Wright (5), Barzle (5) and Yvars; Klippstein, Jeffcoat (2), Brosnan (5) and Garagiola.

American League

Detroit — 000 100 000—1 7 9
Baltimore — 000 000 00—5 10 0
Valentine, Fowler (7) and Seminick, Bailey (7); Burdette and Crandall.

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