

Major League Flavor at Baseball Meet



A distinct major league touch was added to last night's Salem Senators Mid-Winter Baseball Rally at the Armory by the presence of these three former American Leaguers (l-r), Bill Bevens of the Yankees and Bobby Doerr and Jack Wilson of the Red Sox. All were in the loop at the same time and were together again last night for the first time in years. Bevens was with the Yankees from 1944 to 1948, and is now with West Coast Fast Freight Lines. Doerr was with the Red Sox from 1937 to 1951 and is now a cattle rancher in Junction City. Wilson was with the Red Sox from 1935 to 1941 and is now with Lucky Lager firm. Over 300 attended the lively meeting.

Over 300 Attend Lively Meeting at Armory As Senators Present Winter Baseball Rally

By AL LIGHTNER
Statesman Sports Editor

The Hot Stove League was sizzling on the front burners last night at the Armory as the Salem Senators held their Mid-Winter baseball rally.

Over 300 enthusiasts turned out to hear the lavish introductions of visiting notables, reports on both the Salem and Eugene entries in the new Northwest League and the high hopes for a successful operation by both members of the circuit.

The Eugene club, making its debut this year as a member of the same league in which the Senators play, was well represented by general manager Dick Richards, secretary-treasurer Don Husband, who is also a member of the state legislature now in session; mayor V. E. Johnson, who is also in the legislature; business manager Chuck Shulda and Bobby Doerr, a member of the board of directors who in 1951 completed 15 illustrious years as a great second baseman for the Boston Red Sox.

Richards told of the progress of the Eugene club to date, and Husband added his words on the same topic. Doerr also told of his connection with the Emeralds and told that even though he retired from the game in 1951 he found it too difficult to stay completely divorced from it, and was back in the swim via his connection with the Eugene club.

One of the greatest second sackers the game has known, Doerr also had words of praise for both Jack Wilson and Bill Bevens, who were in the American League with Doerr, Wilson on some of the same Red Sox teams and Bevens with the New York Yankees.

Both Wilson and Bevens were in attendance also, and were introduced. The three of them spent considerable time buzzing about "the old times" in the post-meeting confabs about the building.

Directors Present

General manager Hugh Luby of the Senators also rendered a report on the local club, and members of the board of directors were introduced. They are Arnold Krueger, George Paulus, Bob Ashby, Ed Benjamin and Walt Zosel.

Krueger gave a verbal picture of the Family Plan ticket selling drive being engineered by the Senators, telling that the real portion of the drive starts today. The Senators have a goal of 3,000 tickets to be sold before the season starts and Krueger has appointed a number of lieutenants who are in charge of the drive.

Rollie Truitt and Bob Blackburn, sportscasters for the Portland Beavers, represented the Coast League club and gave numerous mouthful accounts of incidents they've been involved in during their years behind the "mike."

Big Hand for Mel

The biggest hand of all was given when Luby announced that he had signed Mel (Tarzan) Krause for the 1955 campaign, and waved Mel's signed contract before the enthusiastic audience. Eugene had been trying to land the popular Senator outfielder.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

This, that, etc.

The College of Idaho Coyotes had considerable gate appeal with their Elgin Baylor and R. C. Owens last week, and the resident WU-Bearcats enjoyed their two top turnouts of the season. Another "good draw" visits the WU arena Friday night when the Pacific Badgers come over, for Harv Roboff's Forest Grovers have in Norm Hubert one of the finest scorers in the West. Hubert is as good a set shot from outside as you'll find... Speaking of Sam Vokes' Coyotes, latest babble on them says the real reason why Baylor came from far-away Washington, D. C., to attend the Caldwell school is because Abe Saperstein, brain of the Harlem Globetrotters, figured it would be a good place to farm him out for development. This we don't believe. Besides, Baylor is good enough right now to be with one of the Trotter units... "Citizen of the Year" awards in most any community are usually monopolized by doctors, lawyers or outstanding businessmen. But not so at Coos Bay, where Pete Susick, the Marshfield High football coach, was recently named C.B.'s No. 1 man of 1954. His partnership with South Salem High in the '54 state grid championship had much to do with his selection, no doubt... The Frank (Luke) Ljehesi recently named manager of the Pocatello club of the Pioneer League is the same bowlegged and likeable Italian who played outfield for the 1946 Senators, under the late Frisco Edwards. Luke has been bouncing about the minors both as player and manager ever since. Note the Big Ten predicament of Indiana this season, even with the great Don Schlundt still with the Hoosiers as a senior. The Big Ten champions of the last two seasons now find themselves in last place...

Looks Like It'll Be Dons, Not Broncs

Which brings to mind a statement made by Bob Feerick, the Santa Clara coach when he had his Broncos up this way for (Continued on page 2)

Illness Idles Pilot Mentor

PORTLAND (AP) — Art McLarney, Portland University basketball coach, Wednesday was granted a leave of absence because of ill health.

Mike Tichy, junior varsity coach, will fill in for McLarney, a former University of Washington basketball and baseball coach and a star athlete at Washington State College in the early 1930's.

The Rev. Michael J. Gavin, president of the university, said a recent severe attack of influenza, aggravated by other complications, so impaired McLarney's health that doctors advised him to take a rest. McLarney was appointed coach here last year to succeed James (Mush) Torson, who resigned.

McLarney was basketball coach at the University of Washington from 1947 to 1950, when he resigned, saying the pressure of the job was too much for his health.

CHAVE WINS BY KO

RICHMOND, Calif. (AP) — Eddie Chave, San Jose, Calif., fifth-ranked lightweight contender, knocked out Johnny Hart, Phoenix, Ariz., in the third round of a scheduled ten-round Tuesday night at Richmond Auditorium.



PETE SUSICK
Coos Bay Man of Year.

Oregon Coach Here Tonight

Len Casanova, head football coach at the University of Oregon, will be the guest speaker during tonight's meeting of the Serra High School Boosters club. The meeting, open to the general public, is to start at eight o'clock, at Serra High School.

Casanova will not only speak but will also show and narrate on moving pictures of Coast Conference football highlights of the 1954 season.

Curtice to Keep Utah Position

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Football Coach Cactus Jack Curtice, after a week of indecision, told University of Houston officials Wednesday he was staying at Utah.

The colorful Curtice had been considered a top prospect for football coach at Houston. He now is athletic director as well as football coach at Utah.

In 1925, first baseman George Sisler of the St. Louis Browns set a record by having one or more assists in 13 consecutive games.

Webfoots Shoot for Loop Lead

Foes Collide Friday Night

Classes Said Cut by Swede

Giant Center May Miss Oregon Series

OREGON STATE COLLEGE (Special)—The status of Wade (Swede) Halbrook, 7-foot, 3-inch Oregon State basketball star suspended Tuesday by Coach Slat Gill, was unchanged Wednesday. Halbrook did not practice with the team, and his place at center on the starting unit was taken by sophomore Phil Shadoin, a 7-footer.

The surprise suspension came Tuesday when Gill announced that he was taking disciplinary action "because Halbrook has not done those things that an Oregon State basketball player is expected to do."

Gill said Wednesday the suspension was not because of "anything new but, rather, a collection of several old reasons."

The Oregon State mentor indicated Halbrook's main offense was not attending classes. Gill said he asked his big center, whether he had any excuse for this and that Halbrook replied he had not. Gill indicated that in conversation about the matter, Halbrook gave him no assurance he was willing to change his ways so the suspension was announced.

Halbrook reportedly showed up for classes Wednesday.

Previously Ineligible

The former Portland high school record breaker was ineligible for the first month of the current season because of scholastic deficiencies. He made up the low grades, however, and joined the Beavers early this month. Since then he has led the team in scoring and the team has won its first four games in Northern Division play.

There is still the possibility that Halbrook will be reinstated before the weekend games with Oregon. Gill has said that if the star promises to mend his ways and applies for reinstatement, it might be granted.

There is doubt, however, that Halbrook will start against Oregon at Eugene Friday night even if he does become reinstated.

As a sophomore last season Halbrook led the Northern Division in scoring with 333 points, and paced the Beavers to the division championship.

\$300,000 Bid By Las Vegas For Title Go

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Heavyweight boxing champion Rocky Marciano has been offered a substantial guarantee to meet Holly Mims Feb. 7 in New York's St. Nick's Arena, his manager, Jack McCarthy, said Wednesday.

McCarthy said Savage was picked to face the No. 3 ranked middleweight on the basis of his victory over Moses Ward Monday night in the same arena.

Greenspun did not disclose the amount of the guarantee, but another spokesman, prominent hotel owner Beldon Kattelman, said that he and other hotel owners were willing to put "up to \$300,000" into the match.

Greenspun said Cuba's Nino Valdes might be Marciano's opponent, but "we think Cockell would make the better attraction." Both he and Kattelman predicted a Marciano title bout here would gross one million dollars.

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TV Resolution Aimed At 4 Indiana Schools

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Purdue and Indiana Universities and the two state-supported teachers colleges — Ball State and Indiana State — would be required to make their sports events available for commercial television under a resolution introduced in the Indiana Senate Wednesday.

The resolution, put in by Sen. Howard Steele (R-Knox), requires approval of both Senate and House. If passed, it would force Purdue and I. U. to withdraw from NCAA agreements limiting the televising of football games.

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Sugar Ray's Comeback Hits Snag...

Jones Gets Unanimous Decision Over Robinson

CHICAGO (AP) — Ralph (Tiger) Jones, unranked battler from Yonkers, N.Y., banged a unanimous 10-round decision over former middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson at the Chicago Stadium Wednesday night.

Robinson was a ringside 8 to 1

favorite to achieve the second straight victory of his comeback campaign, but he was an empty shell against the constantly-punching Jones.

Sugar Ray, bleeding from his nose and a cut over his right eye, was a futile dancing doll against the hardpunching Jones, who at 26 was eight years younger than the former middleweight and welterweight champion.

Referee Frank Sikora voted for Jones 99-94, while judge Ed Hintz called it for Jones 100-88 and judge Ed Walsh, 98-93.

Both Jones and Robinson weighed 150.

Robinson ineffectual

It was a strange sight to Chicago fans to see Robinson, who had won the middleweight crown from Jake La Motta in this same Chicago Stadium, appear so ineffectual and timid.

Jones, beaten in five straight previous starts, stalked Robinson from the start. He took Robinson's best punches, weak imitations of his former blasting combinations, and kept boring in to score with solid punches.

Sugar Ray, suffering only the fourth defeat in 143 bouts, backed-pedaled all the way. The few times he sought to slug it out with the hard-punching Jones he had to retreat.

Clash Snared By Vik Sophs

North Salem High School's Sophs led all the way Wednesday night in posting a 32-37 victory over the Stayton High seconds.

Counts at the stops favored the Viking crew 12-6, 27-16 and 40-27. Larry Patton and Earl Jelson each tallied 12 points to top the winners' scoring, while Carrick was high for Stayton with 11. North Salem's second-line sophs won the prelin from their Stayton counterparts, 42-27.

Stayton 22: (37) (52) N. Sal Sophs Shelton (7) F. (6) Brydon Webb (4) F. (12) Patton Carrick (11) C. (9) Harter Crabtree (4) G. (5) Burnside Mack (1) G. (2) Morgan

Reserves scoring: Stayton—Hosford (4), Wheelhouse (2), Jelson (12), Krueger (4), Durham (2). Officials: Mull and Ireland.

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Mims Bout Set

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He's Now a Beaver Regular



Larry Paulus, above, former Salem High star who is now a much improved basketball player, is now a starter for the Beavers and has been playing outstanding ball as a guard. The 6-3 athlete will be in the opening lineup at Eugene Friday night when the Beavers face Oregon in the first game of their big series. Second game is to be played Saturday night at Corvallis.

Upset



SUGAR RAY ROBINSON
Licked by Unranked Rival

Tom Dowd, road secretary for the Boston Red Sox, is an official in the National Football League during the fall and winter months.

Rebound Problems Face Webfoot Team

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene (Special)—The University of Oregon Ducks, booming along on a six-game winning streak, shoot for first place in the Northern Division basketball standings this week when they go against the Oregon State Beavers.

The foes play two games, here Friday night and at Corvallis Saturday night, both starting at eight o'clock. If Coach Bill Borchers' Webfoots can win both games they will take over the lead. If Oregon State wins only one of the tilts, the Beavers will retain their first spot.

OSC now has a 4-0 record to lead the circuit. Oregon has won five out of six.

The Ducks feel that they will be up against 7-3 Swede Halbrook in the games, even though Halbrook was suspended at Oregon State earlier in the week by Coach Slat Gill. It is felt here that the Halbrook situation at Corvallis will be cleared up by the time the week-end series rolls around, and that he will be in the starting lineup for the Beavers.

Even without Halbrook the Beavers will have a decided advantage in height and rebounding strength. The 7-foot Phil Shadoin can be used in Hal-months.

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Bearcats, Pacific Open Series Here Friday

Willamette's Bearcats, still hopeful of a possible second-place finish in the Northwest Conference basketball race, will try to boost their record this weekend in a pair of games against the dangerous Pacific Badgers.

The two quintets will collide Friday night at 8 o'clock on the WU floor and then transfer hostilities to Forest Grove on Saturday evening.

The Badgers, led by the Northwest's current top scorer, Norm (The Hawk) Hubert, hold the run-

nerup slot in the conference standings with a 4-1 mark. Coach John Lewis' Bearcats, their crown hopes mauled by the double loss to College of Idaho last weekend, possess a 2-3 loop record. In Willamette's most recent outing, the locals crushed Whitman by a 98-73 margin on Tuesday night.

College of Idaho rides at the top of the standings with a clean 6-0 mark and is an overwhelming favorite to go on to the title.

The Pacific-WU series could well develop into a hot scoring duel be-

tween Hubert and the Bearcats' 6-7 Neil Causbie, a lad who verged close to sensational in the pair with College of Idaho. Causbie, a soph from Albany, whipped in 67 points in those two games and added 17 in an abbreviated stint against Whitman for a total of 84 points in his last three outings.

Hubert currently tops score-makers of the entire Northwest with a 25.8 average. Coach Lewis has emphasized to his men in drills this week that they'll have to stop Hubert if they want to

come out on top of the Forest Grove club.

Causbie is certain to open at center in the series opener here Friday night and at forwards it'll be either Tom Gooding, Jack Bishop, Pete Reed or Dick Hoy. The guards will be chosen from Daryl Giron, Dave Gray, Jerry McCallister. Among others sure to see action is Ron Taylor, freshman from Corvallis who turned in some fine play against College of Idaho.

Willamette and Pacific frosh teams will meet in 6:10 prelims to the weekend varsity clashes.