

# It Was Willamina Affair in This Sunday Race



Rocky Stone (right) and Avid Nyleen were battling almost neck and neck in this Class D-Utility race during Sunday's regatta on the Willamette River off Wallace Marine Park, and they finished just like that. Both drivers hail from Willamina and were among the dozens who took part in the big event. An estimated 5,000 watched the afternoon program, which was a benefit for the further improvement of the Marine Park.

## Salem Racers In Boat Wins

An estimated crowd of 5,000 jammed the banks of Willamette River Sunday to watch the first major boat racing regatta at Wallace Marine Park. Salem area fans were especially delighted when two Salem water speedsters won a pair of races against some of the best competition from Oregon, Washington and California.

Gib Ward took first in the B-Hydro race and Paul Woodruffe won the D-Hydro event.

About six flip covers added their share of thrills to the race. No serious accidents or injuries occurred, however.

The event was a benefit with all profits going to the Wallace Park Improvement Fund. Mechanics of the race were handled by the Oregon Motor Boat Racing Assn. The Salem Boat Club managed the event.

The racers themselves provided many thrills as they skimmed the one-mile course in breakneck speed to win the prized trophies that awaited the winners.

Complete results were:

B-Hydro: 1st, Bill Larson, Delake; 2nd, Bob Larson, Delake; 3rd, Hilbert Pluvoy, Klamath, Calif. A-Hydro: 1st, Fritz Hoffman, Tillamook; 2nd, Bill Larson, Delake; 3rd, Howard Renner, Portland, D-Utility: 1st, Rocky Stone, Willamina; 2nd, Avid Nyleen, Willamina; 3rd, Ken Ferguson, Seattle.

D-Hydro: 1st, Gib Ward, Salem; 2nd, Dick Pharris, Albany; 3rd, Don Atchinson, Oswego, D-Hydro: 1st, Paul Woodruffe, Salem; 2nd, James Young Tillamook; 3rd, John Hartley, Coquille; 125 Inboard-Hydro: 1st, Harry Reeves, Seattle; 2nd, Joe Skilbred, Salem; 3rd, Chuck Hickling, Bellevue, Wash.

## Chisox Topple Nats Twice



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### At Lewis & Clark . . .

## Willamette Can Clinch Title in Games Today

With a chance to sew up the Northwest Conference baseball championship by gaining a split, Coach Johnny Lewis takes his Willamette Bearcats to Portland Monday afternoon to meet Lewis and Clark in a postponed doubleheader.

By winning one of the two games the Bearcats will be sole possessor of the NWC crown. They have already assured themselves of at least a tie for the title.

The two teams were to have played Saturday but rain postponed the games.

### Gray Hurls Opener

Named to start in the opener against the Pioneers is Dave Gray, senior veteran hurler who seeks his fourth conference victory. Lewis will call on freshman Brad Lucas for the second game, providing his ailing arm doesn't bother him. If it does, the mound call will go to Fred Butler.

The original schedule had Willamette playing Portland State College today but the conference schedule must be completed first. If possible, the game with the PSC Vikings will be made up at a later date.

## Juan de Fuca Attempt Cancelled Till August

VICTORIA, B. C. (AP) — Bert Thomas of Tacoma announced Sunday he was postponing until August his attempt to conquer the chilly straits of Juan de Fuca.

The burly swimmer was forced to postpone the swim for the fifth straight time Saturday night when a rising wind prevented the attempt.

Tides will not be favorable again until August.



## Open Captured By Winger

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — Bo Winger of Oklahoma City Sunday shot a near-perfect round of golf for the fourth straight day for a 68, four under par, to win the \$15,000 Hot Springs Open by five strokes. He shot 67-68-68-270.

Cary Middlecoff of Kiamasha Lake, N.Y., shot 68 and tied for second money with Doug Ford, also of Kiamasha Lake, at 275.

Marty Furgol of Lemont, Ill., another 68 shooter, had a 277.

Winger was 19 strokes under par for the 72 holes over the 6,971-yard, par 72 course at Hot Springs Country Club. Winger reached every green except three in regulation figures, and on two of those three he was only a foot or so long.

## Major League Leaders

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Power, Kan. C.	25	106	22	36	263
Kuenn, Detroit	30	129	22	50	388
Kaline, Detroit	30	116	24	44	379
Vernon, Wash.	28	109	32	34	342
Nieman, Chicago	26	79	13	25	318
Smith, Baltimore	25	80	10	25	313
Mantle, N. Y.	23	103	29	32	312
Avila, Cleveland	28	104	14	32	308
Lollar, Chicago	25	82	15	25	305
Home runs: Zernial, Kansas City, 10; Mantle, New York, 10; Jensen, Boston; Lollar, Chicago; Kline, Kansas City, 9; Vernon, Washington, 8; Kaline, Detroit, 25; Nieman, Chicago, 24; Mantle, New York, 22.					

## PCL Line Scores:

First game: Seattle 002 210 000-3 8 1  
Los Angeles 001 000 000-1 0 0  
Jansen, Kelly (8), Kennedy (8), Judson (8) and Ginsberg; Zick, Stoddard (4), Kucel (8), Elston (8), Lown (8) and Pramesa.

Second game: Sacramento 001 100 000-1 8 3  
San Francisco 001 010 000-11 19 9  
Chis, Hartzel (8), Cervachino (7), Johnson (8) and Balch; Easenden and Ritchey.

First game: Hollywood 100 000 000-1 8 2  
San Diego 020 010 010-4 6 1  
Naranjo, Hoppe (8) and Mangan; Carmichael and Bailey.

Second game: Oakland 001 001 3-5 12 1  
Portland 000 200 0-2 5 0  
Cain and Swift; Adams and Lundberg.

Second game: Seattle 011 030 0-5 12 0  
Los Angeles 002 044 0-4 1 0  
Duren and Ortels; Ginsberg (1); Piktuzia, Elston (5), Kucel (6) and Fenning.

Second game: Hollywood 000 011 0-2 9 3  
San Diego 002 144 0-11 13 0  
Munger, Queen (5), Witt (6) and Hall; Eraut and Bailey.

## Deek Tries Two-for-One Trip

Oh-yes! We entered him in the qualifying stakes, too. He did a terrific job in the water series and then broke in the first land series. Can't blame him. A long bird was shot and then a short one shot and tossed six feet in front of his nose. Before we could find our whistle he had the first bird and was halfway out to the second. Economy minded is Deek. He wanted to get both birds on one trip.

Eight inches of new snow on the Santiam pass Sunday morning hampered anglers going east. It just about sums up the angling . . . poor in general with only a few good reports, scattered.

# Senators Snare Sabbath Twin Bill

## Capture 13-6, 2-1 Victories

Walsh, Traversi Play Star Roles in Finale

By AL LIGHTNER  
Statesman Sports Editor

Sunday was a profitable one for the town Senators. First, it didn't rain out the scheduled Northwest League baseball doubleheader at Waters Field with the Spokane Indians. Secondly, Uncle Hugh Luby's youngsters flattened the Tribe in both ends of the bill, by scores of 13-6 and 2-1.

The best-hitting team in the loop used two big innings—one good for eight runs—to romp off with the nine-inning opening clash, and then wrapped up the shortened series on the strength of some fine pitching on the respective parts of Long John Wortham and Longer Bill Walsh.

Tri-City Tonight

Salem now hits the road, opening a four-game series at Tri-City tonight. Then it's to Eugene for four more outings, starting Friday night. And incidentally, if you're of a mind to join a special bus load of Senator rooters for that Friday nighter at Eugene, you can register by Thursday noon at Wicklund Sporting Goods Store. Twenty-four rooters signed up Sunday at the ball park.

The Solons spotted Spokane two unearned runs in the first inning of the Sabbath commencing, and then scored eight times themselves in a delirious display of run-making.

Bill Bottler, the ex-U of Oregon and Portland Bevo who was making his pitching debut with Eddie Lake's Spokes, was the victim of the eight-run surge. He was wilder than an 1865 Comanche on the war path, walking the first three Salem swingers and wild pitching one of 'em home. Then Gene Tanselli smashed a long double to center for two more runs, after which Bottler walked two more swingers. A fielder's choice, Pitcher Bill Whitson's single, another one-baser by Jack Dunn and Mel Krause's rifle-shot triple to right-center finally finished off Bottler, and his successor, Righthander Al Van Zanten, got the side out when Tommy Agosta lined hard to right field.

The 30-minute inning was a rip-snorter, and it looked as if there would be more of same when Spokane lashed into Whitson for two walks and three base hits for three runs in the third.

Whitson Gets Better

But the hard-working red-head, who staggered rather badly the first three heats, then found the range and didn't yield a single base hit in the next six stanzas. He grew stronger and stronger, fanning seven Indians in the last four innings.

Salem used a hit batsman, a (Continued on next page)

## Tri-City Raps Chiefs 9 to 1

KENNEWICK (AP) — Tri-City trounced league-leading Wenatchee 9-1 in an abbreviated 6-inning game of a scheduled Northwest League doubleheader Sunday. The game was then called because of rain and the second game was cancelled.

A big 5-run second inning accounted for the Braves' win. After two men had singled and two were out, Wenatchee Pitcher Ralph Buckingham ran into a streak of wildness and walked the next three men, forcing in two runs. Tri-City Playing Manager Don Priest then doubled to drive in three more.

Rain began in the fifth inning. At the top of the sixth, the umpires called the game for half an hour but the downpour continued and they ruled the field unplayable. Wenatchee Manager Edo Vanni said he would protest the game, on ground the game could have been finished.

Sunday's scheduled game between Lewiston and Eugene at Eugene was postponed because of wet grounds, ending the Lewiston series there.

Eugene has scheduled an exhibition game Monday night with Portland of the PCL.

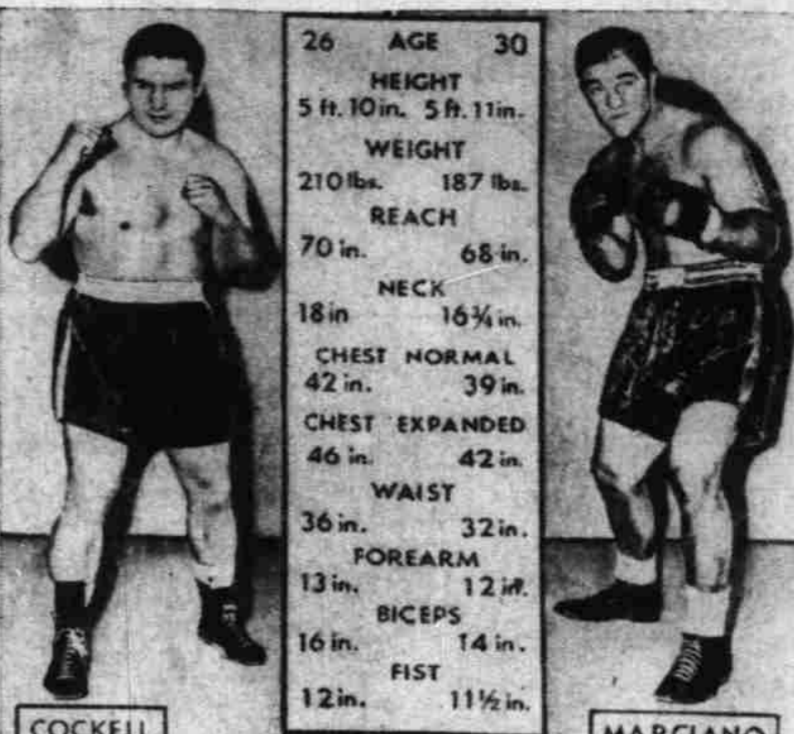
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Buckingham, Istringham (2) and Jenney; Bloom and Holden.

## Little Mo to Write

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — Retired tennis queen Maureen Connolly Sunday became women's sports editor of The San Diego Union.

# Rocky Defends Title Tonite

## Briton Holds Edge on Tape



SAN FRANCISCO—Here's how British challenger Don Cockell and heavyweight champ Rocky Marciano shape up for their title bout Monday night. Except for age and height, Cockell has the edge in the numbers game all the way down the line. (AP Wirephoto.)

## Nelson and Abney . . .

## Return of Professional Boxing Set for Salem

By DUSTY PLOG  
Statesman Sports Writer

Return of professional boxing to Salem has been announced by the Salem VFW and the first bouts have been tentatively set within two weeks. Top draw on that first card will be two young local fighters who are making quite a name for themselves in the squared ring—Willard (Battling) Nelson and Dean Abney.

Not since 1953 has Salem been host to the rugged game of punch-for-pay. The bouts are planned for a monthly attraction under a committee headed by Mel E. Clemens, past commander of the VFW. Howard Mendenhall, a past local favorite of the pro ranks himself, has been appointed as matchmaker.

Mendenhall has been in constant touch with pro boxing in the northwest and expresses enthusiasm over the possibilities offered by Salem as a site for the bouts. They will be held at the Salem Armory.

Matty Bell, long-time trainer who handles Nelson and Abney, said Sunday night that he believes he can line up his top two ring attractions for May 25. If plans work out, he said that Nelson may go against Al Nash, lightweight from Spokane and that Abney would meet Ron Milne, a middleweight also from Spokane.

Nelson has won 26 professional fights. Abney has lost only one fight in the last 16 and that lone defeat was to Richie Reed, selected by Ring Magazine as one of the outstanding middleweight prospects of 1954.

Five bouts would fill the first match in Salem. It would be a twin main event featuring Nelson and Abney.

Daily workouts are being held at the YMCA by other hopefuls of the ring from the Salem area. Some of these may be ready by the date of the first matches. One of the top prospects, although a complete novice, is Herb Stepper, a light heavyweight and three time state high school wrestling champ who has turned his talents to boxing.

## Senator Swat:

	ab	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	pet
Steinagel	57	24	7	1	2	16	421
Fralley	56	21	1	2	5	27	375
Tansell	56	21	3	3	4	19	375
Krause	44	16	2	0	10	364	
Robinson	44	16	1	1	4	9	364
Luby	21	4	1	0	0	1	364
Shields	21	4	1	0	0	1	364
Dunn	21	7	0	0	0	2	333
Agosta	63	20	2	1	0	8	317
Traversi	36	11	0	0	1	306	
Koepf	58	14	2	0	1	15	241
Niro	6	0	0	0	0	0	000

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Wortham	2	14	2	0	2	10	3
Walsh	8	12	1	0	8	8	1
Dials	6	35	3	3	25	15	15
Whitson	3	22	1	1	15	20	14
Tucker	4	17	1	1	14	26	11
Francis	4	21	1	2	8	13	11
King	3	8	0	0	4	7	6

## Cockell Rated Poor Opponent

Marciano Expected To Win by Seventh

By JACK HAND  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Rocky Marciano defends his world heavyweight title against Don Cockell, a plump British bog farmer, at Kezar Stadium Monday night with few outside the immediate family giving the challenger a chance.

If Cockell upsets the unbeaten champ from Brockton, Mass., it will be the division's biggest shocker since James H. Braddock, a 10 to 1 underdog, lifted Max Baer's crown in 1935.

Because there is practically no betting, it is difficult to get a solid price on the 15-round match. A source in Las Vegas, where gambling is legal, lists Cockell an 8 to 1 underdog. Other odds range from 5 to 1 to 10 to 1.

The outdoor fight is scheduled for 7 p. m. (PST) which is only 8 p. m. daylight time in San Francisco, about 20 minutes before sunset. A crisp California twilight is forecast by the weatherman who says it will be fair with the temperature bobbing around the 50 mark, normal for San Francisco.

No Home Television

With no home television and California blacked out of the theater-TV network, promoter Jimmy Murray and the International Boxing Club hope for a brisk last day sale.

Although Murray still talks of 40,000 people and a \$400,000 gate, they probably will have to settle for 30,000 fans and a little over \$300,000.

The San Francisco ticket buyer. (Continued on next page)

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