

Rain Spoils Homecoming For New NW Loop Leaders

'Burger Bill' Set Tonight

Whitson, Cowdell to Pitch for Senators

By AL LIGHTNER
Statesman Sports Editor

All hands but one were set to bid welcome to the new Northwest League baseball leaders at Waters Field last night. That one spoiled the homecoming.

The late afternoon and evening rains were too much to contend with, even with a field cover; so the scheduled Salem Senators-Spokane Indians series opener was washed out. Jupe Pluvius, never a very cooperative guy in the Northwest this time of year, wrecked what might have been quite a show.

Took Command Sunday
Uncle Hugh Luby and his Salmons stormed into the league lead Sunday night, for the first time this season. They had accomplished this by winning six of seven road excursions at Spokane and Lewiston, while both Wenatchee and Eugene weren't having it so good.

All was ripe to welcome the Senators back home again last night, as they were to have launched a 9-game home stay. The launching is to take place tonight, J. Pluvius permitting, via the first "Hamburger Special" doubleheader of the campaign. Tonight's first game, slated for seven innings, gets under way at 5:30 o'clock, for two reasons: (1) The regular 9-inning game can thereby get under way by the regular starting time of eight o'clock and (2) folks won't find it necessary to stay up half the night if they wish to see a doubleheader. Can Eat at Park

The concessions stands will be open for service early tonight so that those who might go directly from work to the first game will find plenty of hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee, etc., available at the park.

The Senators management feels that just as many fans, if not a lot more, will be at the park for a 5:30 game as there would be for one that was still going on at 11 p.m. The last night doubleheader held here didn't run itself out until 12:15 a.m.

Boss Luby has named Bill (Red) Whitson (7-2) and Lefty Marion Cowdell (3-3) to open against Eddie Lake's Tribe in tonight's pair. The Indians, who have had the last three days off with a bye, and are consequently fully rested, likely will counter with the veteran sinker-baller John Conant and Lefty Gene Rosen, the latter the husky who blanked the Salmons, 3-0, at Spokane early last week.

Balance of Sched
An eight o'clock single game is booked for Wednesday night, and then another "Hamburger Special" is slated for Thursday at 5:30 p.m., closing out the five-game series with the Spokane.

Lewiston comes in for four games, starting Friday night. The Brones series ends with a doubleheader Sunday afternoon, following a single clash Saturday afternoon.

The Senators then hit the road again, playing a double bill at Tri-City on Monday, July 4.

As the Salmons ready to open against Spokane, seven regulars on Luby's squad are batting over the 300 mark and another isn't far behind at .297. Floyd Robinson leads the swat parade with a .356 mark. Then in order follow Gene Tanselli at .346, Don Frailay at .329, Mel Krause who had a big week on the road at .326, Tommy Agosta at .323, Bill Shields at .309 and Jack Steinagel at .305. Jack Dunn, the club's dynamic center fielder is now at .297.

Frailay Tops Homers
Frailay leads the home run hitting division with nine. Robinson has eight and Tanselli six. Tanselli has most doubles with 17, and Agosta has belted eight triples. Tanselli's 56 runs batted in lead the club. Frailay has 53, Agosta 45, Robinson 40.

Ron King, the club's do-everything veteran, tops the hurlers with a 5-1 record. Bill Walsh has 3-1, Whitson 7-2, Bud Francis 4-2, Bill Dials 7-7, John Wortham 4-4 and Cowdell 3-2.

It is reminded by the Senators management that general admission price for a grandstand seat for those not having the "Family Plan" season tickets is 50 cents.

Spunky Girl Leaves Water

VICTORIA, B. C. (AP) — Janice White, 18-year-old Toronto student who surprised the experts with her stamina gave up an attempt to swim the Strait of Juan de Fuca at 11:29 p. m. Monday.

Janice has been in the water 6 hours and 17 minutes in her first attempt to swim the 18.3-mile distance between here and Port Angeles.

Observers accompanying the girl said a few minutes before she was pulled out that she was getting sleepy, although still heading towards Port Angeles.

The girl's swim was the last of four attempts by as many swimmers to cross the strait since Saturday night.

At 7 a. m. Monday, the Rev. John Donelon, Toronto priest, was pulled from the water stiff with cold after swimming for 2 hours and 27 minutes. He had swum about four miles but had only progressed two miles from his starting point.

Janice gave up when she realized that she was making no progress against the tides that swirled around her.

Doing Good Job as Fireman

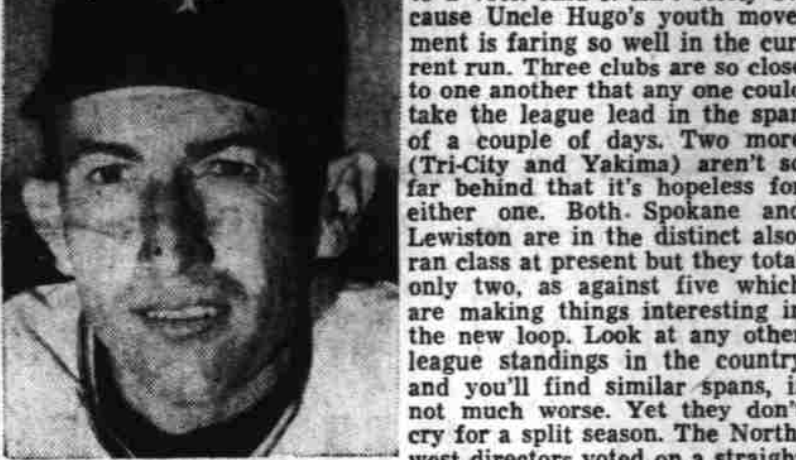


Bill Dials, above, 6-foot, 2-inch and 206-pound veteran hurler with the Salem Senators has been coming through in fine style as a game saver for the Salmons in their drive for the Northwest League lead. Dials has started only eight games but has appeared in 21. He has a 7-won, 7-lost record. His record is unique in that he has been the loser in seven of the eight games he's started, yet Salem has won 12 of 13 games in which he has done relief work. Bill will see plenty of action during the Senators' current home stay. Dials is 25 and lives in San Francisco.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by AL LIGHTNER

This, that, etc.
We find no trouble at all in saying this, for our favorites are banging along in great shape in the pennant race. Perhaps 'twould be different were they dragging an anchor. But we see no reason to divide the Northwest League flag chase, an item new loop Prexy Babe Hollingbery says he'll put to a vote. And it isn't solely because Uncle Hugo's youth movement is faring so well in the current run. Three clubs are so close to one another that any one could take the league lead in the span of a couple of days. Two more (Tri-City and Yakima) aren't so far behind that it's hopeless for either one. Both Spokane and Lewiston are in the distinct also-ran class at present but they total only two, as against five which are making things interesting in the new loop. Look at any other league standings in the country and you'll find similar spans, if not much worse. Yet they don't cry for a split season. The Northwest directors voted on a straight through campaign at the beginning, and straight through it should be. You wouldn't stop a mile race after two laps just because the guy in last place began bawling. "Let's all stop here and start over again, 'cause I ain't doing so good!"



BILL RIGNEY
Could be first one.

If Bill Rigney, the present Minneapolis skipper, moves up to take Leo Durocher's job with the NY Giants—a prediction bouncing about quite freely these days—the old Western International League can claim another laurel as it snoozes in its grave. Rigney shortstopped for the Bellingham club in 1939, the season before George Waters and Biddy Bishop bought the franchise and moved it to Salem. Bill was good-field-no-hit at the time, and dang near died in a Bellingham hospital with a ruptured appendix late that '39 season. But he went on to become one of the many WIL'ers who eventually made the big show as a player. Should he become manager of the Giants, he'll be the first one to have graduated from the WIL to a major league skipper'ship.

Couldn't See the Cars for the Robes

The home run prize list at Waters Field has undertaken a change since the start of the season. The Kay Woolen Mills retail store was giving each Senator home run hitter a wool car robe as one of the prizes, but has changed it to a wool shirt instead. The home run potential on the club developed to the extent that Kay sponsors of the prize became fearful that folks wouldn't be able to see the Senators' cars for the robes piled in 'em... The recent baseball clinic sponsored by the Eugene Emeralds was a whopping success, as over 600 kids from all over the Lane county area turned out for it. Bobby Doerr showed 'em how to hit and play second base. Cliff Dapper showed 'em how to catch. Don Kirsch showed 'em more infielding tactics and base-running and Bill Bevens showed 'em how to pitch. When Eugene lumberman Frank Graham was doing so much to land a professional franchise for his city, he insisted that he wanted the ball club to direct much of its attention to young boys in the area. Frank should be quite tickled after such a response to the clinic...

Great to See So Many Kids on Teams

On the local junior baseball scene, what a sight it was to see over 300 youngsters lined up for the Barrick Field dedication ceremonies the other night. We don't hesitate to say that if all businessmen in our town had been there to see the small fry decked out in their colorful baseball shirts and caps, at least half of 'em would have insisted upon being given a sponsorship in the league, and the other half would have applied for coaching jobs. Salem now has one of the finest junior baseball programs anywhere, and we hope that the near future will see it multiply two-fold. Eighteen teams are now scheduled, and these do not even include the Pee (Continued on next page.)

The STANDINGS				
NORTHWEST LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Salem	35	21	.625	—
Eugene	32	21	.604	1½
Wenatchee	26	24	.520	7
Tri-City	28	28	.500	7
Yakima	27	31	.466	9
Lewiston	20	34	.370	14
Spokane	19	37	.339	16
Monday's results: At Salem - Spokane, rain; at Lewiston-Eugene, rain; at Yakima-Tri-City, rain.				

Maxim, Pastrano Slate 10-Rounder
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Veteran Joey Maxim and young Willie Pastrano meet here Tuesday night in a 10-round match that may lead to a light heavyweight title fight with Archie Moore for the winner. Maxim, who lost the title to ancient Archie in 1952, has been training hard and looking sharp in his workouts here. He is expected to weigh about 182 at ring time. Pastrano, who gained national prominence off his televised fights against middleweights Al Andrews and Willie Troy, will weigh about 170.

Brooklyn's Meyer Enters Hospital
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Russ Meyer, the Brooklyn Dodgers' pitcher who was injured in a game here Sunday, entered a New York hospital Monday for a general check-up, the Brooklyn team announced. Meyer suffered a bad bruise on his left leg in the fifth inning when he collided with Billy Bruton of the Milwaukee Braves on the first base line. Meyer threw to two more batters, then was relieved by Ed Roebuck.

Stocks Next At Hollybowl

The non-souped stock cars—those piloted by the Capital Racing Association of Salem—will be the next auto racing item at Hollybowl. The program will be run off next Saturday night, with time trials at 7:45 p. m.

Because of their fearless driving in both stock car and jalopy races this season on Oregon tracks, the Capital Association pilots are fast gaining a reputation of being one of the top units in the state. Their last appearance at the bowl, in the jalopy destruction derby, won't soon be forgotten by those who witnessed the wreck and thrill-filled bee.

Full details of Saturday's meet will be announced later by Promoter Ron All of Valley Sports.

Rain Cancels Softball Play

The two softball games scheduled for Monday night were not played because of rain but two more are planned for tonight barring more of the wet weather.

In a 7 p. m. game at Phillips Field Los Industrial League teams, Cascade Meats and State Correctional Officers, will tangle in the first game of the night. At 8:30, Burkland Lumber Company and State Prison Officers of the City League will play.

Games cancelled Monday because of rain were Kay Woolen Mills vs. Randle Oil and IGA Stores vs. Mt. Angel Coop.

A practice for the Correctional Officers before the Tuesday game is planned at 6 o'clock. Anyone wishing to try out for the team is invited to be on hand for this practice. Several more players are still needed to fill out the team.

Salem Juniors Play Tonight

Coach Bill Bevens will take his undefeated Capital Post No. 9-Downtown Merchants Association American Legion Junior baseball team to Albany Tuesday night for their next game. The high-riding region Juniors won their ninth straight victory Sunday when they blanked Mill City, 9-0.

Albany and Salem have already met once this season and the local lads took that one by a 7-3 count. That was last Friday at Waters Field. Although far outscored, the Albany Juniors did manage to out-hit the Salem squad 7 to 4.

Tonight's contest, not a league counting contest, will start at 8 o'clock.

Probable starter on the mound for the Capital Post team is Jack Ley, the lefty who in 21 innings of work has yielded no runs and only two hits while striking out 46 batters.

Italy Finds New Carnera

BOLOGNA, Italy (AP) — Italian fight fans Monday hailed husky Franco Cavicchi as "the new Carnera" following the farmer's acquisition of the European heavyweight championship from Germany's Heinz Neuhaus.

The bull-shouldered, square-jawed Italian outboxed and out-muscled the experienced and heavier Neuhaus in a 15-round title bout before 60,000 fans Sunday.

Even before Sunday night's battle, Italian sports writers were calling Cavicchi "the heir to Primo Carnera"—the only Italian ever to win the world's heavyweight crown.

But impressed as they were with Franco's first victory over a major foe, Cavicchi's backers said there was no hurry to take him to America yet.

"He's not ready to go to America yet," said a friend of the family. "That will have to wait."

"Franco will have a month of complete rest," said Manager Alfredo Venturi. "Then we'll see if we can arrange a return match with Neuhaus for Sept. 4 at Dortmund."

Cavicchi, 6-2 and 206 pounds, has an imposing record of 36 victories, two draws and one loss by disqualification. The 27-year-old husky has knocked out 28 of his last 32 foes. He has been fighting professionally only three years. Neuhaus was his first major opponent.

Quiet and simple living, Cavicchi spent to his parents' farm at nearby Pieve de Cento immediately after the fight and went to bed. Downstairs, by lantern light in the unpretentious farmhouse, his relatives and neighbors celebrated.

Close Mishap Escaped By Clay Hopper's Son
RAMSTEIN, Germany (AP) — Lt. James C. Hopper, U. S. Air Force jet pilot and son of Clay Hopper, manager of the Portland Beavers in the Pacific Coast League, escaped injury early Sunday after bailing out of his crippled Sabre jet fighter.

The plane developed mechanical trouble on a maneuver mission and fell in a wooded area 30 miles east of Cologne. Lt. Hopper, 26, is from Greenwood, Miss.

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Yanks in Net Wins...

Budge Patty, Trabert Gain Wimbledon Semis

By STERLING SLAPPEY
WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—Budge Patty and Tony Trabert—a pair of crafty Americans hitting all the shots in tennis—won quarterfinal matches at Wimbledon Monday with Patty proving he may be the man to fill America's Davis Cup needs.

Patty upset Lew Hoad, a stand-by on the last two Australian Davis Cup teams, with one of the finest, steady three-set victories seen in the 69th Wimbledon championships.

The elegantly dressed, proudly erect Los Angeles player who now lives in Paris, won 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

While he was whipping the Australian bridegroom on the No. 1 court, Trabert was giving Jaroslav Drobny, the defending champion, one of the severest lickings the oldtimer ever has experienced. This was Drobny's 12th Wimbledon and seldom has he expired by anything like the rude count of 8-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Yanks in Finals
These two victories assured the U.S. a representative in Friday's (Continued on next page.)

Junior League Tilts Tonight

Rain cancelled the opening of the 12th annual Salem Junior League season Monday but two more games are scheduled for Tuesday night on Barrick Field, both to start at 6 o'clock.

Rained out Monday were Salem Lions Club vs. Master Service Stations and Steinke Truckers vs. Field's Master Service.

In Tuesday night's B League game it will be Mill Supply Corp. going against Master Service Station. The C League game sends Nameless Market against Jackson Jewelers.

Sending their players into the first regular game of the season tonight will be coaches Wally Gibson of Mill Supply, Jack Malmin of Master Service Stations, Warren Burnett of Nameless and Bill Grief of Jackson Jewelers.

Eugene and Lewiston have scheduled doubleheaders Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights starting at 6:30 p. m. The whole previous series between the teams also was postponed because of rain, forcing three straight doubleheaders.

Spokane and Salem will play a pair of twin bills and a single game, the doubleheaders Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p. m. and the singleton Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Beavers, Rainiers Bow To Rain in Portland
PORTLAND (AP)—A make-up Pacific Coast League baseball game between Portland and Seattle was postponed Monday because of rain. The game will be made up at a later date.

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Fight Bosses Are Suspended

Fistic Commission Raps Boxing Guild

By JACK HAND
NEW YORK (AP) The New York State Athletic Commission cracked down on four more boxing managers Monday for refusing to talk about the Boxing Guild of New York.

Gus d'Amato, manager of light heavyweight contender Floyd Patterson; Bobby Melnick, who pilots middleweight Ralph (Tiger) Jones, and Bobby Nelson and Charley Bauer were set down indefinitely. All said they had been told not to talk by Murray Frank, counsel for the guild.

Irving Cohen, former manager of Rocky Graziano and Billy Graham whose current stable consists of Wildcat Billy McVee and Gene Poirier, also failed to answer questions, asking permission to consult his lawyer. He was given until Tuesday at 9 a. m. to make his decision.

Questions Not Answered
Hymie Wallman, guild vice-president, did answer questions of Julius Helfand, commission chairman, about the workings of the guild.

Confronted with minutes of guild meetings and check stubs, Wallman said the guild paid \$20 expenses to Nelson for checking fight clubs to see that guild fighters got work in 1953 and 1954.

Nelson later denied Wallman's (Continued on next page.)

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Great Athlete Killed by Clot

'Golden Greek' Dies At Age of Only 25

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — The brilliant athletic career of Harry Agganis was ended abruptly today as the Boston Red Sox first baseman and former Boston University football great died at the age of 25.

Agganis, a rugged 6-2, 200-pounder, succumbed at Santa Maria Hospital while apparently recovering from a chest ailment which sidelined him for the first time exactly six weeks ago.

Agganis was hospitalized for more than a week in May, but returned to the lineup and played in two games June 1 and 2. He was stricken again and reentered the hospital June 5.

Clot Causes Death
Doctors said in a statement they believed death was due to "a massive pulmonary embolism." They said the young athlete "had been making a slow but apparently satisfactory convalescence from a severe pulmonary infection complicated by phlebitis."

(Embolism is the sudden blocking of an artery or vein by a clot or obstruction. The definition of pulmonary embolism means by a clot or obstruction in the flow of blood in the lung.)

News of the death of the "golden Greek" came as a shock to the entire sports world.

"Everyone connected with the Red Sox is grieved and shocked," Boston Gen. Mgr. Joe Cronin said. "Harry Agganis was a great athlete—a grand boy—a great credit to sports."

Brilliant Sports Career
Agganis, after a brilliant sports career at Boston University, passed up professional football to sign with the Red Sox following his graduation in 1953. Sent to Louisville in the American Assn., (Continued on next page.)

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