

SPORTS LIGHTNER

Sunday series:
Who's the fastest foot in the New York Giants camp? They all show speed at dinner time but haven't yet held their championship figure on the football field. When and if they do, the men upstairs figure it will be a real race (at 50 yards) between Joe Heap, Jim Patton, Dick Nolan, Larry Weaver, Ken MacAfee and Cliff Livingston. Both Heap and Weaver have been clocked in less than 10 seconds for 100-yard dashes in the past. In the individual position races held the other day, Heap beat the halfbacks (including Patton, Nolan and Weaver) and MacAfee bested the wingmen. Speaking of MacAfee, his steady improvement has the Giants brass hoping he is en route to becoming another Don Hutson. A compilation of Milt Smith's major league batting record with Cincinnati, made available by The Sporting News, carries sad tidings for those who were hoping to see the former Salem Senator make the grade with the Redlegs. Milt has been "benched for the season" after collecting only 18 hits in 95 times AB for a .188 mark. He fanned 22 times and fielded a rather poor .923 at third base. Smith did hit three home runs, however, and will get another try with the club in '56. Not much more to talk on the moving of the Sacramento Coast League franchise to Vancouver, B.C., not after the Solons' profit and loss statement for July came out. The Sacs showed a profit of \$1,525.96 for the month, and it amounted to the first monthly profit since 1951. When the American Association (Class Triple-A) reached out and grabbed off both Denver and Omaha of the Class A Western League this year, circuit moguls were worried over the drawing power in the two new cities. Latest gate figures show that Denver (\$35,000) and Omaha (\$49,000) combined drew almost as many fans through August 15 as did the Indianapolis, Charleston, Louisville, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Toledo clubs put together (\$97,000). Our neighboring Portland Bevs gave up on Russ Sullivan early in the season and shipped him off. For the month of July the outfielder, now with Columbus of the International League hit .336, smacked 14 home runs and was voted the club's most valuable player for the month. Notice too that Lloyd Jenney, the plastic-minded catcher Seattle took from Wenatchee this season and placed in Tulsa in the Texas League is clubbing at a .351 mark to top that circuit. Hurlers in the loop must not know how to throw fast balls, inside, when Jenney is batting. . .



RAY TAYLOR

Ben (The No-Toe) Teaches Ray (The Toe)
Remember Ray (The Toe) Taylor, the piano-legged husky who booted all those PAT's for Lee Gustafson's Salem Vikings before the North-South split came about? The kid made good with 36 in 37 tries during the 1953 season, a marvelous record for a high schooler. About to become a sophomore at the U of Southern Cal, Ray has been spending considerable time around the New York Giants camp lately, and is learning the know-how of placekicking from Ben (The No-Toe) Arjajian, the pro vet of many years who has recorded something like 50 field goals and gosh knows how many PAT's during his sports moments, and Ray is an intent listener, tuning in on the many tips given by the 36-year-old pro who still does an excellent job of placekicking despite having lost the toes off his money foot in an elevator accident some time ago. "The kid is strong and shows much promise as a top-notch kicker," offers Arjajian. "All he needs now is practice, practice and more practice." Taylor hopes that practice will land him a berth on Jess Hill's Trojan varsity this autumn for Sam Tsagarakis, Troy's PAT and field goal kicking specialist of the past three campaigns has now graduated and the job is open. Incidentally, Arjajian hasn't been a placekicking specialist throughout his pro career. Prior to concentrating strictly on the foot part of football, he turned in a few seasons as a defensive end. . .

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