

# Solons Rally for Victory

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## SPORTSLIGHTNER by Al Lightner

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The old pitching adage, "Get the ball over the plate and you'll win," must've forgotten Ad Satalich of the Senators. The big guy has done the remarkable job of walking only 15 batters in last 70 innings he's worked. Yet he's won only three games, while losing five . . . Ralph (Toad) Carr, former Oregon State halfback who served as backfield coach for the Corvallis prep Spartans last semester, is giving it all up. He figures he has no place

to go in the coaching profession; so plans on more schooling in California, with auto selling as a sideline . . . The Senators' Chuck Esseggian, who will probably break the club's all-time home run record of 23 sometime this week, tentatively plans returning to school to work toward his Master's degree also. You'd think the former Stanford All-American footballer would be strictly a phys-ed man, but his major was biology. Chuck also

aspires to land in the Coast Conference grid officiating ranks, a task that shouldn't give him much trouble. He'd be a natural with his football background and sincerity.

Even though he was clipped for plenty, including his treasured Stanford "Hall of Fame" football card when the Senators' clubhouse was robbed during Saturday night's game, Esseggian gave away all \$25 worth of Flying A script books he won that night, to members of the ball club who drive automobiles. What a guy! . . . The name Jack Hurley, strangely absent in those whoppings big Pat McMurtry outdooristic battles in Tacoma this summer, now pops up again, and in full bloom. Hurley's Harry (Kid) Matthews, who is on the comeback trail, is to fight Ezzard Charles in an August 31 outdoor scrap in Seattle's Sick Stadium. And you can bet that if Matthews can get by the fast fading Charles, Hurley will be after a date with McMurtry. That one would draw more people than the Notre Dame football team . . . Emil Sick's Seattle stadium will be a busy arena around the end of the month. Matthews goes against Charles in a fight August 31. The next afternoon finds the Los Angeles Rams playing the New York Giants in their pro football exhibition. Then on the following afternoon the Seattle Rainiers baseballers battle Los Angeles in a doubleheader. Be thankful you're not the Sick's stadium groundskeeper . . .

### Ashby Does Fine Job at Eugene

A good share of the credit for last week's 18,000 attendance for four Eugene-Salem games at Bethel Park in Eugene should be given Bob Ashby, the former Salem gent who authored and guided so many State Employees' Association ventures here, and served on the Senators board of directors. Bob is the chairman for the "Operation Home Stretch" drive in Eugene, one that will continue right on through the season. The 10,000 for the Salem series, which outshines a number of the Coast League tournaments for a similar period, go the drive under way. Needless to say, with attendance such as that the Ems organization is leading the league in that important department, substantiating the early belief that Eugene would be "good draw" if ever it came into the same loop with Salem.

Ashby is to be congratulated for his fine work for the Ems. (Cont. page 10, col. 1)

### Midgets on Armory Card Too . . .

## Curtis, Bastien Land Mainer Spot Tonight

Matchmaker Elton Owen has made a switch in his Armory wrestling card tonight, one that was brought about by a staunch demand on the part of sneering Bulldog Curtis, the new Northwest heavyweight champion. Curtis and the fiery Red Bastien will collide in the main event on the card, rather than in one of the prelims as first announced by Owen.

"It was either put Curtis in the top spot or not have him at all," Owen explained Monday. "He blew up when informed that he would be in a preliminary rather than the main events, and refusing to appear here if he wasn't given top billing."

**Angello vs. Drapp**

Owen previously planned to put Bruno Angello, the rough-tough from Toledo, O., in the main go with the highly heralded Andre Drapp, a newcomer who has been seen many times on the "Texas Bassin' TV" features. Drapp is also a topnotcher of strict main event caliber, and at one time finished third in a "Mr. Universe" contest.

The Angello-Drapp mix has been dropped down to the semi-windup spot, and will follow the 8:30 o'clock opener involving Herbie Freeman and Negro headbutting villain Don Kindred. Freeman did not object to the demotion, as he feels he lost his Northwest title to Curtis last week and deserves nothing better.

**Bastien Ears Spot**

Bastien is worthy of top billing. He does nothing but win, and looks exceptionally good in the process, since imported from Minneapolis almost a month ago. He's apt to give Curtis quite a go at it.

The big feature of the card tonight is expected to be the four wrestling midgets, however. Led by the tremendous little Lord Clayton Littlebrook, who will team with Tiny Tim against Major Tom Thump and Irish Jackie in a special tag scramble, the mighty mites will appear just before the regular main event.

There will be no hike in admission fees for this one, and fans are advised to get there early to nab the best seats. The midgets have always been extremely popular during their annual visit here.

**Valdes Leads In Victories**

SAN FRANCISCO (Special) — Veteran Elmer Singleton of Seattle continues to pace the Pacific Coast League pitchers with a record of 16 games won against 5 lost and an earned-run average of 2.51.

Statistics released Monday showed Dave Hillman of Los Angeles has the same won-lost mark as Singleton but with an ERA of 3.42.

Rene Valdes of Portland has won the most games, 18, while Dick Drott of Los Angeles continues as the strikeout king with 159.

Lord Clayton Littlebrook, the spectacular wrestling midget who leads a quartet of the mighty mites in one of the Armory features tonight. Littlebrook is heralded as the "most outstanding wrestling midget in the game".

**Major League Leaders**

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Aaron, Milwaukee 13 443 82 148 .324

Moore, St. Louis 114 408 71 132 .328

Musial, St. Louis 118 456 83 142 .316

Werner, Cincinnati 117 401 73 129 .307

Virdon, Pittsburgh 119 427 77 132 .305

Boyer, St. Louis 112 447 72 137 .307

Kluszewski, Chicago 111 426 77 131 .307

Bailey, Cincinnati 99 365 45 99 .306

Furillo, Brooklyn 102 382 34 117 .306

Home runs: Snider, Brooklyn 33; Kluszewski, Cincinnati 31; Robinson, Indianapolis 30; Adcock, Milwaukee 26; Mathews, Milwaukee 24.

Bunts batted in: Musial, St. Louis 90; Kluszewski, Cincinnati 87; Beyer, St. Louis 86; Lopez, Philadelphia 74.

Pitching: G. IP W L SO H R B ER Pct.

Esseggian 265 101 13 2 1 2 1 22 .324

Dunn 277 100 13 2 1 2 1 23 .325

Krause 287 107 13 2 1 2 1 24 .326

Brady 272 16 3 6 6 .388

Koepf 232 62 16 1 2 2 1 25 .750

Heist 232 62 16 1 2 2 1 25 .750

Little 230 21 7 1 0 2 1 17 .238

Szekula 366 84 13 3 8 8 .223

Laurens 314 68 12 2 0 22 .207

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George 25 161 13 6 105 77 .47

Walsh 22 147 4 3 4 90 83 .67

Cade 26 137 13 6 100 71 .69

Shantz 28 196 7 2 110 86 .66

Alderman 29 97 7 8 88 .397

Dodell 4 8 1 0 0 5 .54

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