

Solon Ball Leaders Convene Today, Hear Report From Manager

By AL LIGHTNER
Statesman Sports Editor

Salem Senator baseball brass will convene this morning at 7 o'clock, at the Marion Hotel, to hear details of that accomplished by club manager Don Lundberg during his recently completed two-week visit to the Cincinnati Reds farm club headquarters at Laredo, Tex.

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Indians Get Doby Back

Woodling Goes To Baltimore

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Cleveland Indians and Baltimore Orioles Monday made a five-player trade in which Gene Woodling, the Indians' leading hitter last year, goes to the Orioles and center-fielder Larry Doby returns to the Indians.

The Indians also gave up outfielder Dick Williams and southpaw Bud Daley. They received Don Ferraresi, a 25-year-old southpaw pitcher, in addition to Doby.

Frank Lane, general manager of the tribe, revealed the transaction in Buttsdale after an afternoon of bargaining with manager Paul Richards of the Orioles.

The major part of the deal, Lane (Continued page 10, col. 3)

SPORTSLIGHTNER

Some observations secured during our recent week-long stay in Denver for the National AAU tournament:

The Seattle Buchanan Bakers were depending upon Bruno Boin to carry their "big man" load, but the Washington Husky had a horrible time with his famous hook shots in the game with Phillips 66's, and the Bakers lost the quarter-finals clash by a much closer margin than the score indicated. . . . The Seattle Buchans are anxious to join the fast National Industrial Basketball League, but will not be taken in until a second club from the West is found. Representatives from San Francisco and Los Angeles told they were not interested. . . . Former San Francisco U. great K. C. Jones, playing with a small but determined Ft. Leonard Wood GI entry, gave the tourney followers a full picture of why he was picked on the NCAA All-America along with teammate Bill Russell.

Jones' all-around play was terrific at Denver. He teamed with former Iowa All-American Carl Cain to give the tournament much of its dazzling moments. . . .

Halbrook Runnerup for 'Most Valuable'

Former Oregon Stater Swede Halbrook, picked as the NIBL's most valuable player a year ago, was runnerup to the Phillips Oilers' Burdy Halbrook this season. Swede asked to be remembered to "all my friends out in Oregon," and told that he's doing well with the Wichita Vickers outfit in Kansas. . . . Ex-Oregon whiz Chet Noe, with the Phillips team after a year's layoff because of an injury, also asked to be remembered on this way. "I think this is my last year in basketball," Chet told us Saturday night, "and although I'm doing okay with Phillips at Bartlesville, I'd sure like to get back out to the Northwest. Man, that's God's country to me."

Incidentally, the Phillips outfit is very interested in landing OSC's Dave Gambee, and asked many questions about him. But they're afeared Dashing Dave will go professional. . . .

Working Pals Were Of Highest Caliber

Our working pals in the Denver tourney were of the highest caliber indeed. There was Joe Conway of Wisconsin, who is classed as the Big Ten's best, and who worked in the NCAA finals at Louisville. Wayne Lichty of Iowa, one of the top whistlers in the Big Eight Conference who worked in the NCAA Regionals at San Francisco; Johnny Morrow of Waco, Tex., longtime Southwest Conference toptotcher who also worked in the NCAA finals at Louisville; Remmy Meyer, another Big Ten veteran from Chicago; Mike Milner, Rocky Mountain area vet who worked in the regionals at Lawrence, Kans., and who will be remembered as one who helped handle that Oregon State-San Francisco U. titanic at Corvallis in '56; John Lloyd, longtime Missouri Valley and Rocky Mountain area, and Lou Kellogg, one of Slip Madigan's great St. Mary's Gael footballers of years ago, and now a native of Denver, were the other officials with whom we fought the battle.

And friend, some of those contests were battles. . . .

Former Vic Shortstop Now Colorado Coach

Perhaps some of the Salem Senator baseball fans of almost 10 years ago will recall the little Victoria shortstop named Russ Walsch, who teamed with Gil McDougald as the Vics' keystone combo in the 1949 season. Russ is now the head basketball coach at Colorado U., and has been turning out some mighty fine teams. . . .

The AAU gang isn't the only outfit taking a cage team to Europe this month, to play the Russians in a series of games. The United Air Lines has a basketball team too, and it will (Continued on page 10 Col. 1)

Defender



Former U of Oregon distance star Bill Dellinger, above, winner of the last two Statesman Mile features of the annual Willamette Relays, is being sought for a third appearance here Saturday in McCulloch Stadium.

PCC Gets Notice Bruins Will Cut All Ties

LOS ANGELES (U)—UCLA announced Monday it is severing all athletic relationships with Oregon, Oregon State, Washington State and Idaho when it quits the Pacific Coast Conference July 1, 1959.

Wilbur Johns, director of athletics at UCLA, said he has informed the PCC of the intention not to reschedule the four schools after the 1958-59 school year.

The PCC code provides that institutions remaining in the conference must cancel events with any school that withdraws, although there is no rule against rescheduling.

The Bruins are rescheduling only Washington and Stanford, Johns disclosed, but will, of course, maintain athletic relations with California and Southern California, which likewise have given notice of withdrawing from the PCC July 1, 1959. They haven't notified the Northwest schools they intend to drop them, however.

NBA 'Star' Team Named

NEW YORK (U)—The Boston Celtics, defending champions, placed Bob Cousy and Bill Sharman on the National Basketball Assn. 1958 all-star team announced Monday.

Bob Pettit of the St. Louis Hawks, George Yardley of the Detroit Pistons and Dolph Schayes of the Syracuse Nationals completed the first team selected by sports writers and sportsmen in NBA cities. They were instructed to make their choices on the basis of three forecourt and two backcourt players.

Big Bill Russell, Boston's rebounding ace, was named on the second team along with Tom Gola of the Philadelphia Warriors, Maurice Stokes of the Cincinnati Royals and Cliff Hagan and Slater Martin, both of St. Louis.

OSAA Raps High Schools for Tilts

PORTLAND (U)—The Oregon School Activities Assn. Monday placed three high schools on probation for playing baseball games before the prescribed March 24 opening date.

The three schools — Medford, Brookings and Rainier — all played out-of-state teams. Medford played March 22 against Eureka, Calif., Brookings played March 18 against Crescent City, Calif., and Rainier played Kelo March 21.

Probation means another violation could bring suspension.

Today's Slate

BASEBALL
High School: Willamette Fresh at North Salem
Central at Dallas
Forest Grove at Yamhill
Banks and Hillsboro JV
College: Clark JC at Portland State
Track
High School: Willamette, and Sheridan at Central
College: Portland State at Portland Univ.

Eight Entered in Statesman Mile

By AL LIGHTNER
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Eight distance stars have this far officially entered the Statesman Mile, annually one of the top features of the Willamette Relays which are to be run off for the eighth time Saturday in McCulloch Stadium.

"And I expect to have additional entries by Tuesday night, which may include defending champion Ted Dellinger," met director Ted Ogden told Monday.

Dellinger, the former University of Oregon great who has been the last two Statesman winners, is expected to be in the race.

Johnson in Playoff Win

Newcomer Gains Azalea Golf Title

WILMINGTON, N.C. (U)—Howie Johnson, aided by a penalty stroke Arnold Palmer called against himself, gained the first major tournament victory of his brief professional golfing career Monday, winning the Azalea Open playoff by one stroke.

Johnson, who turned pro in January, 1956, after selling insurance for six years, shot a 74-67-77, five over par for the 6,813-yard Cape Fear Country Club course. Palmer had a pair of 35s.

Victory was worth \$2,000 to the 33-year-old Johnson, who plays out of Glenwood, Ill. Prior to Monday he had won only \$1,578 in official money this year. Palmer's \$1,500 runnerup check brought his year's total to \$4,000.

Palmer, 25-year-old defending Azalea champion from Lakeland, Pa., charged himself with an extra stroke on the 14th green. He said his ball moved, as he was preparing to putt it the first time. The penalty gave the 194 national amateur champion a five on the par-four hole. Johnson took a six on the same hole, using two shots to get out of a trap. That reduced his lead to two shots.

Palmer shaved one stroke off the lead with a par-three on the 18th but he lost two great stretch chances when he missed short putts. He three-putted No. 15, missing from two feet, and he missed from three feet on 17.

Johnson said later he "appreciated Arnold missing those putts."

Johnson had a par-four on the 18th hole, Johnson making a fine shot to the green from the rough. Palmer's second hit the edge of the green then rolled back, down below the putting surface.

The 6-foot-2, 210-pound Johnson, outwardly calm, betrayed nervousness when he hit first off the 18th tee although the honor actually was Palmer's. Johnson didn't know of his breach of golfing etiquette until advised of it a half hour later.

"I guess that shows how shook up I was," he commented.

With Palmer anxious to get started for Augusta, Ga., where the Masters Tournament opens Thursday, the players hustled through the 18 holes in five minutes under three hours.

A heavy, night-long rain was followed by a brilliant morning sunshine, but the course played very heavy and was water-logged in several spots. Both players were allowed to lift the ball on occasion.

They had tied Sunday after 72 holes with 282 totals in the \$15,000 tournament.

Swimmers 2nd in Meet

OLYMPIA, Wash. (Special)—The Salem YMCA swimming team placed second in the fourth annual YMCA Invitational Swim Meet held here this weekend.

Salem amassed 96 points to trail winning Tacoma, which had 128. Others scores were Bremerton 82, Portland (Northwest) 78, Olympia 57, Bellingham 40, West Seattle 21, Spokane 17, and Seattle (Down-town) 9.

Lynn Kester of Salem won two races in the 10-and-under division, taking the 40-and freestyle in 27.5 seconds and the 40-yard backstroke in 32.7. Kate Brownell of Salem was second in the 10-and-under freestyle in 31.2. Miss Kester and Miss Brownell teamed with Kate Morgan and Jean Ellis to win the 10-and-under freestyle relay in 2:02.4.

The Salem team of Andrea Lengel, Susan White, Susan Bennett and Elaine Standish was second in the 10-and-under freestyle relay in the 14-and-under division.

In boys' competition, Jeff Grabenhorst and Bob Palmer of Salem finished one-two in the 40-and freestyle in the 10-and-under bracket. Their times were 24.5 and 25.6 respectively. They also teamed with Chris Achterman and Walker Serrano to win the 10-and-under freestyle relay.

Rodney Berg of Salem, competing in the 16-and-under group, was second in both the 100-yard backstroke and the 120-yard individual medley.

Beavers Win 4-1

BRAWLEY, Calif. (U)—The class AAA Portland Beavers evaded the score against the class AA Fort Worth Cats Monday, 4-1.

The Cats won a Sunday game between the two-Chicago Cubs farm clubs, 10-2.

Elmer Singleton pitched the first three innings, without yielding a hit, and Ted Edmunds went the final six, limiting Fort Worth to four hits and one run.

The teams will meet Wednesday in the rubber game. The Beavers will play the University of Southern California team Tuesday.

and who holds the record in the time of 4:04, which was established in 1956 when he topped Australia's Jim Bailey at the wire, is now in the Army and is stationed at Nash Bay, Wash.

"I don't know how much running Dellinger has been doing lately," Ogden continued, "but he's been contacted and I hope to hear from him."

Dellinger was last year's event in the time of 4:10.

Those thus far entered in Saturday's feature are as follows: Daryl Durfession, Cottage Grove High School senior who was second in the Oregon prep mile run last season and who has been clocked in 4:21.3 this spring; Dick Miller, former Littlefield star who is now attending the U or Oregon and who has done 4:15 at the distance; Jim Senko, ex-Portland U. veteran who has done 4:23; Ken Lukens, Portland State College star who is the Oregon Collegiate Conference champ at both the mile and the two-mile; Dale Hartman, the Northwest Conference champion from Willamette, who has done 4:28; Truman Clark, former Abilene Christian runner who is now doing graduate work at Oregon; Marshall Johnson, Whitman whiz who owns a mark of 4:30; and Jizza Ellis of George Fox College who has done 4:33 for the four laps.

Director Ogden expects some 1,500 athletes for the 5th annual classic Saturday. These will be representing around 50 high schools and 15 colleges.

The number of events Saturday will depend upon the final list of entries. Last year saw 137 races during the day, but Ogden doesn't expect the number to reach that level this year.

The entire show, classed as one of the biggest on the West Coast each year, will be run off in less than five hours. Ogden has the schedule set for a start at 1 p.m., and a finish at 5:45.

Tale of the Tape for Featherweights

21 AGE 25
126 WEIGHT 126
HEIGHT
5ft. 5 1/2 in. 5ft. 3 in.
REACH
66 in. 66 1/2 in.
CHEST NORMAL
36 1/2 in. 37 in.
CHEST EXPANDED
39 in. 39 in.
15 in. NECK 15 1/2 in.
WAIST
28 in. 27 in.
BICEPS
13 1/2 in. 12 1/2 in.
FOREARM
11 in. 11 in.
FIST
1 1/2 in. 1 1/2 in.



MORENO BASSEY

Here's how champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey of Nigeria and Ricardo (Pajaro) Moreno of Mexico City compare for their featherweight title fight at Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, Tuesday night. (AP Wirephoto)

Essegian, Ex-Salem Player, Draws Praise in Phil Camp

CLEARWATER, Fla. (U)—A football star of Armenian Partridge, is regarded by many as the number one "sleeper" in the Phillies' camp. This is rather a surprise. For despite an impressive batting record in the minors, he was not really expected to make the grade with the Phils.

The main drawback was his throwing arm. Back and shoulder injuries in the last couple of years so hampered his throwing that it was thought no major club would take a chance on him.

At the start of training, that weakness seemed too great a handicap — until coach Waltie Moses took over. Under Waltie's tutelage, the team agrees, there has been remarkable improvement, and Essegian's hitting power has won him a place on the Phillies squad, which heads north on Friday.

In exhibition games, Essegian has played all the outfield positions and, although his arm apparently never will be better than average, he has shown it is strong enough for him to get by as a left fielder. If he keeps up his power hitting, he may be a regular in that spot.

The 25-year-old Boston native, who now makes his home in Los Angeles, is better known among sports fans as the linebacker of the Stanford football team which bowed to Illinois in the 1952 Rose Bowl game. But his minor league record beats that of any Phil rookie buster in recent years.

In 1953, after his graduation from Stanford, Essegian turned down a major league offer, signing with Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League because he wanted to stay in the West.

Farmed out to Ventura and Visalia of the class C California State League, and to Salem, Ore., of the Northwest League, Essegian hit over .300 each season and led in home runs. After 1956, when he hit over .366 at Salem, he was declared a free agent by George Trautman, head of the Minor Leagues, who ruled that Sacramento had mishandled his contract.

Phillies' scout Babe Herman signed him for a modest bonus a year ago. Injured last May while playing with Miami, Essegian later was sent to Schenectady and burned up the Class A Eastern League, hitting .353, hammering out 20 home runs and getting 85 RBIs in 90 games.

"The way he swings a bat," said manager Mayo Smith, "is throwing has improved greatly and his kind of power just doesn't come along very often."

Essegian, a Gary Cooper type of talker, hopes he's ready to murder Big League pitching in regular season; would like to play every day because "I'd be a better then;" and is delighted that Smith considers him a good competitor.

Work Slows On Coliseum

LOS ANGELES (U)—Rainy weather has slowed construction of the new Coliseum, but the place will be ready for baseball April 18.

The field is all sodded, the base paths are cut out, the foul lines are cut into the turf and ready for marking, the on-deck batters' circles are completed and the right field foul pole is up.

In the stands some of the choice seats have been fitted with cushions.

Workers are erecting the outfield fence and were ready to start on the 25-foot screen behind the left-field wall. The new press box, over the main tunnel behind home plate, has been plastered and roofed. The extra light towers needed for baseball will go up some time this week.

Coliseum manager Bill Nichols said all the work will be done in plenty of time for the April 18 opener, in which the Los Angeles Dodgers will meet the San Francisco Giants.

Sawyer Wins From Peters

NEW YORK (U)—Rudy Sawyer, a tall New Yorker, punched his way to a third, unanimous decision over Jimmy Peters of Washington at St. Nicholas Arena Monday night. Sawyer weighed 149 1/2, Peters 148 1/2.

Sawyer clearly had the better of it, although referee Pete Scalzo was thoroughly disgusted with both at the end.

He warned each at least twice for low blows, but actually did not take a round away from either.

As it turned out, Scalzo gave Sawyer six rounds, Peters three and called one even.

Judge Bill Beech had Sawyer ahead 7-3, and Judge Mike David had Sawyer in front 8-2. The Associated Press card saw Sawyer the winner 8-1-1.

Muzzle-Loaders Form

The Four Corners Rod and Gun Club has invited anyone interested in muzzle-loading rifles and black-powder shooting to attend the club's meeting Tuesday night at 8.

A Black Powder Club will be formed within the Four Corners organization, according to Tex Shively, publicity committeeman. The club will hold a shoot in Salem June 22, Shively said.

Oldfield Takes Job at Astoria

ROSEBURG (U)—Ed Oldfield, who has been head professional at the Roseburg Country Club here the past four years, will leave Tuesday to take over his new job as professional at the Astoria Golf and Country Club.

At Astoria, he will succeed Ron Caperna who resigned to become professional pro at Rogue Valley Country Club, Medford.

No replacement has been appointed here.

Bassey, Moreno Slate Title Brawl

Meet Tonight in Los Angeles

By BOB MYERS

LOS ANGELES (U)—World featherweight champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey of Nigeria risks his title Tuesday night against knockout artist Ricardo (Pajaro) Moreno of Mexico in a fight that few expect will last the scheduled 15 rounds.

The engagement, Bassey's first defense of the crown he earned last June in Nigeria when he stopped Cherif Hamia of France in the 10th round, is slated to go on Friday at 9:45 p.m., (PST) in Wrigley Field.

If unsettled weather turns good, as forecast, 20,000 or more fans are expected to pay \$200,000 and up to see the fight, with the 25-year-old champion collecting a guarantee of \$70,000.

The attraction will not be televised nor broadcast via radio.

Bassey, unbeaten in 20 straight fights and a professional fighter since 1949, figures to be the betting favorite at odds of 2-1.

But Moreno the Pajaro, or Little Bird, the 21-year-old challenger from Mexico City, is unquestionably the boxoffice attraction.

An estimated 1,000 of his countrymen have swarmed into Los Angeles from Mexico City and even farther below the border, and additional thousands will sit in from the huge local Mexican colony.

"I shall not be bothered by my opponents' supporters. Perhaps they will be applauding for me before it is over."

So said the little fellow from the distant coast of West Africa, speaking the English he learned in school in Lagos and during his recent years of residence in London.

In the punching department, both fighters are essentially specialists with the left hook.

Bassey is far and away the better boxer, primarily because the Little Bird is simply a slugger and boasts an exciting record of 29 knockouts in 33 fights. (Continued page 10, col. 5)

Berra, Two Others Hurt

Injuries Mar Spring Games

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three players, including New York Yankee catcher Yogi Berra, were injured on the major league baseball front Monday.

Berra suffered a split hand while the Yanks were taking a 7-3 trimming from Los Angeles. He was struck on the right hand by a foul tip and will be sidelined for at least a week.

The Dodgers collected only seven hits, one a homer by Ransom Jackson. But they picked up four unearned runs.

Catcher Haywood Sullivan and pitcher Tom Brewer of Boston also were hurt.

Sullivan suffered a broken and dislocated index finger on his right hand when hit by a foul tip in the exhibition game against Washington. Brewer was hit on a finger of his right hand while taking batting practice and x-rays showed a hairline fracture.

The Red Sox won the game 8-3. Gene Stephens paced their attack with three hits in four trips, including a home run.

The Pittsburgh Pirates rallied for two runs in the ninth to beat Milwaukee 4-3. Frank Thomas tied the score with a homer. And moments later, Bob Clemente scored the winning run on Hank Fallet's single.

The Cincinnati Reds edged Philadelphia 2-1, getting the winning run in the ninth of Robin Roberts on Ed Bailey's double that scored Dan Morejon.

The Chicago White Sox and St. Louis Cards divided a doubleheader. The Sox, behind the one-hit hurling of Billy Pierce and Jim Wilson, won the opener and St. Louis took the six-inning nightcap, 7-5.

In other games, Dave Hillman went the distance and gave up only three hits as the Chicago Cubs defeated Baltimore 1-0. Ray Herber's clutch relief pitching enabled Kansas City to beat Detroit 5-4 and home runs by Preston Ward and Gene Woodling helped Cleveland trim San Francisco 8-2.

'Tams' Cancelled Richest Golf Meet Halted

CHICAGO (U)—Promoter George S. May Monday night cancelled the 1958 Tam O'Shanter Golf tournament worth about \$210,000 because of what he called a financial disagreement with the Professional Golfers' Assn. of America.

May's action followed a rejection of tournament contracts drawn up by the PGA and mailed by J. Edwin Carter, tournament manager of the PGA, March 19.

In a letter to Carter, May said: "We have decided to cancel out of all our tournaments this year. This includes the All-America Open for \$30,000, the World Invitational for \$105,000, the Women's All-American Open for \$8,000, the Women's World Invitational for \$17,000 and the \$50,000 contract for the winner of the World Invitational, amounting to a total of \$210,000 in cash prizes. Also in this connection, we are canceling out the All-American Amateur and the Amateur World Invitational."

"We are taking this action because we are being deprived of revenue — entry fees — which we sorely need to keep on presenting the world's richest golf tournament."

He charged the PGA with trying to collect \$27,000 in entry fees from him, while it collected nothing from several other tournaments.

Bobby Jones Goes Home

ATLANTA (U)—Former golfing champion Bob Jones went home from the hospital Monday after weekend treatment for what was described as a circulatory collapse.

His doctor said he expected Jones would be able to go to Augusta for the Masters Tournament which he helped found. The tournament starts Thursday.

The doctor recommended a couple of quiet days at home but saw no reason why Jones should not be able to resume his normal activities after that.

The 56-year-old Jones was stricken at his home Friday night with what the doctor described as a circulatory collapse. Tests at Emory Hospital showed no evidence of any serious disorder, however.

Salem Gunners 4th at Corvallis

Local trapshooters did well in the annual Corvallis Elks Club sponsored weekend meet at Corvallis.

The Salem team of Gordon Hull, Glen Hillbrand, Don Cannon, Byron Simonson and Pat Jarvill, finished fourth in the team event, Hull had a second in the doubles and both Cannon and Hillbrand cracked 50 straight targets during one of the events during the two-day conclave.

O. S. Ballou of Lebanon and John Willener of Eugene also scored well in the meet that had 111 western Elks Club teams and 110 shooters from as far away as Ontario, Ore., and Caldwell, Idaho.



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