

Skits and Scratches

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Probably a vast majority of the faithful who saw the Senators perform against the Spokane Indians won't admit it, but the home town club still has a chance to finish near the top. It will take better baseball than they have displayed recently, but they did it early in the season and there is no reason they can't do it again.

For one thing the Solons have a break in the remaining schedule. Out of 22 games remaining to be played, 14 of them will be staged at George E. Waters park. Five of them are against the Wenatchee Chiefs who have been consistent in their determination to remain in the cellar. Cooperation all the way down the line will be needed to boost Bunny Griffiths' boys up the ladder—players must eliminate their petty grievances while attendance of the fans must be increased.

Tacoma has taken second place away from Salem in the matter of league attendance. Spokane is out in front and will remain there. A couple of big games turned the trick for Tacoma. They staged a "Cavalcade of Baseball" one night and gave away a trip to the San Francisco fair another. Salem is close up on Tacoma and can easily regain second position.

There will be plenty of baseball starting next Friday night, which will be "ladies" night with Tacoma as the guest club. Saturday evening the Tigers and Senators will engage in a doubleheader to take care of a game rained out earlier in the season. A double bill is slated for Sunday. And then on Monday comes the big game against the Portland Beavers.

The Beavers may have grown used to being the doormat for the other Pacific coast league clubs, but they don't relish a trimming from a class B aggregation. So when they come up here next Monday night it will be for blood. The Portland management wanted Biddy Bishop to charge Coast league prices for the contest, but the Solon business manager wouldn't stand for it.

Biddy did agree to eliminate all WI league passes and make a flat 50 cent charge for every seat in the park exclusive of the boxes. There will be no reservations and the ticket sale will be on the "first come, first served" plan. The WI schedule called for the appearance of Wenatchee here next Monday night but under a mutual agreement this contest will be doubled up with the one set for Wednesday. The Wednesday double bill will be the setting for the George E. Waters appreciation night.

Biddy is still optimistic about the club finishing the season in the first division. "All clubs have their little crack-ups and we've had ours. There's still time to get back near the top."

Many fans profess a dislike for tactics such as the Spokane club employ on the diamond, but they honestly believe a little more fire and fight on the part of the Senators would cause considerable happiness in the business office department of the organization. The appearance of the Spokane Indians is the signal for mass heckling from the bleachers.

They will turn out to see a ball club which stirs up a rumpus over close decisions. They may boo and hiss but they like the atmosphere of a scrap and they'll keep coming back for more. A hearty dislike for an opposing ball club is almost always the forerunner of good gate receipts. A few more bean ball pitches such as Bud Brewer heaved against Falconi would heighten interest all around.

We don't exactly teach violence. We have too much regard for our own facial features. But a few more caustic around the home plate wouldn't do any harm.

Young Corbett Takes Decision
Fresno, Cal., Aug. 21 (AP)—There's life in the old boy yet, even if Young Corbett, III, former world welterweight champion, is approaching the age of 36 when he will automatically be barred from California's rings.

"Young" Corbett mauled Sheik Baneck, a 21-year old middleweight, for 10 rounds to win a decision from Referee Fred Bottaro before 7500 fans in an outdoor fight here last night.

Quarter Finals State Softball Tourney Tonight

Ninth Inning Home Run Spells Defeat for Salem Senators, 1 to 0

Square Deal Wins; Kennedy Kids Beaten

Games Tonight
8:00—Corvallis vs. Julia Lee Wright
9:15—Portland Firemen vs. Medford

Last Night
Oregon City 9, McMinnville 5
Pendleton 3, Kennedy's 0
Square Deal 8, Woodburn 1
Bonnaville 7, Eugene 0

First round winners in the annual state basketball tournament will return for competition tonight on Sweetland field. Julia Lee Wright, the Portland outfit which beat Bend, will take on the hustling Corvallis club. The champion killers—Portland Firemen—have a date with Medford, southern Oregon pennant winners at 9:15. Both games will be nine inning affairs.

A couple of superlative mound performances and some good lusty hitting provided the highlights as the first round of state softball tournament play was completed last night before a crowd approximating 1200.

As slugging a ball across the platter . . . Pendleton's Hervey Griffin, proved the big noise of the tourney thus far as he greeted the No. 2 Kennedy Kids with a no-hit pitching performance . . . a perfect game! The score was 2-0.

Only 21 Kids faced the Buckaroo hurler in the seven innings. The lone Kennedy batter to get on the bags, Shortstop Lacey, via error, was promptly erased the double play way.

To build higher the quality of his achievement, Griffin struck out 14 hitters to approach his 1939 tournament pace when he whiffed 26 men in 16 innings.

The Pendleton offense was built around the big bat of First Baseman Godwin. The two round-upper tallies romped over in the second as Godwin uncorked a home run to far left field with a mate aboard.

The Kennedys played excellent ball, went down gallantly, with Pitchers Jake Bulky and Knight twirling most creditably. It was plainly too much for Mr. Griffin.

The Square Dealers remained to carry the laurels for the Cherry City. With Henry Singer tossing up four-hit ball, the Dealers trounced Woodburn, 8-1.

Radioster war clubs cannonaded heavily in the initial two innings to pile up five runs. From there on it was merely a downhill road to triumph, with one more in the fourth and two in the sixth.

Leading the local barrage were Second Baseman D'Autremont with a triple and single, Lou Singer with a double and single, and Riddy Gentzkow with a brace of one-basers.

Woodburn got its lone marker in the fourth on hits by Moe and Tichnor.



Freckled, Red-Haired Verna Lee Stone, 13, and small for her age, is the only girl caddie of Louisville, Ky. She is known to golfers merely as "Red." She got her start at 7, when she became the only caddie at a private course. Her best score to date is a 42 for nine holes and her low at 18 is 86.

Ohio World Series Gets Shot in Arm

New York, Aug. 21 (U.P.)—The all-Ohio World Series got a shot in the arm today when the Indians and Reds staged last ditch rallies to pull games out of the fire. The Reds

were losing, 2-0, going into the ninth. Bill Lohman, Giants' pitcher, had the league-leaders hand-cuffed. They had made only three hits off him and hadn't got a man past second. Then things began to happen fast and furiously and when Bill Terry and the Giants recovered the Reds had won, 3-2.

Cleveland, with Bob Feller on the mound, was trailing the Red Sox, 5-2 going into the eighth. Then the Indians went on the warpath and scored seven runs off Jack Wilson and Emerson Dickma to win, 11-6.

Both triumphs were highly important to the pacemakers. Cleveland picked up a game and a half and increased its lead to 4 1/2 games over Detroit as the Tigers bowed to the Yanks twice, 4-3 and 4-2. The Reds also gained a game and a half and lengthened their margin to 5 1/2 games over Brooklyn as the Dodgers took a double tumble before the Cards, 3-0 and 4-3.

The Yanks moved into a fourth place tie with the White Sox as a result of the double victory.

The Athletics gained an even break with the White Sox when Wally Moses stole home on Thornton Lee in the tenth inning of the nightcap, giving the Mackmen a 4-3 victory. The White Sox won the opener, 6-1, on Edgar Smith's 3-driving the rookie sensation, Sid Hudson, out of the box, the Browns annexed a 6-3 victory over the Senators.

Claude Passeau scored his 15th win as the Cubs took the Phillies 4-3. Pittsburgh pounded out 15 hits to beat the Bees, 6-3, with Dick Lannahan outlasting Manuel Salvo to win his fourth game.

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Helser Drops Pitching Duel With Medeghini

Frank Volpi's two homers in a free hitting game gave the Wenatchee Chiefs a 13-11 victory in their Western International league contest with the Vancouver Caplans in Wenatchee last night.

Volpi hit a circuit clout in the sixth inning to tie the count and hammered out another in the eighth with one aboard to assure victory.

In another free hitting game the Yakima Pippins defeated the league leading Spokane Indians 18-14 in Spokane. Both teams used three pitchers. Johnny Stamper led the Yakima sluggers with five singles in seven trips to the platter.

George Farrell's homer with two out in the last of the ninth gave the Tacoma Tigers a 1-0 victory over the Salem Senators in Tacoma.

It was a brilliant mound duel between Roy Helser, Salem southpaw and Ray Medeghini a right hander, until Farrell's blow. Medeghini gave up three hits and Helser six.

Salem . . . 000 000 000—0 3 0
Tacoma . . . 000 000 001—1 1 1
Helser and Williams; Medeghini and Brenner.

Yakima . . . 303 703 110—18 22 1
Spokane . . . 350 510 000—14 16 6
Eisenman, Bryant (1), Schanz (4) and Younker; Wry, Kinnaman (4), Andrews (4) and McNamee.

Vancouver . . . 043 120 001—11 16 3
Wenatchee . . . 010 225 038—13 17 1
Goldman, Kershaw (6), Cole (6) and Lloyd; Clemence, Singleton (5) and Volpi.

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Jones' Trojans May Drop Two Contests

New York, Aug. 21 (AP)—A surprising number of people in Southern California think Howard Jones' Rose Bowl Trojans may drop two games next fall . . . Capt. Gar Davidsen, former Army grid coach, who was to have been transferred from Hawaii to the Cornell engineering school, has had his orders cancelled and will get a regular army post.

Today's Guest Star
Robert E. Hooney, Ohio State Journal: "The first World's Series game played at night? . . . Don't be a bit surprised if it is this year, especially if Cleveland wins the pennant . . . sooner or later a nocturnal series game is bound to come, say those who should know whereof they speak."

Good Night!
When wilder and woolier ball games are dished out, the Canadian-American league will do the dishing . . . In the Gloversville-Amsterdam game the other night the following things happened and they all look like some sort of records to us . . . in winning, 31-7, Gloversville scored 18 times in one inning. . . Palmer, Gloversville catcher, was up three times in the hectic seventh and singled each time. Cullinane, Gloversville third sacker, also was at bat three times in the same frame and each time drew a pass. . . Now if any team in organized ball can beat that, we're willing to learn.

Did You Know That—
The average big leaguer goes down to first in slightly less than four seconds. . . The fastest cover the 90 feet in 3 1/2 seconds. . . the slowest in about 5 3/10 seconds.

Handicap Fails Bother Texan

Vandalla, Okla., Aug. 21 (AP)—Sportsman will travel a long way before it finds another champion with the background, color and "heart" boasted by trapshooter's new North American clay target king—65-year old Forest McNeil of Houston, Texas.

Lela Hall, the charming housewife from Strasburg, Mo., won her fifth North American feminine crown yesterday at the 41st Grand American, and Fred Tomlin of Glassboro, N. J., grabbed his fifth professional title, but all the talk today around the big cartridge carnival was about McNeil.

The Texan, wearing a high, stiffly-starched collar, paid no attention to the high wind as he cracked 200 straight to beat the best in the land for trapshooters' toughest title. It was the only perfect count of the day. And it gave McNeil a championship he had tied for in 1920 and 1935, only to lose in shoot-offs.

But today he wore the royal robes and the trapshooting world will tell you he won 'em the hard way.

Four years ago he fell from a building in Houston, suffering a broken back and a crushed left arm. His left hand was amputated at the wrist, but when McNeil regained consciousness he had the hand sewed back on. The fingers failed to function, and two inches of flesh and bone are missing from the arm, but he asks no odds of anyone.

Surgeons told him he probably would never shoot again, but two years after his accident he was back at the "roaring grand" with a caddy to carry and load his gun. He fired the entire program.

WATCH FOR THE LUCKY STAR

Mill City—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Faust, accompanied by their young daughter, Urivay, left early Sunday morning for The Dalles to visit at the home of a brother of Faust. They planned to return home Tuesday evening, Faust being part owner of the Red and White store here.

Rainiers End Losing Streak With 6-4 Win

A home run, with two aboard, sent the Seattle Rainiers scooting 15 1/2 games ahead of the Pacific coast league field today.

Pinch-hitter Spencer Harris' eighth inning explosion brought the champion Rainiers up from behind to beat their nearest competitor, Los Angeles, 6 to 4.

It also ended a four-game losing streak and let Pitcher Dick Barrett run his league-leading victory total to 21.

The Angels clung to their half-game grip on second place, however, because the third-running Oakland Aacorns fumbled their way to a 5 to 4 defeat at the hands of Hollywood.

San Diego edged ahead in the battle for fourth place by beating the caboose club, Portland, 8 to 3, with Wally Hebert allowing the Beavers seven hits.

Sacramento, contending with the Padres for a place in the post-season playoff, shared a double feature with the unfathomable San Francisco Seals, taking the opener 13 to 0 and dropping the finale 3 to 1.

The Seals, always good for a laugh, in one inning of the first game played with only eight men. Not until one Senator grounded out was it discovered that Rightfielder Brooks Holder was still in the clubhouse.

Yesterday's scores:
Hollywood . . . 200 100 110—5 10 3
Los Angeles . . . 100 102 000—4 9 3
Oakland and Brestel; Dapper; Corbett and Cantey.
Seattle . . . 110 000 040—6 10 3
Los Angeles . . . 100 102 000—4 9 3
Brestel and Campbell; Stine and Holm.
San Francisco . . . 000 000 000—0 6 8
Sacramento . . . 020 413 208—12 1 8
Brestel and Stine; Bostling (7); Judd and Orodowski; Ballenger (8).
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MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS
(By the Associated Press)

American League
Baltimore—Raddiff, St. Louis, 360; Fingers, Boston, 347.
Russ—Williams, Boston, 100; McCoskey, Detroit, 92.
Cramer—Boston, 158; Raddiff, St. Louis, 155.
Home runs—Fox, Boston, 23; di Maggio, New York, 23.
Home bases—Case, Washington, 37; Walker, Washington, 18.
Pitching—Newcom, Detroit, 15-2; Feller, Cleveland, 12-4; Rowe, Detroit, 11-3.

National League
Baltimore—Rowell, Boston, 230; Walker, Brooklyn, 224.
Risks—Frey, Cincinnati, 87; Mize, St. Louis, 85.
Hills—F. McCormick, Cincinnati, 143; Hermann, Chicago, 141.
Home runs—Mize, St. Louis, 55; Nicholson, Chicago, and Rizzo, Philadelphia, 18.
Stolen bases—Reese, Brooklyn, 18; Fryer, Cincinnati, 12.
Pitching—Pittsmonaco, Brooklyn, 12-2; Sewell, Pittsburgh, 10-2.

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