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Skits and Scratches

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Induction into the armed services of the country of athletic directors who have not advanced beyond the middle aged spread point of life, is bringing back into news print some of the older generation. Departure of Tex Oliver from Oregon brought letters from a few gentlemen who the public had been led to believe had retired for good from the field of athletics. One of these, Jim Thorpe, brings to mind achievements of more than a quarter century ago of this Indian who was one of the outstanding athletes of the century.

Our apologies to Del Shroer, the five foot five shortstop of the Salem Senator squad. The reason his throws have not been reaching first with a lot of zip can be charged to a sore flipper. It's nothing but what a bit of warm weather will remedy.

Horses that are favorites in the winter books are the ones to lay off of when it comes to shoving your cash through the windows. At any rate that's the conclusion one can reach by perusing 23 years of racing at Louisville, Ky. Only three times during the past 23 years has the opening favorite won the derby. In 1925 he finished 12th in a field of 20 starters and in 1918 he finished 10th in a field of 12. Other favorites have finished from second to eighth or failed to start.

Winter book favorites to win the derby since 1919, according to the records include Morvich in 1922, Reigh Count in 1928 and Gallant Fox in 1930. Last year's favorite at 3-1, Our Boots, finished eighth. Whirlaway, the winner, opened at 8-1 and closed at 3-1 in the winter books.

One of the finest catches of trout to be brought to the city since the opening of the present season was snaked out of Klickitat lake by H. S. Carter, photographer and gentleman farmer of the Rosedale district. Klickitat lake is a hard-to-reach body of water in the Coast range and while Carter came back with the fish, he had to take time out to extricate his car from the two rutts through the hills which are improperly termed a road.

Mike Steinbock, another of the first-day fishermen, drove a lot farther and came back with least. He visited Blunlaw first and found every rock between the divide and Florence occupied. A six mile hike up Smith river to where better fishing conditions were reported didn't appeal to Mike so he turned around and came home with his high forehead nicely burned. Winter has come and gone while spring is well advanced but the Portland Beavers are right where they were when operations in the Coast league ceased last fall—in the cellar. They will be "welcomed home" tonight at the Vaughn street park and the fans in the bleachers may be expected to be a bit confused as to whether the 1941 season is still in effect. "How could our Beavers fall so low in such a short space of time?"

Probably the principal reason John Warren wasn't named to take over the head football coaching job at Oregon before was the fact they were working down through the list in alphabetical order. John was unfortunate enough to be at the tail end of the list. We venture the opinion that what few Webfoots are left for gridiron campaigning when the army, navy and the marines get through calling the roll, will be in for the most severe conditioning they have ever experienced. If they survive the routine Honest John will set up for them they most assuredly will be in condition for any branch of the armed services. Maybe he has mellowed a bit with the years, but Warren, while coaching at Astoria and in his first years as head of the yearlings at Oregon ran the boys until their tongues



SOME CHANCE—From Calumet Farm comes this chestnut colt, Some Chance, to point for the Derby at Churchill Downs. In 1941 he finished in the money 10 out of 14 times, earning \$81,265 for Warren Wright. Jockey Wendell Eads is up.

War Holds Up Seal Slaughters by Japs

Seattle, April 21 (P)—Yesterday they sold the pelt of Al the Seal; but Japan will have to wait a while for her 15 per cent of the proceeds or take it in bombs. Al is more exact—Alescanus, the fur seal; and the truth is that he may be part Japanese.

In St. Louis yesterday, the United States government wildlife service auctioned pelts taken by government hunters in the Pribilof Islands last summer. The pelts, which Alescanus relatives formerly occupied, brought prices of \$28 and up. But thereby hangs a tale which goes back a ways. Sealing in the Pribilof Islands was virtually unrestricted in the early days of United States control over Alaska. The fur seals, which inhabited the rocky islands by the millions, staggered under the blows of the island sealers.

So the United States signed a treaty. It provided that pelagic sealing should be outlawed, that the United States should kill selected year-old males each summer in the United States owned Pribilofs, and that the United States government should get 70 per cent of the proceeds, Canada and Japan each 15 per cent. The herd increased annually. Each year, while they migrated from the coast of California to the Alaskan Islands, United States coast guard cutters went along.

In an official statement, Japanese scientists conveniently declared that not all the Pribilof herd migrated south. Some of them, said the Tokyo professors, went to Japan and ate Japanese fish all winter.

The Japanese government was deluged. The 1915 treaty, it said, was unfair. Just a little more than a year ago, it served official notice of abrogation. Japanese pelagic sealing boats were prepared to sail. This spring would have been the bad season. There seemed to be no great diplomatic hope of preventing the slaughter, although the United States wildlife service had prepared a scientific expedition which expected to disprove the Japanese theory about where seals go when they're not home. The proof was to be involved and would have taken several years to prepare. The expedition would have sailed last December 7 from Seattle. Only it did not.

They were sticking out a foot. We believe Warren will do a good job in the top position.

Senators and Bearcats Mix Wednesday Eve

Taking advantage of better weather conditions the Salem Senators are putting in their best licks at spring training. They will indulge in a bit of "twilight" baseball Wednesday evening at Geo. E. Waters park when they collide with Coach Spec Keene's Bearcats at 7:30. The Cats have provided a lot of spring training for the opposition this year, getting little else but experience out of the efforts. But, while they have been consistent in their losing, with few exceptions their defeats have been by narrow margins.

The Senators shoved a couple of hopeful pitchers onto the mound yesterday afternoon against the state prison nine and came out of the session on the short end of a 19-5 score. Howard and Neubauer did the clicking for the Solons. The former asked for a workout and most assuredly got it as well as his mates who were kept busy shagging balls all over the park. Crosswhite, veteran prison pitcher, held Charley's Petersen's gang to nine blows. Prison 19 21 3 Salem 5 9 3 Crosswhite and Fuller; Howard, Neubauer and Warren, Robertson.

Softball Play Opens May 4

A softball program involving 12 teams and opening May 4 was tentatively set up last night when a number of persons interested in keeping the popular pastime alive met for a round table discussion. Teams already within the fold are Papermakers, Ramages, Golden Pheasant, Blue Lake, Postoffice, Keith Brown, Paper Office, Paper Machine, Sears-Roebuck, Walts, Presbyterians and Evangelicals.

Charles Davis, Bob Barnett, Carl Greider and Gurnee Fleisher were named on a nominating committee to present a slate of officers for the 1942 league. An election will be held next week.

According to the plan adopted last night, the 12 teams will comprise one league.

Stanford Beaten By Bruins, 71-60

Palo Alto, Calif., April 21 (P)—It was no world-beater of a track meet when you consider times and distances but the competition was close and there was plenty of straining at the tape as the University of California at Los Angeles Bruins beat Stanford, 71 to 60, here yesterday.

UCLA won seven firsts and the relay. Two of the firsts were taken by Mode Perry, in the half-mile and one-mile runs. UCLA swept the 440, and ran one-two in the two-mile.

In addition Therry, UCLA had another star. He was Hubert Duke who won the 220-yard low hurdles, tied for first in the 100-yard dash in 10 seconds flat, and was second in the 220-yard dash.

Alsab Shows Up At Louisville

Louisville, Ky., April 21 (P)—Unpredictable Alsab—who hasn't won a race since last November—was scheduled to arrive on the scene of the Kentucky Derby today, heavily favored by sportswriters and the nation's future book operators to win the 68th running of the blue grass country's biggest race. The 1941 juvenile champion took his sixth defeat of the 1942 season on Saturday at Havre De Grace but a semi-final callover in the betting established him as a solid favorite at 4-1 for the \$75,000 classic to be run May 2.

Power Line Extended

Stayton—The Mountain States Power Company is constructing a new power line extension west of here and will serve L. S. Lambert, Nora Taylor, Frank Studnick, Otto Burson, Ambrose Dozier, Ward Rueck, John Dozier and Paul Dozier. The line is now under construction and will be completed in about two weeks, according to Harry J. Rowe, local manager.

Mrs. Pickett Honored

Silverton—Mrs. Lon Jennings entertained at noon dinner at her Eureka avenue home in compliment to Mrs. Una Pickett on her 82nd birthday anniversary. Mrs. Pickett is in excellent health and makes her home alone near the Jennings residence.

Dodgers and Sox Provide 2 Questions

By George Kiksey
New York, April 21 (P)—Along the baseball front today the two important questions under discussion were—

1. Are the Brooklyn Dodgers more formidable than rated?
2. Can the Boston Red Sox give the Yankees a battle?

After a week of play, the Dodgers are riding the National league crest again, and their ace of aces, Whit Wyatt, hasn't been out of the starter's gate. Meantime, the Dodgers are rocking along at a merry 714 clip. True they have been bowling over second division opposition, the Giants, Phils and Braves, but they are putting the pressure on the Cardinals, Reds and other pretenders early.

The Red Sox threw a fright into the Yanks over the week-end by taking a series from the champions at Yankee stadium. They had six pitchers in a row go the route—almost unheard of for the Red Sox—but yesterday Joe Dobson, who hurled a six-hitter in his first start, was plastered out of the box by the supposedly weak-hitting Senators.

Nevertheless, the Red Sox still lead the league and have shown enough all-around strength to make Manager Joe McCarthy consider shaking up the Yankee lineup. Jack Wilson, an old Red Sox hand, exacted revenge on his former teammates yesterday when he hurled Washington to a 10-4 triumph over Boston. Rookie Harry Sketchley's first inning double with two mates on enabled the White Sox to defeat the Tigers 3-1.

Cleveland rode to a 4-3 victory over the Browns on the hitting of Rookie outfielder Oris Hockett, who singled, doubled and tripled.

With Kirby Higbe winning his first game, the Dodgers thumped the Braves 9 to 2. Higbe gave up seven hits.

Scoring six runs in the eighth off Max Butcher and Hank Gornicki, the Chicago Cubs waylaid the Pirates, 8-2.

A homer by Alban Glossop, Giant castoff, with the bases loaded enabled the Phils to down the Giants 6 to 3.

Nearly half the motor vehicles now registered in all Argentina are in or near Buenos Aires.

Hopes and Rookies For Spokane Champs

By Jack Howins
Spokane, April 21 (P)—The champs are going into the 1942 Western International league baseball season with a hatful of hopes and a roster full of rookies. The Spokane Indians sold the majority of their talent to Portland's Coast league Beavers before the first yawn of spring, retaining only their "grand old man," a youthful first baseman, a few chukkers, a roly-poly catcher and Manager Ray Jacobs.

The grand old man isn't old at all, but Dwight Aden (he's 27) has been in the league since its inception and can lay a strong claim to seniority rights. The fleet, steady-hitting centerfielder is the nucleus of the Tribe's offensive punch. The catcher is Kenny Myers, slow foot but excellent on defense and dangerous at bat. Making the catching assignment a family affair is Ernie Polster, a rangy youth who is Myers' cousin.

Young Vic Buccola rates as a veteran despite his 18 years, and moves into the first string first base spot. He's built on the skinny lines of Aden and his much like him, rapping the ball to left or center from the left side of the plate.

A Murray O'Flynn, the clowning Irishman, Bill Lanning and Damon Hayes, all right handed, are the mound veterans. Again the Indians open with only one southpaw, a lad named Jerry North, who took Washington State into camp April 15. A promising right-hander is Jimmy Hicks, an Ellensburg boy with lots of power.

Around the horn from first the infield is all rookie. Sid Buckman, a Los Angeles, is at second; Eddie Fullins, an Arizona boy, at short, and Red Fitzpatrick, a 200-pound speedball, at third. Skip Ewart, a veteran, also may be back for the third-base spot.

Aden, at center, is flanked by Gordy Cockroft in left field and Bob Daley in right. Daley, biggest man on a big squad, weighs 210 pounds. The Indians open April 25 against Vancouver and play 12 games before hitting the road.

Grizzlies Win Over Yankees

The Grizzlies won over the Yankees, 21 to 16, last week when Englewood grade school officially opened the softball season. Appropriate opening ceremonies had a part in the program with Mrs. Daugherty pitching the first ball. Miss Wikberg was the catcher and Mrs. Wood the first batter. Carlos Hood struck out seven and Darwin Kerber three. Lowell Aplet hit a home run.

Grizzlies 22 19 3
Yankees 17 19 5
Carlos Hood, Kenneth Helbert, Walter Moore, Bruce Boatman, Darwin Kerber and Bobby Hoblitt.



GOOD LUCK TO YOU!—Lou Boudreau, boy-manager of the Cleveland Indians who signed a two-year contract last November—he was 24 at the time—wishes his mirrored image a good season. This youngest manager in major league history succeeds Roger Peckinpaugh, who's now general manager.

Better Equipment Improves Oarsmen

By Gall Fowler
Seattle, April 21 (P)—Are today's oarsmen superior to the crop which produced Al Ulbrickson dack in the 1920-30 decade? Nope. Man for man they may be about the same.

But ask Ulbrickson or that sage of rowing, George Pocock, the shell-builder, and they'll tell you the difference is in advanced rowing technique and equipment. That accounts for Washington shattering three records in lacing California here last Saturday. And two of the losing Bear crews also undershot the old marks.

The records existing up to Saturday were set on the old Leschi-Madison park course which hasn't been rowed since 1930. That's why a 20-year-old record was on the books, as well as a couple 14 years old.

There have been plenty of refinements in shell construction during the past 12 years and undoubtedly if the old-timers had the same equipment they might have been turning in better times in the pre-depression days. And Ulbrickson has added some new wrinkles in application of body power which oarsmen of his time didn't know about.



John Warren

Twin Bill for Mat Program

A double main event will be dished up tonight at the armory for those fans who indulge in professional wrestling. Mickey McGuire and Bulldog Jackson have drawn one of the two top spots while Buck Davidson and Tex Hager will perform in the other. McGuire is returning to the armory arena following an absence of many months. The 8:30 preliminary will bring together Milt Olsen and Emil Kallilo.

Junior basketball—Louis Hough, John Johnson, Keith Morris, Charles Whittemore, Bob Warren, Bill Reinhart, Don Chapman, John Dowd, Bruce Hamilton, Travis Cross and Bill Close, manager.

Washington Noses Out Tacoma, 3-2

Seattle, April 21 (P)—Hefty Doug Ford had the Tacoma Tigers of the Western International league at his mercy yesterday, fanning 10 as the University of Washington chalked up a 3-2 victory in an exhibition baseball game. He allowed the Tigers only six hits.

The score:
Tacoma 2 6 4
Washington 3 6 1

Bob Montgomery Taps Peralta

Philadelphia, April 21 (P)—Bob Montgomery, local negro lightweight title contender, won a 10-round decision over Joe Peralta, flashy Mexican, last night in a desultory bout. Montgomery had no difficulty with Peralta but failed to display any of his usual slashing attack. Montgomery weighed 137½ and Peralta 134½.

Room and Board . . . By Gene Ahern

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Warren Gets Head Coaching Job at Oregon

Eugene, Ore., April 21 (P)—John Warren, a local boy who made good, today took over the job of coaching the University of Oregon football squad.

His tenure, the Oregon Athletic board hopes, will be longer, than the last mentor's, which was 98 hours. The last one was Vaughn Corley, Oregon line coach, who was elevated when Head Coach Gerald "Tex" Oliver was commissioned in the navy, but who resigned within a few days to accept a navy commission himself.

Warren is a safer bet to stick around. He tried to enlist, but the navy turned him down because of his avoidpuls. That is considered a break for Oregon football. Warren, an Oregon graduate who made an impressive record coaching an Oregon high school and the university freshmen, was selected by the athletic board last night from a string of candidates including Jim Thorpe, famed Indian athlete, and Claude "Tiny" Thornhill, former Stanford coach.

Warren was seven years at Astoria, Ore., high school, and his football teams there won 56 of 70 games, going undefeated in three seasons. In seven years as freshman coach here, his teams have won 18, lost 10 and tied 3. Warren, incidentally, has an even more impressive record at basketball, and at the rate coaches are going off to the armed forces, his hoop knowledge might come in handy. His Astoria basketball teams won 304 of 340 games and his Oregon fresh teams 93 of 111 games. The football team's spring practice, interrupted by the rapid change of coaches, was resumed today at Warren's call.

Vik Athletes Given Awards

More than a half hundred Salem high school athletes, participants in basketball, wrestling and swimming received recognition during an award assembly held in the auditorium Monday.

Swimming letters were awarded to Stan Welborn, Bob Schunke, Al Dahlen, Carl Reucker, Bob Lindsey, Carl Hultenber, Wes Miller, Paul Pettit, Jack Lachelle, Frank Caruth, Jim Gilbertson, Bob Niemeyer, Dave Berger.

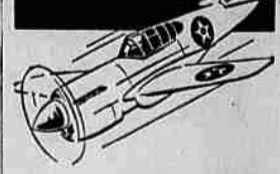
Wrestling—Bill Maude, Henry Henderson, Lyle Dierks, Henry Yonshikal, Orls Wilson, Mas Yvonne, Don Thompson, Fred Fries, Jim Lyons, Don Brower, Byron Riley, Lawrence Pohle, Ray Schless, Al Miller, Ray Loter, Leonard Lawless and Manager Marion Fernau.

Basketball—Bun Coons, Forrest Simmons, Rex Hardy, Don Cutler, Courtney Jones, Gordy McMorris, Wally Gemmill, Martin Svarverud, Bill Ransom and Manager Joe Yada.

Junior basketball—Louis Hough, John Johnson, Keith Morris, Charles Whittemore, Bob Warren, Bill Reinhart, Don Chapman, John Dowd, Bruce Hamilton, Travis Cross and Bill Close, manager.

Many Americans are still to be found in London.

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