

Skits and Scratches

By Fred Zimmerman
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They have sacked John "Bunny" Griffiths back in the Canadian-American League, Rome, N. Y., the club the former Salem skipper was directing during the current season, has gradually drifted deeper and deeper until now it is in the cellar with latest reports showing 18 wins against 32 losses. The Colonials named Phil Clark, an outfielder in Bunny's place. If you can't win there's always some one nearby willing to take a shot at it.

Probably Bunny wishes that he had remained with the Cramp Shipbuilding company where he had a job. But once the virus of baseball gets into a man's veins there's no remedy that will keep him away from the diamond. Only when he finally realizes that his legs are not what they should be and that his reactions are too slow to keep pace with his fellows, will he finally face the issue.

Griffiths was one of the finest men this writer has ever associated with. He was kindly, considerate and when he couldn't say something good of those around him he kept quiet. His ability as a shortstop was recognized wherever he went. But as a manager his chief fault was that he was too good to those under him. They too frequently took advantage of his good nature.

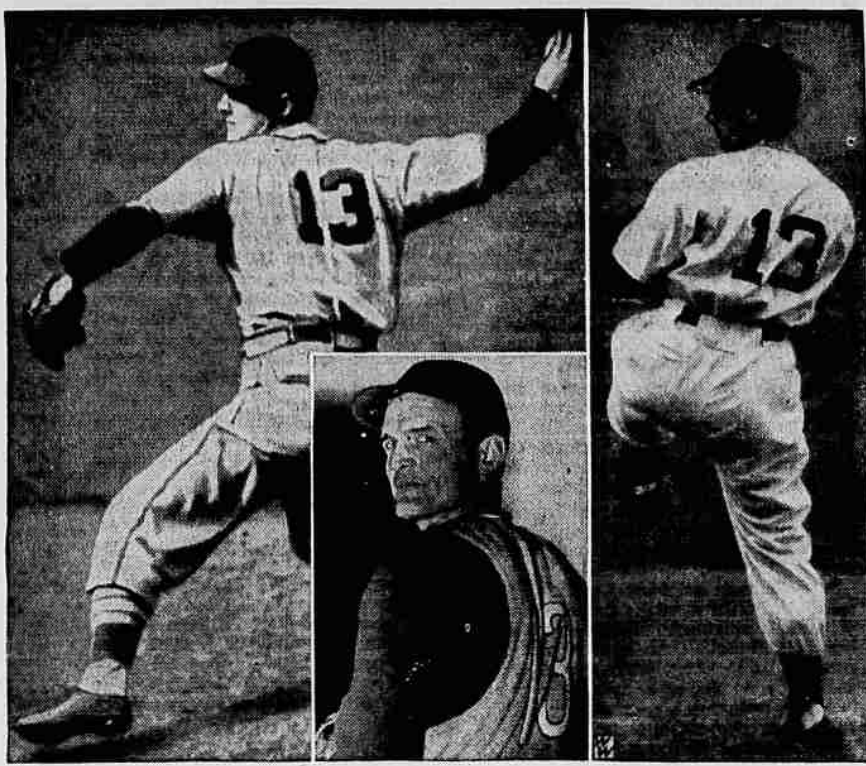
It's a great life for the boys who are associated with clubs that do their traveling in bus or by private car. There is little wonder that they become a bit listless at times. The Senators must shudder when they think what is ahead of them early next week. They left for Tacoma Saturday forenoon. Following Sunday's doubleheader with the Tigers up north they board their bus for the return trip and a battle against the Oakland A's Monday night. Then, according to an agreement entered into when the Oaks were signed, the Salem bus will be used to transport the A's into Portland immediately after the game. Returning to Salem the bus will load the Senators and shove off for Vancouver, B. C., where they engage the Caps Tuesday night.

That program was the principal reason the Solon management sought to have the Tacoma series of Saturday and Sunday played at Geo. E. Waters park. The shift would have saved money for both clubs, but the Bengal front office would have none of it despite the fact they were granted half of the gate receipts instead of the usual flat guarantee.

It's tough on those who are trying to operate on a business as usual basis, but those young fellows who are skirting around the edge of draft age, might as well make up their minds to take up some form of national defense and forget baseball for the duration. The situation is worse in Class B or lower where the managers have little idea who will be on the club roster from day to day. The Salem management has been particularly hard hit. Not only has the draft or the shadow of that important bit of national defense raised havoc, but injuries have taken their toll. If the loop manages to survive to the bitter end, it will be due to the determination of the owners and the managers to see the thing through. What will happen in 1943 is something else. But the best guess would be that the Western International will not try to operate unless the war is over.

The first torpedo, the "spar torpedo" of the American Civil war, was a long ram with a bomb on the end of it.

Room and Board . . . By Gene Ahern



Superstition Doesn't Mean a thing to three of the top pitchers in the National league, all of whom support the alleged jinx of No. 13. Morton Cooper (left), of the Cardinals, is the leading major league twirler to date; Claude Passeau (center), Cub standby, leads in number of victories, and Kirby Higbe (right), does all right for Brooklyn.

Angels and Solons Crack Opposition

(By the Associated Press)

Sacramento and Los Angeles, one-two in the Pacific Coast baseball league, are marching along two and a half games apart and trampling their opponents in consistent fashion. Sacramento nipped San Diego 4 to 2 and Los Angeles routed Oakland, 6 to 1, last night, the two leaders each taking three to one series margins.

The Solon-Padre tussle was a hurling contest in which southpaw Tony Freitas yielded eight safeties to best right-handed Norman Brown who allowed nine.

Mel Mazzera, heavy hitting Padre outfielder, homered in the second and singled in the fourth when the San Diegos scored their second tally.

Ray Prim, ace Los Angeles moundsman, scored his 12th win of the year with a seven-hit performance against the Oaks. Jack Salvson of the Oaks was pounded for 11 bingles.

Hollywood trimmed San Francisco 4 to 3 as Star batters fattened their averages with 19 hits off Ed Stutz and Al Epperly, while Manny Perez limited the Seals to five hits.

Brilliant fielding by the Seals held the Hollywood scoring down. Three Star tallies were cut off in plays at the plate and a double play at third halted a threat of two additional runs.

Portland's game with Seattle was postponed.

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San Diego . . . 010 100 012 8 1

Freitas and Mueller, Brown and Detore, Los Angeles . . . 000 202 200-6 11 0

Oakland . . . 000 000 001-1 7 1

Prim and Todd, Salvson and Raimondo, San Francisco . . . 101 100 000-3 3 1

Hollywood . . . 100 100 200-4 10 2

Stutz, Epperly 8, and Oerodowski, Perez and Atwood, Brenzel 8, Seattle at Portland, postponed.

Baseball Scores

(By the Associated Press)
National League
Chicago 3, Boston 2
St. Louis 3, New York 2 (10 innings)
Cincinnati 2, Brooklyn 1 (10 innings)
(Only games)
American League
Cleveland 4, Philadelphia 2
Boston 4, Detroit 1
New York 5, St. Louis 2
(Only games)
Pacific Coast
Los Angeles 6, Oakland 1
San Francisco 4, San Diego 2
Hollywood 4, San Francisco 3
Seattle at Portland (postponed; will not be made up until week of August 4-5)
Western International
Vancouver 9, Spokane 4
(Only game)
Pioneer League
Oden 6, Pocatello 5
Boise 10, Salt Lake 9
Idaho Falls 7, Twin Falls 5

Boys Do Something About Golf Course

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New York, July 11—While other golfers have been worrying about the war's effects on their clubs, a bunch of the boys up at St. Johnsbury, Vt., decided to do something about it . . . like all the rest, they've had to economize, so every Monday evening, 10 or a dozen gather on the course and instead of chasing a little pill they put in three good hours wielding scythes, raking and weeding traps, etc. . . So now they not only have a layout that is in fine shape but they have a lot more interest in the club than before. . . And while we're on golf, out in Okoboji, Iowa, L. C. Shoemaker of Sioux City teed off on the 14th hole of the Brooks Country club just as a plane came into land at an adjoining airport. . . Shoemaker's ball sailed up, landed on the plane's wing, and dropped back onto the fairway.

Welch, national public links champion, meets fireman Bruce McCormack, Los Angeles, a former public links titleholder. Abbott, who has exhibited excellent form in the tourney, meets Jerry Givan, Seattle, former Walker cup player.

Corp. Bud Ward, Spokane, defending champion and favorite to retain his title, was eliminated yesterday afternoon by Welch, 2 up. In another quarter-final upset, Wilford Wehrle, Racine, Wis., was beaten by Givan, 5 and 4. Wehrle lost the match through poor putting.

Other quarter-final results: Abbott defeated Marsh Hammond, Spokane, 4 and 3. McCormack defeated Skeel Riegel, Glendale, Calif., 3 and 2.

Lone Oregonian In Tennis Play

Portland, Ore., July 11 (U.P.)—Three Californians and one lone Portlander will battle today in the men's semi-finals of the Oregon state tennis tournament. Finals are scheduled Sunday.

Nick Carter, top seeded San Franciscan, will meet Walt Davis, Oregon's last remaining entry, and Ken McCarthy of Fresno, Calif., will face Harry Buttimer, San Francisco, who turned in Friday's major upset by posting a 9-7, 6-1 victory over highly-favored Jim Brink of Seattle who had been seeded second.

Livingstone and Barbara Kruse, San Francisco, scored one of the hardest-fought victories in the tournament in defeating Roche and Daphne Buckell of Berkeley in mixed doubles, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, to win their way into the finals against Buttimer and Dorothy Head, Alameda.

In women's doubles, Miss Head and Miss Buckell will meet Helen Gurley, Sacramento and Barbara Kruse in the finals.

Semi-pro Clash Goes to Portland

Portland, Ore., July 11 (U.P.)—Willamette Iron and Steel and the Portland Firemen will play here tonight in a state semi-pro baseball tournament game transferred from Silverton.

Ray Brooks, semi-pro commissioner, said the move was made to give Portlanders a chance to see their teams.

Both have been beaten once, and the loser will drop out of the tourney.

In a semi-final game, unbeaten Marine Electric and Boller-maker teams will meet in Portland Sunday night.

At Silverton last night the scheduled Silverton-McElroy's of Portland game was postponed.

Reiser Takes Over Lead in Batting Race

New York, July 11 (U.P.)—Pete Reiser of the Brooklyn Dodgers, National league batting champion last year, jumped from second place in the major league batting race to first this week, replacing Joe Gordon of the New York Yankees by a commanding 14 point advantage, official tabulations revealed today.

Reiser boosted his average from .348, registered a week ago, to .361, bettering the Boston Red Sox' Bobby Doerr, who moved from third place to second with a mark of .347. These averages are based on games played up