

Skits and Scratches

By Fred Zimmerman
Capital Journal Sports Editor

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Drawings for various athletic contests often give results that to the interested parties bear evidence of having been deliberately "fixed." Salem high was frequently accused of having a pull with those who conducted the lottery for the state basketball tournaments because the Vikes on several occasions drew what appeared to be weaker opponents in the opening rounds. It didn't always work out that way but that made no difference to the accusers. They would not be convinced that the method of picking the contenders was on the level.

Ere Kay, who has had a lot of experience in drawing up flights for golf tournaments, remarked that the pairings for this spring's city-wide championships give evidence of having been tampered with. But he swears the whole thing was a matter of chance and anything resembling deliberate bracketing just happened that way. In this way the two juniors of the tournament—Bob Burns and Bob Sederstrom—were pitted against each other. Which means that one or the other will be eliminated at the outset. Nothing deliberate about placing Don Hendrie against George Seales, either. Whatever the results, the first round must be completed by next Sunday night—fishing or no fishing.

A letter from U. S. Senator W. Warren Barbour of New Jersey asks your correspondent concerning local sentiment regarding a return match between Joe Louis and Billy Conn for the heavyweight championship of the world. Senator Barbour declares he is a fight fan. "My keen interest in the sport brought me the distinction of being selected official time-keeper at the Willard-Dempsey fight in Toledo," the senator relates. "One of my most treasured possessions is the trophy I won as amateur heavyweight champion of the United States and Canada in 1910."

Senator Barbour said he agreed with the decision that brought about the cancellation of the proposed Louis-Conn bout last fall. "However, it does seem a pity that the determination of the officials at that time should have established a policy which would permanently preclude the staging of one of America's greatest boxing events." All of which adds up to the fact that the senator is anxious to have a ringside view of a re-match of the two ring gladiators.

Whether sentiment is in favor of a re-match or not, it is probable the army will have the final say. And since Conn is reported to have been transferred to a point which in all probability is outside the bounds of the United States—any fighting he may do will be with weapons a bit more potent than his dukes. There is no question but that a ring engagement between the champion and the man who came close to dethroning him would attract public interest. But so far as this writer has been able to determine, there is no burning demand on the part of the fans that such a program be staged. If we have the right slant on the subject, there is considerably more interest in licking the Axis than in a million dollar arena spectacle even though it involves the Brown Bomber.

Staters Edge Cougars Again

(By the Associated Press)

The University of Washington baseball team will leave for a four-game Oregon invasion Thursday and will face a real challenge for their position atop the northern division ladder.

Field conditions yesterday cancelled the second game of the Washington-Idaho series, while Oregon State kept a tight grip on the runner-up spot by turning back Washington State 8 to 6.

Washington will play Friday and Saturday at Corvallis and Monday and Tuesday against the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Like Oregon State, the Webfoots have lost but one game, although they have played two less than the Beavers.

Oregon State at Corvallis yesterday concentrated their efforts in one big inning—the fourth—when the Beavers took advantage of two W.S.C. errors, coupled with a base on balls and five singles to score six runs. Single tallies were notched in the first and eighth innings.

Monday O.S.C. scored all its runs in one inning in winning, 7 to 4.

Washington State pounded Andy Frahier for 14 hits, but Frahier kept them fairly well scattered.

Wash. State 100 200 012-6 14 2
Ore. State. 100 600 01x-8 11 3
Rockey, Olson (4) and Cranston, Dodge; Frahier and Roelandt.

Portland Wins, Crowd Lacking

(By the Associated Press)

Portland held to the pace yesterday and continued as one of the three Pacific coast league teams with unsold early season records, defeating Sacramento, 2 to 1, when an error gave the Beavers a run to break a 1-1 tie in the eighth inning. Seattle has yet to break into the win column, losing yesterday, 6 to 5, to San Diego.

At Sacramento, Portland catcher Roy Easterwood, who had walked, came home on an error, to keep Portland at the top of the heap, along with San Francisco and San Diego. Wilderness by Al Brazle, Sacramento pitcher, contributed to the Beaver victory. Jack Wilson, pitching for Portland, allowed six hits.

The Padre victory over Seattle was the result of a four-hit four-run combination in the eighth inning. First Baseman George McDonald started the rally with a triple which spelled defeat for Pitcher Hal Turpin, who yielded 10 hits. Frank Dasso, pitching throughout for San Diego, allowed 13.

Attendance figures showed a decided drop from the opening day. At San Francisco, for example, the turn-out was 1,864, compared with Sunday's record 18,000. A mere 427 watched the Portland-Sacramento game and others had corresponding slumps.

In other league games San Francisco defeated Hollywood, 4-3 when Outfielder Frenchy Uhalt singled to score two men in the ninth, and Oakland defeated Los Angeles, 8-5, with a six-run burst in the first inning.

Alexander Years for Diamond Job

Cincinnati, O., April 21 (AP) — Grover Cleveland Alexander, a pitching immortal unsalvaged from baseball obscurity even by the war, sat in the stands today and watched wistfully as Cincinnati met the St. Louis Cardinals, the team he helped win the World Series in 1926.

"Old Pete," who hit the pinnacle of fame when he struck out Tony Lazzeri with the bases filled in the New York-St. Louis World Series in 1926, had little illusion about his usefulness to baseball today.

"There's a little too much rubber in these old legs for me to dream about playing," he said. "But I'd like to have a go as coach with some team. I think I could teach these young pitchers a few things."

Senators Lead Once Anyhow

By Judson Bailey
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

Spring is here! All the people who have been doubting it for various reasons, especially the weather, had to be convinced today because the baseball season is now open.

The Washington Senators subdued the Philadelphia Athletics, 7-5, yesterday in the nation's capital and took over first place in the American league for at least one day.

The formal bow for the National and American leagues as a whole today called for this program:

National—St. Louis at Cincinnati, New York at Brooklyn, Pittsburgh at Chicago and Philadelphia at Boston.

American—Washington at New York, Boston at Philadelphia, Detroit at Cleveland and Chicago at St. Louis.

In winning the inaugural in Griffith stadium the Senators confirmed the suspicions of many observers that play this season would be more slovenly, that the ball is "more dead," that crowds in mid-week will be smaller and that Washington is improved over last year.

The turnout for the inaugural was the smallest in many years at Washington, 25,093, and the game itself was a stumbling affair with the Senators making three errors and the Athletics calling on four hurlers.

Auspicious Opening of Coast Loop Indicates Interest in Game

By Lisle Shoemaker

Los Angeles, April 21 (AP)—It's true we've never been awarded any medals for meritorious performance as a baseball critic but there's no rule right handy to keep us from taking our turn at bat. It's pretty early, of course, to jump right out swinging and proclaim that Coast league baseball season is now entering what will be its most successful season in history. It probably won't be.

But it doesn't seem too early to ask those fellows who suffer from baseball blues and predicted the PCL season would fold up by July just what they think now—after only two days of the schedule on the boards.

Turnouts on the four opening Sunday fronts were practically on the spectacular side. It seems perfectly clear the people, the fans who holler at the umpires, the ones who line up for blocks at the hot dog stands want their baseball.

Personal experience in Sunday's opener at Wrigley field between Oakland and the Angels gave us an insight into spectator wants.

The lines at the ticket booths was so long at Wrigley field the management stalled the opening ceremonies a few minutes to let the paying customers in so they'd get their money's worth.

Press Box for Private Smith
Salt Lake City, April 21 (AP)—Pvt. Owen Smith, sports writer for the Salt Lake City army air base newspaper, took a turn at batting practice.

Coach Don Galbreath, watching, said Slugger Smith definitely will stay with the team all season—"in the press box."

SPORTS

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Film Will Show Armed Forces How to Play Game of Baseball

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

New York, April 21 (AP)—Lew Fonseca has whittled out a series of instructive sequences from the various American league films shot since 1934 and will take them on a month's tour of army camps to show Uncle Sam's soldiers the right way to play baseball. . . . The quarterly N.B.A. boxers' rankings will be out next week. No doubt they'll give Tony Galento's comeback the recognition it deserves. . . . Henry C. Paulsen, a Long Island railroad conductor, recently bowled two 300 games in 21 days.

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Bearcats Slate 14 Ball Games

Fourteen games remain on Willamette's baseball schedule beginning with a contest against the Prison Greys Saturday afternoon and ending with a doubleheader against Linfield May 11th. The program calls for four games against Linfield and as many more with Pacific. The winner of the west side will probably engage Whitman for the conference championship.

The schedule:
April 24—State prison.
April 27—Oregon State there.
April 28—Linfield there, two games.
April 29—Camp Adair there, 6 p.m.
May 1—State prison.
May 4—Pacific here, two games.
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