

Skits and Scratches

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One reason for Salem high's failure to gain much prominence as a winner of athletic events during the year drawing to a close may be found in the list of graduating seniors. Several good boys are found thereon, but not one of outstanding ability. Nevertheless, the young fellows who failed to catch the eye of the Scouts may be the very ones who will make a name for themselves in college athletics if given an opportunity.

The Viking directors turned thumbs down on baseball this season principally because there was but one kid on the campus who had had pitching experience. He had a trick knee which could not be depended upon. However, the Vikes had a successful track season even though they placed but one man in the state meet. Probably more physical condition was developed through track than would have been the case had they centered on a baseball program.

One thing is sure, baseball cannot be developed here on a six weeks' basis in the spring. If the talent is to be brought to light there must be some competition during the summer months. And that's where the junior program fits in. Silverton and Woodburn have been steady participants in junior baseball and they have been consistent winners over the Vikings on the diamond in high school competition.

No need to look further than the batting percentages to gain an insight into why Ralph Coleman's OSC Beavers made such a good showing in the recent baseball campaign. All but one of the eight regulars batted over .300 for the 16 league contests. Pitcher-outfielder Frahier led the hitters with 24 safe blows in 61 trips to the plate for a .393 average. Catcher Frank Roelandt, freshman receiver hit 24 for 66, averaging .363. Don Bower, a product of Salem high under Coach Harold Hank came through with .346. Other averages were Spike Johnson .321; Ray Oberst, .320; Vic Brown, .310; Bob Churchill, .303 and Bill McCluskey, .238.

Gunder Haegg, the Swedish speedster, considered the fastest human when it comes to distance running, is causing a bit of speculation in U.S. athletic circles as he moves across the ocean toward North America on an oil tanker. Will any of the better known spiked shoe experts be able to keep within shouting distance of the Swede, is one of the questions which remain to be answered. Most experts believe none of the boys in this country will be able to press Haegg. It is doubtful whether he will establish any new records because of this lack of real competition.

Haegg is holder of five official world records from 1500 meters to 5000 meters. He has romped the measured mile in 4:04.6, which is nearly two seconds faster than anyone else ever ran it. It hasn't been determined how many races Haegg will run in this country or at what distances. He's booked to take part in the A.A.U. championships in mid-June while it is probable he will be pitted against Gil Dobbs and other milers, and with Greg Rice at two or three miles. It is probable Haegg's appearances will revive interest in track to quite an extent.

Major League Leaders

(By the Associated Press)
National League
Batting—Fry, Cincinnati, .351; McCarty, Boston, .341.
Runs batted in—Herman, Brooklyn, 20.
Home runs—Ott and Maxner, New York, and Linn, Philadelphia, 4.
Pitching—Alton, Brooklyn, 3.0; Klinger, Pittsburgh, 2.0.
American League
Batting—Stephens, St. Louis, .368; Ruzicka, Detroit, .361.
Runs batted in—Spencer, Washington, 18; Johnson and Vernon, Washington, 18.
Home runs—Keller, New York, 4; Lanks, Michigan and Charak, St. Louis, 3.
Pitching—Chandler, New York, and Cerrano, Washington, 4.0.

Crosetti Leaves Dog House Today

New York, May 21 (AP)—Frankie Crosetti leaves the dog house today. The New York Yankee infielder was fined and suspended for 30 days by Commissioner K. M. Landis after a run-in with an umpire during the last world series. The 30-day suspension was to become effective at the start of the current season, and the period now has expired leaving Frankie eligible to play.

School children of Bermuda collected 63 tons of scrap metal in two weeks.

SPORTS

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Timber Wolves Here Sunday

A double header baseball program, featuring the Camp Adair Timber Wolves, who eked out a one score win over Commercial Iron of Portland last Sunday, and a local crew known as the Salem All-Stars, will be presented to the fans at Geo. E. Waters park Sunday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock. It is expected Sgt. Jack Knott will have possession of the mound for the Wolves during one of the contests. Knott tired badly in last Sunday's encounter and was relieved near the middle of the contest. He will be opposed by Bill Hanauska, Willamette university's professional horsehide heater who is the property of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Hanauska has wins over Oregon and Oregon State to his credit.

The All-Stars will have in their line-up Clint Cameron, another of Willamette's professional boys, who has shown remarkable improvement as a catcher. Don Hilton and Bud Larson, Molalla's freshman gifts to the Bearcat club, will be among those present. Ken Manning, manager of Silverton's club of last season and a former Western International first sacker, will be at the initial bag for the All Stars.

Novikoff Agrees With Cub's Terms

Los Angeles, May 21 (AP)—It may have been that doubleheader they blew to the Phillies yesterday, or perhaps the Chicago Cubs looked at the standing and discovered they had won only seven of 26 games—but something has changed their position on the Lou Novikoff problem.

Lou, the mad Russian who was one of the Cubs' two .300 hitters last season, is about to be welcomed back into the Wrigley menagerie. He has been ignored for two months by General Manager Jimmy Gallagher because he spurned an offer of \$6,500 and asked for \$10,000.

In those two months Novikoff has been playing semipro ball, and so have the Cubs. Lou has been earning almost as much at his warplant job as Gallagher offered.

Yesterday Clarence (Panis) Rowland, president of the Los Angeles club, owned by Wrigley, talked terms and Lou said he'd take off tonight by train for Chicago.

Leslie 9th Grade Club Wins 17 to 2

Deadlocked as the result of Leslie's 17 to 2 thumping of their Parrish rivals in softball Thursday afternoon, the ninth grade clubs of the two schools will stage a third contest for the championship. Leslie collected 22 hits off O'Brien.

The Parrish eighth graders took their second game and the title from Leslie by virtue of a 6 to 2 score. Included in the 22-hit barrage were five collected by Hagedorn.

Phillies Trampling on Feet Of National League Leaders

(Associated Press Sports Writer)
The Philadelphia Phillies not only are standing on their own feet these days, they are trampling on the toes of a lot of other clubs in the National league. Here is what they did yesterday:

1. Shut out the Chicago Cubs in both ends of a doubleheader, 3-0 and 2-0, allowing the Bruns just four hits in each game.
2. Made the Cubs' plight so disturbing that Philip K. Wrigley, their multi-millionaire owner, personally announced settlement of the club's contract squabble with Lou Novikoff.
3. Rejected the Brooklyn Dodgers' offer of two players for Second Baseman Danny Murtagh, thus causing the Dodgers to sell them Pitcher Newt Kimball and send Alex Kampouris to Washington for each in order to get under the 25-player limit.
4. Threatened the third-place standing of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals.

The twin triumphs over the Cubs were achieved on superlative pitching by Charley Fuchs and Lefty Al Gerheuser, a pair of rookies. The Phillies made nine hits off Bill Lee in the first game, but in the nightcap were held to four by Kewpie Barrett, formerly with Seattle, the unlucky guy who recently lost a one-hit game to Pittsburgh. Two singles and some bad infielding by the Cubs provided the Phils both their runs in the third inning of this game.

The Phillies' winning string was stretched to five games and they moved within half a game of the Cardinals, who were beaten 5-2 at Brooklyn.

This made this four-game Brooklyn-St. Louis series a standoff between the Cardinals and Frank (Rube) Melton, who accounted for both the Dodgers' victories. The former Philly ace stopped the Redbirds 1-0 Monday and then came back on two days rest yesterday to pitch a seven-hitter.

Better Luck for Anglers Promised

Portland, May 21 (AP)—Better luck for fishermen this weekend was predicted by the state game commission today. Its weekly bulletin painted this angling picture by counties:

Benton—Limit catches of large trout being taken from the Alsea river on spinners and worms. Limits also from Willamette river near Irish Bend and Peoria.

Lane—Some nice catches have been made in the last few days from the McKenzie river and Middle fork of the Willamette.

Linn—Larger streams dropping and fishing should improve.

Clatsop—Best catches from lower Nehalem river and Necanicum river, with spinners and bait. Fly fishing good in smaller streams.

Cook—Streams clearing and fair catches reported.

Curry—Salmon fishing in the Rogue river slow but angling reported very good in streams of southern part.

Deschutes—Some nice catches made in North Twin lake. Deschutes river south of Bend and Little Deschutes.

Jefferson—Metolius river and Suttle lake good at times this week.

Nova Taking on Huge Californian

Portland, May 21 (AP)—Lou Nova, 28-year-old near-contender for heavyweight title consideration, will take on Chuck Crowell, a fellow Californian, in a 10 round main event here tonight.

Crowell, 240-pounder, claims Nova once ran out on him in Los Angeles.

Beavers Share Cellar Berth

(By the Associated Press)
Probably out of boredom as much as anything else, Los Angeles finally dropped a ball game yesterday, losing a 4 to 2 decision to Hollywood for the Angels' first defeat in their last 22 coast league baseball games.

At the nadir end of the loop, the Seattle Rainiers, on the theory that misery loves company, hung another defeat on Portland, this time, 5 to 3, and pulled the Beavers down into the cellar with them.

Ken Raffensberger lost his third game of the season as the Angels record victory parade finally was broken. Los Angeles has lost only four so far.

Hollywood's outfielder, Johnnie Dickshot, continued his personal hit parade, hitting safely in his 32nd consecutive game. San Francisco defeated Oakland, 5 to 4, in an 18-inning marathon, and came from behind to do it.

The Oaks took a one run lead in the 18th only to have the Seals score twice in their half when Pitcher Nubs Kleinke blew up.

Another overtime tilt was played at twilight at San Diego with Sacramento edging out the Padres, 5 to 4, in the 11th when Manuel Vias singled, stole second and scored on an error.

The short scores:

Seattle 100 000 010-5 11 2
Portland 020 100 000-3 13 3
Turpin and Burns: Liska and Sipa, (18 innings)
Oakland 000 000 000 000-4 17 1
San Fran. 001 000 000 000 002-3 14 4
Lola, Kleinke (18) and R. Rainmond; Gibson, Bailey (18) and Spruzs Garndow, (11 innings)
Sacramento 000 000 000 01-5 4 1
San Diego 020 010 001 00-4 11 4
Dreisewerd and Petersen: Dasso, Chapman (18) and Ballard
Hollywood 000 300 001-4 10 6
Los Angeles 000 000 000-2 11 0
Joiner and Brunel: Raffensberger, O'horn (4), Baker, Malloy (4) and Land.

Over 8,000,000 mulberry trees were planted in Yunnan province of China in six months of last year, and are expected to soon produce food for silkworms.



Lefty Gomez

Boston, May 21 (AP)—Lefty Gomez, veteran major league southpaw, today was among baseball's unemployed for the first time since he came to the New York Yankees in 1930, but the slender Californian confidently predicted he would "land a job soon." The Boston Braves handed Gomez his unconditional release Wednesday. He had not played in any regular games this season.

THE STANDINGS

(By the Associated Press)

Coast League	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	26	4	.867
San Francisco	18	12	.600
Oakland	17	13	.563
San Diego	16	10	.615
Hollywood	14	16	.464
Sacramento	11	20	.353
Portland	10	23	.303
Seattle	10	20	.333

Results Yesterday
Hollywood 4, Los Angeles 2.
San Francisco 5, Oakland 4 (11 innings).
Sacramento 3, San Diego 4 (11 innings).
Seattle 5, Portland 2.

National League	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	14	9	.609
Boston	14	8	.636
St. Louis	13	10	.565
Philadelphia	12	11	.524
Cincinnati	12	12	.500
New York	11	14	.440
Pittsburgh	10	15	.400
Chicago	7	19	.269

Results Yesterday
Brooklyn 3, St. Louis 2.
Philadelphia 3-2, Chicago 0-9.
Cincinnati at New York postponed.
Pittsburgh at Boston postponed.

American League	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	14	8	.636
Washington	14	11	.560
Cleveland	13	11	.542
St. Louis	9	9	.500
Detroit	10	11	.476
Philadelphia	11	14	.440
Chicago	8	17	.320
Boston	10	14	.417

Results Yesterday
Boston 2-7, Cleveland 1-4.
Only games played. All others postponed.

Cancellation of Grid Schedule Hinted by George Washington

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.
New York, May 21 (AP)—George Washington U. has notified its opponents that it may cancel its 1943 football schedule, which would leave Washington, sport's biggest boomtown, depending on a covetously at Detroit's Ned Harris.

S Club Plaque To Louie Hough

Louie Hough, president of the senior class, who played football, basketball and golf during his three years at Salem high, was presented with the "S" club plaque during an award assembly held this afternoon in the auditorium. The plaque is annually presented to the senior boy who has "attained the highest standard in character, scholarship, sportsmanship and athletic achievement." The "S" club is an organization composed of boys who have won their letters in athletic competition.

Other awards distributed included: Track—Richard Taw, Owen Garland, Jerry Langan, David Getzenander, Art Parkes, Bonnie Lambert, Garvin Pelsue, Dick Giske, Jack Larson, John Dowd, Ernie Miller, Bob Warren, Art Gottfried, Norman Dalke, Bob Macy, Clair Preim, Tom Boardman, John Wehrli, Jim Shawver, Duane Isaacson, Manager John Malmin. Presentation was by Coach Tom Dryan.

Jefferson High Wins 6, Loses 3

Jefferson—Jefferson high won six out of nine baseball games played this season, although they wound up in the third spot in the South Marion county league. The season's record: Jefferson 22, Tangent 7; Jefferson 14, Turner 5; Jefferson 1, Mill City 2; Jefferson 7, Aumsville 11; Jefferson 2, Mill City 0; Jefferson 17, Stayton 0; Jefferson 7, Aumsville 8; Jefferson 13, Turner 6; Jefferson 3, Stayton 0.

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