

# Skits and Scratches

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Transportation difficulties, housing shortages and lack of equipment apparently have not deterred the National Baseball Congress from going ahead with plans for keeping up interest in the "sandlot" branch of the national pastime. The congress has launched its campaign for the 1945 tournament which will be held in Wichita, Kansas, next August. Teams must first participate in state tournament in order to become eligible for the national championships. Gate receipts are estimated between \$40,000 and \$50,000 with the winning club receiving approximately \$10,000. Quite a juicy plum. A few years ago interest in semi-pro baseball was fairly high in the valley. In fact Silverton was the hot spot of the sport in these parts and McGinnis field was the scene of any number of games involving the fight to make the trip to Wichita. The Cascade league, operating in Eugene, could provide a contender since they are playing a good brand of ball there.

If the people of Salem decide to purchase the balance of the Bush tract (and we sincerely hope they do), Willamette university will construct an athletic field and stands which will be a credit to the city. We have this assurance from President G. Herbert Smith, who has a sound and realistic attitude toward athletics. It didn't take him long to realize that Sweetland field was entirely inadequate for Willamette's needs and he started looking for a better location. The argument has been presented by those opposed to the purchase of the park that Willamette intends to put a fence around its 10 acres. If the field were not enclosed how could admission charges be made? By passing the hat? Or perhaps by placing an armed guard around the perimeter.

Willamette has always been generous with its facilities, even though it must be recognized that softball more than paid its way while using Sweetland field. Boy scouts have used it. And the Ellison and White chautauqua circuit for years erected its large tent behind historic Waller hall. Sweetland field has been the rallying points for a large number of civic programs—bond rallies and similar public projects. There will be no change in this policy should the park project carry. Willamette may build a fence around the field, but it has no intention of playing a lone hand in the project even though the university and its friends are put-

ting up \$25,000 as a part of the purchase price of the entire acreage.

The minor division of the junior baseball league will have their play-off, too. The five club sponsors Tuesday night decided to split the season, with the champions of each half taking part in a two out of three series to decide the title. At this writing it appears Elfstroms will cop the first half. Apparently no provision has been made for keeping the public baseball diamonds in shape this summer. And if present weather conditions prevail there will be plenty of reason for a bit of wetting down and dragging.

# Beavers Win Behind Liska

(By the Associated Press)  
The Portland Beavers and Seattle Rainiers, taking turn-about this week in the "win-lose" department, are separated again today at the top of the Pacific coast league by four and a half games, while minor shuffling in the lower ranks put the Oakland Acorns and San Francisco Seals in possession of the other two first division berths.

Portland squared its series with the Sacramento Solons by

winning, 6-1, last night, as Seattle dropped a 5-1 contest to San Diego for a one-all standing against the Padres. The Acorns' 8-7 and 6-4 sweep of a twin bill with the Los Angeles Angels enabled them to hang onto third place half a game ahead of the Seals, who won twice from Hollywood's Stars, 9-6 and 8-2.

Top pitching performances marked the northwest duels. The Beavers' veteran submariner, Ad Liska, held the Solons to six scattered hits and a single run, while his mates were pounding two Sacramento hurriers for 13 blows good for six tallies.

San Diego's Vic Trahd duplicated Liska's feat in limiting Seattle to six hits and one run, scored in the sixth inning. The Padres found their former teammate, Chet Johnson, easy pickings as they shoved across three runs in the third and drove him to the showers with two more in the fourth.

The Seals' double victory moved them up a notch, displacing Sacramento in the first division. Three Hollywood moundsmen were unable to stem the San Francisco assault in the seven-inning opener, giving up 12 hits good for nine runs.

Los Angeles fans saw their team outwit the Acorns but still lose both ends of a double-header. The Angels collected 13 safeties in the opened, one more than Oakland, but failed in the pinches. Each team used three pitchers, with Jack Lotz getting credit for Oakland's 8-7 win.

Rip Russell of the Angels, homered in each tilt to bring his season's total to nine. Jack Caulfield and Norm Dewese of Oakland ran their consecutive hitting streaks to 11 and 1 games, respectively.

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Portland . . . . . 000 021 038-4 12 1  
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Liska and Adams  
San Diego . . . . . 001 200 000-5 9 3  
Seattle . . . . . 000 001 000-1 4 1  
Trahd and Ballinger; C. Johnson, Orphan (4), Prazier (7) and Sumner

# Yeater's to Play West Salem Lions

Yeater's club of the "B" division of the junior baseball league will make its first appearance of the season Thursday evening, meeting the West Salem Lions at Leslie field at 6:15. The appliance company squad won its initial contest while West Salem has dropped its two starts by close scores.

Emile Zola, the French novelist, and Paul Cezanne, the painter, went to high school together.

# SPORTS

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# Pacific Coast Will Sponsor Own Major Loop, says Rowland

San Francisco, June 20 (AP)—There will be no invasion of the Pacific Coast league territory by the American or National leagues—now or ever. That's the statement issued here today by President Clarence (Patsy) Rowland.

"It is inevitable that there will be major league baseball on the Pacific coast," Rowland said. "But we never will bargain away one city or two to the major leagues."

"Rather, when major league baseball comes to the west, it will be when the Pacific Coast league is given major league status."

Rowland asserted there was no chance for such a move now or even in the immediate future—but that in the years ahead when the west coast becomes as populous as the east, there will be major league baseball in all eight cities in the loop.

Recently various easterners have pointed out that with air travel, the east coast teams could be moved to Los Angeles or San Francisco with no more elapsed time than the current train ride between eastern major league cities.

Rowland, here on an inspection swing around the league, said that the coast loop attendance was up approximately 175,000 compared with the record-breaking 1944 season. San Francisco and San Diego are the two leading attendance gainers.

Military Service Rejects DiMaggio

Philadelphia, June 21 (AP)—Vince DiMaggio, home run specialist of the Philadelphia Phillies, again has been rejected for military service, it was disclosed today.

Celery grows wild in England by the sides of ditches and in marshy places.

# Boston's Climb Gets Attention

(By the Associated Press)  
Manager Bob Coleman loomed today as Boston's miracle man No. 2. The rapid rise of the Braves to a contending position in the national league pennant race had baseball followers thinking back 30 years when the Braves under George Stallings, the original miracle man, climaxed a great stretch drive to win their first and only pennant, after being in last place in the mid-season.

Since that 1914 season, the Braves have been in the first division only five times, but today, after a 15-10 drubbing of the New York Giants last night for their 12th victory in the last 16 games, they were only two games away from second place and only one behind the fifth place Giants.

Faced by Tommy Holmes, the league's leading hitter and first baseman, Joe Mack, Boston outslugged the Giants in a game in which six pitchers gave up 32 hits, 16 for each side. Holmes, with three hits, increased his batting mark to 385 and extended his consecutive hitting streak to 17 straight games. Mack batted in six runs with a homer, double and single and scored four times.

A pair of homers by Danny Gardella and one by Johnny Rucker failed to help the Giants, who dropped their 19th game in the last 24, and fell into the second division for the first time this season.

Those crushing Brooklyn Dodgers cracked out a double win over the Philadelphia Phillies, 4-2 and 8-1, to pull three games in front of the second place Pittsburgh Pirates. Art Herring won his first game of the year in the opener, while Curt Davis registered his sixth triumph in the nightcap.

# Freese, Portland Draws Gallery

Indianapolis, June 21 (AP)—Champion Babe Zaharias carried form sheet backing today to repeat her laurels in the 16th women's western open golf tournament.

But spunky little Babe Freese, a 20-year-old of Port-

land, Ore., drew a sizeable part of the gallery sentiment and betting to keep up her "giant killing" and get into the finals Saturday against the champion from Los Angeles.

Mrs. Zaharias, 31, whose competitive sports dates from track stardom in the last Olympics, drew first class competition in the round of eight from Dorothy Kirby, experienced campaigner of Atlanta, Ga.

# Province Pitches No Hit Baseball

Dallas—Combining Rod Province's no hit performance on the mound with a 12-hit attack at the plate, the Salem American Legion junior ball club, blanked the Dallas juniors Wednesday evening, 15 to 0. Province was given perfect support and although he walked five he fanned 10. Two double plays wiped out any possibility of a Dallas score in the frames players got on base.

The Salem attack includes a three-base knock by Dick Hendrie and two two-baggers by Roger Dasch. Catcher Dick Allison hit 3 for 3, while Province and Centerfielder McKinney each connected 2 for 4.

# Sweepstakes Play At Salem Club

Full handicaps will be used Thursday afternoon and evening when a nine-hole sweepstakes tournament is conducted at the Salem Golf club. Chairman Harry Gustafson announces prize will be awarded for first, second and third positions.

# Sargeant Family Returns

Hopewell—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sargeant and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stephens and family have returned to their homes here after residing at College place at Walla Walla, Wash., for the college year. The men will graduate with the 1946 class.

# The Standings

(By the Associated Press)

National League	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	23	21	.521
Pittsburgh	20	24	.456
Chicago	20	22	.476
St. Louis	20	24	.456
New York	20	26	.435
Boston	20	25	.442
Cincinnati	20	27	.426
Philadelphia	14	44	.241

Scores Wednesday:  
Boston 18, New York 10.  
Brooklyn 4, Philadelphia 3-1.  
Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 1.  
Only games scheduled.

American League

W.	L.	Pct.	
Detroit	21	21	.506
New York	20	23	.465
Boston	20	24	.456
Chicago	20	26	.435
Washington	20	25	.442
St. Louis	20	26	.435
Cleveland	20	27	.426
Philadelphia	20	32	.385

Scores Wednesday:  
Washington 7, Philadelphia 3.  
Detroit 3, Cleveland 0.  
Chicago 4, St. Louis 1.  
New York at Boston, postponed.

Pacific Coast

W.	L.	Pct.	
Portland	46	31	.600
Seattle	45	35	.561
Oakland	41	40	.506
San Francisco	40	40	.500
Sacramento	39	41	.488
San Diego	40	42	.488
Los Angeles	38	42	.475
Hollywood	31	49	.388

# Joyce Champion Coast Moundsman

Los Angeles, June 21 (AP)—Bob Joyce, veteran San Francisco righthander, moved into the Pacific coast pitching lead with 14 wins against five losses through last Sunday's games. Joyce was followed closely by San Diego's Vallie Eaves, 13 and 5. Eaves was still the circuit's knockout ace, with 108.

Hottest pitcher in the league, however, was Joe Mishasek of Hollywood, who had won six straight through Sunday to

boost his won-lost record to 8-4, good for fourth place among hurlers appearing in at least five winning games. Last week's leader, Hal Turpin, of Seattle, was third with 5-2.

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