

Skits and Scratches

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We will string along with the Salem American Legion juniors in their district tilt with Forest Grove at Geo. E. Waters park Sunday afternoon. For one thing the locals have been playing together as a unit since the baseball season opened at Salem high this last spring and know pretty well where the weak spots are and where the strength lies. If they back up Joe Carroll with a half dozen hits or so, they should have little difficulty with the squad that is said to represent Washington county. This will be Forest Grove's initial American Legion contest for the season and unless the club is spoken with an unusually large number of experienced kids, they may be expected to loosen at the seams before the nine innings have been completed.

The locals have shown no great potency at the plate although they have been fairly steady on the defensive side of the picture. Their ability to keep the errors down to a minimum paid off on the right side of the column in two of the games against Silverton. Their wild heaves were largely responsible for their single loss against Coach Guy DeLay's combination. But whatever the outcome Sunday's battle should prove attractive to followers of the diamond game. With the Portland Beavers on the road, perhaps a few of the fans who think nothing of making the 100 mile round trip to the metropolis can find enough gas to get to and from the 25th street orchard.

Quite a few fishing enthusiasts among the educators at Willamette university and when the opportunity arises they pool their resources and head for the nearest stream which they believe will yield the greatest number of fish as well as the largest amount of enjoyment. Because of the year-around educational program they have not had too much opportunity to try their luck but between the spring and summer semesters three of them did get as far as the Metolius, that central Oregon stream that pops up out of the earth all in a heap. The trio, Dean Chester Luther, Walter Erickson, director of registrations, and Dr. Egbert Oliver, began a hasty search of their clothing after they had found wood ticks inhabited the country.

Segura Reaches Finals, Net Play

River Forest, Ill., July 7 (AP)—The winner of today's match between top-seeded William Talbert, Wilmington, Del., and Lt. Hal Surface, of Berry field, Nashville, Tenn., will meet Ecuadorian ace Francisco (Panchito) Segura for the national clay courts singles title.

Segura, defending champion, reached the final round yesterday after Elwood Cooke, discharged navy veteran from Los Angeles, was overcome with leg cramps and forced to default in the second set.

Cooke had battled on even terms with the South American star, losing the first set by a phenomenal 18-16 score. The set, which ran for one hour and 20 minutes, was one of the longest in the history of the meet. Both players were near exhaustion by the time a decision was reached.

The Standings

(By Associated Press)

Pacific Coast League	W	L	Pct.
Portland	37	39	.488
Oakland	48	40	.548
Seattle	53	42	.558
San Fran	50	47	.515
San Diego	46	48	.488

Friday's Results	W	L	Pct.
Oakland 6, Portland 1			
Seattle 2, Los Angeles 0			
Sacramento 7, San Francisco 2			
San Diego 5, Hollywood 4			

American League	W	L	Pct.
Detroit	41	27	.603
Washington	39	30	.565
New York	38	31	.551
Boston	33	34	.493

Friday's Results	W	L	Pct.
New York 10, Detroit 4			
Washington 6-5, St. Louis 3-2			
Cleveland 3-4, Boston 2-3			
Philadelphia 1, Chicago 0			

National League	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	42	29	.592
Chicago	39	32	.548
St. Louis	40	30	.571
New York	38	33	.532

Friday's Results	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis 15, Brooklyn 3			
Chicago 11-5, Philadelphia 3-1			
Boston 13-14, Pittsburgh 5-4			
Cincinnati 3, New York 2			

Vacationing at Coast
Silverton—Among local folk at Newport for a few days' vacation have been Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bennett, the Jack Eastman family and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holm, formerly of Silverton. Mrs. Frank Porter returned from a convalescence vacation at Newport the first of the week.

SPORTS

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Saturday, June 7, 1945—3

Juniors Open Second Half

League Standings

American	National	W	L	Pct.
Valley Motor	1 Mayflower	4	0	
Basile	2 Redwood	2	1	
Lions	3 Curry's	1	2	
Funland	4 Shrock's	1	2	
Blue Lake	0 Police	1	3	

Sunday's games: At Leslie 2 p.m. Shrock's vs. Curry's; 4 p.m. Mayflower vs. Police. At West Salem 2 p.m. Valley Motor vs. Blue Lake; 4 p.m. Lions vs. Funland.

The second half of the Salem junior baseball league opens Sunday with most anything expected to happen during the following five weeks. While Mayflower Milk is currently leading the American loop with no defeats, the law of averages is expected to overhaul Wait Lebold's club before long. However, a couple more wins would virtually clinch a spot in the playoffs for the milkmen, who will meet the Police at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Redwood Nursery drew a bye for Sunday, with Shrock's and Curry's battling for third place.

In the National loop, Valley Motor, tied with the Eagles for the lead, will take on Blue Lake on the West Salem diamond. The Eagles will remain idle Sunday. Lions and Funland, knotted for third place honors, move against each other at 4 o'clock.

Curly's Dairy team received assistance from the other clubs during a league meeting Friday evening and decided to remain in the league. The following boys were turned over to Curly's: Dale Harp, Ron Simpkins and Ben Pitzer from Eagles; Corky Shafer from the Lions; Bob Meany, Jack Raymond and Bill Eby from Valley Motor; and Wayne Ackerson a new registrant. Blue Lake received Warner Gaub from the Eagles.

LaMotta Winner Over Tommy Bell

New York, July 7 (AP)—Jacob LaMotta, rugged Bronx middleweight, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Tommy Bell, rangy young Ohio negro welterweight, in Bell's first New York appearance before 8,708 fans at Madison Square Garden last night.

Bell's metropolitan debut was spoiled by the defeat; but he put up such a fight that the fans booed the decision for five minutes and he made such a favorable impression that he will be used often at the Garden in the future.

Bell spotted LaMotta 12 pounds in weight, and this poundage disadvantage led to his undoing.

Kennedy Scores Fifth Round KO

Portland, Ore., July 7 (AP)—"Moose" Kennedy, negro heavyweight of Vancouver, Wash., last night scored a fifth round knockout over George "Kay" Tracey of San Francisco, before 1739 boxing fans in Portland's auditorium. The bout was a scheduled 10-rounder.

The dusky 197-pound shipyard worker had little trouble in putting away his 192-pound San Francisco opponent. The end came in 1:42 of the fifth when Kennedy landed a vicious right cross on Tracey's jaw.

Tracey, draped over the lower ropes, gamely tried to get to his feet but was counted out by Referee Ralph Gruman just as he pulled himself erect.

By virtue of his victory last night, Kennedy earned a chance at a rematch with Sailor Boy Joe Kahut, who knocked him out in their last meeting here.

In the six round semi-final, LeRoy Durst, Longview, Wash., Y.M.C.A. boxing instructor, knocked out Bud Taylor, a negro sailor, Durst weighed 148, Taylor 144.

Lakeside School Signs Bill Marx

Seattle, July 7 (AP)—Bill Marx, former University of Washington football star who has been physical director and head athletic coach at Hoquiam high school the last year, has signed to fill a similar assignment at Lakeside boys' prep school here.

Marx at one time was prominently mentioned as a possible assistant to Coach Ralph Welch of the University of Washington football squad.

Be sure to buy children outer garments that are easy to get in and out and that allow for active movement.



Furore in Flatbush (AP)—Dodgers (left to right) Leo Durocher (manager), Johnny Peacock (catcher), and Howard Schultz (first base) argue with Umpire Dusty Boggess in the seventh inning of opener of Brooklyn-Cincinnati double-header in New York July 4 over foul-line double by Al Libke, Red outfielder, which tied the score at 3-3. Durocher was ejected from the game. Joining the argument is Luis Olmo (third base) who was tossed out later in the same inning. The Dodgers lost the opener 4 to 3, took the nightcap 5 to 3.

Betty Evans of Portland, Best Softball Pitcher in Country

Portland, Ore., July 7 (AP)—A world champion softball pitcher on a world championship team—that's pretty, blue-eyed, blonde Betty Evans of Portland. It would be difficult or impossible to equal her impressive record.

She boasts of hurling 115 consecutive scoreless innings, including the world's title tournament at Cleveland last September. She has given up only one unearned run in 122 innings. She has won 24 straight games and one ended in a tie when a 17-inning game had to be called.

None other than Manager Lou Boudreau of the Cleveland Indians swears that if Betty was a man and in professional baseball—she'd be a major leaguer.

Miss Evans, who weighs 115 pounds and stands 5 feet 7 inches in her baseball shoes, is the star pitcher of the world champion Lind & Pomeroy softball team of Portland.

As to how she accomplished her "most desirable" pitching traits, Betty refers you to her two special softball cronies, Eddie Jossi and Archie Hamlin, both of Portland.

"Archie taught me a slick 'windmill,' Betty explains. "You know—where you sling your arm around in circles and let the ball loose anywhere along the line. It's very confusing—to both the batter and pitcher. The catcher takes care of herself."

Miss Evans said Jossi taught her the rudiments of underhand pitching, something along the line of Ad Liska's submarine hurling for the Portland Beavers.

Her record astounds the best of the experts. In 1944, Betty hurled 61 consecutive innings in 11 games, played all the way from Denver, Colo., to Stamford, Conn.

So far in 1945, the young feminine mound star has pitched 54 scoreless innings to make it a total of 115 innings.

Camp Period Ended

Brooks—Returning from a stay at Pioneer Camp, are the following Brooks Boy Scouts: Allen Russell, Roger Bartholomew, Pat Merrill, Teddy White, Stanley Johnson, Lavern Davie, Billie Harris, Virgil Cook, Roy Pearsoll, and Sonny Rentz.

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Oakland Downs Beavers Again

(By the Associated Press)

Elements of disaster hovered over the Portland Beavers and San Francisco Seals in the Pacific Coast league today as their high-geared machines gave every evidence of running out of gas. Both were hammered into submission again last night, Portland's first-place lead melting to 3 1/2 games and San Francisco's third-spot margin to a single tilt.

While Oakland's Acorns were smashing out a 6-1 victory over the Beavers, the sizzling Seattle Rainiers moved up on the pace-makers by making it four out of five over the Los Angeles Angels with a 2-0 shutout.

Sacramento also took its fourth decision in five starts from the Seals 7-2 to creep within a game of the O'Doullmen. San Diego's Padres nosed out the Hollywood Stars 5-4 in the loop's other contest.

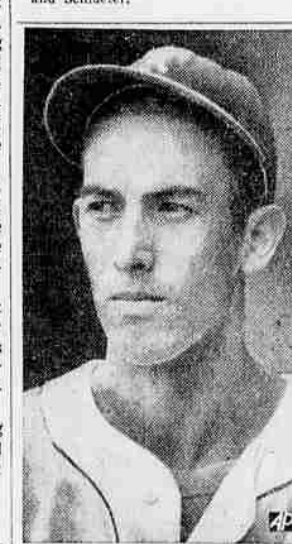
Portland, which has dropped three of its five clashes with the Oaks, was able to score only one unearned run off the slants of Mitch Chetkovich. Oakland knotted the count in the fourth on Les Scarsella's double and Frankie Hawkins' single, a 4 and then battered right-hander Jack Tising for five tallies in the sixth and seventh frames. Today's pitching selections are expected to be Len Gilmore for the Acorns and Don Pulford for the Beavers.

Seattle's 2-0 win was a heart-breaker for the Angels' Charley Cuellar, who pitched two-hit ball and then saw Catcher Mickey Kreitner toss the game away on two wild heaves.

Sacramento's Guy Fletcher coasted to his 14th triumph of the season in beating the Seals 7-2. The Solons clinched the game in the fourth with a four-run assault against Elmer Orrella, adding one more in the sixth and two in the eighth. San Francisco bunched five rays in the first of the eighth for both of its counters.

San Diego overcame a two-run Hollywood lead in the third canto with a four-tally blast, and was never headed for the remainder of the game, winning 5-4. Bob Ferguson, Padre right-hander, held the Stars to six hits while his mates were pounding Bob William for 10.

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Los Angeles		000	000	000	0	0	0
Fletcher and Buenn; Cuellar & Kreitner.							
Hollywood		200	000	300	4	4	1
San Diego		004	010	00x	5	10	2
Williams and Krause; Ferguson and Ballinger, Orrella (9).							
San Francisco		000	000	020	2	10	1
Sacramento		000	041	02x	7	9	0
Orrella, Piercey (8) and Sprinz; Fletcher and Schieler.							



PITCHER—Russ Christopher (above), Philadelphia Athletics hurler, is enjoying a banner year. By mid-season he had accounted for half of his team's total victories.

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Marino Pieretti, one of the smallest hurlers in the American league, is one of the reasons why the Washington Senators are occupying a spot in the first division. Marino is a native of Marlia, Lucca, Italy.

Angels Admit Novikoff Offer

Los Angeles, July 7 (AP)—President Don Stewart of the Los Angeles Angels admitted today that the Chicago White Sox had offered to buy outfielder Lou Novikoff, baseball's colorful "Mad Russian," but denied that they offered any specific sum.

Stewart said he knew no details of how major league clubs had tried to claim Novikoff from the Chicago Cubs, the Angels' parent team, as reported by the Chicago Daily News.

The Daily News article requested that baseball Commissioner Sen. A. B. (Happy) Chandler investigate the "Novikoff deal" by which the player was "dumped" into the minor leagues while the White Sox offered \$15,000 for him.

Stewart said he received the following telegram last March from White Sox Vice President Harry Grabiner:

"The Chicago club is interested in the purchase of Novikoff. Understand from press that he will not sign with your club. Advise if you have any reasonable proposition."

Stewart replied that the Angels wanted to keep Novikoff "at that time," he said.

Novikoff, now batting .310 for the local club, said he would welcome an investigation.

"I know I could do just as well as some of those other players now going to the majors," Novikoff said.

Olinger Wallops Leslie Pee Wees

A few days ago Tom Drynan, head man of the Olinger play field, issued an appeal for additional players for his Pee Wee baseball club. Apparently he must have had success for the Olinger aggregation Friday afternoon handed the Leslie squad a 32 to 6 blasting. Seventeen hits plus bases on balls, wild pitches and passed balls accounted for the scores.

Olinger		32	17	4
Leslie		000	000	6

Steckley and Oakes; Johnson, Benson, Doerksen and Thompson.

Eskimos Take Win Over Whites, 24-14

Barrow, Alaska, July 7 (AP)—A baseball game between Eskimos and whites, finished by the light of the midnight sun and won, 24-14, by the Eskimos, climaxed the Fourth of July celebration at this far-north outpost.

The baseball field was clear, but the Arctic waters bounding its outfield, were jammed with ice, preventing the usual independence day kayak races.

Washington Considered Good Long Shot in American League

New York, July 7 (AP)—For those baseball fans who like "long shots," the Washington Senators today are a good psychological bet to win the American league pennant. They are the ultimate in long shots because they finished last in the 1944 American league campaign. And they weren't expected to do great things this year.

But the Senators are shrugging off the past and giggling at the present as they travel through the west on their latest tour. On this trip they have won 13 of 17 games since leaving home on June 22. And they are working on a string of six straight victories. They are in second place in the American circuit standing, just three games behind the leading Detroit Tigers.

What has happened to the Senators? First, they have suddenly developed punch to power their well-balanced pitching staff. Since leaving Griffith stadium, they have hit nine home runs. Second, Harland Clift, the Senator third baseman who was considered on the skids, has gone to town as a power hitter. Since the team left home he has added nearly 50 points to his batting average, although he still has a mark of about .229. Third, the Senators have been playing in smaller parks and have not been subjected to an every-night diet of night baseball, as in their home games.

With all of the Senators' knuckleball fingers and other mound artists pitching effectively, they have the best pitching depth in the American league. Three of them have won nine games each: Dutch Leonard, Roger Wolff and rookie Marino Pieretti; meanwhile, Mickey Haefner has won six and Grandpa John Niggeling—after a disappointing start—has taken two in a row.

The reign of the league leading Dodgers was threatened at Brooklyn when the Cards pounded out a 15 to 3 victory to cut the margin to one game over the second place Cubs. First Baseman Ray Sanders paced the 19-hit Card attack with a double and three singles.

The Cubs fattened up at Philadelphia with 11 to 5 and 5 to 1 wins over the Phillies, making 17 hits in the opener and 15 in the second.

The Reds, working on a comeback, beat the Giants at New York, 3 to 2, as Howard Fox outpitched Van Lingle Mungo.

In the American league the Senators won both games from the skidding Browns at St. Louis, 6 to 3 and 5-2, to move within three games of the leading Tigers. It was their sixth straight and their 16th victory in 20 games. Catcher Rick Ferrell set a new major league record of 1722 games by handling the twilight game, surpassing the 1721 mark of Ray Schalk, the old White Sox catcher.

The Yankees downed the Tigers, 5 to 4, at Detroit, Floyd Bevens outpitching Frank (Stubby) Overmire.

Cleveland extended its winning streak to five games by taking both ends of a double bill from the visiting Red Sox, 3 to 2 and 4 to 2.

An immense crowd, including King George and Princess Elizabeth, watched the program. Officials predicted the throng easily would top the war-time record of 36,000.

Paddy Maher, the Irishman who makes a habit of winning big stake events, was up on Battle Hymn. Time for the seven furlongs and 155 yards was 1:38 3/5.

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