

Skits and Scratches

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There seems to be considerable wonderment in many quarters over the continued attendance at the ball games in view of the failure of the Senators to take more than one game of the recent series with Yakima up to Sunday afternoon. Probably indicates that if Salem manages to keep up at the top or in the first division George Enigh will get his much desired attendance of 100,000 for the season. The first two series against Spokane and Yakima drew between 25,000 and 26,000 and if that ratio is continued the final mark would be in the neighborhood of 125,000 since there are eight more home sessions. In order, they are with Vancouver, May 28-June 2; Victoria, June 11-16; Tacoma, June 25-30; Wenatchee July 4-7; Bremerton, July 16-21; Wenatchee, July 30-Aug. 4; Vancouver, Aug. 6-11; Tacoma, Aug. 20-25. The Memorial day and July 4 doubleheaders should add materially to attendance at the local park.

The volume of criticism is scarcely large enough to be heard without an amplifying apparatus, but if something isn't done in the near future to plug a few of the weak spots in the Senator defense, the Solon management won't need a hearing aid to ascertain the extent of the discontent among the ranks of the faithful. Seven errors in one game and six in another doesn't sound like Class B baseball. . . . A note from Tommy Luke, chairman of the Portland baseball boosters, urges our attendance at the pennant hoisting ceremonies in Vaughn Street park next Thursday evening. Tommy should have seen to it that last year's flag was pulled up to the top of the pole immediately after the pennant was cinched.

Next year's state basketball tourney will be under the direction of Anson B. Cornell, University of Oregon athletic manager, the Eugene Register-Guard reported last week. The article also said that the university did not seek the tourney, merely offered McArthur court as a site should the State High School Activities Association see fit to make a change. McArthur court will make an excellent site for the 16 team tournament, but as we understand the situation in Eugene, housing there is just as tight as it exists in Salem.

Harland Clift, Yakima's third sacker, is an excellent example of what major league experience does for a baseball player. Clift is one of the best third sackers to show around here in a number of years, largely because he knows what to do under almost any condition. And his ability to predict just what the opposition is likely to do helps Clift from the moment he goes up to the plate until the time he has completed the circuit. Scoring from third after Bartolomei had caught a pop fly the other night, is a good idea of the manner Clift slides up opportunities in a split second. . . . A play off between the University of Oregon and the champion team of the southern division, Pacific Coast conference is better than a probability should the Webfoots take the northern crown. At this writing it appears Southern Cal would provide the opposition. . . . A shortage of lead means that output of civilian ammunition will be cut 50 percent. CPA's original plan to reserve the limited output for farmers, ranchers and police was killed off. . . . Assault, the horse that won the 1946 Kentucky derby was frequently referred to as a colt as a "three legged colt." A nail, picked up in a fore-foot as a yearling left in the form formed and the hood requires a special shoe that give Assault an eccentricity of gait.

Vernon Leading Both Loops
New York, May 21 (AP)—Mickey Vernon, Washington's slugging first baseman, led both major leagues at bat with a .411 average on figures including Sunday's games. Vernon held a 22-point edge over the National league's Dixie Walker of Brooklyn who advanced from ninth to first place in one week. Walker had .389. Jeff Heath, Washington, rounded out the first 10 in the American league with .317.

Woodburn Ball Club Growing

Woodburn—The roster of the local American Legion junior baseball club was increased by an additional ten players as the team held their second workout of the season Sunday afternoon. Eddie Kahut, brother of Jolint' Joe, Pacific coast heavyweight boxing champion, was among those reporting for the first time Sunday and turned in a great performance on the mound in a five inning practice game. He allowed one unearned run, struck out 13 batters and walked two.

Kahut's opponent on the hill, southpaw Gene Andrews, worked the first three frames and pitched scoreless ball, striking out 5, giving up only one hit and did not issue a walk. Harley Piper took over for the final two frames and gave up one unearned run.

Practice will increase this week as Coach Pete DeGuire has divided his team into two sections, the regulars working out Tuesday night at 6 p.m. with the Lanigans taking over Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The first game of the year will be next Sunday afternoon at Legion park at 1:30 with the Newberg Legion club. Mike Twenge, who performed for Woodburn last year, will pitch for the visitors. The game will be the first half of a double bill which will feature the Woodburn Townies in their first home appearance of the year in the nightcap.

Baseball Tourney Opens Thursday

Portland, May 21 (AP)—The class "A" lists for the Oregon State Prep basketball tournament were filled today, except for the Portland entry.

Selected for the Thursday-Saturday event at the University of Oregon are Eugene, Albany, Grants Pass, Central Catholic of Portland, Sandy, Ontario, and Molalla.

The Portland public school entrant will be selected after the season's official close today, which may easily end in a tie. Four schools are bunched at the top of standings.

The schedule for Thursday: 9 a. m.—Eugene vs. Albany. 11:30 a. m.—Grants Pass vs. Central Catholic. 2 p. m.—Sandy vs. Ontario. 4:30 p. m.—Molalla vs. Portland entry.

Beavers Defeat Webfoots, 10 to 6

(By The Associated Press)
Northern Division Conference
Oregon 10 4 314 W. S. C. 5 9 357
O. S. C. 9 5 613 Idaho 1 10 231
Washington 8 7 533

The Washington Huskies and the Oregon State Beavers won their northern division baseball games yesterday, 11-6 and 10-6 respectively, at Moscow and Corvallis. The losers—Idaho and Oregon.

The Standings

Western International League			
Team	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Salem	13 9 .591	Tacoma	12 12 .500
Spokane	14 10 .581	Bremerton	11 13 .458
Yakima	15 10 .600	Vancouver	9 17 .346
Wenatchee	14 11 .559	Victoria	7 18 .280
Monday's Scores			
Vancouver 8, Spokane 1.			
National League			
Team	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
St. Louis	17 9 .654	Cincinnati	13 12 .520
Brocklyn	17 10 .630	New York	12 16 .429
Chicago	15 11 .577	Pittsburgh	10 15 .400
Boston	15 13 .536	Philadelphia	6 19 .243
Monday's Scores			
Brocklyn 4, Cincinnati 3.			
Chicago 6, Boston 4.			
American League			
Team	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Boston	35 7 .831	St. Louis	13 18 .419
New York	20 12 .625	Cleveland	12 18 .400
Detroit	18 13 .581	Chicago	9 19 .321
Washington	16 12 .571	Philadelphia	9 22 .293
Monday's Scores			
Washington 18, Chicago 2.			
Cleveland 4, New York 2.			

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Rubber Man—Hal Newhouser, Detroit Tiger southpaw, takes a long stride toward the mound as he delivers a pitch during a game with the Washington Senators.

Champ Bud Ward Makes First Appearance in Tourney Play

Spokane, Wash., May 21 (AP)—National Amateur Golf Champion Marvin "Bud" Ward makes his first appearance before the home folks here in one of the major Pacific Northwest golf meets today when he pairs with Bernie Iron.

Jefferson Tied For 2nd Place

Jefferson—Jeff defeated Hubbard in a Marion County "B" league game last Friday, 7 to 2. Jeff has won four games and lost two in league play to tie for second place with Chemawa. For the season Jefferson has won 8 and lost two with two more games to be played, Tuesday at Shedd and Friday at Independence.

Caplanos Beat Spokane, 8 to 1

The up-and-coming Spokane Indians took a surprise defeat last night at the hands of the second-to-last-place Vancouver Caplanos as the series opened at Vancouver with the only Western International league game played. The score—8 to 1.

The Indians' lone run, came in the eighth when Bob Patterson crossed the plate as the Caps failed to complete a double play on a ground ball by Bob James.

Infielder Added To Salem Squad

Portland, Ore., May 21 (AP)—The Portland Sevens baseball club yesterday signed Vern Reynolds, a former Lincoln high school athlete, and sent him to the Salem Senators of the Western International League. Reynolds played with the San Diego and Hollywood Pacific coast league clubs last season and was with the Texas league at San Antonio earlier this year. He entered organized baseball in 1940 with the Twin Falls club of the Pioneer League. He is an infielder.

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Chicago Edges In On Leaders

(By The Associated Press)
Chicago's neglected National League champs, ignored in the early rush to hop on the St. Louis bandwagon, have tiptoed into the race while the Cards and Dodgers were looking the other way and now are within two games of first place.

Since the Cubs left home for their first eastern swing, they have won four of five starts. They have capped seven of their last 10 outings although only four starting pitchers have gone the route.

Claude Passeau was the most important factor in last night's 6-4 triumph in Boston. The 37-year-oldster, who tossed a one-hitter in the last world series, belted a two-run homer that kayoed Mort Cooper in the second inning. He added a double to the Bruins' 11-hit attack, but Bob Chipman had to come in to help in the ninth after three straight hits had loaded the bases.

Brocklyn closed in on the Cardinals, slicing their lead to a half-game, by downing Cincinnati 4-3 before 27,376 customers at Ebbets field.

Washington continued to sizzle through the west, trimming Chicago 10-2, for its eighth triumph in its last 10 games. Dutch Leonard, who beat the White Sox six times last year, continued his perfect record and ran this year's string to four in a row although nicked for 11 hits.

Salmon Jumps to Top Solon Hitting

Catcher Woody Salmon, whose particular forte is hitting in the clutch, took over the leadership of the Salem ball club during the series with Yakima. He replaced George Vico, first baseman, whose average slumped 33 points during the week. Dick Wenner, able to get with two hits during the entire series with the Stars, dropped from fourth to ninth in the percentage column.

Player	Ab	H	Per.
Salmon	39	35	.897
Vico	38	31	.816
Lucchesi	29	24	.828
Grawford	41	32	.780
Gunnarson	15	4	.267
Kubias	22	18	.818
Malerud	12	3	.250
Janeway	4	1	.250
Wenner	30	19	.633
Daniels	9	2	.222

Paper Mill, Rock Wool Still Tied

Paper Mill and Rock Wool, currently tied for the leadership of the City Softball league, won their games Monday evening. The Papermakers blanked Golden Pheasant 4 to 0 with Henry Singer pitching three-hit ball for the winners. The Insulators had a tight engagement with VFW but won 2-0. The third game saw Knights of Columbus swamp the Eagles 16 to 1.

Oregonians:—Majors

Team	W	L	Pct.
Gordon, Yankees	4	1	.800
Whitman, Dodgers	4	2	.667
Pekey, Doerr, Red Sox	not scheduled		

Mount Vesuvius near Naples, Italy, has been active off and on ever since December 16, 1931, when it erupted and killed an estimated 18,000 people.

Salem Attendance Totals 24,627

Attendance during the first two home series of the Salem Baseball club totaled 24,627, greater than the attendance during the entire 1942 season, club officials said today. The 1942 attendance was about 21,000.

Officials were confident they would reach their goal of 100,000 this year. After winning its first 13 games, Salem lost nine out of 12.

Keene Named Dad's Prexy

The Dad's club, an organization dedicated to the task of supporting high school athletics, elected R. S. "Spec" Keene as president for the 1946-47 term Monday night during a conference held at the Chamber of Commerce. Clare Brown was named vice president, John F. Johnson, retiring treasurer, reported he would be ineligible to hold office.

A number of reports were given. John Dasch reported for the football season, Clare Brown for basketball, Bud Ready for baseball while a number contributed to a general gripe concerning the condition of the school district's ball diamonds. Pop bottle tossing at Sweetland field was brought up and the suggestion was made that the concession there be done away with after being characterized as a "nuisance."

The baseball committee will

Acorns Augment Mound Staff

(By The Associated Press)
The winning Oakland baseball combination evolved out of Manager Casey Stengel's trials for more power at the plate attacks the lowly Portland Beavers today with an eye toward trampling the San Francisco Seals in the percentages.

With 20 victories in the last 27 starts, the Oaklanders were in a first-place deadlock with the Seals, and Stengel still had another trial to make.

The latest addition is Pitcher Francis Shea, an option from the New York Yankees. The Oakland manager said he planned to put him on the mound at Portland to augment the staff of hurlers which last week tamed the Hollywood Stars.

Ambrose Palica pitched the Oakland club to two wins last week, Ralph (Buck) Buxton was successful in two relieving jobs and Charley Gassaway, Ruggar Ardizio, and Cotton Pupper each took a victory with help.

The Seals, who dropped their all-season lead but battered Los Angeles to climb back into a first place tie last week, entertained fourth-place San Diego. Manager Frank (Lefty) O'Doul selected Cliff Melton to pitch against Pepper Martin's choice of ex-marine Cletus (Boots) Paffenberger for San Diego.

investigate the delay in preparing the baseball fields since it was the expectation they were to be in shape some time ago. W. L. Phillips, retiring president, was praised for his work with the organization.

Billy Fox Adds 29th Ring Win

Philadelphia, May 21 (AP)—Billy Fox, cuts and welts across his face, his fists and lips still puffed from fisty battle, held a string of 39 consecutive kayo victories aloft today—the latest against Ossie (Bulldog) Harris last night—as his ticket for a light heavyweight title clash with Champion Gus Lesnevich.

The 20-year-old Philadelphia negro was lucky in his last ring venture—busting the Pittsburgh light-heavy into dreamland for the second straight time. The KO victory was a virtual copy of the first meeting between the two several months ago.

Mural Play Ends

Leslie junior high's intramural baseball season came to a close Monday afternoon with Ray Cummings' team taking the pennant, after beating Richard Zeller's club, 7-3. George Stoutenberg pitched a no hitter.

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