

Salem Cuts Yakima Lead, Drubs Victoria A's, 9 to 2

Victoria, B. C., May 10—Bus Sporer, Salem's greatly improved right-handed moundman, turned in an excellent pitching exhibition Monday night and as a result the visiting Senators downed the local Athletics, 9 to 2, in a Western International league contest. The win enabled the Solons to gain a half game on the pace setting Yakima Packers who were idle.

Neither one of the two runs scored off Sporer was earned although his wildness in the fourth when he bunched all of his four walks was largely responsible for the tallies. In that frame Vic Buccola led off with a single and advanced to second on Bill Beard's passed ball. Gil McDougald was walked and when Beard attempted to pick McDougald off first he threw wide and both runners advanced. John Hack received a pass to first to load the bases. Frank Finnegan forced Buccola at the plate on a throw from Wayne Peterson. But with the bases still cluttered walks to Sol Israel and Bob Day forced across two tallies.

WIL Standings

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, Pct., Home, Away. Includes teams like Yakima, Salem, Bremerton, Wenatchee, and Victoria.

Ducks Leave Northern Race To Meet Bearcats in Salem

The University of Oregon baseball team will take time out from its drive for the Northern division championship race to engage Willamette's Bearcats on Waters field at 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

Independence Track Men 1st In 3-Way Meet

Independence high school took the measure of Dallas and Taft high schools in a three-way track meet at the OCE athletic field at Monmouth Monday afternoon with the final tally independence 66 1/2, Dallas 49 and Taft 35 1/2.

Junior Baseball Meeting Called For Wednesday

An organizational meeting in connection with the 1949 season of junior baseball has been called for 7:30 Wednesday night at the school administration office, 460 North High street by Vern Gilmore, director of recreation for the city and public schools.

Silverton Faces Angels Tuesday

Silverton—Jerry Gastineau is pitting his Silverton team against Mt. Angel, here on McGinnis Field Tuesday beginning at 8 o'clock.

Golden Pheasant Team Places in Tournament

The Golden Pheasant women's bowling team turned in a series score of 2419 to take second place in Class B for the northwest. The squad includes Agnes Meyer, Wilma Clark, Beryl Muehlhaupt, Shirley Laird and Virginia Garbarino.



Baseball Ballet Gerry Coleman, Yankee second baseman, assumes a ballet-like stance as he leaps clear of Fred Hancock to throw to first and complete a double play in ninth inning of a Chicago White Sox-New York Yankees game in Chicago. Umpire is Bill Summers. (Acme Telephoto)

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Skits and Scratches

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Those Senators!

"When she was good she was very, very good, and when she was bad she was horrid," just about sums up those Salem Senators who have absorbed two unmerciful beatings since the Western International league season opened.

Nags Come High

Keeping a race horse well and ambitious is hay, literally and figuratively, judging by statistics compiled by the Thoroughbred Racing association. A healthy race horse consumes from 10 to 20 pounds of hay and eight or more quarts of oats a day.

College Baseball

Willamette and Oregon will demonstrate the collegiate brand of baseball at Waters field Wednesday night and the contest should be given good support.

Kip Taylor Coming

Since Oregon State's spring training grind will have been completed, the appearance on the Chamber of Commerce luncheon program of June 6 of Coach "Kip" Taylor will be timely.

Still Going Strong

Johnny Farrar, one of our best friends dating back to the time he made a cracking good postmaster for Salem, will be 78 his next birthday but that didn't prevent him from turning in a series score of 521 in a recent bowling match.

Lebanon Anglers Report Catches

Lebanon—Fishermen reported good catches in Hamilton and McDowell creeks Monday and although fish are small, they are plentiful.

Giants Show Near Perfect Form To Extend Win String to Seven

One swallow doesn't make a spring and one week doesn't make a season. But during the past seven days the New York Giants have been as near perfect as a baseball club can be.

Including last night's handy 7-2 triumph over the Chicago Cubs, the Giants have won their last seven starts to take a game and a half lead in the National League race.

During that stretch, Giant pitchers have gone the route in all but one game. And in that one, Sheldon Jones, who went all the way last night was removed for a pinch hitter after allowing only one earned run in eight innings.

In six of the Giants' last seven games, Durocher has used the minimum nine men throughout. Only a pinch hitter and a two-inning relief job by Hank Behrman last Thursday marred a perfect week.

The club has used a four-man rotating system on the mound throughout the season—Clint Hartung, Larry Jansen, Monte Kennedy and Jones. No other pitcher has started a game. This big four has allowed only 14 runs in the last seven games.

While holding the opposition to two runs per game, the Giants pounded enemy hurlers for 48 during the week. Last night's homer hitters were Gordon (No. 7) and Marshall (No. 3). Rigney was the big gun, however. He collected a single and double and drove in three runs.

Vern Bickford pitched the Boston Braves into second place.

Dallas Softball Loop Signs Eight Teams for Season. Dallas—Eight teams have signed for play in the Dallas softball league which will get under way on Tuesday, May 17, according to Bob March, secretary-treasurer.

Cloverdale Defeats Sunnysdale by 17-16

The Cloverdale school Comets won by a score of 17-16 over Sunnysdale late last week. Danny Feller and Melvin Archibald made up the battery for the Comets.

North Carolina State will play 10 football games next fall, opening with North Carolina's powerful forces at Chapel Hill on September 24.

DiMaggio: The Name Spells Trouble

New York (AP)—Joe DiMaggio, the lumberman, said today he was plenty sorry to hear about joltin' Joe DiMaggio's sore heel.

Matter of fact, he's sorry several times a day—when people call up to tell him (Joe, the lumberman) how to cure sore heels.

"You know," he said, "if I could, I'd give Joe DiMaggio one of my heels. The way I feel, one Joe DiMaggio ought to help another."

Sitting in the office of an uptown Manhattan lumber company, Joe DiMaggio shoved sweat-soaked palms along the soiled legs of his overalls. Then he continued:

"And I got two perfectly good heels which ought to be helping my namesake get back in the Yankee lineup."

Lumberman Joe DiMaggio has a two-year priority on a name familiar to millions of baseball fans. He was born in New York two years ahead of the Yankee outfielder, a native of Martinez, Calif., who is out of baseball for the time being while he gets treated for a heel spur.

Joe the lumberman and Joe the ballplayer both have a brother named Dominick, both have small sons named Joe, Jr., and both are children of Italian immigrants.

But that's not all they have in common. For two years, the fans have been getting DiMaggio, the lumberman mixed up with the Yankee clipper.

"I'm getting famous, without doing a thing about it," said the lumberman.

Until a couple of years ago, few persons except his neighbors knew there was another —a swarthy and much smaller—Joe DiMaggio. His trouble started when he got a telephone in his South Bronx walk-up apartment — and got his name in the phone directory.

Oregon Staters Defeat Huskies

Seattle, May 10 (AP)—Oregon State college tightened its grasp on third place in the northern division, coast conference, baseball standings yesterday with a 7-3 win over Washington.

The Beavers pushed across five unearned runs in the seventh inning for the victory. The two teams meet again today. Another northern division contest pairs Washington state and Idaho.

Was he a Yankee booster? "With the name of DiMaggio, I should be anything else?" he asked.

Joe said he rates the other DiMaggio as one of baseball's three immortals. The other two — Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig.

"I get scads of it," Joe said. "All of it meant for Joe the ballplayer, not for me. Most of it I just forwarded on to the Yankee office here in New York."

Some of the mail is from women. One woman called Joe "my hero of baseball."

Recently he got a letter from a foundry works executive in Norfolk, Va., who said he had had trouble with a heel spur too.

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Major Standings

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