

# Senators Outlast Indians To Take Marathon, 16-14

## Girls' Team Wins Softball Crown

Independence — The girls' softball team, coached by Mrs. Young, walked off with the championship last Saturday at Corvallis. Each girl was presented with a little trophy and ribbon. Six other schools participated in the tournament. Members of the team are: Elsie Picha, Clara Brown, Laura Straub, Marcela Jacobs, Berdina Sharr, Jane Olson, Alice Rowland, Lella Beach, Dolores Rule, Peggy Moberly, Connie Lang and Yvonne Scranton.

Spokane, Wash., May 24 — Two hours and 35 minutes, seven pitchers and 36 hits after Salem and Spokane had teed off in a Western International league ball game Monday night, the visiting Senators had fashioned a 16-14 win.

**WIL Standings**  
(By the Associated Press)

Team	W	L	Pct.
Yakima	24	7	.774
Salem	18	11	.621
Bremerton	16	16	.500
Vancouver	14	14	.500
Wenatchee	13	18	.419
Tacoma	13	19	.406
Victoria	13	19	.406
Spokane	11	18	.379

**Yesterday's Results**  
Salem 16, Spokane 14  
Tacoma 16, Victoria 5  
Wenatchee 10, Yakima 7  
Bremerton 2, Vancouver 1



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## Luscious Luke Promises To Break Gates With Bat

San Francisco, May 24 (AP)—Luscious Luke, he calls himself—and never was a name more fitting. Right now Luscious Luke Easter, the giant ebony first baseman of the San Diego Padres, is the greatest gate draw in Pacific Coast league history—the luscious plum that PCL magnates have been waiting for. If the home-town fans like him as well as the people in San Francisco, Los Angeles and other San Diego suburbs, then the Padres may become the first small-town team in history to edge out the "big three" (Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle) for the league's attendance record. The great Easter, a one-man road show, packed more than 23,000 into the San Francisco Seals' stadium on Sunday—with another 5000 turned away. He drew the same number the Sunday before in Los Angeles. And week-day attendances all over the circuit were almost double when the Padres and their slugging circus were in town. Easter doesn't let his fans down, either. He is leading the league in hitting with a mark of .385; is second in runs batted in with 54; and tied for second in home runs with 14. A giant of a man, he is a showboat who can back up his batting prowess with gestures. And he's confident. "Ah'm the type of gentelman," he says, "which feels embarrassed if, with the bases loaded, Ah don't get a hit!" Right now his Padres, under the astute management of Buckey Harris, are in second place after coming off a successful road trip. They take on Los Angeles in Bordertown tonight. Elsewhere around the circuit, the San Francisco Seals hit the rails to battle Sacramento in the capital city; Portland invades the orbit of the loop-leading Hollywood Stars; and Seattle visits Oakland.

## Rookie Sets Pace In American Loop Batting Percent

Chicago, May 24 (AP)—Rookie Roy Sievers, who made his start in the St. Louis sandlots, has taken over the American league batting lead with .375. The Browns' 22-year-old outfielder is nine percentage points ahead of another rookie, slugging Gus Zernial of Chicago, who holds second with .366 in averages computed through Sunday's games. Zernial has stepped to the plate 123 times while Sievers has made only 72 trips. The White Sox freshman dropped 13 points below his mark of a week ago. Dom DiMaggio of Boston moved from fourth to third with .349 although skidding 20 points for the week.

**BASEBALL**  
(By the Associated Press)

**HIGH SCHOOL SCORES**

Class A District Playoff  
Eugene 9, Woodburn 1  
Class B District Final  
Union 12, Moro 9  
Others:  
Warrenton 21, Falls City 1.  
Toledo 1, Newport 6  
Concordia 4, Park Rose 5  
Hillsboro 12, Newberg 2.

## Favored Albany to Play Teds in Diamond Tourney

Portland, May 24 (AP)—Favored Albany and Roosevelt high of Portland are paired in first round games of the state high school basketball series opening here Thursday. Elimination and consolation games will be on the University of Portland field. The championship game will be at Vaughn street park home of the Coast league Portland club. Class A pairings listed today by the Oregon schools' activities association: Central Catholic of Portland against Eugene at 9 a.m.; Klamath Falls and Oregon City at 11:45 a.m.; La Grande and Park Rose at 1:30 p.m. and Albany and Roosevelt at 3:45 p.m. Eugene high jumped to the state high school baseball tournament by defeating Woodburn, started the victory. Eugene stayed in front with Jim Barnes and Mel Telfer leading the hitting assault with two each. The four teams for the class

## Marshall Leads Hitters in Nat League With .371

New York, May 24 (AP)—Willard Marshall, no ball of fire last year of this spring, today seemed headed for his best season since joining the New York Giants in 1942. The husky right fielder is perched atop of National league hitters with a gaudy .371 average, including games through Sunday. This is 15 points higher than his closest NL rivals, Ralph Kiner of Pittsburgh and Ed Kazak of St. Louis, each with a mark of .356. Back in fourth place is Red Schoendienst, who had a bad week and toppled to .349.

# Skits and Scratches

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN, Capital Journal Sports Editor

## Lillie Bows Out

So Jerry Lillie is going back to his alma mater. And, this correspondent believes the man who played a lot of football for the Webfoot institution will be much happier on the Eugene campus than at Willamette. Not that his relations with the administration here were not of the friendliest sort, but Jerry has had it in the back of his mind for some time that he would like to become associated with the Ducks coaching staff. The opportunity came somewhat unexpectedly for he had already signed a contract for next year with Willamette. Lillie, while in Honolulu and prior to moving back to the mainland was on the priority list when a successor to Tex Oliver was being sought. Jerry makes a good appearance as a public speaker and should prove valuable to Jim Aiken as a scout or to any assignment the head man may dish out.

## Lewis Should Step Up

Johnny Lewis, genial basketball and baseball coach would prove a good successor to Lillie as director of athletics at Willamette should he care to take the assignment if offered. He is popular with the students, is well grounded in fundamentals of athletics and would prove a good representative of the university in the Northwest conference. We do not have any information as to whether Lewis wants the job or whether it will be offered, but the university could make a much worse choice. His selection would not eliminate the necessity of hiring a football coach. It's too big an assignment for one man.

## Bob Cherry

A native of Buffalo, N. Y., Bob Cherry, Senator clouting center fielder, moved with his parents to San Francisco at an early age. He secured his public school education at Lowell high in the city by the Golden Gate and then signed with the New York Yankees. His first professional appearance was with the Wells-ville, N. Y. club of the Pony league. He scarcely had time to get his hand in, for he entered the service as a naval aviation cadet and after being graduated transferred to the marine corps. He served as first lieutenant in the Marshalls and Gilberts in the South Pacific. At the conclusion of hostilities Bob went to the Oakland (PCL) spring training camp in 1946 and later was assigned to Victoria of the Western International loop where he hit .262. In 1947 he played with Denver in the Western league and laid out last season after being assigned to Salem. He is unmarried. Currently he is leading the Senator hitting column with a hefty .384.

## A Boost For Buck

"Buck" Smith would like to have the football coaching job at Willamette university. Perhaps a lot of you don't know Buck but we have known him since the days he matriculated at Willamette before the war. Buck is of Sioux Indian parentage, orphaned early in life and spent a number of years at the Chemawa Indian school. He was christened "Julian" but that name is heard so seldom we suspect he scarcely recognizes the designation. At Willamette he played football with such Bearcat luminaries as Walter Erickson under Coach Spec Keene. The war interrupted his program of securing a degree and when he finally got around to it he had won a reputation for himself in such far off places as Teheran, Iran, Cairo, Alexandria and way points.

## Coaches Title Team

Among Buck's duties when he found himself as a sergeant in Persia was the one of coaching a football team made up of service men from many states of the Union. Among the men were John Slanchik of West Virginia and George Nuss of Wisconsin who through the influence of Buck found their way to Willamette university. That team of Buck's known as the Camp Amirbad Mountaineers, cleaned up on the opposition with distinction and dispatch. They won 10 consecutive games, being unscored upon until the tenth when "Atterbury" tallied a touch-down.

## Finally Gets Degree

Home from the war "Buck" returned to Willamette to secure his degree. In the meantime he needed a home for his wife. So he found a likely looking spot near Turner, bought an army mess hall and went to work. As the result of his labors he learned how a plumber plumbs, how an electrician wires and how a painter handles a brush. In the meantime he held down a couple of coaching jobs—jobs that sought him. One of these was at the State School for the Deaf where he had to give directions in signs. He used everything except the old fashioned smoke signals of his forefathers and was casting around for material to build a fire when the season ended. In our opinion "Buck" is a square shooter, one whom we are delighted to call friend and no doubt would do a fine job of coaching at Willamette.

## Barefoot Boy With Speed Ties Record in Hurdles

Spokane, May 24 (AP)—Don McAuliffe of Butte lined up with the other lumber-leapers for the 120-yard high hurdles in the annual Central Valley high school relay yesterday. Broadly speaking, he was attired like all the other speedsters—track shorts, shirt and spiked shoes (two). The gun cracked. Off they went. Zip, went the Butte Bullet over the first barrier. Zap, he sailed over the second. He was speeding toward the third, when one shoe flew off. Was the chunky senior going to quit? Like another McAuliffe of other days, all he did was mutter "nuts," and keep going. He white-footed it the rest of the 90 hurdle-studded yards and crossed the finish line almost 10 yards ahead of his nearest two-shoed rival and in :15.4, tying the meet record. McAuliffe took a 15-minute rest, tied his shoes on tight and ran a solo exhibition. He finished in :14.9 and in both shoes to tie the Washington state high school record. McAuliffe's five points were all Butte won.

## Spartans Take Big Six Golf Meet; Viks 4th

Eugene, Ore., May 24 (AP)—Corvallis high won the Big Six league golf championship here over the week-end. Medalist honors were shared by Jim Williams of Corvallis and Al Mundle of University High of Eugene. Both shotmakers carded 73's. Team scores: Corvallis, 56½; Eugene, 28; University, 41½; Salem, 18.

Neil Pratt, Syracuse university miler from Erie, Pa., is the best middle-distance runner in the school's history.

## Randle Oilers, Papermen Win Softie Debut Games

The softball season opened Monday night on Leslie field before a near capacity crowd of spectators who saw Randle Oil defeat the Marines, 11-6, in the first game. The second contest went to the Papermakers over Campbell Rock Wool, 6-1. A twilight preliminary saw Naval Reserve down the Teamera 10-7 in an industrial league contest. Tom Carrow sparked the Randle club as he turned in a home, double and a single. The Marines were held scoreless during the last four innings by Pitcher Maerz. Bob Knight fashioned a three hit tossing job for the Paper-



Safe at Plate George Wilkinson, manager and center fielder for the Marines scores during Monday night's opening softball program at Leslie field. LaVera Applegate, Randle Oil catcher, receives the ball from the field. The Oilers won, 11-6.

makers, holding the Campbell outfit scoreless until the last frame. Tuesday night's program: 8—12th St. Market vs. Golden Pheasant; 9—Knights of Columbus vs. Mootry's Pharmacy. Industrial league, 6—O.P.&P. vs. Clear Lake. Randle Oil.....020 341 0—11 8 5  
Marines.....204 000 0—6 5 6  
Maerz and Applegate; Jones, McLeod and Eshleman.  
Campbell's.....000 000 1—1 3 3  
Papermakers.....101 202 x—6 6 2  
Roth and Singer; Knight and Woodworth.  
Nav. Res.....061 021 0—10 8 6  
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Bassett and Jarvis; Keuscher, C. Brock and Hannon.

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