

An Open Letter to Bill Mulligan



Bill Mulligan Beaver Stadium Portland, Ore.

(A report of proceedings at a meeting of Salem baseball fans at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night is related here in the form of an open letter to Bill Mulligan, general manager of the Portland Beavers.)

Dear Mr. Mulligan:
Whether you like it or not, we are coming to Portland to see you and lay our cards on the table. We realize you may have an ace up your sleeve. And if you're bluffing about wanting to sell the Senators, we're ready to call your bluff.

We had a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce hall down here Wednesday night, Bill, and, frankly, you aren't very well liked by the some 25 local fans who stood up and spoke their piece.

None of us appreciate the way you're running the Salem team any more than you like the way we are not supporting it at the gate.

We'd like to buy your ball club, Bill. We are just independent enough to think that we can make a bigger success of it—in both league play and financially—than you and your brother Beaver brasses are doing.

We were very enthusiastic in our Wednesday night meeting. There were over 400 of us there, and every one of us is a potential future stockholder of the Salem Senators.

A committee of five was appointed to meet with you and thresh things out. But there'll be a lot more than just those five who'll be coming up to see you. Many of us are going to visit you, Bill, and you might as well welcome us in your office, for we're going to come in anyway and get this thing straightened out.

And if the future home-owned Salem Senators are as enthusiastic and as hard-hitting as the remarks made by some of us Wednesday, they'll whale the daylights out of anything the rest of the Western International league can offer. And that goes for your Beavers, too.

Be seeing you soon,
The Salem Fans



Trophies State softball tournament trophies being displayed at Eugene by Don January, left, state association director, and Max Rubenstein, sponsor of the 16th annual tourney to be staged in Eugene, Aug. 28-Sept. 1. Mootry's Pharmacy will represent Salem in the series.

Skits and Scratches

By FRED ZIMMERMAN, Capital Journal Sports Editor

Eyes on OSC

When Lon Stiner came up with his surprise announcement last winter that he was quitting the Oregon State campus, the result was a clean sweep in the coaching department in football. Consequently all eyes will be turned toward LaVerne "Kip" Taylor and his corps of assistants when the Beavers open the 1949 grid campaign the night of September 17. The game, since it is with the UCLA Bruins at Los Angeles will constitute a real initiation to Pacific Coast football for the newcomer from Michigan. Taylor selected two brothers and a former Beaver griddier as his principal associates. Chalmers "Bump" Elliott, a brilliant backfield performer at the University of Michigan, and Pete Elliott, an all-American quarterback at Michigan last fall will handle the backs and ends, respectively. Leonard Younce, an all-coast guard during his junior and senior years at the Beaver institution and for a half dozen years a member of the New York Giants in the play for money division of the game, will direct the linemen. Certainly the staff appears strong but the chore of implanting the Michigan type of single wing offense is one that will not be accomplished in a single season.

New Uniforms

Not only will Oregon State present a brand new coaching staff but the new deal will extend into the equipment department. For home games the Beavers will wear black jerseys with orange numerals and orange sleeve bands. Road jerseys will be white with black numerals and orange and black trimming. The squad will wear new plastic orange helmets and white nylon pants for all games. Interest in the schedule of 10 games is on the upgrade. So much so, in fact that Assistant Athletic Director Lorin Baker believes that the two tilts booked for Multnomah stadium in Portland will be sellouts. The first, October 1, will bring the California Bears north, while the second, scheduled for November 12, features Michigan State for the second successive year.

Handy Volume Coming

It's been a long job, requiring the cooperation of hundreds of sports writers over the country, but Christy Walsh's forthcoming "College Football" should prove to be the last word in the gridiron sport. The volume of some 800 pages will contain information concerning the sport from its very beginning down through the contests of last fall. Nearly 200 colleges are to be listed, along with the number of games each has played from the first season. The number of lettermen and the number of All American players for various colleges are also listed.

No Witch Hunting

One of the things that stood out during Wednesday night's meeting of baseball fans was the fact that there was no violent outbursts against any particular individual. Nobody was set up as a whipping post and there was no witch hunting. There were sharp and pointed remarks as could be expected from a mixed group but for the most part the affair was along orderly lines, indicating that those in attendance really wanted professional baseball in Salem. Whether the group will purchase stock in the new enterprise if it is undertaken remains to be seen. At any rate the machinery has been set in motion and the first development will be the meeting between the committee of representative men and Bill Mulligan, of the Portland Beavers.

Women Golfers Elect

Woodburn—A meeting was held Tuesday night by local women of the Women's International Bowling Congress and the following officers were elected for the coming season: Donna Buchanan, president; Betty Schroeder, treasurer; Florence Darnell, secretary. The first bowling date was set for September 18 at the local alley. All women interested are asked to register at the alley.

Twenty-eight lettermen will be back for the North Carolina State college football team this fall.

Medford Women Golfers Winners

Eugene, Aug. 25 (AP)—Golfers from Medford won the combined Willamette valley and southern Oregon women's tournament title here yesterday. The six-member team scored 470 to lead the 36-hole event.

Guest team members from Corvallis, who were unqualified for the title, posted a low of 459. Other teams in the title play were Eugene 487, Roseburg 499, Grants Pass 500; Klamath Falls 506.

6500 Fans Watch Pendleton Event

Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 25 (AP)—Sixty-five hundred first day fans were greeted at the 39th annual Pendleton round-up yesterday with a new bulldogging record and a fast calf roping.

Jim Catterall Leaves OSC

McMinnville, Aug. 25 (AP)—Oregon state basketball letterman Jim Catterall has decided to transfer to Linfield college to get a physical education degree. He has received three basketball letters from OSC.

Linfield Athletic Director Paul Durham said Catterall, who will be ineligible to participate in sports his first year here because of the transfer, will be assistant junior varsity football coach.

Shrine Teams Name Captains

Portland, Ore., Aug. 25 (AP)—Doug Hogland, Bend tackle, and Don Donovan, Grants Pass half-back, have been elected co-captains by the Oregon high school All-Stars for the second annual Shrine's hospital football game against the Portland All-Stars at Multnomah stadium Saturday night.

The Portland team chose Halfback Bob Hamblin of Roosevelt and Center Bob Rudolph of Jefferson as its field leaders in the pigskin classic, from which all proceeds go to the northwest unit of the Shrine's hospital for crippled children.

Swimmer Gives Up

Calais, France, Aug. 25 (AP)—Jose Cortinas, Cuban swimmer, gave up on his second attempt to swim the English channel after battling the chilly water for nine hours and 20 minutes.

Almost Del Rice of St. Louis Cardinals is out in a cloud of dust at home plate as Dodger catcher Roy Campanella applies the tag. Rice tried to make it from first in the sixth inning on Tom Flavian's double to right field wall, but was nipped by Carl Furillo's peg to the plate. The Cards won a vital 5-3 victory over the Dodgers in the game at Ebbets field in Brooklyn. (Acme Telephoto)

All Coast Loop Leaders Win Tilts; Bevos Lose

Hollywood is still three games ahead in the Pacific Coast league because of Pinky Woods' arm—and his bat. He notched his 18th win of the year Wednesday night when he held the lowly Los Angeles Angels to seven hits in winning 8 to 4. He started off a little wild but made up for it by slamming a three run homer in the second. The Stars needed a four run ninth inning rally, though, to win.

Oakland and Sacramento, both of them breathing hotly on the Stars' back, won their games. Ken Holcombe won his 18th game in pitching the So-lons to a 4 to 3 win over Portland.

Oakland doused a ninth inning rally by San Francisco to beat the Seals 6 to 2. Oakland and Sacramento are tied for second place.

San Diego made it two straight over Seattle in trimming the Rainiers 7 to 2. The win put the Padres into fourth place, a game ahead of Seattle. The Padres took a three run lead in the first and coasted the rest of the way. Mickey Grasso, Seattle catcher, got banished for protesting too long on a plate decision. It was his 11th exile of the season.

Team	W	L	Pct
Hollywood	88	85	.505
Oakland	82	71	.536
Sacramento	82	71	.536
San Diego	78	78	.500
Portland	72	80	.474
Los Angeles	69	83	.449

Results Wednesday:
 Oakland 4, San Francisco 2
 San Diego 7, Seattle 2
 Hollywood 8, Los Angeles 4
 Sacramento 4, Portland 3

Salem Steel Is B League Titlist

By beating Elstroms 5 to 3 in five innings, Salem Steel won the Class "C" City Junior baseball league title Wednesday evening, as Ron Whittaker pitched a one hitter at the opposition. The much-cuffed Schroeder club snapped back as they edged Master Bread 4 to 3 although Steve Russell, losing chucker, issued just one hit. Errors behind him nullified his efforts.

The win was the first for the Schroeder club while the loss kept the bakers' record clean of straight defeats.

Entire Giant Outfield Hitting Above .300 Mark

By Austin Bealmer
(For Hugh Fullerton, Jr.)
New York, Aug. 25 (AP)—If Willard Marshall, Bobby Thomson and Whitney Lockman keep their batting averages over .300 the rest of the season, it will be the first time in 13 years for three regular New York Giants outfielders to finish above the magic mark. . . . In 1936 the Giants' outfield trio included Mel Ott, who clubbed .327; Joe Meehr, whose average was .318, and Jim Rippey, with a season average of .305. . . . Denny Myers, Boston college football coach, recently landed a couple tuna, each weighing around 250 pounds, and was telling Tennessee Coach Bob Neyland about it in a letter. . . . "They had nice sloping heads like linemen," Myers wrote, "but I had to throw them back because they couldn't learn the signals and like to go south in the winter."

Today's guest star: Jerry Mitchell, New York Post: "Old Connie Mack takes it so easy you'd think he was a member of the Boston Red Sox. . . . He sits in a corner of the dugout, shuts his eyes to bad plays, opens them to the good, naps between innings and lets his coaches argue with the umpires. . . . He even gave up signaling with a scorecard years ago when the type got too heavy."

Down the hatch. Ever wonder what became of the Liberty ships that were named for outstanding sports figures during the war? . . . Only four

what's what in college football picks Army, Georgia and Oklahoma as the teams most likely to get through the 1949 season without a scratch. . . . Didn't they ever hear of Notre Dame or Michigan? . . . Frank Parker turned down an invitation to practice with the Australian Davis Cup team. . . . "Just because American team dropped me doesn't mean I'll switch over to the opposition," he said. . . . "I'm not that kind of a heel."

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