

Senators Sign McMillan

With the signing of Frank "Buster" McMillan, announced Monday by Business Manager George Emigh, the Salem Senators now have 16 players contracted for the 1950 Western International league season. McMillan, a resident of Portland, hit 310 when he played with the Senators in 1948 as catcher and outfielder. He is a left handed hitter.

Others who have signed contracts are: Ken Courtin, right handed pitcher; Marvin Diericks, outfielder, who goes to Portland's training camp; Bill Osborn, pitcher; Bud Peterson, infielder, in Portland camp; Wayne Peterson, second baseman; Everett Schrivner, infielder; Harold Zucher, outfielder; Ted Yeamans, infielder; Nick Muti, shortstop; Ken Wyatt, left handed pitcher; Vic Wiljeto, right handed pitcher; Walter Lord, right handed pitcher; Bill Beard, catcher; Bob Haddock, infielder; Dick Walbel, right handed pitcher.

Gene Peterson, pitcher, has asked to be placed on the retirement list. He expects to go into business in the McMinnville district.

Emigh reports he has not yet reached an agreement with Mel Wasley, home run hitting outfielder who lives at Grass Valley, Cal.

Spring training will open at Corvallis, March 30.



Grandstand Rebuilt Work continues on the new grandstand of Hollywood Park race track, Inglewood, Calif., to replace the structure destroyed by fire, in time for 1950 meeting (Acme Telephoto.)

Photog Goes to All Games But Would Pay to See One

Seattle, Feb. 21 (AP)—Our Mr. Paul Wagner advised us today he'd pay 25 bucks just to sit in the stands like a human next fall and watch a football game. This is a tempting offer but it isn't enough. We'll have to have Wagner down on the field running his legs off in pursuit of the athletes.

He's the Associated Press photographer at Seattle. "So you're going to write about me?" Wagner said, putting on his its-about-time-somebody-noticed-Wagner-around-here look. "Say, listen, will ya? Tell those boxing fans to quit throwing beer bottles at me, huh?"

"A few years ago at the Steele-Hostak fight I was leaning over the ring shooting pix when some joker hit me in the back with a suds container. What d'ya mean, did I catch the guy? Hurt so much I didn't even notice what brand the beer was."

Wagner has run the gamut in sports photography and the gallop often left him winded. He's climbed steep ladders, boathouse roofs, diving towers and mountains. He's crawled under benches, fences and regulations to give you a look at the ace in action. If there's anyone Wagner hasn't pictured the guy must be a nobody. Joe Louis, Ben Hogan, Brenda Helser (Ah, there was a picture), Leon Hart, Alex Groza, Casey Stengel—the list is endless.

In the direct words of Wagner "It ain't easy." You get lined up for a picture of the touchdown and the quarterback runs the play right over you. A tackle

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Slicker Playoff Pairings Slated

The annual "Winter Slicker" sponsored by the Salem Men's club, and much delayed on account of snow, has now advanced to its final stages. Championships in all divisions have been clubbed off at the Salem Golf club with one exception—the American. This event has been handicapped by the illness of Bill Goodwin who is paired with Leo Estey.

Other divisional champions are: Texas—Hunt and Graham; W.I.L.—Hill and Allen; National—Ingram-Schafer; Coast—Needham-Gwynn; Three I—Alley-Miklin; Grays—Hicks-Hay.

Pairings for the playoffs are expected to be arranged this week.

A record list of 391 individual entries from 28 colleges is listed for competition in the 28th annual Michigan State Relays.

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Dick Dunkel's College Basketball Power Index

EXPLANATION—The Power Index provides a direct comparison of the relative strength of any two teams for this season to date. Thus, a 50.0 team has been assigned points greater than a 40.0 team on their comparative records. In which scoring margin has been weighed against strength of opposition. This does not necessarily mean that a 50.0 team would defeat a 40.0 team by exactly 10 points in the future. Teams rarely follow past performance that closely. Furthermore, the ratings are not adjusted for such factors as home court, injuries and intelligibility. The Dunkel system correlates records of all college teams and was started in 1929.

40 National Leaders	
Holy Cross	79.1
Ohio State	77.6
Bradley	75.7
La Salle	75.5
W.K. State	75.4
U.C.L.A.	75.3
Duquesne	75.0
Iodiana	74.8
St. John's N.Y.	74.3
Kentucky	73.7
Wisconsin	73.1
N.C. State	72.9
Villanova	72.8
Kansas State	72.7
St. Louis	72.4
Beloit	72.3
Long Island	72.3
Kansas	71.5
E.K.Y. State	71.3
Mass. State	71.3

In each listing below the team on the left has established itself as the favorite by compiling a higher rating to date than its opponent. For example, a 50.0 team has been 10 points stronger, per game, than a 40.0 team.

Probable Home Team		Probable Away Team	
American U.	50.4	Indiana U.	37.5
C.N.Y.	50.0	Purdue	37.0
Columbia	49.9	Illinois	37.0
Duquesne	49.8	Indiana State	37.0
Lafayette	49.4	Seton Hall	37.0
Indiana	49.3	Calif.	37.0
N.Bri'l'st.	49.2	Hawaii	37.0
Niagara	49.2	J. Carroll	37.0
U.Sia	49.2	Arizona	37.0

Golfers Swing To Houston as Burke Wins Rio

Harlingen, Tex., Feb. 20 (AP)—Golf's tourists rolled on to Houston today for another \$10,000 open golf tournament with young Jack Burke, Jr., winner of the Rio Grande valley open, the little man of the hour.

The boyish son of Houston's famed professional—the late Jack Burke—moves into the city that knows him best as second leading money-winner of the year. He laid down a six-under-par 65, featured by two eagles, on the 6,095-yard Harlingen municipal course yesterday to finish with a record-breaking 72-hole 264 and grab first money of \$2,000 in the \$10,000 valley open.

Burke, who registers from White Plains, N. Y., ran his total money winnings for the year to \$4,940.

Ahead of Burke in money-winnings is only Sam Snead of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., with \$7,558. Snead isn't playing at Houston. He decided to skip both the Rio Grande valley and Houston opens.

Jimmie Demaret of Ojai, Calif., was second money-winner last week, won only \$196.66 here and fell to third place with a total of \$4,778.66. Demaret had 272 for a tie for twelfth place.

Burke's 264 was two strokes under the tournament record here, set by Henry Picard in 1941.

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9. Acee Barber Shop 2787
10. Hoeg Bros. 2765
11. National Bakery 2749
12. Momzers Chevron Station 2729

Lean Hart Weds. Leon Hart, Notre Dame's All-American end, and his bride embrace at the St. Colman's Catholic church. She is Lois Newyahr, the big football player's high school sweetheart. (Acme Telephoto.)

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Jeannette Altwegg of England shows one of the figures that won 47th international ladies' skating competition over 16 competitors at Davos, Switzerland.

Baysinger Makes Navy Sound Hungry for Stars

New York, Feb. 20 (AP)—The guy who probably has the most secure job in baseball is a resident of Williamsport, Pa., not Versailles, Ky. . . Carl Stotz, commissioner of Little League baseball, has a ten-year contract, paying better than 10 G's a year, which can't be cancelled. . . Of course, if you've ever tried to keep peace among a bunch of ten-year-olds playing ball, you'll understand he has one of the toughest jobs, too. . . The Cincinnati Reds' statisticians reveal that right-handed Reds hit 23 homers off right-handed pitchers last season and 29 off left handers, while the southpaw swingers hit 27 off right flingers and only seven off the wrong-arm guys. . . That may help explain what happened to Bucky Walters, who derided the old theory about switching hitters according to the pitching.

Baysinger Up the Wrong Tree
At a recent sports dinner in Newport News, Va., Ensign Reaves Baysinger, who helps coach Navy plebe football besides teaching marine engineering, singled out a likely looking prospect among a group of high school athletes. . . Working the big young man off to one side, Reaves began: "I understand you're interested in the naval academy. . . The prospect looked bewildered. . . 'Isn't your name Jones?' asked Baysinger. . . 'No, I'm Lou Hoitma, freshman coach at William and Mary. Are you guys trying to get Jones, too?'"

Weak End Notes
Sonny Boy West, the Washington lightweight, has the same birthday as Joe Louis (May 13) and is a great nephew of Jack Johnson. He can't fight like either. . . St. John's U. is aiming for places in both the NCAA and invitation basketball tournaments. . . Plain Ben Jones, who can't help seeing plenty of good looking gams about Miami, says Coalton has "the nicest and cleanest" legs he ever has seen on a race horse. . . Still Coalie usually is listed under: "Horses to wash."

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