

Tigers Open Home Stand with A's

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Yost on Team to Represent State

Portland, Ore., June 13 (U.P.)—Roy Atkins, Dick Yost, Joe Bihl, Bob Parry and Bob Duden, all of Portland, will represent Oregon in the national public links golf championship at Louisville, Ky., July 3 to 8.

The quintet won qualifying rounds yesterday as they led a field of 58 here in sectional qualifying at the Colwood golf course.

Paper Mill, Papermakers, Suppers and Maples Win

Bob Knight returned to form at other seasons Monday night at Leslie field when he turned back Randle Oil without a single blow. As a result the Paper Mill club of the city softball loop downed the Oilers, 7 to 1. Randle Oil is still without a win. In the meantime Jim Rawlins pitched the Salem Supper club

to a 7-0 shutout over South Salem Merchants. Rawlins gave up one blow, a single by Everett Staats in the third. The win kept the supper clubmen's slate clean. Maples Dairy took the measure of Post Office Clerks, 9-0 in Industrial division play with Hank Singer pitching one hit softball. Papermakers beat Post Office Carriers, 12 to 1 in five innings.

Tuesday night's schedule: City division, Golden Pheasant vs. Campbell Rock Wool, 8 p.m.; Industrial division, Teamsters vs. UCC at 8:30, Hallmark Card vs. Naval Reserve at 7.

Randle Oil 9 2
Paper Mill 7 1
Maple and Ray, Knight and Helmer.
Supper Club 11 0
South Salem 1 2
Rawlins and Henry; Carver and Barnholdt.
Papermakers 13 0
Carriers 4 4
Kramer and Kealey; Lebold and Gardner.
Clerks 9 1
Maple Dairy 9 0
Bilchke, Hader, Albrich and Scott; Singer and Helmer.

Skits and Scratches

By FRED ZIMMERMAN, Capital Journal Sports Editor

Brillheart Sees the U.S.

"Play professional baseball and tour the United States." Judging by the experience of Jim Brillheart, Tacoma Tiger manager, this slogan might well be adopted by the operators of the national pastime. For Jim, now hot on the trail of a Western International league pennant, has played in so many circuits and under such a variety of managers, that he has almost forgotten the deviations of the long trail started in 1922 when he came out of Roanoke college, Virginia.

Eighteen Managers

Beginning with a chap named Hall (first name forgotten) Brillheart has played under 18 managers. And who do you suppose he considers the sharpest of the lot? Joe McCarthy, Charley Drennon or Rip Collins? Neither of them. Jim nominates "Pepper" Martin as being the keenest student of the game and the man who can get the most out of a given lot of players. "He had the best baseball brains of the lot," remarked the Tiger head man during his recent stay in Salem. As for McCarthy, the one time Yankee director, he was something of a Simon Legree on the field but inside the clubhouse was all consideration.

From College to Majors

Brillheart jumped from Roanoke college to the Washington Senators under the direction of Clyde Milan. He took the mound against the Detroit Tigers for his first professional experience and won, 3 to 2. He won four and lost six for the Senators in 1923 when Donny Bush was the top man. He was later farmed to Shreveport of the Texas league. In 1924, still the property of the Senators, he was sent to Norfolk of the Virginia league under Wynn Clark, later rejoining Washington with Bucky Harris at the helm.

Fortune Plays a Hand

Prior to leaving for a swing through the western part of the American circuit, Clark Griffith, Washington owner, called Brillheart to his room and gave him his choice of going on the road or joining Richmond, then leading the Virginia league. Since Washington was in the second division and appeared likely to remain there, Jim decided to go to Richmond. The fact that he had been recently married played a large part in the decision. Subsequently the Senators went on to win the world pennant and a cut of something like \$5400 for each member of the club. That amount of money loomed big at that time.

Still With Washington

The season of 1925 found Brillheart in the Washington spring training camp where he worked quite a few innings against the New York Giants in exhibition games. On the way north, the two clubs stopped at Augusta for an exhibition tilt and Brillheart went in as a relief hurler with the bases filled. Frankie Frisch promptly tripled to clear the sacks and Bucky Harris jumped on him. Jim had a pretty hot tongue, too, and when they got back to Washington Harris told Brillheart not to suit up for the next game. This was the signal for Jim to go home. Griffith, who had taken a liking to his young pitcher wired him that he was being swapped to Memphis. He stayed with that club in 1925 and '26 and the following season was drafted by the Chicago Cubs where he played under McCarthy. At the close of 1927 McCarthy told Brillheart that he would be one of his starting pitchers the next season then promptly traded him to Minneapolis for Pat Malone. Jim had a big season with Minneapolis, winning 20 games and leading the American Association in the number of strikeouts. Minneapolis claimed him through 1931 when he was drafted by the Red Sox.

Back to Minneapolis

Jim went back to Minneapolis in 1932 but after a month was swapped to Newark for Andy Cohen. The Newark club of that year later became the first string Yankees. They included Red Rolph, Marv Owens, Dixie Walker, Jess Hill, Johnny Murphy, Roy Sherrard and a number of others. Brillheart was sent back to Memphis for the last month of 1932 because the latter needed help in a hot finish. He won three games for the club but Memphis lost the pennant to Chattanooga by less than a percentage point.

Depression Hurts Game

The depression was on in earnest by 1933 and when Brillheart got his check he found his salary had been halved. So Jim played with Nashville under Charley Drennon through '34 and was sold to Oklahoma City. The club won the pennant with 23 games to spare. Jim remained with Oklahoma City in '36 '37 and '38. Then the following season he was sold to Shreveport for \$5000 because Oklahoma City was in financial trouble. 1940 and 1941 found Jim still with Shreveport under "Salty" Parker. Shreveport beat Beaumont in the playoff in 1942 and Nashville in the Dixie series. The war caused the league to fold in 1942 and Brillheart joined San Diego for the 1943 and '44 seasons.

Pepper As Manager

Brillheart worked under Pepper Martin in 1945 and finished his career as a regular pitcher that season. He pitched four hit ball and the club won 4 to 2. He became a coach under Rip Collins in 1947 and took over the management of the Tacoma club in 1948. He was recalled by San Diego to take over the managerial chores of the Padres and at the close of the season was released. He directed Spokane last season and is now out in front with Tacoma.

Wins More Than 300

Although he has no exact count, Brillheart believes he has won more than 300 games and lost approximately 245 others. Although born in Dublin, Va. where he lived during his early years, Jim has little of the southern accent. He is exceptionally proud of his son who holds a good position with a large power concern in Virginia.



Jim Brillheart

Junior B Squads Open Competition Tuesday Evening

Youngsters of the city will open the 1950 Salem Junior baseball league season Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock on four fronts in Class B competition. Although still short of sponsors, Class B will start its schedule Thursday evening. Tuesday night's schedule: Salem Heights at Four Corners, West Salem Lumber vs. Commercial Book Store at Olinger; Kelsier Merchants vs. Bishop Electric at Kelsier; Orchard Heights vs. Salem Laundry at Orchard Heights.

Coach John Cooney of the Braves won 14 games as a pitcher for the same team in 1925.

Yakima Catcher Wields Big Stick of WI League

Tacoma, June 13 (U.P.)—Ninl Tornay, Yakima catcher, still carries the big stick in the Western International league, figures released by the league office disclosed today.

The Bear receiver upped his average to .391 from .378 during the week to stretch his lead over Tacoma's slugging outfielders, Dick Greco and Glenn Stetter. Stetter moved back into the runner-up spot with a .366 mark, while Greco was four points back at .362.

Wimpy Quinn, Tacoma first baseman, had little trouble holding his wide margin in the runs-batted-in department his total being 55, while runner-up Jim Westlake of Yakima had 45.

The home run bat of Joe Rossi, Spokane catcher, remained silent during the week, but his output of nine circuit blows was still the best in the league.

Averages through games of Sunday, June 11. Includes averages of 20 players who have appeared in 30 games and pitchers hitting over .200:

Tornay, Yakima, .391 28 30 21 1 291
Stetter, Tacoma, .384 24 30 41 4 248
Greco, Tacoma, .366 18 37 39 8 362
O'Connell, Tacoma, .366 18 37 39 8 362
Chorlton, Tacoma, .366 18 37 39 8 362
Woolf, Spokane, .366 18 37 39 8 362
Hansen, Wenatchee, .366 18 37 39 8 362
L. Tran, Vancouver, .366 18 37 39 8 362
Poeckel, Wen., .366 18 37 39 8 362
Wagner, Tri-City, .366 18 37 39 8 362
Vanni, Victoria, .366 18 37 39 8 362
Chase, Tacoma, .366 18 37 39 8 362
Latty Neal, Wen., .366 18 37 39 8 362

Portland Pitcher Leads PC Hurlers With Perfect Mark

San Francisco, June 12 (U.P.)—Leslie (Bill) Fleming of Portland, with a perfect record of three wins and no losses, led Pacific Coast League pitchers through Saturday. Max Surkont of Sacramento had won the most games through the same period with an 11-5 record.

The top 10 and Portland pitchers:
L. P. Fleming, Port., .14 3 5 1,000 9
Groth, Oakland, .14 3 5 1,000 9
Balkwood, Hollywood, .14 3 5 1,000 9
McLish, Los Angeles, .14 3 5 1,018 49
Lynn, Portland, .14 3 5 1,000 9
Lynn, San Francisco, .14 3 5 1,000 9
H. Barrett, San Diego, .14 3 5 1,000 9
Anthony, Hollywood, .14 3 5 1,000 9
Shoun, Oakland, .14 3 5 1,000 9
Wade, Hollywood, .14 3 5 1,000 9
Heller, Portland, .14 3 5 1,000 9
Dibart, Portland, .14 3 5 1,000 9
Cree, Portland, .14 3 5 1,000 9
C. Adams, Portland, .14 3 5 1,000 9
Linde, Portland, .14 3 5 1,000 9
Drilling, Portland, .14 3 5 1,000 9
McNulty, Portland, .14 3 5 1,000 9

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Detroiters Eye Slim Lead After Hot, 24-5 Road Mark

By JERRY LE DONNE

(United Press Sports Writer)
Detroit, June 13 (U.P.)—The Detroit Tigers, terrific on tour, open the defence of their slim American league lead tonight in a home ball park that seems to favor the other fellow.

While the St. Louis Cards hit the road to defend their National league margin at Philadelphia, the Tigers opened a two weeks' home stand against the Philadelphia Athletics in the first night game of the season here.

Ahead of the New York Yankees by two percentage points after their hottest road trip in 15 years, Detroit was ready to send young Art Houtteman to the mound against the Athletics' rookie Bob Hooper.

The Tigers weren't sure what tune to sing. In the face of their rambling road record—24 wins and five losses—"Home Sweet Home" would sound hollow. The Bengals have lost nine and won eight at Briggs.

Detroit Manager Red Rolfe was jubilant enough over his blazing swing through the east, capped by a victory over the second-place Yankees and a three-game sweep at Boston.

But the Tiger boss said he still figured New York and Boston the top contenders for the pennant, and Detroit just a darkhorse.

"Sure, some of the boys have been playing a bit over their heads and are bound to cool off sooner or later. It's how much they cool off that's going to decide our chances," he said—and he said it seriously.

"We just get Hal Newhouser working right again and Virgil Trucks comes up with a sore arm," Rolfe said.

The biggest surprise of the Detroit staff is aging—but still effective—Dizzy Trout. He's come up with four victories against no defeats.

"We're a club with too many 'ifs' to be a real favorite," Rolfe theorizes. "If our hitters don't cool off too much, if Trucks gets back in shape again, if our starters can keep up without much relief which

we don't have—Detroit may be tough to beat out."

It's the hitting department that cheers Rolfe the most. Third baseman George Kell looks like he's on his way to a second consecutive batting crown. His current .381 average tops the rest of the league.

Four of Kell's teammates are above the .300 waterline. Hoot Evers swats at a .363 clip, Johnny Groth at .332, Johnny Lipon at .327 and Vic Wertz .314.

The Yankees start a 14-game road trip at Chicago tonight. The Boston Red Sox, trying to catch their breath after the drubbing by Detroit, face Cleveland in a night tilt. Washington travels to St. Louis for a twi-night double-header.

It's an arc-light program throughout the National league, too. The leading Cardinals, on tour after 10 triumphs in 12 starts at home, meet the third-place Phillies. Chicago plays at Brooklyn, Pittsburgh tests the New York Giants and the Braves host Cincinnati.



Gussy Again

California's Gussy Moran, whose tennis costumes have managed to keep spectators' eyes off the ball in past tournaments, displays her first French-created tennis dress in her London hotel room. Gussy's latest outfit, designed for Wimbledon play later this month, is a Balmain creation of white silk chiffon, completely pleated, with matching pleated blouser-type pants. (AP Wirephoto)

Ted Williams' INSIDE BASEBALL

(A Capital Journal Exclusive)

That good pitching is still an important factor in the success of any baseball team is indicated by the early season's success and failure of four of the American League clubs.

The New York Yankees and the Detroit Tigers have both made good early season showings, thanks to the steady and efficient efforts of their pitchers. The Cleveland Indians and the Philadelphia Athletics, on the other hand, have not done as well as expected during the first few weeks of the season through the failure of their top pitchers to deliver as many good games as expected.

The Yankees, from the start, have received well pitched games most of the time from Vic Raschi, Allie Reynolds, Ed Lopat, and Tommy Byrne. When any of these four starters have faltered a bit there has always been the efficient Joe Page available to hold the opposition within reasonable bounds.

The Tigers have received well pitched games almost without exception from such capable hurlers as Art Houtteman, Ted Gray, Fred Hutchinson, Hal Newhouser, and Dizzy Trout.

Whenever the Yankees or the Tigers have produced a few runs, these pitchers have had little trouble winning.

Due to pre-season arm ailments to Joe Coleman and Dick Fowler, the Athletics haven't received the calibre of pitching expected of this team. That's why the A's haven't done as well as was anticipated in the early weeks.

A team such as the Athletics has at present requires good pitching to win since it hasn't got the long distance punch which produces high run totals very often. And when the pitching it was expected to receive doesn't materialize, it encounters unexpected trouble crashing into the victory column.

The Indians have suffered a similar disappointing start. On paper the Indians appeared to have a good pitching staff. Before the season started I figured that Cleveland would remain close to the top most of the season due to the fine pitching it would get from a staff of Bob Lemon, Bob Feller, Mike Garcia, Early Wynn, Gene Bearden, and Al Benton.

But those pitchers haven't been at their best so far this season. And their failure has permitted a good many early season games to slip down the drain which their top efforts might have saved.

Actually it isn't surprising that the Yankees and the Tigers have been leading the league through the early weeks. They have been the most successful because they have received the steadiest pitching of any teams in the league.

Manager John (Red) Corridon of the White Sox played third base for Detroit in 1912, was sold to Cincinnati and was traded to the Cubs before he ever played a game for the Reds.

All other members of the league were idle.

Official Box

Salem (8)	W	L	Pct.	(2) Vancouver	W	L	Pct.
Gavitt, Jb	4	2	.667	Robinson, J	4	0	1.000
Peterson, J	4	1	.800	Clarkson, M	4	0	1.000
Scott, L	4	0	1.000	L. Tran, B	4	0	1.000
Wesley, J	4	1	.800	Mead, C	4	1	.800
Cherry, C	4	2	.667	Robinson, C	4	1	.800
Reard, C	3	1	.750	Helmer, C	3	0	1.000
Bartle, B	3	0	1.000	McLellan, B	3	1	.750
Snyder, R	3	0	1.000	R. Tran, S	3	0	1.000
Osborn, P	2	0	1.000	Nichols, P	2	0	1.000
McMillan, I	1	0	1.000				
Walsh, P	0	0					
Total	32	24	.571	Total	28	8	.771
- Batted for Osborn in 8th.							
Salem	000	000	000-0				
Vancouver	001	001	000-2				
Pitchers:	IP	AD	W	L	R	ER	BO
Nicholas	9	0	1	0	1	1	
Osborn	9	2	0	1	1	4	
Walsh	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Errors—Gavitt, Peterson, Bartle, L.O.B.—Salem 6, Vancouver 7. RB—Mead, RB—Clarkson, Mead, RB—Robinson, JP—L. Tran, R. Tran; Scott, Gavitt, Bartle, B., T—132. Umpires—Hansich, Jacovitti.							
Short scores:							
Wenatchee.....	020	203	010	8	13	0	
Victoria.....	000	000	010	1	5	1	
Trielish and Len Neal; Wilkie and Roszine.							
Salem.....	000	000	000-0				
Vancouver.....	001	001	000-2				
Osborn, Walsh (8) and Beard; Nicholas and Helmer.							

Caps Whitewash Solons in Opener of Canadian Series

Vancouver, B. C., June 13 —

The Caplans made the most of their five hits including a circuit blow by Charlie Mead as they applied a coat of whitewash to the Salem Senators Monday night.

Bill Osborn, defeated pitcher, held the Caps to five blows, two less than the Solons got off George Nicholas. Vancouver scored an unearned run in the third, an error by Wayne Peterson at third eventually permitting the Caps to tally.

Mead's homer came in the sixth with the bases clear.

None of the Salem hits was of the extra base variety as Nicholas, a tough customer all

WIL Standings

(By the Associated Press)

Tacoma	W	L	Pct.
Wenatchee	29	24	.547
Yakima	27	25	.519
Salem	26	26	.500
Spokane	26	28	.481
Tri-City	26	29	.473
Victoria	23	32	.418
Vancouver	21	30	.412

Games Monday

Vancouver 2 Salem 0
Wenatchee 8 Victoria 1
Yakima 7 San Francisco (PCL)
6 (only innings)

Only games scheduled.

season for the Senators, kept the situation well under control until the ninth. Singles by Mel Wesley and Bob Cherry put two men on the bases with but one out. The threat died when Bill Beard grounded into a double play.

The loss kept Salem in fourth place, eight games behind the Tacoma Tigers who had an open date.

In the meantime Wenatchee strengthened its grasp on second place by beating Victoria, 8-1. The Chiefs are now 5 1/2 games off the pace.

All other members of the league were idle.

Abney Returns to Ring Wars in Mainer Tuesday

The Veterans of Foreign Wars

will stage a boxing card at the armory Tuesday night of 24 rounds or less, featuring Dean Abney and Ralph Ford in the top event. The curtain raiser—Jay Tagholm of Oakland and Tommy Warren of Portland, is slated to go on at 8:30.

The scrap with Ford is in the nature of a trial for Abney and a win over the Portland Negro would boost Dean's stock materially. He is reported as being in excellent condition.

Eddie Kahut and Johnny O'Day are slated to get together in the six-round semi-final.

Two previous attempts had been made to have them slug it out but injuries to Kahut prevented their appearance. O'Day, who clipped Tony Kahut's attempt at a comeback more than a year ago, claims

he will nip Eddie's professional career in the bud.

O'Day is an experienced campaigner but in recent appearances has run out of steam about the fourth.

The top four rounder will pit Al Cliff of Portland against Paul Kennedy of Longview. The two Negroes have been angling for a crack at each other for several months, says Matchmaker Tex Salkeld.

PCC to Send Hoop Champs to NCAA

Victoria, B. C., June 13 (U.P.)—

A new deal in basketball with the NCAA was completed at the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate conference meeting today.

The PCC agreed to send championship teams on its own responsibility to compete in the new 16-team NCAA playoff schedule.

The PCC representatives also voted a new wage scale for basketball officials, making expenses uniform in the southern and northern division and increasing pay to a parallel with that of football officials.

The new scale allows 15 cents a mile one-way for transportation, \$10 a day for expenses and \$50 per game. The fee for play-off games was set at \$65.

The conferees also agreed that no institution could pay officials at spring practice; adopt a rule prohibiting a student from college athletics until residence was established, and postponed setting up baseball schedules until the winter PCC meeting.

The 45 delegates yesterday appointed a four-man committee at Madison, Wis. June 21, to discuss continuation of the Rose Bowl pact.

Gorgeous George, Boudoir Retinue Appear Wednesday

Gorgeous George, one of the most successful professional wrestlers, from a financial standpoint, in the entire country, will show off his bathrobes, valet, antiseptic spray, powder puff and all the other articles of his stock in trade at the armory Wednesday night.

George is supposed to meet Frank Stojack in the main event, but that is beside the point since most fans will assemble to see the rasser strut his stuff.

Three preliminary bouts will complete the card which is being staged Wednesday night because George was available only for that date.

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