

Senator Sluggers Win Opener, 9-6

Locals Try Again Saturday, Sunday Against Tri Citians

By FRED ZIMMERMAN

All 832 stockholders, their cousins and their aunts, turned out Thursday night to see their Senators decision the Tri City Braves 9 to 6 as the two clubs opened the season in the Western International league.

A crowd estimated somewhere between 4200 and 4500 packed the grandstand, the first base bleachers and came close to filling the third base stands. Temperatures in the 40s apparently kept many would-be spectators at home beside their radios.

The Solons and their guests will have it again at 8:15 Saturday night and will complete their series with a double header Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:30.

The new deal in Salem baseball even had its effect on the Tri City club in that the Senators, who could do little or nothing against Lou McCullom last season, punched him vigorously. The 11-hit assault on the fellow who won 21 games in 1950, included a money-collecting home run by Norman Grabar in the third.

Grabar, a pitcher turned outfielder for the night, grabbed off at least \$75 in cash, plus to fill the bases and catcher a ham and numerous other articles for his blow that cleared the right field fence near the light pole.

But the credit should not all be given to the hitters, for one Mr. Aldon J. Wilkie, a transfer from the Victoria Athletics, stood the Braves on their respective heads for six innings before he began to tire. One of the two runs picked up by Tri City in the seventh was forced across by Wilkie's second walk of that frame.

Wilkie retired the side in the eighth despite two walks but ran into real difficulty in the ninth when the club that represents Pasco, Kennewick and Richland, drove in four runs. Manager Hugh Luby sensing the situation but wanting Wilkie to get the distance if possible, halted proceedings in the ninth after Bud Peterson had singled and Clint Cameron had been given a base on balls.

Big John Burak came in

Linfield Jumps On Bearcats With 9 to 1 Onslaught

Coach Johnny Lewis' baseball players, checked their batting eyes with their street clothes Friday afternoon and they went down to defeat 9 to 1 at McCulloch field before the onslaught of a 14 hit attack on the part of the Linfield Wildcats. The tilt opened Northwest conference play for both clubs.

One of the five blows garnered off Stan Blank, a husky yearling tosser was Dick Brouwer's homer in the fifth.

Mike Glenn and Claude Nordhill were treated roughly by Wildcat sluggers as they drove over four tallies in the second and two in the third. They drove Glenn out of the box in the fifth and concluded their attack in that frame at the expense of Nordhill.

A return game with the Wildcats will be played at McMinnville next Tuesday afternoon.

Portland, April 21 (AP)—Baseball glamor girl Margaret Dobson of Vanport scored one run yesterday as her male teammates went down to a pair of defeats at the hands of the University of Portland 16-5 and 16-8.

Playing in only one of the games, she got on base on a walk and later scored.

She'll be seen again when Vanport plays Willamette at Salem May 5. Coach Arba Ager said the appearance will be at the special request of Willamette Coach Johnny Lewis who, he said, "never misses a trick, especially a cute trick."

Margaret has signed to play semi-pro baseball this summer with the Albina Fuel team, Portland city champions.

WIL Standings

W. L. Pct.
Vancouver
Salem
Spokane
Victoria
Yakima
Tacoma
Tri City
Wenatchee

First Results:
Salem 9, Tri City 6.
Vancouver 9, Wenatchee 4.

from the bull pen only to be greeted by a line single to left field that scored Peterson. He then walked Mike Michelson Nick Pesut, hitless up to this time, drove Cameron and Bryant home with a single past first.

Once more Manager Luby halted the game to beckon to Ludwig Lew in the bull pen. Lew got Bill Edelstein on a high fly but Michelson scored after the catch. Artie Wilson, batting for McCullom was retired and Al Spaeter ended the suspense for the home folk by bounding out Glenn Tuckett to George McDonald at first.

As for the Senators, they picked up successive single runs in the first, second, third and fourth, two in the sixth and three in the eighth.

With two out in the first, Dick Faber reached first on an error, was advanced by George McDonald and scored on Grabar's single.

In the second Glenn Tuckett got the first of his two doubles, was singled to third by Bill Beard and reached home on Wilkie's high fly to left field.

Grabar's homer accounted for the singleton in the third and Tuckett opened the fourth with a two-bagger and tallied when Beard hit his second base blow.

McCullom walked Tuckett to open the sixth and Beard immediately drove him to third with his third single. Wilkie laid down a bunt and McCullom, attempting to nip Tuckett at third, threw wildly and Tuckett and Beard both scored.

Wilkie started the three-run explosion in the eighth with a base on balls. Richie Meyers also got a pass to first and Wilkie scored on Manager Luby's single and an error. Subsequently McDonald lashed out a base hit and two more runners tallied.

It will be Dick Stone for Tri City Saturday night and Jerry Barta, up from Amarillo for the Senators. Both are right-handers.

Official Box

Tri-City (6)	(9) Salem
AB H O A	AB H O A
Spaeter 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1	Buccon 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1
Buccon 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1	Peteron 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1
Peteron 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1	Cameron 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1
Cameron 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1	Bryant 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1
Bryant 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1	M. Michael 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1
M. Michael 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1	Peute 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1
Peute 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1	Edison 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1
Edison 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1	McCullom 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1
McCullom 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1	Wilson 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1
Wilson 4 1 3 Myers 3 0 0 1	

Total 36 724 9 Total 84 11 27 12
*Grounded out for McCullom in 9th.
Tri-City 000 000 204-6 7 3
Salem 111 102 038-9 11 2
Winning pitcher—Wilkie.

Pitcher IP AB R H ER BS BB
McCullom 34 11 0 6 3 3
Wilkie 31 5 4 2 1 0
Burak 9 plus 1 1 2 0 1
Lew 3 0 0 0 0 0
Left on base—Tri-City 15, Salem 8, Errol-Myers 2, Spaeter, McCullom, Michelson. Home runs—Grabar, Runs batted in—Grabar 2, Wilkie, Beard, Peterson, Cameron, Luby, Faber, McDonald, Bryant, Pesut 2, Edelstein, Sacrifice—Wilkie 2. Double play—Spaeter to Peterson to Buccola. Time—1:19. Umpires—Hatch and Lacovetti. Attendance—4500 (estimated).

Vancouver 000 200 035-9 9 6
Wenatchee 000 201 010-4 11 8
Snyder and Cheser; Brainerd and Neal.



Loose Ball Bill Beard scores for Salem in the sixth when Pitcher Lou McCullom overthrows third base after fielding Arden Wilkie's bunt. The ball rolls away from Catcher Nick Pesut but Beard had beaten the throw.

Suds Sink Bevos, 6-2, In 13-Inning Marathon

By PAUL CANE
(United Press Staff Writer)

San Francisco, April 21 (AP)—Paying customers in the Pacific Coast league, few though they have been so far, have to inject more gusto into their "root, root, root for the home team" baseball songs.

The tune is as much a part of the national pastime as are peanuts and blue-garbed umpires. But it isn't producing the way its authors planned, unless the home-town fans get urged on to victory.

To make a point, we refer to last night's diamond demonstrations in which the resident nines received four close defeats.

The loss most distressing to provincials was Portland's 6 to 2 setback in 13 innings. The Beavers lost to Seattle after their Marino Pieretti had held the suds to two runs through 12 frames.

Other PCL hosts met the same fate, though it took visiting clubs only regulation nine-inning distances to do the job. Oakland whipped San Francisco 9 to 7; Hollywood's Vic Lombardi won his first game in two years as the Stars stopped Los Angeles, 6 to 5, and Sacramento captured its fifth straight in defeating San Diego, 7 to 4.

Bud Shely, Seattle catcher, gave Pieretti's fans the full treatment at Portland. The Suds receiver laced out a home run in the seventh frame to tie the contest and send it into extra innings. Then he clouted one of three Rainier doubles in the 13th to wrap up the contest for Seattle.

The spunky Sacramento Solons came from behind to whip the Padres. A rejuvenated Kenney Gables tossed the victory for the Sacs to record his fourth straight triumph of the season. Gables, a cast-off hurler, was shunned by most PCL teams because, frankly, they didn't think of Kenneth Harlin could pitch.

Lombardi, a clever lefthander, slugged to Hollywood's win over the Angels. It was his first successful pitching effort since the 1949 season, when he won five and lost five for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Oakland-San Francisco game was a weird one. There were errors, walks, wild pitches, balks, passed balls and 27 hits that helped keep the game going for three hours and two minutes. Among the 27 safeties were five home runs, stroked by Oaks Eddie Malone and Bert Haas and Seals Ray Orteg, Jack Graham and Buster Adams.

PCL Standings

W. L. Pct. GB	W. L. Pct. GB
Portland 18 6 880	Sacramento 13 12 520 4 1/2
Oakland 13 11 542 3 1/2	Los Angeles 12 12 500 4 1/2
San Diego 11 12 522 4 1/2	San Francisco 10 14 417 7 1/2
Hollywood 12 11 522 4 1/2	San Diego 7 17 292 9 1/2

Friday's Results
Seattle 6, Portland 2 (13 innings).
Oakland 9, San Francisco 7.
Hollywood 6, Los Angeles 3.
Sacramento 7, San Diego 4.
Saturday's Games
Seattle at Portland.
Oakland at San Francisco.
Hollywood at Los Angeles.
San Diego at San Diego.

Official Box

Seattle (6)	AB H O A	(9) Portland	AB H O A
Verban 5b	5 1 2 4	Cladette 5b	5 1 2 0
Rackley 5b	5 1 0 0	Basinski 2b	5 1 2 0
Rivera 5b	5 1 0 0	Thomson 3b	4 0 2 2
Judnich 5b	5 1 0 0	Browie 4b	5 1 1 0
Vico 5b	6 0 1 0	Barr 5b	5 0 0 0
Shely 5b	6 2 1 4	Rocco 5b	3 0 2 4
Kranich 5b	6 2 2 3	Rossell 5b	5 0 4 0
Hanner 5b	11 3 2 2	Austin 5b	10 14 4 1 7
Grison 5b	6 1 2 2	Pieretti 5b	4 1 3 4
		Ward 5b	0 0 0 0
		Stockman 5b	1 0 0 0

Totals 50 123 9 18 Total 42 93 25 25
*Bockman struck out for Ward in 13th.
Seattle 000 010 100 000 4-6
H2
Portland 000 110 000 000 6-2
H2
Hite 100 220 000 000 0-5
Lower Pieretti.

Pitcher IP AB R H ER BS BB
Grison 15 42 2 5 2 12
Pieretti 12 35 4 6 12 6 3 4
Ward 5 1 0 0 0 0 0
R-Rackley, Judnich, Shely 2, Kranich 2, Brovia, Pieretti, K-Hammer 2, Basinski 2, RB-Grison, Brovia, Shely 2, Kranich, Hammer, Cladette, Hammer 2, Shely, Kranich, Cladette, Hammer, Shely, Sac., Rocco, DP—Verban to Hammer to Vico; Rocco to Austin to Rocco; Kranich to Verban to Vico; LOB—Seattle 9, UPortland 6, U-Engeln and Carucci. T-2:38. AtL-5:15.

Oakland 211 303 601-9 15 3
San Francisco 033 098 010-7 12 2
Lopez, Harritt (3) and Malone; Lien, Savage (5), Zidich (8) and Ortiz.

Sacramento 001 210 120-7 9 3
San Diego 000 010 100-4 10 2
Gables and Haurison; Sipple, Malloy (2) and Moore.

Hollywood 110 002 030-6 10 1
Los Angeles 000 000 023-0 10 1
Lombardi and Santolucito; Molan, Menking (6), Fear (9) and Peden.

Leslie Defeats West Salem, 14-4

West Salem junior high was plagued with errors Friday afternoon as they met Leslie on the diamond and the latter won, 14-4. It was the second win of the season for Leslie. The south side club picked up 13 tallies in the first three frames as the West Salem defense fell apart. Page, winning chucker, held the opposition to three blows and got errorless support.

Leslie 018 10-14 11 0
West Salem 002 11-4 3 9
Page and Johnson, Postford; Anderson, Barrett (1) and Davis, Jacobson (12).

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Just Like the Big Boys, Eh!

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Apr. 21 (AP)—The Florida Big Ten high school golf tournament was off today because the youthful competitors "were gambling among themselves on the outcome of their matches."

Robinson Claims Certain Umpires Out to Get Him

New York, April 21 (AP)—Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn's star second baseman, thinks certain National league umpires are "out to get me."

Robinson, involved in a squabble with Umpires Babe Pinelli and Dusty Boggess at Ebbets field Wednesday, spoke his piece last night.

"I'm not blind to the fact that certain umpires are out to get me," he said. "Anything I do, they'll give me the worst of the breaks. I know what I'm up against."

Jackie did not mention names. "I'm doing my best to stay out of trouble," said Robinson. "I promised Chuck Dressen (Brooklyn manager) and my wife. But you know how much I want to win."

Robinson's difficulty in Brooklyn followed a called third strike by Boggess. Jackie threw his bat down angrily and ran to his position. He admits he yelled something at Boggess after he reached his post.

Then he says Pinelli took up the argument and jawed him for yelling at Boggess.

"I didn't think Boggess even heard me," he said. "I didn't have any wrangle with him at the plate. But I wouldn't blame him if he came out after I holered. But it was Pinelli who took it up."

Viking Nosed By Sparts, 5-4 In Big Six Game

Corvallis, Ore., April 21—The Salem Vikings were nosed out by the Corvallis Spartans, 5 to 4 in a Big Six league ball game Friday afternoon.

With the Vikings leading 4 to 2 at the end of the first half of the sixth, the Spartans proceeded to drive over two in their half of that frame for the decision.

Salem outthit Corvallis 9 to 8 but one of the Spartans' blow was a homer by Gullidge.

One of the two walks given up by Sonny Walker figured in the winning tallies. The base on balls was tied in with an error, a hit batsman and a single.

Walker fanned 11 batters as did Jack Summers, the winning pitcher.

Salem 302 005 6-4 9 4
Corvallis 010 101 2-3 8 4
Walker and Jones; Summers and Speer.

OSC Eyes Vandal Rematch After Win

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Home Run Norm Grabar scored a home run for Salem in the third inning of Friday night's opener with Tri City. John Hack (4) extends a congratulatory hand at the plate as Catcher Nick Pesut looks on somewhat dejectedly. Salem won 9 to 6.

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Bearcat Netmen Trounce Pacific

Bearcat tennis men, coached by Prof. Lestle Sparks, thumped Pacific's Badgers on the local courts Friday afternoon 5 to 2 in Northwest conference competition. The summary:
Singles: Conner (W) beat Hayes 6-0, 6-0, 6-2; Little (P) beat Peterson 6-2, 3-5, 12-10; Miles (W) beat Zuecher, 6-2, 6-2; Hammond (W) beat Kilgusheis 6-4, 6-6; Ambler (W) beat Groff 6-1, 6-2.
Doubles: Little and Zuecher (P) beat Miles and Peterson, 6-1, 7-5; Bell and Morgall (W) beat Hayes and Kilgusheis, forfeit.

ROOKS WHIP FROSH

Eugene, Ore., April 21 (AP)—The Oregon State Rooks whipped the Oregon freshman baseball team twice yesterday by scores of 8 to 2 and 9 to 3.
Rook Pitcher Norm Wellman hurled a neat two-hitter in the opener.

Medford Sets Sights on Class A Hayward Crown

Eugene, April 21 (AP)—Medford attempted today to emulate Ashland and Pleasant Hill in defending its Hayward relays crown. Medford holds the Class A crown and, as always, is a strong contender to repeat.

Ashland and Pleasant Hill continued as champions of the B and C classes with victories over big fields here yesterday.

Ashland gathered in 38 points to take the class B crown. Cottage Grove counted 30 1/2 for second, Prineville 27 for third and University of Eugene 26 for fourth.
Pleasant Hill scored 38 1/2 in repeating for the Class C title.

Skits and Scratches

By FRED ZIMMERMAN, Capital Journal Sports Editor

No Tennis Interest?
THE RELATIVELY small crowd of spectators that viewed a highly interesting tennis program the other night in Willamette university's gym floor, would seem to indicate the game is held in small esteem in Salem. However, we do not believe this to be true. Rather, we suspect the lack of spectators can be charged against an admission price of \$1.80 for adults. A top fee of \$2.40 will be assessed in Portland where Tilden, Parker and Gonzales will perform in the armory Saturday and Saturday nights. However, the metropolis has thousands of fans to draw on as against Salem's hundreds. Attendance here was the smallest to date of the touring pros. We suspect more money would have been realized had a top price of \$1 been in effect.

Gonzales Real Athlete

What a performer this fellow Panchito Gonzales is! As Coach Johnny Lewis remarked, "he gives one the impression that he would be tops in any line of athletic endeavor." Panchito has youth, an extremely well built body and loads of personality once he gets warmed up to his task. It would be a treat to see him in action against some of today's crop of tennis stars. Football should have been Gonzales' dish, especially as an end where his height and ability to get off the ground as a pass snagger would have been particularly valuable.

That Wasley Deal

REPERCUSSIONS CONCERNING the swapping of Mel Wasley to the Spokane Indians for Glenn Stetter and Ray McNulty are being heard where baseball fans congregate, but off hand it looks like a good move on the part of Manager Hugh Luby. "It's a well known fact that we need additional pitching strength and McNulty, always a steady performer, may give it to us," commented Luby. Being able to secure Stetter who has been the top hitter during the last two seasons of Western International league play, makes the deal doubly attractive. Spokane, although reluctant to lose Stetter, apparently had little voice in the matter except make the best deal possible. Stetter recently purchased a tract of land in the Woodburn district and wants to live there. He asked more money than Spokane was willing to dig up for his services this year, so Salem benefits by reason of the situation. There is no overlooking the fact that Wasley has been popular in local ball circles because of his home run hitting activities. He slumped quite a bit last season, along with the balance of the club and the directors took the attitude that he was something of an unknown quantity as play opened for 1951.

A Real Welcome

When Jim Mosof was shouldered with the responsibility of providing the program for the "Welcome Senators" luncheon he took the matter seriously. And what a fast-moving, short-speeched affair it was! It was started on time and missed by just four minutes. Jim's previously announced intention of adjourning at 1:15. It appears the big store manager has established a precedent for affairs of this sort, one that will be hard to live up to. To members of the downtown Lions club the heckling activities of Leo Reimann were nothing new. But the ex-tall twister did himself proud in his role of an umpire, decked out in regulation regalia plus dark colored glasses and a white cane, customarily set aside for the use of the blind. Few players would get in the last word with Leo should he ever assume the role of a baseball arbiter.

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