

Witherspoon New Arrival at Training Camp

Catcher Reports, Too; Salem Downs Pocatello

Calistoga, Calif.—(Special to the Capital Journal)—Hem K. Witherspoon, jumbo-colored outfielder, checked in at the Salem Senators spring training headquarters Thursday night.

The whereabouts of Witherspoon had been a question mark around the Solon camp for several days. Witherspoon left his home in Florida several days ago and had not been heard from until last night. The 220-pound slugger said upon arriving that he had been delayed by a foul-up in plane reservations en route.

Salem manager Hugh Luby said that Witherspoon is slightly overweight, but that a little running under this hot Napa valley sun would soon take off the excess poundage. Witherspoon will probably not play in the exhibition game with Victoria at Sonoma, Calif., tonight.

Connie Perez, who was voted the most popular player by Senator fans last season, is still in Cuba attempting to straighten out his passport. Luby plans to go to San Francisco today to check with immigration officials about hurrying up Perez's pass.

Salem got a badly-needed catcher yesterday when Don Masterson came to the Senators on option from San Antonio of the Texas League. Masterson stepped right into an exhibition game against Pocatello, and came through with flying colors as he singled home Luby with the winning run in the tenth inning.

Dick Stromback, Jim McGee and Larry Borst shared pitching duties for Salem. Borst, the third pitcher, got credit for the victory. He is not signed to a Salem contract. He is merely here on a tryout. His home is in Forest Grove, Ore.

Don Taylor, recently-acquired Salem outfielder, hammered out a home run in the fourth inning with the bases empty.

With Masterson and Bob Nelson set to do the catching for Salem in the 1953 season, Luby has dismissed Dave Abel from training camp. Abel, a young Canadian trying out with the club, planned to go home immediately, and will probably play semi-pro ball.

Seventh Graders Lead West Salem To Relay Victory

Thanks to the 7th graders, West Salem junior high school's track team scored a 10-9 victory over Parrish in the opening relay meet of the Salem junior high season Thursday on the West Salem oval.

The seventh graders won four out of five events from the Parrish seventh graders. Parrish won the eighth grade competition, 4-3, and the ninth graders split 3-3.

West Salem goes to Leslie junior high school for another relay meet next Thursday.

3 Sweet Home Track Stars to Enter Relays

Sweet Home — The Sweet Home Warriors are working hard to get into shape for the Willamette relays in Salem Saturday. Coach Eston Vay has listed Phil Sturholm, Melvin Prokens and Bruce Banke as the men to make the trip.

The huckle thincads, 45 of them, have been working out daily on what has to be for a track here. Plans are being made for an oval in the west end of the athletic field. A 100-yard straightaway will be formed along with the jump pits which have been dug already. Twenty new hurdles have been purchased lately.

Returning lettermen to the einderdiggers are Don Kartwold, senior, and Phil Sturholm and Pete Musgrave, juniors.

Athletic Director G. B. Frost has said that two dual meets have been scheduled with Lebanon for April 24 and May 1, and a three-way meet with Cascade Union and Lebanon is on the slate for April 17, while the Hayward relays are the next day. Meets are being made up with Corvallis and Albany.

Junior College Aces Enroll At U of Oregon

Eugene O.R.—University of Oregon's athletic hopes were boosted today with the registration of a group of promising junior college and high school athletes.

They include 10 football players and a basketball player. The hoopsster is Ed Keegan, a transfer from North Idaho junior college.

The football players include Guard Keith Tucker, Fresno, J.C.; End Don Granberg, Everett, J.C. (Wash.); Guard Tim Elpharty, Muir, J.C.; Halfback Walt Gaffney and Stan Dmochowsky, San Bernardino J.C.; End Morris Adams and Halfback Don Trautt, from Bell high in Los Angeles; Guard Les Wolfe and Tackle Charles Clark from Fremont high in Los Angeles, and Nick Marculis, an end from San Pedro high.

Gaffney and Dmochowsky also play baseball.

League Meeting Slated

Longview, Wash. O.R.—The Oregon-Washington Baseball league will meet here April 7 to layout plans for this season. It was reported today. The league is composed of amateur teams in southwest Washington and northwest Oregon.

League play will be conducted at Olinger field every Saturday, beginning very soon.

Midgets Race at Portland Speedway on Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday will initiate a new year for the mighty midgets, when the whizzers take off at Pat Vidan's green flag at the Portland Speedway. Two groups will find a method of battle when the two main events will be held.

Powerful from the word go, the Offensurers will feature speed and driving skill as they traverse the half mile oval. Former Champion, Shorty Templeman will be on hand for the days events. Templeman will handle a champion car, the Bardahl Special.

Mel McCaughy, Lew Florence, Dell Fanning, Smokey Blake, Ken Peterson, Bob Gregg head a long list of drivers that will be out to uncrown the hard driving champion. Don Olds, Wade Aithuser, and the Oregon Champion Gordy Youngstrom will be at the green flag for the start of the 1953 Speedway grand.

Two top drivers have switched cars over the slack winter months. Gordy Livingston, has

changed from an Offie to the Ford engine, and it must be "hot" for Livingston to make the switch. Frankie McGowan has traded his Offie for a hot Ford, and some difference in money. Word has it that the Salemite is expecting lots of power from the new machine. He will be gunning for the top money in the initial oval running for the midgets.

Wild Bill Hyde, another top name in racing over the Pacific Northwest will be in a good Ford. Carl Herr, Palmer Crowell, "Togo" Lundquist, Bill and Doug Berry, Dick Deahl, and Hank Langston will be gunning for top honors. Racing officials announced that the public is invited to watch the warmups the day before the big Easter Sunday Midget go. No admission is asked for Saturday at the Speedway. Reserve seats will be on sale Saturday at the Portland Speedway, and phone reservations will be accepted. The Portland number is TWIN oaks 9393.

Gigantic Relays Saturday

1500 Athletes To Romp at McCulloch Field

"We are looking forward to the largest field to date and with everyone's cooperation we hope to run the relays with the same speed that has been evident in the last two years."

Those were the words of Ted Og Dahl, director of the third annual Willamette relays as plans rapidly neared the completion stage for the huge festival which will be held Saturday afternoon in McCulloch Stadium.

Where the 1952 relays had nine heats in the century for high schools, this year's agenda calls for 22 heats in the 100. That's an indication of the increase in prep entries.

The relays were inaugurated at Willamette in 1951 by Chester Stackhouse, then track coach and director of athletics at WU. In the brief history of the relays, the event has become known as one of the biggest and most colorful sports events in the Pacific Northwest.

As far as number of participants is concerned, the Willamette relays ranks as one of the largest athletic shows in the United States.

Latest estimates are that well over 1500 prep and college athletes will take part in the mammoth show, which opens at 1 p.m. sharp Saturday.

A total of 16 heats are scheduled in the high school division of the high hurdles as compared with nine of a year ago.

Top features of the third renewal of the classic will be the college Invitational 100-yard dash and high hurdles. Outstanding stars from throughout the Northwest will take part in these events.

Tickets for the relays are priced at 50 cents for students and 80 cents for adults.



Jr. High Champs The Parrish Grays, champions of the Salem City junior high school basketball league, pose for a post-season picture. Front row, from left, manager Clive Miller, Lee Weaver, Jack Loy, Fred Stephens, Ken Carl, Ed Syring, manager Ned Kitchan. Back row, from left, coach Bill Seeley, Orin Gilberston, Howard Scriber, Arlie MacDonald, David Baker, Dennis McKee.

Willamette Opens Season With 7-6 Win Over OSC

Oregon State College, Corvallis—Willamette university opened its baseball season on a triumphant note here yesterday, defeating Oregon State 7-6.

Andy George, starting Bearcat pitcher, faced only 17 men in the first five innings, and got credit for the victory. George was relieved in the sixth inning by Mickey Coen.

Losing Oregon state pitcher was Corky Coleman.

First baseman Jay Dean cracked out a home run and two triples for Oregon State.

Tex Kirkendall lead Willamette with a single and a two-run double.

Coach John Lewis' Bearcats were to have launched their home baseball schedule Friday at 2:30 on the McCulloch diamond in Bush's pasture as they played host to Oregon College of Education's Wolves.

Lewis planned to start Dave Gray on the mound for the Bearcats, with Vern Vannice and Gino Pieretti also likely to see mound duties.

Softball Clinic For Boys Slated For Saturday

A softball clinic for Gray boys is being sponsored by the Salem YMCA Saturday, beginning at 2 o'clock, at Olinger field.

Boys in the fifth and sixth grades are invited to the free softball school. A number of Salem softball players will be on hand to provide instruction.

League play will be conducted at Olinger field every Saturday, beginning very soon.

Bucceroni 2-1 Favorite Over Dave Davey

New York N.Y.—Dan Bucceroni of Philadelphia and Dave Davey of Seattle, two tall and talented heavyweights with ambitions, square off in a 10-round return tussle tonight at St. Nicholas Arena.

The bout, which will be broadcast and televised nationally, provides Davey with a chance to avenge a defeat by the Philadelphia "Butcher Boy" last October. But Bucceroni is favored to repeat, 2 to 1.

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LA Scores Eight in First Inning, Defeat Bevos 8-7

(By The Associated Press) Bill Sweeney's Seattle Rainiers are carrying an early warning that they definitely are one of the teams to heat for the Pacific Coast League flag.

They have tripped Oakland three straight, and the Oaks, along with Hollywood, were rated the top pennant threats in pre-season reckoning.

Seattle's margin over Oakland scored all its runs in the first inning, but the Rainiers came back with five homers, two by Gordon Goldberry, two by Walt Judnich and one by Jack Tobin. Art Del Duca was batted out in the first inning by the Oaks but Bill Evans did a masterful relief job.

A costly error by rookie catcher Ron Bottler of Portland opened the door to six unearned runs by Los Angeles in the first inning and the Angels went on to win, 8-7.

Los Angeles didn't score after the first frame. Fred Richards' homer with two on started the 8-run inning, but with the bases loaded and two away, Bottler dropped catcher El Tappe's foul that should have ended matters. Tappe then poled a two-run single; Gene Baker scored on a double steal; Bobby Talbot homered with two on.

All this scoring was at the expense of Red Adams, last year the PCL's most effective pitcher. Granny Gladstone homered for Portland in the

sixth with the bases loaded. Sacramento's Solons, blanked Wednesday by San Francisco, 4-0, returned the insult Thursday night and whitewashed the Seals, 3-0.

Hollywood drove across six runs in the first inning and went on to whip San Diego, 13-6.

PCL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Seattle	10	1	.909
Los Angeles	8	1	.889
Hollywood	7	2	.778
San Diego	6	2	.750
San Francisco	5	2	.714
Oakland	4	2	.667
Portland	3	2	.600

Salem YMCA Volleyball Team Also-Ran

The Salem YMCA volleyball team which competed in the Northwest Y tournament at Reed college in Portland wound up as an also-ran in the final outcome.

Portland won the championship, with Seattle second. Bunched below the leaders were Walls, Olympia, Wenatchee and Salem.

Playing on the Salem team were Harold Smithers, John Goffrier, Doug Hay, Eric Schuber, Larry Rich and Pappy Lyons.

Exhibition Baseball

(By The Associated Press) Philadelphia (N) 9, Boston (A) 8 (16 innings—night).

Cleveland (A) 3, New York (N) 2. Detroit (A) 3, Cincinnati (N) 2. New York (A) 4, Philadelphia (A) 4. St. Louis (A) 3, Chicago (N) 4. Washington (A) 3, Cincinnati (N) 2. St. Louis (N) 3, Birmingham (N) 2. Milwaukee (N) 11, Brooklyn (N) 2. Ft. Worth (N) 4, Chicago (A) 4 (16 innings—night).

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Portland Preps Open

Portland (P)—Portland high schools opened league baseball play Wednesday with these results: Lincoln 7, Grant 1; Jefferson 8, Washington 0; Cleveland 1, Roosevelt 0; Franklin 8, Benson 7.

Fights Last Night

Hilarious, a large race horse (17 hands high) owned by Ogden Phillips, is nicknamed "Ogden."

San Antonio, Tex. — Bobby Drake, 116, San Antonio, outpointed Jimmy Martinez, 127, Alameda, Ariz., 10.

Detroit — Was Hascom, 173 1/2, St. Louis, and Gordon Wallace, 187 1/2, Brantford, Ont., drew, 10.

Fall River, Mass. — Bobby English, 133, Fall River, outpointed Eddie Compton, 154, New Haven, 10.

Newark, N. J. — Monroe Kuris, 150 1/2, Newark, outpointed Al Radulle, 158, Newark, 8.

London, E. — New York (Bonnyside Gardens) — Lulu Parris, 128, Brooklyn, outpointed Tony Ray, 126 1/2, Paris, France, 8.

Baltimore, Md. — Henry "Pappy" Gault, 121, Sparanburg, outpointed Billy Lima, 120, Miami, 10.

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SPORTS SLATE

FRIDAY, April 3
High school baseball: Lebanon at Salem, Olinger field, 8:15; North Marion at Oregon.

SATURDAY, April 4
Willamette relays, McCulloch stadium, 1-5:45 p.m.
College baseball: OCE at Oregon State Prison, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, April 6
Spring frolic, I.W.L.A. clubhouse.
High school track: Three-way meet between Sheridan, Willamina and Central at Willamina.

TUESDAY, April 7
College baseball: OCE vs. Willamette at Bush's pasture, 2 p.m.
High school baseball: Salem at Sweet Home, 6:30 at Mill City (night).
Junior high school baseball: West Salem at Leslie.
High school track: Albany at Salem.
Professional wrestling: Salem Armory, card starts at 8:30 p.m.