

Salem Legion Suffers Setback

Salem Faces Lewiston In Do-or-Die Game

By CHRIS KOWITZ, JR.

Parker Field, Yakima, Wash. (Special) — Salem's American Legion junior baseball team left 13 men on base and committed six errors in dropping a 6-3 game to Yakima in the Northwest Junior Legion tournament here Monday night.

It was the first loss in 25 games this season for Salem. The six errors are more than Salem committed in any previous game.

Since the tournament is a double elimination affair, Salem still remains in contention for the Northwest championship. The Capital Posters play Lewiston, Idaho, Tuesday night. Loser of that game will be eliminated, while the winner gets a shot at Yakima Wednesday.

Butte, Mont., became the first team to drop out of the

tourney when it lost to Lewiston, 3-1 Monday afternoon.

Salem lacked some of its usual spark Monday night. The fielding was below par; only two of Yakima's runs were earned. Offensively, the Salem players were not alert as they have been in earlier games.

Bright spots in the Salem defense were in the outfield, where Jerry Waldrop, Mike Campbell and Jerry Gregg all come up with some spectacular catches, and at second base, where Twink Pederson played in his usual peppery, flawless manner.

Yakima pitcher Dave Dexter limited Salem to four hits, but issued nine walks. It was those pesky LOB's (left on base) that hurt Salem. Three times Salem had the bases loaded when the inning ended. Dexter bared down effectively in the clutch.

Gary Espe pitched the first six innings for Salem, and was charged with the loss. Yakima got to him for eight hits, at least one in every inning. Espe also had trouble with control in the early innings. He walked three batters in the second inning as Yakima scored three runs. Yakima got two more in the fourth on three hits, and added its final tally in the fifth when Ed Pleasant tripled and scored on a long fly.

Gary Paterson pitched the final two innings for Salem, giving up only a scratch single.

All three Salem runs were a result of Yakima errors. Campbell scored directly on an error in the first inning, and Pederson and Jerry Gregg came home on Waldrop's single in the sixth, after an error had put them in scoring position.



Play in State Tourney

These four Kelly Lumber players will play in the coming state softball tournament at Mill City. The two in the front are Danny Valdez on the left and J. Hoffert on the right, and in the back Brownie Valdez on the left and Gordy Morris on the right. Kelly Lumber, a Mill City team, is the host team to softball nines from all over the state. The meet starts Saturday and ends next Wednesday.

State Softball Tourney Nears

The annual state softball tournament will be held at Mill City starting this Saturday and ending the following Wednesday.

Top softball teams from all over the state will take part in the meet which is one of the top softball events during the year.

Salem will be represented by the Salem Merchants who won the Salem City league, the district title, and finally the right to enter the state tourney. The Merchants, one of the top nines in the state, have Bob Knight and Jim Rawlins to do the hurling.

Another entry in the tournament is the strong Kelly Lumber team of Mill City which racked up a long string of wins this year.

Hi-Running Bevos Square off Against Sagging Rainiers

The fast-improving Portland Beavers and the skidding Seattle Rainiers lock horns again this week as the Pacific Coast League turns into the final four weeks of the 1953 campaign.

Clay Hopper and the Beavers invade Seattle Tuesday night to open the series. They'll go up against a team trying desperately to put on the brakes after a disastrous three weeks that has all but wiped out hopes of coping the pennant.

Seattle led the league through most of the early season. After a series of setbacks, including last week's series loss to last-place Oakland, the Rainiers will go against the Beavers trailing the Hollywood Stars by ten full games.

Brightening Portland's hopes of overtaking third-place Los Angeles is word that the Beavers' hard-hitting outfielder Dino Restell, who has been out for several weeks with a heart lining infection, may get back in the lineup in the near future. Portland did a nose dive when Restell went out but seemingly has found itself again and may be expected to give the Rainiers considerable trouble this week.

In other series opens Tuesday night, Hollywood plays Oakland, San Francisco tangles with Los Angeles, and Sacramento opens at San Diego. No games were played Monday night.

OFFICIALS MEET

There will be a football officials' meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Willamette university gymnasium. All football officials are urged to attend.

WIL Quiet; Lull Before Storm

Things were quiet in the Western International league last night but it was only the lull before the pennant chase breaks out again in full fury.

WIL Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	G.S.
Spokane	24	10	.706	24
Salem	20	16	.556	24
Vancouver	16	20	.444	24
Yakima	14	22	.389	24
Lewiston	12	24	.333	24
Edmonton	10	26	.278	24
Calgary	8	28	.222	24
Victoria	6	30	.167	24
Wenatchee	4	32	.111	24
Tri-City	2	34	.056	24

Monday's Results: Victoria 11, Victoria 7. Only game scheduled. Tuesday's Schedule: Victoria at Calgary, Vancouver at Edmonton, Spokane at Lewiston, Tri-City at Salem, Yakima at Wenatchee.

Major Leagues

Team	W	L	Pct.	G.S.
New York	70	45	.609	9
Chicago	60	55	.520	9
Cleveland	54	50	.521	14
Boston	55	52	.516	16
Philadelphia	48	60	.444	24
New York	47	60	.438	20
Philadelphia	48	60	.444	24
Detroit	42	72	.364	24
St. Louis	41	77	.347	28

Monday's Results: Brooklyn 5, Pittsburgh 3 (11 inn.), Philadelphia 6-0, New York 3-4. Only games.

Football Meeting Set Wednesday

Salem high school football coach Lee Gustafson has issued a call for all boys interested in playing football this year to attend a meeting in the high school gymnasium Wednesday night at 7.

He stressed the importance for many sophomores to turn out since there will be two high schools in the fall of 1954.

Salem high will have a large group of returning lettermen but their is still a fine chance to make either the varsity or junior varsity.

SPORTS SLATE

TUESDAY	
Baseball	
Western International League: Victoria at Calgary, Vancouver at Edmonton, Tri-City at Salem, Spokane at Wenatchee, and Yakima at Lewiston.	
Softball	
Industrial League: Commercial West vs. Kay Women at Phillips (7:00) and First Christian vs. Postal Clerks at Phillips (8:00).	
Broadcasts	
KOCO—Salem Senators vs. Tri-City Braves at 8:15.	
WEDNESDAY	
Baseball	
Western International League: Victoria at Calgary, Tri-City at Salem, Vancouver at Edmonton, Spokane at Lewiston, and Yakima at Wenatchee.	
Softball	
Industrial League: YMCA vs. Firemen at Phillips (7:00) and Bevs' Market vs. Kaiser Electric at Phillips (8:00).	
Broadcasts	
KOCO—New York Giants vs. Brooklyn Dodgers at 12:05 and Salem Senators vs. Tri-City Braves at 8:15.	
Television	
KPTV—Sports news with Bill Bovey at 8:30 and Fabst bouts at 8:00 between Jimmy Blade and Tommy Harrison (7:00).	
THURSDAY	
Baseball	
Western International League: Vancouver at Calgary, Victoria at Edmonton, Tri-City at Salem, Spokane at Lewiston, and Yakima at Wenatchee.	
Softball	
First Christian vs. First National at Phillips (7:00) and Commercial West vs. Mayflower Milk at Phillips (8:00).	
Broadcasts	
KOCO—New York Giants vs. Brooklyn Dodgers at 12:05 and Salem Senators vs. Tri-City at 8:15.	
Television	
KPTV—Sports news at 8:30. Hunting and Fishing news at 8:30; wrestling from Hollywood at 10 p.m.	

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Durocher's Signing Causes Mixed Feelings

By GAYLE TALBOT

New York (AP)—It is difficult to recall when the re-signing of any baseball manager ever before stirred up such a ruckus as has shaken this city and its outlying precincts since President Horace Stoneham and Durocher and made him agree to another two-year contract.

Many were stricken where they sat. Others just as stoutly defended both Stoneham and his manager and argued far into the night that Durocher was blameless for the plight of his team.

When it came down to either expressing an opinion or getting out, we were forced to side with the latter forces. Durocher is, well, Durocher, and he has managed over the years to pile up an amazing number of enemies, many of whom never saw him in the flesh. We have known him a long time and happen not to be one of them.

We know his faults, but believe he is as good a baseball manager as there is in the game, not excepting Casey Stengel and Charlie Dressen.

It is true that Leo made a grave mistake in the spring.

when he believed he had a pennant winner, but that is not necessarily a rap at his managerial ability. The quality of a baseball club, which is made up of a carload of young men of varying temperaments, is a very elusive thing to calculate, and Durocher will not be the last manager to be misled.

All it takes is for one or two stars in whom a pilot has great faith to fall down on him, or for a small spark of dissent to ignite a defeatist complex. Our one feeling has been that the question of Durocher's continued tenure at the Polo Grounds never would have risen if a young Negro named Willie Mays had been playing center field for the Giants the past two seasons instead of being in the service. No one has suggested that Leo was not a great manager and a model character after Willie joined his team during the 1951 season.

It was no secret in Phoenix last spring that Leo and other Giants officials thought Willie was going to be sprung. The pitchers' eyes glinted at the thought of having Willie out there back of them again, and much of Durocher's first enthusiasm undoubtedly stemmed from his dreams of a lineup which would include the fleet Alabama boy.

Things never were quite the same after the bad news came. Leo continued to drive himself harder than any other manager in the game and to about it up, but the problem of realigning his forces began at once and have continued up to now. The club's lineup has been the most unsettled in either league as it stumbled around for the first half of the race and then suddenly went into a complete collapse.

Our only complaint with Stoneham concerns his timing. He might have given Durocher his big vote of confidence earlier, when it was really obvious that he didn't have the horses, instead of waiting until the house fell in.

Tri-City Series Financial Must For Salem Team

The board of directors of the Salem Senators are hopeful that the forthcoming Tri-Cities' series here beginning tonight may prove the biggest financial boost of 1953 for the local professionals.

The Tri-City Braves under Edo Vanni have agreed that Salem will retain all home gate receipts for the series here in the capital city and that the Washington club will likewise retain all their home gate receipts over the weekend.

Although the Salem club lead the entire Western International League in attendance during July, club officials this year were beset with the worst spring weather since 1901. In addition, the Senator operations in 1953 have been forced to pay back approximately \$11,000 of losses acquired during the 1952 season.

Club officials are hopeful that the Tri-City series will attract over 16,000 fans. Joe Nichols, record-breaking Salem Senator hurler, will be after the Senator record, 21 wins. Following the Tri-City series, only two home engagements remain—against Edmonton August 25, 26 and 27, and the season wind-up against the Vancouver Capillanos, August 28, 29 and 30.

Promoter Gets Fight Approved

Longview, Wash. (AP)—Tex Saikeld, Portland promoter, has received the permission of the Longview Athletic club to offer Seattle's Harry Kid Matthews \$5,000 to meet the winner of the Bill Boatman-Joe Kahut fight here Thursday night.

The club said it had lined up Freddie Steele, ex-middleweight champ, to referee the proposed bout and had obtained competent officials. Boatman, Longview, Ore., are scheduled to go 10 rounds in the main event of a fight card.



Frank Stojack

Title Fight Set Tonight

Frank Stojack, holder of the Coast Junior Heavyweight title, and Jack O'Reilly, clash tonight in the main event at the Salem armory. The first match starts at 8:30. O'Reilly was the victor of a long elimination at the local armory and will give the champion a rough time. Both are top wrestlers. Stojack is a Tacoma councilman when he isn't wrestling. In the preliminaries tonight Jack Kiser and John Henning will clash, the Masked Marvel takes on Greg Jacques in the special event, and Greg Jacques is pitted against Mr. Sakata in the opener.

The all scarlet silks of John A. Morris, president of the Thoroughbred Racing Association, are the oldest colors in America.

IS FOR THE REALTHING

Chicago W.P.—The Chicago White Sox and Milwaukee Braves have agreed to play a post season game for baseball's runner up title, under sponsorship of the Chicago Daily Newspaper, the newspaper announced today. The game would be played at Comiskey Park the night of Sept. 28, the day after the season ends, the News said. Receipts would be split between the players and the Daily News veterans' fund.

TWIN BILL SPLIT
Portland — Kelly Lumber of Mill City and Timber Structures of Portland split a twin bill here Sunday afternoon. Mill City won one game 4-1 but lost the other 3-2.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

(By The Associated Press)

Chicago Ill.—Notre Dame and Michigan State were recommended and Arizona State at Tempe was placed on two-year probation by the National Collegiate Athletic Association policy-making council.

TENNIS
Brookline, Mass.—The Australian doubles team of Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall scored a easy victory in their opening match of the National Doubles championships.

MINNESOTA, Minn.—Linn Rockwood, defending champion from Detroit, Mich., defeated Dick Potter of Penna. in their opening match of the National Doubles championships.

Del Mar, Calif.—Last Wave (84 lb) scored a half length victory over Ironbark in the featured La Mesa Purse at Del Mar.

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