

Washington Senator Move to California Rumored in SF

Sports Report

By CHUCK BOICE

Before he left for Los Angeles, Chuck Essegian, the top hitting prospect in the Northwest league considering average, power, attitude, age or anything else, said his baseball future was in the hands of the Salem Senators.



CHUCK ESSEGIAN
... at a crossroads

"They thought me and they own me, I'm very happy to say," the big fellow said. "Wherever I play next season... or if I play... it will be through them."

All of which would sound as if the Senators might have some very good property on their hands. However, we suspect that it will have to be a pretty good shake with a good league to temporarily pry Essegian loose from his graduate studies at UCLA which may lead to a career in dentistry.

Whatever the Senators had to shell out for him, they got it back and more. Certainly they couldn't have asked for anything more at the plate. In hustle and determination or as an individual.

To inscribe new names on the record book are worth a good deal to a team. And the batting title (we hope) and a club home run record are the very best in this respect.

Essegian is at a crossroads that faces many ball players but, in his case the roads have a much better look for most. He can continue what is now a very promising baseball career or he can go on in school, already having a four-year degree in biology in his pocket. Actually, he can do both for awhile.

There's another possibility and it's not too remote inasmuch as a tryout fling at it wouldn't bother his schooling. That's professional football.

Rams Would Probably Like to See Him
Los Angeles holds his draft rights and we've a hunch the Rams would be very happy to have him show up for a tryout. They may hesitate with some after four autumns away from the game but here's an athlete who has remained in sports and is of the non-smoking, non-drinking, always-in-shape type.

Doubtless there are many football players who would hesitate taking up that rugged game after such a layoff but that part of it is just fine with Essegian. He would love to give it a try.

As for his original decision of baseball over football, he thinks he probably made the right move no matter what his future in the game.

Of course you can second-guess yourself on anything but I don't think you should. Then there's still a possibility of some pro football. As for his tryouts in the Coast League with Sacramento, Essegian, typically, has no complaints. He does make it clear, however, that spring training and couple of games during the regular season isn't enough to let one know whether or not he really can back the PCL.

Essegian's athletic career dates back to L.A.'s Fairfax high, in the shadow of the Hollywood Stars' Gilmore Field, where he played baseball and football—the latter as a tailback in the single wing.

'51 and the Rose Bowl
From there it was Menlo JC and Stanford. The big football year was '51 when Stanford won the title and went to the Rose Bowl. The team included Gary Kerkerian, Bill McColl and Bob Mathias, the deathly wonder whom Chuck terms... 'Can athletic good at anything after just a couple of workouts.'

While thumped by Illings in the Rose Bowl All-Coast linebacker Essegian won't give a big edge to Big Ten football. "We beat their next best outfit, Michigan and Ohio State, that year. When Gary (Kerkerian) was injured in the Rose Bowl we'd had it. I think on another day we might have beaten them."

His Stanford athletic career wound up on a high note as he led the Stanford team to the '53 Coast title.

Essegian expressed considerable appreciation to the Salem fans, Hugh Luby and his teammates for helping him have what he modestly termed "one of those good years."

As for the "bean balls," Essegian just shrugs them off. No gripes there or anything else... in baseball, that is. In football he's ready and willing to take the stand for the PCC athletes recently penalized by the conference fathers after they had been permitted by the schools to live under a system for which the athlete was made to share the most blame.

Essegian may be aiming for some triple-A left field fence next year. He may be with the Senators after school is out. It may be just school or even a July tryout with the Rams.

Whatever the future is, the big guy has had quite a year... and he's quite a guy.

Whitman Next for the Ems?
Sure to get a big play for the managerial job with Eugene Emeralds, from which Cliff Dapper was just booted, is Dick Whitman. He's currently manager of the third place San Jose Red Sox in the Cal State league and formerly with Portland, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Montreal and St. Paul.

The former Woodburn Legion star not only attended the University of Oregon but wintered in Eugene much of his baseball career. The 26-year-old outfielder very possibly will lead his league in hitting and not only was named as an all-star outfielder, but was selected as the most valuable player in the league.

He probably has a couple of good years left in the outfield, although he's not the speedster of yesterday.

The decision of Jon Arnett to play the first five games on the USC schedule and sit out the last five as a guilty senior in PCC will disappoint many football fans in the state who hoped to see him in action in Multnomah Stadium in November.

He was a cinch All-American... in fact had been the number one "back-of-the-year" choice for many.

His absence likely will not disappoint the Oregon Ducks, the other half of the Nov. 17 game.

Two years ago, as a second-string sophomore—the same Arnett—went into the lineup against Oregon in Portland before a large crowd and a national TV audience. When the afternoon was over, he had run the ball 179 yards, passed for 39 more, won the national "back of the week" competition and knocked Oregon completely out of the Rose Bowl picture.

'Baseball World Buzzing'

Griffith, Frick 'Ready for Action'

SAN FRANCISCO (U) — Curley Grieve, sports editor of The San Francisco Examiner, said in an article Wednesday the "baseball underground is buzzing with the report that the Washington club of the American League will be shifted to California next year."

"The grapevine says that Calvin R. Griffith, who recently spent two weeks in San Francisco and Los Angeles conducting his own personal survey, is waiting only for the curtain to drop on the current campaign before making his move," Grieve wrote.

"It is said that Commissioner Ford Frick is familiar with Griffith's plans and is quietly preparing the ground for swift action."

"Ever since the Boston Red Sox purchased the San Francisco franchise the rumor has gone the rounds that it was done mostly to give the American League a foothold on the coast and especially to find a home for the financially troubled Washington club..."

Saxton Set For Welter Defense Go

Saxton Confident of Beating Carmen Basilio

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (U) — Welterweight champion Johnny Saxton, determined to prove his right to wear the crown, boldly predicted that Carmen Basilio was heading "for a world of trouble" tonight when they clash in a return title bout at War Memorial Auditorium.

The 26-year-old New Yorker flew in from his Summit, N.J., camp breathing fire.

"Man, I'm like a hungry dog guarding his bone," said the cocky champion. "If anyone tries to take it from him, he'll bite his hand. That's the way I feel about the title now that I've gotten it back. Man, he's in for a world of trouble."

Basilio Grim, anxious Basilio, who finished up his training on his home grounds here, was grimmer and more anxious than ever to whip Saxton, the man who snatched the title away from him on a controversial decision in Chicago March 14.

"I'm going to win," he said confidently. "I don't know if it will be by points or a knockout but I'm going to win. I'm out to give the crowd a show. I still say I deserved the decision in Chicago and I'm going to prove it."

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (U) — Welterweight champion Johnny Saxton weighed 145 1/2 pounds and challenger Carmen Basilio 146 1/2 at the weigh-in Wednesday for their return 15-round title fight Wednesday night.

Saxton, 26-year-old New Yorker, weighed 146 1/2, on March 14 when he won the crown from Basilio in Chicago, Basilio, who hails from neighboring Chittenango, weighed 146 at that time.

Canby to Play North Marion

CANBY (Special) — The Canby Cougars, beaten 6-0 by Scappoose in their season opener, try for their first win Friday in an 8 p.m. game at North Marion.

The Cougars, fifth place finishers in the Willamette Valley league last year, have only five lettermen back this year.

The biggest man on the team is D. Hess, a 270-pound tackle with one year experience.

The schedule:
Sept. 8 Scappoose
Sept. 14 At North Marion
Sept. 21 At Sherwood
Sept. 25 Jamboree at Monmouth
Oct. 5 At Estacada
Oct. 12 Sandy
Oct. 19 At Dallas
Oct. 26 Molalla
Nov. 2 Central

BASEBALL
BROOKLYN — The Milwaukee Braves extended Manager Fred Haney's contract through 1957.

Aloha Boys Give Mutual Support



Three football players from the Hawaiian Islands, regulars on the Willamette team and all three three-year lettermen, help each other with the strings on their shoulder pads before practice yesterday. They are all who are left of six Hawaiians on last year's squad. Left to right are Windy Sequeira, halfback; Benny Holt, quarterback; and Chuck Koani, fullback. (Capital Journal Photo)

THE SCHEDULES

Date	North Salem	South Salem
September 14	At Corvallis	Albany
September 21	At Prineville	At Sweet Home
September 28	Sweet Home	At Bend
October 5	At Lebanon	Eugene
October 12	Gresham	At Lebanon
October 19	Bend	Corvallis
October 26	At Albany	North Salem
November 2	South Salem	

Andy George Is Hired at OCE As Line Coach

OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Monmouth — Andy George, Willamette university graduate, has been hired to assist in coaching the line for the 1956 Oregon College of Education football team.

Dr. William McArthur, head coach, made the announcement today. George will help Ken Cumiskey with the line and Jim Hall, a college senior, will coach the backfield. Cumiskey was track coach last year.

George, a perennial Northwest conference all-star guard, also rated the first team Little All-Northwest in 1954, the same year he was placed on the second team Little All-Coast picked by the United Press.

In professional baseball with the Salem Senators, George pitched 15 victories in the Class B Northwest league as a rookie.

North Marion Has 16 Back

NORTH MARION HIGH SCHOOL (Special) — The North Marion Huskies of the Capital Conference are preparing for Friday's football opener with Canby on the North Marion field.

The Huskies have 16 boys back from last year's club which won seven and lost two, but coach Jim Hale is faced with a small turnout and a lightweight team.

Eight of the boys have three years' experience — quarterback Wayne Lowrie, fullback Lyle Klierer, halfback Jerry Nyberg, end Roger Moore, and Gordon Jones, tackle Ray Lambert, guard Tom Smith, and center Bob Rappie.

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Nov. 9 Stayton

100-Lapper Slated Here

Auto racing returns to the Hollywood Bowl Saturday night with the late model stock car championship races slated for the quarter-mile paved track.

The feature race of the evening is the 100-lap title race matching the best stock car pilots in the area.

The time trials start at 7:45 with the regular racing card beginning at 8:30.

—By Ham Fisher

Indian Standout Suffers Knee Injury in Practice

Ducks' Osborne Faces Knee Surgery

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Stanford suffered its first costly injury Tuesday as West Coast college teams eased up on football practice.

Guard Don Manoukian of Reno, a standout last season, sprained a knee. Coach Chuck Taylor said the 220-pound lineman will be out for two weeks.

Taylor scheduled a scrimmage Wednesday in preparation for Stanford's Sept. 22 opener against Washington State at Spokane.

At Los Angeles, the UCLA Bruins reduced practice to one workout because of minor injuries and re-injury for classes. Coach Red Sanders said first stringers Jerry Tennes and Oscar Harris and sophomores Dennis Dressel and Clint Whitfield looked sharp in a defense scrimmage.

Best 'Morale' of Year
Washington worked out on a soggy field at Seattle. Coach Darrell Royal said the players exhibited the best "effort and morale" of the year. Royal tried out junior end Jim Dougherty of Klamath Falls, Ore., as a possible substitute for injured center Mary Bergmann and said he was pleased with Dougherty's performance. Bergmann is expected to be out two weeks with a knee injury.

At Berkeley, California's Coach Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf worked out sophomore tackles Don Pihl and Charlie Johnson in his quest for a new center. Waldorf said he is considering a shift in the Bear line because of the scholastic ineligibility of 210-pound sophomore center Frank Dorelli.

Beaver Sophs Noted
Sophomores also got most of the attention at Corvallis. Three second-year players broke into the first-string Oregon State lineup and may be starters in the Beavers' opener against Missouri Sept. 22. The three are tackle Ted Bates of Los Angeles, guard Jim Brackins of Redlands, Calif., and fullback Nub Beamer of Roseburg, Ore.

At Pullman, Coach Jim Sutherland indicated his Washington State squad may try to outdo Stanford's famed quarterback Jon Brodie in the opener with the Indians. Sutherland has consented on passing Brodie's chief

weapon, and with notable success. The passing of junior Bunny Aldrich and sophomore Bob Newman has highlighted almost every Cougar scrimmage.

Ducks' Stress Defense
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Salem Contributes 7 Gridders to OCE

McArthur Greeted 51 Prospects, 13 Lettermen

OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Monmouth — (Special) — Oregon College of Education opened football drills here Monday with 51 candidates on hand for the 1956 season.

Coach Bill McArthur, who received his doctor's degree last spring at Oregon State, has only 16 practice days to get his Wolfpack ready for the season's opening game against Lower Columbia College at Longview on September 22.

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OCE Rights Go to KSLM

OREGON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Monmouth — Dr. Roy E. Llewellyn, president of Oregon College of Education, announced here this week that OCE had granted exclusive broadcasting rights for the 1956 season to radio station KSLM of Salem.

Steve Brody, veteran sports-caster for the Salem station, will handle the play-by-play description of OCE home games. Games away will be picked up from originating stations for live presentation in this area.

The first broadcast will be of the OCE-Lower Columbia Junior College title at Longview September 22. The broadcast will be heard immediately following the Note Dame-Southern Methodist game.

TRACK
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