

Prospect of Strong Senator Team Spurs Ticket Drive

Luncheon April 25 To Welcome Solons

Sellers Get Good Report From Wasco

The ticket-selling corps for the Salem Senators received a large dose of encouragement this morning and went out convinced that their sales are for the "best baseball prospects in years."

About 40 left a breakfast meeting at the Senator Hotel on the final, determined push to sell tickets for the season and for the opening day game April 25.

Between now and "the big day" will be several events to emphasize the approaching baseball season. There will be a "welcome home" noon luncheon for the public and the baseball team April 25 at the Senator Hotel.

Other Baseball Programs

There will be a baseball program sponsored April 22 by the Knights of Columbus, honoring the Senators and high school baseball teams and coaches of the area.

The Salem Breakfast Club will have baseball as its theme Wednesday night, April 24.

Opening night ceremonies are progressing, according to Dave Hoss, Senator Boosters Club publicity man. The "battery" and "pitcher" for the opening pitch will be selected from Gov. Robert Holmes, Secretary of State Mark Hatfield and Mayor Bob White.

Several Salem firms are offering bonus gifts to each person who buys a season ticket, such as 25 pounds of potatoes, a steak dinner and a home permanent kit.

Stevens & Sons Jewelers are handling season ticket sales on terms, nothing down for persons lacking the money right now but with good credit rating. Otherwise, buyers must at least make a down payment.

Good Camp News

The good news from training camp came from Al Lightner, who returned last night from what he called "the best I've ever attended and I've seen them all."

Never has he seen so much talent made available to a Class B club, he said. Bill Brenner, manager, is reacting well to "Brenner, is working them hard" and

'Cat Golfers Win 4 of 6 At Pacific

FOREST GROVE (Special)—Willamette golfers won four of six matches at Forest Grove Monday to defeat Pacific in a Northwest Conference dual match, 11-7.

Three players tied for medalist honors, all with the relatively high score of 80. They were Ron Hoxie and Lowell Fox of Willamette and Bob Franz of Pacific.

Individual results were as follows:

Hoxie (W) def. Duke Anderson (P), 3-0.

Franz (P) def. Tom Loree (W), 2 1/2 to 1/2.

Fox (W) def. Gene Stasch, 3-1.

Rusty Beaton (W) def. Duane Halverson, 3-0.

Bill Macklin (P) def. Jack Rasmussen, 3-0.

Allen Jack (W) def. Tom Davis, 2 1/2 to 1/2.

Game Commission Sets Program To Increase Summer Steelhead

PORTLAND (UP)—A new program of summer-run steelhead production was approved Friday by the Oregon State Game Commission.

The program calls for attempted establishment of summer steelhead runs in north coast streams and in certain rivers where runs of summer steelhead already exist. Such coast streams as the Nestucca, Nehalem, Wilson, Trask and Siuslaw will receive the hatchery-raised steelhead in an attempt to establish runs.

The Umpqua, Siletz and Rogue on the coast and the Hood in the interior where runs already exist will receive the summer-run fish. The Clackamas and Sandy rivers will be included also in the program.

Money for Access

The commission also authorized the fishery staff to set up an \$80,000 Dingel-Johnson project for purchase and improvement of a boat access and parking site on Isthumus slough near Coos Bay.

The trout bag limit on Eel creek in Coos county was modified to conform with summer trout regulations. The bag limit had been set at 30 fish a day when the lake and Tenmile lakes were scheduled for chemical treatment to eradicate trash fish. The treatment since has been cancelled.

The commission passed a resolution mourning the death Thursday of Commissioner Elmer Balsiger of Klamath Falls.

McMurtry Goes After Patterson Title Bout

THURSDAY FIGHT MAY DECIDE MATCH

TACOMA (UP)—With a possible shot at heavyweight king Floyd Patterson hanging in the balance, Irish Pat McMurtry sharpened up further Tuesday for his Thursday night meeting with Edgardo Romero at Seattle.

The prospect of a match between Irish Pat and Patterson bobbed up Monday when Promoter Inigo Lucchesi disclosed that he had offered Patterson \$100,000 to fight McMurtry if Pat wins his bout with Romero "in sensational fashion."

Lucchesi said he had not received an answer to the offer, made in a telegram to Cus d'Amato, Patterson's manager. Lucchesi said the 100G offer has been underwritten by a group of Tacoma businessmen.

The Tacoma promoter said any Patterson-McMurtry fight would be staged this summer but he didn't reveal the exact site.

McMurtry will be gunning for his 24th victory in 26 professional fights when he tangles with Romero, a 245-pound Argentinian, Thursday night. The bout is scheduled for 10 rounds.

The only blotches on McMurtry's record is a loss over the 10-round route to highly-rated Willie Pastrano and a draw with Bob Albright.

McMurtry is expected to weigh in at 190 pounds for the Romero match.

Her Work Is Cut Out for Her



Mrs. Harold Olinger's ticket-selling services were welcomed warmly this morning at a "pep rally" and here she is loaded up with season tickets and opening day ducats for the Salem Senators. At left is Clayton Foreman, club treasurer and ticket chairman, and at right is Walt Zosel, vice-president. (Capital Journal Photo)

Dies



Jack Coombs, "Iron Man Jack" of the Athletics in the 1910-12 era, succumbed Monday of a heart attack.

Heart Trouble Takes Coombs

'Iron Man' Pitched Three Straight Series Wins

PALESTINE, Tex. (UP)—John Wesley Coombs, baseball's iron man of 50 years ago, is dead.

The man who made major league history by pitching three full World Series games and winning them against the Chicago Cubs in a period of five days succumbed to an apparent heart attack here yesterday.

The 74-year-old former illustrious member of Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics from 1906 to 1914 was downtown when he became ill. He walked about 200 yards to his home and died.

For 14 years Coombs pitched for the Athletics, Brooklyn and Detroit, winning 159 games while losing 112. His feat of winning three World Series games came in 1910 but it was Sept. 1, 1906, that he first earned his nickname.

He pitched the longest complete game in American League history, going 24 innings to beat the Boston Red Sox.

Coombs set a record of 13 shutouts in one season—in 1910.

Coombs ended his career in 1920, then went to Williams College to coach baseball. He next coached at Princeton, then began a 26-year tenure at Duke. He coached for the Athletics while there.

OREGON AFIELD

BY BOB BROWN

ICY DIP—ALL FOR FUN

People do the craziest things and call it fun. For example, I saw one number of men swim for close to five hours down the almost ice cold McKenzie River on Sunday during the Whitewater Parade.

Most of these hardy chaps were wearing rubber frogmen suits, but one was clad only in pants and shirt. They hung onto truck tubes and propelled themselves madly through the rapids with rubber swim-fins on their feet.

The parade this year took place under stormy skies with rain a frequent occurrence. According to Prince Heinrich, Parade Chairman, some 100 boats, floats, etc., made the pilgrimage from a point a few miles above Blue River down to Vida (sometimes called Leaburg) Lake.

AT LEAST, THEY DON'T SINK

Of course, there were dozens of the highspeed McKenzie River boats sailing through the rapids like ducks on a pond.

Then there were numerous rubber boats that wallowed through like old cows slogging across a swamp. But one thing was well proven: rubber boats don't sink, and they take up a lot of the shock when you slam into a submerged rock.

A group of boys from an Explorer Post in Seattle made the run in little bitty one-man boats they had made. They did a fine job of sliding through the fast water.

Some of the boats flipped, but this writer was always somewhere else when it happened. At Martin's Rapids, the whitewater where so many dunkings have occurred in past parades, the boats slid through in good shape, though a few close calls had the crowd gasping.

HATS FROM HEAD TO BEARD

Despite the weather, there were thousands of people taking in the affair. Traffic moved at a snail's pace on many sections of the highway. Traffic officers were constantly busy unsnarling jams and keeping things moving.

The whole thing was quite a spectacle, one that every Oregonian should see at least once. The McKenzie is one of America's most beautiful rivers, and with balloon-festooned boats stretching a mile upstream, it's a sight to behold.

DEEP RUNNING LURES FOR EARLY BASS

Bass are being taken now in ponds and backwaters in this area, and anglers with a yen to whip their rods around a bit before trout season are taking advantage of the fact. Ideal bass fishing will not be encountered until the water warms a bit, but even so bass can be taken now, primarily with deep working lures.

Over the years, I have found that a jointed green plug, a hot-tom-runner, seems to do the best job for me this time of year. The surface plugs and popping bugs are not too effective, as the fish just won't come up for them. Especially is this true of the big bass. A daredevil will work occasionally, provided you let it sink way down deep before starting to retrieve.

Right now with the water murky, a bright lure will probably be an advantage. Remember that in most cases a bass hits a lure because it makes him mad, and he can't feel incensed at something he doesn't see.

THEY TASTE BETTER NOW

One of the advantages of bass fishing right now is that not only do the fish put up a mighty good scrap, but they are good eating as well. In cold water, still fairly pure from the run-off of rain, the fish are hard and the flesh is sweet tasting. But later on, when the water in the Willamette sloughs warms up and all sorts of pollution stagnates the river—well, you figure it out.

Midget Autos To Run Sunday

PORTLAND (Special)—Midget amusement park Saturday afternoon automobile racing will return to the Jantzen Park arena Sunday. Time trials for the midget races will begin at 1:30 p.m., and actual races are slated for 2:30 p.m.



JOHN WITTE

Las Vegas To Be Foe At Wasco

2-Game Yakima Series Stays In Doubt

WASCO, Calif. (Special)—The Salem Senators were to go into the last five spring exhibition games with a Tuesday night struggle against Las Vegas at Hanford, Calif.

Manager Bill Brenner said that Wednesday night will find Visalia of the Class C California State League at Wasco but that the Thursday-Friday series with Yakima still is a questionmark.

Brenner said that he might pitch Vern Kindsfather, veteran, Wednesday against Visalia, which would be his first appearance since he arrived in this sunny camp Saturday.

Yakima discovered a conflict in its schedule, having booked Salem and another team for Thursday at Wasco. Brenner indicated that if it isn't straightened out in favor of Salem that he may call off the trip to Porterville Friday.

Salem is to break camp Saturday after a workout, then to stop to play at Redding en route home.

Only players not yet in camp are Andy George, limited service right-hander counted on for a starting assignment; George Matile, veteran infielder studying at Willamette University; and Jack Dunn, a baseball coach at Portland.

George is expected Wednesday, Matile may wait in Salem for return of the club, and Dunn must stick to his job except for home games.

Yanks Picked To Cop Title

NEW YORK (UP)—The New York Yankees not only are an overwhelming choice to capture their third consecutive American League pennant but a majority of the experts forecast another world championship for them.

In the annual Associated Press pre-season poll, the nation's baseball writers selected the Milwaukee Braves to dethrone Brooklyn as National League champions and picked the Dodgers to nip the Cincinnati Redlegs for second place.

The Detroit Tigers, fifth a year ago, were the consensus choice of the 563 writers—largest number ever to participate in an AP poll—to finish second to the Yankees.

Cleveland was picked for third with Chicago fourth. St. Louis was selected to round out the first division in the National League.

6 Salem Arrow Shooters Place In Eugene Try

1-18 SIX SALEM SPORTS

Six Salem archers placed in an invitational field round tournament Sunday at Eugene. There were 102 registered in the meet sponsored by the Cascadian Bowmen.

Salem winners:

Delbert Killingsworth, first in junior boys division.

Chuck Anglin, second in men's free style.

Mike Anglin, third in Pewee boys.

Vern Bennett, fourth in men's instinctive.

Jean Bennett, fifth in women's instinctive.

Keith Mootry, fifth in men's free style.

Calm Youngster Wins Women's Golf Prize

DALLAS (UP)—Red-haired Wiffie Smith, whose nonchalance is exceeded only by her links ability, was being hailed as the greatest sensation to hit women's golf in a decade.

The stocky power-swarmer from St. Clair, Mich., won the \$7,500 Dallas Women's Open yesterday. It was her first tournament victory, but she has been on the tour only a little more than three months.

The never-ruffled 20-year-old, who is so unconcerned with the pressure of big-time golf that she takes time out to administer to an injured dog, has been in just 10 tournaments. She has won money in all—a total of \$3,990.42—with 11th place her lowest finish. She has the third best scoring average in women's golf—74.84.

Witte Acquires Enmity of Bull Montana; Tag Match Tonight

Northwest tag team champions, Luigi Macera and Herbie Freeman, against prospective challengers Wild Bill Savage and Gentleman Ed Francis, in a non-title go. Savage and Francis—the latter used to hold a piece of the crown—wanted a title match and are more than somewhat angry that they were turned down.

As a result of the change in the Witte and Montana assignments, Luther Lindsey, the Carolina strong boy, will face Bence in the semi-final.

Last week Bence looked especially good against Ed Francis, and the newcomer from Tampa will be a rough package for Lindsey.

Cub Pilot



Bob Scheffing will make his major league managing debut with the Chicago Cubs. The Cubs finished last in 1956.

Potgieter Needs Medical Checks

Massachusetts Suspends Giant

BOSTON (UP)—Ewart Potgieter, 72, 330-pound boxer from South Africa, was under suspension in Massachusetts Tuesday as a result of a doctor's plea that the young giant needs medical treatment.

Dr. Oscar Hirsch, who operated on the boxer for a pituitary gland condition affecting his eyesight last December, said Potgieter requires treatment "to assure he is cured for lifetime."

"The operation was successful," Dr. Hirsch said. "However, further treatment is necessary. I can see him immediately or not until May 15 because of other duties. I hope he at least calls me."

Manager Surprised
The Massachusetts Boxing Commission suspended Potgieter—and sent notice to other state commissions—when it was unable to locate the 24-year-old former farm hand from Vryheid, Natal.

Potgieter later was located at a motel in Vancouver, Wash., with his manager, Johan Eloff, who expressed surprise at the commission's action.

Eloff said Potgieter was "completely treated at Boston and declared fit for boxing."

"It's quite shocking," the manager added. "I suppose we'll get in touch with them and find out what is to be done."

After being given a medical O.K., Potgieter made his U. S. boxing debut Jan. 14 in Holyoke, Mass. A group of 10 Boston doctors watched him drop a 10-round decision to Jeff Dyer of Springfield.

Potgieter then headed West to continue his ring career. He won two fights and then lost a 10-round decision to Johnny Holman of Chicago last week in Portland, Ore.

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