

# Salem Acquires Vet Pitcher; George Due In

## Senators to Battle Visalia Again Today

### Salem Tops Las Vegas for 5th Spring Win

WASCO, Calif. (Special)—Manager Bill Brenner will be bringing back seven pitchers instead of six, and six veterans instead of five, when the Salem Senators leave for home Saturday.

That came about because of the surprise acquisition of Willie Neal, veteran lefthander whom the Senators purchased yesterday from Plainview, Tex., of the Class B Southwestern League where he had a 15-8 record last year.

Neal stood out in a five-inning effort last night against Las Vegas, allowing only two hits. The Senators won their fifth spring exhibition, 4-3, against three defeats.

**Price Came Down**

Brenner explained that Plainview had been asking "a lot of dough" for Neal "but we worked around until we got him for a reasonable price." He looked "awfully good" last night.

This news was accompanied by the hint that Lee Franklin's pitching arm has developed troubles. He had been counted on as one of the six on the Senator staff.

Northwest League allows only five veterans but Brenner said that one, probably a veteran pitcher, may be sold before Salem breaks camp here.

Released after last night's game was Bob Brown, rookie catcher. This leaves Harvey Koepf and on Hangie.

**George In Today**

George Matile, shortstop, probably won't come down because of his studies at Willamette University but will join the club at home. Andy George is due in today to start pitching.

The Salem rookie outfielder, Jerry Gregg, was to leave today for Fort Lewis to get his discharge from the Army.

The remaining spring schedule: Visalia here tonight; Las Vegas at Wasco Thursday night; against Yakima at Porterville Friday night; against Redding all-stars Sunday en route home.

The Senators compiled a 4-1 lead by the end of the fourth inning as pitcher Neal gave up only a pair of hits to the Arizona-Mexico League squad.

Neal was succeeded by a left-handed rookie, Jean Skidgel, in the sixth frame, and the Wranglers promptly reached him for two runs. He walked four. But he contained the Las Vegas nine the rest of the way and gave up only five hits in his four-inning stint.

**Long Home Run**

It was the hitting of Bob Campbell, Karl Kuehl and Erv Knorzner which paved the way to the Salem victory. The Senators posted a run in the second inning on hits by Kuehl and Campbell, who continued to lead Salem batsmen in the "Grapefruit League."

In the fourth frame, Knorzner clubbed a 400-foot two-run home run over the left center field fence, and Kuehl and Campbell again combined to score the Senators' third run of the inning. Kuehl had a single and Campbell a double. Kuehl and Campbell each garnered a pair of hits.

## Oregon's Read Completes Circuit



Len Read, University of Oregon center-fielder, gets a friendly reception after his tide-turning two-run homer that tied the score in the ninth inning, 2-2, against Willamette. It was only the second hit off Brad Lucas, both coming in the ninth, and was followed by three more hits. Greeting Read are Wimp Hastings, George Simpson and Ron Whitaker, who had scored ahead of Read. (Capital Journal Photo)

## ALMOST PICKED THE DUCKS CLEAN

### Bearcats' Lucas Holds Oregon Hitless 8 Innings, But Caves In

Brad Lucas, a junior pitcher from Grants Pass, nursed a no-hit, no-run game for eight innings Tuesday at McCulloch field, then went into a tailspin as the University of Oregon crushed his bid for fame and trounced the Willamette Bearcats, 9-2.

Until the awful ninth inning, Lucas had faced only 26 men and not a Duck reached further than second base. But at the start of the ninth, Oregon pitcher Ron Whitaker, who should have let some sympathy for what Lucas was trying to do, poked out a single to end the no-hitter.

One batter later, the game was tied at 2-2, for Len Read hit a home run. Singles then came from Wimp Hastings and Jim Pifer, and Hastings subsequently scored on an error.

Lucas left the mound then in favor of Dick Hartley, and Hartley got Maddox for the first out of the inning. The reprieve was short-lived. Jim Pifer's single, Ed Grier reached first on an error. Hartley walked three men and the score was 7-2.

Benny Holt then took over Bearcat hurling chores, but Ellis Olson came home on an error and Whitaker tallied again on a wild pitch.

All together, the Ducks picked up the nine runs on five hits, three walks, a pair of errors and a wild pitch. Willamette actually had more hits, seven, and each team was charged with three errors for the game.

**Caruso Scores Eddie**

Willamette scored a single run in the second inning on a triple by Backlund, leading hitter for the game with two, and a sacrifice fly by Gary Burd. Another run came in the eighth, Eddie Grosenbacher reached second on an error and an infield out and came home on a single by Frank Caruso.

## Sports Report

By CHUCK BOICE

One of the best features of the 1957 Northwest league schedule is that it has the non-holiday Mondays blank.

Peculiarly enough, one reason this is such a treat is that they won't all be idle. It's great to have a night of rest for everyone concerned and it's most desirable to have that coincide with the Coast League's off night, thus making some good exhibition games possible.

It's said that Seattle's Rainiers and the San Diego Padres will put into Waters Park for exhibition games this year which will be some very tasty frosting on what looks to be a hearty schedule right down the line.

With six teams in the league the schedule can be balanced. No more will we have those long, costly layoffs as the odd team on the week's schedule as was the case when Spokane was around as a seventh team.

The team will play the popular split week with one team here for single games Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and another moving in for Friday, Saturday and Sunday doubleheader. At other times a home stand will begin on Friday night and conclude the following Thursday night with the Monday off.



MICKEY COEN  
... starts with 0.00 era

**SALEM OLDSTERS BEST SINCE THE OLD DAYS**

The schedule, thus, appears very good and, certainly, the reports out of California have been most encouraging as to the team. Seattle has dropped off some very promising kids and Bill Brenner, Vern Kindsfater, Bob Durrett, Jack Dunn and George Matile make up the best nucleus of veterans since far back into the Western International league days.

So, about all that remains is for the fans to gobble up those season tickets which are so handy for steady-viewing family or the guy who just wants to come and go when he pleases for a few innings at a time.

And in case collection day, April 15, was too rugged — they're available on time.

**ROSBURG, ROBINSON AND PETERSON GOING GREAT**

Some familiar names got off to a very good start in the Pacific Coast league this year. Ex-Senators who did O.K. were Floyd Robinson with an opening day homer for San Diego, Buddy Peterson showing his usual scrap as the Vancouver shortstop and Russ Rosburg of last year's Salem team with Sacramento.

Rosburg had three-for-five opening day and followed up with a couple of home runs over the weekend. It looks like he's made the grade as left fielder for the Sacs.

The news that we enjoyed most was that concerning Mickey Coen, the former Willamette pitcher and football linebacker. He may or may not be ready to hang on in the PCL after a 17-9 season with Amarillo in the Class A Western league last year, but he's off to a big start.

**TOUGH TO IMPROVE ON COEN'S PACE**

The former Roseburg kid worked four scoreless innings of relief in a lost cause against Seattle on opening day. Then, last Saturday, he took the hill against the Rainiers for innings 8 through 11. The Sacs picked up but two hits off him and nary a run. So, when Nippy Jones hit one out of the lot in the 11th off Larry Jansen, Coen had himself a 1-0 record and a zero ERA in eight innings.

Coen, by the way, took his regular turn against the fabulous (Continued on page 3, columns 1 and 2)

## Witte Wins Again; Tag Team Decision Goes to Mean Guys

John Witte has found professional wrestling to be considerably different from the same sport in college, but he made his all-around strength and know-how pay off Tuesday night at the Salem Armory for a victory over Bull Montana in the card's special event.

A big crowd turned out to see Witte gain the triumph as Montana lost on a foul. It pleased the patrons no little.

Witte, a football All-American and a champion wrestler for Oregon State, dropped Montana with a flying tackle, but missed on a second try. Montana then simply stepped on Witte's throat and re-

## Lobbyists to Play Solons Thursday

The biennial baseball game between a team composed of legislators and one made up of lobbyists is scheduled at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Walters Field.

Many of the players who will take part in the game are former semi-professional players and for the past week, whenever weather has permitted, members of both teams have been practicing for the game.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes has been requested to serve as one of the umpires but it is likely that he will be content to throw out the traditional first ball.

The lineups for the two teams are as follows:

**LEGISLATOR'S LINEUP**

C. Quiring, "Query" Lee  
P. Husband, "Junkball" Don  
1st. Kelsay, "Limp Arm" Bun  
2nd. Johnson, "Silent" Ed  
3rd. Duncan, "Dugout" Bob

SS. Lowry, "S.P." Phil  
SF. Grenfell, "Smoketall" Bill  
RF. Klensman, "Honest" Klem  
CF. Monaghan, "Black" Tom  
LF. Kerbow, "Fearless" John

**LINEUP FOR LOBBYISTS**

"Black Jack" Lansing — PP&L  
"Silent Sam" Mallicoat — Railroads  
Francis "Reynard the Fox" Hill — Gas Co.  
"Sneaky Pete" Sneeder — PGE  
"Lonely Bill" Masters — Auto Dealers  
"Unemployment Ike" Conleton — Employee Group  
"Big Train Jerry" Rutledge — Railroad Brotherhoods  
"Honest Bob" Knipe — Trucks  
"Governor" George Brown — AFL-CIO  
"Dirty Pete" Brooks — Auto Insurance  
IB Coach "Rosie" J. D. McDonald — AFL-CIO  
3B Coach "Duckwapper" Ernie Bapco — Longshoremen  
Attending Physician "Doctor John" Misko — Med. Assn.  
Stretcher Bearers: "Phils" H. A. Speckman — Druggists  
"Slinking" Howard Stieb — Auto Dealers  
Trainer: "Medicine Man" Gallagher — Chiropractors  
Team Manager: "Wormy Bill" Hedlund — Oil Co's.  
Business Manager: "Moose" Gerry Mendl — Wine Indus.

This veteran team is solid (?) in each position and in addition is backed by a solid bunch—such stalwarts as:

"Tough Tony" Vavrus — Teamsters  
"Terrible Ted" Turner — Private Clubs  
"Doughty Duke" Kinsler — PTAT  
Allen "The Terrible" Tebb — Insurance Co's.  
"Farty George" Dewey — Farm Bureau

## Vikings Elbow Saxons, 5-4, In 8th; Harms Double Hero

By JOHN HARVEY  
Capital Journal Sports Writer

Wee Darwin Harms singled home the winning run in the eighth inning Tuesday after hurling seven innings of relief to give the North Salem Vikings a 5-4 win over South Salem in the opening district eight game of the season.

With two out in the bottom of the eighth Jim McCaffery walked, went to third on a single by Bob Russell and then scored on Harms' line drive to left-center.

Harms took over on the second inning for starter Grant Todd, and after getting out of a jam he gave the Saxons only one more run. Bud Chappelle went the distance for the Saxons.

South capitalized on two balks by Todd in the opening inning when Gary Dallman singled, was balked to third and scored on Jerome Goertzen's single.

Todd walked the first two men to face him in the second inning.

So. Salem (4)		(5) No. Salem	
Batter	R H E	Batter	R H E
Dallman	2 2 2	Barnes	4 1 1
Brunkel	4 0 0	Kitchen	4 0 0
Heysen	4 0 1	Beaves	3 1 1
Goertzen	1 0 2	Vestal	1 0 1
Walt	3 0 0	Lammers	3 0 0
Coon	1 1 0	Kelley	4 0 0
Brumet	1 3 0	Russell	2 1 2
Buzzell	2 0 0	Todd	1 0 0
Chappelle	2 0 1	Harms	3 1 2
		McCaffery	0 1 0
Total	28 4 6	Total	30 5 9

## Viking Scrambles Back to Safety



Val Barnes, North Salem outfielder, leaps back to first base as the pickoff play from pitcher Bud Chappelle to first baseman Jerry Coon fails to catch him.

North Salem went eight innings before winning the opening District 8 baseball game at Baker Field, Sat. (Capital Journal Photo)

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