

# Sportsfair

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Running a Class B baseball club takes a lot of money about \$50,000 in Salem, for instance. . . . The methods available for defraying that cost fall down to three basic sources: (1) Season ticket sales, (2) advertising revenue, and (3) game ducat sales.

Under the partnership program adopted in Salem this year, the directors set some definite goals, namely \$30,000 in season sales and \$20,000 in advertising income. If these were reached, only a 50,000 season attendance would be needed to "crack the nut."

Advertising went over the top, but season ticket buyers are lagging. . . . Only about \$15,000 worth, or 50 per cent of the goal, has been realized. And that's why the season ducats will be pushed hard all this month. These are priced at \$30 for a family, \$25 for two persons or \$20 for one, which means that about 600 sales will put this drive also over the top.

Without realizing that \$30,000, Salem attendance will have to attain in the neighborhood of 65,000 fans. . . . And if that, too, isn't realized, either, the end result could be, perhaps, the finish of minor league ball here. Last year, the Senators dropped \$17,000 and one can't operate a business long at that rate.

While this isn't a plea, we can attest to the fact that one maybe doesn't appreciate pro ball until it's gone. At least that was our experience in Eugene with Class D baseball, which can't approach our B Northwest League. . . . That downstate city at one time had D ball, the Far West League, and when continuing losses forced it to be withdrawn, we sorely missed spending those warm summer nights at the ball park, rooting for the locals to win the 18-17 and similar-type games.

It's just a thought, if you are wavering on buying a season Senator ducat.

● If there's one Senator ballplayer who rates a "most improved" title, it would have to be shortstop Gene Laursen. Although he has only five hits and a .200 batting average, he has batted in seven runs—third high on the team—and afield has handled 43 chances without a miscue.

In Sunday's first game at Yakima, little Gene delivered the key suicide squeeze for the winning run, despite the fact that Bear hurler Bud Clark tried to pitch away from him in anticipation of just such strategy. . . . Still the Salem shortstop managed to get his bat on the ball for the bunt which brought the victory.

Manager Bill Bremner is also raving about a couple of stops Laursen made against the Bears, one deep in the hole in the second game Sunday which chopped off a Yakima spurt against Vern Kindsfather. . . . He plucked the ball backhanded and nailed a runner trying to go to third for the inning-ending out. . . . And, Bremner adds, "He hustles all the time."

● Following that double defeat, Sunday, Yakima chief Hub Kittle admitted that Salem has a much better club than he figured, based on the opening series here. . . . The players, however, were crying about the scorekeeping at Yakima where everything was considered a hit, while pitchers' earned run averages suffered accordingly. As one Senator said, "If a Yakima guy doesn't win the batting title, with that kind of scorekeeping, I'll be surprised."

Among other Senator road trip sidelights was the misfortune that befell Don Hangge and Ray Steele, when they left their hotel room opened in Lewiston. A culprit took advantage of the lapse and made off with close to \$50 of their money. Their wallets, sans cash, were later recovered.

Bill Bremner spent two hours, Saturday, at a Yakima TV station making a show. The station is videoing a series on all Northwest League managers. . . . Bob Duretto was given a \$10 suspended fine for his beef during the opening Yakima series here. The fine will be added to the if-and-when next one that Duretto receives. The reason for the levy was that he "kicked dirt on the plate."

● Salem's opening-game attendance of 1,546 ranked fourth among Northwest League cities. . . . Yakima drew the largest first-game crowd of 3,053 while Eugene had 2,284, Tri City 2,262, Lewiston 1,200 and Wenatchee 708. The latter game was played in the bitter cold, however.

Noted that a Luigi Macera is entered in the Oregon Golf Open, currently going on at Waverly Country Club in Portland. . . . Wonder if that's the same Macera who's on tonight's wrestling card at the Salem Armory. . . . And if so, does he use an interlocking or hammer-locking grip?

## Harvie Ward Probe Likely, Says USGA

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A formal investigation into the amateur standing of two-time national golf champion Harvie Ward appeared likely Tuesday after grand jury testimony by his employer that he paid Ward's expenses to two Eastern tournaments in 1954.

An official of the United States Golf Assn., which supervises amateur play, predicted the group's Amateur Status and Conduct Committee probably would ask Ward for a formal statement "very soon."

USGA rules expressly forbid accepting expenses "from any source other than one on whom the player is normally or legally dependent but excluding an employer." The USGA's Northern California director, Stuart Heatley, said if Ward accepted the expenses, he "definitely breached his amateur standing."

**LOWERY TELLS**  
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### DECLINES TO COMMENT

Lowery declined to discuss the \$11,000 loan on advice of his attorney. Returning with Ward was another Lowery salesman and golfer, Ken Venturi, who turned professional in January. A former amateur star, Venturi commented, "I don't remember accepting any expenses from Lowery at any time."

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# Mawhinney Leads Open

## Mason Soars To 77; Prall In Contention

PORTLAND (Special)—Bill Mawhinney, Vancouver, B.C., professional, held the lead as the 200-plus golfers started their second 18-hole round, today, in the Oregon Golf Open behind held at Waverly Country Club. Mawhinney fired a four-under 68 Monday to lead Ken Still, Tacoma pro, and Ad Huycke, Oswego amateur, by a stroke.

Gene "Bunny" Mason, the defending champion from Salem fell nine strokes off the pace with a 77, which makes his chances for a repeat victory slim. However, Bob Prall, also of Salem, was in the thick of things for the 72-hole medal play. His opening 71 had him among the top dozen leaders.

**PARINGS SET**  
Following today's round, the field will be pared to the low 60 shooters for Wednesday's windup 36-hole grind. The winner, among the professionals, will earn \$500, while the amateurs will divide \$800 in merchandise prizes, with Prall shooting for the latter.

Huycke is the low amateur, while Prall and Seattle's Don Taylor are tied for runner-up honors. Scores of other Salem golfers, Monday, included a 74 by Jack Owens, 76 by Paul Sundin, 78 by Eddie Bauer and 85 by Walt Kline.

Among the scores of other ex-Salem golfers were these: Bob Burns, Riverwood, 37, 36-73; Joe Stieger, Spokane, 37, 37-74; and Jim Russell, Walla Walla, 37, 39-76.

Prall toured the front nine in two-under par 34. But he slipped to a one-over 37 coming in for his 71.

Owens was even at the turn, but had a 38 back nine, despite an eagle on the par five 17th hole. His second shot, a 3-iron, was headed for out-of-bounds when it bounded off a fence and onto the green. So Owens calmly knocked in his 20-foot putt for the eagle.

### WILD WOODS

Mason's Monday round could be summed up by calling him wild with the woods and poor with the putts. As Bunny said, "I knocked most of my tee shots into the rough, and took 38 putts for the round."

He got off to a bad start on the first hole, taking three to get down from six feet away. "The greens are slow, and I just couldn't get the feel of them," he added. All told, Bunny three-putted four greens, and used 20 of these short taps on the first nine.

His 30-38 card showed seven bogies and two birdies. He had four bogies on the front nine, and his birdies came one on each side. Mason's card:

Par out	414	452	453-36
Mason out	544	544	553-39
Par in	434	534	535-36-36-72
Mason in	444	544	556-38-39-77

## Beavers Stop Huskies, 7-6

**NORTHERN DIVISION**  
Oregon 7 1 272  
Oregon State 4 2 267 2  
Idaho 4 4 260 2  
Washington 4 4 260 2  
Washington State 2 9 281 4 1/2

**CORVALLIS (UP)**—T. W. J. K. Pederson, Oregon State shortstop, hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 11th inning Monday to give the Beavers a 7-6 win over Washington in a Northern Division baseball game.

Washington had gone ahead in the top of the 11th on a homerun by Monte Geiger, Husky pitcher who was substituting at third base.

In the bottom of the 11th inning, Dan Luby singled on the first pitch. The second pitch was smashed down the third base line by Pederson and rolled to the fence with both runners scoring.

Oregon State had only five hits but 13 walks aided the Beavers. The Beavers scored their first five runs with just one hit.

Washington 000 020 011 01-4 1-1  
Oregon State 200 000 002 02-5 4  
Watson, Burke (1), Lajala (5) and Erard; Gamble, Plaine (6) and Loveljoy.

### WARD RETURNS

Ward, a salesman for Lowery, returned to San Francisco Monday night from the Colonial Golf Tournament in Texas. He told newsmen he was not working for Lowery at the time of the 1954 trip and had merely been his "guest." Part of the trip, Ward added, was paid for by the USGA itself.

The grand jury transcript also disclosed Lowery loaned \$11,000 to the 31-year-old golfer, Heatley, who recently succeeded Lowery as a USGA director, indicated that if the tournament expenses were included in the loan, Ward "is in the clear — if it is paid back."

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## Shocked at News of Release



DETROIT—Charlie Dressen, manager of the Washington Senators, shown as he checked into a Detroit hotel last night as team arranged for series with Detroit Tigers. He was surprised to hear that Senators' president, Calvin Griffith, plans to fire him today. (AP Wirephoto)

## Senators Play Braves Tonight in NW Contest

By DON FAIR  
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Salem will shoot for its longest winning streak of the season, three straight, when the Senators open a week's stand at Waters Park, tonight. League-leading Tri-City will provide the opposition, and Manager Bill Bremner has nominated Andy George to pitch in the 8 o'clock contest.

Actually, Salem won its third straight, Monday afternoon, with a 10-9 last-ditch victory over the Oregon State Prison Grays at the penitentiary. But this game, naturally, doesn't make any difference in the Northwest League standings.

Tri-City comes here riding an unpleasant three-game losing streak. But Manager Don Pries' club boasts a fancy-felding inner defense, plus a touted slugger in first baseman Joe Porter.

**EUGENE NEXT**  
The Braves will play single games here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Then Hugh Luby's Eugene club will be the invader on Friday and Saturday nights, plus Sunday afternoon.

The ovation given Salem outfielder Bob Duretto, as he left the penitentiary Monday, pretty much told his worth in that winning cause. Southpaw-swinging Bobby clubbed two homers and two singles, batted in three runs, scored three and ignited the winning three-run rally in the ninth.

With two down, Duretto lined a single up the middle, and Bob Campbell followed with another one-baser over short. Ted Rhodes then rocked his third hit of the afternoon, also a single, to plate Duretto. Both Campbell and Rhodes moved up a base when the outfield relay got away.

That brought up Matile and he cracked a crisp double to chase home the final two runs for the 10-9 victory. Southpaw Dean Skidgel stopped the Grays in the bottom of the ninth to preserve his victory before about 700 on the inside.

**DURETTO SWATS**  
Duretto's homers, over the 30-foot rightfield concrete barrier, came in the second and sixth innings and went out at about the 295-foot distance. Both were gone all the way, the latter coming with a male aboard.

Jerry Gregg doubled in the fourth run in the seventh frame to move the Senators within 7-4.

In the eighth, Matile singled in a pair and Harvey Koepf another to tie it 7-7, but the Grays came back in their half for a 9-7 margin.

Skidgel went the last six innings to pick up the win. Joining Rhodes, Duretto and Matile as the leading Salem hitters was Gregg with a pair of blows among the 15 gathered. Cece Taylor had three hits for the Grays.

### STATISTICAL HONORS

Statistical honors on the Salem baseball club are well divided. Following the first two weeks of action, Jerry Gregg, Jack Dunn and Karl Kuehl are the leading hitters with .571, .400 and .361 marks respectively.

Other batting leaders are: Runs—Dunn, Bob Duretto and Ray Steele, 8; hits—Steele, 14; runs batted in—Ted Rhodes 11; walks—Kuehl 14; and strikeouts—Bob Campbell 10.

Vern "Pappy" Kindsfather is just about the leader in every pitching department. He has three victories, 28 strikeouts, 16 walks, two wild pitches, a 2.16 earned run average and has hurled three complete games.

### COMPLETE SALEM BATTING, FIELDING AND PITCHING STATISTICS:

BATTING	ab	r	h	bi	2b	3b	hr	bb	so	po	a	e	per
Gregg	14	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	.214
Steele	25	0	10	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1.000
Kuehl	25	0	10	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1.000
Dunn	25	8	14	5	0	0	2	6	3	0	0	0	2.560
Steele	25	4	14	5	0	0	2	6	3	0	0	0	2.560
Hangge	25	4	14	5	0	0	2	6	3	0	0	0	2.560
Rhodes	27	4	8	3	1	0	0	7	5	3	12	2	.289
Rhodes	27	4	8	3	1	0	0	7	5	3	12	2	.289
Kindsfather	1	3	3	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	2	.778
George	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1.000
Rolin	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1.000
Campbell	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	7	2	14	1	.962
Duretto	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	19	1	1.000
Bremner	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
Laursen	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	2	0	0	1.000
Koepf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
Walker	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	1.000
Matile	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1.000
Skidgel	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.567

### JOE PALOOKA



## Calvin Griffith Fires Dressen As Solon Boss

DETROIT (AP)—Charlie Dressen Tuesday was fired as manager of the last-place Washington Senators and Harry (Cookie) Lavagetto was named to replace him.

The announcement was made at a news conference in a corridor of a Detroit hotel less than two hours before the Senators were to meet the Detroit Tigers in the only American League day game Tuesday.

### HAD PROMISED

Club President Calvin Griffith, who came to Detroit from Washington on an overnight train, had promised to make "drastic changes" after the hapless Senators lost eight straight games and 16 of their first 20.

A hastily written statement read to newsmen by the Senators' traveling secretary, Howard Fox Jr., said the 58-year-old Dressen is considering Griffith's offer to become coordinator of player personnel.

Dressen was in his third season as manager of the Senators.

They finished eighth under Dressen in 1955 and seventh last season. They currently are in last place, 16 1/2 games off the pace.

The statement said the sudden move is "no attempt to kick him (Dressen) upstairs and run out his contract."

Dressen had a one-year contract at a reported \$35,000 to manage the club.

Lavagetto, 44, has been a Washington coach since Dressen took over in 1955. An active major league player for 10 seasons—most of them with the Brooklyn Dodgers—Lavagetto also coached under Dressen at Brooklyn and at Oakland in the Pacific Coast League.

### FEAT RECALLED

Lavagetto is best remembered for his dramatic two-out double in the ninth inning that broke up Bill Bevens' no-hitter in the fourth game of the 1947 World Series. That base hit scored two runs and gave Brooklyn a 3-2 edge over the New York Yankees.

Dressen, informed late Monday night of Griffith's statement that he planned drastic action and probably would make a change in managers, confided that he would not accept a front office job without a five-year contract, full autonomy and money to spend for player talent.

## Spartans Hire E. Davenport

Ernie Davenport, for the past year a coach at Cottage Grove High School, has been signed as head football coach and vice-principal at Sheridan High. He will take over his new duties next fall.

A graduate of Linfield College, Davenport received his masters degree in education from Oregon State College in 1956.

Before accepting the position at Cottage Grove, Davenport had been coach and principal at Nestucca for eight years.

He is married and is the father of two children.

## Albany Tops Lebanon 4-2

**DISTRICT 8-A-1**  
Albany 4 1 10 0  
North Salem 3 2 268 1  
Lebanon 2 4 233 2  
Corvallis 2 4 233 2  
Sweet Home 2 4 233 2

**LEBANON (Special)**—Albany set up its big meeting at North Salem, today, when the Bulldogs stopped Lebanon 4-2 in a District 8-A-1 makeup contest here Monday. The victory moved Albany a full game ahead of the Vikings in the tight race.

Lebanon grabbed an early 2-1 lead, but the Bulldogs took the edge for keeps in the sixth inning with Dave Heyman singling in the go-ahead run.

**FICKEN LEADS BOWMEN WIN**  
SHERWOOD (Special)—Wayne Ficken continued to be a one-man gang, Monday, in leading the Sherwood track team to victory over three other schools. The Bowmen had 98 points, Tigard 46, Salem Academy 37 and Yamhill 23.

Ficken won four events, the high and low hurdles, discus and shot put. There were two double winners, Jerry Friesen of Salem Academy picked off the 100 and 220, while Boyd Myers of Sherwood won out in the pole vault and javelin.

### SPOTS STILL OPEN IN Y GOLF CLINIC

Registration is still open for the YMCA Golf Clinic which starts Thursday, 8 p.m., in the Y gymnasium. The school is open to men and women and children over age 12 who accompany their parents. All persons are asked to register at the Y main desk by calling EM 3-9117. A \$1 registration fee will be charged to non-Y members, and clubs will be furnished those not having their own. Bill Ashby of Oak Knoll will conduct the clinic which will cover all basic phases of the game.

### —By Ham Fisher

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