

From MIDFIELD

By Bob Leonard

BELLIGERENT DEPT.

Pvt. HARRY BECHEN, ex-assistant to ex-Klamath County Assessor Charley Mack, passed through here last week en route from basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., to Fort Lewis, where he will be assigned to the ski troops. At Fort Lewis he found himself with Clarence Hill and Bob Morrison, both ex-Corcoran L.A. skiers who were transferred to the ski regiment a couple of weeks back. Paul Masdon, co-manager of this summer's baseball Pelicans until he was sworn into the navy as a Pearl Harbor "Avenger," is in Chicago undergoing special training in the navy's signal department. Gene Shellworth, once a local skier and before that a real, strictly McCoy, pre-war ensign who graduated from Annapolis, is back in and teaching ordnance and gunnery at the naval academy. Ed Hamm, who qualifies for the sports page by reason of being 1928 Olympic broad jump champion and more recently one of Klamath's more avid rod and gun sportsmen, is in Seattle as a captain in the army's procurement division, according to last reports.

LOOKING BACK
The suicide of Lyle R. Bigbee in Seattle recently recalled to Bill Hurn, our authority on local history, that Bigbee was the back half of a baseball battery which paced the sensational 1914 Klamath Boxers through an undefeated season against the best semi-pro competition on the coast.

He came directly here off the University of Oregon campus in a pre-Atherton byplane engineered by our Mr. Hurn. Bill attended the UO commencement with a list of possibilities furnished by Vernon Moteschbacher who had backstopped for the Ducks the year before.

The list included Lyle Bigbee, his brother Skeet, Dick Nelson, Anse Cornell and Jimmy Sheehy. Skeet had already signed with the Portland club from where he later went to Pittsburgh. Anse was booked to play with and manage an Idaho team, and Sheehy had accepted a newspaper job in Portland. Which left Lyle and Dick to come back here and play for Big Basin Lumber company.

Meantime Charley McGowan of the Ewanna Box company had also become interested in baseball and had signed practically the entire St. Mary's college nine.

So the two squared off. Big Basin's lineup found Mottish and Bigbee as the battery with Keith Ambrose, Austin Hayden, Dr. Paul Noel, Nelson, Bert Cook and others scattered around. Flinching for Ewanna was Jimmy Clark, manager of the Lakeview mill. Harold Peterson, later to be a victim of the Tuscan sinking in the first World War, caught Dutch Allen, Jimmy Messick, Lee Osg, Ping Bowden, Tucker Johnson and Bill Palmer were among the Ewanna crew.

We don't have the score but Big Basin won—and repeated the following week with Bigbee hurling.

The teams were then united and the result shipped over to Medford where it blanked a highly-favored early-day Crater nine. And, believe it or not, more than 200 cars full of fans left here between midnight and dawn that day to make the precarious trip over the old dirt road that ran straight up and down the sides of Green Springs mountain.

Medford hit Bigbee for only three scratch hits and from there the Boxers went on to lick everything within a 400-mile radius. With Bigbee doing most of the hurling.

Coincidentally, it was Bill Hurn who covered most of these early-day games for both the local and metropolitan papers. Right now he's compiling "a rather complete history" of baseball from its initial start in Klamath Falls down to date. The above material was taken from it.

Skinner Hurls No-No For Butler In State Softball Meet

CORVALLIS, Sept. 1 (AP)—Don Skinner turned in a no-hit no-run pitching performance in the state softball tournament last night and gave the Butler Construction team of Portland an 8-0 triumph over the Williamette Hysters, also of Portland.

In the other contest Grimshaw's of Portland defeated Salem, 9-5.

Tonight's bill pits Albany against Corvallis.

BUCS SHIFT CAMP

EL CENTRO, Calif., Sept. 1 (AP)—Pittsburgh's National League Pirates will train this spring in El Centro, shifting their base from San Bernardino where they have drilled for several years.

Rose Blossoms Withered But Stiner Refuses to Sob

BEAVER COACH LOSES EIGHT OF 1941 LINEUP; DURDAN, DETHMAN, GREENOUGH GONE, DAY RETURNS

By GEORGE G. MACNAB
CORVALLIS, Sept. 1 (AP)—The rose bowl bouquet but Oregon State's Coach Lon Stiner refuses to sob over the thorny remains of last January's 20-16 football triumph against Duke.

Eight of his 1941 starting players are missing as are eight other lettermen; Bob Dethman and Don Durdan, his flashy half-backs are gone; so, too, is Quentin Greenough, his play-diagnosing center and field captain; his line is riddled from end to end.

and the backfield is shot at every post.
But still Stiner refuses to accept the verdict.
"I won't make any predictions," he said, "but our prospects are average. We used a lot of replacements last year and the 16 returning lettermen may hold up fairly well. Only actual game conditions will answer that, but in the meantime, we'll just plug along, knowing that every other school has been hard hit by losses to the military services."
Oregon State's running attack

may be built around Joe Day, a hard-hitting fullback who played 43 minutes against Duke and averaged an even four yards a try in nine games last year. Choc Shelton is another fullback who was used freely last season and Stiner has a pair of lettermen for each halfback post, but only one with more than 80 minutes' playing time in the season's 600 total. There are no quarterbacks at all from the letterman list.

The line stacks up a bit better so far as experience goes, but the quality is still an uncertain matter. The Beavers can field

a line with six men who played in all but one game last year and whose time was the equivalent of from three to five full games.
But as Stiner says, that's the result of frequent replacements and may not mean a thing in the touchdown zone.
Most of the present candidates are enlisted in some deferment-granting branch of military service, but if the situation changes and they, too, grab rifles instead of pigskins, Stiner will still have one man left.
He's classified 4-F but Stiner

won't say who he is, where he'll play or what's the matter with him. He figures there may be enough cripples on the field this fall without inviting the opposition to throw blocks at a wheelchair case or toss passes at a man who's blind as a bat.

Oregon State's schedule:
Sept. 26—Idaho; Oct. 3—California; Oct. 10—UCLA; Oct. 17—Santa Clara; Oct. 24—Washington State; Oct. 31—Washington, Nov. 7—Montana; Nov. 14—Stanford; Nov. 21—Oregon; Nov. 28—Michigan State.

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Wood Faces Argentine In U. S. Net

Forest Hills Tournament Enters Third Round; Pancho Segura Battles Everett

By GENE TALBOT
NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (AP)—The national tennis championships began to get down to cases at Forest Hills today, and after nearly a week of extremely boring competition it was about time.

A couple of promising third-round matches were on tap. In one, Sidney Wood Jr., the veteran New Yorker who won a Wimbledon championship a decade ago in short pants, ran into Alejo Russell, champion of the Argentine.

In the other, Harris Everett, former University of North Carolina star, faced Pancho Segura, the jitterbug from Ecuador.
Only two other men's singles were scheduled. Ted Schroeder Jr., the tournament's top-seeded star, playing James Evert of Chicago, and Seymour Greenberg, the national clay court champion, meeting Robert Snid of Chicago.

Two players, William Talbert of Cincinnati, and Lieut. Gardner Mulloy of Jacksonville, already have won their third round matches. Talbert triumphed at the expense of Vincent Paul of New York yesterday, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, while Mulloy scraped through against Tom Brown Jr., of San Francisco, 6-0, 6-3, 4-6, 5-7, 6-1.

Only one seeded competitor among either the men or women was missing as the sixth day of play began. This was Mrs. Patricia Canning Todd of New York, the sixth seeded woman player, who was eliminated by Mrs. Madge H. Vosters of Lansdowne, Pa., 1-6, 6-3, 9-7.

Indians Try to Oust Salem From Third in WIL

By The Associated Press
The Spokane Indians are still trying to make a race out of the Western International baseball league despite the fact Vancouver has clinched first position and Tacoma second. The race is with Salem—for third position.

The Indians moved to within five games of the Senators last night with a 6-5 ten-inning victory although they collected only six hits while Salem connected with 11.

Portlanders Take Pacific Northwest Pro-Amateur Title

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 1 (AP)—Harold West and Ray Honsberger, the Portlanders who teamed up to win the Pacific Northwest pro-amateur golf championship yesterday, went out over the tough Alderwood Country Club course again today as individuals in quest of the Oregon open title.

They took the pro-amateur in a grueling play that required a five-hole playoff before they could get an edge on Bob Connolly, Seattle pro, and Corp. Bud Haskell of Fort Lewis. The two teams finished the regulation 36 holes with 104s, four under par, with identical cards—71-69—in the best ball event.

Connolly, who shared last year's title with Harry Givan, Seattle amateur, and Haskell were defeated by West, former Longview Country Club pro and now a Portland shipyard worker, and Honsberger in the playoff, three up.

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Traded



BUCK NEWSOM

Bobo Newsom, garrulous migrant of the majors, became a Dodger yesterday in a deal with Washington which involved cash and one Jack Kraus, a Brooklyn farmhand at Montreal. The portly screwball is expected to add oomph and conversation to the Brooks' stretch drive for the National league flag.

Bums Add Noise to Flag Push

Bobo Newsom Becomes a Dodger in Senator Deal

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (AP)—Brooklyn's two-tone baseball ensemble of Leo Durocher and Larry MacPhail becomes a trio today with the arrival of Louis Norman (Bobo) Newsom, one of the American league's most traveled and articulate pitchers.

Newsom, who has played for 13 clubs in eight leagues, became a Dodger yesterday just 12 hours before the world series player deadline and less than 24 hours after Manager Durocher publicly announced he wasn't worried about the St. Louis Cardinals, now only three and a half games in back of the Dodgers.

In return for Newsom the Washington Senators acquired

Tom Thompson Passes Pros Over All-Stars

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 1 (AP)—Thomas Fry Thompson, a slender, fast-stepping gentleman who left Tulane university three years ago to play football for cash, paid dividends for the Philadelphia Eagles—and charity—last night.

With a series of bullet-like passes, Thompson led his National league team-mates to a crushing 16-8 triumph over the college all-stars in a charity game that drew an estimated 75,000 to Municipal stadium.

The wonder boys of last year's collegiate gridiron were outclassed from the kickoff to the final whistle as Thompson pitched 16 passes and completed nine—all of which directly contributed to the pro team's scoring.
Bob Priestley, a Brown university graduate, caught one 30-yard heave in the first quarter and another in the last and scored on each for the Eagles' only two touchdowns.

NO BLIND TOM

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 1 (AP)—Blind Tom, eh?
Umpire Bill Doran of the Pacific Coast league received a perfect vision rating in passing his navy physical examination. He is off to San Diego for training.

Ted Williams Boosts Lead In American Loop Bat Race

NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (AP)—The American league seems about ready to concede the batting title to Ted Williams and let the National league provide most of the hitting competition as well as the pennant race for major league fans during the last month of the season.

During the last week the slender star of the Boston Red Sox maintained his .346 average while Joe Gordon of the New York Yankees slipped four points to .333.

In addition Taft Wright of the Chicago White Sox, who attained



between Pete Reiser of Brooklyn and Enos (Country) Slaughter of St. Louis in prospect.
Reiser has been ill and in a slump, skidding eight points to .328 and finally going to Johns Hopkins hospital this week for treatment. He is expected back by the end of the week and the rest may do him good but at present he is only three points ahead of slaughter.

Gordon has pelted out 148 hits in 445 times at bat and has scored 74 runs. He has played in 123 games.

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Boston	75	54	586	Chicago	57	68	459	St. Louis	53	44	563	Chicago	40	58	473
St. Louis	48	61	527	Washington	50	75	490	New York	71	56	525	Boston	51	79	399
Cleveland	47	63	515	Philadelphia	49	68	538	Cincinnati	54	54	500	Philadel.	56	65	481

Monday's Results				Monday's Results			
Chicago 3-5.	Philadelphia 1-0.			* Brooklyn 3.	Pittsburgh 4 (11 innings).		
New York 4.	Detroit 3.			New York 7.	Chicago 6.		
Boston 3.	St. Louis 3.			Cincinnati 3.	Philadelphia 1.		

Monday's Results
Chicago 14, Philadelphia 1-6.
New York 8, Detroit 3.
Boston 3, St. Louis 6.

By JUDSON BAILEY
Associated Press Sports Writer
One by one the also rans are bowing out of even a mathematical chance at the pennants as the September sprint starts in the major leagues.

The Detroit Tigers dropped by the wayside yesterday, leaving only the first division in the American league still contending with the New York Yankees. The Pittsburgh Pirates may go today, leaving the National league with the same situation.

The Yankees themselves took care of the disposal of Detroit with an 8-3 triumph that was Alton Donald's first over the Tigers in five years of labor in the American league.
The quiet right-hander pitched two-hit shutout ball for eight innings, but his jinx threatened to catch up with him in the ninth when the Tigers tallied three times on an error and four hits before Johnny Murphy rushed in to put out the fire.

The Pirates, who are within half a game of being eliminated from a pennant chance, were nosed out 5-4 in 11 innings by Brooklyn and the Dodgers have a chance to apply the finishing punch today. Curt Davis, making his second relief appearance in two days, pitched the last 1-2-3 innings and earned his 15th victory.

The New York Giants bagged their sixth straight conquest with 7-6 decision over the Chicago Cubs.

The week-hitting Cincinnati Reds surprised their followers by also manufacturing a five-run inning and overpowered the Philadelphia Phils 8-1 in a night game.

The Boston Red Sox kept within eight games of the Yankees by setting down the St. Louis Browns 8-6, but they had to stave off a five-run rally by the Brownies in the ninth inning.

The victory went to Cecil (Tex) Hughson, giving him 18 successes and putting him in front of all pitchers in both leagues in total triumphs. However, he had to have help to survive the ninth.

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Sacs, L. A. In Tussle For First

Seals, Suds, Padres Fight For First Division Berths

By The Associated Press
Close tussles for first and fourth place mark the final three weeks of regulation Pacific Coast league baseball play starting today.

Two games separate the top spot Los Angeles Angels and the runner-up Sacramento club. Both teams line up today against lower division nines and fans will be watching for a slip by either of the one-two outfits.

The pace-setters, who continue to lead the loop in team batting, play at Emeryville where the sixth-place Oakland Oaks could give trouble.

Portland, the last-place team, which won three of eight games from the Angels last week, hosts the Solons.

Play between Seattle and San Diego opens with a doublehead-

Front Runners

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Batting—Williams, Boston, .346; Wright, Chicago, .337.
Runs—Williams, Boston, 116; DiMaggio, New York, 101.
Home Runs—Williams, Boston, 17; Keller, New York, 14.
Pitching—Hughson, Boston, 18-4; Chandler, New York, 16-4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Batting—Reiser, Brooklyn, .338; Slaughter, St. Louis, .335.
Runs—Ott, New York, 85; Slaughter, St. Louis, 85.
Home Runs—Ott, New York, 25; Mize, New York, 23.
Pitching—Wynett, Brooklyn, 16-4; Kist, St. Louis, 11-3.

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