

Donkey Baseball Scheduled Here For Friday P. M.

A game of donkey baseball, one of the most hilarious of sports from the standpoint of the spectators, will be staged at Finlay field at 7:30 p. m. Friday. The game will be under the sponsorship of the Roseburg Lions club. Teams of local softball players will compete. All net proceeds will go to the fund maintained by the Lions club for the purchase of glasses for children in needy families.

Included in the entertainment for the evening will be a laughable donkey derby and other stunts featuring the troupe of trained donkeys.

Under the rules of donkey baseball all players are mounted with the exception of the pitcher, catcher and batter. The ball is pitched to the batter until he gets a hit, as there are no balls or strikes counted on the batter. When the batter gets a fair hit he mounts the donkey and tries to get to first base. A mounted player must get the ball and throw to the pitcher, who, in turn, must throw for the out. A player is safe on base if the donkey has one or more feet on the base. The pitcher and catcher are not allowed to get out of their respective boxes to field a ball. Should a fielder or baseman get off his donkey to make a catch it is not counted as an out. The runner is allowed to keep on going until the fielder remounts and throws the ball to the pitcher. Fielder going after the ball must ride to the ball, then may dismount to make the pick-up but must get back on the donkey before making the throw. When there is more than one runner on base, the fielder getting the ball may use fielder's choice in throwing for an out. Fielder's choice may be used only when there is more than one on base. In all other cases, the ball must be thrown to the pitcher who throws for the out.

The rules may sound simple, but play is far from simplicity. The player and donkey usually have altogether different ideas about how the game should be played.

Donkey baseball previously played in Roseburg has attracted large crowds and the Lions club is making plans for a big crowd at Finlay field on Friday night of this week.

Winning Streak Of Oaks Advances Them to 5th Spot

(By the Associated Press) Driving toward the first division, Oakland's regenerated A's are coming into their own as the most improved team of the Coast league.

After languishing in or near the cellar most of the season, in less than two weeks the Oaks soared to fifth place, and are now making menacing gestures toward Hollywood's first division berth, 3 1/2 games away.

Last night the Oaks edged third-place Seattle, 5 to 4, in the opening game of the series, continuing the surprising winning streak that has brought them 11 victories in the last 15 starts. Since trouncing San Francisco six games out of seven two weeks ago, the Oaks have split with Portland and beaten Seattle in abbreviated series.

Sacramento maintained its comfortable position at the top of the league by beating Los Angeles, 9 to 8, in a free-hitting game, but the Solons squeezed by on a pair of errors by two Angel pitchers.

Wieszorek, Sacramento catcher, collected five hits in five times at bat, including a double and a home run with two on base.

San Diego pounded three San Francisco pitchers for 10 hits, walloping the Seals, 7 to 2. Terry won his eighteenth victory of the season for San Diego, scattering eight hits.

The cellar Portland Beavers blanked Hollywood 4 to 0 behind Hilcher's effective hurling.

Hell's Far—From Work

ROLLA, Mo.—There's going to be hell in the Philippines—if he can just get there.

J. Howard Hell, Philippine mining engineer home for a visit, is worrying whether he can get return passage or not in view of recent far eastern developments.

OUR SCARDING HOUSE



Surge of Pirates Puts Them Within 9 Games of Top

By JUDSON BAILEY (Associated Press Sports Writer)

The Pittsburgh Pirates are cutting capers that must make their National league rivals tremble every time the Buccaneers' brig sails upon the scene these days. During the past two weeks the bold Buccos have made every team they faced walk the plank, winning 16 out of 19—and the Cincinnati Reds, their latest victims, apparently have gone down for the last time.

The Pirates raided the Reds again yesterday, 7-5, to send the world champions to their fifth straight defeat and kill whatever faint hopes they may have had for another pennant.

Pittsburgh was out-hit, 13-11, but scored three runs in the fourth on Vince DiMaggio's homer, and four runs on five hits in the seventh.

This left the Pirates nine games out of first place, just close enough to keep the St. Louis Cardinals and Brooklyn Dodgers from feeling they have the fight strictly to themselves.

The Cardinals took a 6-2 setback from the Chicago Cubs to drop within one game of the idle Dodgers.

Lefty Vern Olsen held the Red Sox to four hits and received timely batting support from his teammates, principally Nicholson, who twice singled with the bases loaded for a total of four runs.

In the day's other National league encounter the Boston Braves nosed out the Phillies, 10-9 with a six-run seventh inning climax by Eddie Miller's homer with two on.

The New York Yankees lost a game of their American league lead by bowing to the Washington Senators, 4-3, while the Cleveland Indians squeezed past Detroit, 2-1. This left the Yanks with a 11 game margin.

The Senators gambled on Carasquel, who hadn't started a contest all season, and he held the bombers to nine hits.

Cleveland's victory in a night tilt was achieved on Heath's triple with two on in the sixth inning. The game was a tight pitching duel between Al Smith,

U. S. War Trend Scored by Fifteen Heads of G. O. P.

ALEXANDRIA BAY, N. Y., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Fifteen republican leaders, including Alf M. Landon and ex-President Herbert Hoover, joined yesterday in an appeal "that congress put a stop to step by step projection of the United States into undeclared war."

A statement, declaring that "naval action," and "military occupation of bases outside the western hemisphere," coupled with "promise of unauthorized aid to Russia" has undermined "fundamental principles of democratic government," was made public by Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois.

"Recent events raise doubts that this war is a clear-cut issue of liberty and democracy," the statement said. "It is not purely a world conflict between tyranny and freedom, the Anglo-Russian alliance has dissipated that illusion."

Others who signed the statement, released at Lowden's summer camp on an island in the St. Lawrence river, are:

Former Vice-President Charles E. Dawes; Irving S. Cobb and Clarence Buddington Kelland, writers; John L. Lewis, former CIO head; Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago; Geraldine Farrar, opera singer; Reuben Clark, former United States ambassador to Mexico; Henry P. Fletcher, former republican national chairman; Ray Lyman Wilbur, former secretary of the interior; Felix Morley, editor and author; Hanford MacNider, former U. S. minister to Canada, and J. Henry Scattergood, Philadelphia businessman.

Postal inspectors told U. S. Commissioner H. S. Elliott, however, that the young man had sold nearly \$1,000 worth of postage stamps, from which cancellation marks had been removed, in the past year.

The package, on which he was specifically charged, contained more than \$10 worth of such stamps, they said, and was addressed to a firm from which he expected to get merchandise in exchange. They said the cancellations could only be detected with a microscope, and that Backman told them he learned to remove them through his hobby of stamp collecting. He came here three weeks ago en route to a job in Alaska.

CAMP DAVIS, N. C.—When a quartermaster officer started distributing woolen comforters to troops under a 96-degree sun, the rumors began.

The boys started writing the folks telling them they were off to Iceland—at the closest.

Harried officers were besieged with questions, and camp phones started ringing. The blankets were withdrawn.

Picnic Announced—The annual Commodore Rose descendants' reunion will be held Sunday, August 10, at the Roberts creek school grounds. Relatives and friends are invited to bring basket dinners, set for one o'clock.

Blanket Rumors

Illegal Use of Postage Stamps Jails Youth

who allowed six hits and fanned eight, and Newsom, who gave five safeties and struck out nine.

The Boston Red Sox scored their second straight one-run decision over the Philadelphia Athletics, 6-5, on the strength of a five-run spurge in the first inning. Pete Fox made three doubles to lead Boston's 13-hit attack.

The Chicago White Sox-St. Louis Browns' night encounter was rained out.

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Homers Spell Victory.

The second game was an exceedingly well-played contest in which young Jack Loomis went to the mound for Dunham's to pitch his first league game, holding Texaco to five hits, while Ellison, the veteran Texaco pitcher yielded six hits. Two of the blows gathered by Texaco, however, were homers, one by Parks and the other by Flegel while a misjudged fly ball in the outfield gave Ellison a chance to romp home with the winning run in the sixth inning after he had reached first on a single.

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Underdog Teams In City League Post Victories

League Standings

(By the Associated Press) National. W. L. Pct. St. Louis 66 36 .647 Brooklyn 64 36 .640 Pittsburgh 54 44 .551 Cincinnati 54 46 .540 New York 46 49 .484 Chicago 45 56 .446 Boston 42 57 .424 Philadelphia 26 73 .263 American. W. L. Pct. New York 70 33 .680 Cleveland 58 43 .574 Boston 52 48 .520 Chicago 49 52 .485 Philadelphia 48 53 .475 Detroit 47 56 .456 St. Louis 40 59 .404 Washington 39 59 .398 Pacific Coast. W. L. Pct. Sacramento 79 45 .637 San Diego 69 54 .561 Seattle 66 54 .550 Hollywood 59 59 .500 Oakland 57 64 .471 Los Angeles 54 66 .450 San Francisco 54 69 .439 Portland 47 74 .388

The underdogs in the City Softball league had their day to howl Tuesday when Ward's, cellarites in the first half, defeated Boucock's Butchers, 11 to 9, and the Texaco Chiefs, who finished in third place in the first half of the schedule, won from the first-place Dunham Transfermen, 3 to 2, in one of the best played games of the year.

Many new faces appeared in the lineups last night as the first games of the second half of the league schedule started. All of the Roseburg players from the Legion Juniors were drafted into service on the softball team and gave good performances. DeBernardi, Crouch, Wimberly, Cummings and Loomis, were among the Juniors participating in last night's games.

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