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Squirts Slaughter Vets, Making 15 Tallies in Ninth

What started out as a well-played softball championship game at Finlay field last night turned into a fiasco when Schermer's Squirts exploded in the top of the ninth inning with 15 runs. The Squirts batted around twice and every man on the team scored at least once as the victors swamped the hapless Vets 19-5.

Before the fatal ninth, the Squirts were hanging on to a slim 4-3 lead and the Vets showed every indication of tying the game. But three VFW errors and seven Squirts hits turned the diamond into a race track to give the winners the ball game and put them in undisputed first place in league standings.

The Squirts took a one-run lead in the first of the second inning when Wimberly bunted to score Vonnie Baker from third. Another two runs crossed the plate in the top of the fourth when Wimberly doubled and raced home from third on a passed ball. Del Hoff went to third when his hard-hit grounder bounced off the first baseman's glove and into

the bleachers. He scored on Bill Schermer's single.

The Vets came back in their half of the fourth to tally two runs and narrow the margin to one run. The first two batters flied out but Seitz singled to reach first on his only hit of the game. He scored on Noble White's double and White scored from second on Larson's single.

The fourth Squirts run came after Plin Laurence doubled and raced home on Pitcher Swede Vang's single.

VFW pulled to within one run in their half of the sixth when Noble White beat out a bunt to reach first and went to second on a passed ball. He scored when the third baseman threw wide to the plate trying to trap White in a hot box.

The next two innings were scoreless for both teams and Squirts led 4-3 going into the top half of the ninth. Then it happened.

The Squirts boys set some sort of a local record for their showing in the fatal ninth inning as all but two men hit safely and Bill Schermer tallied twice on two singles during the scoring parade. Very poor support from his team mates and good hitting by the opposing batters took the heart out of Vet Pitcher Wally Wilkinson and he left the mound after watching 14 runners race

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN	L	Pct.
Cleveland	47	.29
Philadelphia	45	.34
New York	43	.37
Boston	42	.35
Detroit	39	.43
Washington	38	.43
St. Louis	38	.46
Chicago	34	.50

NATIONAL	L	Pct.
Boston	48	.31
Philadelphia	47	.36
St. Louis	45	.37
Brooklyn	44	.37
New York	43	.40
Cincinnati	42	.40
Philadelphia	41	.43
Chicago	37	.49

PACIFIC COAST	L	Pct.
Oakland	63	.47
San Diego	62	.48
San Francisco	59	.51
Los Angeles	56	.50
Seattle	49	.48
Hollywood	50	.58
Portland	44	.61
Sacramento	40	.66

Padres Crowding Oakland for Lead

By the Associated Press
The Oakland club is beginning to feel the pressure that goes with leading a tight pennant race.

The Oaks lost again to Hollywood last night and the Padres of San Diego climbed to within one game of first place by downing Sacramento. San Diego today was only nine points behind Oakland.

San Francisco, by beating Los Angeles, moved into third place by one percentage point over the Angels.

Kraskauskas went the route for the first time this season as Hollywood trimmed Oakland, 5 to 2. He gave up eight hits but spaced them well, except in the sixth, when Christopher socked his fourth homer of the season with one aboard. Hollywood's heavy-hitting Zernial slammed a two-run double in the sixth, bringing his runs batted in to 10. The hit won the ball game.

Two home runs by Clay helped San Diego shut out Sacramento, 4 to 0. Kerrigan allowed only three hits.

Tobin drove in the winning run in the ninth as San Francisco edged Los Angeles, 2 to 1. It was a hurling duel between Werle and Adkins and Werle had a slight edge. Adkins had struck out 11 batters and allowed only five hits, going into the ninth. Then, with one out, Catcher Leonard doubled. Tobin beat out an infield hit with two away, and Fine, running for Leonard, scored from third.

Helser pitched Portland to a 2-to-0 win over Seattle. Storey provided the winning punch by knocking Gorsica's first pitch in the second inning over the left field wall. The win gave Portland a 3 to 2 edge in the series.

In ceremonies scheduled for this afternoon.

Tex Hager, the Creswell Cyclone, returns to the local ring in tonight's semi-final when he meets Dan McDonald, Scottish newcomer. Hager has been in Chicago, where he built up a great record.

Salvatore Flores, Mexico City cleanie, tangles with Glen Knox in the opener. The match is apt to be one of those blood-and-thunder donnybrooks.

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Blackwell Loses To Dodgers, Feller Trimmed by A's

By RALPH RODEN
Associated Press Sports Writer
Burt Shotton, who came out of nowhere to lead the Brooklyn Dodgers to the 1947 National League pennant, got off to a good start in his 1948 debut.

Shotton managed the Dodgers to a 4-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds yesterday after assuming command in the greatest managerial shakeup in baseball history.

Shotton replaced Leo Durocher at the Dodger helm with the flamboyant Durocher moving across the river to take over helm of the New York Giants. Durocher replaced Mel Ott who resigned. Ott, however, will remain in the Giant organization probably as an aide to Carl Hubbell, Giant farm director.

In the other managerial change, Allen (Dusty) Cooke was named temporary manager of the Philadelphia Phillies, replacing Ben Chapman.

Cooke, however, didn't fare as well as Shotton as the Cardinals thumped the Phils, 8-2, in a night game at St. Louis.

Durocher's debut was delayed until today as the Giants' scheduled night game with the Pirates in Pittsburgh was postponed because of rain.

Dodgers Rout Blackwell
For a while it appeared the Dodgers would lose as Grady Hatton belted a two-run homer in the first inning off Joe Hatten to give Blackwell a working margin. Blackwell blanked the Dodgers on one hit going into the seventh inning when the Brooks finally scored a run.

The Dodgers drove Blackwell to cover in the eighth and won the game with a three-run rally. Meanwhile, the league-leading Boston Braves moved six-and-one-half games ahead of the Pirates by taking a wild 12-10 decision from the Cubs.

In the American league, the runner-up Philadelphia Athletics trounced the front-running Cleveland Indians, 10-5, to shave the Indians' margin to one-and-one-half games.

The A's hammered Bob Feller out of the box in the first inning, scoring five runs.

The triumph enabled the A's to move two games ahead of the third place New York Yankees who were upset, 10-4 by the St. Louis Browns.

The rising Boston Red Sox downed the Detroit Tigers, 5-3, to move to within two-and-one-half games of the Yanks.

The last place Chicago White Sox edged the Washington Senators, 3-2.

Wrestling Fans Offered Fine Bill

Three stellar matches, topped by a Coast light-heavyweight battle between Champion Gordon Hessel and Bruno Angelo, are in the offing for Roseburg mat fans tonight at the Roseburg Armory.

The title battle was brought about by Angelo's winning last week's battle with Hessel. Although Hessel is convinced he can measure Angelo in a good square fight, the title won't be on the block unless Angelo makes the 180-pound limit in weighting.

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