

District Softball Title to Be Decided At Drain Tonight

The deciding softball game between Roseburg's Sutherland Pastime and Springfield's Richardson-Allen at Drain tonight shapes up as one of the best contests of the year. Both teams have won three and lost one to go into a tie for district honors and the right to travel to Baker for the state playoffs.

On the basis of scoring alone, the Pastimers will be heavy favorites but after Saturday night's exhibition, it seems anything can happen. The Roseburg team fell to Springfield, 7-6, last Saturday after taking a previous win, 7-3. In the four games played so far, the Pastimers have rolled up a total of 47 runs, largely on the strength of their 22.3 win over Cottage Grove in the first game of the playoffs. The Richardson-Allen Realtors have scored 29 runs in four games.

After Saturday night's loss, Goose Mardin, Sutherland manager, requested that the final game be played in Roseburg. He based this request on the comparative size of the attendance. When Springfield played here Wednesday night, the stands were filled to capacity. But when Springfield was the host, there were less than 75 persons in the stands. And with the net proceeds going to the winner of tonight's game, crowd attendance was an important factor. The Springfield manager would

Major League Baseball Leaders

(By the Associated Press)
American
Batting — Williams, Boston, .378; Boudreau, Cleveland, .365.
Runs Batted In — Stephens, Boston, and DiMaggio, New York, 112.
Home Runs — DiMaggio, New York, 28; Stephens, Boston, 26.
Pitching — Kramer, Boston, 14-4 .778; Raschi, New York, 17-5 .773.

National
Batting — Musial, St. Louis, .384; Palko, Chicago, .333.
Runs Batted In — Mize, New York, 97; Musial, St. Louis, 96.
Home Runs — Kliner, Pittsburgh, 32; Mize, New York, 31.
Pitching — Brecheen, St. Louis, 15-4 .789; Chesnes, Pittsburgh, 9-3 .750.

not consider the proposal, however, because of the distance his team must travel. Drain was selected as the most logical site, as a compromise to both teams. Tonight's game is expected to draw a large number of fans from both Springfield and Roseburg. Rivalry is great between the two teams and in the two previous meetings, both clubs played good, hard softball. Tonight's game will be no exception, for on the outcome depends the local district entry into Baker's state softball playoffs.

The football changed hands six times in eight plays in the fading moments of the 1944 Texas A&M-L.S.U. Orange Bowl game.

Boston Braves Edge Dodgers, 3-2, In 14 Innings

By RALPH RODEN
Associated Press Sports Writer
The Boston Braves, following the battle plan of the old New York Yankees of knocking off the closest rival, take on the runner-up St. Louis Cardinals tonight after successfully disposing of a Brooklyn bid for their league leadership.

Billy Southworth's hustling Braves cooled off the Dodgers, 3-2, in 14 innings yesterday to win the series, three games to one.

The loss dropped the Dodgers into third place, the idle Cardinals taking over second, two-and-one-half games behind the Braves.

However, the picture is not so bright for Boston against the Redbirds. The Cardinals have shaved the Braves around recently, winning eight out of their last 10 games.

The Braves won out in the 14th when Masi and Ryan scored consecutive doubles against Barney, fourth Dodger hurler. McCormick sent the game into overtime when he belted Minner's first pitch into the lower left field stands in the eighth inning.

First Hit Decides Game

Only one other game was played in the National League. The Cincinnati Reds nosed out the Philadelphia Phillies, 3-2, in

10 innings on relief pitcher Gumbert's homer.
Gumbert relieved starter Blackwell in the eighth inning after the lanky righthander tired. Gumbert led off the tenth with a drive over the left field wall off Rowe, third Phillie pitcher. It was Gumbert's first hit of the season.

In the lone American League contest, the New York Yankees crushed the last place Chicago White Sox, 11-1. The victory was the seventh straight for the Yanks and enabled them to move to within a game of second place Boston and within one-and-a-half games of Cleveland.

Reynolds went the route for the Yanks to post his 13th win. He lost his shutout in the eighth when Robinson homered.

DiMaggio paced the Yanks' 14-hit attack against four Chicago pitchers by driving in four runs on a single and a three-run homer. The homer was his 28th and the four runs batted in enabled him to tie Boston's Vern Stephens for the circuit lead in that department at 112.

Baker Gets Field Ready for State Softball Tourney

Final arrangements are nearing completion for the Oregon State Softball tournament to be held in Baker from August 29 to September 2, according to word from Leo Arany, supervisor of Baker's Softball Association.

The city ball park is undergoing a complete renovation and will hold 4,500 fans when completed. The 300 x 200-foot field has been rolled, sprinkled with a fine gravel surfacing and is lighted by 90,000 watts for use in the night games.

Ample facilities are available for members of the press and radio, Arany said. A radio loop has been installed at the park for the broadcast of the games for local and state use and a telephone at the press bench will be available.

Although most of the 16 district entrants have been decided by local playoffs, the mid-Oregon district entry will not be known until the game tonight between Springfield and Roseburg. Cottage Grove is out of competition with four straight losses but both Roseburg and Springfield have won three and lost one.

Don January, state softball association director, will arrive in Baker August 28 with the four umpires who will officiate the state series.

A picnic and other entertainment has been scheduled for the players of the 16 teams. The players will also be taken to several scenic spots during their five-day stay.

Eight games have been scheduled for the first day of play with four games on August 30, three on August 31, two on September 1, and the championship event slated for September 2.

Jaycees Plan Softball Revenge on Rotarians

Final plans of the forthcoming softball game between the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Blackfaced" and the Rotary Club "Bums" were discussed at the regular J-C bi-monthly meeting Monday night at the Umpqua Hotel.

Still smarting from their defeat of a year ago, the Commerce lads are anxious to even up the score in the return engagement.

"We are out for blood," said John Dingley, chairman in charge of the J-C end of the scheduled fracas.

The game is set to go seven innings and will be played at Finlay Field Friday, August 27, at 7:30 p. m.

Other business discussed at the meeting was tabled pending further information and study.

Oil Put on Streets Of Winchester Bay

A Douglas County crew has oiled the principal streets in Winchester Bay, at the mouth of the Umpqua River, and is now engaged in oiling the road from Highway 101 to the lighthouse and Coast Guard station, and on down to Umpqua Beach. Traffic on these streets and roads is so heavy that it has proven difficult to keep them in good condition with just the graveled surface.

Senator McKellar Pledges Support To President Truman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 — (AP) — Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.) said yesterday he is supporting President Truman in the November election.

McKellar's announcement came in the face of reports from Tennessee that at least two of the state's 12 Democratic elector candidates have made known their intention of voting for the state's rights ticket headed by Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

"I was born and bred a Democrat," McKellar told a reporter. "I always vote for and support the ticket and, of course, I will continue to do so."

The Tennessee senator's statement recalled a recent similar declaration by Senator A. Willis Robertson of Virginia.

Administrative Democrats immediately put them together to back their claims that Mr. Truman is making some headway in the South, despite the angry protests which arose there over his civil rights program.

For some years McKellar has been closely linked with the Memphis Democratic organization headed by Ed Crump. For this reason some party members who still oppose Mr. Truman's election said they see nothing surprising in McKellar's joining Crump in backing the Democratic ticket.

Republicans have had some hope that the defeat of Crump-backed candidates in the Democratic primary might drive enough of a wedge in the Tennessee branch of the party to give them a chance there. Accordingly, they plan to spend time, effort and money in seeing what they can do.

Elsewhere in the South Mr.



Truman appears unlikely to get much active support from senatorial Democrats. However, Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) has said he will work for the ticket and the administration counts on Senator Connally (D-Tex.) for backing.

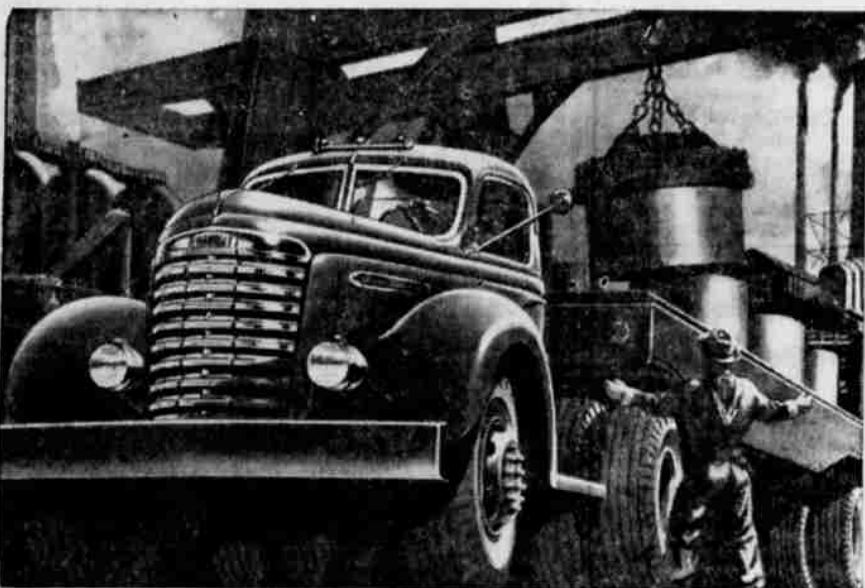
John Sanchez, six foot three, 240-pound tackle of the Washington Redskins of the National Pro Football League, is an expert linguist, fully qualified as a college professor of languages.

One Drowns, 4 Saved As Seas Swamp Sailboat

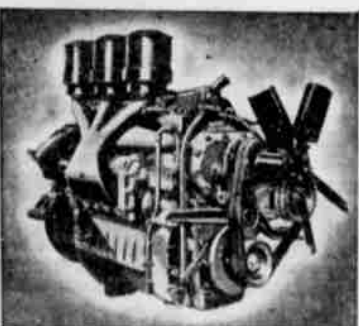
HONOLULU, Aug. 24 — (AP) — Richard A. Dole, 40, scion of Hawaii's pineapple pioneer, and three yachting companions were saved and a fourth was drowned as their 22-foot sailboat was swamped by heavy seas off Diamond Head yesterday.

Miss Kathleen Burkhalter, 24, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and San Diego, Calif., died within a few feet of the shore after Samuel Gilbert Jr., a University of South-

ern California student, pulled her two miles through the heavy seas.
Dole and Mrs. Marie Akers, 25, of Medina, Wash., both near exhaustion, were fished out of the water by the crew of the yacht Mokuola, which was captained by Coast Guard Commander Arthur K. Fowleson. Mrs. Barbara Steffe, 25, fifth member of the Dole yachting party, swam to shore.
Pompeii was destroyed by a volcanic eruption in 79 A.D.



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