

Musial, Slaughter Lead Batting Race

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—(AP)—The one-two punch of the St. Louis Cardinals, Stan Musial and Enos Slaughter, are running in that order in the National League's individual batting race. The hard-playing Slaughter is on a batting rampage. During the past week he belted out 20 hits in 36 trips to the plate, a .556 gait, to vault from sixth to second place. He jumped his batting mark 19 points from .316 to .335. Musial, however, still is far ahead of his outfield mate. Including games of Sunday, the Cardinal mauler deluxo was hammering away at a .382 pace with 189 hits in 495 times at bat.

Richie Ashburn, injured rookie star of the Philadelphia Phillies, trails the Cardinal wrecking crew in the batting derby.

RHS Football Hopefuls Draw Their Equipment

Roseburg High School gridders filed into the school gymnasium most of Monday afternoon to draw their equipment. By mid-afternoon 32 pigskin handlers checked out football gear, and more were on the way. Football uniforms will continue to be issued today from 3 to 5 p.m. In case some of the boys didn't make it yesterday, Coach Cee Sherwood said he likes the looks of the aspirants that turned out but he wasn't going to start boasting until he saw them in action.

Baseball Standings

(By The Associated Press)

American
Batting—Williams, Boston, .369; Boudreau, Cleveland, .367. Runs batted in—DiMaggio, New York, 118; Stephens, Boston, 116. Home runs—DiMaggio, New York, 23; Stephens, Boston, 27. Pitching—Kramer, Boston, 14-4, 7.78; Fowler, Philadelphia, 13-4, 7.65.
National
Batting—Musial, St. Louis, .377; Slaughter, St. Louis, .388. Runs batted in—Musial, St. Louis, 107; Mize, New York, 99. Home runs—Kiner, Pittsburgh, 35; Musial, St. Louis, 34. Pitching—Chesnes, Pittsburgh, 11.3, 7.86; Sewell, Pittsburgh, 9-3, 7.50.

Football Officials Clinic Slated at RHS

Roseburg High School will be the meeting place of school administrators, coaches and officials Wednesday, as the Douglas County football clinic gets under way. The clinic is one of a series sponsored by the Oregon School Activities Association. A representative of the Association will be here to explain rule changes for the 1948 season. Prospective officials will be given the officials examination at the clinic. All athletic officials should be certified according to state requirements and this will give prospective umpires and referees an opportunity to see if they qualify. In addition to rules interpretations and examinations, motion pictures will be shown to illustrate certain types of football action. Anyone interested in the officiating phase of the game is invited to attend.

Stars' New Boss, Stringer, Leads Team to Twin Win

By BILL BECKER
Associated Press Sports Writer

Great fielder, poor hitter was always the tag put on Lou Stringer.

But this, apparently, is the year the Hollywood second sacker just turned manager really found himself.

The boyish but 31-year-old Stringer pulled his club out of an eight-game losing tailspin by clubbing a homer, double and two singles last night to pace the Stars to a double win over Seattle, 3-0 and 7-4. They were Stringer's first victories as a pilot.

The blows lifted Stringer's batting mark to .335 and tied him with Seattle's Hills Layne for the league leadership in hits, 193.

Stringer's homer assured Ruggier Ardizola of the first game win over Dick Barrett. Ardizola checked the odds with five hits in his seven-inning shutout.

Gus Zernial, Jim Gladd and Stringer each bashed three hits in the 15-blow nightcap assault. Ed Oliver was the winner with Guy Fletcher losing.

The double setback dropped the Rainiers four games behind fourth-place Portland.

Full activity around the circuit resumes tonight, with Portland's series with league-leading San Francisco holding top interest.

Chiefs, Powers To Battle Tonight

The Umpqua Chiefs will just about wind up the 1948 baseball season in Roseburg, when they meet the Powers club in an exhibition game at Finlay Field tonight.

It looks like a rough time is in store for the home club, what with pitcher Bruce Hamilton's sore arm ready for a sling. Manager Del Hoff will have to pull a fast one out of thin air to keep the opposition's hit column at a low figure. But with an eager Chief fielding staff, it's anybody's guess as to the outcome of the game.

Let's see how the Powers team stacks up. Bandon beat them, 1-0. Bandon also beat the Umpqua's, 6-3. It looks bad for the home team, but if the law of averages holds true, Finlay Field is about due to see an upset. And the local boys are in the mood to pull a fast one about now. After that 6-1 loss to the Cheney Studs Sunday, they should be ready to do some hustling tonight.

The Chiefs will play one more exhibition game before bowing out for the season. They meet the San Francisco Sea Lions Friday night in a game that should provide plenty of color. The Negro outfit is rated a top ball club and features "Little" Sammy, The Wonder Boy. The armless and legless youth puts on a prize exhibition of batting and ball handling.

Major League Baseball Leaders

(By The Associated Press)

NATIONAL	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	68	51	.571
Boston	69	53	.567
Pittsburgh	64	54	.542
St. Louis	67	57	.540
New York	60	59	.504
Philadelphia	55	67	.451
Cincinnati	52	70	.426
Chicago	50	72	.410

AMERICAN	W	L	Pct.
Boston	75	48	.610
New York	74	49	.602
Cleveland	74	50	.596
Philadelphia	73	53	.579
Detroit	69	60	.536
St. Louis	47	73	.392
Washington	47	77	.379
Chicago	42	81	.341

PACIFIC COAST	W	L	Pct.
San Francisco	91	65	.583
Oakland	80	67	.543
Los Angeles	85	70	.548
Portland	79	75	.513
Seattle	77	81	.487
San Diego	67	87	.434
Hollywood	67	91	.424
Sacramento	65	93	.411

Baker Forced To Replay Game With Springfield Nine

BAKER, Ore., Aug. 30.—(AP)—The host team of Baker was ordered today to replay a game in which it won a 13-to-1 five-inning victory over Springfield in the state softball tournament yesterday.

The Baker victory, marked by three home runs, brought the biggest margin of the eight games in the 13th annual tournament's opening rounds.

Nysa, Medford, Oregon City, Corvallis, Tillamook and Eugene, and one of the three Portland teams—the Hysters—reached the quarter-finals, via Sunday victories.

A board named by state director Don January upheld Springfield's protest, lodged after yesterday's game, that one of the Baker pitchers was ineligible.

The board said the pitcher was under contract with Eugene at the time he played for La Grande in the district finals and later for Baker in this tourney.

The Springfield-Baker game was to be replayed today.

The Springfield protest centered around pitcher Frank Hiltz. He went on the mound in the fourth inning after Baker's Harold Spencer had led Baker to a 2-0 edge. Springfield claims Hiltz was recruited from the La Grande team of District 12 after two games are scheduled for tonight in the quarter-final series.

Nysa and Medford start at 7:30 p. m. and Oregon City will meet either Baker or Springfield at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday will see Portland's Hyster against Corvallis in the opener and Tillamook against Eugene in the second game.

New York harbor and the lower Hudson river were discovered by a Frenchman in 1524; Henry Hudson explored the river and laid the Dutch claim to the region in 1609.

Brooklyn Boosts Lead by Downing Cardinals Twice

Associated Press Sports Writer

"Bench strength," that's one of the reasons Burt Shotton's ferocious gentlemen lead the National League today.

Second stringers enjoyed a field day at the expense of the St. Louis Cardinals yesterday—as the Dodgers took a doubleheader, 6-5 and 6-1, to increase their lead to a game and a half over the runner-up Boston Braves.

Trailing, 5-2, going into the ninth inning of the first game, the reserves swung into action and sparked a four-run rally that enabled the Brooks to win.

Hermanski singled and Snider doubled to start the Dodger ninth. Reiser came off the bench to sock a two-run double and rout starter Dickson.

Wilks went in to pitch for the Redbirds. Left-handed hitting Vaughan battled for Campanella and promptly singled, sending pinch-runner Bobby Brown to third. Vaughan hustled to second on the throw-in. Edwards batted for Miksis and was intentionally passed to load the bases. Rackley swung for winning pitcher Palica and sent a long fly to Musial.

Brown scoring the tying run after the catch. Shuba followed with a shingle to break up the game.

Old Hugh Casey pitched for the Dodgers in the last of the ninth, retiring the first two batters before Schroendienst singled. Casey then got the murderous Musial, who was held hitless in both games, to ground out to end the contest.

The Dodgers didn't have to call for help in the second game. Hatten held the Cards to five hits in racking up his 11th victory.

The setbacks dumped the Cards into fourth place, two percentage points behind the Pittsburgh Pirates who moved into third as a result of their 2-1 triumph over the Boston Braves.

Two former Dodgers, Dixie Walker, one-time darling of Flatbush followers, and pitcher Ostermuller teamed up to beat the Braves, who now have lost six of their last seven starts.

Walker drove in both Pittsburgh runs when he clouted his second homer of the season with Murtaugh on base in the first inning. Murtaugh got on via a single to stretch his consecutive game hitting streak to 17.

The Pirates who have won 18 out of their last 26 games, are three and a half games off the pace, the same distance as the Cardinals.

Shea Blanks Tigers Only three and a half games also separate the top four teams in the American League's pennant chase.

The runner-up New York Yankees moved to within a game of Boston's pace-setting Red Sox, who were idle yesterday, by beating the Detroit Tigers, 3-0.

Shea stopped the Tigers on one hit — pitcher Newhouse's third inning single — in pitching the best game of his two-year major league career. The victory was Shea's seventh, and his fourth shutout. He lost 10.

Cleveland's third place Indians pulled to within a game and a half of the Red Sox as Satchel Paige pitched the Tribe to a 10-1, seven-hit victory over the Washington Senators.

Paige, who now has won six games as against one loss, had the Nats blanked on two hits going into the eighth when Yost, Evans and Coan singled to account for Washington's lone run.

At Philadelphia, the last place Chicago White Sox scored five runs in the ninth inning with two out to upset the fourth place Athletics, 9-6.

Singles by Lupien, Appling, Wright and doubles by pinch-hitter Weigel and Philley featured Chicago's rally against losing pitcher Coleman and Brissie. The A's now trail the field by three and a half games.

REAR CATASTROPHE ATHERSTONE, Eng., Aug. 31 (AP)—Cricketer Denis Plumb fielded a red-hot catch.

The ball hit a box of matches in his pocket and started a fire. He had to take off his pants to cool off.

Baker, Medford Teams Win at Softball Series

BAKER, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Baker's Lew Bros., winning two games, and Medford's Jewellers advanced to the semi-finals in the state softball tournament last night.

The Baker team shut out Oregon City, 8 to 0, after an afternoon game in which they repeated a first round victory over Springfield. Baker won the replay of the protested contest, 35 to 2. The replay was based on Springfield's charge that Baker had used an ineligible pitcher in Sunday's opening game.

In the other quarter final game last night, Medford rapped four runs in the tenth inning to eliminate Nysa's Hartley Produce, 10 to 7.

Tonight's two quarterfinal contests see Portland's Hyster in action against the Corvallis Elks at 7:30 and Tillamook against Eugene, beginning at 8:30.

Outfielder Ashburn Suffers Broken Hand

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Richie Ashburn, Philadelphia Phillies outfielder and one of the outstanding rookies of the year, went to Temple University Hospital today for an operation on his injured left hand.

Ashburn broke a bone in his hand sliding into second base in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates last Saturday. The injury is expected to keep him out of the lineup for some time if not the remainder of the National League season.

Gracie DeMoss Golf Medalist at Medford

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 31.—(AP)—Gracie De Moss of Corvallis held women's medal honors today and defending champion Lou Jennings of Portland led at the men's halfway mark of qualifying play in the Oregon Golf Association's tournament here.

Miss De Moss was off pace with an eight over par for women on her 44-49—84 card after the 18-hole scurrying of the Rogue Valley Country Club course. Mrs. Rose Bunch of Medford was just one stroke behind with 42-43—85.

The women start match play today with 16 paired in the championship fight. The men teed off this morning for the second 18-hole round in their 36-hole qualifying test.

The Portland amateur fired a three under par 33-35—68 to take a two-stroke lead over his nearest rival, Harry Hixson of Eugene. The Eugene entry had 36-34—70.

COACH TAKES NEW JOB PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Former Klamath Falls football Coach Ed Ryan was named head football coach at Lincoln High today.

Ryan previously was assigned to assist at Jefferson, but the change was announced when an Ohio State man hired for the Lincoln post elected not to come to Portland.

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