

VFW Eges Squirts In 12-Inning Game

Score 8-7 In Softball Loop Seesaw Tilt

Winners Now Slated Against Plywood Team For First-Half Crown

Veterans of Foreign Wars knocked Scherner Squirts out of the running for the first half City Softball League crown by defeating them, 8-7, in a 12-inning tussle at Finlay field last night.

The Vets gained an early lead, which they held for the first three innings, but the Squirts evened the count at 1-1 in the fourth, then in a big sixth inning, went ahead 8-7.

Vets retaliated with a run in the seventh and five more in the eighth, putting them ahead, 7-6. Squirts evened the score in the ninth with a lone run by Sid Moon, who had reached first on a walk.

The next two innings were scoreless, but in the bottom half of the 12th, VFW man Larsen hit, went to third on two Squirts errors, then scored on a single by Foster, automatically ending the game.

In the fifth, Squirts' Nichols' homer with three men on put the losers ahead and in a happy mood, but the Vets came back with five tallies of their own, Taylor, Larsen, Strode, Foster and Potter doing the scoring, in the eighth.


The Vets play Umpqua Plywood in the nightcap Wednesday to decide the first-half winner. In the twilight game, set for 7:30 o'clock, Roseburg Elks play the Squirts. This action is the second game of the second half series.

Second half winner plays the first half winner to determine Roseburg's representative at the district tournament, to be played between Roseburg, Springfield and Reedsport. The district winner will participate in the state tournament, to be held at Eugene, starting August 31.

Line score:

LEAGUE LEADERS	
(By the Associated Press)	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Batting — Robinson, Brooklyn, .363;	Kiner, Pittsburgh, .331.
Runs batted in — Robinson, Brooklyn, 69;	Hodges, Brooklyn, 66.
Home runs — Kiner, Pittsburgh, 24;	Gordon, New York, 18.
Pitching — Sewell, Pittsburgh, 5-0,	1,000; Roe, Brooklyn, 9-2, .900.
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Batting — DiMaggio, Boston, .343;	Kell, Detroit, .328.
Runs batted in — Stephens, Boston, 53;	Williams, Boston, 50.
Home runs — Stephens, Boston, 23;	Williams, Boston, 21.
Pitching — Egan, New York, 10-1,	.900; Wynn, Cleveland, 7-1, .875.

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SPORTS

Athletic Program Scheduled At Finlay Field Thursday By Portland PAL Club Troupe

Portland's PAL club comes here Thursday night in a program of boxing, wrestling, and tumbling at Finlay field, under the direction of Mickey Pease, Portland policeman.

The PAL troupe, to consist of 18 young athletes ranging in age from six to 21, is currently touring Southern Oregon. The Moose lodge is financing the tour this year, paying all expenses.

Chiefs Will Play Glendale Friday

Roseburg Umpqua Chiefs have only one game scheduled for this week. The Chiefs play Glendale Friday night at Finlay field. The action is set for 8:30 p. m.

Next league game on the docket is away from home. The Chiefs travel to Crescent City, Calif., where they play a return contest with the Californians of the Southern Oregon league.

In a league tilt played here June 19, the Pointers handed Roseburg a 12-6 loss. The Chiefs got off to a bad start and nine Crescent City runs were tallied in a long first inning.

Pitcher Don Reed, who encountered some difficulty in getting the ball to catcher Pete Coor, was tapped for five hits.

Mel Krause held the visitors for seven and one-third innings, then Roy Long took over in the final stanza.

The Chiefs never recovered after the first inning debacle and the northern Californians won handily.

Revenge promises to be toothsome Sunday.

Dom DiMaggio Tops Batters Of American League

CHICAGO, July 19.—(AP)—Boston's Dom DiMaggio, taking advantage of George Kell's hitting slump, has wheeled into the American league batting lead with .342 for a six-point edge over the Detroit third sacker.

DiMaggio overtook his rival with a climb of four percentage points while Kell skidded nine. Kell had held the lead since early season and at one time had a 9-point bulge on the field.

Boston's Ted Williams was third with .329, followed by Dale Mitchell, Cleveland, .321; Roy Sliemers, St. Louis, .312; Cass Michaels, Chicago, .311; Johnny Pesky, Boston, .309; Jerry Priddy, St. Louis, and Eddie Robinson, Washington, .307 apiece, and Bob Dillinger, St. Louis, .304.

All averages are computed through Sunday's games. In the specialized department, Boston's Vern Stephens was the only double leader. He added three homers to boost his production to 23 and drove in seven runs for 93 RBIs.

Eddie Joost of Philadelphia continued on top in runs scored with 81. Pesky had the most hits, 106. Williams and Philadelphia's Hank Majeski were in a dead heat with 24 doubles apiece while Mitchell was ahead in triples with 12. Dillinger maintained base-stealing honors with nine.

Heading the pitching percentage was New York's Allie Reynolds with 10-1 for .909. Virgil Trucks of Detroit fanned three more batsmen to run his leading strikeout tally to 102.

Cleveland At Heels Of Yanks In League Race

Tribe Beats Boston As Yanks Lose To Chisox; Dodgers Stretch Lead

By JOE REICHLER Associated Press Sports Writer

That Cleveland flagpole sifter had better get ready to come down.

Just seven weeks ago, one Charles Lupica climbed atop a 16-foot wooden flagpole over his drug store and vowed he would not come down until the Indians climbed to first place in the American league.

At the time, the Indians were mired in seventh place and appeared to have about as much chance of displacing the front-running New York Yankees as Lupica had of replacing Lou Boudreau as tribe manager. Indeed, it looked as if the flagpole sifter had gotten himself a permanent new home.

But what a difference the next 49 days made. The Tribe did an about face and went on to win 31 of their next 47 games, rushing past five opponents into second place.

Today, the Indians are in their best spot since May 10. Following last night's 1-0 victory over the Boston Red Sox, the Redmen are only four and a-half games behind the Yankees. The Yankees helped the Indians along by blowing a 6-5 decision to the White Sox in Chicago. Five weeks ago, Cleveland was 10 1/2 games in back of the league leaders.

The Tribe's latest hero is rookie right-hander Mike Garcia, who beat Mickey McDermott, the Red Sox rookie, in a brilliant luring duel. Each struck out four and walked four, but Garcia gave up only six hits to seven for Boston's young southpaw.

The only run of the game came in the last half of the fifth, when Boudreau beat out an infield hit and scored on a long double by catcher Jim Hegan.

Not DiMaggio's Fault
A single with the bases loaded and two out in the 10th inning by George Metkovich scored Fred Hancock and Steve Souchock with the runs that gave the White Sox their victory over the Yankees.

Joe DiMaggio did his best to put the win in the Yankee locker. He collected a triple and two singles, drove in two runs and set a potential winning Chicago run down at the plate in the ninth.

The Philadelphia Athletics wrested third place from the Red Sox by outlasting the Detroit Tigers, 12-8, in a 10-inning struggle. The As blew an 8-1 lead when Detroit's Johnny Groth blasted two homers, each with two mates aboard, but rallied for five runs in the 10th against Stubby Overmire and Dizzy Trout.

Dodgers Stretch Lead
The Brooklyn Dodgers increased their National League margin over the St. Louis Cardinals to two and a-half games, beating the Chicago Cubs, 3-0, while the New York Giants downed the Redbirds, 7-4.

Lefty Joe Hatten pitched the shutout for the Dodgers, limiting the Cubs to five hits. Jackie Robinson starred for the Brooks. He walked in the sixth, stole second, went to third on an error and wiped home for the third time this season. In the eighth, he tripped to score Gene Hermanski with Brooklyn's final run.

Lefty Monte Kennedy lifted the Giants out of a three-game tailspin with the help of home runs by Sid Gordon and Bobby Thomson.

The Cincinnati Reds, behind a combination three-hitter by Ewell Blackwell and Eddie Erazo, whipped the third place Boston Braves, 6-1.

Held scoreless for seven innings, the Pittsburgh Pirates erupted for seven runs in the

Jackie Robinson Still Top Hitter Of National Loop

NEW YORK, July 19.—(AP)—National League batsmen have just about given up hope of catching Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson in the batting race.

They've been chasing Robinson for seven weeks now, but after last Sunday's games, found themselves further behind than ever. Through the games of July 17, the fleet-footed second baseman had lashed out 117 hits in 322 times at bat for a .363 batting mark.

That figure was 31 points better than Ralph Kiner's runner-up mark of .332. The powerful Pittsburgh slugger wrested second place from New York's Willard Marshall, who slumped off 1' points to a fourth place .327.

Al (Red) Schoendienst of St. Louis, one of the many frantic chasers of Robinson, had to be content with a third place mark of .329. Gil Hodges, teammate of Robinson, moved to fifth place during the week with a .323.

Another fast moving gent during the past week was Wally Westlake of the Pirates, who boosted his average 16 points to .319. He took over sixth place from New York's Bobby Thomson, who slumped to .317. Eddie Kazak, rookie third baseman of the Cardinals, was in eighth place with .315. He was tied for the spot with Sid Gordon of the Giants.

Peewee Reese, having one of his best hitting years, rounded out the big ten. The Dodger shortstop was hitting at .303.

Creswell Trims Elkton In Swatfest Contest

Creswell defeated Elkton, 12-10 Sunday in a baseball game which featured 24 hits and 17 errors throughout the contest. Extra base hits were also common, with Elkton's Parks and Swearingen collecting a double apiece and Roberts credited with a triple.

Heavy hitter for the Creswell nine was Turner with a triple, double and two singles in five trips to the plate.

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Batteries for Creswell: Bayless, eighth to defeat the Phillies in Philadelphia, 7-2. Four pitchers vainly tried to stem the rally, with Konstanty getting plastered with the defeat. Murry Dickson went all the way for the Pirates.

The Washington Senators and St. Louis Browns enjoyed a day off.



LINKS CROWN WON — Ken Towns, 20-year-old San Franciscan, holds the trophy emblematic of the National Public Links golf championship which he won at Los Angeles. He defeated a fellow-townsman, William C. Betger, 5 and 3, in the 36-hole final round. (AP Wire-photo.)

BASEBALL STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	51	32	.614
St. Louis	48	35	.583
Boston	46	38	.541
Philadelphia	43	41	.512
New York	40	44	.484
Pittsburgh	39	45	.475
Cincinnati	34	48	.413
Chicago	31	54	.365

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	53	20	.725
Cleveland	48	24	.667
Philadelphia	46	26	.638
Boston	45	29	.608
Detroit	42	32	.569
Chicago	37	49	.429
Washington	34	46	.425
St. Louis	27	53	.339

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Hollywood	69	46	.600
Sacramento	59	52	.522
New Diego	59	53	.518
Seattle	58	57	.504
Oakland	52	57	.476
Portland	35	57	.379
San Francisco	31	63	.328
Los Angeles	48	67	.417

Semi-Final Eliminations In Legion Junior Baseball Scheduled At Drain

Semi-final eliminations in the state American Legion junior baseball tournament are to be held in Drain, July 29, 30 and 31.

Lee Curry, chairman of junior baseball at Drain, in charge of tournament arrangements, reports that the games at Drain will determine the southern Oregon championship, the winning team to compete in the state championship playoffs.

Drain, winner in the eastern half of district 10, and Coos Bay, winner of the western half of the same district, are already assured of places in the semi-finals. Eugene, Albany and Corvallis will settle the district 3 title this week, while Medford and Grants Pass will meet for the district 4 championship.

Doubleheader games will be played Friday, July 29, with Drain meeting the district 3 winner, and Coos Bay scheduled against the district 4 champions. Friday and Saturday games will start at 6:30 o'clock each evening. A team must be beaten twice to be eliminated from competition.

Semi-finals will be played at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, July 31, with the finals set for 8:00 p. m. It is mathematically possible that the finals cannot be reached by Monday, in which case the tournament will be extended an extra day, Curry states.

Veterans Defeat Myrtle Ck. Lions

The Veterans hospital All-Stars defeated Myrtle Creek Lions by a decisive 22-10 tally at the hospital playing field Monday night in a Twilight league action.

The All-Stars built up an early lead, gaining an 8-0 edge after two innings of play. The All-Stars batted completely around the hitting order in both the 2nd and 5th innings, scoring seven and 10 runs respectively in the two prolonged frames.

The All-Stars built up an early four three-baggers, two two-base hits and one home run. They topped Lions' pitcher Lorenz for 13 hits. Lorenz also walked seven 'Stars and struck out one.

The All-Star hurler held the visitors to seven hits, including a three-bagger. He walked three and struck out six.

MC Lions did their scoring in the third and sixth innings, with four and six runs respectively. Tonight, the 'Stars play Myrtle Creek Plywood at the hospital field. Game time is 6:15 and the public is invited.

Seals Defeat Oakland In Only League Game

(By the Associated Press) A first inning homer by Walt Judnich with one aboard gave San Francisco a 2 to 1 win over Oakland in the Pacific Coast league's only Monday game.

Otherwise the game was a tight

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FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
(By the Associated Press)
WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Rocky Graziano, 15½, New York, knocked out Joe Agosta, 15½, Brooklyn (2).
BROOKLYN — Al Costantino, 14½, New York, stopped Russell Howard, 14½, Brooklyn (7).
PHILADELPHIA — Bobby Lee, 14½, Baltimore, outpointed Chico Varona, 14½, Havana (8).
NEW ORLEANS — Maxie Doucens, 13½, New Orleans, outpointed Joey Barnum, 13½, Chicago (10).

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