

# City Softball Crown Won By Squirts; Seven Races Open Fairgrounds Bill

## Plywood Is Loser, 12-6, In Rubber Game

Vang Stars In Pitching, Batting; Victors Take On Coos Bay Here Tonight

By DAN MINDOLOVICH  
News-Review Correspondent  
Scherer Squirts pounded out an easy 12-6 victory over Umpqua Plywood last night at Finlay field, in the rubber game of a playoff series, to win the city softball championship and the right to represent the city at the district tournament.

Thanks to the superb pitching of Swede Vang, the Squirts entertained little difficulty in staying in the lead. The husky, hot-tempered workman gave up five well-located hits, for one run.

In the seventh inning, Vang took a breather and Ralph Sandsted came into the game. He was promptly slammed out of the box after giving up three hits and two bases on balls for five runs.

The only other Plywood run had come in the fourth inning, when Spud Harris scored on the only Squirts' error.

Fred Schermer's club pounced on Plywood pitcher in the first inning, piling up five runs on five hits and two errors.

Vang, hitting three for four, slammed a homer, scoring Schermer ahead of him.

Hits by Pin Laurance, Red Nichols and Chuck Schofield and a base on balls issued to Dage all helped the Squirts to a big first-inning lead.

Baughman held the Squirts to one lone hit by Vang for the next three innings, but again in the fifth they piled up four runs on four hits, Vang, with a single, leading the parade. Hal Edgar followed with a base hit, Laurance slammed a double, and Dage came through with a triple the same frame.

In the sixth, Squirts piled up two more tallies on a single by Fred Schermer and two Plywood errors.

Bill Shapiro punctuated Squirts' big lead with the second home run of the game in the eighth.

Noble White and Harris, each drawing bases on balls, and two batters by Bill Benson, and Charlie Hopkins and a single by Roy Baughman in the seventh increased Plywood's mark to six runs.

Hal Edgar, playing left field, turned in an outstanding fielding performance, nipping six Plywood flies for putouts.

Six errors by Plywood helped

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NEW YORK, Aug. 18. — (AP) — Two short blocks back of Yankee stadium will help perpetuate the name of the most famous Yankee of them all—Bebe Ruth.

"Bebe Ruth Plaza" was dedicated last night before a crowd of 5,000, including the entire present-day Yankee team.

Manager Casey Stengel and his American league leaders stood, in uniforms, around the speakers stand as tribute was paid to the late home run king.

Mrs. Claire Ruth, widow of the late Yankee star, attended the ceremonies.

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## SPORTS

### Tonight's Fairgrounds Racing Card

| First race—Purse \$150—2:30 Yds.                              |        |        |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--|
| Horse                                                         | Jockey | Weight |  |
| Diamond Debi—G. Kelly                                         | 119    |        |  |
| Danger Boy—C. Strauss                                         | 119    |        |  |
| Gallant Boss—J. Davis                                         | 120    |        |  |
| Sweet Louise—K. Jones                                         | 119    |        |  |
| Brown Lady—J. Hungerford                                      | 119    |        |  |
| Judy J—N. P. Patton                                           | 118    |        |  |
| Second race—Cig. live furlongs—Purse \$150.00                 |        |        |  |
| Horse                                                         | Jockey | Weight |  |
| Little Boy—K. Jones                                           | 120    |        |  |
| Ketch Burg—G. Kelly                                           | 120    |        |  |
| Little Gears—R. Diamond                                       | 120    |        |  |
| Tareabout—M. Perry                                            | 120    |        |  |
| Wilhelmina Kay—L. Slape                                       | 120    |        |  |
| Boyzton—C. Hewes                                              | 120    |        |  |
| Carle Jo—V. Beamer                                            | 115    |        |  |
| One Night—N. P. Patton                                        | 115    |        |  |
| Third race—For unclassified horses—Purse \$150.00—1:30 Yds.   |        |        |  |
| Horse                                                         | Jockey | Weight |  |
| Miss Fittz—G. Davis                                           | 123    |        |  |
| Golden Poppy—V. Beamer                                        | 123    |        |  |
| Pat—M. Perry                                                  | 123    |        |  |
| Valley Rose—M. Perry                                          | 123    |        |  |
| Jackie—G. Kelly                                               | 123    |        |  |
| Record Crop—Jones                                             | 123    |        |  |
| Fourth race—Allowance—six & over half furlongs—Purse \$150.00 |        |        |  |
| Horse                                                         | Jockey | Weight |  |
| Horse—Jockey                                                  | Weight |        |  |

### BASEBALL STANDINGS

| AMERICAN LEAGUE      |    |    |      |
|----------------------|----|----|------|
| Team                 | W  | L  | Pct. |
| New York             | 50 | 41 | .551 |
| St. Louis            | 48 | 46 | .508 |
| Cleveland            | 46 | 47 | .492 |
| Philadelphia         | 42 | 53 | .443 |
| Chicago              | 40 | 54 | .426 |
| Washington           | 38 | 56 | .402 |
| St. Louis            | 37 | 57 | .395 |
| NATIONAL LEAGUE      |    |    |      |
| Team                 | W  | L  | Pct. |
| St. Louis            | 48 | 42 | .533 |
| Brooklyn             | 47 | 43 | .519 |
| Pittsburgh           | 46 | 44 | .508 |
| Philadelphia         | 46 | 44 | .508 |
| San Diego            | 45 | 45 | .500 |
| Cincinnati           | 44 | 46 | .489 |
| St. Louis            | 43 | 47 | .478 |
| PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE |    |    |      |
| Team                 | W  | L  | Pct. |
| Hollywood            | 33 | 63 | .343 |
| Sacramento           | 27 | 69 | .283 |
| Oakland              | 27 | 69 | .283 |
| San Diego            | 24 | 72 | .250 |
| Seattle              | 24 | 74 | .245 |
| Portland             | 19 | 75 | .202 |
| San Francisco        | 18 | 78 | .188 |
| Los Angeles          | 11 | 86 | .113 |

### LEAGUE LEADERS

| By The Associated Press                                             |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| BATTING—Williams, Boston, .356; Kell, Detroit, .351                 |  |  |  |
| HOME RUNS—Stephens, Boston, 131; Williams, Boston, 110              |  |  |  |
| PITCHING—Kuzava, Chicago, 8-2, .800; Reynolds, New York, 10-3, .786 |  |  |  |
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Squirts pile up four unearned runs. Baughman pitched 12-hit ball, while striking out two and walking two. Sandsted walked two, and Vang struck out one and walked none.

Tonight, Squirts meet Coos Bay here at 8 o'clock, in the first of a double elimination playoff series, to determine the state tournament entry for this district. Cottage Grove, the other district participant, will be host to the Squirts Friday night. Sunday, both the Squirts and Cottage Grove are listed to battle Coos Bay at Medford.

Linscott: R. H. E. Plywood ... 000 100 500—8 9 6 Squirts ... 500 012 018—12 12 1 Umpires—Louis McAllister, plate; Jack Loomis, bases.

## 2,800 Fans See Bangtails In Seven Events

### Grey Lady Outruns Four Rivals In Feature Dash; Tempo Of Betting Lively

Douglas county's first glimpse at professional horse racing in many years was an approving one, 2,800 horse-loving spectators indicated last night at the fairgrounds. Part-mutuel windows were thronged all evening, as bettors got acquainted with the wagering procedures which will continue through the 10-day racing meet.

Feature race of the evening was the sixth event, the Topper added purse. Henry Cook, mayor of Sutherland and owner of Topper, named show quarter horse, add \$100 to the regular \$250 purse. Badger's Grey Lady, one of the world's top quarter horses and the favorite at 1 to 2 odds, was the winner, covering the 330-yard course in :18.1.

Grey Lady, owned by James Reece and trained by O. R. Snow, broke out of the gate first in the field of five, was pushed hard on the turn by Teejo, but increased her lead on the home stretch to win pulling away, by two and a half lengths, under nice handling by Jockey M. Perry, booting home his second winner of the evening. Teejo was second by a quarter of a length, and Big House was third. Grey Lady paid her many backers \$320, \$240, and \$220.

Opening night bettors got a good introduction to the sport in the first race, when Maudy Jane came home the winner in a 440-yard quarter horse event, under Jockey Joe Hungerford, in a photo finish, to pay \$15.70 for a \$2 straight ticket, \$10.50, and \$6.00. Flicka Grey was second, and Candy P. third.

In the second race, a thoroughbred event over a five furlong course, Everpin jumped into the lead after the break and pulled into the clear. Bienvenue pushed the leader down the backstretch, pulling up within a quarter-length, but couldn't take the lead. Tets Bets drove hard up the inside, but couldn't catch the leaders and Everspin, under Jockey Luther Slape, won by a length. Bienvenue was second by two lengths, and Tets Bets third. The winner, owned by C. H. Guffey, paid more for show, \$4.70, than it did for win tickets, \$4.60. Place ticket was worth \$4.20. The time, :59.1, was a new Roseburg track record for the distance.

Five quarter horses entered the third race, run over a 220-yard course. Polly A. broke into the lead by half a length after 100 yards and held her position, although pushed hard by Diamond H. who was second by a neck over Virginia Reel. Jockey Joe Hungerford rode his second winner home, and it paid \$7.60, \$3.80, and \$2.70.

The fourth was a thoroughbred event over a five-furlong course. Padre Juan, after a slow start, broke into the lead with a rush on the backstretch, taking over from Rock Pan, who broke first. Lou Manners came up on the outside to take second by a length. Rock Pan was third. Winning jockey was M. Perry, who also rode the stake race winner.

In the fifth Nevada Nugget and Jap were entered as a single entry in the 330-yard quarter race, and it was all their race. Jap broke first, with Nevada Nugget a tight second, and the two pounded down the track and across the finish in the same position, close enough together for a photo finish. Linda F. was third. Time was :18.8.

The final race, a thoroughbred event over the longest course of the evening, a mile and one-sixteenth, had six entries. Zoric, under Cal Hewes, broke fast but was pressed hard at the half by Quit That. Quit That was forced wide out coming out of the last turn by Zoric, and couldn't pull up. Zoric won by two lengths. Quit That placed five, and Sweep Snow, who ran a steady race, showed. Time was 1:56.6, for another Roseburg track record. Zoric paid \$12.50, \$4.50, and \$2.90. Top jockey for the evening was

## Browns Hang Double Defeat On Cleveland

Yankees, Sox Both Win; Cardinals Regain Lead In National Loop Race

By JOE REICHLER  
Associated Press Sportswriter  
Cleveland's baseball crown was slightly askew today, needing only a couple of more nudges to knock it off completely.

It is becoming more and more evident that unless Bob Feller and Bob Lemon get some much needed pitching help, that world championship flag won't be waving much longer at the Indians' Municipal stadium.

The Indians went into battle without Feller and Lemon yesterday and were neatly scalped by the lowly St. Louis Browns. They took a double defeat that might prove to be the blow that knocked them out of the pennant race. The Browns won by scores of 10-6 and 5-2.

The twin setbacks dumped the Tribe into third place a full five games behind the pace-setting New York Yankees.

Faced with the prospect of seeing their lead over the Boston Red Sox diminish to only two and a half games, the Yankees rallied to score two runs in the bottom of the ninth to nip the Washington Senators, 4-3. The Red Sox overcame the Philadelphia Athletics, 5-1, in 10 innings.

Cardinals Regain Top  
In the nip-and-tuck National league race, the St. Louis Cardinals took over first place from the Brooklyn Dodgers by the slender margin of a half game.

The Cards outlasted the Cincinnati Reds, 4-3, in a 13-inning thriller while the Dodgers bowed to the Philadelphia Phillies, 11-7. A single by relief pitcher Freddie Martin scored Enos Slaughter from second with the payoff Cardinal run. A five-run eighth inning uprising snapped a 5-5 tie and gave the Phils their second straight triumph over the Brooks.

In other games the Chicago White Sox shut out the Detroit Tigers, 1-0, and the Boston Braves walloped the New York Giants, 13-4. Rain washed out the scheduled game between Pittsburgh and the Chicago Cubs.

Eight Cleveland pitchers tried in vain to stop the suddenly aroused Browns, five of them seeing service in the opener. Early Wynn was batted out in the first inning, but the first game defeat fell upon Sam Zolack. Satchell Paige had a 2-1 lead going into the seventh, but was shelled for three runs to be charged with his sixth defeat.

Gerry Priddy was the batting leader of the Browns. He drove in four runs with a single and triple in the first game, and batted in two more with a single and a homer in the nightcap.

## Jap Swimmers Break Records At Los Angeles Meet

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 18. — (AP) — With two titles sewed up, Japan's world beating swim squad goes after two more national AAU crowns today.

And ask the 800-odd fans who saw last night's amazing performance—what's to stop them?

Hironoshin Furuhashi, who in two short days has stamped himself as one of swimmer's immortals, will seek the 400-meter free style title to go with the 1500-meter diadem he won in record time yesterday.

Furuhashi, after a 30-lap stroke for stroke battle with teammate Shiro Hamamura, won by four yards in 18:29.9, far under the listed world mark of 18:58.8 by T. Amano in 1938. Hashizume swam it in 18:32.6 to make it the fastest two-man marathon in history.

Furuhashi now has his sights set on a new world mark in the 400.

Japan's second winner last night was powerful 190-pound Yoshihiro Hamaguchi, who swam the 200 meters in 2:11, just edging John Blum of the New Haven swim club.

The American champions are 18-year-old Skippy Browning of Dallas, Texas, who surprised vet-

M. Perry, who rode two winners and pushed home a place, Quit That. Joe Hungerford was runner-up with two winners.



## Fletcher Hurls 20th Win; Beavers Victims, 10 To 7

By JIM HUBBART  
Associated Press Sportswriter  
For the first time in two years, the Pacific Coast league has a 20-game winner today in 35-year-old Guy Fletcher, hefty Seattle right hander.

Fletcher turned the trick at Portland Wednesday night as he twirled the fifth place Rainiers to a 10-to-7 victory over the Beavers. The veteran six footer got plenty of support from his mates, though, as they lambasted 15 hits to post their second straight triumph in the series.

The last time coast loop pitchers passed the 20-game mark was in 1947, Cliff Chambers, then of Los Angeles, finished the season with a 24-9 record and Bob Chenes, San Francisco, ended with 22-8. Fletcher just missed that year, closing out the campaign with 18 wins and 13 losses.

It took last place Los Angeles 11 innings to squeeze out a 5-to-4 triumph over San Francisco. Timely clutch hitting by Coos Garriott pulled the game out of the fire and left the series at one each.

Allie Clark, Luke Easter's replacement at San Diego, homered in his first two Coast league appearances, giving the Padres seven runs in their 9-to-5 conquest of Sacramento.

It was an emphatic, if not violent inaugural for Clark, who came to San Diego on option from Cleveland in return for Easter.

At Oakland, meanwhile, the league leading Hollywood Stars bounced back to pin a 7-to-4 defeat on the Acorns as Glen Moulder twirled his 12th victory of the season. Oakland and Sacramento are tied for second place, six games off the pace.

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**SWIMMING MEET ENTRY**—Norine Krusman, above, will attempt to rack up points for the Roseburg Swimming team Sunday evening, when the first Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Douglas county swimming meet is scheduled to get underway. Coach Bill Evans said today he is still looking for more entries to participate. Anyone living in Douglas county may enter, except professionals. Chairman Al Hughes said no entry fee and no admission charge will be made. Entries may sign until two hours prior to meet time, which is 7:30 Sunday evening. Top Roseburg swimmers in Sunday's meet will later travel with Evans to The Dallas, to participate in the AAU meet there. (Staff photo.)

## Umpqua Chiefs Will Battle Grants Pass In Final Game Of Regular League Schedule

Southern Oregon league baseball ends Sunday with four games scheduled. Roseburg travels to Grants Pass, Medford plays at Myrtle Creek, Ashland goes to Crescent City and Prospect will visit Central Point.

Roseburg, currently leading the league, will attempt to capture the league crown with a win over the Cavemen club, Myrtle Creek and Medford, tied for third place, will battle for a spot in the Shaughnessy playoff. Ashland and Central Point are the other leading contenders for playoff consideration.

Sunday's games are expected to be sizzling affairs. Number one team will play number three team and number two team will play number four team in the Shaughnessy series, which is tentatively set for August 28. Number one and two teams will be the home clubs. The two winners will play for the Shaughnessy trophy, while the two losers vie for the consolation award.

**Liquor Announced**  
Myrtle Creek manager Kenny Laurance released a tentative lineup for Sunday's battle, which includes Clyde DeWitt or Don Loghry, pitchers; Andy Endecott, catcher; Bud Shirliff, first base; Pin Laurance, second base; Zane Garren, short; Frosty Loghry, third base; Lou Kotnick, left field; Lovell Baker, center field and Charlie Brown, right field.

Roseburg's manager Earl Sargent issued the following tentative lineup: Bill Stratton, right field; Virg Sanders, left field; Ted Wilson, center field; Norm West, first base; George Sanders, short; Earl Hampton, third base; Barney Koch, second base; Jerry Huggins, catcher and either Mel Krause or Don Reed, pitcher.

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## Rookies Pace Rams To Victory Over Gold Team

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 18. — (AP) — A rookie halfback named V. T. Smith paced the Los Angeles Rams' Blues to a 28-to-13 victory over Bob Waterfield's veteran Gold team last night in the National football league club's annual intra-squad game.

Smith, little all-American from Abilene Christian, personally accounted for three touchdowns, all of them in the second half. Tommy Kalmanir, rookie from the University of Nevada, scored the other and Oregon's Norm Van Brocklin passed for four extra points.

Erans Miller Anderson and Bruce Harlan in the springboard dive; and the University of Iowa 300-medley relay team of Duane Draves, Bowen Stassforth and Wally Ris.

The Japanese did not compete in either the dive or the medley event.

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