

Dodgers Edge Pirates In Ninth Inning

Hodges' 2-Run Homer Decides Contest, 4-3

Cardinals Blasted By Boston Braves; Sox' Kinder Blanks Detroit

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Thanks to Gil Hodges, the Brooklyn Dodgers are only a game and a half behind the St. Louis Cardinals in the rugged National league race.

Hodges, probably the best first baseman in the league although he is playing his first full season at the job, is giving Jackie Robinson a run for his money as the most valuable Dodger. He is hitting only .294, but his sense of timing is terrific.

Rex Barney, struggling to redeem himself, after flopping badly all season, trailed Murry Dickson, 3-2, in the ninth inning yesterday when Gil did his stuff. There was a runner on first and one out.

Hodges slammed a Dickson gopher ball special into the left field seats for his 21st homer to break up the ball game. That ruined Dickson's budding win streak and handed Pittsburgh a 4-3 loss.

The Cards' season-long "cousins," the Boston Braves, turned on their old tormentors to blast St. Louis, 12-4. In addition to the loss, their fifth in 20 meetings with the 1948 champs, the Cards were crippled by an injury to pitcher Red Munger. The husky righthanded winner of 12 games left the game after he pulled a side muscle batting in the third.

Other National leaguers were idle.

Yankees' Lead Reduced
The crippled New York Yankees lost a full game of their American league lead, which now measured three games, by dropping a 6-2 decision to the St. Louis Browns. Runner-up Boston blanked Detroit, 3-0, behind Ellis Kinder to snap the Tigers' eight-game win string.

Yankee Ed Lopat was knocked out in the fourth inning with Stan Spence's second straight double. Rookie Roy Sievers was the batting star, knocking in three "Brownie" runs to ease Al Papa's pitching job. Lopat's third inning homer was the only Yankee score off Papa until the seventh.

Kinder, almost a sure thing to join Mel Parnell in the 20-win club, picked up his 17th victory with a brilliant five-hit shutout of Detroit. Eight-game win streaks,

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SPORTS

Battle Royal Of Six Men On Saturday Wrestling Bill To Feature Two Yaqui Indians

Two Yaqui Indians from the rugged Sonora mountains of Mexico, Yaqui Joe and the Yaqui Kid, will lead a six-man field in a wrestling "battle royal" at the Roseburg Armory Saturday night, Matchmaker Elton Owen announced.

Other principals in the free-for-all for a \$250 purse will be Jack Kiser, ex-coast champ from Portland; Pierre LaBelle, talented French-Canadian from Montreal; Tony Falletti, the Italian villain from Brooklyn; Billy McEuin, the rough and tough kidney puncher from Texas.

Three of the principals are aiming at a title match with Buck Weaver, and a victory Saturday would go a long way in establishing any of the trio as title contenders. The ambitious group includes the young Indian, Kiser and McEuin.

The six-man event will actually be three matches. The first two men pinned to the mat or knocked out, as the case may be, will retire for the evening—with just enough compensation to pay expenses. The next two ousted will return for a one-fall, 30-minute match, and the finalists will wrestle for 30 minutes or two out of three falls.

The two Indians, the veteran Joe and the fast-developing Kid, are expected to attract the most attention among Douglas county fans. The other matmen have a w. a. n. e. d that the referee must watch out for any ganging up between the two Indians, and McEuin said, "All hell will be popping" if those redskins try anything tricky. They'll wish their tribe had never heard of scalping.

It appears inevitable that Joe will attempt to both aid and protect his protegee in his first battle royal. He has done virtually that in every other match.

Fans who haven't seen Joe in action for years will be surprised at the ability of the veteran. He has appeared several times at the Veterans hospital and recently fought a successful team match in Eugene.

In the meantime it was understood the Roseburg commission has backed up Referee Owen's decision of last week when he disqualified Georges Dusette when the Frenchman lost his head for a time in a hectic bout against Weaver.

Reserved seat tickets for Saturday's show are on sale at Powell's.

Roseburg High Grid Hopefuls Working Out

Players Perform Under Guidance Of Coaches In Team-Building Efforts

There's never a dull moment at Finlay field these nights. The lighted practice area is a beehive of activity, with more going on per second than any of the circus brotators could provide in a three-ringed affair under the big-top.

Last night, Ceece Sherwood, head football coach, aided by Norm West, cracked the whip and prospective quarterbacks gave a demonstration of passing to ends and backs.

On another section of the field, Ray Brown worked with linemen on tackling. Early arriving Junior high school talent, working under coaches Frank Purdy and Ed Wyatt, were initiated into the secrets of blocking and tackling.

Prospective punters punted and ends scurried down-field to tackle would-be ball carriers.

Last night's drill was topped off with a 30-minute scrimmage, with most of the work concentrated on new plays. Sherwood will use the T-formation and single wing, alternately, as the occasion demands.

Dale Blanck, sturdy letterman end, is out of bed after suffering from the mumps. He is expected to be in a football uniform shortly.

The candidates wound up the rugged session with wind sprints, before knocking off for the night.

Practice will continue each evening this week, with the exception of Saturday, at which time the candidates will meet in the morning. No practice will be held over Sunday and Monday, Labor day weekend.

Night practice continues next week, until school starts, Sept. 7. Afternoon drills will be launched at that time, Sherwood said.

Season ticket sales start Wednesday, Sept. 7, at a time and place to be designated by ticket manager Jack Newby. A \$6.00 book will entitle season ticket purchasers to reserved seats at six home games, including the opener with Medford.

Four of the big Elater fireflies of Mexico or Brazil can throw enough light by which a book can be read.

Top 3 Teams In Coast League Win

It looks like it will take that crucial Hollywood-Sacramento series, starting Friday, to cause any excitement in the Pacific coast league.

Tuesday night's results found the loop's first three teams winning and the league standings unchanged. Hollywood blanked San Francisco, 7 to 0, to keep its three-game lead. Oakland homered a 10-to-3 victory off Los Angeles to stay in second place while Sacramento edged San Diego, 3 to 2, to stay a game behind the Oaks.

Gordy Maltzberger threw a five-hitter in shutting out the seals. Dick Kryhoski, Loyd Christopher and Jackie Jensen slammed the four-baggers that produced eight of the Oaks' runs.

Jensen's blast came with the bases loaded. Angel Carmen Mauro homered in all of the losers' runs.

Jim Tabor's 15th home run of the season provided the Solons' tying run. In the seventh he doubled and then scored the winning run.

Seattle nosed out Portland, 2 to 1. Jack Warren's fourth inning homer was the clincher. The Rainiers' first tally was unearned.

Chiefs Dated For Playoffs' Finale

Sunday, the Roseburg Umpqua Chiefs wind up a successful baseball season in the Southern Oregon league, by playing either Medford Craters or Ashland Lithians for the Shaughnessy baseball trophy, at Finlay field.

Ashland and Medford battle it out tonight at Medford, to decide which meets Roseburg. The loser plays Central Point for the consolation prize. The four clubs were the top teams in the Southern Oregon league, that ended regular play a week ago Sunday.

The Chiefs were on top with eleven wins and only three losses. Also listed for Sunday is the announcement of the All-Star team of the Southern Oregon league, according to Chiefs' manager Earl Sargent.

The Chiefs will try for their 35th win in 47 games played. Mel Krause will start the pitching for Roseburg.

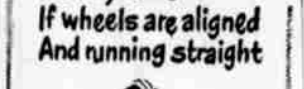
BASEBALL STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE		
Hollywood	70	300
Oakland	66	341
Sacramento	65	335
San Diego	62	318
Seattle	59	407
San Francisco	37	478
Portland	25	475
Los Angeles	24	490
NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Pet.	1	303
St. Louis	7	419
Brooklyn	7	408
Boston	6	320
Philadelphia	6	300
New York	6	300
Pittsburgh	7	440
Cincinnati	30	401
Chicago	43	303
AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Pet.	1	326
New York	7	398
Boston	7	391
Cleveland	7	304
Detroit	7	307
Philadelphia	6	332
Chicago	11	405
St. Louis	48	350
Washington	42	339

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

(By The Associated Press)
HARTFORD, Conn.—Vic Cardell, 145, Wilson, Conn., outpointed Frankie Vigan, 144, Thompson, Conn., 12-3.
MONTREAL—Ray Edwards, 128 3/4, New York, outpointed Maurice La Chapelle, 128 1/2, Montreal, 10-0.
LOS ANGELES—Maxie Doucen, 135 1/2, New Orleans, knocked out Lem Thomas, 137, Chicago, (4).

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CITY CHAMPS—Declared winners of the Y.M.C.A.-sponsored city junior men's tennis doubles tournament were Dick Jacobson and Ronnie Strickling (standing), when they defeated Gene Henry and Gene Wilkerson (kneeling), on the local court Monday.

Jacobson, also winner of the junior men's singles tourney, is shown in the lower photo.

Presentation of first place ribbons climaxed the summer season for boys of this age and play will be suspended until next year, again under the sponsorship of the local "Y." (Staff photo.)

Major League Scouts Eyeing Junior Series

OMAHA, Aug. 31. — (P) — It's payoff time for some teen-agers' baseball ambitions.

Tonight the American Legion junior baseball little world series opens here. At stake will be a championship sought after by 16,000 sandlot teams, a place in baseball's hall of fame and maybe some careers in big league baseball.

The boys who hope to cash in on a summer or more of dead-end sandlot play come from Cincinnati, Atlanta, Oakland, Calif., and Wheeling, W. Va.

For the little world series scouts from all of the 16 major league teams will be in the stands at Omaha's municipal stadium.

Championship Golf Play On At Country Club

Local golfers at the country club are currently in the midst of championship play. Ward Cummings Jr., having defeated Charles Kash, will play his father Ward Cummings Sr., who defeated Maurice Hallmark, for the club championship.

Two tournaments are scheduled for the coming weekend. A 36-hole handicap tournament will be played Saturday and Sunday, while on Monday a foursome tournament is listed.

Roseburg country club golfers defeated the visiting Cottage Grove team, 43 to 19, here Sunday in a team match.

The first steelworks in America is believed to have been one established at Trenton, N. J., in 1734.

About 470 million lemons, the Tea Bureau reports, are used with iced tea every year.

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Improvements At Finlay Field About Completed

Improvements to Finlay field and the grandstand are nearing the completion stage, according to Ceece Sherwood, football coach at Senior high and athletic director of the Roseburg school system.

Underneath the grandstands, a special partition has been built, to accommodate Junior high school gridders, who will work alongside Sherwood's varsity team. Closer contact between Junior and senior school groups is being stressed this year, so that the younger football aspirants will have first-hand knowledge of what to expect when they reach the "senior" level.

Drying racks are still being constructed, on which uniforms will be hung after each game. In the first aid room students have covered the walls with a new coat of paint.

A new hot water heater has been installed and hot water in the showers is assured after each practice session or game.

Two carloads of cinders donated by Roseburg athletic supporters, were shoveled onto the track. It will be rolled and allowed to settle for the track season next spring.

With an eye to cutting down water expenses, a pump has been installed near the grandstand and water is being pumped from the river to irrigate the turf and practice area. Heretofore, city water was used to wet down the field. Also, new sprinklers have been purchased.

Arthur McGehehey, local cabinet maker, is donating labor to make football benches from lumber donated by the Roseburg boxing promoters.

Tentatively listed for early construction is another section of bleachers, opposite the grandstands.

limit on money for fresh talent. That came from owner P. K. Wrigley, who estimated yesterday that the Cubs have spent \$2,000,000 on player material over a four-year period, including this season.

"That's a lot of money," Wrigley conceded, but added: "Grimm (Vice-President Charley Grimm) is now in the east talking with other clubs and there's no limit on what he can spend."

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