

SPORTS

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FORMER CHAMP IS 75—Jim Jeffries, world heavyweight boxing champ of 50 years ago, tempts his pet dog Jeff with a tasty tid-bit as he observes his 75th birthday by relaxing at his home in Burbank, Calif. The city of Burbank proclaimed the day "James J. Jeffries Day" in his honor.

16 At Practice For Chiefs Club

Earl Sargent, manager of the Umpqua Chiefs baseball club, reported that about 16 players turned out for the squad's first practice Sunday.

Sargent said that the Sunday practice was just a warm-up and organizational session designed to get the players to know each other as well as to give him a chance to see what they could do. The squad held a batting and fielding practice but no organized practice game.

The Chiefs' manager stated that all positions of the squad were still wide open. He is particularly worried about the second base spot. According to Sargent the one bright spot in the picture is the pitching staff. The Chief mound staff should be stronger than last year when the local entry in the Southern Oregon league won the pennant in regular season play.

The Umpqua Chiefs will hold another practice session next Sunday on Finlay field.

Sargent is negotiating for a practice game with Oakland March 30. Regular season play will open May 7 when the Chiefs go on the road to play Crescent City.

BACKLUND WINNER

Art Backlund, former Roseburg high school athlete, captured a third place in the mile run event in the University of Oregon-Idaho track meet at Moscow Saturday. Backlund was beat out for first place by the Webfoots' Jack Hutchins, a former Canadian Olympic miler. Johnsen of Idaho took second place. Time for the mile run was 4:40.01.

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APRIL 28

Roseburg Invitational Track Meet To Host 7 High Schools

A track and field classic is slated to get underway Friday, April 28, when Roseburg high school will act as host to athletes from seven high schools in the first annual Roseburg Invitational track meet at Finlay field.

Frank Purday, Indian track mentor, announced today that plans for the meet, the first of its kind ever held in Roseburg, were completed this week and entry blanks to the seven competing schools are in the mail. He pointed out, the local high school officials and Roseburg civic leaders who co-operated in organizing the event, hope to make the affair a Roseburg athletic institution.

Purpose Told

The invitational meet is not necessarily designed to attract the

best high school track talent in the state, but rather to give deserving athletes of fair ability a chance to gain a little more personal recognition during their high school careers.

This year teams from Myrtle Creek, Coquille, Marshfield, North Bend, Reedsport, Sutherlin, Myrtle Point and Roseburg will compete for honors in the track and field meet.

The meet will consist of all the regular events, plus three special relays: the shuttle hurdle relay, weight man's relay and a medley relay. In the medley relay, four runners will participate. The first runner will run a quarter mile, the second runner half a mile, the third runner three quarter mile and the fourth runner will run a mile.

State Meet Scoring

Scoring for the meet will be conducted in the same manner as the state track meet, with the first six places receiving points. Ten points will be awarded for a first place, eight for second, six for third, four for fourth, two for fifth and one for sixth place.

The local Lions organization have donated three trophies for the meet, the runner-up team and a special trophy to be awarded to the winner of the mile run. Barcus Sales and Service has donated a trophy to be awarded to the individual high scorer of the meet. Both the mile run trophy and the individual high point trophy will be revolving trophies that will be exchanged by the winners each year.

The preliminary trials in the 100 yard dash, the 220 and 440 yard runs and both the high and low hurdles will start at 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 28. Six men will be qualified in all events, except in the 440 where nine men will be allowed to qualify.

The finals of the Roseburg Invitational track meet are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. with the field events. The presentation of the trophies will climax the meet at 10 p.m.

The admission charges for the meet will be adults 50 cents; students will be admitted for 25 cents.

Jayvees, Drain Meet At Finlay

Coach Frank Purday's junior varsity thunders, were scheduled to play to the track meet of Drain and the Roseburg junior high school in a three-way meet at Finlay field today. The meet was scheduled to get underway at 3:30 p.m.

The Drain athletic policy has been to limit a student's participation to only one sport at a time, and how strong a track team Bill Chatham will put on the field is yet to be seen.

Hod Turner's Paposes have been working hard all week and some of the youthful runners are turning in pretty fair times.

Last week, the Indian junior varsity collected 76½ points, in a tri-state meet against the Glide varsity and the Roseburg junior high school squad, which seems to indicate that Purday has plenty of strength on his junior varsity.

Cecce Sherwood will act as official starter for the meet, with Jack Newby serving as clerk and Ray Brown officiating the field events. The Indian varsity track men will act as the judges of the events.

VOLLEYBALL YET

Every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the armory the men of the community have a chance to play volleyball, according to Cecce Sherwood, "V" activity committee member. Any man of the community is invited to attend but is asked to furnish his own gym shoes and towel.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

(By The Associated Press)
Linfield 5, Salem (W.L.) 4.
Pacific 1, Lewis & Clark 0.
Washington State 7, Washington 4.

Oregon State 9, Idaho 4.
Puget Sound 5, Pacific Lutheran 2.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

(By The Associated Press)
Boston — Robert Villmain, 160, France, outpointed Joe Ridone, 160½, Boston (10).
St. Louis—Ray Ramechon, 129, France, outpointed Charley Riley, 129, St. Louis (10).
Tampa, Fla.—Lee Sala, 160, Do-nora, Pa., knocked out Hal Meredith, 160, Macon, Ga.

Ocean Park, Calif.—Manuel Madrid, 136, Los Angeles, outpointed Bolton Ford, 136, Pittsburgh (10).

Max West Again Leading Hitter In Coast League

By The Associated Press
Max West, the veteran San Diego outfielder who led the Pacific Coast league last season in homers and runs batted in, is well on his way toward doing it again this season. The circuit enters its fourth week of play tonight, and Mr. West is firmly ensconced as the No. 1 swatman. He's batting a rosy .419 percent for 16 games, leads the league in RBI with 22 and has four home runs—just one behind the leader, Oakland's Roy Weatherly.

West has an opportunity to fatten his average considerably this week at the expense of the Los Angeles Angels and their notoriously shaky pitching. The Padres are back in second place again, half a game below the Hollywood Stars.

Unlikely To Change
And this status seems unlikely to change for awhile, too, because the Hollywoods open tonight against Seattle, the basement club. The Rainiers have lost 10 of their past 11 games.

Last week also brought another development in the effect of the controversial new balk rule. The rule that makes baseball more like basketball every day.

Bill Sweeney, manager of the Portland club, may have found a way to keep the ump from blowing the whistle on his pitchers. The story goes this way:

Red Adams was pitching for Portland in the opening game with Hollywood. He had yielded four balks. So the next time Adams pitched, Sweeney was ready. He had borrowed a prize fight gong. The first time a Hollywood man reached first base, Sweeney, in he dugout, tapped the gong to signal Adams the lapse of one second.

Red raised his arms, brought them to his chest, and held the pose until he heard Sweeney's bell. Then he pitched.

No balk.

Shells Anyway
But the gong wasn't much good after all. Hollywood shelled Adams from the hill in 1-2-3 innings.

Anyway, here's how they'll answer the bell for tonight's series openers:

Seattle (Jim Wilson 0-1) at Hollywood (Art Schallack 0-0).

Portland (Lyman Lindke 2-1) at Oakland (Charlie Gassaway 2-0).

Los Angeles (Herman Bessie 1-0) at San Diego (Al Olsen 3-1).

San Francisco (Elmer Singleton) at Sacramento (Bill Evans).

LA Hockeymen Win, Head To Vancouver

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—(P)—The Los Angeles Monarchs leave today for Vancouver, B.C., where they will close out their Pacific Coast hockey league championship series with the New Westminster Royals.

The Monarchs squared the play-off at one game each here last night by trimming the Royals, 5 to 3. It was the last local game of the season for the southern division champs. Action in the best-of-seven series resumes Thursday night at New Westminster.

Los Angeles had to come from behind to win last night's contest with a four goal rally in the last 23 minutes. The Royals were leading by 3 to 1 with about five minutes left in the second period.

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TODAY'S THE DAY

All Eyes On Major League Openers; Good Weather, Bulging Crowds Are Promised

NEW YORK, April 18.—(P)—The major leagues began their "jubilee" season today with promise of ideal conditions—good weather and bulging crowds.

More than a quarter of a million fans were expected to attend openers in eight cities, marking the 75th year of operation for the National League and the 50th for the American.

The weatherman predicted there would be no postponements. He forecast spring temperatures and dry fields for every spot except Chicago, where there was a "risk of showers" for the meeting of the White Sox and St. Louis Browns.

The largest crowd, 63,000, was slated to see the Cleveland Indians and Detroit Tigers, two highly regarded American league contenders, shove off at Cleveland.

Elsewhere crowd estimates ranged from 18,000 at Chicago to 30,000 and 32,000 for the other ball yards. The general forecast was for temperatures in the 60's and low 70's with cloudy but not leaky skies.

Boston Watched

Main interest centered at Boston, where the two top American league favorites, the defending champion Yankees and the gold-plated Red Sox, open a dogfight that is expected to carry right down to the wire.

The National league champions

are favorites to repeat. Brooklyn's well-heeled Dodgers, start the campaign at Philadelphia against the young, eager-beaverish Phils.

Washington's activities feature an ambidextrous pitcher, Harry "S. Truman, the only hurler whose salary is in the Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams \$100,000-plus bracket.

Mr. Truman tosses out the first ball in the game between the host Senators and Philadelphia Athletics. What arm he'll use for the feat remains an intriguing mystery.

Here's the day's schedule with starting times and expected at-

tendance in parenthesis (all times eastern standard).
National League:
Boston at New York, 2:15 p.m. (30,000).
Brooklyn at Philadelphia 1:30 p.m. (32,000).
Chicago at Cincinnati 2:30 p.m. (32,000).
Pittsburgh at St. Louis 9:30 p.m. night (30,000).
American League:
New York at Boston 2:00 p.m. (18,000).
St. Louis at Chicago 2:30 p.m. (32,000).
Detroit at Cleveland 3:00 p.m. (30,000).
Philadelphia at Washington 3:00 p.m. (30,000).

Drain Pitchers Hold Elmira, 7-0

Two pitching stalwarts for Drain high school's baseball nine, Jerry Cade and Fred Gary, did their share in turning back Elmira 7-0 last night at Drain in a Valley league encounter.

Cade, who pitched a no-hitter last week, started the game but was pulled after three innings so he would be in good shape to start against Yoncalla today. When he left the mound, Drain held a 4-0 lead and had struck out all men facing him.

At the start of the fourth, Fred Gary, a sophomore who has been pitching for the javvies, took over. He finished the game—giving up two hits (one a scratch) and striking out six.

Warrior Coach Bill Chatham, and the capacity crowd, was very pleased with the performance of the Drain diamondmen.

Short score:

Elmira:

	AB	R	H	E
Christopher, ss	3	0	0	0
Reay, 2b	3	0	0	1
Bales, c	3	0	0	0
Thomas, lf	3	0	0	0
Mason, cf	3	0	0	0
Harper, 3b	3	0	0	2
Smith, rf	2	0	1	0
Milburn, 1b	2	0	1	0
Drain, p	2	4	0	0
	24	0	2	4

	AB	R	H	E
Simpson, 2b	4	1	1	0
Wolford, cf	4	2	1	0
Cade, p	4	1	1	0
Dick, Joslyn, c	1	0	0	0
Gordon, c	2	0	0	0
Holdeman, lf	3	0	0	0
Duncan, 1b	0	0	0	0
Skinner, 3b	0	0	0	0
Levings, lf	2	2	2	0
Gary, p	1	0	1	0
	21	7	7	1

Umpires: Jacobs and Smith.

Villemain Bout Ends In Split

BOSTON, April 18.—(P)—Stamina and speedier punching were the assets that carried Robert Villemain of France, to a split decision over aggressive Joe Ridone, Boston middleweight, in their 10-round feature boxing bout at the Boston garden.

Villemain had an edge in six of the sessions but many in last night's packed crowd of 13,415, Boston's largest boxing gathering in several years, roared disapproval of the official verdict.

The two judges gave the Frenchman, who came here to lift the crown held by his late countryman, Marcel Cerdan, 100-92 and 96-95 point margins. Referee Joe Zampatas gave each 97 points while terming the bruising engagement a draw.

The chunky Villemain, who bobs and weaves inside opponents to land both fists, spotted the straight-punching Ridone the first three rounds. Villemain succeeded in dominating the action from then on except in the ninth, when Ridone put on a spectacular two-fisted attack to the head and body.

Europe's Amateur Boxers Head For Chicago Clashes

CHICAGO, April 18.—(P)—Europe's amateur boxing champions try to crack Chicago's monopoly of team titles tonight in the 13th international golden gloves bouts at Chicago stadium before an expected crowd of 14,000.

Since the series started in 1931, Chicago's representatives, which this year are the best from a 38-state area, have won seven times.

They had to come from behind to win "3 in 1949.

The invaders have triumphed only once, but have fought Chicago to a standstill four times, the latest being a 4-4 tie in 1948.

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