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ANENT THE PHILLIES

In listing the surprise teams in the major leagues thus far this season, don't forget to chalk down the Phillies. The Fletcher entourage has certainly handled the well-known dope a rude jolt.

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Slated for a lowly berth long ere the opening gong clanged, the Phils have been giving a pretty nifty account of themselves. Certainly, they have come through as the biggest winning surprise in the old circuit.

Last spring the Quakertown troupe had been sentenced, along with the Braves, for the doormat positions. In other words, seventh and eighth. The Fletcher outfit was doomed. It wasn't going anywhere in particular.

But instead of serving as a stepping stone for ambitious opponents the Phillies have been using quite a few of the other teams for a similar purpose.

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Even the staunchest followers of the team have been greatly startled by the unexpectedly good showing of the club in the first month of play.

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GOOD HITTING CLUB

The Phils have been winning because of good work at the plate. And also because several of their veteran pitchers have been dishing up a nice brand of hurling.

At this writing Fletcher's team is far out in front in the batting columns. It boasts a percentage of .320. It tops both major leagues in this department of play.

Hitting also has been timely, many safe knocks having been pried loose when most needed. The batters, for the most part, have been on the job in the crucial moments.

Ring, Carlson and Mitchell, especially, have turned in some nice pitching. All are veterans, too, having seen service with other big league clubs before coming to the Phils. Carlson's work has been one of the brightest features of the early season's play.

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Figured as just about through a couple of years back, the big flinger appears better than ever this campaign.

GAMES TODAY

American League
Detroit at Chicago.
Cleveland at St. Louis.
Boston at New York.

National League
New York at Boston.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.
Chicago at Pittsburgh.
St. Louis at Cincinnati.

Pacific Coast League
Salt Lake at Vernon.
Sacramento at Oakland.
Los Angeles at Portland.
San Francisco at Seattle.

WOOD POSTPONES RACE

NEW YORK (AP)—Predictions of adverse weather have led Gar Wood to postpone until Tuesday the race between two of his speed boats and the Twentieth Century limited down the Hudson river from Albany to New York. The race was scheduled for Monday.

PIRATES DEFEAT CHICAGO CUBS; BARNHART HITS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	23	8	.742
Washington	21	12	.636
Chicago	20	14	.588
Cleveland	18	12	.551
St. Louis	16	20	.444
New York	12	19	.387
Detroit	12	24	.333
Boston	10	22	.313

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	24	8	.750
Brooklyn	19	15	.559
Philadelphia	17	16	.515
Cincinnati	16	16	.500
Pittsburg	15	16	.484
Boston	13	18	.419
Chicago	14	21	.400
St. Louis	12	20	.375

PITTSBURG (AP) — Pittsburg won the first game of its series with Chicago Monday, 5 to 3. Morrison was effective in every inning excepting the seventh when the Cubs bunched four hits for three runs. Barnhart, with a single and a double, hit in his twenty-fifth consecutive game.

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	3	7	0
Pittsburg	5	8	0

Batteries: Bush, Jacobs, Brett and Hartnett; Morrison and Smith.

All other National games postponed.

No American league games scheduled yesterday.

3 BALL PLAYERS FINED

NEW YORK (AP)—Three members of the Philadelphia and Cincinnati National league clubs were fined Monday for participating in a fight during the game Saturday at Philadelphia. President John A. Heydler announced.

Pitcher James Ring of the Phillies was ordered to pay $100 while Catcher Douglass and Pitcher Brady of the Reds were each fined $100.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	34	12	.739
Salt Lake	27	19	.587
Los Angeles	27	21	.562
Portland	21	22	.488
Seattle	22	24	.478
Oakland	21	26	.447
Sacramento	15	35	.297
Vernon	14	34	.292

No games yesterday (teams traveling).

DROUTH HURTS THISTLES

Canada thistles and other perennial weed pests are more easily controlled during the dry weather now present in Oregon. Cutting off the plants and burning those which are about to bloom will weaken them, finds the experiment station. Plowing and spring toothing the ground will kill many of the roots. Continued clean cultivation during the summer and sowing a heavy smother crop of grain and vetch early in the fall will do much toward eliminating the perennial weeds.

Workman Has Narrow Escape

CASCADE LOCKS, Or.—Charles Haggidesson, who operates the conveyor or overhead carriage, at the Wind River Lumber company plant here, narrowly escaped death when two of the wheels jumped the track and left the car suspended in mid-air with Mr. Haggidesson hanging on it. With difficulty he hung on until he was rescued by fellow-workers. The car was 40 feet from the ground when it left the track.

TWIRLERS CLIP AT FAST PACE

(By Scoop)

Truly the Blue Mountain league can boast of its pitchers—especially Buck Hein of La Grande, Brandt of Baker, and Dunlap of Pendleton.

This trio has been hurling classy ball—that would undoubtedly be effective in a circuit with a much higher rating.

For example—Hein has won five out of six games. Three of them were shut-outs and one of the three a no-hit, no-run feat. With the exception of the Pendleton win Hein hasn't been hard hit or really in danger since he opened the season for the Pirates against Walla Walla, by turning in a 5 to 0 game.

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But in mentioning Hein, Barth, La Grande receiver, cannot be overlooked. Without a real catcher behind the bat any pitcher is apt to be useless. And in many cases the receiver is responsible for the pitcher's effective work.

Suffice to say, Barth is about as classy a backstop as the league has. Against Walla Walla here Sunday he turned in one of the best games of the season and incidentally saved Red Alexander an error by backing up first and gathering in Red's wild throw from right field with a runner on first.

Barth plays his position—plays it well, and is one of the best liked boys in the league. And his bat is dangerous at all times.

When the umps announces the battery as "Heins and Barth" the fans may expect a worthwhile exhibition of the art of pitching and taking care of curves, fast ones, occasional wild ones and the like.

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Brandt's debut into the Blue Mountain league a week ago Sunday against Walla Walla resulted in Baker's first win of the season. Walla Walla had to be satisfied with three hits—the same number Heins allowed their sluggers (?) Sunday. Pendleton got five hits off Brandt's delivery but wasn't so lucky in making them count. Brandt's first 18 innings in the Blue Mountain league found eight hits and one run made against him. Not so bad.

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Dunlap, pitching for the Buckaroos, seems to rate about third. He has won three and lost a like number in six starts. Both he and Brandt have turned in a 17-strike-out game.

Toots Parris, Walla Walla ace, must not be overlooked. He has been pitching snappy ball and, excepting the Baker 15 to 1 win, has kept opposing scores at a low mark. Sunday he pitched a mighty nice game against La Grande and—had he had the strength and build of Heins, the Pirates might not have reached him when they did.

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And again, we must mention the Pirate infield. A game seems incomplete without this bunch contributing a double play and it is noticeable that that double play is usually forthcoming. Sunday Gosset started the two-out play.

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Because of inability to procure the box score of the Pendleton-Baker game yesterday, we herewith print it today:

Pendleton:	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Taylor, 3b	4	0	2	2	0	1
Olson, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Lind, 1b	4	0	0	11	1	0
Harstad, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Clark, 2b	4	0	0	2	2	0
Jones, c	3	0	0	5	1	0
Dunlap, p	3	0	0	2	4	0
Hedges, ss	3	0	0	1	4	1
Hargett, lf	3	0	2	0	0	0
Totals	32	0	5	24	12	2

Baker:	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Lewis, cf	3	1	2	0	0	2
Sipes, 2b	4	0	0	0	1	0
O'Brien, rf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Benedict, 3b	3	0	1	1	1	0
Brandt, p	3	1	0	0	5	0
*Sowers, c	1	1	0	9	1	0
Stevens, 1b	4	1	1	10	0	2
Layman, ss	4	2	2	1	1	0
Brown, lf	2	0	0	0	4	0
McCormack, lf	1	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	31	6	8	27	9	1

*Sowers out—hit by batted ball.

Score by innings:

Pendleton	R	—000 000 000—0
Pendleton	H	—101 000 120—5
Baker	R	—300 200 01*—6
Baker	H	—210 101 12*—8

Summary:

Sacrifice hits, Sipes; two base hits, Lewis, Layman, Hargett 2; three base hits, O'Brien; stolen bases, Lewis, Layman; first on balls, off Dunlap 1; struck out, by Dunlap 6; by Brandt 7; wild pitches, by Dunlap 1; hit by pitcher, Benedict; time 1:51; umpires Marsh, Westcott.

Man Declared Flathead Indian Now May Lose Land and Funds

WASHINGTON (AP)—A curious tangle, which apparently was unraveled when congress passed an act declaring Harry Leon Beauchaine to be a Flathead Indian and therefore entitled to the emoluments of a member of that Montana tribe, has developed a new snarl, with the decision of the Interior Department that Beauchaine is not a Flathead.

Obtaining the right to inclusion in the final Flathead rolls, Beauchaine won a share of the tribal income and a tract of land. Later however, the department said it learned that he not only was a son of a white man, but that he already was enrolled as a member of the Coeur d'Alene Indian tribe of Idaho.

Interior Department counsel now recommends Beauchaine's name be stricken from the Flathead rolls and that congress be asked for authority to deny him a share of the Flathead funds as well as to cancel the land patents granted to him.

This is the silly season, and in New York one policeman arrested another policeman.

At Golden Jubilee Day

A gala time was had at the Polo Grounds the other day when New York celebrated the National League's golden jubilee day. Many old-timers, baseball stars of other years, marched in the parade around the park. In the above photo we find Commissioner Landis presenting a gold watch to Arthur Bell, superintendent of the Giants' playing field, who has been with the club 47 years. Yes, the judge is on the left.

SECOND GAME OF TWILIGHT LEAGUE TODAY AT 5 P. M.

TWILIGHT LEAGUE

Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.
Athletics	1	0	1.000
O-W. Shops	0	1	.000
Clerks	0	0	.000
Hi-Jackers	0	0	.000

The second game of the Twilight league schedule will be played at the high school field tonight at 5 o'clock with the Clerks meeting the O-W. shops. The Clerks take the place of the National Guard team.

Friday night the La Grande Athletic club will play the Hi-Jackers.

McKenzie Highway Work Starts

EUGENE, Or. — A contractor's crew was at McKenzie bridge on the way to the upper McKenzie highway to set up a rock crusher for surfacing the summit section of the new road, according to Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade forest, who has just returned from the bridge. The crusher will be set up in the vicinity of Scott Lake, said Mr. Macduff and it is planned to have it in operation by the time the snow leaves the summit section.

1000 at Jersey Jubilee.

ALBANY, Or.—Success attended the annual spring Jersey jubilee here when more than 1000 persons attended the judging of more than 100 thoroughbred Jersey cattle and heard a program of speeches.

The Albany Kiwanis club furnished luncheon to the crowds. Among the speakers were Governor Pierce, O. M. Plummer, D. O. Woodworth, president of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club, J. W. McGillavey, well-known national and international stock breeder from Chilliwack, B. C.; Mayor J. H. Robnett and A. K. McMahon.

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FIGHT CARD JUNE EIGHTH

Several good bouts have already been lined up for the second of the L. A. C. vs. U. P. A. C. inter club smokers to be held here June 8. The first attempt of the two clubs to put on a good fight card met with such success some weeks ago that the next bill is expected to be even better.

Although the fighters are not all signed yet the evening will feature 24 rounds of good boxing, consisting of two six-round events and three four-round bouts.

Firpo Ford, the little fellow with the big wallop, is scheduled to tangle in one of the six round main events with Frenchy Smith of Pendleton. Smith recently battled his way to a decision over the Filipino flash, Kid Thomas at Pendleton and is highly rated in those parts.

Delbert Allen of the U. P. A. C. who won his first ring start against Charlie Karther by the decision route will meet the Keno Kid in a four round event.

Allen, the boilermaker's boy, who is said to get his punching ability from pounding rivets with a sledge hammer in the shops looked pretty good here against Karther although his talents seem to lie in the defensive rather than the aggressive type of fighting. The Keno Kid is a dark horse being groomed by the L. A. C.

Harry Becker of La Grande vs. Frankie Doyle of Pendleton is another four round event already signed up. Becker has appeared in the ring twice before the fans here in the last three months and on each occasion has shown a remarkable amount of stamina and an inclination to fight. He first won over Kid Sarp in the last round of a fight after he had taken a good beating in the first few rounds and later fought a draw with Charlie Weise. Frankie Doyle has won a good percentage of his fights and is considered a tough man.

Two other events, Weise vs. Lindsay of Union and Bunder vs. Leaffer are contemplated.

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