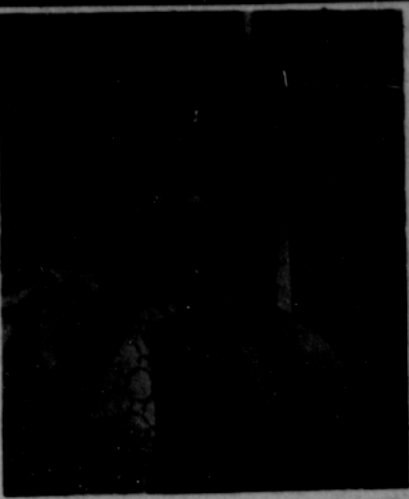


Sport Talk

by Ron Sykes



District one Big League All Stars, comprised of players from Irving park and Lakeside, fell Sunday in the second half of a double header 14-5 to end their tourney hopes. District One going into Sunday's play needed both ends of the double header to advance to Division play in Vancouver.

Most followers of Big League play figured district one to be a lead pipe cinch in the Oregon State championship. The team that put him there? When these gent from Irving park. There were seven players from Irving's undefeated team. They were: Ronnie & Donnie Ranson, Tracy Lomax, Tony Fischer, Gary Washington, Dave Leisure, and Renard Lockett. Irving so completely dominated the league that most fans thought their entire team should have represented district one. Gary Washington, Irving's strong right hander, went the distance striking out seven, while walking just three batters.

In the second game coach Leo Fischer chose to go with the players predominantly from Lakeside and the rout was on. As we've all learned from Watergate, hindsight is a marvelous thing to possess.

Now that the game is over and the loss recorded we can all go back and say, "Why did coach Fischer argue with success?" "Why did he not go with the team that put him there?" When these questions were put to coach Fischer, he replied, "I went with what I thought was my strongest kids. Some people seem to think if the players aren't from Irving park they can't play. These kids from Lakeside may not hit as well as some of the Irving players, but they're smarter." And this, my friend, leads us once again to the most prevalent rap against Black players . . . They're not smart enough. Lots of ability, the old saying goes, but can't think. This line of thought is what we must eliminate. We can and must teach our youngsters the right way to do things. Coach Fischer, I believe is only partly right.

Not that our kids can't think . . . perhaps they haven't been programmed to do so in their early baseball years. And

this is where it must begin.

But it's going to change at Irving. For this year as never before, Irving park has new-blood managers that are interested in building a fundamentally sound program for the kids.

There's Dennis Payne, a bright energetic young man with lots of good ideas for the program. I talked a great length with Mr. Payne and was quite impressed with his enthusiasm for the baseball program at Irving.

Irving park has long been the terror of Little League baseball in District One. Irving's teams, in the past, have won on raw talent alone. But if there are any hopes of one day going all the way, this raw talent must be refined. The basic fundamentals, baserunning, sliding, bunting, must be taught at the lower level, and with the new-breed managers and coaches in the program this year . . . I'm sure this goal will be attained.

I'm sure all you followers of Little League baseball will remember the talent of the Motleys, Ivory Joes, etc. The players of that era certainly had the super talent and they went as far as they could on talent alone. If these boys had been able to play with a full deck, then they would have made it all the way.

Irving Park didn't produce any winners this year (the first time in many years) but the overall program is getting stronger and in the future for baseball in the park is, by all means, on the upswing.

This U.S. Olympic boxing team was no doubt our strongest ever, when you stop to think that most of the other countries are sending people to the Olympics that are many years older than the U.S. fighters and have had as many as 200-300 fights.

This U.S. team displayed both courage and ability. Sugar Ray Leonard, from Maryland, was the crowd favorite, and no doubt our finest performer, but being from the Pacific Northwest, my favorites were the Tacoma fighters Davey Armstrong and Leo Randolph.

Leo went on to win the gold while Davey was a victim of poor officiating. The strong showing of our Olympic team, I'm sure, did a great deal to enhance amateur boxing.

Portland Trailblazer fans are certainly in for a treat in the upcoming NBA wars. Wally Walker, if he's better than Adrian Dantley, as Blazer Brass contends, must truly be something to behold. For sure, we all know what Adrian can do as witnessed by his super fine performance in the Olympic games.

Dantley was consistently strong inside and also our leading scorer. And with the loss of some 30 pounds, Adrian appeared sleek and quick. Not many of us have really seen Wally Walker so, I guess, we'll just have to wait and see. But, somehow, I've always thought a known commodity to be better than an unknown one. Do you see where I'm coming from?

Grambling greats play pro

by Andrew Harris

GRAMBLING - Thirty-seven former Grambling football players remain on rosters of professional teams in the National and Canadian Football Leagues as squads start countdowns for the 1976 season.

The high number of former G-Men in pro camps maintains Grambling's distinction of being one of the major producers of professional football talent. Grambling annually ranks with Notre Dame, Ohio State and the University of Southern California as the top producers of professional football players.

Of the 37 ex-Tigers in the play-for-pay ranks, 30 are toiling in the NFL while seven are on rosters of Canadian teams.

Former Grambling players listed with CFL teams are Vernon Robertson, Calgary; Steve Dennis and Matt Reed, Toronto; Ezil Bibbs, Hamilton; Damon Ashford, British Columbia; and Jesse O'Neal and Sam Holden, Saskatchewan.

Former Grambling gridders in the NFL at the outset of training camps included Willie Brown, Oakland; Richard Harris, Chicago; Solomon Frelton, Seattle; Essex Johnson, Cincinnati; Gary Johnson, Ron Ringleton and Charlie Joiner, San Diego; Bob Atkins and Bobby Simon, Houston; Charles Smith and Willie Zimmerman, Philadelphia; Woody Peoples and Robert Pennywell, San Francisco; John Mendenhall and Willie Young, New York Giants; Billy Newsome, Dallas Howell and Eugene Williams, New York Jets.

Frank Lewis and Robert Barber, Pittsburgh Steelers; James Harris and Dwight Scales, Los Angeles; Jack Phillips, New Orleans; Al Dennis and Mike St. Clair, Cleveland; James Hunter, Detroit; Sammie White, Minnesota; Charles Battle, Baltimore; and Larry Favorite, Atlanta.

Grambling is represented on 20 of the NFL's 28 teams.



Terry Williamson, Chairman of Leisure Hour Golf Club's 32nd annual golf tournament, tees off. (left)

Hubert Robinson of Greensboro, North Carolina, came the farthest distance to participate, with George Rankins. (above)

Participants check their scores. (below)

Winners were: Champion: Greg Oxendine of Modesto, who announced that he intends to turn pro, first; Al Horton of Seattle, 2nd; Jerry Polk, 3rd.

A Flight: Booker Taylor, 1st; Pete Costello, Tacoma, 2nd; William Bell, Seattle, 3rd
B Flight: Fitzgerald Beaver, Seattle, 1st; George Rankins, Portland, 2nd; John Miller, Portland, 3rd.

Medalist dies YWCA sponsors recreation, craft programs

by Martha Anderson

DeHart Hubbard, the first Black American to win an Olympic gold medal during the 1920's, died in Akron, Ohio after a long illness.

In 1924, at the Paris Olympic Games, DeHart Hubbard, a wiry young athlete from the University of Michigan, set a world record with a broad jump of 24 feet and one-eighth inches.

A year later, Hubbard, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, broke another world record in the same event with an incredible leap of 25 feet, 1 and 7/8th inches. It was a record which stood unbroken for three years.

Starting in 1922, Hubbard won the National AAU championship six times.

His achievements will stand and remain as an inspiration to us all forever," said the resolution from Cleveland City Council.

Not only was DeHart a great athlete, but he was a great man upon the job for minority housing. As an employee of the Housing and Urban Development, he travelled to all the known areas wherein little or no housing was available for the nation's minorities during the 50's and 60's to get something started for them. His services were invaluable to the NAACP and others interested in the fight for decent housing.

DeHart was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey, three children, Ezelle, Carolyn and Alton and three grandchildren, Michael, Patricia, and William.

For those youngsters in the Dekum Court Housing Project who are enrolled in the various classes sponsored by the YWCA it has been a busy, happy summer. They will take back to school knowledge of their clay work, art designs and key chain making - all a part of their classroom work held each Tuesday and Thursday. These days are filled with more than creative craft, however. In the morning, there are games, singing, and stories. After lunch is craft time. Sixty to seventy youngsters are presently enrolled, between the ages of five and seven. They are primarily from one-parent families.

Mrs. Clark, a resident of Dekum Court and who has two children participating in the project, says: "They get protective supervision plus the knowledge of how to do things." All this is due to a dedicated staff who truly like children and enjoy working with them.

Take, for instance, Delvon Barrett, director of the program. She is a graduate psychology major at Willamette University, with two years in religious education at Yale Divinity School. This background seems reflected in the warmth and affection she and the children share with each other. Mrs. Barrett says: "We get a lot of cooperation from some of the older children like Cookie Alexander and



C Flight: Ron Rion, Vancouver, B.C., 1st; Cleveland Netherly, Seattle, 2nd; Charles Traylor, Seattle, 3rd.

D Flight: Andy Brown, Portland, 1st; Richard Bambrelle, Seattle, 2nd; Harold Burns, Portland, 3rd.

Junior: Brent Johnson, Los Angeles.
Ladies Champion: Vera Beaver, Seattle, 1st; Delia Brooks, Portland, 2nd.
Ladies First Flight: Ivette Hatcher, Seattle, 1st; Marilyn Matthews, Tacoma, 2nd
Ladies Low Net: Delia Brooks; Ladies Low Gross: Vera Beaver
Men's Low Net: Andy Brown; Men's Low Gross: Jerry Polk

Leisure Hour Golf Club thanks its sponsors and participants, numbering 80 players.



Young people enjoy YWCA summer program.

Vickie Loving, who enjoy assisting Connie Emerson, our assistant teacher." Ms. Emerson is a native of Des Moines, Iowa. She attends Portland State University, majoring in psychology. Assisting with field trips and outdoor activities for boys age ten to fifteen is Warren Ogden, a freshman at North Pacific Dental College. Last summer he was assistant youth director at St. Marks Day Care Center.

Other interesting projects are being

held all day Monday at Vernon School where one may learn beginning guitar, personal improvement, choir, stitching, and calligraphy. Wednesday the scene shifts to the Matt Dishman Center where classes are conducted in macrame and choir. Thursdays it is personal improvement, and Fridays, brass and beads. On August 29th at 2:30 p.m., J.C. Penney will sponsor a fashion and talent show. The latest in back to school fashions will be shown.

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