

Sports Talk

by Ron Sykes
Sports Editor

Irving Park's 13 year olds rolled to 11-4 and 6-3 victories over Riverside and Lakeside respectively. Michael Davis was the winning pitcher against Riverside and Jeff Williams won against Lakeside. Ron Sykes, manager of the team, attributes their success to virtually flawless defense and strong hitting lead by Gordy Loving, Jeff Williams, and Henry Scott. Irving Park plays the winner of the Riverside-Lakeside game with the winner moving on to Salem. With an already strong team Irving Park promises to be even better with the return of Tony Butler who has not yet played in a post-season game for Irving Park.

For the first time since the tournament began Irving Park is the host of the District #1 Championship Tournament, the host team lost however, as Steve Schwab pitched a one hit shutout for Lakeside. Schwab struck out six batters, walked two, and gave up the only hit to Paul Weatheroy. The losing pitcher was Greg West. The final score was 8 - 0.

One time starting quarterback for the Pittsburg Steelers, Joe Gilliam, is back in pro football. Gilliam announced last Thursday that he has conquered the drug addiction that threatened to wreck his career.

Obviously eager to get back into football, Gilliam reported to the New Orleans training camp a day early in what he termed better physical and mental condition than he was in 1975 the year he started for the Steelers.

Gilliam says it was an uphill struggle all the way and he was firmly resolved to make it. According to Gilliam it was an individual effort - an individual effort with the help of God. Gilliam said he became involved with narcotics through "curiosity and associates."

Gilliam says youngsters "can take it from me, it's something you don't want to go through. Most people who do don't make it back. Everything in the world means life, except drugs. Drugs mean death."

Jamall Wilkes, the super forward of the Golden State Warriors, has packed his bags and moved uptown to the big city of Los Angeles leaving the Warriors in the cold. Or could his leaving have been a blessing in disguise?

Scotty Stirling, assistant to the President of the Warriors feels that the smooth shooting forward is a budding

young superstar and therefore according to the collective bargaining agreement which states that the new ball club shall make the prior club (the Warriors) whole as much as possible, Stirling expects a superstar as compensation. Glancing down the present roster of the Lakers, there appears to be only one superstar, Kareem Abdul Jabbar. And that is precisely who the Warriors want.

Commissioner Larry O'Brien will hear both sides and then make a ruling. The Warriors are putting all their chips on O'Brien, hoping he'll ravage the Lakers for their evil deed. But take away Kareem? It is incomprehensible that O'Brien will be that courageous. But woe and behold, Laker fans what if he is?

Comeback pitcher Jim Bouton, who flopped in tries with Knoxville in the Southern Association and A team in the Mexican League, will get another try with the Portland Mavericks. "I gave him a 33 1/3% raise" Mavericks owner Bing Russel said. "I've got him up to \$400 dollars a month this time. Jim won for us before and he will win for us this time too."

Two years ago Bouton had a 4-1 record with a 2.20 Era for the Mavs. The 30 year old Bouton was once a 21 game winner for the New York Yankees. At thirty-eight Bouton still believes there's a chance for him to ride his knuckleball back to the major leagues.

Millions of fans of Japan's biggest spectator sport, baseball, are pulling for Yomiuri Giant's first baseman Sadaharu Oh to establish what they term a "world record" for home runs. The record is held by Hank Aaron who retired from active baseball on October 3, 1976 with 755 career homers.

Oh, a left-handed batter belted his 20th, 21st, and 22nd homers this season and now has a total of 738.

Baseball commissioner Barrie Kuhn has said he will not recognize Oh's imminent home run record because professional baseball in Japan is not a part of the United States' major league organization.

Cincinnati shortstop Dave Concepcion will receive the Roberto Clemente Award as the best Latin American player in major league baseball. The voting is done by a committee of Puerto Rican sports writers and broadcasters. Previous winners include Luis Aparicio, Juan Marichal, and Luis Tiant.

BROOKS HEADS COMMITTEE

Due to an error of omission, the Observer failed to include James O. Brooks in the list of officers and board members of the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs. Brooks is a member of the interim Board of Directors and Chairman of the Economic Development Committee.

Notice

The 1977 National Urban League Conference to take place in Washington, D.C. July 25th to 27th will be covered by KBPS Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Ron Lyle is a picture of concentration as Sam Boardman talks to him between sparring rounds.

Ron Lyle seeks title fight

Muhammad Ali has been offered 5.2 million dollars to defend his title against number 3 heavyweight contender Ron Lyle according to Ben Thompson, a California fight promoter.

Thompson, one of several promoters interested in making the match, was recently in Denver to negotiate the fight. He met with Bill Lyle, Sam Boardman and the Lyle people's attorneys.

Terms of the tentative agreement worked out between Thompson and the Lyle camp had set the title bout for this fall.

Boardman, who serves as Ron Lyle's trainer and advisor, feels that Ali owes Lyle another match. "During the Lyle-Ali fight on May 16, 1975, Ron was ahead

on all score cards going into the 11th round," Boardman pointed out. "Later in that round Ali called the referee to stop the bout," he continued.

In the past, Ali has always been courageous enough to meet top contenders a second time. Examples include Joe Bugner, George Chuvalo, Henry Cooper, Sonny Liston, Floyd Patterson, and Jerry Quarry. Ali fought Joe Frazier and Ken Norton three times.

Lyle, who is acknowledged as one of the hardest punchers in the heavyweight division, says that he is ready for Ali. "I've defeated the number 4 and 5 heavyweight contenders, Norton seems to be ducking me, so a match with Ali is the most logical answer," Lyle said.

NEY begins classes

The Northeast YMCA, 1630 NE 38th Avenue, begins the second six-week summer session for youth and adults on July 25, according to Ben Jensen, Program Director.

Kids from three to sixteen are urged to sign up for classes a week early during the week of July 18. Classes being offered include swimming, gymnastics,

ballet, sports skills, yoga, creative movement, judo, karate, track and basketball. There is a discount for members.

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Nunn joins Fair Appeals Board

Governor Bob Straub has appointed five members and reappointed one member to the Fair Dismissal Appeals Board. The Board deals with disciplinary appeals from public school personnel.

The new members are Bobbie B. Nunn, Portland; Peggy A. Lanza, West Linn; Joan C. Cowdrey, Idanha; Beryl K. Sullivan, Klamath Falls; Peter W. Walker, Milwaukie. Shary Lee Wortman, Scio, was reappointed.

Ms. Nunn is a personnel specialist for Portland Public Schools and is a former director of PPS' Paraprofessional Development Systems. A graduate of Portland State University and the University of Portland, Ms. Nunn and her husband, Josiah, live in Portland. Her term expires June 30, 1981.

Waler replaces Emma Chiles of Portland. An instructor at Clackamas High School, he serves on the Milwaukie Neighborhood Council Board and is a member of the Educator's Assistance

Fund Board. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

Ms. Lanza is Personnel Manager for the First State Bank of Oregon. She is currently serving as vice chairman of the Portland Metro-Health Advisory Board and is a member of the Marylhurst Education Center Advisory Committee. She is a graduate of Portland State University.

Ms. Cowdrey is a free-lance writer and part-time editor for Oregon State University, she also serves as a volunteer tutor at Detroit School.

Sullivan is a plant operation foreman at Oregon Institute of Technology. He is a member of the Klamath County School Board and is a former Klamath County School district teacher. He is a graduate of Oregon College of Education.

Ms. Wortman is a North Albany Grade School teacher. She is a graduate of Oregon State University.

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