



Sports Talk

by Ron Sykes
Sports Editor

What was rated as the best pitching staff in baseball has suddenly turned to sour grapes.

The San Francisco Giants now have placed John "The Count" Moursucos on the disabled list. Vida Blue, the best southpaw pitcher in all of baseball, well at least the National League, with all due respect for the little lefty that hurls for the Yankees, has a 5.01 ERA and Bob Knepper after winning one game can't seem to get another. Blue is currently 5-2 but really hasn't been effective. Giant hitting has bailed him out more than just a few times. Vida, long known for his smoke, and for some strange reason has decided to use his curveball and slider more this year. Perhaps it's his thinking that he'll add a few years to his career. Whatever his reasoning I'm sure a few more twelve-run games will quickly alter his thinking.

Ageless Willie McCovey, the Giants 42-year-old slugging first baseman, is upset after losing his starting job during spring training. McCovey has been used primarily as a pinch hitter, a role he openly disdains. McCovey, while being praised for his pinch hitting ability retorted, "No one ever made MVP as a pinch hitter."

Joe Frazier speaking before a group in Utah said Muhammad Ali was a good fighter, but not the greatest. Frazier, after taking a brutal beating from Ali in the "Thrilla in Manila" had this to say "Lawdy, lawd the man is great." How soon we forget. Muhammad Ali is the greatest heavyweight ever to lace on a pair of boxing gloves.

If one were to dream of an ideal heavyweight with all the required dimensions, reflexes, speed and durability... the man that would appear in that dream would be none other than Muhammad Ali. The G-R-E-A-T-E-S-T!

Where is the best sand lot baseball in the world played? Try Cincinnati. Three outfielders, all Cincinnati products, are among the leading hitters in the National League.

Barry Bonnell, Atlanta, is hitting a respectful .333 with 15 homers.

Tony Scott, St. Louis Cards, clubbing at a brisk .338 pace.

The MVP of last season and the games highest paid player Dave Parker, Pirates, is now over the .300 mark and driving.

At last look Darryl Motley, playing third base for Ft. Meyers of the Class A league, was having early season batting woes. Motley has now lifted his average from .150 after twenty at bat to a respectable .252, an increase of over 100 points.

Motley is a blue chipper and undoubtedly the finest prospect to come out of Oregon. Darryl is unique in that he can play and excel at every position.

And that includes pitching and behind the plate!

Last year's NBA champ, the Washington Bullets, after splitting with the upstart San Antonio Spurs, are still reeling from their grueling seven game series with Atlanta, and just might be ready to be upset by George Gervin and company.

San Antonio, long lambasted for falling down in the clutch, appears now ready to shed themselves of that cliché. George Gervin and Larry Kenon have now been joined by Mr. James Silas. It's good that the TV audience will now get to see a player of Silas' caliber. Silas, who missed all of last season while rehabilitating a bad knee, has long been known in the now defunct ABA as the best guard in the business.

Before his injury Silas, not Gervin, was the man the Spurs went to down the stretch. The 6'3" Silas can fill the hole with the best and is more than adept leading the highly potent San Antonio offense.

Seattle SuperSonics will survive their series with Phoenix. With the series deadlocked at two games apiece and headed back to the Pacific Northwest it's almost a sure bet that the Sonics will prevail. I don't really see Phoenix winning in Queenland.

NBA's most over-rated player: try Don Buse of the Suns. We could undoubtedly add many names to that list but Buse would be my choice for captain.

NBA's over-rated all league team: Don Buse — guard; Pete Maravich — guard; Wes Unseld — center; Paul Silas — forward; and Bobby Jones — forward.



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Garden hints from your OSU Extension Agent

- Spray fruit, nut and shade trees for tent caterpillars, if present.
- Control spittle bugs and aphids in strawberries and ornamentals, if present.
- High elevations, central and eastern Oregon: early May, fertilize lawns and irrigate; thatch, if necessary.
- High elevations, central and eastern Oregon: fertilize roses and control rose diseases such as mildew.
- Fertilize rhododendrons, azaleas.
- Plant chrysanthemums for fall color.
- Control cabbage worms in cabbage and cauliflower; 12-spotted cucumber beetle in beans and lettuce; flea beetle in radishes.
- Western Oregon: mid-May, transplant tomato seedlings.
- Spray cherries for brown rot blossom blight.
- Spray aphids as needed with diazinon.
- Protect root and leafy crucifers and onions with drenches of diazinon every other week.
- Tiny holes in foliage and the appearance of shiny, black beetles on tomato, cabbage, and potato indicate flea beetle attack. Spray with Sevin or methoxychlor.
- Start compost.
- High elevations, central and eastern Oregon: prepare garden soil for spring planting.
- Treat soil with diazinon to control maggots when planting cabbage family, onions, carrots, potatoes.
- Plant these vegetables: (Dates vary locally. Check with local gardeners.)
Oregon coast: snap beans, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cantaloupes, pickling cucumbers, dill, kale, parsnips, peppers, pumpkins, summer and winter squash, sweet corn, tomatoes.
Western valleys, Portland, Roseburg, Medford: snap and lima beans, brussels sprouts, cantaloupes, slicing and pickling cucumbers, dill, eggplant, kale, peppers, pumpkins, summer and winter squash, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, watermelon.
High elevations, central and eastern Oregon: (Dates vary widely.) snap and lima beans, beets, celery, sweet corn, slicing and pickling cucumbers, dill, kale, kohlrabi, onions, parsley, parsnips, peppers, white potatoes, pumpkins, summer and winter squash, tomatoes.
Columbia and Snake River Valleys, Ontario: cantaloupes, dill, eggplant, kale, okra, peppers, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, watermelon.

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