

SPORTSLINES
(By Ed O'Meara)

Tuesday proved disastrous for Hillsboro baseball championship hopes. In the afternoon the Legion Juniors were bumped out of further consideration for the coming state junior championship play, and in the evening the Merchants abandoned a 5 to 1 posting to drop out of the state semi-pro tourney. However, the sun rose bright again Wednesday morning, and while there's life there's hope. The Merchants promise to take out their pent up emotions and flout them against Forest Grove Sunday.

With prizes going to best teams, worst batted players, outstanding pitchers and best hitters at the Silverton tournament, one department in which Hillsboro excelled seemed to be overlooked by officials, but not by fans. "Young Bert" Flekes, five-and-a-half year old son of "Old Bert," who has done 100 per cent of Hillsboro's catching this year, plugged a gap neatly by assuming the batsman's job. Dressed in a miniature gold-cloth uniform, "Young Bert" was in on every tournament game, usually lagging a bunch of feet behind his dad, but he did, dashing all over the field in pursuit of his duty.

He drew the biggest hand of the tournament when he galloped down the first-base line in Friday night's game with Hills Creek to give Pinner his homer. In the last inning of the game, when everyone else in the park was either on the edge of the seat or standing on top of the line like mad. Manager Doc Abrams glanced down the bench and found "Young Bert" out of commission. His head slumped on one of his dad's big catching gloves, "Young Bert" was slumbering peacefully, taking it for granted that after all his enthusiastic backing, his team couldn't lose over just one snooze.

Main topic of conversation in Hillsboro this week was the Merchant baseball team, which, so far as memory-aided by a brief research—serves, is the best the city has ever had.

Every play by the team in the state tournament went under a thorough-going discussion by enthusiastic home-town fans, who have just recently returned to the color and power of their own club. Not until Portland fans turned out in scores over July Fourth for the express and sole purpose of seeing "real ball games" did many of the local would-be and should-be supporters realize what had been going on in the baseball way in Hillsboro.

Praise, not only from spectators, but from other teams and players, was noticeable in large quantities at the Silverton ball park, where the golden-draped Merchants seemed to win a hand-hold on the crowd's affections.

Add tournament: Home runs aren't supposed to be hit in the Silverton park, so Bill Kemper did something unheard-of. Talking to the field's designer, we were informed the outfield fences are all 499 feet from home plate, which requires a truly mammoth wall-pipe. The designer's attitude was: a ballgame is to be played in the park so why let them knock the ball out of the lot. Lots of triples, numerous doubles—but seldom a homer. No one as yet has cleared the fence in a game during its two years of use.

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An as-yet-untracked-down runner has it that several prominent but anonymous boosters for Hillsboro baseball have begun working plans for a new field to replace the unfenced, rough and inadequate present quarters.

Juniors Lose; Merchants Out of Tourney

Championship Hope Blasted By Woodburn

Woodburn's ambitious American Legion Junior baseballers walloped Hillsboro's entry out of the running here Tuesday afternoon, routing out 17 hits for a 14 to 2 victory.

The Marion county youths pounded the ball like madmen, with Greenman, third baseman, slugging the ball for two home runs and two doubles, while Reed also slugged out a four-bagger and Shelton contributed another double. Meanwhile, Jack Pittsburg of Woodburn, was holding Hillsboro hitless and scoreless for the first seven innings, then allowed two doubles and a single in the closing cantos while fanning 14 and walking only three.

Scores Came in 9th
Cal McElvin started on the mound for Hillsboro but surrendered after the seventh, with Kenny George taking over. Reed finished the game for the Washington contingent by entry. McElvin got the first hit off Hill to start the last half of the game, but died on base as Jim fanned George and Orville Schow in the ninth, behind 14 to 0. Naught walked, Bill Bishop whaled out a double, and Ziegler, batting for Miller, lashed a single through the infield to account for Hillsboro's two runs.

Winning the game put Woodburn on top in the three-county playoffs with four wins and no losses. Hillsboro wound up second with two wins and two losses, while Dallas four times beaten was last.

Woodburn represents the district against Astoria in the Oregon state tournament. Hillsboro's two runs.

Woodburn's statistics:
W L P
Woodburn 11 2 1
Hillsboro 2 10 0
Dallas 2 7 0
Portland 1 5 0

At-a-Glance
Valley League Standings
W L P
Hillsboro 2 10 0
Dallas 2 7 0
Portland 1 5 0
Woodburn 11 2 1

Next Sunday's Games
Portland Public at Beaverton
Salem vs. McLinn's at Columbia Park
Cody vs. Redman at Salford Park
Portland

Merchant Bating Averages
(Including Tournament Games)
W L P
Hiller 21 21 416 Kemper 29 19 239
Chow 20 20 211 Schweg 28 9 231
Schiff 19 19 211 Schweg 28 9 231
Woodrow 12 12 231 Kelpert 17 9 119
Cook 12 12 231 Schow 21 12 119
Hick 12 12 231 Deeman 12 12 119
Flekes 12 12 231 Heaman 12 12 119

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Hillsboro Argus SPORTS

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Merchants Tangle With Grovemen Here Sunday

Hillsboro fans will have their first chance in three weeks to see their own baseball team, the out-fitted Hillsboro Merchants, in their first game since the state tournament. The Merchants tangle with the Forest Grove Grovemen here Sunday at 2:30 p. m., when the two teams will meet again, with Hillsboro taking the lead on each occasion. In their first game of the year, a league affair, Hillsboro won, 4 to 0, behind the shutout hurling of Roy Heiser, who struck out 10 and allowed only five hits.

County Old-Timers Gray, Kolberg Draw Backing
Hillsboro and Washington county football fans are due to climb on the band wagon this week in an attempt to help out Jay Gray and Elmer Kolberg, outstanding Oregon State college football stars, in their bid to return to the Hillsboro and Washington county league.

Apportionments of School Fund Made
Apportionment of the sum of \$12,140.40, which is the county's share of the state school fund, was made Wednesday by the county school superintendent's office to all school district boards.

Claims Allowed
County dog control board in its last meeting allowed claims for sheep killed by dogs. J. N. Nuffer of Hillsboro route 2 lost 15 sheep in June, while Martie Heerd of Beaverton route 2 lost 13 sheep in June by K. K. Haggert, county dog license collector and enforcement officer. Eighty-six penalty licenses were issued in June by County Clerk W. A. Tupper and 37 by the collector.

Inspect Dairy Herd
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Four Bagger by Kemper Tops Hills Creek, 4-2

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Bugging his pitches of highly tossed Ben Kelsay all over the lot, Hillsboro's Merchants once again brought home the bacon Friday night by exploding victoriously in the second inning of their state tournament game at Silverton with Hills Creek for four scores and a 4 to 2 victory.

By the time the Merchants finished their furious second-inning onslaught, Kelsay had yielded the mound to Bob Brewer and a quartet of runners had chased across the plate on five solid hits and a walk. Ham Cloutier hit all-state outfielder or making another bid for all-time batting ranking, opened the bombardment with a ringing double and rapped on to third when Roy Heiser poked out a one-base blow.

That set the stage for Kemper's Herculean effort. With one out he strode to the plate and smashed one of Kelsay's tosses to the far reaches of Verbot's left, hit all-state outfielder, who went for a four-base knock, all three Merchants scampering across the plate.

Carl Schwab connected for a single and Kelsay retired from further pitching duty for the evening. After Bert Flekes was second on Cook drew a walk, and then Loren Woodage hammered out a clean single to send Schwab across with the closing run of the inning. Verbot, Cook, hit a clean as he rounded third and was out at the plate.

Until Heiser eased up the Hills Creek batters were helpless, and then managed to gather in only two runs, one each in the fourth and fifth, when he developed a wild streak, walking two, making a pair of wild pitches, and permitting three hits, two of which went for triples. Comment in the stands, which held more than 2000 for the two Friday night games, included many "Ohs" and "Ahs" for Heiser's performance, with several of the baseball geeks in the crowd already labeling him as "outstanding pitcher" of the tournament.

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Portland Babes Wallop Hillsboro Tuesday, 5 to 1

Hillsboro's hopefuls reached the end of the state tournament trail at Silverton Tuesday night when they bumped up against a wily old finger in Hughie Day, hurling for a bunch of youthful Portland Babes. "Freak" Diericks, young Merchant hurler who has done some startlingly fine relief work during the season, started his first game and ended disastrously in the second inning when he left the game after yielding four hits and a quartet of runs.

Plainsmen, Roy Top Tualatin; Games Lopsided
Leadership of the Tualatin Valley league was back in the hands of only two teams, Roy and North Plains when the Roy nine politely knocked the Gaston aggregation out of top billing Sunday at Gaston, 4 to 3.

The game was a pitchers' battle most of the way, with Ed Jansen shading Davis, allowing only seven hits against 10 off Davis. The North Plains batters staged a minor riot at Carlton, winning 10 to 4 after slugging out 15 hits on the pitching staff of Mober and Stutenberg. Four errors by Carlton aided the Plainsmen's cause.

Both the other games saw lopsided scores as Cornelius and Verbort annexed victories. Reedville fell, 18 to 4, when the Cornelius maple-wielders went wild and clubbed Lew Garfield and Schulermeier for 20 safe hits. Verbot smashed out 16 hits in a 10-to-4 win over Twin Oaks.

Topnotchers meet cellarists this week when North Plains tackles Twin Oaks and Roy journeys to Beaverton for what should be wins for the leaders. Third and fifth place ties should be broken as Gaston plays host to Cornelius and Carlton invades Verbort.

Teams working into the quarter-finals of the tournament included Kinzua, the Eastern Oregon representative, which toppled Forest Grove to get there; Silverton, second-seeded team and loser in game 3 to 2, against Edwards; Hills Creek which came back strong against week by Hillsboro, and the Portland Babes. Edwards' Furniture League team which took the title last year under the Reliable Shoe banner.

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