

Tacoma's Firpo Tops W Hitters; Harris Is Fourth

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Seattle Is Victor On Only One Blow

And Goes 17 Games out in Front; Portland Loses Her 12th Straight

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Seattle, Los Angeles, Oakland, Sacramento, San Diego, Hollywood, San Francisco, and Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 2.—(P)—Portland's Pacific Coast league team docilely absorbed its 12th consecutive defeat this afternoon at the hands of Los Angeles, 8-1.

Bonetti, on the mound for the Angels, held the carnitas to one hit for the first five innings and squeezed through the sixth without allowing a run despite three Portland hits.

Meanwhile, led by the big bats of Lou Novikoff and Moore, Los Angeles went to a four-run lead in the first seven innings and clinched matters by scoring four more in the ninth.

Los Angeles..... 8 10 1
Portland..... 1 6 0
Bonetti and Hernandez; Orrell and Denton; Beiber (2).

Freitas Freeces Oaks
OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 3.—(P)—Sacramento's Tony Freitas won his first Coast league baseball game from Oakland in two years today, 3 to 2, and dropped Oakland into third place, with Los Angeles in second bracket.

Sacramento..... 3 8 1
Oakland..... 2 12 2
Freitas and Orogodowski; Salveson and W. Raimondi.

One Blow Enough
SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—(P)—The one hit that Sad Sam Gibson allowed the Seattle Rainiers gave that team a victory over San Francisco tonight in the Pacific Coast baseball league.

Sad Sam, displaying control that handcuffed the hard-hitting Seattle lineup, held the league leaders hitless and scoreless until the sixth inning. Then Dick Gyselman pounded out a two-bagger to right field. He went on to an infield out and slid home safely when Al Wright kicked away Jo-Jo White's grounder.

The victory put Seattle 17 full games ahead of the league pack as Oakland lost.

San Francisco..... 0 3 1
Seattle..... 1 3 1
Gibson and Sprinz; Barrett and Campbell.

Stars Edge out Win
HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 3.—(P)—After a wild hitting spree in which each team put four pitchers, Hollywood nosed out San Diego, 10 to 9, in a Coast league baseball game tonight.

San Diego..... 9 15 1
Hollywood..... 10 13 2
Humphreys, Craghead (6), Pilette (7), Thoms (7) and De-toro (7), Moncrief (4), Post (7), Fleming (5) and Brenzel.

Convicts to Hear Benefit Ball Game

While only the band, the ball club and a few entertainers will get out from behind the Oregon state penitentiary walls to see the big Red Cross war relief fund benefit ball game at Waters park August 12, most of the inmates will have opportunity to hear the contest.

Milton L. Meyers, chairman of the Relief fund drive, yesterday announced that KSLM will broadcast the program and game—the broadcast made possible by a contribution of \$20 for the necessary communication line to the ball park.

Carl Mays yesterday said his boys would be in top shape for the contest and that the prison's top pitcher, big Luke Crosswhite, had better look to his laurels or they would bomb him from the box.

Softball Standings

Table with 4 columns: Valley Girls' League, W, L, Pct. Rows include Fairbanks, Albany, Mt. Angel, Independence, Corvallis, Dallas, Medford, Coquille, Monmouth.

Table with 4 columns: City League, W, L, Pct. Rows include Watts Deal, Spirit, Pheasant, Meadows, Paper Mill, Schoona, Knappa, Squire Deal vs Kennedy.

Table with 4 columns: Commercial League, W, L, Pct. Rows include Youth Center, Blue Lake, Hazel Dell, Miles Lison, Knappa, OEO, Whisen, Pheasant.

Table with 4 columns: Industrial League, W, L, Pct. Rows include Civil Service, Blue Lake, McDonough Ward, Paper Office, Knappa, Paper Machine, State UOC, Kay Mill.

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Majors Eye Young Catcher



Young Harold Petrocci, sensational catcher for the Galileo Junior American Legion nine in San Francisco, may soon be appearing with a major ball club. He is rated one of the best prospects developed on the coast since Joe DiMaggio and has already caught the eyes of several major league scouts.

Olinger Poloists Down Leslie 5-2

Olinger's water polo team evened up with Leslie's in the series to determine the city championship Friday, posting a 6 to 2 victory on the strength of two goals by Schunks and one each by Sederstrom, Thompson and Ruecker.

The championship match has been postponed until some two weeks hence as a number of the Leslie team have gone to guard camp.

McNeill Measures Kovacs With Ease

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y., Aug. 3.—(P)—Don McNeill of Oklahoma and Frank Kovacs slugged it out on the grass courts of the Meadow club here today, and Don, the more experienced, won the 50th annual tourney with graceful ease by 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

The two, who perhaps are the highest amateur hitters in the nation, were meeting for the first time, and the brand of tennis they displayed must have caused Bobby Riggs, the national champion, to wonder what's in store for him at the nationals at Forest Hills in September.

McNeill, the national clay courts champion, kept the pressure on and the nationally unranked Oakland, Calif., star was helpless to stem the steady stream of placements that flowed from McNeill's racket.

Bulla Leads Meet At Half Way Mark

MILWAUKEE Wis., Aug. 3.—(P)—Coming in with a brilliant second round card of 65 which gave him the year's lowest 36 hole total in a PGA sanctioned tournament, big Johnny Bulla of Chicago captured the half-way point lead in the \$5000 72-hole Milwaukee open golf championship today with a total of 131 strokes, 11 under par for the North Hills course.

Working on an opening round 66, Bulla, went out today in 31 shots, four under par, and came home in 24, two under regulation figures. His 56-hole aggregate missed by only one stroke of tying the all-time professional golfers association mark of 130, made last year by Byron Nelson in the Phoenix open.

NW Outboard Races Open

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Aug. 3.—(P)—The Pacific northwest outboard championship races opened here today over three and five-mile courses.

Lynna Ivey of Seattle got a dunking when his craft did a complete flip. He was leading the "C" service race at the time.

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Three Teams in Final City Softball Fight; Colored Ghosts Back in Town Tuesday Eve

Pheasants, Waits, Kids in Scrap; Meatmen Tangle With Comic Troupe

With the exception of a playoff to determine number two state tournament representative, Salem's city softball league ends tomorrow night with Waits meeting the Pheasants in the 8:15 Pheasants game, as Waits, the Pheasants and Kennedys go into the afterpiece.

In the only other game now scheduled for the week, Waits will take on the colored Ghosts, who were here three weeks ago.

Should the Kids defeat the titlists, they automatically go into the two-of-three games playoff tomorrow night with Waits meeting the Pheasants in the 8:15 Pheasants game, as Waits, the Pheasants and Kennedys go into the afterpiece.

However, should the Kids drop their decision, there would necessarily follow a one-game playoff between them and the loser of the Pheasant-Waits mix to determine which team would play the winner of the Pheasant-Waits game for the tourney berth.

Angel Foresters To Enter Playoff

Win City Championship; Meet Woodburn in District Play

MT. ANGEL.—The Foresters, by defeating the Sodality Wednesday night, became Mt. Angel softball champions for 1948 and holders of the silver cup, besides earning a chance at the state tournament.

League standings for the last half of the season are: Foresters, 8 and 3; Woodburn, 7 and 3; Sodality, 6 and 3; Canby, 5 and 5; Needy, 3 and 3; Scotts Mills, 3 and 10.

The Foresters will now play Woodburn for the right to represent Marion county at the district playoff. Games will be played on August 6 and 7, and, if necessary, a third will be played on the 8th.

Dallas and Independence will play at the same time for the Polk county championship.

The winners of these two contests will then meet at Mt. Angel on August 13 to fight for the right to enter the state tournament. The second game in this series will be played either at Independence or Dallas, according to which team wins in the county playoff. If a third game is necessary, it will be played on August 15.

Pheasant Juniors Win S'Ball Title

Defeat Schoona, 8-1, in Final League Contest; Wenger Top Hitter

Table with 4 columns: Junior Softball League (Final Standings), Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Pheasants, Schoona, Pades, Youth Center.

Joe Randall's Golden Pheasant Juniors tucked away the junior softball league title last week, drubbing Schoona 8 to 1 to chalk up their 13th consecutive victory. The Pheasants succeeded the Junior Papermakers and Casper & Cutler, champs in 1939 and 1938, respectively, as league titlists.

Jim Wenger, Pheasant catcher, led league hitters with an even .500. Paul Thompson, Schoen outfielder, followed with .476.

Other leaders: Red Renner, GP, .461; Bob Warren, SYC, .450; Elmo Innocent, SYC, .347; Tillman Kraft, Schoona, .347; Bob Norton, Pades, .375; Jack Knadler, Pades, .375; Bob Zeller, Pades, .353; Pep Martin, GP, .351.

The all-star team is as follows: Jim Wenger, GP, catcher;

Wimpy Carver, GP, pitcher; Bob Norton, Pades, first; Jack Knadler, Pades, second; John Clark, Schoona, short; Pep Martin, GP, third; Red Renner, GP, left; Travis Cross, GP, center; Bud Thompson, Schoona, right; Bob Warren, SYC, utility.

Softball Drawing Set Here Sunday

State softball tournament drawings are to be held in the office of H. V. Collins, director at large of the state association, here Sunday afternoon. It was announced yesterday by Dwight Adams, state director.

The tournament will open here August 19, with the 16 teams representing 47 state leagues, comprising approximately 450 teams and more than 700 players.

Other members of the state association expected here for the drawing include President C. K. Knickerpoker of McMinnville; Vice-President David White of Portland; and Secretary-Treasurer Ralph Guynes of Oregon City.

Bowling Congress Secretary Named

SPOKANE, Aug. 3.—(P)—R. H. Schnebly, Spokane, president of the Washington State Bowling Congress, today named Boyd Walker, Spokane, association secretary. This is the first step in laying plans for the congress tournament to be held here the first week in December.

Impending Marriage Is Reason Kittle Hurries

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—(P)—Now the 9000 fans who saw the second game of last night's San Francisco-Seattle doubleheader, know why Hob Kittle, the San Francisco pitcher, was working so fast on the hill despite the fact the second game didn't end until midnight.

Kittle had a date to marry Cleo Capitan, 21-year-old Yakima girl whom he met while pitching for Yakima of the Western international league last year.

POLY AND HER PALS

DOIN' FIFTY!! WELL, WOTTA Y' GOTTA SAY FER YERSELF? NOTHING

BECAUSE YOU'D SIMPLY SAY, "TELL IT TO THE JUDGE"

NOT WE, MISS. I'VE BEEN ON THIS JOB TOO LONG FER THAT

HOW COME, OFFICER?

BECAUSE WITH A COUPLA GIRLS LIKE YOU — HE'D LIKELY AS NOT BELIEVE WHATEVER Y'UH SAID!

The Judge is a Charitable Man!

Any Port in a Storm

EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON CLARABELLE CALLENDER. A NOTE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO HANDLEBAR, BUT MICKEY CAN FIND ANYTHING TO WRITE WITH!

HERE! LIPSTICK... THAT'LL DO!

GOOD LAND O' GOSHEN! HERE, HERE! GOES!

I'LL DUCK IN THE RAIN, OFF LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO SCRIBBLE THE NOTE!

AND F' GOSH SAKES, DON'T FORGET TO COME IN HERE BEFORE Y' LEAVE!

Everything Happens for the Best!

YOUR PLAN WORKED LIKE A CHARM—THE GANGSTERS "DISCOVERED" ANNIE AND HER TEACHER WERE LEAVING IN A CAR FOR AN UNGUARDED DRIVE TO THE RAILWAY DEPOT AT SEASIDE LAKE.

PLANNING TO CAPTURE THE CHILD AND LEAVE NO WITNESSES—SIX ARMED GANGSTERS FOLLOWED—BUT IT HAPPENED THEY FOLLOWED A SHERIFF'S ROSE, WAITING FOR THEM.

AN IT HAPPENED THE GANGSTERS REFUSED TO STOP AT THE SHERIFF'S COMMAND TO HARBOR—THEN IT HAPPENED THE TIRERS WERE SHOT OFF THE CAR—THE CAR AWARRENED TO TURN OVER—AN THE GANGSTERS WOKED UP IN THE HOSPITAL OR STALL.

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