

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Tripping the sports trigger at transitory targets, and all the time thinking how much better it is than pulling the release on some lead-loaded man killer in one of the world's much too many war zones . . . Colitch kid makes good: All Clint Cameron, who forsook a college rook's lid in favor of a Senatorial baseball robe, did in his professional baseball debut with the Legislators Friday aft was to make two putouts, two assists, engineer a double killing, draw two walks, get a third "life" by taking a soft pitch on the shoulder, score the run that broke up one ball game, hit a right smart two-bagger and finish up his baptismal day with a three-run homer . . . If Clint never does another thing, he should stick that record in his scrapbook.



CLINT CAMERON

If it's a progressive stint of pitching the Fallin fellow is doing, and the records imply as much, you can put down the score for the next home game he hurls as 4-0 . . . His tricks in the Legislators' plant have been, in order, 1-0 against Tacoma, 2-0 against Yakima and 3-0 against Wenatchee . . . He gave Tacoma and Yakima six hits each but was magnanimous with the Chiefs, allowing 'em 11 one-base knocks.

Bad Days Unknown to Leapin' Les

I know of no one who has yet gone to the trouble to compile a list of the many ways a man can work (or play) himself into the family doghouse, but if anyone ever does he should by all means include sleeping during a wedding . . . A man in our town got himself all but chained to the family pup palace for life for doing just that last week.

That which makes Leapin' Les Steers even more of a phenomenon than his record-shattering leaps is the strange fact that, unlike other track and field phenoms, and especially other high jumpers, he never seems to have a bad day . . . He doesn't break a record every time out, no, for he doesn't try every time out, but he never fails to beat the jumping field and to clear what normally would be considered an amazing height.

While other jumpers, capable on their best days of getting up to 6-foot 7 or 6-foot 6, sometimes fail to go as high as 6-foot 4 or, sometimes fail to get over 6-foot 1, Leapin' Les gets over those miserable heights in one jump and then goes on to do whatever he has to do to win or to break a record . . . Leapin' Les, in fact, doesn't start jumping until he's reached 6-foot 6 . . . Up to that point he uses the old familiar western roll and just goes through the motions . . . After that he switches to what Colonel Bill Hayward inelegantly terms the belly roll and starts gunning after altitude.

In the western roll, it's the side or one shoulder and one hip that is next to the bar when the jumper goes over it . . . In Steers' belly roll, it's his face that is next to the bar, with the line of both shoulders parallel to the ground . . . Leapin' Les thinks he could get over seven feet quite easily if, after he got up to the bar, he didn't have to worry about his left arm any more . . . The thing gets in his way.

Antelope Al to Become 'Owl Eyes'

Antelope Al Lightner has tried almost everything but standing on his head in the batting box in an effort to snap himself out of the hitting slump that has carried him down to the atrocious batting mark of .135, but it wasn't until Saturday that he got on the trail of what may be the difficulty . . . Desperate, the Antelope went to see an oculist. The oculist, after long examination and many tests, reported that Al's right eye is but about 60 per cent as strong as his left eye, and that the combination of the two makes him see things where they aren't.

The remedy: A pair of cheaters—like so many of the ball players are wearing these days with no qualms whatever . . . The Antelope gets his spectacles Tuesday and intends to get into them and see what happens to his batting . . . If they don't help, says Al, he's ready to leap in the nearest river, except the Willamette, which he says is far too dirty.

Antelope Al was bearded between the eyes during the 1939 WI campaign, while he was managing the Bellingham entry . . . The bearding injured the optical nerve and he immediately became the strikeout champ of the league . . . The following winter, however, he took eye exercises under direction of a doctor, with the subsequent result that he hit just under .300 and co-authored a new league triple record last season . . . Evidently, so his oculist told him Saturday, his sight is no better now than it was in 1938, but that glasses will cure the difficulty.

A couple of weddings are slated among our Senators soon, so the squad Winchell reports . . . Lefty Gene Fenter and Miss Evelyn Campbell, of The Dalles, applied for a marriage license Saturday, and, as I'm told, Eddie Adams intends to say "I will" this month sometime.

Seeks 300th Lifetime Win



Robert Moses "Lefty" Grove, Boston Red Sox standby, as he chalked up his 296th lifetime victory and edged toward the 300 total—a mark only four other modern baseball pitchers have ever reached or passed.

'Aid Cougars to Third Place in PCC Meet



Earl Stone, discus artist, Coach Weiershauser and Frank London, ace shot putter, combined forces to boost the USC Cougars into a tie with Stanford for third place in the Pacific Coast conference track and field meet at Berkeley Saturday.

Cal's Klemmer Ties World 440 Mark As SC Sweeps Coast Meet

Les Steers Takes High Jump Easily; Cougars Place 3rd

By RUSS NEWLAND

BERKELEY, Calif., May 31—(AP)—Long Gaited Grover Klemmer of California loped to a world record tying time in the 440-yard dash to claim individual honors Saturday in the Pacific Coast conference track and field championships that saw Southern California run off with the team title for the sixth successive year.

Brooks' Reiser Takes Nat Bat Lead With .373

NEW YORK, May 31—(AP)—Harold Patrick "Pete" Reiser, the young prize package of the Brooklyn Dodgers, now is beginning to pay off at the plate on all the build-up given him in the past three seasons.

As a result of many mishaps the 21-year-old star has played in only 28 of Brooklyn's 41 games, but has overcome adversity to the extent of leading the National league in hitting. In going to bat 162 times prior to Saturday he made 35 hits for a .373 percentage, 18 points better than Enos "Country" Slaughter of the St. Louis Cardinals and Stan Hack of the Chicago Cubs, who tied at .355.

Reiser's rise to the top of the senior circuit coincided with a slump by some of the other hitting leaders. Arky Vaughan of Pittsburgh, who had been out in front for a couple of weeks, dropped 24 points to .347 in the past seven days and Slaughter, who was second last week also, fell seven points.

This week's top hitters, rated behind Reiser, Slaughter and Hack, were Vaughan, .347; Johnny Mize, St. Louis, .343; Bill Herman, Brooklyn, .336; Lee Handman, Brooklyn, .333; Phil Cavarretta, Chicago, .333; Terry Moore, St. Louis, .319; and Nick Etten, Philadelphia, .319.

The record of the St. Louis Cardinals' pitchers were unapproached. Lon Warneke was undefeated with five victories. Sam Nahem unbeaten with four. Mort Cooper stood six and one and Harry Gumbert five and one, including four straight triumphs since transferring from the Giants to the Cards.

Terry Moore scored the most runs, three more than Hack. Slaughter had the most hits, 58, with Moore second at 53. Mize led in doubles with 15 and Moore again was second with 13. Jim Brown was tied for the lead in triples at four.

Of the other available honors, Bill Nicholson of the Chicago Cubs was out in front in runs batted in with 38. Mel Ott of the Giants was second in runs batted in with 33 and was tied with Dolph Camilli of Brooklyn for the most home runs, 11.

Salem Men Are High in Shoot

SEATTLE, May 31—(AP)—Fred May of Tacoma won the preliminary handicap in the annual Seattle Times handicap at the Seattle Gun club today, posting a score of 96 at the 22-yard range.

F. G. Mauser, of Seaside, Ore., and N. C. Janssen, of Seattle, tied for Class A honors with 97 each; R. S. Neel, of Montesano, took Class B honors with 96, and J. A. Riegger, of Rydewood, won Class C with 95.

Other scores included:

Klemmer, 19 years old and physically equipped to give an antelope an argument over a quarter mile, was clocked in 46.4 seconds. It equaled the official world's record set in 1932 by lanky Ben Eastman of Stanford.

There was no dispute on the time. Four officials caught him at the world's record. One stopped the watch at 46.4 and a sixth time clocked at 46.5.

Klemmer, who has been hitting around 47 seconds with regularity, finished with a 12-yard lead over the second place man, Hubert Kerns of USC.

In the scramble for the team championship the USC Trojans merely ran true to form. The 1941 crowd of stars assembled by Coach Dean Cromwell piled up points throughout the meet to make it a walk away in the final computation.

The Trojans totaled 73 points; California, expected to make a real fight of it, ran a dragging second with 48½ points. Stanford and Washington State tied for third with 24 tallies each.

The rest finished as follows: Idaho 14, UCLA 12½, Washington 9, Oregon 8, Montana 6, Oregon State 6.

Five new conference records were established in the quarter, half and mile runs; the high jump and the javelin throw.

One casualty was noted. Eugene Swaney of Washington was hit on the leg by a discus thrown by Carl Merritt of USC. It caused him to withdraw from the 800-yard run and the accident also forced Washington to withdraw its team in the mile relay.

Swaney was warming up on the track when Merritt got off a wild heave. It caused a big bruise on his leg but he was not believed seriously injured.

Aside from Klemmer's great run in the quarter, the high jump and mile run produced outstanding performances. Les Steers of Oregon, who already holds the unofficial world's record of six feet 10½ inches in the high jump, won the event easily at six feet 9 inches.

Phil Leibowitz of Idaho opened the meet with a thrilling win in the mile run. The time was 4:09.3, fastest in the far west this year.

Leibowitz, after hooking spikes with Leroy Weed of USC, after starting the last lap, sprinted into the lead on the back stretch and won by a couple of yards. Weed was second while the starting favorite, Richard Peter of California, was a poor third.

Washington State's reliable Bill Dale won the 880-yard run in the excellent time of 1:51.7 while Bob Peoples of USC sent the javelin on a flight of 231 feet 1 inch.

The biggest form reversal was charged to Pat Haley of Washington State, figured to win the 100 and 220-yard dashes easily. He went unplaced in the century, although some observers thought he was up for a third place, and he took third in the 220-yard event. He won the 220-yard low hurdles without difficulty in the time of 23.7 seconds.

Victory Dyrigall of Idaho, figured as a cinch winner in the two mile took second to Noel Williams of Washington State in a 9:23.8 clocking.

Mixups, in officiating and announcements, led to some confusion. Gene Kerns of Stanford was adjudged third place man in the hurdles but long after the official release he convinced judges Hubert Duke of UCLA actually

Tops Amerk Loop



TED WILLIAMS

Ted Williams Clubs .429 To Top Amerk

CHICAGO, May 31—(AP)—Young Ted Williams, Boston's eccentric rightfielder, has left all other contenders far behind in his dizzy climb to the American league batting heights.

The willowy, 23-year-old star, in his third year as a big leaguer, has zoomed 96 points in two weeks, collecting 30 hits in his last 56 times at bat. Last week he batted .607—17 hits in 28 tries—boosting his mark to .429 for the season, including games of Friday.

This amazing streak placed him 53 points ahead of Bill Dickey, the New York catcher, who is hitting a handsome .376, a gain of three points over last week. Roy Cullenbine of St. Louis lost five points but still ranks third at .373, followed by Joe Cronin, Boston, .372; Cecil Travis, Washington, .396; Jeff Heath, Cleveland, .358; Bruce Campbell, Detroit, .357; Sam Chapman, Philadelphia, .351; Luke Appling, Chicago, .344, and Dominic DiMaggio, Boston, .344.

Rudy York, Detroit's bulky firstbaseman, also hit a hot streak last week, clouting four home runs to take charge of this department with 12. This long distance hitting also brought him the runs batted in leadership with 43.

Cronin is setting the double-tripling pace, 16, Travis is tops in hitting with seven and George Case of Washington supplanted Dom DiMaggio as the top base stealer. The little DiMag has six and Case seven.

Bob Feller of Cleveland notched two more victories, giving him 10 won and two lost. The Indian ace also stretched his strikeout mark to 84, whiffing 21 men in two games.

Connie Mack's ambitious Athletics displaced the Red Sox team batting leaders at .283. Cleveland retained its superior rating on defense and the Yankees tacked on eight more double plays, giving them 63 in 42 games.

Had finished third. Kerns, meanwhile, went unplaced among the first five.

Helser Hangs Up Fourth Straight Victory, 3-1; Doubleheader Tonight

Injuns, Pips Collect Wins By Single Run

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
Spokane W L Pct
Yakima 19 7 .731 Salem 10 16 .385
Tacoma 14 9 .609 Wenatchee 10 16 .385
Vancouver 16 15 .552 Tacoma 9 16 .380

SPOKANE, May 31—(AP)—Pete Hughes threw a strike from centerfield in the ninth inning Saturday night to check a Vancouver rally at three runs and salvage a 5 to 4 baseball victory for Spokane.

The decision evened the current Western International league series at one victory for each team.

Bob Kinnaman, on the hill for Spokane, was handed a 5 to 1 lead in the early frames by his mates' clustered blows, but nearly blew it in the ninth when Vancouver's Caplanos found him for four of their nine hits.

Two singles and a double pushed home the three runs and Calteaux was on second with the knotted when Dick Warfield hit to center. Hughes scooped up the ball on the run and lined it home, catching Calteaux by a wide margin.

Warfield, with a single and double in three trips, led the Cap hitters. Frank Milani topped Spokane with two for two.

Vancouver 4 9 2
Spokane 5 9 1
Tate and Lingua; Kinnaman and Beard.

Younker Stars

YAKIMA, May 31—(AP)—Roy Younker, Pippin outfielder, continued his slugging rampage Saturday night in a Western International league game against the Tacoma Tigers and for the second consecutive night scored the winning run.

With the score tied at 6-all in the last of the ninth, Younker singled and galloped home on Bill Reese's double to give Yakima a 7-6 edge.

Younker, who hit five for seven last night, pounded out four safe blows in five trips tonight.

Tacoma took a four-run lead in the first when Mel Mallory tripled, Fay Starr singled, Morry Abbott tripled and Bill Gray homered over the centerfield fence.

Yakima counted twice in the same inning and added four more in the fifth on three singles and doubles by Sal Madrid and Younker. The Tigers tied the count in the seventh.

Tacoma 6 9 1
Yakima 7 13 1
Cadinha and Stoeber; Lien, Greer (7) and Sueme.

Cougars Claw Idaho in Pair

PULLMAN, Wash., May 31—(AP)—Washington State college and the University of Idaho pinched off the 1941 Coast conference northern division baseball season Saturday with a double bill, State winning both tussles by scores of 9 to 1 and 6 to 5.

Hank Bushman closed out his varsity pitching career by holding Idaho in check with five hits in the opener, but Bill Sewell had to rescue Cliff Chambers in the last frame of the nightcap when Idaho rallied, for three runs.

Lank Otis Hilton, Idaho first sacker, caused most of the trouble for State with a double and triple in three trips. Both games went seven innings. Scores:

First game:
Idaho 1 5 2
WSC 9 9 2
Jenkins and Kara; Bushman and Van Slyke.

Second game:
Idaho 5 7 4
WSC 6 6 2
Snyder and Kara; Chambers, Sewell and Schreiner, Brannigan.

Liebowitz Gets Honorary Award

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 31—(AP)—Phi Delta Theta, men's fraternity, announced today the selection of Phil Liebowitz as first recipient of the Douglas Dingle memorial award, established to honor annually the outstanding senior track athlete at the University of Idaho.

Dingle, whose memory the award perpetuates, was killed last October in an automobile accident near Boise. He was a member of the Idaho track squad.

Demaret Dies

HOUSTON, Tex., May 31—(AP)—John O'Brien Demaret, 64, father of golfer Jimmy Demaret, died while his son was en route by plane from Norwalk, Conn., to Fort Worth to practice for the national Add Heavers 34—Douris tional open.

Rigid Roy Gives Solons Series Edge; Windsor, Dierickx to Hurl Today

By RON GEMMELL
Statesman Sports Editor

Rigid Roy Helser, getting the kind of support the British would like to have, hung up his fourth straight win of the season at Geo. E. Waters park Saturday night—beating the Wenatchee Chiefs 3 to 1 to give our Senators a 2-1 series lead over the apple country clan. The series continues at 6:15 tonight, with George "The Duke" Windsor and Francis Dierickx getting the mound assignments for the Solons.

Coupled with Tacoma's defeat by Yakima, the win pulled our Senators from the basement into a tie with Wenatchee for fourth place in the Western International league flag chase.

All three home counters trickled across in the first inning, two tallying on an error and the third on a wild pitch. The Legislators dug in behind Helser, playing their fourth consecutive errorless game in the home orchard and protecting the advantage despite a trio of sharp scoring threats by the Chiefs in addition to the fifth frame surge which produced their single run.

Freddie Lanifero opened Salem's offensive with a double deep to center, Clint Cameron walked and Charles Baldy Petersen skittered a beautiful bunt down the third base line. Third Baseman Carl Cox fielded the ball, which went as a hit, and threw wild over First Baseman Stinson's head, allowing Lanifero and Cameron to score. Petersen went clear to third on the error and scored a moment later, with none out, on a wild pitch.

That was the ball game, for although the Solons could collect but five hits off diminutive Bob Williams, they played sparkling defensive ball to pull Helser out of trouble when it threatened.

Wenatchee's counter crossed when Bushy Bushong led off with a double and scored on two infield outs in the fifth.

Clint Cameron, the "Collich Kid," continued the pace he set in his debut Friday—banging a single and double in three official trips and playing a bang-up hot corner.

Charlie Bates pulled gasps from the sparsely settled stands no less than three times with Fancy Dan catches on bad throws from the infielders. The guy does everything but eat the ball on that 1b stand.

Gyp Bonetti, the Chief center-patcher, galloped back almost to the centerfield barrier to make a one-handed catch of Bob Bergstrom's well-timed blow in the sixth—thereby revealing that Charles Baldy Petersen isn't the only middle man who can get 'em.

Big Ed Coleman wasn't in suit for our Senators. He contracted a touch of the flu following Friday night's venture and was ordered to stay out of the lineup.

Helser gave up two more hits than his southpaw adversary, 7-5, but big Roy's control was good enough that he walked but a pair. Two blows were the most he allowed in any one inning. Williams, after the fatal first, gave single hits in the third, fourth and eighth. He was pretty stingy.

WENATCHEE (1) B R O A E
Knobles, 7 3 0 2 0 0
Endress, 1 4 0 3 0 0
Cox, 3 4 0 2 0 1 3
Farrell, 3 0 0 0 0 0
Bonetti, 1 4 0 0 2 0 0
Stinson, 1 4 0 0 5 1 1
Marionetti, 3 0 0 0 0 0
Bushong, 2 1 1 2 2 0
Williams, 3 0 1 1 0 0
Totals 31 1 7 24 7 4

SALEM (3) B R O A E
Lanifero, 2 4 1 1 3 0
Cameron, 3 3 1 2 3 2 0
Petersen, 1 4 1 3 0 0
Lightner, 7 3 0 0 0 0
Bates, 1 3 0 0 13 0 0
Bergstrom, 1 4 0 0 0 0
Griffiths, 3 0 1 3 0 0
Adams, 3 0 0 4 1 0
Helser, 3 0 0 0 3 0
Totals 30 3 27 14 0

Wenatchee 000 010 000—3
Salem 300 000 009—3

Runs responsible for, Helser 1; Williams 1. Struck out by Helser 4; Williams 4. Bases on balls off Helser 2, Williams 3.

Wild pitches, Williams 2, Helser. Left on bases, Wenatchee 6, Salem 6. Three-base hits, Marionetti. Two-base hits, Lanifero, Bushong, Cameron. Runs batted in, Knobles. Double plays, Griffiths to Bates; Griffiths to Lanifero to Bates.

Time 1:41. Umpires, Nelson and Enger.

Shooters Stage Crab Feed Today

The Salem Trappshooters' club's annual crab feed is set to get underway at 10 o'clock this morning on the club grounds east of town.

Ground fees are \$1 per couple, with eats, drinks and crabs free.

Tuesday WRESTLING LADIES 10 CENTS Tuesday
Jack Lipscomb vs. Sneeze Achin
REMATCH—1 Hour
Herb Parks vs. Bulldog Jackson
45 Minutes
Tro Ito vs. Babe Small
30 Minutes

SALEM ARMORY TUES., JUNE 3, 8:30
Lower Floor 50c. Balcony 40c. Reserved Seats 75c (No Tax)
Tickets: Cliff Parker's and Lytle's - Auspices American Legion
Students 25c - Herb Owens, Matchmaker