

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

'Round 'n' round went the horses at the fairgrounds this week, and wasn't there someone in the audience who said there were to be days like those, please? . . . Well, it's another year before we'll have to face that kind of music again, men, so that's some satisfaction. . . And, as soon as I get this tucked away, I won't be bothering you again for two weeks, either. . . Vacations—aren't they wonderful?

Dean Cromwell, rated the world's number one track and field coach, plucked the juiciest Oregon cinder plumb to come along in quite a spell. . . Cromwell, a Salem visitor this week, told your chronicler that Ray Johnson, Medford high's state record holder in the quarter mile, is all set to enter USC this fall.

Don't get excited, Mr. Atherton, for Cromwell didn't get this information from Ramblin' Ray, but from Ray's coach, Bill Bowerman. . . "I'm tickled to get the boy, you may be sure," said the mild-mannered, immensely likeable Cromwell. . . "I saw him run the 400 meters against the top 440 men of the world in the Compton relays, and what I mean he is good."

Cromwell, who was having a mild go at the ponies out Lone Oak way when yours sincerely bumped into him, says there is no telling what Johnson will eventually do in the 440, but assures me it will be plenty. . . "He has beautiful, strong legs, a barrel chest that gives him the necessary room for lung action and he's a naturally powerful runner. No, he isn't built on the lines of Grover Klemmer—he's not as tall or rangy—but he has even cleaner legs."

Prep Speedster 'Given' to Cromwell

"By the way," said Cromwell, "Bill Hayward and Bill Bowerman combined to send Johnson to me. The boy told Bowerman he absolutely wouldn't go to school in Oregon, and Hayward came to me with the same story, saying I could have the boy if I wanted him. . . Say, they can send boys of Ray's type down my way anytime! He's the kind of boy we want down there, even if he had no high school record at all."

Cromwell's teams at the University of Southern California have dominated US track and field championships for years, and he has coached more Olympic champions than any other man, but there are few who know that he once upon a time was a Willamette coach. . . "That was away back in 1908," laughed Cromwell, who was born near Salem and first left here at the age of 6. "I didn't get paid for it. In fact, I should have paid them."

The Trojan track mentor was acting in a purely advisory capacity at Willamette, shortly after he was graduated from college, and was at the Methodist school for but a short period during the winter. . . Mrs. Cromwell owns some property in Oregon's capital city, and the Cromwells come north every year to look after it.

"What in heck are coaches going to do to football with the new free substitution rule?" asks Bill Leiser of the San Francisco Chronicle after taking in the All-Star game in Chicago, where the free substitution rule was first employed. . . "Certain possibilities are hideous to contemplate," says Leiser, and points out that the extra time taken with unlimited substitutions isn't the worst.

Rule Places Coaches on Spot, too

"Take Sid Luckman for instance, the really great passer. . . Luckman was pretty badly banged up, and Halas didn't want him to take any beating on defense whatever. So he merely sent Luckman in on certain offensive situations, dragged him back out as soon as the Bears lost the ball, and sent him back in the minute he wanted more sure-fire passing. So Luckman was in and out all night long."

Such use of Luckman, bench-to-field-and-field-to-bench, for attacking purposes only, raises this question in Leiser's mind: Who will be the first coach to organize a purely offensive team and send 11 new men to the field every time the football changes hands? . . . In other words, there isn't anything to prevent a coach from drilling one team on defense only and another on offense only, and substituting them as often as the ball changes hands.

"Yes," said "Honest John" Warren, Oregon freshman coach, who also was buzzing around the state fairgrounds a bit, "and isn't the coach going to be on a sweet spot under this unlimited substitution rule? Now the fans will blame the coach for all the quarterbacking, for they'll say, 'why didn't that so-and-so coach send in a substitution with the play to use' if a signal caller's strategy fails to work."

Warren says Oregon is almost certain to lose Jackie "Flash" Leicht, the transfer speed demon halfback, to the army draft, and that the Ducks may lose several others they would like very much to keep. . . Leicht, who ran the hundred well under 10 seconds flat before he injured a leg during the track season last spring, was counted upon to provide the extra, concentrated speed in the Oregon backfield.

See you September 23—three days before our Willamette Bearcats open against College of Idaho here, four days before Washington and Minnesota tangle at Seattle and the same number before Oregon and Stanford go at it in Palo Alto. . . Bye.

Detroit Policeman Sets New Pistol Firing Mark

CAMP PERRY, O., Sept. 6—(AP)—Harry W. Reeves, Detroit policeman, won the national all-around pistol championship for the second straight year Saturday at the national matches with the greatest exhibition of sharpshooting in the history of the handgun game.

The motor city officer fired through wind and rain to win the 12-match aggregate with the 45, 38 and 22 caliber pistols with a score of 2564 of a possible 2700, beating out a field of about 500 of the nation's top notch crack-shots.

In addition to the all around championship, he won the 45 caliber and the 38 caliber aggregates, both four-match events, and was among the 22 caliber leaders with the returns incomplete.

In battling his way to the championship over the greatest array of talent ever assembled in the national matches, Reeves won seven of 16 possible championships, two seconds, a fourth, two sixths, a seventh, a tenth and 32nd place.

His great performance stands as a national match record, since the course of fire is a new one.

GREENWOOD LAKE, N.Y., Sept. 6—(AP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis put on the gloves Saturday for the first time since he stopped Billy Conn in July and worked four rounds in preparation for his next title defense, against Lou Nova at the Polo

Dodgers Tighten Grip on Lead

Bangtails Have Bounced on but Trotters Continue at Lone Oak



While running races concluded at Salem's state fairgrounds racing thus at 1:30 p.m. today. The photo shows Sammy Direct coming in to win Saturday's second race in the classified trot.—Statesman photo.

Patterson Tops Qualifiers in Golf Club Meet

"Pat" Patterson's 76 was the low medal recorded Saturday as the qualifying round for the Salem Golf club's annual championship tournament got under way. However, only a handful of scores were turned in Saturday and a considerable number of aspirants will be firing at Patterson's mark today, through the coming week and next Sunday when qualifying play ends. In view of the excellent condition of the course, a medal somewhat closer to par or even below it is likely to be set.

Last year on the initial day for qualifying, "Wiff" Needham turned in a three-under-par 69 which withstood all challenges. What effect strict adherence to the "play 'em as they lie" rule actually has upon scoring may be judged from the range of qualifying scores in the present tournament, the first in which it has been invoked. However, this is not expected to make much difference in the number of scores in the 70s, as most of the low scorers have voluntarily observed the rule in recent seasons.

A year ago there were 23 qualifying scores under 80, more than half of the total. Following the qualifying deadline September 14, flights of 16 will be drawn for match play which will proceed at the rate of one round each week which means that finals in all flights will be played, barring unforeseen postponement, October 11 or 12. After the first round, beaten eight will form new flights so that no qualifiers will be eliminated until the second round.

Walter Cline, Jr., is the defending champion.

Cougars Field Speedy Backs, Capable Ends

PULLMAN, Sept. 6—(AP)—Speedy backs and capable wingmen give Washington State college the nucleus of a strong football club this season, but when practice opens next week Coach Babe Hollingbery expects to find large gaps in the mid-line positions.

He could be pleasantly surprised by his sophomore candidates for guard and center berths, but the coach is not optimistic. Stan Doecke, sophomore stand-out last year, the one veteran at guard, Milford Collins have tripped over the scholarship snag. At center, the coach pins his hopes on the recovery of Bill Remington, made-over back, from an operation; Hollingbery's son, Orin, Jr., is the next in line.

At backs State will have the brilliant Billy Sewell, nation's ace passer last year, Felix Bleicher, Les McLennan, Dick Renfro, Rex Bantz, Jay Stoves, Dale Holmes, and Bob Kennedy and Dave Currie at quarter. No worries there.

Lone Oak Racing Meet Sets New Handle Mark

Week's Bets Total \$138,528; Saturday Is Single Day High

By RON GEMMELL
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Foldin' money Saturday was flung through the wickets of Lone Oak race track's teller windows in larger wads than ever before in a single day of racing, and the \$35,998 wagered on the 11 races boosted the total for the week to a second new track record.

Total for the six-day scamper of the bangtails and trotters was \$138,528—\$1,864 more than the previous high, 1940—while Saturday's take was \$9884 above any previous single day.

Good weather, good prices and a dry track for the first time during the week all combined to boost the handle to the new high for the Oregon state fair meet.

Stingy Lady, chestnut filly owned by B. H. Banks, closed fast at the wire to nose out Timber Target and cop the featured six-furlong Oregon Editor's handicap. She paid \$10.90 to win and, coupled with Timber Target, \$57.50 in the quinella.

Top money was paid in the final race of the meet, Little Savage paying off \$36.40 on the nose, \$20.50 to place, \$7.20 to show and, hooked with Ohchocho Maid in the quinella, \$148.

Howard Conley was the leading jockey in the 50-race meet, finishing in the money 21 times. He won eight, finished second five times and third eight.

Record for other jockeys, giving the number of firsts, seconds and thirds:

Lynn Johnson 8, 9, 3; Al Holiday 7, 5, 5; Gus Dye 5, 6, 9; Roy Smith 5, 7, 4; Hack Laswell 3, 4, 2; Bob Coon 4, 2, 1; Earl Baze 4, 2, 5; Merv Perry 1, 3, 3; Ted Corn 1, 2, 1; Tommy Gibson 1, 0, 1; Dick Headrick 0, 3, 4; Frank Dahl 1, 3, 3.

RESULTS:

FIRST RACE, classified trot and pace, one mile, claiming, five and six furlongs—Hal (Davis) \$24.10, \$10.50, \$2.70; Barry Shannon (Dennis) \$22.50, \$21; Aunt Minnie (Kearner) \$20.00, Time 2:22.5. Also ran, Stockton Express, Gailey Woolen, ran for Van, Direct Woolen. No one had winning quinella combination.

SECOND RACE, classified trot, one mile—Sammy Direct (Fisher) \$9.40, \$4.90, \$2.30; King Hal (Dickenson) \$8, \$4.50, \$2.10; Woolen (Tilden) \$2.80, Quinella \$77.50, Time 2:21.2. Also ran, Easter Woolen, Peter Dale, Brother Watts, Santa Winnie.

THIRD RACE, claiming, five furlongs—Re's Fancy (Dye) \$20.20, \$9.50, \$4.50; Dan Lassie (Baze) \$12.00, \$6.50; Quick Wind (Smith) \$6.30, Quinella \$32.30, Time 1:52.5. Also ran, Alma Stupac, Pine Bar, Shasta Battle, Marine Star.

FOURTH RACE, claiming, five furlongs—Wigton (Dahl) \$4.80, \$2.50, \$1.40; Mignon (Headrick) \$3.40, Quinella \$17.70, Time 1:55.5. Also ran, Chin, Bromsweep, Carbine Man, Idadana (fell on back stretch).

FIFTH RACE, claiming, five and a half furlongs—Attaway K (Baze) \$11.10, \$5.40; Ahirawith (Lasswell) \$10.50, \$5.50; Betty's Pride (Dahl) \$4.40, \$2.10; Paracelo (Lasswell) \$2, Quinella \$28.50, Time 1:11.2. Also ran, Babe Wilson, Halloway, Lanny Girl, Fiddledeedee, Brilliant Baby.

SIXTH RACE, claiming, five and a half furlongs—Sir Timothy (Dye) \$17.50, \$9.50; Betty's Pride (Dahl) \$14.40, \$7.10; Paracelo (Lasswell) \$2, Quinella \$28.50, Time 1:11.2. Also ran, Babe Wilson, Halloway, Lanny Girl, Fiddledeedee, Brilliant Baby.

SEVENTH RACE, claiming, six furlongs—Fasco Leg (Josephson) \$14.50, \$7.50, \$3.80; Lassie (Baze) \$4.00, \$2.70; Plainclothes (Dahl) \$2, Quinella \$20.70, Time 1:18.5. Also ran, Prince Royal, Noyo, April Delight, Chester Rose.

EIGHTH RACE, claiming, six furlongs—Wallop Dod (Baze) \$8.50, \$4.50; Sky Nurse (Josephson) \$4.50, \$2.50; Hoister (Dye) \$2.10, Quinella \$19, Time 1:17.4. Also ran, Prince Royal, Noyo, April Delight, Chester Rose.

NINTH RACE, Oregon editor's handicap, six furlongs—Stingy Lady (Smith) \$10.50, \$5.50, \$3.70; Timber Target (Coon) \$4.50, \$2.40; Hypo (Corn) \$3.00, Quinella \$27.20, Time 1:34.8. Also ran, Chick Flickem, Volador, Ageway, Soaps, Midgetover.

TENTH RACE, claiming, one mile and 70 yards—Sky Ross (Dahl) \$12.70, \$6.50, \$3.10; Royal Serle (Headrick) \$4.70, \$2.50; Mess Wagon (Baze) \$2.

Best Giants, 4 to 1; Vandy Halts Cards

'No-No' Johnny Hurls 2-Hitter At Redbirds; Gap now 2 Full Games Between Pennant Chasers

BROOKLYN, Sept. 6—(AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers, who underrated the New York Giants last Saturday and dropped a doubleheader to their cross-town rivals, made no mistake this Saturday—blasting out a 4 to 1 victory that kept them on top of the National league.

Curt Davis produced another fine pitching performance to add to his recent string, holding the Giants to nine scattered hits, and received potent support from Dolph Camilli and Pete Reiser.

Brooklyn made only seven safeties off three New York pitchers, but Camilli collected his 30th home run of the season to start the Dodgers in the right direction and Reiser supplied a double and a triple.

Manager Leo Durocher installed himself at shortstop for the game, to rest the light-hitting Pee wee Reese, and used Lew

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct
Brooklyn	36	47	.437
St. Louis	33	48	.434
Cincinnati	32	50	.392
Pittsburgh	29	54	.349
Philadelphia	28	52	.349

Riggs and Jim Wassell in place of Cookie Lavagetto and Joe Medwick to obtain additional left-handed hitting strength to oppose the Giants' starting hurler, Bill McGee.

The strategy proved effective to the delight of the 17,000 Flatbush fans.

Team	W	L	Pct
New York	1	9	.100
Brooklyn	4	7	.364

McGee, Bowman (7), and Hartnett; Davis and Owen.

Vandy Stacks Cards

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 6—(AP)—The Cardinals didn't have a chance against Johnny Vander Meer's two-hit pitching Saturday as they dropped a 2 to 0 decision to Cincinnati and fell two full games behind Brooklyn.

The shut out burned a big hole in the Cardinal pennant hopes as the Dodgers sailed further into the lead with a 4-1 victory over the Giants.

Only a single by Johnny Hopp in the first inning and a double by Martin Marion in the fifth robbed Vander Meer, the only major league pitcher ever to hurl two successive hitless games, of his third no-hit performance.

He struck out 14 Cardinal batters with his blazing fast ball and crackling curves, only three short of the National league record.

An error by Walker Cooper, the Cards' rookie catcher, set up the first Cincinnati score in the fourth inning and Harry Craft broke up the southpaw pitchers' duel between Vandy and Ernie White with his 10th home run of the season in the ninth.

Cincinnati 2 7 0
St. Louis 0 1 1
Vander Meer and Lombardi; White and W. Cooper.

Bucs Best Cubs

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 6—(AP)—Vince DiMaggio's 19th homer of the season with two out and Elbie Fletcher on second base in the second inning gave the Pittsburgh Pirates an early lead Saturday as they defeated the Cubs 6 to 4.

Chicago 6 9 0
Pittsburgh 4 8 1
Moody, Lee (6), Schmitz (7) and McCullough; Heintzelman and Baker.

Phils Edge Braves

BOSTON, Sept. 6—(AP)—Tommy Livingston's pinch-hit single in the ninth inning gave the Philadelphia Phillies a 4-3 victory over the Boston Braves Saturday.

Livingston's clean hit to center field, bringing home Bob Bragan who had singled and stolen second, came after Boston rallied to tie the count in the eighth on Max West's 11th home run.

Philadelphia 4 11 1
Boston 3 9 1
Johnson, Melton (5), Pearson (8) and Warren; Tobin and Berres, Montgomery (5).

Heavyweight Foes Get Test

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Vikings Open Grid Drills At 10 Monday

A twice-daily practice schedule begins Monday for prospective Salem high gridders, Coach Harold Hauk announced Saturday. First meeting is set for 10 a. m. Monday, at which time equipment will be issued, and 2 p. m. Monday.

Vern Gilmore, director of athletics, announced an eight-game schedule that will be increased to nine games when the new open Thanksgiving day date is filled. The date has been left open by several high schools throughout the state, so that teams may compete in a titular playoff if one is staged.

The schedule includes four games in Salem and four away. Coach Hauk said a twice-a-day schedule of practices would be in force all this week.

Season schedule:

Sept. 25—Milwaukie there.
Oct. 3—Oregon City there.
Oct. 10—Albany here.
Oct. 18—Corvallis here.
Oct. 24—Astoria there.
Oct. 31—Bend here.
Nov. 7—Eugene there.
Nov. 14—Medford there.
Nov. 20—Open.

Trapshoot Set By Salem Club

The Salem Trapshooters club's fifth annual merchandise shoot is slated over the Salem traps today, beginning this morning at 10:30.

Four events, which include the Hiltibrand handicap, Aikin-Troeh trophy and Tad Shelton purse, are scheduled.

Events are: 50-targets, 16-yards; 50 handicap targets; special 50-targets; and 12 pair of doubles.

League Baseball

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Team	W	L	Pct
Milwaukee	4	1	.800
Kansas City	1	1	.500
Columbus	1	1	.500
Toledo	1	1	.500

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Player	B	R	Avg
Eugene	48	150	.285
Holbe	31	94	.287
Adams	30	115	.261
Warren	21	61	.344
Griffith	44	127	.344
George	12	31	.387
Conner	27	68	.397
Putnam	44	128	.344

Pioneer League

PIONEER LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Salt Lake	9	1	.900
Pocatello	4	2	.667