

Hollywood Oval Will Reopen Today

INGLEWOOD, Calif., Oct. 31.—(AP)—The merry-go-round starts up again at Hollywood park tomorrow after nearly three years of war-imposed inactivity. Top event at the opening of the 34-day race meeting will be the \$10,000 Hollywood premiere handicap, and prospects are that about a dozen thoroughbreds will shoot for the jackpot out of 25 nominated.

The Hollywood influence will be strongly felt. This track is near the center of the film industry, and a goodly scattering of movie celebrities will be on hand to share the spotlight with the ponies.

Track officials said they expected an initial crowd of at least 40,000. This bustling war center is enjoying more prosperity than it probably has ever experienced before. Racing always has been a popular sport in southern California.

Returns to Portland Ring



HAMMERIN' HENRY ARMSTRONG, veteran fight campaigner, returns to Portland Saturday night for a 10-rounder with Mike Belose, another ring vet.

Vikings Hold Up Decision on Dallas Dragon Grid Challenge

Add possibly to your Thanksgiving Day menu a Salem high-Dallas football battle morsel — same might be a village Turkey Day feature rivalling King Tom himself.

Although Salem Athletic Director Gurnee Flesher couldn't divulge the final Viking verdict yesterday, the official Dallas challenge, made through The Statesman, because of previous commitments, he added that the revival of the sudden Dallas-Salem athletic rivalry is a possibility. "I'll be able to answer definitely in about a week," said Flesher.

A number of items are to be considered before the Viks can accept. First, they must be relieved of their November 4 date with Medford at Medford which may be an impossibility if the Black Tornado fails to win its way into state tournament play. Next, before any challenge from any school can be accepted, an check from the SES principal must be secured on the scheduling of another game. And, if the Viks find an opening for Turkey Day they certainly would want to fill it with the most outstanding attraction possible, such as the Vik-Jefferson or Fort-

land mix last Thanksgiving. Finally, a date with Dallas offers the Viks an "everything-to-lose-nothing-to-gain" future. A sizeable item itself. As far as the Vikings players are concerned, be it Medford or Mill Valley they want to play somebody on or around Turkey Day. They draw no line at the Willamette river, either, and would welcome a shot at the non-reluctant Dragons. But before the official answer can be tendered Dallas' invitation "to play it either at Salem or Dallas," the Vik athletic department must first hurdle all obstacles named above.

The challenge was forwarded almost immediately after the Dragons upset Albany 19-15 last Friday night, Albany having previously tipped Salem 7-4. Coupled with the Dallas have of Salem in the pre-state tourney basketball was last winter, a "natural" was born. Neither side is worried over the financial end of the clash, for it is roundly believed the game would pack 'em in second to no other game played here.

Until SES & Co. can properly overcome prevailing hurdles, however, no answer can be forthcoming.

Majors Ready For 'Grab Bag' Opening Today

Minor League Player Draft on Schedule

By Charles Dunkley
CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Baseball's chief bargain hunters—the major league club owners—will huddle here tomorrow in their annual draft meeting in the hope of picking up another Grover Cleveland Alexander or another "Hack" Wilson at low prices.

The session will be held in the office of Kenesaw Mountain Landis, commissioner of baseball, with Secretary Leslie O'Connor presiding in the absence of Landis who has been hospitalized for the past month.

This year 589 players will be eligible for the draft with the three Double-A leagues—the American association, the International league, and the Pacific Coast league—furnishing 340 active players for the draft price of \$7,500. Hundreds of others from lesser leagues, as well as the "rights" to retired players and service men, also are included.

Clubs may make one selection each in inverse order of their finish in their league races, with the National league eighth place team having the call over the cellar American league team in even-numbered years. Thus the Philadelphia Phillies tomorrow will have first pick and Washington second.

Although the roll call is repeated until all clubs have as many picks as they desire, limited only by the 40-player squad maximums, the draft has averaged only 14 men annually. In 1942, however, it hit 23, while the other extreme was reached in 1932 when only four minor league players were taken. Last year 16 were selected.

Flying Swedes Shun U.S. Trip

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Dan Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the National AAU, received a telegram from the Swedish Amateur Athletic association today in which Gunnar Haegg and Arne Anderson, Swedish milers, declined an invitation to visit the US during the indoor track season. The message gave no reason but said a letter of explanation was being mailed.

Fancy Containers Help Increase Cigarette Prices

PORTLAND, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The district OPA asked national headquarters today for authority to prosecute dealers who increase prices by selling fags in fancy containers.

Buyers who can obtain packages only in wooden chests or other elaborate boxes or through a punchboard are protesting loudly, while the cigarette supply rapidly diminishes, the OPA reported.

Farm Production Must Keep Up Declares WFA

CORVALLIS, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Surpluses from this year's bumper crops must not result in slower food administration emphasized today.

"We cannot count on continued better-than-average conditions," the statement, released by the state AAA office here, declared "it is better to produce too much than to gamble on not enough."

Walker Handed Nod

BALTIMORE, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Buddy Walker, Columbus Negro heavy weight, was awarded majority decision over Yancey Henry, California scrapper, after 10 rounds of milling tonight. Walker weighed 180, Henry 183.

Plebe 'Battering Ram' Ranked Main Spring in Army Machine

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
WEST POINT, N.Y., Oct. 31.—(AP) An army may travel on its stomach but the unbeaten army football team does much of its traveling on the powerful legs of Felix A. (Doc) Blanchard, the Bishopville, S.C., battering ram. Lt. Col. Earl Blaik, army's head coach, won't admit that but he goes into a smiling reverie every time the plebe fullback's name is mentioned.

Other eastern football coaches and writers, however, say the youngster is the difference between last year's good cadet eleven and this season's class-drenched outfit. They contend that it is the constant threat of Blanchard's 260-pound blasts into the middle of the line that enables Glenn Davis to skirt the rival ends on his long touchdown jaunts. The latter now is the eastern scoring leader with 80 points while Blanchard is tied for fourth with 36.

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STATESMAN SPORTS

By Al Lightner, Sports Editor

Pro Golfdom's Richest Winter Tour to Open \$150,000 Jaunt in Portland on November 23



HAROLD 'JUG' McSPADEN (right), one of golfdom's top acts, talks it over with **George May**, who as boss of the annual Tam O'Shanter offers the game's top chance for purse-winning.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Golfdom's richest winter tour, the P. G. A. sponsored 1944-45 swing from Oregon down the west coast, through the southwest and south into the Carolinas, will find the pay-for-play brigade competing for more than \$150,000 in war bonds.

Fred J. Corcoran, tournament manager for the Professional Golfers association, announced today the tour would get under way Nov. 23-26 with a \$15,000 event at Portland, Ore., followed by 11 other definitely scheduled fixtures, four tentative tournaments, and several "possibilities."

"This will be the largest winter tour in the history of the association," Corcoran said. "All the events will be played for the benefit of various war relief funds, and all the top players will assist at various camps, clubs and hospitals in golf clinics."

Byron Nelson of Toledo, golf's leading bond winner with \$39,800 for 1944, will open his fall campaign at Portland, as will Sam Snead, recently released after 25 months in the navy. Harold (Jug) McSpaden, second money-won star with \$26,000; Craig Wood, duration national open champion; Bob Hamilton, P. G. A. king; Sam Byrd, Toney Penna, Jimmy Hines, Willie Goggin and Ed Dudley are among other stars making the winter circuit.

Helpers Take Brooklyn Job

BROOKLYN, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Ed Kubale, former head football coach at Centre college, and Frank Bridges, one time head coach at Baylor university, were named coaches of the Brooklyn Tigers of the National Football league today by Tom Gallery, general manager.

Rabbit Grows Tusks

PORTLAND, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The five-year-old white Chinchilla owned by Mrs. Opal Rivers is a hungry and very melancholy-bunny.

The rabbit can't chew its carrots because its teeth have grown into inch-long tusks which don't meet.

Garner Kayo Winner

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Bob Garner, 182, of Louisville, Ky., knocked out Charley Polk, 193 1/2, of Chicago in the third round of a scheduled eight round match tonight at the Marigold gardens.

Modest Ex-Husky Galer Tabbed As GI 'Champ in Any League'

ABOARD A TRANSPORT ENROUTE TO THE PHILIPPINES, Oct. 18.—(Delayed)—(AP)—A navy lieutenant who went ashore with Lt. Col Robert Galer during the Anguar invasion paid tribute to the former University of Washington basketball star is "one of the most fearless and most modest men I have ever seen in action."

Lt. John C. Edgren, former Providence, R.I., newspaperman, spent three weeks in the Pacific with the marine air wing operations officer and didn't learn that he was the holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor until a war correspondent from Seattle mentioned it during a chat about Galer aboard the Philippines-bound ship. Galer never had dropped a hint about President Roosevelt having personally presented him with the nation's highest military award.

"We landed at Guadalcanal just two years to the day from Galer's first landing there with the marine air squadron in the early days of the Solomon fighting," Edgren related. "I had to ask him directly to learn that he was credited with 14 or 14 1/2 enemy planes while based there."

"Later at Anguar, where he had been sent only as an observer, he walked behind tanks right up to the front lines. It was a hazardous risk; uncalled for in his assignment, but he seems absolutely fearless in action. Other men were asking: 'Who the hell is that marine officer who's sticking his neck up front with the tanks?'"

"When I learned that he was a Pacific coast all-star in college basketball, I wasn't surprised. That guy is a champ in any league."

Hotel Fire Endangers Guests at Grants Pass

GRANTS PASS, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Police reported no injuries today from an 11 a.m. fire that endangered occupants of upper rooms in the three-story Grants Pass hotel.

An automatic gas heater started the blaze, Fire Chief Homer Grable said. Hotel guests fled by fire escapes and ladders.

Motorist Kills Cow, Saves Ration Points

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Some thrifty Floridians has saved himself a flock of ration points.

A cow was killed by an automobile last night near the Tomoka river north of here. Deputy Sheriff V. E. Yaw said some unknown person cut off and took with him the choice hind and front quarters of the cow.

Ex-WIL'er Penso Still Tallying 'Runs' - Against the Japs

SEATTLE, Oct. 31.—(AP)—In a letter to Alex Shula, Seattle Times baseball writer, Corp. Ted Wilson, somewhere in France, revealed today that Sgt. Felix (Mike) Penso, former Seattle semi-pro and Western International league ballplayer and Rainier's pitching prospect, has won the purple heart in his own private war against German snipers. He said Penso was not seriously wounded.

"We had a young kid assigned to our platoon," the corpsier wrote. "He was 19, and hadn't shaved yet. Mike knew he was inexperienced, so took care of him like a father—to call him 'Chicken.' One night a sniper got the kid in the back of the head and killed him. Since then, the snipers have paid dearly for it. Mike's shot down 14 snipers so far."

"He has more patience than any sniper ever had. He waits for hours, until they make the first move, fires—then turns his head as they tumble out of a tree."

"Every time he gets one, he won't speak for a couple of hours. That's our clue, and we know he's bagged another of the rats. I once asked him why he was so quiet after he shot one, and he said he was praying for

Tosses Towel

PETE CAWTHON, recently resigned skipper of the Brooklyn pro footballing Tigers, will be replaced by Ed Kubale and Frank Bridges, his former assistants.

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Huskies Eleven To Start Over

'Graduation' Takes Many Welch Stars

SEATTLE, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Coach Ralph (Pest) Welch today set November 1 as the official start of the rebuilding of the University of Washington football team. The Husky footballers, who have been idle for the last two days since their return from California, will get back into the harness tomorrow, minus 14 of their mates who were "graduated" via the navy trainee transfer route.

Among the replacements which Welch and his assistants are getting headaches over, are guards, tackles, a center and a fullback. For the center position Guard Jim McCurdy, formerly a center and a good one, moves back to the pivot position, replacing Gordy Berlin.

But with McCurdy at center, both guard spots are open, since Bob Levenhagen on the other side of the line transferred. Tackles Harry Rice and Bill McGovern both are gone.

In the backfield the blow struck twice in the fullback place, taking Keith DeCoursey and Bobo Moore, leaving only Bob Knowles to carry the load that three of them carried before.

Three other backs who have been in the best clicking Husky combination of the year, however, Quarterback Bob Zech and Halfbacks Dick Ottele and Dick King, remain on the team.

The Huskies meet the strong Fourth Air Force team from March Field, Calif., here November 11, the last home game of the year. The following week they wind up their season against the Second Air Force at Spokane.

Casaba Drills Called by 'Hec'

SEATTLE, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Coach Hec Edmundson called for the resumption tomorrow, with the beginning of the second quarter, of the University of Washington basketball practice. The notice was posted for both civilian and naval trainee turnouts. "When the squad reports tomorrow, the fight for positions will start," Edmundson said. Basis training and physical conditioning have occupied squad drills for the past month.

Rotolo Raps Amoroso

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Tommy Rotolo, 138 1/2, Rome, N.Y., won an easy eight-round decision tonight over Don Amoroso, 135 1/2, Jersey City, at the Westchester county center. Amoroso was down for a nine count in the third.

Bombers Ready For Rocket 11

SEATTLE, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The Seattle Bombers of the American Professional Football league worked out in a driving rain today as they prepared for the Portland Rockets, who will help introduce Sunday pro football in Seattle this weekend. All previous professional games here have been on Friday night. The game will likewise be the final home game of the season for the Bombers.

Coach Dutch Clark said tonight that Dean McAdams, former University of Washington passing star, who was out with injuries last week when the Bombers met the San Diego Gunners, "would be ready for the Rocket game."

Wolves to Fly For Canuck Go

RENO, Nev., Oct. 31.—(AP)—A 1-650 mile airplane flight will take the University of Nevada's football team over the Bitter Root and Rocky mountains this week to Edmonton, Canada, for a Sunday game with the Alaska Clippers, an American air transport command eleven.

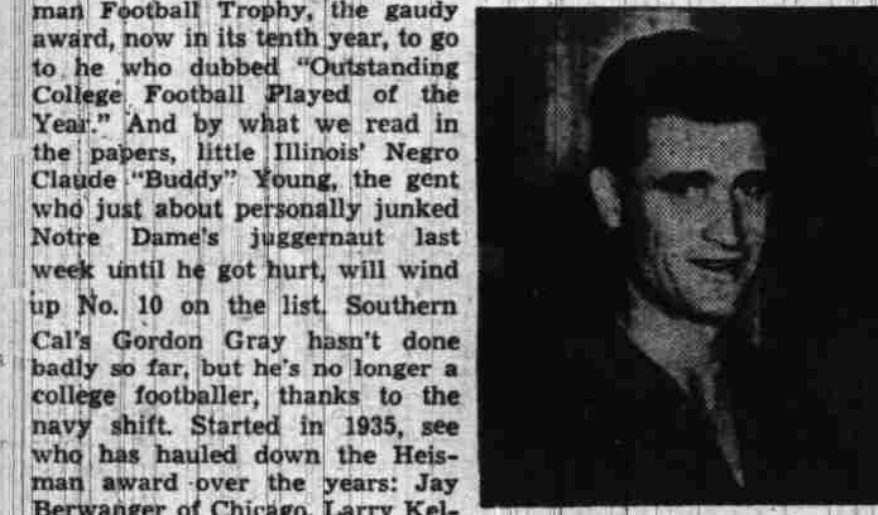
Edmonton sport fans, keen followers of Rugby, the British rough and tumble sport, will be getting one of their first glimpses of American football teams in action on Canadian soil. Not much is known about the strength of the Clippers. The team is made up of G. I. Joes serving with the US air transport command.

Alaska Clippers Await Nevada 11

EDMONTON, Alberta, Oct. 31 (CP)—Lt. Ray Arjo, head coach of Alaska Clippers, isn't saying much about chances of his Alaska Clippers against the University of Nevada's football club here this weekend. He's content to let the game speak for itself. The Clippers, from the US army air force base here, have played five Sunday games before sold-out crowds at Clarke stadium and have lost three of them. The club hasn't any "name" players.

From the BLEACHERS

By AL LIGHTNER
Shorty soldiers: The farmers aren't the only gents wearing smiles since winter has finally come—you should see the Vik Villa football flock after they ogled quagmired Olinger parade grounds. What they had to practice on before the rains came would have dulled a bulldozer. Ditto for the two junior turf-thirsty pastures. . . . The Downtown Athletic club of New York City has again made its yearly plea that the nation's sports-slingers pick the 1944 winner of the Heisman Football Trophy, the gaudy award, now in its tenth year, to go to the who dubbed "Outstanding College Football Player of the Year." And by what we read in the papers, little Illinois' Negro Claude "Buddy" Young, the gent who just about personally junked Notre Dame's juggernaut last week until he got hurt, will wind up No. 10 on the list. Southern Cal's Gordon Gray hasn't done badly so far, but he's no longer a college footballer, thanks to the navy shift. Started in 1935, see who has hauled down the Heisman award over the years: Jay Berwanger of Chicago, Larry Kelly of Yale, Clint Frank of Yale, Davey O'Brien of Texas Christian, Nile Kinnick of Iowa, a war victim, Tom Harmon of Michigan, Bruce Smith of Minnesota, Frankie Sinkwich of Georgia and Angelo Bertelli of Notre Dame. . . . Gosh, if you'd put those greats on the same team with Young and Gray you'd have enough to challenge the strictly All-American Randolph Field Flyers. . . . Leave it to the sports editors to make liars out of the sports editors—they've done just that. In Marty Berg's "Sportsweek" poll of a few weeks back the nation's 1700-odd Remington rattlers voted the Sporting News' "most valuable" picks of Marty Marion and Oregon's Bobby Doerr in the National and American leagues, respectively, as phoo. The newsies said Stan Musial and Hal Newhouser were tops for their dough. Comes another poll result this week designating the "most valuable player in both leagues." Same 1700 newsies, now on the astonishing side, vote the honor to Marion of all people, and peg Newhouser a poor second and Musial a poorer fourth. . . . Berg better drop the "most valuable" angle right there. Next thing you know the boys will be electing him. . . .



BOBBY DOERR

Astoria Skeptical of Salem Hospitality
We've always had the idea the good people of Astoria held no love for the good people of Salem—especially when it boiled right down to high school athletics—and now we know it for sure. But we didn't think we'd ever see the strained relationships reach a new low in pettiness. Imagine this! Astoria has demanded that Portland officials work the Friday night football game between the Fishermen and Viks here, which in a way brands village officials and SHS overlords as not immune to connivances too abominable to even think about! Ye Gods, what is the prep athletic family coming to when it is thought by members that strictly neutrals would purposely insert themselves as the difference between one team of 'teen aged youngsters winning or losing to another?

Some day we're going to write a book on the trials and tribulations of the always poor, blind and unpopular prep athletic official—automatically a first-class heel who shouldn't even be allowed in the town without his seeing-eye dawg and every time a robber without a gun. First he must decipher the rule book, a defenseless-looking little item which makes contradicting itself a habit and which would baffle even such an untouchable as Dick Tracy. Then comes an examination which makes working out your income tax sheets a pleasure by comparison. He then pays his dues to the association.

Ridicule Cheap for Wearer of Striped Shirt

At long last the official takes the field to keep the peace between two outfits anxious to knock the brains from the other—legally of course, if accomplishing same cannot be achieved otherwise. All the while he has to guard against any one of dozens of other items ready to rear themselves without warning—coaching from the bench, illegals taught by more than a few coaches, hot tempers, rule breaking, etc.—there's a million of 'em. And for all of it he gets a nice big fat check in the amount of say \$10. He's worn out, his clothes are dirty, his feet hurt, he's taking a cussing from the losing team, ungentelemanly coaches bare their fangs at him, over-ripe razberries are tossed at him—woot a life!

And then along comes some two-bit coach or two-dollar principal who can't best anybody in their own class D league to bellyache about another town's officials before they've even seen the guys work. Yet the same guys are good enough to be invited to officiate in some of the top class A games in the state.

Ah yes, the athletic official. For Heaven's sake, don't ever be one. pal.

Ross Cops Mat Win Over Finn, Calls for Session With 'Mask'

Villager Tough Tony Ross came back after taking a razing lesson from Pasvo Katonan in the first fall of their main heat at the armory last night, spilled the Finn in No. 2 and 3 after some right rugged bawling, copped the Duke and immediately hissed, "Gimme the 'Mask' again." The two were tussling to see which one got an upcoming Salem crack at either Coast Champ Jack Kiser or the glutinous "Grey Mask," take your pick.

And feeling right chipper after flattening the Finn, Tough Tony, who came near enough not flattening same Finn figured inasmuch as 'twas Halloween it would've been okay by him if he headed speed showed up last night. The return beat between Tony and Mr. Stoneface is definitely set, however, and for next Tuesday night providing Matchmaker Don Owen doesn't figure election night and a razing match shouldn't happen. Speaking of noggin-bumping

Finn Katonan, still his rugged self, warmed Ross up for the "Mask" with a series of the cranium conks last night. But Ross' right fist and a well-applied leg lock proved the better weapons in the end. Katonan issued the lesson the first fall and in 12 minutes had the village hero fouled up in his pet "hangman's hold." The Ross heart punches and cross-knee body slam tied it in 3 1/2 minutes, and then after escaping another "hangman's", Ross jumped on with the leg twister to stop the truly thrilling throughout melee.

Jack Kiser had to be content with a draw with "Fuddy" Malone in the semi, both taking a fall. Kiser's pet "skin-the-cat" hold tricked the heavier Malone for the first fall, and then Fuddy turned meanie to notch the second after a series of most all the heel tricks. Billy "Bast" Tom McEulin proved to be the tougher tangle in his opener with Fat "Bewdy" O'Dowdy by taking the first and third falls.

BOWLING SCORES

Squeezing by the M & F Grocery quint 2 games to 1, Boyd's Highway Market team took over undisputed possession of first place in the Industrial bowling league on the Perfection alleys Tuesday night. The two outfits had been tied for the top until last night's round. Other results saw Keith Browns and the Brite Spot take three in a row from the Papermakers and Trade Council, respectively, while Scio spilled Capital City Laundry 2 out of 3. Interstate Tractor did likewise to Mayflower Milk, and Salem Police took a 2 to 1 decision over Boster Electric. Hawkins, of the Keith Brown five, had high game for the evening, 234, while Kenyon of Scio had the high series, a lofty 629.			
Scores:			
M & F GROCERY (1)			
Handicap	53	53	53
Forzani	159	150	160-469
E. Griffith	135	124	142-401
Curtis	109	112	127-433
D. Griffith	126	117	149-401
Morgan	133	125	215-531
Totals	755	641	918-2514
BOYD'S HWY. MKT. (3)			
Federer	166	162	166-578
McNell	171	304	168-643
Aleshire	136	165	178-479
Haugensen	148	174	167-489
Bigler	147	165	158-470
Totals	618	920	796-2337
PAPERMAKERS (4)			
Cady	167	126	120-413
Wiltsey	124	165	148-437
Duncan	132	131	171-434
Bolton	127	142	149-418
Coleman	129	144	151-424
Totals	723	798	739-2332
KEYER BROWN CO. (3)			
Handicap	52	52	52
Barker	162	152	139-453
Duncan	129	129	129-387
G. Hardy	124	138	115-377
Towall	132	136	144-412
Hawkins	136	133	154-373
Totals	624	595	565-2005
TRADE COUNCIL (AFL) (2)			
Meyer	117	123	185-435
Futrell	122	140	94-359
Bussell	107	129	118-324
Lamb	119	132	151-402
Brant	128	144	115-387
Totals	693	778	743-2207
SCIO (2)			
Handicap	143	144	287
Denamore	150		150
Kenyon	215	186	225-629
Hendrickson	148	139	197-301
Krejci	126	183	193-324
Schrunk	100	148	163-473
Totals	830	836	940-2364
CAPITAL CITY LAUNDRY (1)			
Handicap	14		14
Kirchman	128	156	167-312
Kirchman	122	107	101-300
Russell	107	129	118-324
Woolley	122	116	126-330
Furling	108	133	175-322
Matis	108	133	175-322
Totals	638	748	730-2335
INTERSTATE TRACTOR (2)			
Handicap	8		8
Friend	127	129	129-324
N. Hoffinger	149	167	182-468
Stettler	155	152	188-453
Kanski	126	126	126-318
Furling	128	128	128-318
W. Valdez	124	173	202-344
Totals	784	791	896-2374
MAYFLOWER MILK (1)			
Handicap	128		128