

# Convicts Produce Slam-Bang Show in Annual Oregon State 'Pen Relays'

By Jim McHale  
A blazing Fourth of July sun beat down on a dusty track as the 1930 "Pen Relays" got under way at the Oregon State Penitentiary. The boys put on quite an enjoyable show for both themselves and the numerous outsiders that were lucky enough to attend.

The annual event was divided in two sections as track and field ruled the morning activities and a power packed boxing card filled the afternoon. The names, Bailey, Speer and Johnson kept the attention of the track fans as their names turned up time and again in the first three places of most of the track events. Although the events listed in the meet are not all standard equipment of high-school and college track variety they never-the-less allowed fun and entertainment for young and old alike as a great share of the boys entered into the games.

There was certainly no loss of interest as the fisticuff gladiators climbed into the ring after a brief intermission for chow. The high-lights of the ring battles came in the opening bouts as little Johnny Shaver laid the leather to Bob-

Stafford and gained himself a five dollar prize for the first KO of the afternoon.

The big thrill of the afternoon came when Dick Abney KO'd Johnny Flores in the final bout of the day. Dick is said to have shown a world of fistic improvement as he walked off with the top honors by defeating the professionally renowned Flores and collecting himself twenty dollars for "Best Fighter of the Day" award.

All in all the boys proved once more that there lies a world of talent behind "them prison walls." The day-long extravaganza is an annual event installed at the penitentiary by Warden George Alexander and his aids. The participants, both in the track and boxing events, had been looking forward for months to the day.

Numerous prizes, donated from various persons and organizations around the state, went to the aspiring athletes. Cigarettes, candies and other inside-the-walls delicacies were included in the prize list.

The events took place in the newly enlarged prison yard. Track and field results: 100 Yard Low Hurdles, Bailey.

Tug of War, Garage Dormitory Trusties, Greased Pole Fight, Hurd. Standing Broad Jump, Palmer. 50 Yard Dash, Johnson. High Jump, Michoff and Brooks. Three Legged Race, McPherson and Caddell. Pie Eating Contest, Miller. Centipede Race, Glen Wilson's team. Shoe Barrel Race, Glen Wilson. 100 Yard Dash, Johnson. Human Wheelbarrow race, Bailey and Johnson. Old Men's Race, E. J. Morrison. Colored Men's Race, McCloud. Lifer's Race, Plondexter. Wheelbarrow Race, Bass and Palmer. 220 Yard Dash, Speer. Sack Race, Higgins. Fat Man's

Race, Stratton. Juvenile Race, Stevens. 440 Yard Dash, Carakadden. Half Mile Relay, Bailey Team. Mounted Gladiators, McCann and Palmer. Leap Frog Race, Punchy Bailey's Yard Office Team. Mile Race, Aguilar.

Boxing results:  
In the three round lightweight preliminaries it was Bench over Fields, dec.; Shaver over Stafford in a 1st round KO; Padilla over Contreras, dec.; Newell over Conner, dec. In the four round welterweight bouts it was Boulware over Valdes by a TKO in the first round; Forsythe over Kimball, dec.; Evans over Tucker, dec. In the semi-final welterweight division it was Farrot over Hoover in a dec. The main event was a twin bill with "Speedy" Ayers bowing to Doyle McCann in a six round dec. In the bottom half it was Dick Abney over Johnny Flores in the fourth of a scheduled six rounder.

DENVER OPENS RACING  
DENVER, July 4—(AP)—In the luxurious surroundings of a \$2,500,000 track, Colorado welcomed back major thoroughbred racing today after a lapse of 35 years. A gala holiday crowd of 13,000 turned out for the inaugural of the new Centennial park plant and saw Torello, owned by Mrs. J. W. Marchbanks of Walnut Creek, Calif., win the \$5,000 added feature race.

ANDERSON VICTOR  
SAN FRANCISCO, July 4—(AP)—Greta Anderson, Denmark's champion Olympic swimmer, today stroked to an easy 1 minute, 2 second victory in the San Francisco all-city 100-yard free-style race for women.

## Stock Cars to Present Next Holly-Bowl Racing Program

Stock car racing, never before held on the quarter-mile paved strip here, will be next on the program at Hollywood Bowl. The big meet, expected to be laden with thrills inasmuch as such big buzz buggies will be banging away at each other on such a small track, will take place the coming Saturday night. Time trials will start at 8 o'clock and, as in other types of racing held here, trophy dash, heat races and main events will follow.

The sponsoring Valley Sportsters and actioning Northwest Stock Car association have not yet determined how long the Class A main event will be, but will make that announcement within the next day or two. Also, the number of stocks to appear here also will be made known.

Both Hershel McGriff and Ray Elliott, who drove to victory in the recent Mexican cross-country classic, will drive in the races Saturday. McGriff is expected to be at the wheel of the same Oldsmobile in which he and Elliott copped the rich Mexican championship.

Hudsons, Fords, Oldsmobiles, Chevrolets, Buicks and just about all other popular makes of cars will have their licks in the meet. None will be "souped up" or specially geared as are midgets and hot rods. Stock cars are strictly what the name implies, but fenders, lights, bumpers, fenders and other such non-mechanical accessories as those will not be included on the cars.

McGriff and Elliott were among those who gave a brief demonstration of stock car racing here last Saturday during the roadster program. The exhibition made a big hit with the packed stands and indicated that a full field of racing stocks can do just what stock car men insist, "provide the top racing thrills possible."

## Rollin' Along by Jerry Stone

Hard to figure why an outfielder so endowed with talent as Joe DiMaggio is shifted to first base "for the good of the club." A lot of guys can play first base as well or better than Joe but none of 'em can touch him at patrolling the middle patch. Difficult to figure how Casey Stengel figures to gain by removing the DiMaggio genius from his garden crew. One factor which



HANK SINGER  
Remember the Steinbock Duels? enters in possibility that maybe 35-year-old Joe is slowing up badly.

**That Inevitable Moment**  
This is a time of mental torment for the Clipper. The sad and inevitable moment for any great batting star comes when he is dropped that niche down in the lineup. That is the indication that the reflexes aren't what they once were, that is the indication that the club is losing confidence. Slumps are slumps and an established wallpaper like DiMag has had 'em. But he has always rested in that clean-up slot, be he in the doldrums or knocking the fences down. His boot down one notch is an indication that the bow-out may be on the horizon.

**Will Slow Stuff Do It?**  
Stopper? That is what the South Salem Merchants hope one Leon Mickenham will be to the Salem Supper club winning streak when the outfit has a return clash soon. The Merchants base their hopes on Mickenham's slow pitching style as compared to the swift stuff the unbeaten Suppermen have been familiar with to date.

**Remember Dem Days?**  
Speaking of softball and changing times, a flashback recalls these stellar hill duels Hank Singer and Sammy Steinbock engaged in back in the 20's—back in the years when softball was truly a major sport of the vi-

city. . . . Neither was a pin-wheeler, both of 'em employed the underhand delivery which was the common thing then. Sammy could whoosh that ball in there. Hank could all but make that ball talk with the stuff he put on 'er. . . . Many a duel the two had in the midst of the hottest two-club rivalry which ever developed on the local softy front. Yep, when the Pades and the Parkers tangled—well, brother, you couldn't find a seat. . . .

**Would Be Nice**  
Wonder when someone or several someone are going to get the ball rolling for a snappy, star-luring tourney here such as the annual \$1500 Pendleton Open. . . . Would be a nice fixture for the local links front in the dog days of summer. But the little matter of financing rears its ugly head. . . . In answer to a query as to who is this Joe Blow who is leading the City softballers in hitting we say: "Now haven't you ever seen that face before?" . . .

**Up Again But—**  
With war talk abounding here and there, the major leaguers must figure, "What's the use?" This is the year in which the big-time has, according to reports, finally attained the pre-war level. Weeding out the guys who were pseudo and putting a solid basis to the loops with bonafide major league material took a good five years. Gives the lads grounds for worry. . . . Who knows, might have even the St. Louis Browns winning another pennant. . . .

**Soelberg After Car**  
A Salem pinsman had the nerve to snatch a brand new car in that Portland tourney last spring and now it might be vice versa. Top firer in the Capitol alleys meet which also carries a car as top prize is Portland's Jack Soelberg. Jack slammed a 695 scratch and a 709 with handicap. He must also get across the finals barrier in September—but he looks like he is determined. . . . About sixty have tried their luck in the tourney thus far. . . .

**Rodeos Goin' Strong**  
Get to thinking of the guy some years ago who opined rodeos would soon be going the way of the old wild west shows—meaning OUT. Wonder what the same gent has been thinking for the past half-dozen July 4ths when you have rodeos here and rodeos there. Every succeeding 4th seems to bring more of 'em. . . . It would seem the saga of the six-shooter and the lariat is far from dead. . . . Now if horses and a place to romp 'em were as available to the kiddies as balls and bats the rodeo industry would assuredly have a solid future. . . .

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