

SPORTSLIGHTNER

Even the matchless Johnny Price blows one once in awhile. Jumping from his jeep while the thing is still running, and letting it ramble on by itself is supposed to be the climax to Johnny's great show. But the climax had a climax at Eugene Wednesday night. Johnny slighted from the jeep, fully intending that it make its usually driverless but obedient circle around the outfield. Said jeep crossed everyone up, including Price, by heading straight for the center field fence and crashing before Johnny could catch up with it. Eugene fans figured it was part of the act, natch. . . . How old a man is Price? He says he's 36. But he is 23, 38 or 38 no one can deny he has utterly amazing coordination and agility, not to mention stability. He's in his fifth year of acrobatics following a so-so career as a minor league shortstop which included a stretch with the Oakland PCL club. He does around 200 shows per season on an every-night-of-the-week basis. Following the current season he'll be heading for Japan as a member of Lefty O'Doul's barnstorming troupe. . . .



Joe Page

In answer to a query from Silverton, we've been able to dig up Pat Carson's batting feats with the Chicago Queens through games of August 4. She was at that time hitting .378 for 78 games, and included were 12 doubles, 10 triples, 4 home runs and 23 RBIs. Her 10 three-baggers led the league. Same statistics revealed that "Bullet Betty" Evans-Grayson had a 19-9 pitching record and was second high in the league in strikeouts. . . . The Queens were leading the league by 5 1/2 games through that date. . . .

Two more special "nights" at the ball park. Monday night sees the "Most Popular Player" come into possession of the Pomeroey & Keene wrist watch award (already engraved with "RM"). And on Tuesday night the management hopes to wind things up in a blaze of paid admissions with the combo of Player Appreciation, Dick Faber Baby Shower and Bill Beard Night all in one. Oh yes, the Senators play Tri-City both nights. . . .

Catcher's Glove Incited Barrett-Patterson Row

When in town with the Yakima Bears recently, Kewpie Dick Barrett delivered the blow-by-blow description of his tete-a-tete with Victoria Business Manager Reg Patterson, a fistic excursion that cost Barrett a brief suspension and Patterson an assortment of welts and bruises.

A genial sort of a guy liked by everyone in baseball, Barrett says he was minding his own business when with other Yakima players he was about to enter the visiting club dressing room in Victoria. The Vics and Patterson had earlier in the season released Barrett as manager.

Patterson came booming up about that time and asked of Barrett the whereabouts of a certain catcher's glove that had been purchased for Lili Maruccci, but had turned up missing. Patterson was accusing Barrett of either hiding, borrowing or swiping the mitt.

Having had differences with Patterson before this particular incident, Barrett informed the Vic big-boss, "I've had enough out of you." With this Kewpie Dick waded into Patterson. And according to the Yakima players who stood watching the brawl, Barrett was a buzz-saw in landing numerous punches on the Patterson profile. Kewpie Dick was unmarked.

There is more behind the melee than merely the disappearance of the catcher's glove. Barrett insists that the Victoria management owes him almost two months' salary, and the whole mess has been submitted to Minor League Czar Trautman along with affidavits Barrett has secured. . . .

It's Nois 'Tacoma Tarzan' for Dick Greco

So emphatically has his home run bat spoken in the Class A Sally league that Dick Greco, now called the "Tacoma Tarzan" down there, is on the verge of busting all existing homer records for both the Savannah club and the league itself. Greco joined the club in May, but has over 30 home runs. Had Salem been able to land the big guy when H. Luby was interested in him, there's not much doubt as to what three clubs would be locked in the battle for the WIL pennant. He alone could have been the difference here. . . .

Took a long time getting into print, but it now develops that none other than Bill Bevens is in a large way responsible for the great relief pitching Lefty Joe Page used to do for the New York Yankees. Now with the San Francisco Seals, Page credits Bailey Road Bill with the tip that made Joe the Yankee fabled fireman of the late '40's. When both were with the Yankees in 1947 Bevens suggested to Page that he hold the ball across the wide instead of the narrow seams. It may have been largely mental, but from that day Joe had the confidence and control with his fast one that made him the greatest reliever of the decade. Page attested to this only recently in a Bay area interview.

Luby Top Skipper in Loop in Our Book

What with the season about gone, time draws near for the selection of the WIL's all-star team. How's this one? Catcher—John Ritchey, Vancouver. First base—Jim Marshall, Wenatchee. Second base—Hugh Luby, Salem. Shortstop—Richie Myers, Salem. Third base—Ken Richardson, Spokane. Left field—Dick Sinovic, Vancouver. Center field—Eddie Murphy, Spokane. Right field—Will Hafey, Wenatchee. Pitchers—Bob Snyder, Vancouver; Jim Holder, Spokane; Bill Bevens, Salem. Manager—Hugh Luby, Salem.

Some mighty good ones left off, including K. Charlton of Vancouver, Dick Faber of Salem, Bud Peterson of Tri-City, Jim Wert of Spokane and a few others. But these things are always full of loop-holes.

As for Luby we'll go with him on his leadership ability. Not once during the entire season have we seen a single one of his players quit busting. They've tried, and they've tried hard all the way. Also, how Luby has managed to keep the club in third spot almost all the way with the noticeable weaknesses existing within the ranks is a distinct credit to the guy. He's also hands-down the best keystone in the loop. . . .

Commish List Includes 'Mac' But General Hasn't Yet Committed Self

By Joe Reichler
CLEVELAND, Aug. 25—(AP)—Ellis Ryan, head of the Cleveland Indians and a member of baseball's screening committee, said today he wanted the others to elect a commissioner "before the World Series."

He added that, in his opinion, each of the five candidates currently under consideration are qualified for the job.

The "big five" are reported to consist of Gov. Frank Lausche of Ohio; Warren Giles, president of the Cincinnati Reds; Ford Frick, head of the National League; Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur, and Milton Eisenhower, president of Penn State.

Ryan said the magnates regarded General MacArthur as a candidate but they have been unsuccessful in their efforts to get him to commit himself.

Deag "Highly Honored" "Dan Topping of the New York Yankees, intends to talk to the general once more," he said. "And we are hopeful of getting a definite answer from him. Up to now all he said is that he feels highly honored. I know Mrs. MacArthur has been after him to accept. She, like the general, is a great baseball fan."

In Nashville, Tenn., Larry MacPhail said A. E. (Happy) Chandler never would have been elected baseball commissioner in April, 1945, but for Warren Giles, president of the Cincinnati Reds.

MacPhail told Fred Russell, Nashville Banner sports editor, "Ford Frick, and not Chandler, would have been named commissioner in 1945 had not Giles taken the floor voicing his opposition to a baseball man for the job."

Yankees Trim Indians Again

(Continued from preceding page)
The Braves won their sixth straight, beating the Cincinnati Reds at Boston, 6-5, and moving into third place as the Pittsburgh Pirates downed the Phillies at Philadelphia, 3-2, in 12 innings.

Reliever Jim Konstanty walked Gus Bell with the bases full in the 12th to give Pittsburgh the game. Ralph Kiner of the Bucs got his 36th homer.

The White Sox handed the Boston Red Sox another jolt at Chicago, winning 6-3 for a sweep of the two-game series. Ken Holcombe set Boston down with six hits. Washington belted five Tiger pitchers for 14 hits and an 11-5 victory at Detroit, to take all three games in their series.

At St. Louis, the Philadelphia Athletics pounded out a 9-1 victory over the Browns. Gus Zernial drove in two runs for the winners, boosting his total for the season to 110—highest in the majors.

BOSTON VS. CHICAGO
Today's major league baseball broadcast will be the Boston Red Sox at Chicago White Sox American league doubleheader starting at 12:05 p.m., Salem time, over Station KOCO and the Liberty Broadcasting System.

Owen Completes Mat Card for Wednesday

Matchmaker Elton Owen Saturday completed the booking for his Wednesday night grappling bee at the armory, adding a Jack Carter vs. Frenchy Roy brawl to the already announced double main event. The weekly show has been moved from Tuesday to Wednesday night in order to avoid conflict with the final home game of the regular baseball season for the Salem Senators.

Carter is the out-and-out villain from New Zealand who hasn't been seen in this vicinity for many months. He's one of the roughest of the rough mat hoppers. Roy is a popular favorite here. Their opener starting the party at 8:30 p.m., will be a 2-of-3 faller limited to 30 minutes.

A new face, even though that



IRISH JACK O'RILEY Tangles with Gordy Hessel.

may be stretching things a bit inasmuch as the customers won't be able to see his face at all, will debut in the first portion of the double main. "The Galloping Ghost," a masked matador is to tangle with Danno McDonald in this mix. McDonald looked exceptionally good in his appearance here last week and with each local outing displays much improvement as a topnotcher.

Irish Jack O'Riley and Gordy Hessel are to clash in the second portion of the twin main. The erstwhile "Boy Bandit of New Mexico," and a ruffly at that, Hessel has now taken residence at Yelm, Wash., and is doing his gladiating on the clean side. As much cannot be said for O'Riley, however, as he is of the rough and ready caliber. Not unlike McDonald, Hessel looked very sharp in his appearance of last week.

Both mainers will be 2-of-3 fallers with 45-minute time limits. Ken Mayne has been handed the refereeing assignment.

Kirby Beats Doran, Takes Amateur Title

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 25—(AP)—It was lucky 13th for Atlanta's Dot Kirby, who won her first National Women's Amateur golf crown in 13 years of trying today with a hard-earned 2 and 1 triumph over courageous Claire Doran in the rain-soaked finals of the 51st National meet.

Miss Kirby took the title on the 35th hole with a seven-foot putt for a par five, while Miss Doran, 27-year-old Rocky River, Ohio, teacher, who had evened the match on the 31st, needed six.

It was a long-awaited triumph for the 31-year old Miss Kirby, who had advanced to the 1939 and 1947 finals only to finish a runner-up.

Miss Kirby's real clincher, after Miss Doran had erased a three-hole deficit Dot held at the 27-hole turn, was a 20-foot putt for a birdie deuce on the 32nd to move back into the lead.

5 'Wide-Open' Hunts Slated

PORTLAND, Aug. 25—(Special)
Five either-sex deer hunts are being held in agricultural areas this year. Quotas for Area I, parts of Columbia, Washington, Clackamas, and Marion counties and Area V, the Keating district near Baker, were over-subscribed by the August 15 deadline, so a public drawing will be held September 4. Quotas for Josephine and Jackson, Coos and Curry, and Hood River county either-sex deer hunts slated for September 15 through 18 have not been filled and hunters may still apply for permits. Hunters may apply by letter.

Permits will be mailed for these hunts in the order applications are received until September 6 or until quotas are filled.

KANTER WINS TITLE

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 25—(AP)—Anita Kanter, 18-year-old sophomore at UCLA needed only 58 minutes to defeat Patsy Zellmer, 17, San Diego, Calif., 6-1, 8-6, to take the 34th annual national girls' tennis championship today.

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Larsen, Aussie Dispose of Foes
FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Aug. 25
The National tennis championships opened today, and so did the skies. Only Art Larsen, the defending champion, and Ken McGregor of Australia among the seeded stars were able to score their initial victories before the rain poured down. Larsen bashed Tommy

Lewyn, Scarsdale, N. Y., 6-1, 6-3, 6-1, in just 38 minutes.
McGregor followed with a dazzling 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 triumph over Alastair Martin of Glen Head, N. Y.

MIDGET TITLE TAKEN
WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Aug. 25
—(AP)—Stamford, Conn., won the Little League world series today as sturdy Andy Wastil blanked North Austin, Tex., 3-0 before a crowd of 10,000.

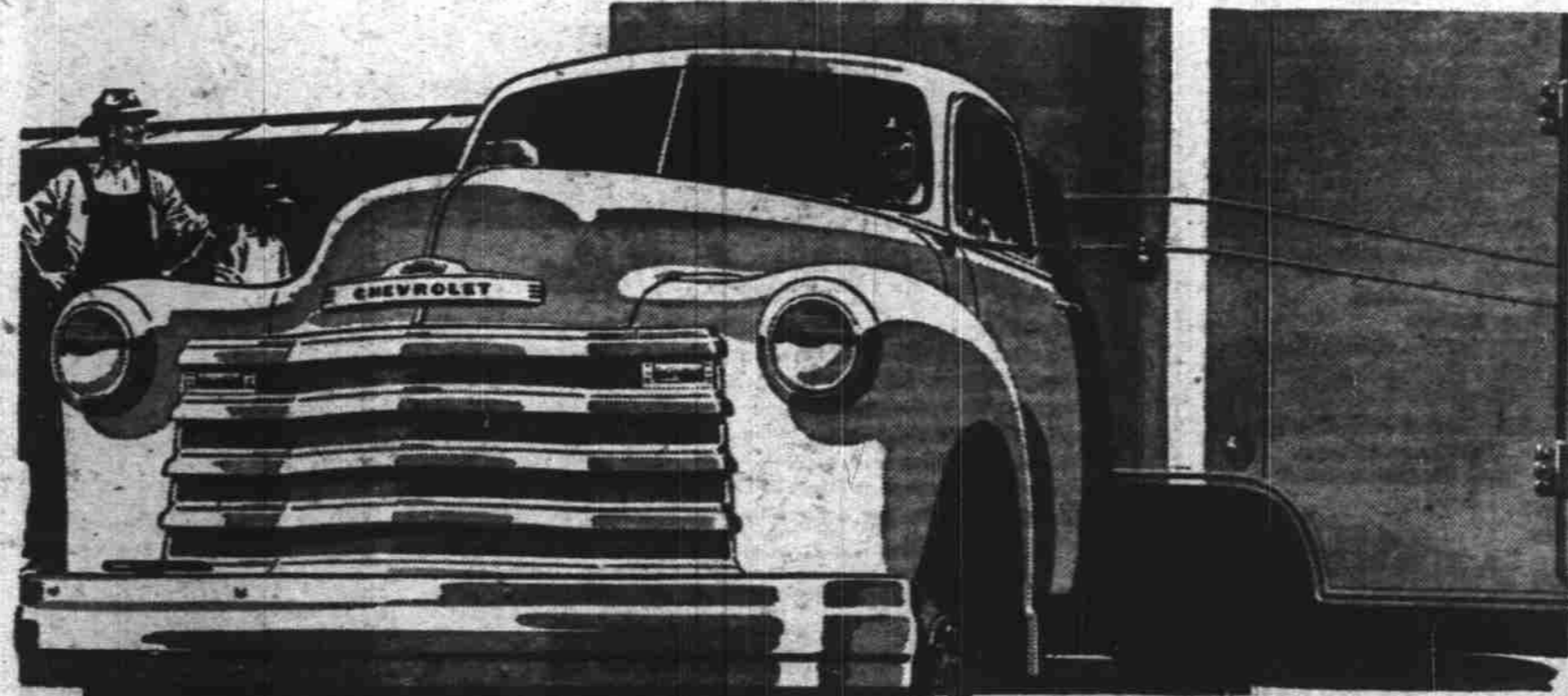
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