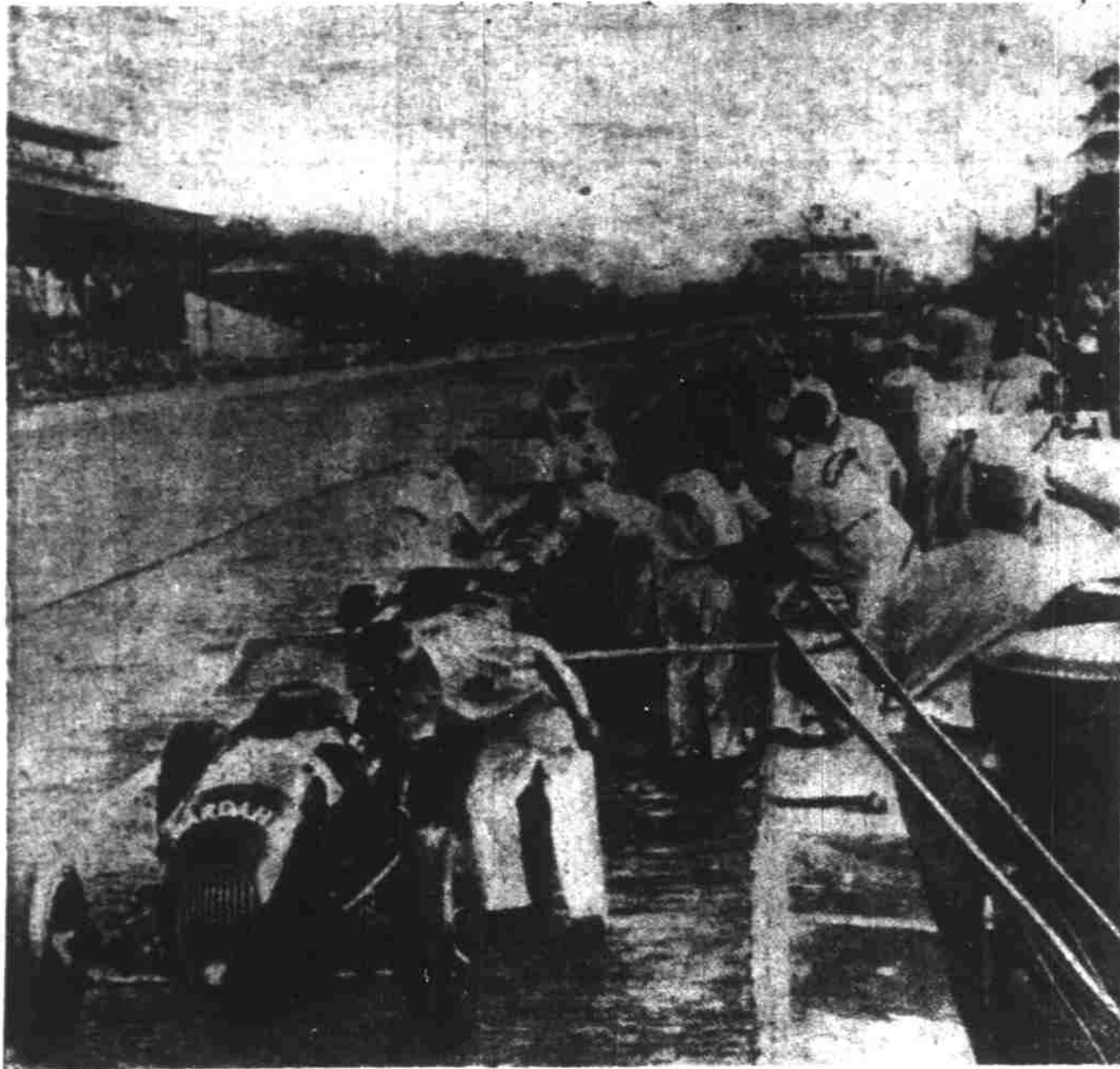


Bill Vukovich Grabs 2nd '500' Victory in Row

Vukovich Grinds Out Victory in '500'



INDIANAPOLIS — Pit crews play key role in the 500 mile classic at Indianapolis speedway and Bill Vukovich's battery of mechanics helped speed him to his second successive victory here Monday. Photo shows last minute preparations for the big race which Vukovich won at the record rate of 130.84 miles per hour. (AP PHOTO.)

Stan the Man Up Again

Four Matches Tonight . . .

Grudge Mix Features All-Star Armory Card

Easy one of his most attractive offerings in recent weeks, Matchmaker Elton Owen's Armory wrestling card tonight boasts as main event the promising grudge battle between noted nasties Tiger Tom Martindale and Wildman Boris Kamaroff.

The main event, a carry-over from last week's unadvertised brawl between the two when their beautiful ring friendship came to an abrupt end, will cap a four-match card which gets underway at 8:30 o'clock.

"Every bout is a main event in itself," Owen proudly asserts, "and I think I'd even pay to see the main event. It's liable to be a bloody one, as those guys are hot at each other but plenty."

Martindale and Kamaroff were partners last week in a quest for the Northwest tag championship with Pepper Gomez and Ricki Starr. They were doing okay too, until they got to squabbling between themselves. Finally they provided more mayhem in their own war than the main event itself, and it not only cost them the chance for the win but also wound up in a bitter struggle in the dressing room.

Owen wasted little time assigning the two for a match, as he is one who never lets the off-bat- tles by the matadors go unnoticed. Owen also tried to get Martindale to put up his newly won Coast junior heavy title belt, but was refused. It could be that Martindale, like many others who have learned to know the guy hereabouts, is fearful of the unpredictable Kamaroff.

Gomez draws the special match assignment against another of the really tough guys of the mat, big and brutish Leo Wallick. Leo will be remembered for his vicious pile driver holds and it will take some tall doing if the sensational Gomez is to beat him.

Starr has his hands full in the special event on the card, for he's up against Kurt von Poppenheim, monacled and nasty Prussian who is making a comeback after a knee injury.

The opener puts Pustlin' Buck Weaver on with a highly-rated newcomer, one Tony Bourne, a bearded Canadian lumberjack of 195 pounds who has been wowing the fans in the Spokane-Boise area in recent weeks. If Bourne can flatten Weaver, he's entitled to his rating.



LEO WALLICK Mr. 'Pile Driver' back.

Today's Pitchers

National League: Brooklyn at Milwaukee (night) — Meyer (2-1) vs. Wilson (0-0); St. Louis at Chicago — Davis (3-2) vs. Pohlman (1-3) vs. Press (1-1); New York at Pittsburgh (night) — Hearn (2-3) vs. Liddle (0-1) vs. Surkont (4-5). Only games scheduled.

American League: Washington at New York (night) — Stroh (2-4) vs. Groom (4-2); Philadelphia at Boston — Trice (4-3) vs. Cleveland (1-2); Detroit at Baltimore (night) — Branca (2-0) vs. Coleman (4-4). Only games scheduled.

Avila Streak Tops Amerk; Raschi Leads

NEW YORK (AP) — Teammates Stan Musial and Ray Jablonski of the St. Louis Cardinals are running neck and neck in the National League batting derby, while Cleveland's Bobby Avila is making a runaway in the American League.

Musial, setting his sights on his seventh batting crown, is swinging at a .375 clip. Jablonski is in pursuit with .374. Avila, hitting .387, owns a 25-point lead over his closest challenger, teammate Al Rosen. Figures include games through Sunday.

In displacing Jablonski as last week's leader, Musial collected 11 hits in 27 trips. The slender outfielder, second a week ago, boosted his average six points. Jablonski, meanwhile, lost six points as he went 8-for-24.

Musial also shows the way in runs-batted-in with 51 and shares home run supremacy with Hank Sauer of the Cubs. Each has 14. Jablonski has the most hits in the league, 68.

Avila maintained his steady stick work with 8-for-19 during the week. The Mexican second baseman, who also has the most hits in the American League, 60, increased his average five points.

Rosen delivered only three hits in 13 trips to suffer a 13-point decline, but he still remains second with .362. The Indians' first baseman, however, is the American League pace-setter in both home runs and runs batted in. He has 13 homers and 49 RBIs.

Vic Raschi of the Cards and Sandy Consuegra of the White Sox head the pitchers in won-lost percentage. Raschi tops the National League with a 5-0 record and Consuegra also boasts five victories without a setback to lead the American loop.

GRIDDERS RETURN

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) — In 1915 W. Norris Harris coached the Kissimmee, Ga., high school football team. He had 17 players on his squad.

Five years ago he decided to hold annual reunions. And, although the players are scattered from Maryland to Arizona, 13 have attended at least one of the get-togethers. The other four are dead.

Sinking Senators Lose Two More Games

Spokane Nabs Doubleheader

Only 535 See Locals Flounder and Flop

By AL LIGHTNER
Statesman Sports Editor

The baseball playing residents of 25th Street have had many a sad outing in their local sorties over the years. But it's hard to remember any two which would compare favorably with those of Monday.

Spokane made its seasonal debut by taking both sides of the doubleheader, the first game 6-5 in 10 innings and the second by a painful 14-6 margin. Manager Harv Storey's outclassed lads looked as if they belonged in the neighboring Willamette Valley League upon occasions in both games.

The games drew as if they were WFLers also, for only 262 showed up for the mud-spattered afternoon, while a rousing 273 made it for the night mess. Thus the big Memorial Day split doubleheader attracted 535 spectators. But then the way the ball club has been going lately it's a wonder even that many turned out.

Storey's troupe has in one way or another blown the duke 21 times in the last 31 games, which is a winning percentage of .323. Try as they do, the Waters Field warriors seem able to do little right and through their own mistakes and inabilities beat themselves more than the enemy does.

The fact that the club is decidedly a poor contender for anything but the WL League's bobbin is as good a reason as any for the lack of attendance.

Monday's first game, made possible only through the effort of a hard-working ground crew and a load of gasoline-soaked sawdust to dry up the muddy infield, wasn't a bad mix at all until the eighth inning when, as usual, the locals saw a dandy 4-2 lead go flying.

Gene Roenspie was sailing along in good shape until two singles and a home run over the left field by Second-baseman Charley Ruddock put him behind 5-4. Gene Tansell had homered in the fourth inning, and later on Carl Bellotti, Connie Perez and a wild pitch had provided three other important runs.

Salem tied it again at 5-5 in the eighth when Bob Kellogg singled home Jose Rayle, who had taken over for Roenspie during the upper half of the inning.

There it stayed until the tenth when Rayle walked Ruddock and dished up a booming triple to Bob Donkersley, the visiting shortstop.

That did it, and despite collecting 12 base hits and nine bases on balls from a trio of Spokane hurriers, the resident flock fell flat on its face.

The game was delayed 45 minutes at the start as GM Luby and crew battled the mud and threatening rain.

The less said about the night game the better. Spokane hammered Gene Johnson, Bob McFarland and Lou Scrivens for 18 hits, which were augmented by three Salem errors and six bases on balls.

Salem's six runs came via four walks in one inning, two more walks and two errors in another inning and three more free ticks.

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Casey Second in Debate . . .

Host Chased But Haile Sees Ballgame Anyway

By MARTIN POST
NEW YORK (AP) — Ethiopia's Emperor Haile Selassie, who knows a thing or two about an argument, saw a Yankee lose one Monday.

The STANDINGS

Indeed things got so bad that the Yankees—Manager Casey Stengel—left the ball game by direction and the visiting monarch was left without his official host.

Selassie, here on a four-day visit, went up to Yankee Stadium to see New York play Washington in the first game of a doubleheader. (Washington won, 1-0.)

Stengel welcomed him to the home club's official box and all settled down for a ball game under a beautiful memorial day sky.

Then, in the first inning, Umpire John Stevens called Senator third baseman Eddie Yost safe at second.

The loquacious Stengel disagreed and before he could say Addis Ababa the Emperor was witness to a quaint American custom, best described as "being banished to the clubhouse."

There Stengel remained, and in the Yankee box the emperor remained for seven innings, chatting with his party and partaking of a soft drink from a paper cup.

As he left Selassie spoke to newsmen.

Had any particular play impressed him?

No, the monarch replied, he saw "nothing extraordinary."

Neither, he said, was the game very difficult for him to follow.

He had been rooted for the Senators or the Yankees?

The ruler laughed and, through his interpreter, replied:

"It was very difficult to choose between the teams because the welcome of both cities has been overwhelming."

What about the rhubarb that cost him his host?

Once again the diplomat, Selassie replied:

"Each man was probably trying to help his own side."

Splits Mark WIL Schedule

By the Associated Press
Rain canceled the Canadian portion of Western International League play Monday and the rest of league stood still with split holiday twin bills.

Lewiston's Bronces and Tri-City traded victories at Kennewick with Lewiston taking the opener, 13-2 and the Braves the nightcap, 4-2. The Bronces got all the runs they needed in the first inning of the opener, chasing starter Cliff Coggin with a four-run outburst.

Gurmy Guy Fletcher and Dale Bloom hooked up in a pitcher's duel in the second with Bloom emerging as the winner on the strength of his seven hits.

Over at Yakima, the Bears took the regulation first game 9-2, but the visiting Wenatchee Chief roared back to capture the nightcap, 12-6.

A four-run sixth inning paved the way for the Bears in their victory with six straight singles doing all the damage. John Carmichael went the route for the Bears, yielding only seven hits.

Wenatchee cashed in to two big innings for victory in the second game with four singles and a double getting five runs in the second and Tony Munoz' grand slam homer capping a five-run scamper in the sixth. Lloyd Jenney hit a homer for the Chiefs in the seventh and John Albini clipped a free-run four-master for the losing Bears in the second.

PCL Line Scores:

COAST LEAGUE	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Los Angeles	000 000 0.00	1 3 0
Seattle	000 000 0.00	12 3 6 0
Moisan, Simpson (8) and Meek; Evans and Orteg.		
First game:		
Oakland	000 022 000	4 11 0
San Diego	023 000 10	6 8 0
Gottel, Nicholas (5), Atkins (6) and Landini; Kerrigan, Fannin (6) and Ayward.		
Second game:		
Oakland	000 100 00	1 9 0
San Diego	000 010 0	2 3 0
Bamberger, Nicholas (6) Murphy (8) and Landini; Wight and Sandlock.		
First game:		
Sacramento	010 000 000	1 7 1
Hollywood	000 000 000	0 2 0
Patrick and Parter; Donoso, Main (9) and Malore; Bragan (9).		
Second game:		
Sacramento	001 200 0	3 6 0
Hollywood	000 110 0	2 3 1
Pieretti and Ritchey; Hall, Main (6) and Bragan; Malone (6).		

The average per capita wage at Monmouth Park race track in 1953 was \$95.66. More than \$85,898,106 was bet during the 50-day meeting.

New Speed Mark on Books; McGrath Finishes in Third

By JERRY LISKA
INDIANAPOLIS, AP — Bill Vukovich, poker-faced throttle demon from Fresno, Calif., zoomed to a record-breaking triumph Monday in becoming the third man in history to win the grueling Indianapolis Speedway 500-mile race two successive years.

As the huge, sprawling crowd of an estimated 175,000 held its breath while black clouds threatened to deluge the finish, Vukovich became a speedway immortal with Wilbur Shaw and Mauri Rose.

Shaw won two straight 500's in 1939 and 1940 and Rose in 1947 and 1948.

Vukovich, buried in the seventh row at the start of the four-hour grind, moved into first place at the 230-mile mark and then battled it out with Jimmy Bryan of Phoenix, Ariz., and favored Jack McGrath of South Pasadena, Calif. The rest of the way.

Vukovich gunned his grey fuel injection special the tortuous 500 miles at 130.84 miles per hour to finish exactly one lap ahead of runner-up Bryan. Third went to McGrath, who was the pole car driver after a record qualifying mark of 141.033 m.p.h.

Vukovich's clocking was almost two miles per hour faster than the 1952 track record set by Troy Ruttman, who wound up fourth Monday after relief help. Ruttman's record time in 1952 was 128.922 m.p.h.

The elapsed time for Vukovich's scorching race was 3 hours, 49 minutes and 17.27 seconds. This compared with Ruttman's 1952 time of 3 hours, 52 minutes and 41.88 seconds.

Vukovich, who wants "two or three more" 500-mile triumphs before retiring to a 40-acre grape farm near Fresno, was rewarded at the finish line by an enthusiastic kiss from TV and movie star Marie Wilson. Bill's wife, Esther, also got in a big hug and kiss.

Ideal weather prevailed until about 80 miles from the finish, when a storm front accompanied by a gusty wind moved over the sprawling speedway plant.

With debris and a fine mist scattering the course, the "slow up" yellow signal went on for six and one half minutes.

Vukovich gunned for the record all the way, despite the slow-up and a 12 minute, 25 seconds warning which marked one of the mishaps midway in the wild scramble.

The nearest to a tragedy among the four accidents came as Jimmy Daywalt and relief driver Pat Flaherty looked wheels after Daywalt was 4:01.4, less than two seconds off Roger Bannister's world mark.

On the 191st lap, another thrill came as Jimmy Rathmann skidded wildly 200 yards directly in front of the finish stands but brought his car under control and walked off the track.

The lead changed hands seven times, involving six drivers, before Vukovich went ahead for keeps on the 150th trip around the 2½ mile brick and asphalt course.

Salem Racers Place In Newberg Events

Salem racers placed well in the annual speedboot events during the Newberg races on Sunday, it was reported here yesterday. Dean Mahaffey won first places in both the Class EU and CU events. Dick Scandling was second in the EU class and Gill Allen was third.

Jack St. Claire was second in the B Hydro class and Jim Bremner finished second in the unlimited outboard class. Harry Eyerly was third in the latter class.

Last Saturday night the University of Kansas' Wes Santee, America's hope for the mile record, turned in the second fastest mile in history when he unleashed a 4:01.3 performance at Mission, Kansas.

Bannister's great mile came on May 6, throwing a shadow over the succeeding brilliant efforts of Santee and Landy.

Previously the fastest recorded mile was 4:01.4, set by Sweden's Gunder Hagg in 1945. Sweden's Arne Andersson ran the distance in 4:01.6, a feat equaled by Landy Monday, in 1944.

Landy, beginning a Scandinavian exhibition tour here, raced against three Finns, Denis Johanson, Olavi Vuorisalo and Urpo Vaharanta, who followed him in that order.

The lean Aussie finished far in front of Johanson, who was timed in 4:11.8. Vuorisalo was clocked in 4:15.6 while Vaharanta, the early pace setter, was a distant last.

As usual, Landy was disappointed with his performance. "I should have been able to go under four minutes," he said afterwards.

"You bet, I will have a new try at it in Stockholm (June 8)."

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YM Nine Rated Darkhorse in Softball Loop

With the taste of victory over last year's city league teams still fresh in their minds, Jack Kiekel, team manager, and his YMCA teammates, last year's industrial league champions, hope to continue their winning ways and add this year's city crown to their collection. Should Kiekel and his teammates accomplish this feat a great deal of credit will have to be given Harold Hauk as no less than seven players on the Y nine played standout baseball for the Hauk teams of a few years past.

Numbered among the ex-Salem Hi athletes will be Dick Norton, Bruce Boatman, Walter Unruh, Rod Hales, Jimmy Stewart, Ron Cross and Farrell Winkieback. Although not Salem High products the remaining players, Dick Isaak, Millard Bates, Dave Cunningham and Bill Colvard were all top flight high school athletes in their own right. Several of the players,

including Rod Hales an OSC standout, have seen service in collegiate ball.

The consensus of opinion among last season's observers was that the Y team had the speediest nine in either circuit, and that with a little strength in the pitching department might possibly displace any of the top flight teams in the state. Jack thinks he has the answer to the pitching problem in the person of Norville Hillicker, a pitcher with a blazing fast ball and the ability to skip it past opposing batsmen.

In Cliff Girod, a player with a .400 batting average, in last season's play, the Y will field as speedy a shortstop as can be found in the league, and one that could sign his own ticket with any team. Siding Girod in the infield will be Jimmy Stewart, playmaker and team man; Bruce

Boatman, an infielder with a whip-like arm and a fine batting eye; Walter Unruh, a fine defensive player with lots of ball savvy and spirit; and Dick Norton, an all-round stellar player able to play any position, but destined for the first base position.

The outfield positions will be deep in capable candidates with Bates, Isaak, Colvard, Cross and Cunningham still maintaining the early season battle for starting assignments. Rod Hales, aggressive ball player with considerable college experience, will hold down the back-stopping chores.

Kiekel does not hold with the idea that his team should be known as the league dark horse. According to Kiekel his team, player for player, rates on an even with any team in the league, bar none and with a little luck and playing for the breaks should wind up on top.

MOON IN TUNE By Alan Maver

WALLY MOON

OF THE ST. LOUIS CARDS

BASED ON HIS PLAY FOR THE FIRST MONTH OR SO, IS MAKING GOOD ON ONE OF THE YEAR'S TOUGHEST ROOKIE ASSIGNMENTS - REPLACING ENOS SLAUGHTER IN THE CARD OUTFIELD.

WALLY REALLY BEGAN WITH A BANG - HIT A HOMER IN HIS FIRST MAJOR LEAGUE AT BAT - SOON HAD QUITE A FEW MORE, TOO - WAS TWICE HIT SAFELY 5 TIMES IN A GAME - AND HAS BEEN THE LEADER IN RUNS SCORED.

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