

HIGH CLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

Maxie Rubenstein would probably give his right eye tooth to be able to hang the state softball pennant on the Rubenstein Furniture store flag pole. When the Rubes travel to Salem Monday it will mark Max's third attempt to annex the crown and the lad has invested something besides peanut shells in his clubs during the past three seasons.

Last season the Rubes were a big disappointment, booting six errors around the diamond to lose a quarter-final game to M & M Woodworkers of Portland 7-4 after taking the opener from McMinnville 5-0. In the first game Bill Jones hurled a one-hitter.

In fact, that's about the story of all former Eugene clubs in state tournament play.

Back in the days of the twilight league, when Eugene teams played their games on local playground fields and pitched over-hand, the Knights of Columbus represented Eugene in the state tournament. That was in 1933 and there were only three other teams in the tourney. Knowing little of the rules, and never having pitched underhand, the Knights were knocked over in the first game. Irv Custer, former Y. M. C. A. physical director, was the only local player who had ever tossed a submarine softball, and he was on the mound for the K.C.'s.

The next year found the league playing its games under the lights of Hayward field until the pageant chased the softballers back into the twilight class. Eugene had a classy club that season with Larry Quille, erratic, but effective hurler, doing the pitching. Heinie Coghlan caught. That was the year Salem really went to town on softball, and such players as Mike Mikulak of the K. C. and Red Franklin of Corvallis made the headlines.

Other members of the team that advanced into the semi-finals before taking a 12-2 licking from Enke Dye of Portland were Joe Gordon, Jack Gordon and Ray Koch. The Casey's opened the meet with a 5-4 win over the M & M club, Quille pitching a five-hit game, and then scored an 8-3 win over Kay Mills of Salem, Lorin Carmichael scoring the pitching victory. In the loss, Joe Kalisky and Quille were pounded all over the lot.

In 1935 Eugene was represented by Safeway Stores—another fine club that stumbled in the quarter-finals, losing a 4-0 game to Oregon City. Even though Bill Lake and Bill Jones gave up only five hits to the winners. Two errors proved costly and timely hits gave Oregon City the game. The initial victory was scored over Silverton, 4-2 with Jones winning on the mound.

Rubenstein's first team came in 1936 and the "Sofa Sitters" opened their campaign with an impressive 11-4 win over Silverton. Jones hurling five-hit ball. The second game has gone down in tournament history. With Mt. Angel leading 4-3 in the ninth inning, two down and the count three and two, Al Dietz clouted a home run with two men on the path to win the game 6-4. Again in the semi-finals the Rubes got the jitters and were handcufted by Mickey Berlant of M & M with five hits while Jones gave the Portland team nine blows for an 8-0 shutout.

Only two of this year's team have been in every state tournament, namely, "Murph" Christensen and Ed Wellnitz. But Verne Adams, No. 2 pitcher, is the only player who has never previously worn a Eugene uniform at Salem. All the rest are veterans of at least two seasons. Bill Jones, "Doc" Taylor, Pete Taylor, Johnny Dunn, Courney Towne, Cliff Horner, Ed Siegmond, and Al Dietz. Manager Perry Price will also be making his first jaunt to the capital city.

U. H. S. Gridders to Report to Coach Hendrickson August 31

Coach Ray Hendrickson's University high school gridders will steal the march on most Lane county prep school elevens when the campus high footballers will report for initial practice August 31.

Hendrickson made the announcement Saturday and stated that he expected his squad to number around 40 shortly after Labor Day—the initial drills to be in the afternoon with just a small number in attendance.

University high opens its schedule at Sweet Home September 23, followed by at least seven other contests.

The Golden Tide loses nine lettermen, namely, Bob Deverell, quarterback; Ken Perin, ace half-back passer; Dick Davis, 200-pound tackle; George Bullion, regular left tackle; Dick Harmon, three-year letterman guard; Lloyd Hudspeith, center; Dick Smith, 180-pound regular guard; Galvin Sargent, star kicker and right halfback; Don Campbell, regular left end.

Returning lettermen and reser-

Pittsburgh Pirates Knock Dizzy Dean From Chicago Cub Box

Initial Loss For Mound Star

Yank Retain 10-Game Lead in American Loop

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—(AP)—In the National league pennant race today the pace-setting Pittsburgh Pirates knocked Dizzy Dean from the box and defeated the Chicago Cubs 5-to-2 to draw 5½ games in front. The Terrymen lost to the Philadelphia Phillies, 8-7 and dropped within a game of third place as the Cincinnati Reds won the first game of a double-bill from the St. Louis Cardinals.

Though Dean was forced from the mound repeatedly, today's loss to the Pirates was his first against 6 victories. Red Lucas and Bill Swift combined to hold the Cubs to eight hits.

A two-run rally in the seventh broke a 5-5 tie and the Phillies went on to beat the Giants 8-7.

Grissom Comes Through
Don Lang, rookie third-sacker, hit his first major league homer and drove in three runs to lead the Reds to a 4-2 victory over the Cards in the first game of their double-bill.

Lee Grissom, Cincinnati's young left-hander, hung up his first win of the season as he held the Cards to four hits in eight innings.

The Cards Win The Second 5-4
The Boston Bees evened their series with Brooklyn's Dodgers winning 3-2 behind the eight-hit pitching of Danny MacFadden.

In the American league, the New York Yankees, led by Lou Gehrig, hammered out an 11-3 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics to maintain their 10-game lead over the Cleveland Indians who beat the Chicago White Sox, 8-2.

Gehrig Sparks Yankees
Gehrig hit his 24th homer of the season and a double to drive in six runs. Monte Pearson held the A's to eight hits.

Kelner and Heath hit homers for the tribe.
Although outlit, 15-12, the Boston Red Sox beat the Washington Senators, 10-7 for their fifth straight win. Manager Joe Cronin led the Sox assault by driving in five runs.

The Detroit Tigers were held to five hits by Bill Cox and Les Tietje, but beat the St. Louis Browns, 6-4. Rudy York belted two homers for the Tigers.

Women Golfers In Quarter-Final Play

The Eugene Country club's annual women's handicap golf tournament entered the quarter-finals Saturday when Mrs. S. A. Sexsmith defeated Mrs. Carl Phetteplace after the two had tied in the first 18-hole match Friday.

Two of the three favorites remained in the running for the crown—Mrs. A. W. Stien, defending champion, and Mrs. C. D. Donahue, net medalist, Mrs. W. D. Abel, net medalist, Mrs. Merle Howard.

Pairings for quarter-final matches follow:
Championship—Mrs. Donahue vs. Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Sexsmith vs. Mrs. Louis Deburgh, Mrs. S. C. Endicott vs. Mrs. Weir McDonald.

First Flight—Mrs. Lynn McCready vs. Mrs. Abel, Mrs. Phetteplace vs. Mrs. Howard Chandler, Mrs. Earl Thompson vs. Mrs. Foster Burnett, Mrs. Loy Rowling vs. Mrs. R. C. Romig.

Johnny Vander Meer Is Benched With Bad Ear
ST. LOUIS, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Manager Bill McKechnie of the Cincinnati Reds announced today Johnny Vander Meer, his ace hurler, would not pitch again until an infection in his right ear cleared.

Vander Meer complained of pain in the ear last night and went to a specialist who treated the infection.

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Joe Gordon's Speed Is Responsible for Frank Crosetti's Rightful Place in the Baseball Sun—Great Combination

By JERRY BRONFIELD
NEA Service Sports Writer
NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Frank Peter Joseph Crosetti, the champion hollerer of the American league, considers himself fortunate to have a youngster like Joe Gordon next to him at second base.

Because it is Gordon who finally is establishing the San Francisco Italian in his rightful place in the baseball sun.

It seems as though Yankee followers have never fully appreciated the chatterbox shortstop who, since Tony Lazzeri departed these haunts, has become the eyes and brains of the Yanks' infield.

Never a slugger worthy of the name, Crosetti has been overshadowed by Joe DiMaggio, Bill Dickey, Lou Gehrig, Red Rolfe, and other Yank fence busters, but now it is rapidly becoming apparent that without him the Yankee infield would be sadly lacking in championship spark.

Right now Crosetti is faster and more alert than he ever was, and isn't slow to admit that Joe Gordon is the reason for his improvement.

The Oregon rookie is the fastest man in the Yankee infield and his speed simply carries Crosetti right along with him. Crosetti knows he must keep the pace if the keystone combination is to click perfectly.

"I first suspected I'd have to turn on the heat last spring in training camp," says Crosetti. "That became very obvious in the first few exhibition games we worked together, and I saw the speed that kid had."

It was only a few weeks ago, however, that Gordon started to display all the things that were expected of him. Whatever the reasons might have been—inexperience, or plain rookie jitters—Gordon didn't appear to be filling Tony Lazzeri's shoes any too well in the early part of the campaign.

Joe McCarthy then gave Bill Knickerbocker a chance to plug the gap, but Bill didn't do much better.

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FRANK CROSETTI, above, is covering more ground than he ever has before, with the impetus being furnished by young Joe Gordon, right, whose play at second base has speeded up the Yankee shortstop considerably.

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Rubes Open Softball Drive Monday

Eugene Team Meets Salem Champions In Opening Tilt

Rubenstein's Eugene city softball champions by virtue of 12 consecutive victories, will travel to Salem Monday night when the Rubes will open their third campaign for the state softball title.

Forced to meet one of the four top-seeded clubs in the 16-team event, the "Sofa Sitters" are favored to make a more impressive showing than any other team in the six years of tournament history.

The Salem Papermakers, Salem city champions, will engage the Rubes in the opening tournament clash, scheduled for 7:30 p. m. The game will be followed by the Forest Grove-Klamath Falls game one hour later, the Albany-Portland No. 2 clash at 9:30 p. m. and the Bend-Dallas tilt the finale of the first evening's play.

Astoria and Square Deal of Salem, who beat out Tuesday night games, followed by Mt. Angel vs. Baker, Milwaukie vs. Portland No. 1 and Bonneville vs. McMinnville.

Two quarter-final games will be played both on Wednesday and Thursday, the semi-finals on Friday, and the finals on Saturday.

The Rubes, who got as far as the semi-finals in 1936 and the quarter-finals last year, will close their preparations Sunday night with a workout under the fairgrounds lights. Manager Perry Price has announced the following traveling squad:

Pitchers Bill Jones and Verne Adams, Catchers Doc Taylor and Charles Christensen (all-state last year), Infielders Courtney Towne, Al Dietz, Pete Taylor and Johnny Dunn, and Outfielders Ed Siegmond, Cliff Horner and Ed Wellnitz.

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Oliver Returns to Eugene—First Practice September 8

Tex Oliver, new University of Oregon football coach, who introduced the "Oliver Twist" to Web-foot gridiron candidates during an intensive spring training season, was back in Eugene Sunday. The former Arizona mentor, who replaced Prink Callison as head man, has spent the past month in California and is ready to start the hard grind to prepare Oregon's eleven for seven conference games and two non-conference tilts—against Fordham and Idaho.

Although Oliver had nothing to say regarding his activities in the south, it was believed that he will be greeted by a flock of junior college transfers besides regular

World Jr. Light-Heavyweight Title Match Booked Thursday

Eugene will see its first world's championship wrestling match next Thursday when Walter Tinker "Sneezy" Achiu will post his world junior light-heavyweight belt against Sailor Moran.

Promoter Herb Owen announced that the popular Chinese grappler had signed for the match and he is now seeking the official sanction of the National Boxing Commission, which, according to Owen, is just a formality.

World champions are no great novelty to local sports fans, but this will mark the first time a world title has been defended outside of Portland since Jack Reynolds won a championship bout against Robin Reed in Albany some 15 years ago.

Moran virtually demanded the match, pointing out to Owen and the commission that he had "chased Middleweight Champion George Wagner out of the country and was refused a light-heavyweight bout with Danny McShain." The Sailor said, "I've beaten every opponent Owen has to offer and I'll not meet that (censored) Chinaman unless there's something in it."

And so Achiu's crown will come out of the moth balls and a jitsu between heart bolts and jiu-jitsu will be on deck for wrestling followers next Thursday.

A strong supporting card will be announced later in the week, according to Owen.

Tribe Backstop Catches Ball Thrown From 708 Foot Cleveland Tower
CLEVELAND, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Henry Hartz Helf, Cleveland's third string catcher, stood today in Cleveland's public square and speared a ball thrown off the Terminal Tower, 708 feet up, to break the altitude catching record established 30 years ago when Gabby Street caught a ball thrown from the top of the Washington Monument, 555 feet high.

Mathematicians estimated the balls were traveling 138 miles an hour when caught.

"For a second I didn't know if it was going to hit my head or glove," said Helf.

Later little Frankie Pytlak, Cleveland catcher, grabbed another one tossed from the tower but the 25,000 who craned their necks for a view gave most of the plaudits to Hank.

Ken Keltner, Indian third baseman, who toed the temporary pitching mound on the 52nd floor, hurled 12 balls.

Oliver and his assistants, Bill Cole and Mike Mikulak, will pick up where they left off at the end of the spring practice sessions.

The Webfoots will have just two weeks to prepare for the opening game of the season against Washington State at Pullman September 24. The Cougar clash will be followed by the U. C. L. A. game in Eugene, Stanford at Palo Alto, Fordham in New York, U. S. C. in Portland, Idaho in Eugene, California at Berkeley, Washington in Portland, and Oregon State in Portland on consecutive Saturdays.

U. S. Davis Cup Team 1-2 Favorites Over Australians

By HENRY McLEMORE
United Press Staff Correspondent
BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 20.—(AP)—The United States Davis Cup team of Donald Budge, Bobby Riggs and Gene Mako will be 1-to-2 favorites to defeat Australia in the challenge round match in Philadelphia early next month.

This price was quoted at the fashionable Longwood Cricket club today by the only Boston bookmaker with a pair of white flannel pants and a Bah-vand accent.

"This bookie, who will hereafter be referred to as Butch Cabot for purposes of identification, said that while the Australians were highly impressive in crushing the Nazi squad he felt certain the Americans would retain the trophy by a score of 3 to 2 or better."

"I'm a form player, which means I go by the book," Butch Cabot explained, "and a look at the tennis book will show you that the Davis Cup is always won and held by the nation with the world's No. 1 ranking singles player."

BUDGE-MAKO WIN
NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Two members of the U. S. Davis cup team, Don Budge and Gene Mako, indicated today they were prepared for any immediate assignment when they dominated final play in the 22nd Newport Casino tennis tournament.

Budge retired the Casino's huge bowl in the morning by defeating Sydney Wood, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2. Several hours later, he and Mako swept through Wilmer Allison and Johnny Van Ryn, 7-5, 7-5, 6-2, in the doubles final.

Cottage Grove Golfers To Oppose Laurelwood
The Cottage Grove golf team will play host Sunday to the Laurelwood team of Eugene, three-time champions of the Willamette Valley golf league.

TRAPSHOOT SUNDAY
COTTAGE GROVE, Aug. 20.—The Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club will sponsor a practice trapshoot and small bore rifle and pistol matches at the gun club grounds, south Sixth, Sunday.

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Cooper, Snead Tied In Tourney

TORONTO, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Light Horse Harry Cooper of Chicago spilled a juicy seven all over the 18th hole on his final round of the Canadian Open golf tournament and landed in a dead-end after 72 holes with Sam Snead of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Cooper, the defending champion, and Snead finished with scores of 277, six strokes behind Lawrence Little's 1936 tournament record and three strokes ahead of Little Paul Runyan of White Plains, N. Y. Runyan, in a three-way tie for the lead at the 54-hole mark, needed a 75 for his final round and had a 280 total.

B. L. Anderson, secretary of the Royal Canadian Golf association, announced Snead and Cooper will play off for the title Monday at 18 holes.

It looked like Cooper had the match sewed up when he came to the 36th, three under par for the previous 18 holes, but he drove out of bounds and he needed a seven on the par hole to end up his day with a par 72. After this seeming catastrophe, it looked like Snead had it in the bag when he came to the 14th stroke under par, but he lost two strokes when his drive found the water hazard.

He was still one under, however, at the 17th, but he lost that stroke when a 10-foot putt rimmed the cup and refused to drop. He missed another chance to win the title when his bid for a birdie threw a 40 foot putt—which inches short of the hole.

The winner's share of the \$13,000 prize money is \$1,000.

Ed Oliver finished fourth with 283; Vic Ghezzi and Jimmy Hines tied for fifth at 285; Horton Smith, Tony Manero, and Walter Huggs shared seventh with 286.

Lane State Loop Clubs at Home

The only sure thing about the week-end games in the State baseball league is that Bend will remain at the top of the race. The league leaders, with two victories and no defeats, draw a bye while four other clubs battle it out for the remaining places and inasmuch as all of them have been defeated once or more, Bend's lead is unquestioned.

Toledo will take on Hills Creek, tied for second place, in one of the two scheduled games while Eugene, tied with Toledo for fourth place, also will try to get up to the 500 mark by beating the Portland Babes, sole occupant of the cellar. The game is scheduled for the fairgrounds at 2:30 p. m. Silverton, representing Oregon at the national semi-championship at Wichita, Kans., postponed its scheduled game with Albany.

The Hillbillie-Toledo game will be played at Swimmers' Delight at 2:30 p. m.

The revamped Eugene club served notice last week of hidden power by turning in the biggest upset of the season—defeat of Albany's powerful nine. With Eugene showing unexpected strength, the race for the second-half pennant develops into a five-way battle headlining Bend, Silverton, Albany, Hills Creek and Eugene.

Manager Harry Cloninger announced Saturday that he would use "Bullet Joe" Kocer on the mound and the remainder of the lineup would be the same as the one that dropped Albany last week. The Hillbillies will use Bob Wiltshire in an effort to defeat Toledo, 2-1 victors over Hills Creek in an early-season game. Wiltshire held the Mud Hens to four blows in the first game in spite of dropping the decision. Ted Pilette, veteran hurler, will do the pitching for Toledo.

A victory for Springfield over Westfir, co-champions of the first-half, will give the Millers the second-half Cascade league pennant Sunday when the two clubs meet at Westfir.

A game of equal interest in last series of league games will bring Drain to Coburg, both teams figure as contenders for the second-half crown and both are tied for second place in the standings.

Veneta and Lewis Lumber tangle at Veneta in the only other game. All contests are scheduled for 2:30 p. m.

Springfield dropped its first-half game to Westfir by a 4-0 count, but the Millers have strengthened their lineup since the opening of the second series. Pete Igoe will be on the mound for the league leaders and will be opposed by Gardner. Westfir boasts the best defensive team in the circuit while Springfield's success has been mainly due to a galaxy of batting stars.

Paul Thunemann of Coburg and "Slim" Riley of Drain are scheduled to meet in a pitcher's duel in the game which will decide the second place club, or possibly the league in a two-way tie. Drained first-half co-champions, Westfir and Coburg 10-4 in an early-season game and will be slight favorites to repeat Sunday. An added interest to the game will be Novell Libby's campaign to remain top of league leaders. The Drain top of league batter, F. Howie, catcher is now leading F. Howie of Veneta.

The Veneta-Lewis game appears to be a toss-up.

LYNX CATS TO PLAY
The Lynx Cats ball club of McMinnville will play the Brattain field at Springfield Sunday at 2 p. m.

Final Cascade League Battles

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