

SPORTS

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Rubes Blanked Twice In Softball Tourney

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MILL CITY—Slender Hal Wehmeier Wednesday night pitched the Corvallis Elks into the Northwest Regional Softball Tournament, blanking the favored Eugene Rubes in a doubleheader shutout by scores of 8-0 in the first game and 5-0 in the clincher. The action wound up the 19th Annual Oregon State Softball Tournament at Allen Field in Mill City and ended four years of Eugene domination in the event, including 20 straight wins posted by the club known at various times as Rubenstein's, Steen's Market, and Copping's Big Bucks.

Despite losing the championship to the Corvallis club, which dropped its first game 2-1 to Salem and then won six straight, four Rubes were placed on the All-Star team, announced immediately after the final game. Presented with miniature gold softballs and honored with positions on the team were Rubes' Manager-Firstbaseman Bob Wetzell, Secondbaseman Billy Hutchinson, Leftfielder Tom Collie, the second leading hitter of the tourney, and Pitcher Bob "Bobo" Willis, who won three games and lost one.

JUMP TO LEAD
The Elks, who had to whip Salem and Mill City Tuesday for the right to play Eugene, jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first off Ron Willoughby in the first game. With one out Carl Gustafson singled, Bill Harper walked, Stagg fanned for the second out, but Willoughby walked Sprick to load the bases, and Ed Nelson singled off Hutchinson's glove for two runs.

In the fifth Corvallis rapped Willoughby, who lacked his usual stuff, for six more runs and the ball game. Harper struck out for one away, but Willoughby hit Stagg on the foot and walked Sprick. Nelson singled to center to score Stagg, and Sprick scored on Dow Poling's grounder. Poling was safe at first when the Rubes elected to make the late play at the plate on Sprick.

Bob Bareinger, who hauled in hitting honors for the night with four safeties, then beat out an infield hopper to load the bases. But Pitcher Wehmeier promptly cleared them with a long smash over Collie's head in left that went for a triple. After Corvallis' Manager Bob Quisenberry was hit by a pitched ball and Gustafson fled out, Wehmeier scored when Eugene Shortstop Paul Muller bobbled Harper's grounder.

The Rubes only once got a runner past first off the tough Wehmeier. That was in the first when Hutchinson walked and was sacrificed to second by Muller. Charley Mickelson singled to center in the second and Hutchinson hit through the box in the sixth but neither could advance.

WEHMEIER POISON
Wehmeier, who the Rubes used to hit freely but who has been poison this year, was even tougher in the second game. The sinker ball artist allowed only one hit, "Hutch's" high bounder to second base in the sixth on which no play could be made. The single moved Wetzell, who had reached second on Quisenberry's two-base error, to third with only one out, but Wehmeier bore down to fan Jim Northam and get Muller on a groundout.

Bobo Willis worked in and out of trouble against the Elks until the fifth when he didn't get out. Quisenberry singled infield, Gustafson walked, and Harper was hit by a pitch to load the bases with none out. Stagg, the big, black-haired catcher, then smacked a fly to center, Quisenberry scoring after the catch. That brought up Sprick and he brought home both Gustafson and Harper with a triple to left, and scored a moment later himself on a wild pitch. In the sixth Quisenberry's triple and another wild pitch by Willis finished the scoring.

Wehmeier pitched the 14 shut-out innings, allowing only three hits, two walks, and striking out three. He had near perfect control, and his sinker or drop had the Rubes baffled. Time and again the defending champions hit easy bouncers and grounders, which were gobbled up by the sure-fielding Poling at third, Nelson at short, and Wehmeier himself.

Short Bird Season Opens Saturday

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon's antelope and sage grouse seasons open in some areas Saturday. Sage grouse shooting will start in Harney and Malheur Counties and in Lake County east of Warner Valley road and Highway 395. Bag limit is four daily and not more than eight in the season ending Sept. 4.

The antelope season in South-eastern Oregon also comes Sept. 4. Special antelope seasons in Malheur and Harney Counties also open Saturday for one week.

FINISH ONE-TWO
LUXEMBURG (AP)—Joseph Barthel of Luxembourg and Bob McMullen of Los Angeles, who finished one-two in the Olympic 1,500 meter run last month, duplicated that finish Wednesday in a track and field meet held here.



GORGEOUS GEORGE
At Armory Saturday

George Wagner In Main Event

COMPLETE PROGRAM
Main Event—Gorgeous George and Howard Gantowine vs. Mr. Sakata and Georges Dusette. Semi-final — The Black Prince vs. Andy Tremaine. Opener — Ted Ballantyne vs. Ben Sherman. Referee—Harry Elliott.

Bring on your "gold" bobbypins, your velvet carpet, valet, perfume and music—Gorgeous George! The wrestling faithful in this area will care little about what color of silk or satin robe the prima-donna of the grappling mat wears. They'll be more interested in hoping that either Mr. Sakata or Georges Dusette will "clobber" the 210-pound "beauty" when he teams up with his 245-pound manager, Howard "Hangman" Cantonwine, in a team tilt at the Armory arena Saturday night.

All of the regular fans will be there, along with hundreds of others who will be on hand to see what makes Gorgeous George click; what makes him the most highly-publicized wrestler in the business; what he has that no other grappler has. It certainly isn't his curly locks, which change color according to his moods, or the hue of his clothing.

Actually, when he was George Wagner, he was a great wrestler and still possesses a potent style that is hard to beat. And it is a good bet that Sakata and Dusette can force him to let the clutch out and go into full action.

Gorgeous George will be the big attraction, but Matchmaker Don Owen has also arranged a stellar supporting program. The matches open at 8:30 p.m., with Ben Sherman, highly-touted veteran, meeting Ted Ballantyne. The semi-final brings together The Black Prince, white hooded wrestler, against Andy Tremaine. Although ticket demands have been heavy, it is reported that reserved ringside seats are still available at Luckey's Club cigar store.

DECEMBER WINNER
CHICAGO (AP)—Welterweight Billy Graham played all the stanzas of an Irish lullaby but the final one Wednesday night on the chin of Carmen Basilio to take a unanimous decision in the Chicago Stadium.

City Softball Finals Slated

Ed Jensen's and Valley Plymouth, the only survivors of the Men's Softball League double-elimination playoff, clash tonight at 8:00 at Washington Park, 19th and Lawrence. If once-beaten Jensen's should triumph a deciding game will be played Friday or Saturday, but if Valley, which has gone through the playoff so far without a loss, wins tonight then they are the league champions.

Aussie Netters Pace Tourney

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP)—Defending champions Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor of Australia, along with six of the other seven victorious seeded teams, drove into the quarter-finals of the Men's National Doubles Tennis Tournament Wednesday with straight set victories at Longwood.

The only extended pair were Ham Richardson of Baton Rouge, La., and Bob Perry of Los Angeles, who had to play 60 games before disposing of Belgium's Philippe Washer and Jackie Brichant, 6-2, 12-10, 4-16, 11-9.

Sedgman and McGregor, who appear invincible in this international field, had easy tasks disposing of the State of Washington's standard bearers, Don Flye of Tacoma and Bill Quillian of Seattle, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4.

Walcott, Rocky Formally Inked

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—World heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott and challenger Rocky Marciano formally signed contracts Wednesday for their 15-round title bout at Municipal Stadium Sept. 23.

Walcott, who will be making his second defense of the title he won from Ezzard Charles in July, 1951, is guaranteed 40 per cent of the gate. Marciano will get 20 per cent.

Promoter Herman Taylor, who is staging the bout in collaboration with the International Boxing Club of New York, said he expects a million-dollar gate including television and other rights.

Favorites Upset In Amateur Golf

SEATTLE (AP)—Sixteen survivors of play, headed by former Champion Charlie Coe and such strong challengers as Walker Cup player Jimmy McHale, sailor Gene Littler and crooner Don Cherry, headed into another double round of match play Thursday in the Men's National Amateur Golf Championship.

Coe, the 1949 champion, and McHale are familiar names in the national classic.

Littler and Cherry earned their way into prominence by producing the two most resounding triumphs of the fifth round Wednesday afternoon.

Cherry, 28, from Garden City, N. Y., well known in the East as a professional singer, made it another year of sorrow for Frank Stranahan, the perennial contender from Toledo.

Arnold Blum, Macon, Ga., a hot threat, cooled off before the golf of Paul Johanson, Seattle. Johanson came out of a tree, literally, on the ninth fairway—to have the hole—end go on to win, 1 up.

Ray Billows, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., a three-time runner-up like Stranahan, will have to wait a year to try again. Johanson beat him, too, 5 and 3.

Johnny Dawson, Palm Springs, Calif., missed seven putts of four feet or less to run an otherwise beautiful game and lose to Edward Meiser Jr., Willoughby, O., 1 up.

Yost, the Portland sharpshooter, got by two opponents Wednesday while Dick Hanen of Coos Bay and Roy Wiggins of Oswego were eliminated.

Hanen lost to Jack Westland of Everett, Wash., 5 and 4, and Wiggins was eliminated by Dr. George Trainor, Rochester, N. Y., 3 and 2. Marciano formally signed contracts Wednesday for their 15-round title bout at Municipal Stadium Sept. 23.

RACE WINNER
SEATTLE (AP)—Mr. Banjo won going away in the \$3,000 Rhododendron handicap at Longacres horse race track Wednesday in a run for Washington-bred horses.

EASY VICTOR
DEL MAR, Calif. (AP)—Silver Creek Ranch's Boner uncorked a stretch drive Wednesday to capture the featured \$4,000 San Diego Advertising Club purse at Del Mar by two lengths.

One-Run Defeats Holding Tigers Back
PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The last-place Tigers would be in first place Thursday if they had won all the games they lost by one run this season.

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