

# HIGHCLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

★ The few staunch supporters of the Eugene Larks will be pleased to learn that Cliff Dapper is making a determined bid for the Pioneer League pennant, despite the fact that his Billings club ranks sixth in hitting and seventh in fielding. . . . Dapper's hitting and his handling of pitchers must be the reason for the high standing of the Mustangs. . . . Cliff leads the league with 72 runs batted in, leads with 29 doubles, is second with 14 homers and second among the regulars with a .338 batting average. . . .

His ace pitcher is Nick Genesta, the popular lefthanded Mexican who suffered a broken wrist during last year's pennant drive. He has a 10-2 win-loss record and an enviable earned-run average of 1.35. . . . Ray O'Connor, another ex-Lark and former UCLA pitcher, has a 6-8 record and a 3.23 ERA. . . . Claude Buckley, former Eugene outfielder and teacher in the Springfield school system, is the only other former War West Leaguer among the top hitters. He has a .305 average for Idaho Falls, including six homers. . . . We notice a number of familiar names in the averages. Stumpus .278, Bowman and Rosburg .272, Zaccarelli .248, Kilsman .247, Triandos .245, and O'Connor .127. . . .

Johnny Kovenz, ex-Webfoot outfielder, is hitting .323 for Tri City in the Western International League—seventh among the regulars. He had seven homers and has batted in 51 runs. . . .

★ The Oregon School Activities Association made a copy of a questionnaire regarding the wish to discontinue certain year "A" basketball made a \$15,000 profit, "A" football an \$8,000 profit, "B" basketball netted \$1,000 and "B" baseball broke even. Others, of course, needed subsidizing—which is natural. So, the OSAA notes, "Bear in mind that where ever you vote elimination in major championships, such as football and basketball, some means must be provided to secure money to help defray expenses of our Activities Association and to underwrite those programs of activity which are not self-supporting."

Results of the questionnaire, in part, follow: Right down the line the results showed that school men favored retaining the championship sports program the same as at present, including all major and minor sports now on the program. There were some interesting results to other questions, however. A proposal to move the baseball season into June to provide better weather and less conflict to track was rejected. It was also voted not to shorten the basketball season and start track earlier. There was a preference shown to basketball on Fridays and Saturdays rather than Tuesdays and Fridays. . . . But we wonder if the school and basketball men realize the difficulty presented in adequate coverage of Saturday night games. Many hometowns do not publish Sunday papers and those that do have early press times that make the ignore Saturday night prep basketball. It's worthy of consideration, especially in paying the freight.

★ Major Hoople's campaign for the presidency has some humor, at least. . . . But the newly-acquired press service handling Gorgeous George can't be serious—and isn't funny. But maybe you think so, in this "immediate release exclusive in your city." It is some of the corn. "Stevenson and Eisenhower haven't got a chance this fall!" A fall is a goal you attempt to reach in the wrestling sport followed by the Flower Boy. "The Human Orchid also cleared up his reason for not appearing in the primary elections: Said he, 'I never, but never, indulge in preliminaries. I am strictly a Main Eventer.'" "If that helps keep you away from the Armory Saturday night for his annual local appearance, blame it on his public relations. We knew him when he was just plain George Wagner and later named him Gorgeous George when he started to spend hours in Bob Biddle's beauty parlor. We haven't asked him for a gold bobby pin since!"

The Seattle basketball writers are just going to love Harvey Cassill who has announced a Washington-St. Louis basketball series at Edmundson Pavilion starting Christmas night. . . . Hope Leo Harris doesn't try to bring the second-place Russian Olympic quintet here in McArthur Court New Year's Eve. . . . Michigan State College is one of the few schools that operates a year-around ice arena on the campus. The school stages a skating extravaganza, "Ice Time," Aug. 21-23, with talented young amateur skaters from throughout the mid-west taking part. Directing the show is Jean Arlen, member of the professional show, "Holiday on Ice."

**Upper-Willamette Gun Club to Stage Last Shoot Sunday**

DEXTER — The Upper-Willamette Rod and Gun Club, moved out of its trap grounds and club house because of Lookout Point Dam work, will hold its last shoot at the home traps Sunday, according to Charley Brewer.

The merchandise shoot will start at 10 a.m. and will continue throughout the day. The club will be forced to move the last day of this month and has received some \$8000 compensation from the government. The settlement is not expected to cover the loss, but the funds will be used to establish another trap grounds and club house in the future.

**GAME GOES 13 INNINGS**

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Las Vegas and Yuma fought it out 13 innings in a Southwest International League game at Cushman Field before the Wranglers finally won, 6-5.

**State Juniors Drain 7-6 Defeat**

The Creswell State League baseball team won 7-6 here Tuesday in a makeup of an earlier contest. Dick Kretting pitched a triple to Warren Walker of Salem to a 3-2 victory in the international League

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Seattle	71	69	307	13 1/2
Los Angeles	68	76	472	17 1/2
San Francisco	56	84	413	26
Sacramento	53	91	388	32 1/2

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS:  
Los Angeles 2, Portland 0  
San Francisco 2, Sacramento 0  
Seattle 3, Oakland 1  
Hollywood 2, San Diego 1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Good pitching this baseball season has been about as bountiful as a young lady named Marilyn Monroe. There's lots of it. But the Hollywood stars, who lead the Pacific Coast League, seem to have the best curves.

Newcomer Paul Lapalme, a chatted of the Pittsburgh Pirates pitched Hollywood out of a first place tie Wednesday night. He gave up two hits and teammate Frankie Kelleher clubbed a two run homer to get the Stars a 2-1 victory over San Diego.

It was the second game in a row in which a Hollywood mound artist stopped the Padres on a two-hitter. Mel Queen having turned the trick Tuesday eve.

The win was Hollywood's 19th of 23 meetings with Lefty O'Doul's Padres.

Oakland, who had shared the PCL's top spot with Hollywood, slipped into second place, a game back, by losing to Seattle 5-1. Steve Nagy twirled a five-hitter for the Suds.

Lefty Joe Hatten blanked Portland on three hits as Los Angeles got a 5-0 decision; and lean Walter Clough goose-egged Sacramento on five blows as the Seals won 2-0.

The linescores

Hollywood	000	000	020	—	2	0	0
San Diego	010	000	000	—	1	2	0
LaPalme and Mangan; Luna, Hiner (8) and Sumner.							
Seattle	000	011	300	—	5	2	1
Oakland	000	000	010	—	1	3	1
Nagy and B. Wilson; Gettel, Van Cuyk (7), Candini (8) and Noble.							
Portland	000	000	000	—	0	3	2
Los Angeles	003	010	010	—	5	11	4
Pieretti, Walbel (8) and Gladd; Hatten and Feden.							
San Francisco	002	000	000	—	2	8	1
Sacramento	000	000	000	—	0	5	1
Clough and Orlett; Orenbaugh, Barkley (8), Falica (8) and Smith.							

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Chicago	62	58	317	8
Philadelphia	60	56	317	8
St. Louis	50	70	417	20
Detroit	39	80	328	30 1/2

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Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 1  
Brooklyn 6, Cincinnati 3  
Cleveland 12, Boston 2  
Philadelphia 4, Detroit 3  
St. Louis at Washington, wet grounds.

NATIONAL

Brooklyn	75	38	664	7
New York	68	45	602	7
St. Louis	69	49	385	10 1/2
Philadelphia	63	53	343	13 1/2
Boston	58	66	426	22
Chicago	58	66	426	22
Cincinnati	50	69	420	28
Pittsburgh	35	87	287	44 1/2

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Brooklyn 6, Cincinnati 3  
St. Louis 4, Boston 2  
New York at Chicago, rain.

NEW YORK (AP) — Two big and sudden explosions Wednesday put the American League pennant race into its hottest stage this season when Cleveland routed Boston, 18 to 8, while the White Sox pummeled the Yankees, 12 to 3, as the Indians moved within a game of first place.

For the moment, at least, it looked as if the Indians were ready to put on their sternest challenge yet and their outlook was improved by the sudden collapse of second line Yankee pitchers, who have been cuffed like "D" leaguers in recent outings.

Cleveland, piling up its biggest run total of the season, gained most of its excessive final margin in a 10-run fourth inning in which 14 men came to bat. The Indians made 18 hits in all, including Luke Easter's grand slam homer in the riotous inning and homers by Larry Doby and Ray Boone.

While all of this was going on, fanly Johnny Sain, the Yankees' castoff from the National League, pitched as if he soon would also be a castoff from the American League. The White Sox, making it two in a row over the world champs, pounded Sain for seven hits and five runs in 2 1/2 innings.

In the National League, the Dodgers again moved seven games in front of the Giants by defeating the Reds, 6 to 3, on Billy Loes' eight-hit hurling while the Giants were rained out at Chicago. The

Phillies topped the Pirates, 3-1. The Phils made only five hits but Connie Ryan provided the spark for Russ Meyer's 10th victory when he hit a homer, walked three times and stole two bases. Loser Cal Hogue got into most of his difficulty because of wildness, walking eight men, although he also struck out six.

The St. Louis at Washington game in the American League also was rained out.

In night games, the Philadelphia A's beat the Detroit Tigers, 4 to 3, and the St. Louis Cards walloped the Boston Braves, 9 to 2, in a game called after 7 1/2 innings because of rain.

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