

Bend Lava Bears Victorious in District Track Meet

12 Men Qualified for State Event; Redmond Panthers Win Second, Hood River Is Third

Lava Bear trackmen amassed 84 points to win the district No. 2 meet here yesterday and qualified 12 men for the state track meet, to be held in Corvallis on May 20 and 21. Redmond's Panthers placed second in the district competition, piling up 55 1/2 points, and Hood River was a close third with 50 1/2 points. Prineville's Cowboys rode into fourth place with 12 points and The Dalles and Madras tied for the cellar spot, with 4 points each.

Not a single record was broken in the meet, which got under way as an electric storm broke over the field. However, the light rain improved rather than slowed the track.

Sport Parade

New York, May 12 (AP)—They are deathly afraid in the camp of the Cincinnati Reds that Ewell Blackwell, the towering pitcher hailed two years ago as the new Carl Hubbell, is through — for good.

You talk to the Reds about almost anything and you get a good straight answer. They realize their pennant chances depend on a staggering number of "ifs" and they tell you so. But mention Blackwell, and they clam up. Their eyes narrow and take on a haunted look.

In no time at all you get the idea that Blackwell is paying a price for growing and going too far too fast.

Still Slim

The six foot, six inch thin man of the Reds doesn't look good. He's still about 10 pounds underweight as result of an operation last January for removal of a kidney. Spread 120 pounds over that distance and it doesn't come out very thick. He is wan and his eyes lack lustre and you can almost feel the wonder in his heart.

He still has shoulder trouble and the tipoff is, that while he professes to feel strong and bothered only by wildness, Blackwell has thrown only two competitive innings with the season almost a month old.

And, in those two innings, he was forced to throw 53 pitches as the Pirates belted him for four runs. There was a time they wouldn't get that many off him in two weeks.

Tragic Point

It is a tragic point in what could have been a terrific career. Blackwell showed his promise in 1946 when, back from service, he won nine against 13 losses and led the league in shutouts.

But in 1947 it really looked as though he might be one of the best of all time. He won 22, including a no-hit, no-run game; pitched the most complete games; had the most strikeouts, and set

Prineville. Height, 10 feet 9 inches.

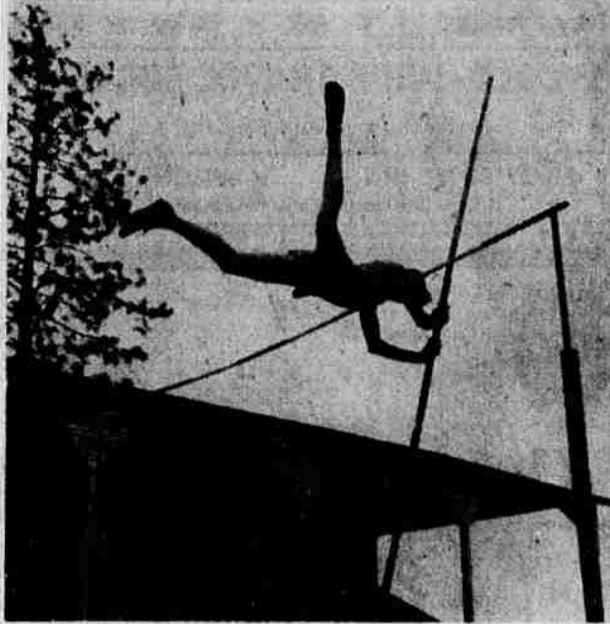
Discus: Won by Sutton, Bend; Lubeke, Bend; Van Matre, Redmond. Distance, 120 feet 1 inch.

Broad jump: Won by Burris, Hood River; Bliss, Redmond; Warner, Redmond. Distance, 19 feet 10 1/2 inches.

Javelin: Won by Bend; Fairchild, Redmond; Abbott, Bend. Distance, 170 feet 3 1/2 inches.

Relay: Won by Hood River (Cody, Carter, Griffith and Cooley); Bend, (Brown, Symons, Wade, Robison); Redmond. Time, 1:38.3.

Lava Bear Clears Bar in High Leap



Reggie Halligan, Bear vaulter who won this event in the district meet here yesterday, is pictured clearing the bar at 10 feet 9 inches. He will represent Bend in the pole vault at the state meet in Corvallis May 20 and 21.

a modern National league record by winning 16 in a row.

Then came 1948 — and disaster. Blackie won only seven against nine defeats and had a dismal earned run average of 4.53.

The reason was that a shoulder muscle kept jumping out of place. Even discounting that kidney operation, he still is afraid of that shoulder muscle.

It is a combination which has all the portents of a pitching tragedy.

YAKIMA HOLDS LEAD

(By United Press)

The surprising Yakima Bears continued to reign over the Western International league Wednesday opening up a commanding two-game margin by edging Bremerton, 3-2, while runner-up Salem bowed to Victoria, 11-15.

The third-place Bluejackets collected a total of five hits off Yakima hurling and just fell short of tying the contest in the eighth. Trailing, 1-3, Bremerton tried to get a rally going.

Cleveland Hard Hit by Injuries

New York, May 12 (AP)—No matter what happens to the world champion Cleveland Indians this season, it looks as if they're going to owe a lot to arnica, adhesive tape and Al Benton.

The patched-up champs, who are being plagued mainly with injuries to their vital pitching staff, came through with their biggest victory of the season to date last night, beating the league leading New York Yankees, 3 to 2, with relief pitcher Benton in the starring role.

Ace right hander Bob Lemon, who was shooting for his fourth victory, retired after pitching to one batter because he had injured a back muscle. Although he is not expected to be out more than a few days he joins a casualty list in which pitcher Gene Bearden has a "sciatic pull in his leg"; Bob Feller still has a kink in his shoulder, and Satchel Paige seems to be suffering from the infirmities of age.

In Second Spot

Benton held the Yankees to five hits for seven innings before going out for a pinch hitter. With the score tied at 2-2, the Indians scored the winning run in the seventh on singles by Dale Mitchell and Mickey Vernon and a wild pitch by Bob Porterfield. The victory put Cleveland into second, 3 1/2 games behind New York.

The astounding Senators won their ninth straight victory, a 14-hit 11 to 1 blasting of the Tigers at Detroit.

The White Sox defeated the sagging Red Sox, 12 to 8, scoring in every inning at Chicago as rookie Gus Zerni set a 15-hit batting pace with a triple, double,

Freak Baseball Features Contests in Coast League

San Francisco, May 12 (AP)—Alan Ihde may not have the strangest name in the Pacific Coast league, but he could be the luckiest pitcher—if you listen to Lloyd Hittle and Bob Gillespie.

Ihde pitched only one and a third innings against San Diego last night and got credit for a win. Gillespie pitched a two-hitter and Hittle a four hitter and what did they get—a loss.

Gillespie let San Francisco have a pair of singles, and nothing else, but he was the losing pitcher in a 1-0 victory of the Seals over the Sacramento Solons. Hittle pitched

and single.

The Browns, with Jack Graham delivering the winning run on his third hit of the night, defeated the Athletics, 5 to 4, at St. Louis.

Rookie Bill Werle of Pittsburgh held the Dodgers to seven hits, five of which he gave up in the last two innings as he turned in a 5 to 3 victory in Brooklyn.

Lefty Warren Spahn won his fourth game and his second shut-out for the Braves, blanking the Cardinals, 7 to 0, on three hits.

Howard Fox pitched and batted the Reds to a 4 to 2 victory over the Giants at New York, ending a seven game winning streak for the losers.

The Cubs defeated the Phils at Philadelphia, 4 to 2 in a pitching battle in which relief man Emil Kusch was credited with his third victory.

for Oakland and met Seattle's Guy Fletcher in another 1-0 duel, and lost. All Ihde did was go in relief for the Los Angeles Angels against the San Diego Padres. The Angels came from behind for him with a seven-run fifth inning in a slam-happy ball game—12-10—and Ihde was the winner.

Beavers Lose Again

In the league's only other game the Hollywood Stars won, even if it took them 12 innings to down the Portland Beavers by an 8-6 score.

Hollywood's win fattened their lead to two and a half games as they pushed across a pair of tallies in the top of the 12th to even their series with the cellar-residing Beavers.

Gillespie was the night's hard luck pitcher. He gave the Seals only two singles, but they used a walk, a sacrifice, a single and a squeeze bunt for the winning run. Al Lien held the Solons to eight hits.

In Seattle it was strictly a pitchers' duel. Neither allowed an earned run, but Seattle got one on the house and emerged victorious. Hittle gave up four hits, but Fletcher handed Oakland only a trio of safeties.

In the San Diego-Los Angeles contest it was almost homer-or-no-count. The clubs slapped out nine circuit clubs—two less than the league record. Los Angeles accounted for five with Joe Damato, Butch Moran, John Ostrowski, Carmen Mauro and Dom Dalles.

League Standings

By United Press		
COAST LEAGUE		
Team	W.	Pct.
Hollywood	24	.501
San Diego	23	.500
Sacramento	22	.512
Oakland	22	.511
Seattle	22	.500
San Francisco	22	.499
Los Angeles	21	.477
Portland	16	.281

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Team	W.	Pct.
New York	16	.629
Cleveland	15	.528
Detroit	11	.529
Washington	12	.522
Chicago	11	.500
Philadelphia	11	.478
Boston	8	.421
St. Louis	17	.227

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Team	W.	Pct.
New York	13	.619
Boston	12	.593
Brooklyn	11	.524
Cincinnati	10	.500
Philadelphia	10	.485
Pittsburgh	10	.485
St. Louis	8	.451
Chicago	8	.421

RACE MEET CALLED OFF

Seattle, May 12 (AP)—A breach between Joe Gottstein, president of the Washington Jockey club, and the state turf commission over track officials has resulted in his decision to call off this year's 54-day race meeting at Longacres, it was learned today.

andro hitting for the jackpot. For San Diego it was Dee Moore and Luke Easter who did the long ball hitting, each with a pair. Los Angeles won the game by the simple expedient of scoring seven runs in the fifth inning.

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