

Annual State Series of Softball Starts Tonight at 7:30
Silverton Stays in Semi-Pro Baseball Tourney, Defeating Wichita 6 to 0

Skits and Scratches

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It won't be long now until we learn the answer to one of softball's most puzzling questions: Can Square Deal make it six in a row over Waits, or will the Packers slay the Jinx which the Dealers appear to hold over them? Based upon the supposition that Square Deal will defeat Grants Pass and that Waits will eliminate LaGrande, the two home town gangs will get together Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. It is entirely reasonable to believe the winner of that epochal showdown will go through to the finals and possibly succeed the Salem Papermakers as 1939 champions. Of course there is many a slip between a first-round game and a championship and some little known club may come along and knock pre-tourney speculations higher than the early 1929 stock market.

Square Deal beat Waits three times this season, yet they lost the championship to the Packers. The reason? Bob Schwartz and his squad of softball toasters were so busily engaged in pointing for Waits they overlooked Schoens, Golden Pheasants and the like. Regardless of their losses this season, and their differences of opinion on this and that, the Dealers are unanimous in their confidence as to their ability to hit George Roth's pitching. They make no bones about it. They do not belittle George's chucking; they simply believe his style was made to order for them. Regardless of what the Dealers think about their rivals of the summer season, the schedule calls for a game against the Grants Pass Cave Shop at 7:30 this evening. If they don't win that one, there will be no occasion to look forward to a sixth meeting with Waits and Pletcher George Roth.

First they introduced six-man football, a sport which gained nationwide popularity. Now it's six-man baseball—a game calculated to please the players, but not so much the spectators. Steve Epler, the Nebraska school teacher who introduced both abbreviated games, says six-man baseball is designed to give each player more action. He believes it will make a better playground game—where space is restricted—than either baseball or softball. "It's for youngsters primarily," he says, "and I believe youngsters will become interested in regular baseball because of it." (Page Mr. Gregory.)

The game calls for a playing field with three bases—first, second and home—equal distance apart in a triangle, 60 feet apart for softball and 90 feet for six-man hardball. The pitcher's box is the same distance from home plate as in regular games. With only three bases, the area within the two foul lines in the outfield is considerably lessened, since those lines start from home plate at a 60 degree angle. Two outfielders cover that territory. A man at first and second, and a pitcher and catcher complete the team. Batting rules are radically changed. Two strikes mean out and four outs retire a side. Epler figures that with only six batters and four outs each inning every batter gets about twice as many times at the plate as in regular ball. Because the batter hits into a narrower area, fouls count only as a half strike.

Clear Lake—Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mason are rapidly building a new home. They expect to have it finished this fall. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steik are building an addition and improving their house. It is also expected to be finished this fall.

Dealers and Packers Play First Round

Games Tonight
7:30—Square Deal, Salem, vs. Grants Pass.
8:30—Waits, Salem, vs. LaGrande.
9:30—St. Helens vs. Albany.
10:30—McMinnville vs. Pendleton.

Climaxing a season which has found the sport growing in popularity, the annual Oregon State Softball association tournament will start unfolding on Sweetland field tonight at 7:30. Half of the field of 16 teams will compete tonight and the second half will show their wares Tuesday night.

Dove-tailing into the annual program, the women's branch of the association started its preliminary contests this afternoon, also on Sweetland field. Both divisions will operate on a straight elimination basis—one defeat and you're out.

Interest locally, naturally centers in the first games of tonight's program since they involve Waits and Square Deal, winners and runners-up respectively in the city league, Grants Pass, Square Deal opponent at 7:30, won the southern Oregon championship by defeating Medford 11 to 10 in a game which saw the maximum number of walks. LaGrande, eastern Oregon crown wearer, which will try conclusions with Waits at 8:30, is considered strong.

Albany is favored to beat St. Helens in the 9:30 tilt while McMinnville with "Speedball" Jones as its chief moundsman, appears to have the edge over Pendleton, eastern Oregon's No. 2 entrant.

Tuesday night should develop some real contests since all three Portland teams will appear for first round competition.

The state association expects total attendance in the neighborhood of 20,000 spectators.

THE STANDINGS table with columns for National League, American League, and Pacific Coast League, listing teams and their records.

Lebanon Softball Ends This Week
Lebanon—Two more evenings of regularly scheduled play in the men's softball league, Tuesday and Thursday, remain before the second half ends. Downing's Pastimers with five victories and no defeats is a clinch for the second half title providing it beats the Crown Williamette Papermakers, Thursday.

Scio Signs Jack Bliss as Coach
Scio, Aug. 21 (P)—Jackson Bliss, former Ashland high school coach, was signed Saturday as coach at Scio high school.



Players in the demonstration game found six man baseball provided much more action per participant. Look at the ground those two outfielders have to cover.

Gas Housers Start Real Pennant Drive

Man the pumps, mates, the gas house is on fire. Those bells ringing in St. Louis may have sounded like a false alarm to some fans, but the 7-1 and 7-5 victories the Cardinals captured from the Cincinnati Reds yesterday made everybody know this is a real four-alarmer.

The new gas house gang has won 10 and tied one of its last 22 games, and burned the Reds' National league lead down to 3 1/2 games.

The Cubs and Pirates divided their double bill, Chicago winning the opener, 9-5, to extend the Pirates' losing streak to 12 games and a new league record for the season. Max Butler pitched Pittsburgh to a two-hit 5-0 shut-out in the second session.

The New York Giants and Philadelphia Phillies also split their battle.

Armstrong 7 to 5 Favorite, Ambers
New York, Aug. 21 (P)—The usual pre-fight rumors of "business" drifted along Bash boulevard today on the eve of Henry Armstrong's lightweight title defense against Lou Ambers, but even the betting men weren't the slightest bit interested.

Chicago's courageous White Sox chalked up their seventh consecutive triumph in a 10-inning 6-5 struggle against the Cleveland Indians. A single by Eric McNair scored two runs in the 10th to overtake the tribe.

Albany Defeated By Toledo, 10-5
Portland, Aug. 21 (P)—Bend Elks defeated Hills Creek, 7 to 2, and Toledo beat Albany Alco-Oaks, 10 to 5, in State league baseball games Sunday.

Independence Band Appears in Concert
Independence—A band concert was played by the Independence-Monmouth band on Friday night in the hop bowl. William Boyston of Dallas conducted the band and a number of Dallas musicians assisted in the program.

Crescent Hurler Beats Medford
Medford, Aug. 21 (P)—Mike Koll, Crescent City pitcher, slammed out a homer in the tenth inning, with two men on bases, and the score knotted at 7-all to defeat Medford 10 to 7, in the first of a three-game series between the two teams in the southern Oregon league play-off.

Spencer Ward Leaves
Jefferson—Spencer Ward, who has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McClain, since July 3, has returned to his home in Redding, Calif. Before leaving Mrs. McClain planned a picnic and swimming party in his honor.

Clear Lake Men Better
Clear Lake—Mr. Dutoit Sr. is slowly improving after a brief illness. "Grandpa" Smith is also improving after illness caused by a fall from a cherry tree during the cherry harvest. His shoulders were injured forcing him to wear a neck brace.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

(By the Associated Press)
American League
Batting—DiMaggio, New York, .390; Fox, Boston, .368.
Runs—Foxy, Boston, 111; Rolfe, New York, 99.
Hits—Rolfe, New York, 183; McQuinn, St. Louis, 149.
Home runs—Foxy, Boston, 32; Greenberg, Detroit, 22.
Pitching—Grove, Boston, 13-2; Donald, New York, 12-2.
National League
Batting—Mize, St. Louis, .359; Bonura, New York, .340.
Runs—Frey and Werber, Cincinnati, 63.
Hits—McCormick, Cincinnati, 150; Hack, Chicago, 146.
Home runs—Ott, New York, 24; Mize, St. Louis, 22.
Pitching—Thompson, Cincinnati, 8-2; Wyatt, Brooklyn, 8-3.

Women Take Part In 43rd Tourney

Darien, Conn., Aug. 21 (P)—The 43rd national women's golf championship opened here today with an 18-hole qualifying round over the Wee Burn club course.

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Grocery Store Sold
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Heist Pitches 5 Hit Ball For Winners

Wichita, Kas., Aug. 21 (P)—Two undefeated nines, Duncan Okla., and Worcester, Mass., will meet tonight with a common ambition—to catch up with the fast-stopping Texans from Mt. Pleasant, four-time winners who Sunday roped and branded the defending semipro baseball champions from Buford, Ga., 1 to 0.

With Heist pitching five hit ball, the Silverton Red Sox blanked the Wichita All Steels Sunday afternoon 6 to 0. For five innings neither side was able to score. Then in the sixth Silverton broke the ice with a single tally. They scored four more in the eighth and added another in the ninth for good measure. The All Steels committed nine errors.

In the sixth, Schwab walked, was sacrificed to second by Hurney and went to third on an infield error. Whitman, batting for Bubalo, scored him with a single.

The eighth found Conney, Erault and Heist hitting, with the latter being thrown out at third trying to stretch his double. These three hits were combined with three errors to score four runs.

The Red Sox played errorless ball. Score: Silverton Red Sox 6, Wichita All Steels 0.

Wichita All Steels
B H O A
Ballard, m 4 0 4 0
Schwab, r 4 0 2 2
Higley, f 4 0 2 1
Bonner, f 5 2 1 0
Cline, i 4 1 0 0
Bubalo, m 1 0 0 0
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Baseball Results

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American League
New York 4-3, Philadelphia 3-1.
St. Louis 6, Detroit 2.
Boston 6-2, Washington 3-3.
Chicago 6, Cleveland 5.
National League
St. Louis 7-7, Cincinnati 1-5.
Chicago 6-9, Pittsburgh 5-3.
New York 2-2, Philadelphia 4-3.
Oakland 7-7, Los Angeles 1-3.
San Diego 7-3, Portland 4-11.
San Francisco 3-3, Hollywood 2-5.
Pacific Coast League
Seattle 3-13, Sacramento 4-0.
Oakland 7-7, Los Angeles 1-3.
San Diego 7-3, Portland 4-11.
San Francisco 3-3, Hollywood 2-5.
Western International
Yakima 4-2, Wenatchee 4-4.
Bellingham 13, Vancouver 10.
Spokane 4-4, Tacoma 3-4.
Pioneer League
Postolet 25-9, Salt Lake 5-8.
Lewiston 6, Oiden 2.
Holt 10, Twin Falls 5.

Omaha Juniors Win in West

Stockton, Calif., Aug. 21 (P)—The west's representative in the national American Legion junior baseball tournament is the McDevitt post team of Omaha, Neb., which beat out the Sunrise post of Los Angeles in the 13th inning yesterday in the western sectional playoff final.

Victor over the Los Angeles club by a 6 to 4 score, the McDevitt will meet the eastern sectional winner in the "little world series" in Omaha later this month.

Although Woodburn collected as many hits as his opponents, they lost to Los Angeles Saturday afternoon 6 to 3. The southern Californians put over the winning runs in the first inning when they tallied four times on three hits, a hit batsman and three walks. Hanauka was compelled to turn his pitching duties over to Coleman who held the winners to two runs, neither earned.

The Oregonians pounded out three runs in the eighth. Los Angeles 6, 10 2. Woodburn 3, 10 6. Soderberg and Palmer; Hanauka, Coleman and Grossmiller.

Wild West Show Due Tuesday Eve

With King Kong Klayton and Bob Cummings involved, tomorrow night's main event of the weekly wrestling show, promises to be one where the archdroid of the armory will be the limit. Both men like rough work and, as a result, ring aiders are warned to be ready for every eventuality.

Ernie Piluso of Portland and Ernie Roberts of Oklahoma are booked for the 45-minute event. This contest may be more of a scientific nature in contrast to the feature event.

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Seattle Holds 9 Game Lead Over Angels

Seattle held a comfortable nine-game lead in the home stretch of the Pacific Coast league pennant chase today after shutting out the upstart Sacramento Senators in five straight games.

The rampaging Rainiers capped the second half of a split week with a double triumph over the Senators at Seattle yesterday while the second place Los Angeles Angels were dropping a pair to the lowly Oaks at Los Angeles.

A ninth inning rally gave Seattle a 5 to 4 win in the opener, and in the nightcap Les Webber gave up only five widely scattered hits as he blanked the Senators, 13 to 0.

Oakland's Manager Johnny Veres cracked out a home run with two on deck in the fifth inning to give the Oaks a 5 to 2 victory over Los Angeles in the first game, and in the second affair the Oaks pushed across four hits in the final frame for a 7 to 3 triumph.

At San Francisco, the third-place Seals and the Hollywood Stars divided honors in a twin bill by identical scores of 5 to 3. Heavy batwork by Dominic DiMaggio and Ted Norbert was a big factor in the opener. Hollywood got four runs in the sixth inning to clinch the nightcap.

Fifty-five base hits echoed in the Portland park as the home town Beavers nipped San Diego in both ends of a bargain bill, 8 to 7 and 11 to 6. Portland bunched four hits in the eighth to ice the opener and six in the fifth to clinch the nightcap.

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Cobb Tests Brakes Before 352.94 M.P.H. Test Run—John Cobb, British speed driver, is shown testing the brakes on his "Falcon Red Lion" preliminary to his test run at the Bonneville (Utah) Salt Beds where he made 352.94 miles per hour. Cobb is to attempt to better the world's automobile speed mark of 387.5 miles per hour. — Associated Press Photo.

Advertisement for Wrestling at Salem Armory, featuring Bob Cummings vs. King Kong Klayton, Ernie Piluso vs. Ernie Roberts, and Wild Bill Kenna vs. Babe Small. Ticket information and location details are provided.

Advertisement for the Share-The-Road Club, promoting Super-Shell gasoline. It features a cartoon character and text explaining how the club helps reduce traffic congestion and save money on gas.