

Skits and Scratches

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A three way dead heat in the Carter handicap last Saturday on an eastern seaboard track, started the publicity agent for the Thoroughbred Racing association on a hunt through the files. He dug up quite a bit of interesting turf happenings. Incidentally, the judges would have had a tough time picking the winner of the Carter handicap had it not been for the camera that showed the noses of the trio of bangtails hitting the finish line at the same time. By way of indicating what the photoeye does in the matter of determining a winner, back in 1933 only one dead heat was recorded on the American turf. Compare that with the 314 races which were declared to have resulted in draws last season.

The records show that four out of the five horses that started a race at Newmarket, England, October 22, 1885, finished in a dead heat. Another remarkable bit of racing occurred in 1880 at Lewes, England, when three horses tied for first place and two were finished second neck and neck. On August 12, 1896, over the Jockey Club course at New South Wales, a trio finished in such a perfect deadheat it was decided to run the race over. Two of the three crossed the finish line at the same time on the repeat effort and it was not until a third heat had been run that a winner was declared. Two successive dead heats were recorded on October 17, 1903, at Moorefield, New South Wales. The trio of owners decided to split the purse after the second attempt.

Portland, not to mention quite a few from Salem and vicinity, went to the dogs in a big way Monday night at Multnomah stadium. So great was the press of the fans to get their money down on their favorite hounds, and so anxious the promoters to salvage every possible dollar, the intermission between races was lengthened to 35 minutes in two or three instances. As a rule there is a lapse of about 20 minutes between events. Box seat duets cost more than twice the price of a year ago and no doubt they would be filled regularly were they boosted to a buck instead of 60 cents. A lot of gasoline and rubber would be saved to the war effort if a national lottery was authorized.

Fans who wondered why they were not permitted to use the main entrance to Geo. E. Waters park the evening the Air Base and the Prison Greys played their tie game, had their answer when it was revealed that the interior of the stands was thoroughly ransacked recently and several articles removed. It seems that there are always a few human skunks in every community who are willing to sacrifice the pleasure of all if they can gain their own selfish ends. The park is being maintained at no little expense by the owner against the time when professional baseball will again be available.

Spokane Youth Best Ball Player

Seattle, June 21 (AP)—A board of baseball experts yesterday chose Jim Presley, 16-year-old Spokane, Wash., catcher, as the state's best young baseball player.

Presley, a Gonzaga high school star, was selected as the state star after a wild double-header between the victorious All-Staters' boys' team and the Seattle-Tacoma squad.

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The Salem and Albany Legion teams who will meet at Central field in Albany Thursday night, appear about on a par, judging by results of the games the two outfits have played with Camp Adair in recent days. Using virtually identical batteries, Camp Adair early this week took two games from Albany by scores of 12-1 and 9-3. Tuesday evening the soldiers won over the local juniors, 15-5. In each instance the game was a seven inning affair.

The juniors seem to have improved a bit in their offense since they collected seven hits off three Adair pitchers, including two by Everett Staats and another pair by Al Lightner who took over the mound chores in the fourth.

The visiting servicemen garnered five runs in the fourth and six more in the fifth.

County competition will get under way next Sunday forenoon at Geo. E. Waters park and Woodburn engaging in a game which will have a bearing on the state title.

Camp Adair 261 560 9-15 14 2
Salem 001 000 4-5 7 4
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Day, Lightner and Haedorn, Schwartz.

The Standings

Coast League
San Fran. 41 32 562 San Diego 38 38 300
Seattle 39 34 334 Los Ang. 35 35 475
Portland 38 33 321 Oakland 34 34 472
Hollywood 38 36 315 Sacram. 29 41 414

Tuesday Night's Results:
Seattle 4, Oakland 3
Portland 8, Los Angeles 3
Sacramento 6, San Francisco 6
San Diego 4, Hollywood 2

St. Louis 33 36 559 New York 36 38 481
Boston 31 27 334 Philadel. 21 30 474
Chicago 28 23 310 Washington 21 29 472
Detroit 29 29 500 Cleveland 21 31 466

Games Tuesday:
New York 2, Washington 1
Boston 4, Phil. 2-2 (1st game 11 inn.)
Cleveland 3, Detroit 1
Chicago 4-0, St. Louis 2-3

Didriksen Spell Losing Effect

Chicago, June 21 (AP)—The psychological edge Babe Didriksen Zaharias seems to have over the field in the Women's Western Open because of her rocketing 250-yard drives is beginning to evaporate.

As the No. 1 war-time women's tournament today narrowed down to 16 survivors in the second round of match play, Babe was coming into contact with veteran campaigners who have no illusions of being beaten—before they start.

Babe is listed in the upper bracket, one which includes such outstanding players as defending champion Patty Berg of the marines, and Dorothy Kirby of Atlanta, Ga., the 1943 open runner-up—both of whom yesterday advanced to the second round.

Nearly seven million pounds of "detinnable" scrap goes to plants every month from the army.

GI Joes Stage Olympics, Rome

Rome, June 21 (AP)—Allied soldiers of the 5th army, the men who chased the Germans through Rome, put on their own track meet yesterday in the unfinished Mussolini stadium where the 1944 Olympics were to have been held.

Although running without regulation track shoes, Pvt. Zemer S. Cox, of Wichita, Kansas, starred by winning the 100-yard dash in 9.9 seconds and the 220-yard low hurdles in 26.14, in addition to running anchor on the winning relay team.

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Lends Moral—And Caddy—Support (AP)—George Zaharias, former professional wrestler, lends a helping hand in Chicago as he performs some caddy chores—cleaning golf balls—for his wife, the former Babe Didrikson, whose 77 won medalist honors in the first round of the women's western open tournament at suburban Park Ridge.

School for Coaches Out for Duration; New Sit-Up Record

New York, June 21 (AP)—Ever hear of a school for baseball coaches, in which the small-college, prep and even sandlot tutors could learn a few trade secrets from the game's big-timers.

During the off season most big-time college football coaches appear at one or more such schools but as far as this department can learn, Alabama's coaching school is the only one that includes baseball—and it is out for the duration.

When he resumes activities, Coach Frank Thomas plans to call on such former 'Bama and major league stars as Joe Sewell and Riggs Stephenson as instructors. . . . Looks as though the tutors were mulling a lot

of opportunities to help themselves and to get some assistance from the big leagues.

Sit Up and Take Notice

Pvt. Edward O. Spratt of Greensboro, N. C., a pre-aviation cadet at Keesler Field, Miss., puts in a claim for the world's sit-up record. . . . Averaging one sit-up every six seconds from noon to midnight, Spratt reached a total of 6429 to beat the mark of 6034 set by Sgt. Edward Berauek of the AAF training command school at Yale. . . . At the finish Spratt explained: "I could have gone on for quite a while, but I figured I might as well get some sleep for the next day's training."

Camilli of Oaks Bats at .341 Clip

Los Angeles, June 21 —Manager Dolph Camilli of Oakland is clubbing the ball at a .341 clip as the batting leader of the Pacific coast league.

Averages released today showed that the former Brooklyn first baseman had collected 75 hits in 220 tries, 13 of them home runs. He has driven in 40 runs, one more than his teammate, Les Scarcella.

Babe Herman of Hollywood has the highest average, .411, but he has been at bat only 52 times in the 36 games in which he has appeared as a pinch hitter.

Oakland leads in team batting with .269. Portland and Seattle rank sixth and seventh with .253 and .244.

Shone tops the regular Portland clubbers at .309 with Gray pacing Seattle at .288 for 36 games.

Wagner Winner Mat Exhibition

George Wagner was the survivor in Tuesday night's mat battle royal at the Salem armory. Wagner and Herb Parks mixed in the finale of the exhibition.

Beavers Snap Losing Streak

Portland broke an eight-game losing streak and moved into third place in the Pacific coast league standings last night while Seattle halted the fast-moving Oakland win string at seven games to move closer to the leading San Francisco Seals.

Portland topped the Los Angeles Angels, 8-3, and Seattle dumped the Acorns, 4-3. San Diego dropped Hollywood into fourth place behind the Beavers with an 8-2 triumph and hurler Rex Cecil's 15th win of the season.

Sacramento hurler Clem Dreiswerd allowed San Francisco but four hits as the Solons blanked the leaders, 4-0.

Short scores:
Oakland 001 002 000-3 7 6
Seattle 000 000 04-4 4 3
Portland 110 020 000-2 8 7
San Francisco 001 000 000-3 8 7
Los Angeles 001 000 000-3 8 7
San Diego 106 010 000-8 9 2
Hollywood 015 016 000-2 8 3
Cecil and Baskind; Hufford, Mihalick (2) and Youker.
Sacramento 000 004 000-4 2 0
San Francisco 000 000 000-0 4 3
Dreiswerd and Steiner; Werle, Pierce (6), Ballou (4) and Sprina.

Athletics Clip Boston Twice

Connie Mack's Athletics haven't hot choices this year, but there's a growing feeling they might have quite a bit to say about who emerges on top in the American loop's free-for-all.

Canny Connie's conglomerate of kids, castoffs and Cubans, mixed with a few of the better boys, served notice yesterday that they are very much in the league. They were residing placidly in last place when Joe Crumlin's spurning, second-place Red Sox came to town and 18,500 fans turned out to see the fun.

When the smoke from the double header cleared away, the Mackmen had jumped to a sixth-place tie.

The A's needed 11 innings to beat Boston in the opener, 5 to 4, with Eddie Busch, late of Elmira, singling in the winning run. The second was easy, veteran Robo Newsom allowing two hits for a 2 to 0 shutout.

The Browns stretched their lead to a game and a half by salvaging the second from Chicago, 5 to 0, after losing the 10-frame opener, 4 to 3. Al Hollingsworth won his first of the season in the nightcap.

Hank Borowy came up with another good mound chore, a four-hitter, and the Yanks loosed a 10-blow barrage behind him, as the world champs defeated Washington, 3 to 1, with Bud Metheny's homer deciding it.

Cleveland beat Detroit, 3 to 1, but skidded into the cellar. Ray Mack, war worker, flew to Detroit for the twilight tilt and his ninth-inning fly sent the winning run home as hard-working Paul Trout weakened. Trout has pitched 26 1/2 frames in six days.

Bucky Walters copped his 11th win with a neat two-hitter against Pittsburgh's Pirates, the Cincinnati star adding the 3-0 shutout to other outstanding mound chores which include a one-hitter, and a pair of three-hitters. The Reds eased into third place, .001 ahead of the Giants.

Armstrong Meets Untested Foe

Washington, June 21 (AP)—Henry Armstrong, the former

triple titleholder who just keeps in a 10-round feature bout to rollin' along the comeback trail, takes on a promising but untested youngster, Nick Latsis, about a 4-1 favorite to flatten the Alexandria, Va., Greek-American, now a soldier stationed at nearby Bolling field.

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