

Skits and Scratches

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Apparently the board of control of the Oregon High School Activities association doesn't expect to be caught with a second big headache without an ample supply of aspirin as was the case last fall when there were too many divisional contenders for the football championship, judging by the revamped type of play adopted for next November. With the single exception of the two sub-divisions in District No. 3, there will be no play-offs and the teams will be selected on their seasonal performance. In case of ties the decision will be based on first downs and if necessary on yardage. So it behooves those teams that figure they have a championship squad to start their bookkeeping early in the season. What method will be adopted to prevent fudging hasn't been announced. Probably one man from each school to trace the first downs and yardage on a cooperative basis.

The system adopted by OHSAA hasn't eliminated all of the bugs by any means, but through trial and error a plan will emerge which will come as close to satisfying all concerned as is humanly possible. It is obvious that the 21 teams listed in the southern division of District 3 will not be able to meet each other during a single season. In fact most of them are tied up in separate leagues, some weaker than others. If it happens that a member of a known weak loop has a better seasonal record than the top place club of a strong circuit, then the fat will be in the fire without benefit ration points.

Ira Pilcher and Packey McFarland were well pleased with their amateur flailing party the other night and are working on a second. They want it perfectly understood that the program is open to all amateurs in the valley and any kid who would like to join in the festivities only has to write to the boxing promoter in care of the Salem armory. Every effort will be made to match the contenders on an equal basis, although where the talent is unknown and untried this may be a difficult matter to arrange. Most of what happened Friday night in the ring was hearsay insofar as Pilch is concerned. He was so busy in the basement matching and rematching the contenders he had little opportunity to get close to ringside. As always happens some of the boys who promised to show up failed to make good while others didn't care to get into the arena with opponents who had been selected. So there was a lot of jockeying to take care of. Considering it was the first venture, the program was unusually successful. The boxers were all taken out for chicken dinner after the gloves had been hung up.

McKee, Woodburn, On All-Star Club

Portland, May 21 (AP)—Out-city players who will meet the Portland league all-stars in the All-American boys' baseball game here Decoration day will report here for practice May 28. The player list: Catchers—Robert Watson of Medford, and Don Allen, Albany. Pitchers—Les Palmer, Milwaukee; Rollie Oit, Canby, and Harold Walker, Eugene. Infielders—Don Dibble, Payette, Idaho; Hal McKee, Woodburn; Leo Keppinger, Central Catholic, Portland; Donovan Kimball, Pleasant Hill; Fred Owens, Gresham. Outfielders—Don Ellis, Lebanon; Carl Davis, Tigard; Rodney Jamison, Milwaukie, and Joe Brock, Molalla. Because players who will be 18 years old by September 30 are ineligible, some of the 50 boys considered were eliminated, including: Dick Rodgers, Eugene; Orville Ohling, Albany; Jack Shelton, Jefferson, and Don Reed, Woodburn.

West Salem Wins Four Straight

West Salem—The West Salem school's A softball team chalked up its fourth straight win of the season Friday afternoon when it defeated the Dallas nine at Dallas. There will be a return game with Dallas on the day of the school's final picnic. McClelland's softball lineup includes Wayne Lathrop, Ronnie VanderVeer, Clarence Haugen, Dwaine Stalanker, George Stoutenberger, Dean Lyman, Ronald Phillips, Lester Miller, Bob Patson, Jimmie Benson and Don Brown. The team has not suffered defeat this season, having won from Hayesville 8-6, from Keizer 9-2, and at Keizer 17-10.

Angels Smear Beavers Twice

(By the Associated Press)
Gloom hovered over Beavertown today after a disastrous week-end knocked 2 full games off Portland's lead in the Pacific Coast league.

The Beavers' triple loss to Los Angeles dropped them within four and a half games of Seattle, which took two out of three from San Francisco. Oakland and San Diego remained half a game apart in third and fourth place as both clubs were defeated twice in three games with Sacramento and Hollywood respectively.

Portland will meet the Angels in a single game at 8:30 tonight, while Seattle takes on the Seals in a doubleheader starting at 7:30. The Monday night engagements have been scheduled to make up for tilts postponed last week by rain and travel delays.

The Pacific northwest teams shift opponents Tuesday. The Beavers lost to the Angels 2-5 Saturday, and repeated 5-12 and 0-6 Sunday to put them on the short end of a 3-2 series standing. Lou Novikoff, Los Angeles outfielder, was the big noise in the Sunday games as he got on base nine times. Don Osborn limited Portland to three hits in the nightcap.

Seattle, which has won three out of four from the Seals, dropped its one game of the series Saturday, 3-9, but came back Sunday to cop a twin bill 10-3 and 9-1. The Rainiers scored all of their 10 runs in the fifth inning of the opener, four of them being accounted for by Ted Norbert's homer with the bases loaded. Alex Palica registered his sixth victory of the season against one defeat in the tailender.

Sacramento wound up with a 4-3 series margin over Oakland, losing 1-3 Saturday and coming back Sunday to take a doubleheader, 5-4 and 16-1. The Solons clinched the first game with a four-run rally in the 8th and pounded four Acorn hurlers at will in the nightcap.

Although San Diego shaded Hollywood 4-3 in the week's series, the Padres were able to salvage only one game over the week-end. The Stars won 8-6 Saturday and then split Sunday's pair 0-3 and 10-1. Carl Dumler, who won his first eight games for the Padres and then suffered four consecutive defeats, finally posted victory No. 9 in the Sunday opener. Three San Diego moundsmen were unable to check the Stars in the windup.

Major League Leaders

(By the Associated Press)
American League
Batting—Cuccinello, Chicago, .356; Clegg, Washington, and Stephens, St. Louis, .353.
Runs—Sizemore, New York, and Stephens, St. Louis, 18.
Home runs—Stephens 19; Derry and Egan, New York, 18.
Pitching—Fertiz, Boston, 4-0; Benini, Detroit; Borowy, New York, and Lee of Chicago, 3-1-3.
National League
Batting—Holmes, Boston, .426; Ott, New York, .402.
Runs—Ott 28; Holmes 27.
Pitching—Volselle, New York, 8-0; Burkhardt, St. Louis, and Karl, Philadelphia, 2-4.

Lind Pomeroy Softies Win

Vancouver, B. C., May 21 (CP)—Lind Pomeroy (Portland) women's softball team defeated the Vancouver All-Stars 4-0 here Saturday. Betty Evans of the Portland team registered 11 strikeouts.

Game Attendance Hits High Peak

New York, May 21 (UP)—Baseball attendance hit a new 1945 high yesterday when 187,399 spectators paid their way into eight parks, with the 46,575 cash customers at the Giant-Pirate game in New York a high mark for individual games. The best previous attendance at Sunday doubleheaders was on April 29, when 174,162 fans were on hand. The four National league double-headers outdrew the quartet of American league twin-bills, 116,197 to 71,202.

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Here's How Game will Proceed When Players Retain Lawyers

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.
New York, May 21 (AP)—News item: Mort Cooper is to be represented by a lawyer in tomorrow's conference about his salary dispute with the Cardinals. . . . That may be okay in this case, but think what could happen if ball players made it a habit . . . like this imaginary scene at home plate:

Umpire: "Stee-rike three, yer out."
Batter: "Why, yuh blind baboon, that was a foot wide."
Batter's lawyer (appearing from nowhere): "Let me handle this. Mr. Umpire, what evidence have you that my client is out? Can you prove that ball was over the plate? Can you produce a college degree or other qualified evidence that you can count to three? And where's your corpus delicti?"
Ump (bewildered): "On e more word from you . . ."
Lawyer: "Objection. My client hasn't said anything; you can't intimidate a witness."
Catcher: "He's out; let's get on with the game."
Catcher's lawyer and pitcher's lawyer (appearing simultaneously from a pink cloud just above the horizon): "Don't say anything unless you consult us first. Mr. Umpire, this witness has never been sworn in. His testimony is incompetent, irrelevant and incomprehensible."
Batter: "Why you . . . Ump: "Yer outta the game."
At this point the managers, each accompanied by an attorney, appear from the dugouts.
Home team's lawyer: "Mr.

The Standings

(By the Associated Press)
Pacific Coast League
W L Pct
Portland 32 16 .667
Seattle 28 19 .596
Oakland 28 24 .541
San Diego 28 25 .526
Hollywood 18 34 .346
Week-end Results
Los Angeles 3-12-4, Portland 2-5-0
Seattle 3-10-0, San Francisco 9-3-1
Oakland 3-4-1, Sacramento 1-3-16
Hollywood 3-6-10, San Diego 6-3-1
Series Standings
Sacramento 4, Oakland 3
San Diego 4, Hollywood 3
Seattle 3, San Francisco 1
Los Angeles 3, Portland 2
Monday Games
San Francisco-Seattle 7:30 p.m. 3 games
Los Angeles-Portland 8:30 p.m.
American League
W L Pct
Chicago 15 7 .682
Detroit 13 9 .591
St. Louis 13 9 .591
New York 13 11 .542
Boston 9 15 .375
Sunday's Results
Washington 1-1, Detroit 6-0
Philadelphia 6-2, Cleveland 2-4
New York 1-2, St. Louis 10-5
Boston 2-2, Chicago 4-8
National League
W L Pct
New York 21 6 .778
Brooklyn 17 8 .684
St. Louis 12 11 .522
Chicago 12 13 .480
Philadelphia 7 21 .330
Sunday's Results
Chicago 4-4, Brooklyn 2-1
Cincinnati 10-4, Boston 8-9
Pittsburgh 1-4, New York 3-5
St. Louis 8-6, Philadelphia 2-7.

Vikings to Play Four Ball Games

Four baseball games, three of them this week, have been scheduled by Gurnee Flesher, physical director for boys, for the Salem Vikings. The first game is to be played Monday afternoon at 3:30 at Geo. E. Waters park, with Albany providing the competition. Tuesday afternoon the Dallas Dragons will be entertained while the Milwaukee Maroons will be on hand Friday, Monday of next week the Eugene Axemen will put in an appearance.

Juniors Complete Athletic Program

This week will wind up junior high school competition for the year and, if it doesn't rain it will be a full one. Two track meets are scheduled. The one Tuesday afternoon pits varsity squads of Leslie and Parrish against each other. While the one booked for Wednesday afternoon features boys who are taking part in the intramural program. Both meets are scheduled for Olinger field.

Three ball games are listed, all on Olinger field and each one starting at 3:45. The games are booked for Monday, Thursday and Friday. So far, Parrish has made a clean sweep of the series. If rain interferes with any of the events of the week, no effort will be made to take care of them later.

Stacey First Sweepstakes Play

Bill Stacey placed first in the 18 hole sweepstakes golf tournament Sunday. Stacey turned in a gross of 72 which netted him a 66. Three tied for second place Bill Shafter, 77-8-69; George Seales, 75-6-69, and Bud Waterman, 76-7-69. Participation was held below 20 due to the fact that many golfers followed the Cline-Lengren championship match.

Browns Trail By Single Tilt

(By the Associated Press)
If the St. Louis Browns retain the American league championship, they may have their ancient nemesis—the New York Yankees—to thank.

In capturing both ends of a doubleheader from the Bronx Bombers yesterday, 10-1 and 5-2, the Browns jumped right into the thick of the flag fight, tied with Detroit for second place, only a game behind the league-leading Chicago White Sox.

The twin triumph was the 8th and 9th in succession over the Yankees in a carryover streak from last season. Their victory on the final day last October 1 gave the Browns their first American league pennant.

Nelson Potter and Bob Muncie were the Yankees spoilers yesterday. Each won his third game, Potter yielding only four hits and Muncie spacing nine hits effectively in the nightcap.

St. Louis won the opener in the first inning, scoring seven runs against Atley Donald. A 2-run homer by opposing pitcher, Walter Dubiel prevented Muncie from hurling a shutout. Pete Gray of the Browns was the hitting star of the day with four safeties, three in the opener.

The White Sox protected their first-place berth by defeating the Boston twice, 4-2 and 8-2, to

Cline Retains Golfing Throne

Walt Cline, Jr., defeated Glen Lengren, 4 and 3 Sunday to retain the city open golf championship. Interest was high in the match and a good sized gallery followed the men both during the forenoon and afternoon rounds of competition. In addition, the Salem golf club telephone jangled all afternoon as persons downtown sought to learn the result.

The pair played the best golf of the day during the forenoon and when the men knocked off for lunch Cline had polished off a 71, one under par. Lengren had a 73 and was two down. Lengren was one down at the end of the first nine, pulled up even on the 11th and went one up on the 12th as he birdied those two holes. He lost the advantage on the 13th and then dropped the 15th and 18th.

The champion left the gate wide open during the outboard nine of the afternoon round as he was over par on the second, third and fourth holes. However, Lengren was just as wild and while he picked up a point on the second after losing the first he dropped the sixth and nine to start the inbound nine four down. Glen took the 10th and 11th to cut the margin to two points, but he lost the 13th and the match ended on the 15th

when he dropped that one too. The cards:
Forenoon
Out: Cline 4 5 3 4 3 3 4 3 5—36
Lengren 5 4 4 4 3 4 2 5—37
In: Cline 4 4 2 4 2 4 4—35
Lengren 4 3 2 5 3 3 3 5—38
Afternoon
Out: Cline 3 3 4 4 3 3 3 5—39
Lengren 6 4 3 4 4 3 4 5—41
In: Cline 3 3 4 4 2—22
Lengren 4 4 2 3 4 3—25
Other flight results:
First, Mason over Wise, 1 up; second, Bonesteel over Graham on 20th; third, Fisher over Nash, 2 up; fourth, Gillespie over Fraiola, and 2-1; fifth, Haman over Ingram, 1 up; sixth, Glaisyer over Filler, 3-2; seventh, Wood over Johnson on 19th; eighth, Kletzing over Hunter, 2-1; ninth, Pike over Harden, 4-3; 10th, Thomas over Wittenberger, 2-1.

Seattle Tourney Due May 11-14

Seattle, May 21 (AP)—Seattle's \$10,000 open golf tourney will be held October 11-14, Harry Givan, president of the Seattle open committee announced Saturday. He said he had received dates from Fred Corcoran, tourney manager of the Professional Golfers' association, who also set September 20-23 for an open in Spokane and Oct. 4-7 for Tacoma. Portland's dates are September 27-30 and Vancouver, B.C., October 18-21.

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