

Skits and Scratches

By Fred Zimmerman
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Can it be that Leo Durocher, the lippy one, has a pair of robbit ears? It would seem so judging by the ruckus stirred up in Gotham over the alleged action taken by the Dodger manager in beating up a heckler. However, it may be a case of mistaken identity and one had better wait for the verdict of the court before reaching any hasty conclusion. The fans really pour it on back in Brooklyn as well as at Ebbets field and a player or manager with a thin skin had better get into some other line of endeavor. One of the first things taught young players is to ignore all comment from the opposition dugout as well as cutting remarks from the stands. The player who has one ear cocked in the direction of the bleachers isn't in a position to play good baseball. Back in Brooklyn Hilda Chester, who rings a large cow bell to lead the Bums' admirers, comes to the rescue of Durocher. "The pernt is this," Hilda remarked. "Christian (Durocher's accuser) had been pickin' on nearly all the Dodger plays for mornin' a month, with a verce like a foghorn. He shouldn't been pickin' on the bums when they was playin' alright. And he shouldn't been usin' language that shocked the ladies."

Packey McFarland, the young fellow with the pleasing personality who knows his boxing, agrees with an article written by Charles Roth in a recent issue of Esquire in which the latter advises running as a means of keeping physically fit. "Running is the best possible exercise for boxers," Packey commented. "However, it's hard to convince the young fellow just starting in the game that he should get out and really cover the ground. Most of them trot around the block a few times and then call it a day. 'I used to run five miles every morning—run a bit and then walk, run and walk. My wife used to think I was crazy for doing it.' But Packey gives one the appearance he could step out right now and cover the five miles without breathing hard."

Verne Robb, president of the Salem chapter, Izaak Walton League, is doing a good follow up job in an effort to protect the wild life that has grown somewhat abundant along Mill creek as it meanders through the city. Told a few weeks ago that thoughtless boys were breaking up the nests of mallard ducks, the Walton prexy became interested immediately. He was informed at first that neither the state police nor any city officers had any jurisdiction. But he kept digging into the matter and finally learned that both organizations could make arrests. If the Waltonians get a bit of cooperation from the folk who live along the stream as well as peace officers, it won't be long before the boys will become educated.

Got a rowboat 16 feet or more in length? If you have, be prepared to dig up a minimum fee of \$5 and \$1 for every foot in excess of 20 feet. The tax is effective the first of 1946 and county clerks are expected to have boat licenses in advance of that time. The license fee is in lieu of all other taxes and was passed by the last legislature as a revenue measure, pure and simple. In all probability there will be a lot of boats 15 feet, 11 inches in length.

The magazine Esquire specializes in taking polls of this and that, and the latest venture in determining the likes and dislikes of Uncle Sam's children is one concerning the female of the species. The leading question, "Do you believe that being an athlete helps make a man easier to get along with as a husband?" drew a "yes" response in 55.36 per cent of the ballots. But to the query, "Would you rather marry a sports star, a movie headliner, or just a good, ordinary guy?" the G.O.G. came out miles ahead of the field with 93.32 per cent of the field. The sports star came in a bad second with 6.34 per cent, while the movie glamour boy scarcely "showed"

Rivals Clash In Portland

(By the Associated Press)

Oakland, with a new skipper at the helm, was back in third place in the Pacific Coast baseball league today, aided by Sacramento's loss to San Diego. Big news in the circuit yesterday was the replacement of Dolph Camilli by Billy Raimondi, veteran catcher, as manager of the Acorns. Conflicting statements marked the shakeup. Camilli said he was "fired"; the front office announced he had resigned; but it was common knowledge through the league that the club's owners were dissatisfied with the former big-league star's failure to play first base oftener instead of directing his team from the bench.

Under 32-year-old Raimondi, who has been with the Oaks for 12 years, the east-bay club edged out San Francisco 3-2 last night. Sacramento's 5-4 loss to San Diego dropped the Solons into fourth, a half game behind the Oaks. The Padres got off to a 5-0 lead in the first two innings, driving pitcher Giles Knowles to the showers in the second frame. The Solons came back to count one apiece in the fourth and fifth stanzas and almost knotted the score in the last of the ninth after pinch-hitter Roy Youngers had punched out a 2-run double.

The resurgent Hollywood Stars came through with an 11-inning 5-4 victory over Los Angeles, winning on Manager Buck Fausett's pinch single with the sacks loaded. Joe Mishasek went the distance for the Stars for his fifth triumph in a row. Portland Seattle, one-two at the top of the loop, will open their crucial series on the Beavers' home diamond tonight. The game unscheduled yesterday because of travel difficulties, will be made up in a twin bill tentatively set for either Thursday or Friday.

San Francisco 5-0, Oakland 2-3, Portland 1-0, Sacramento 4-12, Los Angeles 4-11, Hollywood 5-4, San Diego 3-2, Seattle 1-0, Corvallis 0-2, Eugene 0-1, Astoria 0-1, Medford 0-1, Astoria 0-1, Medford 0-1.

Pitching Keeps Detroit on Top

Detroit, June 13 (AP)—It isn't the hitting that has the Detroit Tigers on top of the heap in the American league, that's for sure. With the season nearly one-third gone the banjo-hitting Bengals, with a second division team batting average of .240, are a half game out front of the New York Yankees and four and a half games ahead of 4th place Boston, which boasts a team swat mark bordering on .270.

at all, with only .14 per cent. Football was the sport rated as the most thrilling to women with a vote of 54.03, baseball trailed with 14.11. Football suits were voted the ugliest, with baseball in second place. Basketball suits were rated the most attractive. They should have glimpsed some of the softball uniform combinations seen around these parts in the palmy days of the sport.

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Fat Freddy and Futile Fils Cinch for Cellar Championship

Shed a tear for fat Freddy Fitzsimmons whose futile Phillies are rushing madly toward an early clinching of the 1945 cellar championship with their usual fervor by losing 15 in a row. Not since 1932 when Burt Shotton led them to the giddy heights of fourth place have the Phils failed to finish either seventh or eighth and seven times it was last. Managers

Mary Owen Has Many Troubles

By Jules Maitland

Portland, June 13 (AP)—Manager Mary Owen of the league-leading Portland Beavers placed a long-distance call from Los Angeles the other night to President Bill Klepper, telling of woes that would floor less sturdier men than Bill.

What they said is only conjecture, but we could delve into the field of fantasy and still be pretty close to reality as far as the Beavers are concerned.

"I'm coming home with the boys, Bill. Do you want to meet us with taxis or ambulances? They're all down but myself and the bat boys."

No word is heard from the Portland end of the long-distance hook-up. We think the Portland party is trying to brush aside the mists of the future (meaning this week) to see if the current one and a half game league lead held by the Beavers gets snapped or grows at the hands of the league-lead questing Seattle Rainiers. The one-sided conversation goes on.

"Outfielder Frank Demaree's got a banged-up leg. Centerfielder Frank Shone's out with a pulled side muscle. Outfielder sub-first baseman Spencer Harris is benched with an injured leg. First baseman and leading hitter Larry Barton's forcefully resting with a pulled leg muscle, not the same leg that twice has benched him previously, but the other leg this time. Pitcher Jake Mooty is sitting it out in the dugout with a sore pitching shoulder, etc."

Grimm Shopping For Moundsman

Chicago, June 13 (AP)—Manager Charlie Grimm of the Cubs was shopping for a pitcher, the Yankees were after Jeff Heath and several other deals were brewing today with the major league deadline for trades only two days off.

Friday midnight marks the final hour that big league clubs can trade or purchase players, although they may continue to get them from the minor leagues or pick up discarded performers via the waiver route. All teams, still suffering from the manpower pinch, are anxious to swing swaps, but nobody wants to give anything away—which has the makings of a stalemate.

came and went but Jimmy Wilson, Doc Prothro, Hans Lobert, Bucky Harris and Fitz saw nothing but the cold grey walls of the National league dungeon with an occasional next-to-the-last-place reprieve. They remain the one consistent team in wartime baseball.

It used to be the cash that was lacking and the club was operated with an idea of selling the choice players to opposing teams to balance the budget. That difficulty was removed when Bob Carpenter bought the club. Now the Phils have plenty of dollar bills but can't get the talent.

Boston hung No. 15 on Fitz and his groggy crew yesterday, 10-0, for the Braves' eighth successive win, five of which have been over their old cell mates. New blood and new money are producing in the Hub to push the Braves up into the race only 3½ games back of New York. Johnny Hutchings did the job on the Phils, a four hitter.

At the rate the Giants are lumbering, only an extended series with the Phillies will save their lead. Losing seven of their last eight since the incident of the \$500 pitch by Bill Voiselle in St. Louis, the New Yorkers' have seen their lead pared to a single game. Yesterday's 7-4 drubbing by Brooklyn ended the last victory streak they were nursing. Van Mungo's six straight pitching wins. Vic Lombardi limited the leaders to seven hits to beat them for the second time.

Waltonians Show Jim Loder Films

The colored pictures to be shown by Jim Loder Wednesday evening at the Eagles hall is attracting a lot of interest, inasmuch as most of the subject matter is new material. The pictures are part of the program of the Salem Izaak Walton chapter meeting, and feature propagation of trout and game birds in Oregon.

The Oak Springs hatchery and Corvallis game farm both operated by the state game commission provide the scenes, which include egg-taking, hatchling and rearing of fish and birds for later release in public hunting and fishing areas. Such films are educational as well as entertaining, and Mr. Loder's experience in colored photography has resulted in an unusual recording of this nature study.

Men and women, young and old, are urged to attend the meeting, and learn some of the finer points of Oregon's outdoors. The ladies' auxiliary will serve a luncheon following the film showing.

Playing Dates 1945 Football

Spokane, Wash., June 13 (AP)—A Pacific Coast Conference football schedule, covering all conference teams except Stanford and Montana, was adopted last night by conference officials meeting here. The 1945 schedule calls for a limited amount of traveling by teams from the northern to southern division. At least one trip into another division will be made by five of the eight teams participating.

Under the schedule the University of Washington will travel to play the University of California; Washington State college will take one trip to California; the University of Southern California will travel to Washington; the University of Oregon will journey to UCLA and to California, and Oregon State will trek once to Southern California.

The Coast conference agreed to waive a transfer rule to make it possible for a returning veteran to enroll in one other than that he left to enter the service, without losing a year of competition. Other athletes are not permitted to play for a year after transferring. The waiver applies only to first registration after discharge of the veterans.

The schedule:
University of Oregon
Sept. 28—Washington at Seattle.
Oct. 6—Idaho at Eugene.
Oct. 13—Oregon State at Corvallis.
Oct. 20—Washington State at Eugene.
Oct. 27—U.C.L.A. at Los Angeles.
Nov. 3—Washington at Eugene.
Nov. 10—Washington State at Pullman.
Nov. 17—California at Berkeley.
Dec. 1—Oregon State at Eugene.
Oregon State College
Oct. 6—Wash. State at Pullman.
Oct. 13—Oregon at Corvallis.
Oct. 20—Washington at Corvallis.
Nov. 3—Idaho at Corvallis.

The Standings

Pacific Coast League	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Portland	42	28	.600	Los Angeles	36	.571
Seattle	40	29	.580	San Fran	34	.547
Oakland	37	35	.514	San Diego	33	.507
Sacramento	36	38	.487	Hollywood	27	.448
Pittsburgh	23	55	.294	San Francisco	2	.000

Juniors Play on Woodburn Field

Woodburn — The first of a series of American Legion junior baseball games between Silverton and Woodburn is scheduled for 5:30 Wednesday afternoon at the local park.

McGinnis field, Silverton, will be the scene of the second tilt at 5:30 Thursday afternoon. Providing the plan is sanctioned by the governing body, the winner of the series will be permitted to select players from the losing side and the combination will then square off against Salem. June 30 is the deadline for settling the county championship.

Nov. 10—Washington at Seattle.
Nov. 17—Wash. State at Corvallis.
Nov. 24—U. of S. Cal. at Los Angeles.
Dec. 1—Oregon at Eugene.

Peewee League To be Formed

A playground baseball league to be known as the "Peewees" will be organized under the direction of Gurnee Flesher and his associates. Candidates for the teams will be called together next Monday at three places—Capitola, Olinger and Leslie. Bob Metzger will be in charge of the Capitola group which will include boys from the Englewood and Highland districts; Bob Keuscher will direct the Leslie squad from the McKinley, Bush and Richmond schools, while Tom Drynan will ride herd at Olinger. Olinger will include the districts not covered by the other two fields.

The playground league is not a rival of the junior group, but is in the nature of a supplemental organization since it will care for the boys from 11 through 14 years of age who are not affiliated with any other club.

A meeting of the junior league is expected to be called by President Oliver Huston in the near future when managers of the "A" division teams will be asked to release all boys they do not expect to use. These may be picked up by the "B" managers if they see fit, who in turn can drop players into the "Peewee" circuit.

Redwood Players Wanted for Drill

All players who were assigned to the Redwood Nursery jun-

ior ball club, are urged to attend a practice session at 6 o'clock at Olinger field Friday evening. Coach Bill Phillips reports that he has not seen some of the players and he hopes to get a line on his entire squad Friday.

Haulers Lose To Yeaters

Twenty-two hits netted as Leslie field as Yeater's ball club of the "B" division, junior league, dished out a 22 to 1 pasting to Heavy Haulers. The latter were held scoreless by Pitcher Sodeman until the last inning when Harold Gohsen, outfielder, blasted a homer. Every member of the Yeater club making their first appearance of the season, got at least two hits—four of them collected three each. One of Catcher Richard Howard's hits was a four baser. Eight errors didn't help the cause of the Heavy Haulers. The losers were held to five hits, including a triple by Bob Layton, outfielder.

Next round of competition in the "B" division will pit West Salem Lions against Clough-Barrick Thursday evening at 6:15 at the Leslie field.

Yeaters (22)	H. Haulers (1)
Callahan 2b 2	Gohsen lf 3
Conroy cf 3	Gird at 3
Ericksen lf 4	Layton cf 3
Davis 3b 4	DuVal c 3
Howard c 2	Kennedy 2b 2
Houck cf 3	Paulus 3b 1
Arnold ss 4	Cockins 1b 2
Grosvorn 1b 4	Nelson rf 1
Sodeman p 4	Anderson rf 1
Lebold p 0	Lebold p 0
Totals...30 22	Totals...10 1

Home runs, Gohsen, Howard, Sodeman; 3-base hit Layton; errors, Heavy Haulers 8, Yeaters 2.

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