

Independence to Newberg Race Won by Portlander

The first annual Independence to Newberg Memorial day boat race trophy was won by Arnold Nelson of Portland who piloted a Shep Craft, powered by a 7½ horsepower Mercury over the finish line in 1:43.3.

Nelson was entered in Class I and won that event as well as the overall class in the 44-mile race down the Willamette.

A Salem youth, Raymond Taylor, won first place in Class II. He went the distance in a Weldwood boat powered by a 10 horsepower Johnson.

Other class winners were: Walt Smith, Portland, Smith boat and Evinrude motor, Class III; Hugh duPont, Portland, home made boat and 22 h.p. Johnson, class IV; Larry Riland, McMinnville, Isham boat and 22 h.p. Johnson, class V; Al Christie, Newberg, Birchcraft and 33 h.p. Evinrude.

Two mishaps, one involving a Salem youth, marred the downstream race.

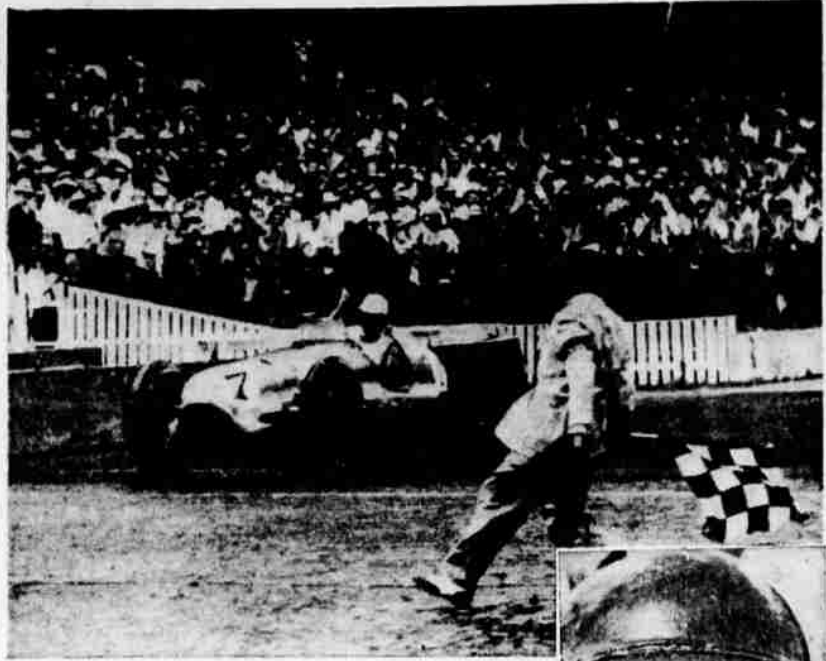
Loren Lottis, 2743 North River road, was 'jipped over' when his craft hit a submerged log below the Wheatland ferry. The 18-year-old youth swam ashore, dragging his boat and motor along.

He dumped the water, cleaned the engine, and took off again to finish the race.

The second mishap occurred in front of the judge's stand at the Newberg end of the race when Stan Hultberg of Portland streaked over the finish, made a sharp turn and went over.

ROCKY GETS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FROM N.Y.

Paterson, N.J., May 31 (AP)—Former Middleweight Champion Rocky Graziano, recently reinstated by the New York athletic commission, received an added vote of confidence today when he also was reinstated by the National Boxing association.



Speedway Classic Holland Wins

The Blue Crown Special, carrying Bill Holland of Reading, Pa., flashes past the finish line to win the 33rd annual Memorial Day race at Indianapolis Speedway. Holland's average for the 500 miles was 121.327 miles per hour. (AP Wirephoto)



Winner Bill Holland (above), one-time roller skating champion, won the 33rd annual 500-mile Memorial Day Speedway race at Indianapolis, setting a new record with his Blue Crown Special, of 121.327 miles an hour. (AP Wirephoto)

Holland, Winner On Speedway, Pockets \$34,600

Indianapolis, May 31 (AP)—Back to the placid sound of roller skates went portly Bill Holland today, but with the roar of the Indianapolis '500' in his ears, the sight of the checkered victory flag in his mind and a \$34,600 bundle of greenbacks in his pocket.

The 41-year-old Holland who operates a roller skating rink for his bread and butter, won the automobile racing classic yesterday with a record of 121.327 miles per hour.

For winning, Holland will cash in \$34,600 in speedway and lap prizes. Accessory awards will boost his earnings to nearly \$50,000.

Johnny Parsons, novice driver from Van Nuys, Cal., was second in a Kurtis-Kraft.

Major Pennant Contests Shape Up as Predicted

The major league pennant races today were beginning to shape up as predicted.

While the National remained in a triple tie for first place for the second straight day, the American was tightening up with such familiar contenders as Boston and Cleveland moving in.

As a result of splits in Memorial day doubleheaders, Brooklyn, Boston and New York still were crowding each other for breathing space in the senior circuit's top slot. All have won 22 and lost 17.

The Dodgers outlasted the Giants, 2-1, in a 13-inning thriller in the first game of the twin bill. The Giants bounced back to win the second, 7-4. The Braves whipped the Phils, 7-3, in their doubleheader opener in Philadelphia, but the Phils came back to win, 6-5, in 10 innings of the nightcap.

Someone must give way by tonight. The Dodgers and Giants meet in a rubber game under the lights. The Braves engage the Phils in a day affair in Philadelphia in the only games.

The Red Sox completed a profitable home stand, sweeping a twin bill from the Philadelphia Athletics, 10-2 and 4-3, to replace the A's as runner-up to the Yankees in the junior circuit.

Cleveland, victor in five of its last six, knocked off the hapless St. Louis Browns twice, 2-1 and 5-0. The Indians needed 12 innings to win the opener.

Detroit and Chicago exchanged close decisions. The Tigers won the opener, 3-2, and the White Sox took the second, 2-1.

The St. Louis Cardinals took over fourth place in the National league from Cincinnati by one percentage point by defeating the Reds in both ends of their twin bill, 8-6 and 9-2. The loop's tail-enders, Chicago and Pittsburgh, divided a doubleheader. The Cubs grabbed the first game, 8-5, and Pittsburgh took the nightcap, 8-6.

It took an eight-inning home run by Ted Williams with one aboard to give the Red Sox their double triumph. Al Zarilla paced an 11-hit first game attack against three pitchers with a grand slam homer and two singles.

Gene Bearden and Rookie Mike Garcia combined to pitch

Major Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
New York 28 12 .696	Detroit 20 19 .513	Boston 20 18 .526	Chicago 19 20 .487
Philadelphia 21 19 .525	Cleveland 17 18 .486	Washington 21 19 .525	St. Louis 16 20 .447

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
New York 22 17 .564	Cincinnati 20 18 .526	Brooklyn 22 17 .564	Philadelphia 18 20 .474
Boston 22 17 .564	Chicago 17 20 .457	St. Louis 18 18 .500	Pittsburgh 14 24 .366



Elks Finalists Jim Sheldon (left) clips some of the greenery from a fairway at the Salem Golf club as he slams out a long shot in his final match with Dick Yost (right) who won his second consecutive Elks Tournament championship Sunday. Yost, a 19-year-old sophomore from Oregon State college, shows how he can concentrate on business when he puts all his efforts into sinking an easy one and a half-footer.

Senators Skid into Third Yaks Win; Tacoma Here

Home from a road trip that brought three wins as against seven losses, as well as a skid into third place, the Salem Senators open against the Bremerton Bluejackets at Waters park at 8:15 Tuesday night. The series will extend through Thursday night before the Tacoma Tigers arrive to finish out the week.

The Solons bowed twice to the hard hitting Yakima Bears in Yakima Monday night, 6-5 and 9-7. Jim Olson suffered his first loss of the season when Snag Moore, first man up in the eighth frame of the extended initial contest, smacked a home run over the left field wall to break a 5 to 5 tie. Olson, off to a bad start when the Bears picked up four runs in the first inning, battled his way back as his mates picked up three tallies in the fourth and two more in the fifth to take a 5-3 lead. Yakima added another in the sixth.

It looked like a win for Olson in Yakima's last half of the seventh after he had retired Edo Vanni and Babe Gammino with Al Jacinto resting on second. But it wasn't to be for Ray Orteig caught hold of the first pitch for a double to score Jacinto with the knotting tally. Then came Moore with his game winning homer.

A seven run lead given Gene Patterson in the nightcap through the first five frames didn't mean a thing to the bombing Bears. They took advantage of his loss of control in the fifth and before the side had been retired, the bulge was down to a 7-3 basis.

The Bears continued to whittle away and four solid blows in the seventh drove Peterson to the showers. John Bianco came in to finish out the frame but not before Yakima had added another three tallies.

Scouting victory that a few innings before seemed out of the question, the Bears lost little time in taking advantage of Bianco's pitching as they opened the eighth. He walked Vanni and a moment later Jacinto bunted down the third base line and both runners were safe when the ball couldn't be fielded in time to make a play. Gammino struck out but Ray Orteig drew a base on balls to load the sacks.

Bianco gave way to Bill Osborne at this juncture. Ted Jennings grounded out but Vanni scored on the play and Jacinto and Orteig romped home on Gene Thompson's double to right center field.

The double loss, coupled with Vancouver's two wins over the faltering Bluejackets, 13-5 and 7-2, dropped Salem into third place. The Caps took over the second niche.

Tacoma and Victoria split a twin bill, a circumstance that dropped both of them into the basement. The Athletics triumphed 10-8 in the first game and lost the second, 6-5.

Spokane downed Wenatchee twice, 8-3 and 19-8 to scramble into sixth place.

WIL Standings

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
Yakima 29 11 .725	Spokane 21 17 .553
Bremerton 19 22 .463	Tacoma 17 23 .410
Spokane 17 23 .410	Victoria 17 25 .405

Official Box

W. L. Pct.	W. L. Pct.
W. Peterson 4 1 1 Vanni, II 4 2 3 0	B. Peterson 3 2 0 Jacinto, I 3 1 2 4
L. Orteig 4 1 1 Olson, II 4 0 0 0	W. Olson 2 1 0 Moore, I 2 2 0 0
W. Olson 2 1 0 Orteig, I 2 1 1 0	Cherry, I 3 1 0 Jennings, I 2 2 0 0
Cherry, I 3 1 0 Jennings, I 2 2 0 0	Beard, I 2 1 0 Thompson, I 1 0 0 0
Beard, I 2 1 0 Thompson, I 1 0 0 0	Spaeter, I 2 0 1 Moore, I 4 2 1 0
Spaeter, I 2 0 1 Moore, I 4 2 1 0	Hedmat, I 4 1 0 Braker, I 4 2 2 0
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G. Peterson 2 0 0 B. Drilling 3 1 2 0	Bianco, I 1 1 0 Moore, I 2 0 0 0
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Holiday Crowds Show Slump in Sports Events

New York, May 31 (AP)—Lost, strayed or stolen—52,156 major league baseball fans, 26,836 racing enthusiasts and \$1,294,466 in pari-mutuel betting money.

Those figures represent the falling off in business at the eight big time ball parks and 10 of the country's race tracks yesterday as compared to the Memorial holiday a year ago.

The wartime and post war sports boom is past its peak if you take sports as a barometer, at turnstiles and totalisators.

Combining the two major sports, you'll find that at the 18 widely scattered points, only four attracted 50,000 or more spectators. Tops for the day was the 60,995 fans who saw Vulcan's Forge win the right suburban handicap at New York's Belmont Park.

An estimated 150,000 saw the 500-mile automobile race at Indianapolis, 25,000 under the 1948 count.

The crowds at four National league parks held up pretty well, with a total of 142,067, a mere 3,409 less than last year's 145,476. But the American league's 143,553 fell 48,747 under the 192,300 of 1948.

Skits and Scratches

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN, Capital Journal Sports Editor

Bears Can Hit

Those Yakima Bears cannot claim to be experts in the matter of defense but a club that can manufacture a team batting percentage of .316 apparently is in position to drive in more runs than it can kick away. Led by the fleet-footed Edo Vanni, with a fat percentage of .430, six of the Bear regulars are hitting over the .300 mark. Their habit of breaking out with high explosives has been the ruin of the opposition in many contexts. Yakima pitching isn't much superior, if any, to other Western International loop clubs, but, if you can beat the other team into submission, you can get along on just so-so chucking.

Victoria Lags

The importance of hitting, or what the lack of it will do to a ball club is well demonstrated in the lowly position of the Victoria Athletics. The last league summary gives the A's a percentage of .257—mark that entitles them to the circuit basement. On the other hand they are currently tied with the Vancouver Caps in team fielding with a percentage mark of .955. The Senators are next in this department with .952. The Yakima Bears have amassed a total of 504 bases from their strong arm attack as compared with 365 for the Senators. Incidentally, the Solons are last in this connection.

Tars Here Next

Changes are frequent in club personnel of Western International league clubs, like all minor outfits, and Bremerton is no exception. Six men have been added to the roster since the close of operations last fall. One of them, Frank Constantino, a catcher, is a familiar figure in WIL circles, having played with Yakima in 1947 and '48. Other new additions include Luigi Briganti, second baseman from Billings of the Pioneer league; Don Corey, 20-year-old freshman receiver, playing his first pro ball; Stan Halstead, pitcher, and Dick Sabatini, outfielder, both from Phoenix of the Arizona-Texas loop, and Walt Pocekay, outfielder from Stockton, Calif. Manager Alan "Inky" Strange still has with him two of last year's upper bracket pitchers: Joe Sullivan and John Marshall. During his two years with the Tars, Sullivan won 25 games while losing 10. Marshall has a record of 31 wins and 23 losses during a similar period.

Dick Doing Well

Dick Gentskow, ex-Salem outfielder, is doing well with the Amarillo club as is Paul Halter, Woodburn product. Halter has been hitting at a .350 clip while Dick's latest figure is .328. Both boys went to the Little Rock club of the Texas league early this spring but apparently the manager had his mind made up before camp had been established and Halter and Gentskow were shunted to Amarillo. . . . Those persons who saw the Oregon State-Michigan State entertainment on Bell field last fall will recall Lynn Chandois, the Spartan halfback who did so many things well. Evidently he is still in the groove for he and Dave Lumsden, veteran linemen, won top individual awards as the conclusion of spring training. Chandois was named the outstanding player for the third straight year following a contest that drew some 11,000 spectators. He will be seen in action in Portland November 12 against Kip Taylor's Beavers.

Sports Gigantic

Californians generally lay claim to having the biggest, the best and the most of anything that is up for discussion. And, judging from previews, "College Football," edited by Christy Walsh of Hollywood, Calif., will contain everything that is claimed for the production. It will contain the names of more than 145,000 college lettermen; scores of 72,000 games played since 1869 and the complete roster of 680 All America players, from the first selection by Walter Camp in 1889 to the present year.

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