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By Walt Ditsen

Corvallis Smiles Over Success of Gracie DeMoss

Corvallis, June 21 (AP)—There were raised eyebrows at Denver when Gracie Demoss won qualifying honors at the Western Open tournament, but in Corvallis there were just knowing smiles.

The 22-year-old Gracie, pride of the Corvallis Country Club and the greatest golfer, man or woman, ever to come out of this city, has been winning so often lately, this is almost taken for granted.

But being medalist in the Women's Open is still the greatest of her accomplishments, for it's the biggest U.S. tournament she has entered, although last year she won the Canadian women's title.

Miss Demoss' surprise topping of professionals as well as a top field of amateurs at Denver isn't an accident; it came from hard work.

This is to be her big year. Usually she has attended Oregon State college two terms a year and golfed in the spring, but this year she golfed in the winter, too, in preparation for this summer's activity.

Her father, Ray Demoss, vice president of the Corvallis Country Club, and her coach, Al Zimmerman, Portland pro, think she's ready for the big time. She has had that since she first swung a club here with her dad, her greatest fan, who flew from here to Denver to watch her play. Maybe she already has proved she's ready. When she's at home, you can see her almost every day practicing, practicing. She can beat virtually every male hereabouts.

Last year the Canadian title was tops in a long list of winnings. She will defend that title in Montreal later this year. This season she has come fast. After winning some minor tournaments, she received plenty of publicity by finishing one stroke behind Babe Zaharias in the first round of play in the Weatherlane tournament, then skipped the rest of that tourney to prepare for the Trans-Mississippi event at Dallas, Tex.

South Commercial Win Tie Breaker Softie Game

South Commercial Businessmen topped the 12th Street Merchants 7-1 Tuesday night as the pair made up for a contest earlier in the season in City softball competition. Leon Michenham pitched the win after making his first start of the season.

The Commercial club scored five runs in the second with Howard Schlag's triple driving in three tallies.

Wisconsin Speed Star Ends Career

Madison, Wis., June 21 (AP)—Wisconsin's great distance runner Don Gehrmann closed his collegiate career in an amazing burst of speed, even though his Big Ten teammates lost as expected in the 10th annual Big Ten-Pacific Coast conference track meet.

The talented west coast team scrambled to a 69 to 63 win for its sixth triumph in the inter-conference spectacle last night.

The slender Badger runner, slated to compete in three events, won both the mile and half mile and he ran a stupendous third lap on the western conference mile relay team to give Wisconsin's Leroy Collins an anchor lead he held with ease.

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Page Says Arm Giving Trouble

Cleveland, O., June 21 (AP)—Joe Page, New York Yankees' relief pitching specialist, said Tuesday that he is bothered by arm trouble.

Page admitted that his left shoulder has been giving him trouble since May 28, when he relieved in both games of a double-header against the Philadelphia Athletics.

"I just can't get my arm back all of the way to develop speed without feeling pain," Page said. "I had much the same trouble last year for a while," he added, "but it worked out. I'm hoping it does the same now."

Marathon Champion Tells Of Scorched Race Victory

Editor's Note: Mainhardt Bredt, former Alaskan marathon champion, tells in the following article how it feels to run 26 miles under a hot sun in winning the western hemisphere marathon at Culver City, Calif., Sunday.

Bredt, now doing a small-scale contracting business in Olympia, Wash., won a bunton derby between Aberdeen and Olympia, Wash., May 1. The six-foot, 145-pound long-distance runner currently is training for a crack at the national marathon this fall and the olympic games marathon in 1952.

By MAINHARDT BREDT
(As Told to United Press)
Olympia, June 21 (AP)—The western hemisphere marathon was run on a nice, well-laid-out course, but it was run at the wrong time of year. Usually marathons are run during the cooler spring or autumn seasons. The race started about 11 a. m. and I'd say the temperature was about 75 degrees. Before the race, a lot of fellows just stood around with their shoes in their hands, trying to make up their minds whether or not to run.

Only 19 of us entered, and the rest figured on a day like that the race would give them too much of a beating!

They were right. I ran my first 10 miles only 30 seconds off the 10-mile-an-hour pace I had planned. But when I hit the 15-mile mark the heat began to catch me, and I felt nauseated. My feet were burning up, and I knew I couldn't hold that pace any longer.

Between the 15th and 20th mile I cut my pace, but still was only about three minutes behind the time I had planned. Those last six miles were the toughest, and it was all I could do to get home during the last three.

The whole race after the 15th mile was just a matter of sticking it out and finishing. I knew when I was half a mile ahead of the first man behind me at the 20th mile that I had the race won.

I also knew I wouldn't be breaking any records that day, so I just coasted in, and was lucky to do that. My time of a little more than three hours was the slowest I've ever run a marathon.

Usually a marathon takes about three and a half pounds off me. I lost eight in this one. Before the race I weighed in at 146½ pounds. After the race I weighed 138½.

When you lose eight pounds in three hours, it takes everything out of you. You need moisture in your body to retain your strength. When that moisture goes, your strength goes.

It's going to take a few days to get back in shape and start training for my next race. If I can get a local sponsor, I want to run in a 10-miler at Glendale, July 4th. That would be a good speed trial for the 30-kilometers national championship coming up in San Francisco this August.

Thirty kilometers is about 18 miles and that will be a good speed workout to train me for the national marathon in the east this fall.

Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh's home run king, belted three homers in his first five games against the Dodgers this spring.

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Angel Fielder's Bat Mark Leads Coastal Sluggers

San Francisco, June 20 (AP)—Los Angeles outfielder Frank Baumholtz, playing with a second division club, continued to lead regulars in the Pacific coast league batting race today with an average of .404. He had cracked out 101 hits in 250 plate appearances in 65 games, including those of June 17.

Ed Barr, Portland outfielder, who has been chiefly used as a pinch hitter, topped the batting list with eight blows in 19 trips for an average of .421. Les Fleming, San Francisco, led in runs batted in with 75 and Joe Brovia, Portland, topped the home run hitters with 17.

Averages for the top 10 regular players and all Portland squad members above .250 include:

| Player | G | AB | R | HR | RBI | Pct. |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----|----|-----|------|
| Barr, Portland | 44 | 157 | 8 | 2 | 42 | .421 |
| Baumholtz, L.A. | 65 | 250 | 101 | 7 | 40 | .404 |
| Rackler, Seattle | 24 | 80 | 30 | 1 | 7 | .375 |
| A. White, Sac. | 77 | 290 | 105 | 6 | 32 | .362 |
| Sierra, New | 53 | 212 | 78 | 4 | 47 | .358 |
| E. Fletcher, L.A. | 67 | 229 | 78 | 4 | 34 | .341 |
| A. Wilson, Oak | 78 | 244 | 117 | 2 | 24 | .340 |
| Gracie, San Fran | 61 | 180 | 57 | 1 | 26 | .337 |
| Minoso, San Diego | 61 | 198 | 66 | 1 | 26 | .332 |
| Rupp, Oakland | 65 | 217 | 72 | 4 | 47 | .332 |
| Richter, Portland | 48 | 112 | 35 | 0 | 18 | .313 |
| Marquez, Port. | 78 | 295 | 92 | 4 | 28 | .298 |
| Hocco, Port. | 74 | 271 | 78 | 12 | 46 | .288 |
| Brovia, Port. | 54 | 201 | 78 | 17 | 35 | .287 |
| Rucker, Port. | 54 | 156 | 43 | 0 | 15 | .270 |
| Gladd, Portland | 48 | 137 | 37 | 2 | 14 | .268 |

Plant Fish by Air in Sunkist Mountain Lakes

San Francisco, June 21 (AP)—Aerial fish planting crews began dropping 1,639,000 Rainbow and Brook trout into 373 California mountain lakes today.

The crews, using twin-engine planes, expect to complete the program on August 18.

Lakes that will be stocked include: 165 in the Mount Shasta area; five in the Fall River Mills area; 33 in the Almaror-Feather river country; 24 in the Western lower Sierra area; 83 in the eastern Sierra, 64 in the Donner Summit area, and 23 in the Yosemite-central Sierra area.

Dick Wakefield made more than 200 hits for Detroit in 1943, to become one of 18 players ever to perform that feat in their first full season.



Goes All Out Cowboy Dick Fairchild does some high and fancy riding to stay aboard the famed bucking horse, Snake, required ten seconds at a Rosalia, Wash., rodeo.

Yaqui Grapplers Win Tag Rasslin'

The Yaqui grapplers took the decision over Rod Fenton and Jack O'Riley as the quartet staged the principal performance in Tuesday night's pro wrestling production at the armory—a team tag event. Hammerlocks, flying mares, Irish whips and a long arm bar were employed as the four contenders struggled for advantage.

Leo Wallick and Mr. Sakata went to a fall each in the special event. The preliminary resulted in a win for Eddie Williams over Bill Melby.

Four Games Set For C Division

Eight clubs of the "C" division, Salem junior baseball league will get together Thursday evening at 6:15 for four games. The schedule:

East Salem Lions vs. Junior Senators at Olinger; Four Corners vs. Keizer at Keizer; IOOF vs. Warner Motors at West Salem; Berg's vs. Master Bread at Olinger.

B Diamond Games List Four Wins In Second Round

West Salem Lumber, Commercial Book Store, Keizer Merchants and Salem Laundry were the winners Tuesday night when the "B" division of the Salem junior baseball circuit staged its second round of play.

Two no-hit games were racked up. Ken Pingle of Keizer turned the trick against Orchard Heights while Lowell Pearce of West Salem performed a similar feat against Salem Heights. Keizer blanked Orchard Heights, 3-0 and West Salem won 8 to 1 over Salem Heights.

Commercial Book beat Four

Corners 8 to 1 as the latter made six errors. Salem Laundry outscored Bishop Electric 8-5.

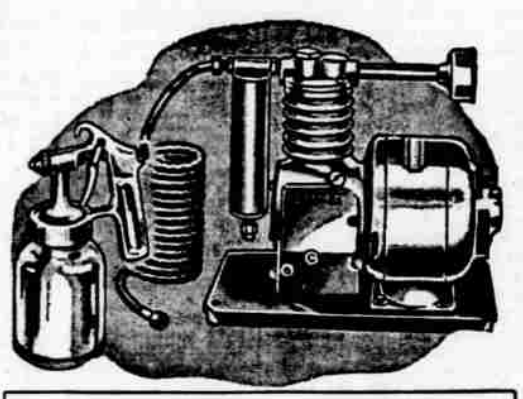
| Team | W | L | HR | RBI |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Orchard Heights | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Keizer | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Tripletts and Paderecht: Pingle and Pearce | | | | |
| Salem Heights | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| West Salem | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Butler and Adelt: Pearce and Osborn | | | | |
| Four Corners | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Commercial B | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Walker and Stubblefield: Whittaker and Battenstein | | | | |
| Bishop Electric | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Salem Laundry | 0-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Rhine and Miller: Kins and Winesar | | | | |

When PeeWee Reese of the Brooklyn Dodgers recently was ejected by an umpire, it marked the first time he had been thrown out of a game in more than 1,000 major league contests.



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