

FAN FARE

By Walt Ditzen



Midget Races At Jantzen Beach Friday

Warmer weather was hoped for by race officials for Friday night and the scheduled opening of midget racing at the Jantzen Beach arena...

A full field of cars is expected, including Don Olds, winner of the Seattle opening event; Shorty Templeman, last year's champion without a 1953 main event win...

Russ Congdon is slated to have his white No. 44 California car on hand for the Jantzen opening, as will Gordy Youngstrom...

Ford entrants include Wild Bill Hyde, Gory Livingston, who captured the opening Speedway contest...

Improvements in the midget cars has been noticeable in the first outing on the half-mile track...

Opening on Friday night will initiate a new evening for the Jantzen Beach arena, and is expected to be rewarded with a larger field of cars...

Bearcats Play Linfield Twice This Weekend

On top of the Northwest Conference standings with two straight wins, Coach John Lewis' Willamette Bearcats resume loop action...

The Bearcats host the Wildcats Friday, then go to McMinnville to wind up the series Saturday afternoon.

Willamette made its initial '53 conference splash last weekend with a pair of wins at the expense of the Pacific Badgers...

Andy George hurled a five-hitter in the first contest and Mickey Coen chalked a four-hit hill performance in the second contest...



It's Robbery St. Louis Browns' centerfielder Ernest Grtoh slides safely into third on a steal in the sixth inning at Chicago...

Injured Grider Gets Workmen's Compensation

Denver (AP)—A court award of workmen's compensation to an injured football player subjected financial aid for athletes to searching review Tuesday at Denver University.

The Colorado Supreme Court in effect held Monday that the former gridman, 25-year-old Ernest Nemeth, was employed by the University to play football.

It ruled, in a 6-1 decision, that he was entitled to weekly payments of \$11.87 for a back injury already allowed by the State Industrial Commission...

A source close to the university, asking not to be quoted by name, declared:

"I think grants-in-aid and part time work for students may be all out now. Under the ruling a student typist could fall and break an arm in a gym class and be entitled to workmen's compensation."

Nemeth, a former fullback and line-backer, said his spine was injured permanently during spring practice in 1950 in

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Now a Vending Machine to Dispense Worms

Denver (AP)—In case you had any lingering doubts, it is indeed a mechanical age.

Cabinet-maker J. C. Dorsey of Denver turned up Monday with what he calls a "boon to fishermen" — a machine dispensing worms.

Dorsey spent two months of spare time work converting a juke box into a worm dispenser.

Central Wins Three-Way Meet

Monmouth — Central high school won a three-way track meet with Dallas and Sheridan on the Oregon College of Education track here Monday.

Central had 87 1/2 points, Dallas 53 1/2 and Sheridan 11. Gerald Reynolds led the Central victory with 13 points.

He won the high and low hurdles, and finished second in the 220-yard dash.

Tri-City Being Built Mostly on Hopes

This is one in a series of the prospects of teams in the Western International Baseball league.

By GIL GILMORE Tri-City Herald Sports Writer Kennewick, Wash. (AP) — The Tri-City Braves, under home-ownership and a new management, are being built mostly on hopes this year—hopes of catching up with the rest of the Western International League...

Sox and Cubs reliever, who was purchased from Toronto, and Bob Snyder, 14-14 pitcher for Vancouver last season.

The rest of the pitching staff consists of limited service men and rookies. Top prospects are Dale Bloom, Dick Piedmonte, and Marlan Hill, all hurlers from lower leagues with fair work records.

The only holdovers are Bill Kostenbader (0-3) who played so little he is still classed as a rookie, and Ken Michelson (3-7) reliever who quit in mid-season. He has been reinstated.

The new playing manager, Edo Vanni, who was with Vancouver last season, is the

only outfielder and the only .300 hitter on the roster at the present time. Des Charouhas, .305 hitter, has not reported and has indicated he intends to continue attending the University of Washington.

Joe Scallise, who has asked for voluntary retirement, has been put up for sale along with Charouhas.

Negotiations to buy John Kovenz, .306 hitter last year, failed when Kovenz said he would not play for the Braves. He was offered for sale by Cleveland.

The best hope for a hitter is Jack Warren, former catcher for Seattle, but who can fill an outfield spot. Warren hit .305 for Seattle in 1950 and then quit to play semi-pro ball when he did not get the pay he thought he was entitled to.

Defensively, the Braves will have a strong infield. Vic Bucola, veteran first baseman will hold down that sack. Vanni has a wide selection for the other three spots. Ray Tran will fill one—most likely shortstop.

Ernie Sierra, a flashy infielder, formerly with Pocatello, and Terry Carroll, WSC graduate formerly with Yuma, Ariz., will compete for second. Tommy Marler, holdover from last year, will again be on third. But none of these players are expected to be strong at the plate.

The catching spots are also well filled. Nick Pesut, last season's most popular Brave, will be No. 1 again and Rube Johnson, who was recently discharged from the Army, will be No. 2.

Most of the Braves' troubles can be traced to the long negotiations for the sale of the club by Dick Richards, then general manager, and other stockholders. The money-raising campaign and the dealing lasted into January and the Braves were unable to establish a working agreement with any major league or Coast league club.

This means the club has had to buy all of its players outright. The club also faces the problem of staying under the salary limit when no higher classification club is paying part of the salaries.

Although some \$33,000 was raised through the sale of stock, this money barely covered the cost of the club and franchise and various league fees. Money to buy players in recent weeks has come from the sale of advertising signs and booster buttons.

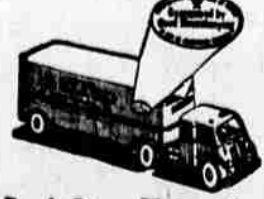
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