

Sports

MEFFORD AGAIN WINS THRILLER IN 9TH INNING

The trusty bat of Second Baseman Mitchell poked a long single into center field, sending Conlin, who roosted on third, across the plate, enabling the Medford Merchants to defeat the Weed team, 12 to 11, yesterday afternoon at the fair ground park. Mr. Mitchell's clout came in the last half of the ninth with the score tied at 11 all. Conlin, first man up, reached first, when he was hit by a wild pitch, went to second on an out, and daringly stole third.

It was a good game, and in the neighborhood of 600 fans attended, which, considering the fishing and the weary wanderers not yet returned from Klamath Falls and points south, a creditable showing was made.

Oeschger, who has a brother who formerly pitched in the National League, started to pitch for the visitors and had a good start. But Hooper Hafford hit a home run, scoring Chester to put the locals off in front early.

In the opening innings Mitchell, pitching for Medford, kept getting men on bases. A wonderful throw from right field by Dillbeck shut lining Weed out at first base and scored three runs, putting them one run to the good.

Medford retaliated by scoring five markers on hits by Chester, Droulette and Nichols. This bombardment routed Oeschger, and he was succeeded by Lauder who was immediately hailed as "Harry" by one and all.

The Californians now had their dander up, and proceeded to maul Mitchell for three more runs, then tied the score, and then took a lone run lead. Lauder managed to once through three innings on nothing much and some classy fielding behind him. While he was doing this the Hall boys had a temporary lapse and Weed scored four runs and it looked as if the game was on ice for the visitors.

The Merchants started a rally to tie the score in the last of the eighth inning by dint of some solid hitting, after letting Lauder's transportation to first. He then went wild, and clouts by Chester and Droulette brought in a mess of runs. Later the fracas was won as above mentioned.

Shangle, who started at second, negotiated some clever fielding in the opening innings. Mitchell who replaced him, after a bump start, settled down and redeemed himself with the willow. Grey replaced Swarrat at short. He fouled the first chance, but afterward made a difficult catch of a skyscraper that saved a run or two. Woodruff in left field also grabbed off a hard liner after a hard run.

Nichols pitched a tough game, circumstances placing him continually in the hot. The Weed players developed a penchant for stepping in front of his slow ball, but a stop was soon put to this.

The front row fans had a number of arguments with the umpires, and the umpires won every one of them.

Next Sunday the Medford team will play the Klamath Falls team here in the opening game of the Oregon-California League schedule.

Score and summary:
Weed—AB. R. H. E.
Powell, cf. 5 6 1 0
Mansy, 2b. 5 0 3 0
Pech, 1b. 5 0 3 0
Valencia, lf-p. 4 1 0 0
Vernazza, ss. 3 2 1 0
Johnson, 2b. 4 3 2 0
Plets, 1b. 5 2 2 0
Maek, c. 5 1 2 3
Oeschger, p. 2 0 2 0
Lauder, p.-lf. 2 0 0 0

Totals 41 11 15 3
Medford—AB. R. H. E.
Shangle, 2b. 2 0 1 0
Mitchell, 2b. 2 1 2 1
Dunn, 3b. 4 0 0 0
Woodruff, lf. 4 2 1 0
Droulette, 1b. 3 2 2 0
Chester, c. 4 1 2 0
Hafford, cf. 4 1 2 0
Dillbeck, rf. 2 1 0 1
Swarrat, ss. 2 0 0 0
Gray, ss. 1 1 1 1
Nichols, p. 4 1 2 0
Conlin, rf. 1 1 0 0

Totals 31 12 13 3
Weed—Runs 11, Hits 14, Errors 11
Medford—Runs 12, Hits 14, Errors 11

Three-base hits—Woodruff, Mitchell, Chester. Two-base hits—Nichols, Powell, Plets, Maek, Swarrat, Valencia, Lauder, Shangle, Swarrat, Stolen bases—Pera, Vernazza, Johnson, Hafford, Dillbeck, Conlin. Innings pitched—By Oeschger, 3-3-4, 7 runs, 6 hits; by Lauder, 4-1-3, 4 runs, 5 hits; by Valencia, 1 inning, 1 run 1 hit. Charge defeat to Valencia. Bases on balls—Off Oeschger 2, Lauder 5, Nichols 4. Struck out—By Oeschger 5, Lauder 2, Nichols 7. Hit by pitcher—By Valencia 1, Nichols 2. Wild pitches—Oeschger 1. Double play—Plets to Vernazza. Time of game—Two hours 45 minutes. Umpires—Downs and Davis. Scorer—Al Piche.

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SAMMY MANDELL HOLLYWOOD IS NOW SECURE AT TOP OF LEAGUE

(By Alan J. Gould, Associated Press Sports Editor)
NEW YORK, May 14.—(AP)—While the heavyweight champion, Gene Tunney, has gone into the seclusion of his Speculator camp to prepare for the season's biggest fight, the spotlight of the ring turns this week to the light-weight revival featuring "Baby Face" Jimmy McLarnin of California and Sammy Mandell, the Rockford shiek.

Mandell will take his world's title out of storage and defend it in a 15-round match against the sharpshooting young Irish lad at the second time the two men met from the veteran Rocky Kanask, McLarnin can hit. Sid Terris, Kid Kaplan and a few others will testify that the "Baby Face" youth packs a wallop like the kick of a mule. Mandell also packs a punch, but the champion's forte is skillful foot work and boxing ability.

It will be the biggest money battle for the lightweight crown since Benny Leonard's last scrap with Lew Tendler in 1925. It should also be the most spectacular title fight in the division since Benny was giving his southern rival a few punching lessons.

McLarnin, although the challenger, probably will enter the ring a slight favorite over sleek Mandell. This will be due largely to the fact that the shifty little Irishman has been more in the limelight, battling his way to the top in sparkling fashion, but also because he possesses that un-falling "gate" magnet, the "hook."

McLarnin's sensational rise has done more to restore interest in and prestige to the lightweight division than any single factor since Leonard was in his prime.

The decline set in with Leonard's retirement. Jimmy Goodrich proclaimed the champion a New York elimination tournament, Rocky Kanask and Mandell have done little to uphold the prestige of a division that has boasted such a line of kings as Leonard, Welsh, Ritchie, Wiggast, Nelson, McAlliff and others.

For all his inactivity in title competition, however, Mandell will be far from an easy mark for McLarnin and his famous K. O. punch, in the estimation of most critics.

As a matter of fact, Mandell's record is better than McLarnin's on the whole, but Jimmy, with no title to worry about, has come on like a house afire in the past year, beating the best of the challenging crop.

Sammy is more experienced than his rival, a seasoned campaigner, fast and shifty. McLarnin probably won't find the champion's chin as fragile or as easy to crack as that of Terris. But it will behoove Mandell to keep it well guarded. One of two lightning-like thrusters, if they connect, will be sufficient to crown a new king.

GRANTS PASS BEATS CENTRAL PT. TEAM

In a baseball game played at Central Point yesterday afternoon, the Grants Pass "Colts" defeated the Central Point team by the score of 6 to 1. A fair sized crowd watched the encounter, played on the Central Point school grounds. The defeat of the local team is attributed to a lack of good hitters. Among the Grants Pass team members were included Jud Pernoll and other players who were with Grants Pass when it was a member of the Southern Oregon baseball league last year.

Mince Pie Was Start of World Breaking P. Vault

NEW YORK, May 14.—(AP)—If George Connors, the little Englishman, carried over to a mark better than the intercollegiate record while he was still a schoolboy. Carr's greatest thrill in competition, however, came when he cleared 14 feet at the intercollegiate in 1927—the first time that height over had been cleared. Carr cleared 14 feet 1 inch at the National A. A. U. indoor championships here, but Lee Barnes, University of Southern California star, bettered that mark by a fraction of an inch in a recent meet at Fresno, Calif.

An interesting duel between the only two 14-foot men in the world is in prospect at this year's intercollegiate. Carr faces Ward Edmonds of Stanford, who also will compete in this year's intercollegiate, as a better vaulter, potentially, than either he or Barnes.

Narrow Escape for Al NEW YORK—Governor Smith has narrowly escaped being described in the Encyclopedia Britannica as "the son of a rather unsuccessful market gardener." The British editor, understanding "truckman" in its English sense, substituted "gardener" in a sketch of Governor Smith, but in a revision the governor's father was described as a drayman.

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(By the Associated Press)
Signoff home run was the only hit the Beavers could collect off Carl Holting, and the Missions won the afternoon game, 3-1, after poor fielding had given Portland a 3-2 decision in the morning encounter. Batteries: Cole and Ainsmith; Pilette and Whitney. Second game: Ponder and Rege; Holting and Baldwin.

Oakland made it four straight victories by taking a pair of contests from the Seals, 4-3 and 11-8. Leading, 3-1 in the ninth inning of the first game, the great Mails blew higher than a kite, and the Oaks pushed over three runs, enough to win. The afternoon fracas was a free-hitting affair in which Cooper and Crandall outlasted a trio of San Francisco hurlers. Batteries: Mails and Vargas; Boehler and Reed. Second game: Mitchell, Ferguson, May and Sprinz; Cooper, Crandall and Lombardi.

Sacramento and Los Angeles split a twin bill, the Senators' 5-0 victory in the second, giving them the odd game of the series. Wilbur Peters relieved Bob Osborne in the first inning of the morning game when he was struck by a batted ball and pitched the Angels to a 3-1 win. Batteries: Osborne, Peters and Sandberg; Keating and Severid. Second game: Cunningham, Weatherly, Gahler and Sandberg; Rachac, Vinel and Koehler.

Hollywood went into first place by two full games by knocking over Seattle twice, 7-0 and 5-4. Carl Holting led the Indians down with six hits in the initial game, while Donnelly, who came to McCabe's rescue, received credit for the second win. Batteries: Graham, Knight, Touchout and Schmidt; Fullerton and Hasler. Second game: Middleton and Borreani; McCabe, Donnelly and Annew, Hasler.

CINCINNATI REDS NOW LEADING IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

(By the Associated Press)
Reset in the hostile haunts of the ferocious Cubs, John McGraw's New York Giants, have clinched the National League leadership to the Cincinnati Reds.

Jack Hendrick's crew moved up to the head of the class yesterday by defeating the hapless Phillies, 4 to 1, while the Giants were losing their second game in a row to the Chicago Cubs, 6 to 5. At Brooklyn, the Dodgers broke a five-game losing streak by beating the Pittsburgh Pirates, 8 to 1.

The Boston Braves ended the Cardinals' six-game winning streak with a 6 to 5 verdict at St. Louis. George Lile, turned in a one-hitter, pitching classic at Cleveland, as the Indians downed the Philadelphia Athletics for the second day in a row, 2 to 0.

Four singles, a base on balls and a sacrifice fly gave the New York Yankees four runs in the first inning and the champions coasted on to win from Detroit, 7 to 2.

The Senators blasted three White Sox pitchers for 16 hits in an easy 10 to 3 victory at Washington. Boston and St. Louis had an open date.

Major League Leaders

(By The Associated Press)
Including games of May 13:
National
Batting—Graham, Pirates, .422.
Runs—Frisch, Cards, 26.
Runs batted in—Frisch, Cards, 27.
Hits—Douthitt, Cards, 45.
Doubles—Traynor, Pirates, 12.
Triples—L. Vaneer, Pirates, 6.
Home runs—Blasbrough, Redskins, 6.
Stolen bases—Frisch, Cards, 8.
Pitching—Lucas, Reds, won 6, lost 1.

American
Batting—Kress, Browns, .412.
Runs—Roth, Yankees, 29.
Runs batted in—Munsell, Yankees, 24.
Hits—Manush, Browns, 41.
Tigers, 39.
Doubles—Munsell, Yankees, 12.
Triples—E. Rice, Senators, Reagan, Red Sox, 5.
Home runs—Ruth, Yanks, 8.
Stolen bases—Barrett, White Sox, 6.
Pitching—Shealy, Yankees, Pittsburgh, Yankees, won 5, lost 0.

Baseball Standings

National League.
W. L. P.C.
Cincinnati 18 11 .621
New York 12 9 .571
Chicago 17 12 .586
St. Louis 16 12 .571
Pittsburgh 12 12 .500
Brooklyn 12 15 .450
Boston 9 15 .375
Philadelphia 5 19 .208

American League.
W. L. P.C.
New York 19 5 .792
Philadelphia 15 7 .682
Cleveland 18 10 .643
St. Louis 15 14 .517
Washington 12 19 .387
Detroit 9 15 .375
Chicago 9 19 .321

Weekly Foreign News Review

(By Oscar Watson, Cable Editor of the Associated Press)
Japan took steps last week to plant her feet firmly in the soil of Shantung province, China. Tientsin, the capital, was cleared of nationalist troops, control of the Shantung railway was taken over and the administration of the city placed in the hands of the Chinese chamber of commerce.

The battle between the Japanese and Chinese lasted several days, and in the end the Japanese won in complete control. Both sides paid the price in heavy casualties. Although the Nanking (nationalist) government appealed to the League of Nations at Geneva, charging Japan with violation of China's territorial integrity and independence, the Nippon government continued its warlike preparations and large contingents of men and ships are proceeding to China. The northern dictator, Chang Tso-Lin issued an appeal to all people for unity and the cessation of hostilities. He charged the protest with responsibility for the present civil war and feared impairment of China's relations with the foreign powers because of the interests involved.

What the League of Nations will do in the affair has not been disclosed, not even decided for the protest from the Nanking government cannot be officially recognized until some other government or some other member of the league, adds its voice to the appeal.

The representative of the Peking government at Geneva expressed the opinion that possibly the controversy could be settled by Japan and China themselves. There was also a report that Japan might ask for a league investigation.

Notwithstanding their setback at Tsinan, a section of the southern nationalist army continued its drive toward Peking, occupying Tschow on the Shantung-Chihli border. This brought them to within 200 miles of Peking.

While Geneva statesmen are having a lively discussion over the China-Japanese situation, the various governments who have large interests in China have been silent.

In the field of sport, Walter Flinn, American, won a great victory by capturing the British open golf championship. Among those who fell before his prowess was Archie Compston, the British pro, who recently defeated Haegen in a 72-hole match, 18 up and 17 to go.

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