

The Sporting Page

HOPPE AND SCHAEFER DISPLAY GUE TALENT IN EXHIBITION MATCH

Making their only stop between San Francisco and Portland, Willie Hoppe and Jake Schaefer staged a billiard exhibition last night at Brown's before a small but enthusiastic crowd of addicts.

Playing one 125-point block of the new 282 ballline, Schaefer, world's champion, defeated Hoppe 125-77. Young Jake, who looks more like a football player than one of the world's greatest cue wizards, had a high run of 52. Hoppe got away for one run of 37.

In three cushion, the world's title of which Hoppe won last year, the champion defeated Schaefer 20-11 in 21 innings. Hoppe had a cluster of six in the tenth frame, while the best Schaefer could do was two high runs of three.

Following the two matches, each exhibited about a dozen trick shots which left the spectators gasping.

Cougars Whitewash O.S.C. Baseballers

CORVALLIS, May 5.—(P)—The Cougars of Washington State college left here for Eugene with two lopsided victories over Oregon State under their belts and a two-game series with the Oregon Webfoots coming up. The invaders scored a 13 to 0 win over the Orangemen, backing up Stenko's three-hit pitching performance with errorless fielding.

The Beavers contributed one boot for every Cougar hit, lacking one.

OVERSTUFFED GRAPPLER WINS BY SQUEEZE PLAY

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—(P)—Bill Kennedy, 466 pounds of man, remained an undefeated wrestler today. Making his grappling debut against Bronco Valdes of Mexico City in a one-half-hour match here last night, Kennedy pinned Valdes by nearly crushing him to death after two minutes and 15 seconds of wrestling.

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Grover Cleveland Alexander, "Old Pete" to the fans, returned to the baseball wars in Chicago as pitcher for a semi-pro team after years of barnstorming, exhibition games, illness and poverty. At 50 "Pete" is staging a comeback and the fans greeted him lustily.

HOW THEY STAND

(By the Associated Press.)

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Sacramento	21	11	.656
San Francisco	18	12	.600
San Diego	19	13	.594
Los Angeles	17	13	.567
Seattle	16	15	.500
Portland	12	18	.400
Oakland	12	19	.387
Milwaukee	9	22	.290

National	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	8	3	.800
St. Louis	7	4	.636
New York	7	4	.636
Boston	7	6	.538
Philadelphia	6	8	.430
Chicago	6	8	.430
Brooklyn	4	8	.333
Cincinnati	1	9	.100

American	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	7	3	.700
New York	7	3	.700
Boston	6	3	.625
Philadelphia	4	4	.500
Cleveland	4	5	.444
Washington	4	7	.364
St. Louis	3	6	.333
Chicago	3	6	.333

Scores Yesterday

Coast League.

Sacramento	5	15	1
Oakland	3	6	3
Pippin and Clark; Olds, Breuer and Baker.			

San Diego	8	7	2
San Francisco	4	10	1
Chaplin, Salvo and Detore; Gibson, Sheehan and Monzo.			

Seattle	4	7	2
Portland	6	13	1
Pickrel, Smith and Fernandez; Posedel and Cronin.			

Missions-Los Angeles postponed; Los Angeles failed to arrive in time from Seattle.

National.

Boston, 8; St. Louis, 1.
Pittsburgh, 10; Brooklyn, 3.
New York, 7; Cincinnati, 6.
Chicago, 14; Philadelphia, 7.

American.

New York, 10; Detroit, 1.
Washington, 12; Cleveland, 5 (11 innings).
Boston, 11; St. Louis, 6.
Philadelphia-Chicago, rain.

Oregon's Athletic Budget Is Balanced

EUGENE, May 5.—(AP)—The athletic department of the University of Oregon associated students has at last balanced its budget, it was announced here by Anson B. Cornell, director of athletics at the university.

Pointing to the forward strides made during the past year under the new set-up, Mr. Cornell predicted "the academic year 1936-37 will be one of the best financially in the past decade."

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BIG LEAGUE HURLERS, INCLUDING HUBBELL, DODGE HAIL OF HITS

By Associated Press. The major league magnates may be forced to install pitchers' storm cellars in their 18 ball parks if yesterday's carnage continues.

Not even King Carl Hubbell was immune from the barrage of baseballs that marked the start of inter-sectional strife in both National and American leagues. The 14 teams that saw action produced 173 hits, an average of better than 12 for 101 runs, a shade more than seven each.

The only safe spot was Chicago's Comiskey park, where rain kept the Athletics and White Sox from playing.

The biggest blow to tradition was the nine hit, seven inning lambasting the cellar Reds gave Hubbell.

The Oklahoma screwball ace fanned 10 Rinselanders but had to be lifted in favor of Harry Gumbert so the Giants might keep a 7-6 edge. The victory kept intact Hub's two-year winning streak, which now extends to 19 games and, unofficially, ties him with Tim Keefe and Rube Marquard.

Keefe, in 1888, and Marquard, in 1912, won nineteen in a single season. Both were Giant pitchers.

1937 SOLON NINE CLASS OF LEAGUE

By the Associated Press. The Sacramento Solons, cuffed and kicked around by every other club last year, today commanded the respect of Pacific Coast league baseball teams for three good reasons.

First: They held a two-game lead in the circuit.

Second: They went from last to first in batting in the past week.

Third: They have won eight straight games, the most consecutive wins by any coast league team this season.

Yesterday the Senators blasted out 14 hits to defeat Oakland, 8 to 3.

Portland downed Seattle, 8 to 4, and San Francisco Seals, with the aid of Dominic Di Maggio, staged a ninth inning rally to score two runs and defeat the powerful San Diego Padres, 4 to 3.

The scheduled Missions-Los Angeles game was not played yesterday when the Angels failed to arrive in time from Seattle. The teams play a doubleheader Friday to keep the schedule right.

ARMSTRONG SUBDUES KLICK IN 4 ROUNDS

LOS ANGELES, May 5.—(AP)—Henry Armstrong, California-crowned king of the featherweights, stepped out of his class last night to inflict a murderous beating on Frankie Klick of San Francisco, holder of the synthetic world's junior lightweight title.

Hustling Hank's victory, recorded before a near capacity crowd of 9000 at the Olympic auditorium, came late in the fourth of a scheduled 10-round bout when a towel sailed out of Klick's corner.

Klick weighed 132½. Armstrong, 131. The San Francisco title was not involved.

Traffic Haphazard. MELBOURNE.—(UP)—Traffic observations in certain sections here are the exception instead of the rule. Recently a traffic officer stopped a woman driver and thanked her for being the only one who had given the right signal for the right turn during the day.



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Billy Hulén Says:

Missing Merritt Now Hurling for Glendale Outfit

Alvin Merritt, the promising ex-Junior American Legion hurler who was figured to provide plenty of strength to the Medford ball club's mound staff this year, has evidently taken a run-out powder on the local team.

Alvin, a tall righthander with a terrific fast ball, suddenly disappeared about a week ago after working out with the locals several times.

Manager Mike Balkovick and officials sponsors of the club, instigated a mild search for the pitcher but with no success. It appeared that he had left for parts unknown, with no forwarding address.

Always the sleuth, we decided to track down the missing chucker, and after many hours of intensive investigation, questioning of suspicious characters, and painstaking research, we at last discovered the name "Merritt" grading the box score of the Glendale-Roseburg Southern Oregon league opener at Glendale last Sunday.

Merritt was listed as a pitcher for the Glendale club, and according to the report, worked the entire 10 innings against the Pirates. It may not be Medford's Merritt, and again it may be: nobody around town seems to be certain. However, word from the Rogue Valley Golf club which employed the pitcher is to the effect that Alvin talked some of going to Glendale if he could get lined up there, so the odds are about 1000 to 1 that it's the same guy.

Mack Lillard, southern Oregon's grappling impresario, came up with the info yesterday that meanie Black Dragon, at present in Spokane, would probably return sometime in the near future.

Black Dragon wrote Lillard a very nice letter, in which he asks Mack if "you have any wrestler in your territory you consider has the stuff to give me a match that would put me to a test; maybe even beat me."

Mack said he had nobody in mind at present, but that Dude Chick would return to the local arena May 24 and he would like to re-match the two. Which, from this corner, is about the best wrestling news of the year, if it materializes.

Other grapplers Lillard has lined up for early appearances are Sailor Dick Trout, a clean and fast worker from Alaska, and none other than Prince Mihalakis, the Arabian nobleman.

The Prince wrote Lillard from Toledo, O., where he states he is packing them in. He said he would probably be in southern Oregon in the near future and for Mack to get him some good tough opponents.

Still another former favorite who is due to perform here this summer is Bob Kennaston, the Mad Marine from Gold Hill. Kennaston is in Little Rock, Ark., at present, but wrote that he wanted to visit his home town this summer, and would be open to grappling offers when he arrived.

Cuff Scribbings—Harold Gray, district director of the WPA, used to squat behind the wheel of one of those racing outboard motorboats

that were so much in evidence at Emigrant lake last Sunday—he entered all the regattas up and down the Pacific and took his share of first places.

Paul ("Hoosier") Hoffard, who used to be a pretty fair country hitter in his prime, is still socking baseballs—he's doing his slugging this year with Hill in the Northern California league and getting his share of the blows. We understand—time was when Hoosier was the fastest outfielder hereabouts in addition to being the heaviest hitter—he's slowed down some, but can still patrol the center garden with most of them.

Medford Craters Moniker Selected For Baseballers

Medford's Southern Oregon league baseball entry has at last been officially nicknamed.

After considerable discussion among officials of the Medford Athletic association, sponsors of the club, it was deemed fitting and proper that the team should carry a name symbolic of one of the city's most important assets.

So, hereafter, Manager Balkovick's outfit will be known as the Medford Craters.

It was pointed out that "Peeplickers" and "Bogues" would have been good choices, but that other Medford teams in the past had carried those names. Something entirely new was desired, and because of the fact that Medford is the gateway to Crater lake, the new name was considered a "natural."

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The planes were classified as follows: 35 United States army; 22 private; 4 United States marine corps; 3 department of commerce and 117 United Air Lines ships flying on a regular mail and passenger service.

The report said that work started Monday on the digging of drain trenches for an additional 100-foot taxi strip which will run from the administration building west to the cross runway. The new strip will facilitate the servicing of planes in the fuel pits and eliminate the danger of a collision by crowding, the report stated.

Commercial all-events, H. Rehe, Hillsboro, 1724, first.

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BEND BOWLER IS HIGH IN SINGLES

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 5.—(AP)—Ken Ballentyne of the Allen's Case team of Bend, Ore., rolled a 279 to take the high single game in the opening day of the 25th annual Pacific Northwest Bowling congress here.

Ballentyne then helped his partner, Jack Kargman, also of Bend, get into second place in the commercial doubles with an aggregate of 1182, Kargman rolling a 523 and Ballentyne 659.

Swift and Co. of Eugene, Oregon, totaled 2416 in the booster five-man event, but were far behind the leaders.

Other Oregon teams placing in various events included: Booster doubles—Cook (491) and Cole (518), Hillsboro, 1009, fifth.

Commercial singles—G. Corey, Hillsboro, 610, second; J. Coe, Hillsboro, 601, third; H. Rehe, Hillsboro, 599, fifth.

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TALENT HIGH TAKES 7TH STRAIGHT GAME

Talent high school won its seventh straight Jackson county class B baseball game at Phoenix yesterday and with it the 1937 championship. The score was 7-2.

Coached by Linn Mills, the Talent club remained undefeated in seven league games and whacked Ashland high twice in exhibition encounters.

Shore score: N. E. R. Talent 7 11 2 Phoenix 1 4 3 Batteries: Skeeters and Childers; Jacobs and Wilcox.

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