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SEATTLE WONDER GIVEN CHANCE TO HURL THIRTY WINS

Coast League Fans Steamed Up Over Record of Fred Hutchinson — Will Cost Major Leagues Plenty

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Not since Frank Schellenback was incubating pitching victories in un-interrupted lots of nor Buck Newsome won a ticket to the majors with 52 triumphs, have coast league fans been so feverish about a pitcher.

As the present season runs out, league interest — in the northwest anyhow — is riveted on 19-year-old master Freddie Hutchinson of Seattle, who won his 22nd game last Friday.

Having accumulated 22 by late August, what chance has Hutch of winning eight more and joining the choice company of coast league pitchers who won 30 in a season?

Outside Chance

Just an outside chance. With slightly more than three weeks to go the man doesn't figure to start more than six or seven times, even with Seattle crowding the leaders. But if you count the playoff games, and the Rainiers are nearly sure to get in, Hutch may start 10 or a dozen games before baseball surrenders to football, which would afford him opportunity to reach 30 with some leeway.

Six years ago Newsom won 32 for Los Angeles. That was the last time a coast chucker cracked 30. Thirty-game totals were rare in the old days before early football stole the crowds and forced baseball to trim its season.

Back in the tender years of the league when they began playing in March and stayed at it as late as December, one of two pitchers got 30 games every season or two. Newton of Los Angeles won 35 in 1903 and followed up in 1904 with an all-time record of 39. Whalen of San Francisco knocked off 32 in 1905. So did Gray of Los Angeles in 1907 and Browning of San Francisco in 1909.

Gregg Did It

Henry of San Francisco won 34 in 1910, the same year that Vern Gregg got 32 for Portland. Parenthetically—Gregg was on his way up then. The famed southpaw batted his baseball decline 15 years later by winning 25 for Seattle, a feat that sent him back to the majors. He was sold for \$10,000, which may or may not prove that life begins at 40, that having beer his age at the time.

Some other 30-game winners up to the war years were Simpson, Portland; Williams, Salt Lake; Bothorn, Portland; and Erickson, San Francisco.

They pre-arranged the schedule in the 1920s and the age of 30-games nearly disappeared. Occasionally a pitcher managed it—Jackie May of Vernon won a staggering 35 in 1923 despite the season's brevity. Cole of the missions missed 30 by only one game in 1926.

The job got still tougher in the 1930s when the schedule was squeezed ultimately to 34½ weeks. Newsom's 32 in 1933 was a brilliant anachronism.

Worth Big Money

Hutch won't have to win 30 to command a whopping price when the ivory selling starts, although it would help. A minor leaguer with 30 in a year has a lot of box office magnetism up yonder, even as a first-year rookie, a fact that major league buyers would not overlook. However, 30 games represents the charmed circle now. Hutch is well inside already and seems fairly sure of reaching 25. President Emil sick of Seattle already is talking a \$100,000 price for Freddie and if Hutch wins 25 it will be more than talk.

SEVENTY TURN OUT FOR KLAMATH GRID SQUAD

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 30.—(4)—Twenty Klamath high school football hopefuls yesterday answered Coach Arthur "Snowy" Gustafson's first call for varsity candidates and went through a light drill before being dismissed for the day. More griders are expected to report when school begins next week.

The Klamath team faces a schedule of nine games on successive week-ends, opening here against Hill Military academy of Portland on Sept. 16.

With only eight lettermen, and two regulars, returning from last year's squad, Gustafson plans a complete rebuilding job. Because they are seriously handicapped in weight, the 1938 Pelicans will stress a fast, flashy offensive, the Klamath coach said.

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Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:
Big Three Will Be Marked Men in Golf Tournament

Bob Hammond, Eddie Simmons and Hubert Bentley will be marked men when some 150 divot-diggers open fire Friday in the 10th annual Southern Oregon-Northern California championships to be staged at the Rogue Valley Golf club through Monday, Labor Day.

Hammond, Simmons and Bentley will be marked for defeat by every other golfer entering the tournament. They will be on the spot, not because of any personal feelings other golfers may have toward them, but because they threaten to put out of circulation the handsome Larry Schade trophy, emblematic of the permanent possession of any golfer who wins the event three times.

Since the tournament's inception in 1929, each of the three fine golfers has finished in front twice. One more win for any of them will give the victor a permanent mantle-piece, and although probably none of the other contestants would seriously begrudge such an occurrence, they would much rather have the trophy remain free for at least another year. To that end, they will bend all their efforts in eliminating Hammond, Simmons and Bentley with the utmost dispatch. Whether they can rid the tourney of all three of them is a moot question, however, and one that won't be decided until the thing has progressed considerably.

Hammond, the big, husky, blond-haired Medford clubber, won the title in 1929 and 1931. Simmons, slender Medford stylist, copped the crown in 1934 and 1936. And Bentley, the long-driving Ashlander, took the championship in 1935 and last year. Strangely, each won his two titles inside of three years, although none of them managed to finish on top two seasons in a row. In other words, there was one year between each of the trio's title years when he failed to head the field.

Simmons and Bentley have completely dominated the tournament for the past four years, alternating at winning the championship since 1934, when the Medfordite breezed through. In case the two have developed one of those every-other-year complexes, this will be Simmons' season, as Bentley copped last September.

Those three golfers have also just about acquired a corner on the championships. In the past nine years they have won six titles, leaving the crown only to Don Clark,

tournament director, in 1930; Leslie Leal of Eugene in 1932 and Hank Pringle of Medford in 1933. That's a pretty good percentage of victories for the "big three," and another reason why all other entrants will be training their guns on them.

In our opinion, it will take a whole lot of golf to send all three of those two-time winners into defeat this year. It's a cliché they can't all win, but the odds shouldn't be too heavy against one of them finishing first. Almost an even bet, he would say offhand, that one of the trio at least reaches the final.

It's been a long time since a Medford ball player, or any Southern Oregon league performer, for that matter, has treated opposing pitchers so roughly as Orval Hampel, Crater first-baseman, has done in the past month. When the slender Hampel belted two homers and a single Sunday against Crescent City, he increased his batting average to .583, far ahead of all other circuit hitters. That average is remarkable, even for baseball of the best league variety, but even more amazing is the number of extra-base blows Hampel has socked.

In 24 trips to the plate, Orval has collected 14 safeties, and only six of them have been singles. He has hit three homers, one triple and four doubles, which gives him a total-base mark of 29. In other words, Hampel has hit for an average of slightly over two bases every time he connected safely. Which is what we call plain and fancy slugging.

Many local fans are asking why Tommy White, who hit so consistently early in the season and until two weeks ago, has gone into a slump. Here is the answer to the question. Tommy is working every day from six in the evening until six in the morning, giving him no time to work out during the week and causing him to face pitchers on Sunday without the proper amount of sleep. White hasn't had any batting practice for two weeks, except immediately preceding games, and the lack of it has caused him to go hitless in the last two encounters.

PETE POSTPONES MIX WITH MITTS TO NEXT MONDAY

Pete Belcastro wouldn't fight last night. For fully 15 minutes Sockeye Jack McDonald did everything in his power to induce the Mad Italian to put on the gloves with him. Promoter Meek Lillard and Referee Yoakley pleaded and cajoled, and the crowd booed and boomed. But Pete was adamant. He positively wouldn't battle Sockeye with the gloves until next Monday night, Labor Day.

So that's the setup now. McDonald and Belcastro in a 10-round brawl next Monday evening, with a referee, judges and eight-ounce gloves.

To nail Belcastro to his promise, Promoter Lillard drew up a contract during the fireworks last night, giving Pete a healthy cut of the gross gain. Pete signed it and so did McDonald, so it looks like they will at last get to slug each other around next week.

Pete wouldn't fight last night because he said he hadn't had the gloves on for many months, because he said he didn't have any mouthpiece, and because he said he wanted more money. McDonald retorted that he hadn't had the gloves on for many months, either, and that Pete couldn't have his last night's purse. But, it didn't do any good. Belcastro refused anecdotally, and that was that.

So, the grappling program went through as per schedule, with Belcastro wallowing Sgt. Bob Kenaston in the main event. McDonald measuring Mike Strelch in the middle affair and Juan Sebastian disabling Bobby Chick to cap the opener. Although the proposed prizefight was postponed, the crowd got more than its money's worth from a rousing, thrilling wrestling card.

In the top go, Kenaston pinned Pete for the first tumble in ten minutes, using a neck hold and a body slam. Seven minutes later, Belcastro evened the score with a surfbow which so weakened Kenaston that he was easy prey to a Belcastro hammerlock in two minutes for the third and deciding tumble.

It was a savage match, with Kenaston pummeling Pete prior to obtaining the first fall and Belcastro coming back to foul and hammer the Gold Hiller unmercifully for the remainder of the match.

Perhaps it was just as well that Pete wouldn't accept McDonald's challenge to a flat fight, for Sockeye was extended to the limit in beating big Mike Strelch in the center attraction. McDonald grabbed the first fall in the second round with a body slam and press after a series of neck snaps. After using an effective and painful arm-stretch, Strelch eluded a dropkick to Sockeye's mid-section and pinned him with a body press to tie the score in the third round. The match ended in the fifth canto when Sockeye applied his side stretch.

Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press

CHICAGO—Bobby Pacho, 148, of Phoenix, Ariz., outpointed Tony Petroskey, 144½, Muskegon, Mich., (10).

PITTSBURGH—Billy Soose, 155, outpointed Freddy Lenn, 150, Pittsburgh (10).

NEWARK—Billy Mike, Jr., 175, St. Paul, knocked out Ted McCoy, 176, Trenton, N. J. (1).

WASHINGTON—Lew Feldman, 133, New York, outpointed Tennessee Lee, 129, Washington (8).

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Yucatan Kid, 131, Mexico City, outpointed Joey Raymond, 132, Tampa, Fla., (10).

Wrestling

By the Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Joe Dusek, 224, Omaha, Neb., pinned Ed Meske, 224, Akron, O., (29:16, body press).

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Bronko Nagurski, 225, Minnesota, defeated Bobby Stewart, 210, Tennessee, straight falls.

Scores Yesterday

National League
New York 3, Cincinnati 5.
Brooklyn 1, Pittsburgh 10.

American League
St. Louis 4, New York 8.
Detroit 15, Boston 1.

Beanballs Rattle Off Roof Of Seals' Utility Fielder

By the Associated Press

If Harvey Storey, San Francisco Seals utility outfielder from Forest Grove, Ore., lives to a ripe old age, it is because he learned how to duck before it was too late.

Young "Slammin' Sam," so dubbed because he smacked the ball at a 347 clip for the Tacoma Tigers in the Western International league last season, has spent the bulk of this season with the Pacific coast league Seals, but he has been more of a worry than a benefit to Manager Lefty O'Doul.

There's no one else in the coast circuit with "Slammin' Sam's" knack for getting his anatomy, especially his head, in the way of a scolding baseball. Beanballs bounce off his head like hail stones on a tin roof. In the few games he's played this season he's had his noggin massaged with a baseball on a number of occasions and has managed to get to first base by stopping the ball with other parts of the bank of hair and pile of bones making up the six feet of Harvey Storey.

To add insult to injury the son of an Oregon dairy farmer has spiked himself at least twice, the first time so severely a surgeon enjoyed a sewing bee with just Harvey and a nurse for company. Storey was out of action for weeks. He stumbles over his own feet while running the bases almost as much as he gets his head in the way of a baseball. Last week he stumbled rounding second in a game the Seals might have won if Storey had only dipped sand going around the bag instead of eating it.

In the Western International league Harvey was beaned no less than 13 times. Manager Lefty O'Doul thinks his ducking technique is improving this season.

This week Storey will do his ducking against the Oakland Acons as the Seals try to get back in the first

CRATERS INVADE G. P. SUNDAY FOR TITLE PLAYOFF

Medford's Craters and the Grants Pass Merchants will meet at Grants Pass next Sunday afternoon in the one-game playoff for the second half championship of the Southern Oregon baseball league.

Location of the game was decided here yesterday afternoon by the flip of a coin, with Austin Frazier, president of the Medford Athletic association, tossing the coin and Fred Roper, business manager of the Grants Pass club, calling it correctly.

With each team ending the second-half schedule last Sunday with seven wins and one loss, they will clash for the right to tangle with Crescent City in a three-game series for the circuit banner. Crescent City won the first half championship.

The umpiring situation for the playoff game was ironed out with the decision to hire a neutral official, yet to be named, to call balls and strikes, and Lew Miles of Medford and Tieg Riggs of Grants Pass to work the bases, giving the game three officials.

It was agreed that the present rosters of the two clubs couldn't be changed for the game, and that net gate receipts would be split 50-50.

The game will start at 2:30. Expected to pitch for Grants Pass is Orval Hoffman, righthander, while Medford's hurler will most likely be Lyle Turpin, the young star boarder who beat Crescent City last Sunday, 12 to 7.

A large proportion of overweight people between the ages of 30 and 55, hitherto diagnosed and treated as diabetics, can be cured by weight control, according to studies made at the University of Michigan hospital.

COBB DELAYS ASSAULT ON LAND SPEED MARK AFTER TWO TEST RUNS

BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, Utah, Aug. 30.—(AP)—John Cobb, wealthy fur broker from London who dashes across land at daring speeds because he likes it, sped his 24-cylinder racing car over this white course twice today, but postponed an assault on the world's land speed record.

Cobb piloted his new creation, "Raiton", over the 13-mile straightaway twice, then declared further tests were necessary before he officially seeks the record established here last Saturday by another Englishman, Jean Capt. George E. T. Eytton.

Unofficially timed at approximately 300 miles per hour on the outward run and at approximately 325 miles per hour on the backward trip, Cobb was far below Eytton's mark of 345.49 miles per hour.

American Automobile association officials declared the runs were trials when the 200-pound Englishman failed to complete both trips within the one hour time limit.

His average was believed to have surpassed Eytton's old record of 311.42 miles per hour, making him the crown prince—instant of king—of the automobile speed world.

Cobb declared the car performed perfectly.

"I did not expect to surpass the record today," he said.

"I've only driven the car at high speed twice before. There's one thing I'm certain of—the machine has plenty of speed."

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