

The Sporting Page

1,000 TURN OUT FOR OPENING OF SOFTBALL SEASON

Dairy, Medco and Catholic Men Score Wins; Morris Steiner Pitches Shutout

Games Tonight.

American league: Medco vs. Jennings Tire company, 8 p. m.; Teamsters vs. Lost River Dairy, 9 p. m. National League: Elks vs. Eagles, 8 p. m.; Gasco vs. Bear Creek orchards, 9 p. m.

Over 1,000 fans turned out for the opening of Medford's 1940 softball season last night at the stadium, and they saw Lost River Dairy, Medco and Catholic Men of the fast American league score initial victories in five-inning games.

Lost River, with Rock Peterson hitting a double and Jimmy Rego smacking a triple to lead the attack, grabbed a 15-10 slugfest from Jennings Tire in the opening frames. Shafer, Thompson and Miller hit doubles for the losers, and Thompson also got a triple.

Lone shutout of the evening was registered by Morris Steiner, Medco fireballer, who let Wooden Box down with three blows and beat them, 6-0. Orv Hampel socked a double for the victors.

Catholic Men sprung an upset by crushing the reputedly powerful Fluhrer's Breadcasters, 9 to 3, with a late inning surge good for six runs. Delaire hurled four-hit ball for the winners and Dick Lewis clouted a homer.

In the National league, Elks beat Gasco, 8-5; Bear Creek trounced Eagles, 5-2, and Copco beat Faber's, 5-1, on Singler's three-hit pitching. Girls' Community club edged out Hunt's Craterians, 4-3. All National league games were of four-frame duration.

On tonight's schedule, Teamsters will substitute for Catholic Men against Lost River, as the Catholic players will attend graduation exercises at St. Mary's academy.

Scores follow:
R. H. E.
Lost River..... 15 10 4
Jennings Tire..... 10 7 6
Barton, Luman and Wray; D. Singler, Thompson and Shafer, Brugger.

Wooden Box..... 0 3 0
Medco..... 6 5 0
Freeman, Peterson and Kubli; Stiner and Wilson.

R. H. E.
Fluhrer's..... 3 4 4
Catholic Men..... 9 5 3
Maru, Applegate and Lowery; Dallaire and McGuire

R. H. E.
Elks..... 8 9 2
Gasco..... 5 3 1
Oliver, Stelle and Archer; Colton and Kyker.

R. H. E.
Eagles..... 2 2 1
Bear Creek..... 5 3 1
Stelle and Huntley; W. Curry and L. Wooten.

R. H. E.
Copco..... 5 6 0
Faber's..... 1 3 0
Singler and P. Sakraida; L. Pinkham and Babb.

R. H. E.
Hunt's..... 3 5 1
Community Club..... 4 3 1
Gill and Brooks; Clendenning and Gibson.

Alibi.
Columbia, S. C.—(AP)—A policeman found a drunk in a church here, snoozing soundly in a pew. He explained that he thought it was the railway station and he was waiting for a train.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.



MAMMA KNOWS BEST—If young Glenna Vare, 6, only follows the advice of her mother, Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare, there'll be another Vare golf champion someday. The six-times-winner of women's national title now lives in Philadelphia.

INDIANS DIVIDE PAIR WITH NATS AS BOSTON LOSES

By the Associated Press.

As long as everyone is now certain the New York Yankees are going straight to their fifth consecutive American league pennant, it may seem time wasted to consider Cleveland's improved Indians.

But the Indians were the only one of the American league leaders to improve their position yesterday, splitting a doubleheader with the Washington Senators, 2-7 and 3-2. It brought them within half a game of the pace-making Boston Red Sox.

The Red Sox were stopped 5-3 as the St. Louis Browns ended a seven-game losing streak. Jimmie Foxx, who had made only a single the day before, went hitless.

The Yankees' parade was dented by the lefthanded slants of Chicago's Ed Smith and a 12-hit onslaught topped by Joe Kuhel's tenth and eleventh homers of the season. The score was 7-3.

The third-place Detroit Tigers also were stopped, 8-6, at Philadelphia after getting four runs in the first frame.

The Cincinnati Reds skidded to a 5-4 defeat at the hands of the New York Giant.

The Dodgers trounced the St. Louis Cardinals 10-1 in a night game, scoring five runs in the first when Pete Coscarart hit a home-run with two on.

The Pittsburgh Pirates rounded out of their lethargy under the lights to crush the Boston Bees 14-2.

The Chicago Cubs amassed 15 hits in thumping the Phillies 12-6.

C. CITY SOFTBALLERS CHALLENGE MEDFORD

The Crescent City (Cal.) Smoke Shop softball team, through its manager, Al Robinson, has issued a challenge to any high class Medford club for a two-day series in Crescent City during the town's annual Fourth of July celebration.

Robinson writes that games could be played on the nights of July 4 and 5, or that a doubleheader could be staged Saturday, July 6. Robinson would like to have any manager interested write him at P. O. box 96, Crescent City, Cal., so that arrangements can be made.

Scores Yesterday

American League.
Chicago 7, New York 3.
St. Louis 5, Boston 3.
Philadelphia 3, Detroit 6.
Washington 7-2, Cleveland 2-3.

National League.
New York 5, Cincinnati 4.
Chicago 12, Philadelphia 6.
Brooklyn 19, St. Louis 1.
Pittsburgh 12, Boston 2.

Pacific Coast League.
Oakland 1, Seattle 0.
Portland 6, Hollywood 2.
Sacramento 3, Los Angeles 2.
San Diego 4, San Francisco 0.

Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen Says:

Clean Wrestling Proves Popular With Local Fans

Although the crowd failed to approach capacity proportions by several hundreds Grapple Promoter Mack Lillard was not a bit disappointed in turnstile figures for last Monday night's all-cleanse program in the armory. He was, in fact, pleasantly surprised and pleased by the number of mat patrons who came forth to watch some scientific action for a change.

It has been the general opinion among those most interested in the drawing power of wrestling that the average fan, regardless of sex, has decided leanings toward the big, tough, brutal gladiators, who get in there and raise all kinds of Hades. It was believed that a program generously spiced with dirty grapplers would outdraw any 100 per cent legitimate card at least threshold.

Perhaps this belief has an actual basis in cold fact. It is true that Medford clients seem to like the rough lads more than they do the legitimate boys, at least most of the regular customers. But after last Monday's fine shindig it can no longer be said that the "cleanies won't draw flies."

It was proved that there are many armory patrons who honestly attend grappling matches for the chance to witness such tactics as hammerlocks, wristlocks, leg-breakers, dropkicks and other "straight" holds. Of course these same fans may relish an occasional sock to the snoot, a clout to the stomach and other ungentlemanly maneuvers, but the point is that they also LIKE clean mat doings, along with the rough stuff.

Because this fact was proved on the last program, Lillard plans to come right back with something of the same next Monday—at least in the main event. He is trying to line up Ernie Pilius and Don Sugai for the top spot, and if he is successful fans will see the two cleverest of the current crop trading thins and thats.

Speaking of wrestling, the Mail Tribune's 44 carriers are this week working toward daily ringside seats at next Monday's presentation. The angle is that every carrier turning in two new subscriptions gets a free ducat to the matches. Two rows at ringside have been reserved for the paper carriers and the boys are turning on plenty of heat to grab off those pasteboards.

Medford's baseball Craters receive an almost unbelievable schedule-break when the Oregon State league swings into its second-half rag chase, June 15 and 16. Believe it or not the Craters will play four straight

week-ends right in their own balliwick.

And that's not all. Hills Creek, which isn't drawing well at home, wants to transfer their home tilts against Medford, July 13 and 14, to Medford, and if this is arranged, which appears likely, that will give the Craters five consecutive local series. Even if the Hills Creek shift isn't made, the Medford club will play four out of six of its second-half series here. And if the change is arranged, it will mean five out of six week-ends here, with the lone road trip being to Bend. The second-half slate looks like this:
June 13-18—Albany at Medford.
June 22-23—Jack and Jill at Medford.
June 29-30—Portland Babes at Medford (two doubleheaders in two days).
July 6-7—Silverton at Medford.
July 13-14—Medford at Hills Creek. (May be shifted to Medford.)
July 21—Medford at Bend (doubleheader).
July 27-28—Eugene at Medford.

Just a word about that "two doubleheaders in two days" business involving the Portland Babes. Medford doesn't travel to Portland this year so to set in the four tilts the two clubs will clash in a doubleheader Saturday night, July 29, and again Sunday afternoon, July 30.

HAWKINS PAGES BEAVER VICTORY

By the Associated Press.
Rugged individualism found a new foothold today in the Pacific Coast baseball league.

The attack of each winning team in last night's encounters centered around the outstanding performance of one player.

Frankie Hawkins, Portland third baseman, with a perfect night at bat, knocked in all of his team's runs as Portland defeated Hollywood 6 to 2. Hawkins smacked out a home-run and three singles in four trips to the plate.

Henry Phippen made his debut with Oakland by blanking league-leading Seattle 1 to 0.

Art Garibaldi, Sacramento third baseman, smashed out a double and a triple as the Solons won from Los Angeles 3 to 2.

Byron Humphreys registered his fifth consecutive victory as he pitched San Diego to a 4 to 0 triumph over San Francisco. He issued just five hits and allowed only one San Francisco player to reach third base.

PAYCHECK TO TACKLE ALTUS ALLEN TONIGHT

Chicago, June 5.—(AP)—Heavyweight Johnny Paycheck of Des Moines makes his first effort tonight to redeem himself since Champion Joe Louis flattened him in the second round two months ago.

He meets Altus Allen, young Chicago negro who turned pro after winning the light-heavy championship in the international Golden Gloves matches last year, in a 10-rounder.

BY NELSON FINDS HOPE FOR REPEAT IN OPEN TOURNEY

By Joe Morton.

Cleveland, June 5.—(AP)—Impressed but not awed by the practice performances of several of his fellow journeymen of golf, defending champion Byron Nelson today sized up his chances of repeating in the national open championship starting tomorrow and found them "pretty fair."

The pleasant Texan's 71 yesterday failed to draw the gallery attention of Ben Hogan's third consecutive sub-par round, but he expressed himself as well-satisfied.

"I had some good shots and a few bad ones," he explained, "but I'm finding myself in pretty good shape. Another day of practice here and I'll be set to go."

Nelson's modest optimism was shared by many of his fellow professionals although a sizeable number appeared set on Ralph Guldahl, title winner in 1937 and 1938, as the "man to beat." Others were ready to put their chips on Sam Snead.

Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press.
New York—Pete Lello, 134, Gary, Ind., outpointed Victor Troise, 138, New York (8).

Los Angeles—Richard Lemos, 135, Los Angeles, and Nemo Llanes, 128, Mexico, drew (10).

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MIDGETS SLATE HANDICAP RACE

Midget auto racing's most hair-raising spectacle, the reverse handicap, will be displayed next Tuesday night when the little speeders wheel around the fairgrounds oval on the third program to be staged here by Promoter Bobby Rowe of Portland.

A reverse handicap, it was explained by H. A. Murray, local Rowe representative, involves the placing of the fastest cars in the rear of the slower machines at the start of the race, with the result that a wild battle ensues as the speedier midgets attempt to overtake and roar past the cars receiving the handicap.

Next Tuesday's main event, which will be on the reverse handicap basis, will also be longer than previous feature attractions, Murray said. It is planned to send the midgets spinning around the track 30 or 35 laps.

Three local pilots slated to enter local cars are Cliff Woodley of Grants Pass, driving a Whippet; Jack Terrett in his Chevrolet special and Don Wiley herding a Crosby Sky-Chief special from Ashland. Terrett has changed the gear ratio in his machine and expects it to be considerably "hotter" than in the past.

CONN TO DEFEND TITLE TONIGHT

Detroit, June 5.—(AP)—It's no secret that heavyweights pay the biggest income taxes among the boxers. That's the principal reason Billy Conn, a 22-year-old Pittsburgh Irishman who prefers

HOW THEY STAND

American League.		
	W.	L.
Boston	24	13
Cleveland	26	16
Detroit	22	17
New York	21	19
Chicago	19	23
Washington	18	25
Philadelphia	16	23
St. Louis	15	25

National League.		
	W.	L.
Cincinnati	23	12
Brooklyn	24	11
New York	22	13
Chicago	20	22
Philadelphia	14	20
St. Louis	14	23
Boston	12	22
Pittsburgh	11	23

Pacific Coast League.		
	W.	L.
Seattle	36	24
Oakland	38	29
San Diego	34	30
Sacramento	33	34
San Francisco	31	33
Hollywood	22	35
Los Angeles	29	34
Portland	24	37

dollars to a title, will make his third defense of the 174-pound championship tonight his last. Hereafter, Conn says, he will campaign among some big boys.

Conn, who climbed to the championship only 11 months ago, meets a man he has already conquered—Gus Lesnevich, of Cliffside Park, N. J. They fight over the 15-round route at Olympia indoor stadium and co-promoters Mike Jacobs and John Nelson talk of a turnout of 10,000 customers and gate receipts of around \$35,000.

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