

SPORTS

Rain Again May Halt Robinson-Maxim Tiff

New York—UP—Joey Maxim and Sugar Ray Robinson were scheduled to meet tonight in their postponed battle of champions at Yankee Stadium, but there was a chance that rain again would wash out the fight.

Today's forecast was for warm and humid weather, "with a chance of scattered thunderstorms and squally gusts in the afternoon or evening."

In case of a second postponement, the 15-second fight for Maxim's light heavyweight crown will be held Thursday night.

expected to weaken Maxim, who had to keep pared down to the 175-pound limit for today's weigh-in. Robinson, whose title is not at stake, had no weight problem. He scaled 160 pounds at Monday's weigh-in. Maxim registered 174½.

A second postponement probably would boost Robinson's price to 8-5 as Maxim of Cleveland literally "swam out" the delay. Joey weighed 184 for his last non-title bout on March 8. The drain of keeping below 175 now may send him into the ring "weak and stale."

Heavy Hitters On Lumberjack Baseball Club

The Medford Cheney Studs will face the heaviest hitting club in the Southwestern Oregon Baseball league on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon when they oppose Coos Bay-North Bend Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at the fairgrounds here.

Several Lumberjack batters are hitting 400 or better. They are headed by huge Buzz Arlitt, first baseman, who is hitting .468. Lou Scrivins, shortstop, is slugging at .457 clip and Dick Wenhler, outfielder is rapping at .441. Darrell Nelson, infielder, is hitting .400.

Other top hitters are Glen Stetter, hanging at a .382 clip and Manager Curly Leininger, slugging at .357.

The 'Jacks, in addition to their heavy batting, also have a competent pitching staff. It includes Don White from Oregon State College, Stan Blank from Litchfield, Ward Rocky, formerly of Washington State college and Al Treichel, once with the San Diego Padres.

Standings

COAST LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Holywood	56	23	.702
San Diego	48	37	.565
Oakland	44	38	.537
Seattle	40	39	.506
Los Angeles	42	41	.506
Portland	33	44	.429
San Francisco	36	48	.429
Sacramento	33	48	.422

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	43	16	.729
New York	39	20	.661
Chicago	34	28	.548
St. Louis	35	32	.522
Cincinnati	29	34	.460
Philadelphia	27	34	.443

Ayers Hurls Oaks to 1-0 PCL Victory

San Francisco—UP—Broad-shouldered Bill Ayers, a big righthanded pitcher for Oakland, is gainfully employed, thank you, and not interested in going to work for another Pacific Coast league ball club.

The gentleman from Georgia, it is speculated, was dropped on the trading block recently. Oakland Manager Mel Ott and Owner Bricker Laws were disappointed with Ayers efforts this season.

A 20-game winner for the 1951 Accorns, Big Bill had trouble hitting his stride this campaign. But since the trade-bait talk was mounded, coming around. He won his fifth in 10 decisions last night, stopping San Francisco on three hits, 1-0. Ayers had a no-hitter until the eighth.

Best Game
As Groat would have it, Seal pitcher Al Lien worked his best game of the year in losing. He pitched eight innings and allowed only one hit while fanning 10. But that one blow cost him the game.

Lien walked Sammy Chapman on four pitches to open the fourth and the excellent outfielder moved around to third on two ground outs. Loyd Christopher stroked a single to left and Chapman scored.

In other games, a homer by Gene Baker and a grand-slammer by Max West in the eighth frame pushed Los Angeles into a 7-1 take from league-leading Hollywood; and Al Widmar's five-hitter brought Seattle a 4-0 victory from San Diego. The loss was the Pads' sixth straight.

The battle between Sacramento and Portland was washed out.

TORCH LIGHTED
The Olympic torch was lighted here today at the site of the original Olympic Games and placed in the hands of the first of a series of runners who will carry the flame to Helsinki, Finland, for the 1952 summer sports classic.

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	36	23	.610
Cleveland	36	29	.554
Chicago	35	29	.547
Boston	35	30	.538
Washington	31	28	.528
St. Louis	29	35	.453
Philadelphia	23	31	.446
Detroit	20	42	.323

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL			
	W	L	Pct.
Victoria	40	20	.667
Vancouver	32	23	.582
Spokane	27	28	.491
Lewiston	30	31	.491
Wenatchee	30	34	.468
Salem	20	34	.400
Tri-City	27	38	.415
Yakima	24	41	.369

Justin Smith Second In Junior Golf Meet

Bend Up—The Dalles' Dick Twiss held the 36-hole Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce golf title Wednesday.

Twiss fired a 79 Tuesday to go with his 74 Monday for a total of 153, two strokes ahead of Justin Smith of Medford who

was second with 155. Bob Prall of Salem won third place in a sudden death playoff with Mike Starling and Layton Tuttle of Eugene after they shot 159's.

Starling gained fourth spot and Tuttle qualified as alternation to the national tournament.

Scores of Medfordites in the jaycee tournament at Bend included Bob Shepherd 166, Charles Green 185, Bob Rasmussen 187 and Larry Bucey 193.

Harvey Woods, Ashland and Rogue Valley Country club fired a 170.

Dick Groat Almost Has 3-Way Kill

By UNITED PRESS
Two near misses by the rawest rookie and the littlest pitcher in the majors gave the second division Pirates and Athletics small consolation today as both tumbled further off the pace.

Dick Groat of the Pirates just missed making an unassisted triple play. Bitzy Bobby Shantz of the Athletics just missed winning his 12th straight game in a five-hit defeat that took no lustre off his record.

Groat, signed last week for \$75,000 by the Pirates as he stepped off the Duke campus and into the Pittsburgh first string shortstop post, was within inches of the first unassisted triple play in the majors since May 31, 1927 in Boston.

TAKES LINER
With runners on first and second in the third inning, Groat took a liner by Earl Torgeson and stepped on second to retire the speedy Sam Jethrie. He hesitated an instant to see if he could run down Bob Thorpe, realized he had little chance and threw to first to sacrifice glory for a sure out.

The Braves went on to win, 4 to 3, as George Crowe singled in the ninth, nullofying a three-run eighth inning homer by Gus Bell. The last unassisted triple play in the majors was completed by Johnny Neun of the Tigers on May 31, 1927, and in an astounding coincidence, the one prior to that was completed by Jim Cooney of the Braves on the day before, May 30, 1927.

At the other end of the National League, the Giants gained a game on the Dodgers and wound up four behind them by trimming the Reds, 3 to 1 and 7 to 4, while the Dodgers tumbled 4. The Phils whacked the punchless Cubs, 6 to 0 and 2 to 1, to extend their losing streak to nine

Talent Defeats Medford Cubs

Talent defeated Medford 7 to 1. Ashland beat Phoenix 6 to 4 and Central Point blasted Jacksonville 16 to 5 Tuesday in Southern Oregon Junior Baseball loop cub division hassles.

Eagle Point at Grants Pass was postponed by rain. Pitcher Dale Taylor knocked in all Ashland runs with a pair of home runs with two on base each time. Central Point scored eight runs in one inning.

Monday pee wee results reported this morning were Grants Pass 7, Eagle Point 6 and Central Point 7, Jacksonville 2.

games.
In the American League, Shantz, in a duel with Early Wynn of the Indians gave up only five hits in a 2 to 1 defeat while Wynn yielded five in victory. But two of the Cleveland hits, a single by Bobby Avila and a homer by Al Rosen occurred in the third inning and the A's never could catch up.

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