

Fanfare

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A big surge in auto racing activity, interest and enthusiasm has been noted here in the past few weeks with a program getting underway at the Medford Speedway, plans announced for races at the Ashland Rodeo grounds and racing slated at the Jackson County Sheriff's Mount-esse posse grounds.

Promoters Ray Reid and Eddie Claassen at the Medford Speedway and the posse at its grounds have scheduled races for Friday, July 4. Reid and Claassen anticipate 40 vehicles for their stock car ruckus. Cars of the Southern Oregon Midget Racing association will participate at the posse grounds.

Hard top stock car events will commence at the Ashland track on July 12. The program calls for races on Saturdays through the summer and early fall.

Racers of the valley have formed the Southern Oregon Stock Car Racing association with Blair Crosby, president; Jim Palmer, vice-president, and Wally Cannon, secretary-treasurer.

HELPS CONFIDENCE

The Medford Cheney Studs' pair of wins over the Coos Bay-North Bend Lumberjacks during the week-end should strengthen their confidence for the Southwestern Oregon Baseball loop series with league-leading Drain on July 12 and 13. Medford lost its opening series with Drain 8 to 3 and 7 to 4. Since then, however, Coos Bay has walloped Drain — and quite soundly, 8 to 1 and 10 to 2. It goes to prove that anything can happen in the Sawdust circuit and that the Studs are potentially just as strong as any other club in the circuit, despite bigger names elsewhere.

PROGNOSTICATOR

Don Faber, the Central Point grocer who handles the public address system at the Studs' home games, proved an excellent prognosticator Sunday. When the Studs came to bat in the eighth stanza, he predicted a big inning for the Medford crew. The Studs scored three runs, enough to win, in the canto. We saw Don rapping his knuckles on a table top before the first Stud batter stepped up to the plate in the inning.

GOOD LUCK GITZEN

Pitcher Paul Gehrman calls First Baseman George Gitzen the "good luck charm" of the Studs. "When he plays, we win," according to Big Paul.

SALTZMAN OUT

Roseburg of the SWOL won't have the chucking services of Hal Saltzman, ex-Portland Beaver, after all. Because of a back ailment sustained during military service, his doctor has nixed baseball participation by Saltzman this season.

FELL IN HOLE

The four hits given up by Derald Wootton to Boise in his professional start with Great Falls of the Pioneer League were not hard ones. "They just fell in the hole," the ex-Medford high ace, has informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wootton.

TO PACIFIC

Ron Craig, Jacksonville high's all-around athlete, is slated to enter Pacific university at Forest Grove next fall.

Portland Star Top PCL Batter

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Big Joe Brovia of Portland hiked his average eight points last week to take over the Pacific Coast league batting lead, official averages disclosed Tuesday.

The Bevo outfielder is now belting at a .324 clip for 83 games. Bob Boyd of Seattle, last week's leader, holds the runner-up spot. He slipped 10 points to .320.

Although he's way down on the hit parade with a .272 mark, Tookie Gilbert of Oakland is high man in the important runs-batted-in department with 58. Johnny Lindell ranks at the top the PCL pitching department with 12 wins against only four losses.

Lindell, a former New York Yankee, has three more wins than any other twirler in the league. Los Angeles' Bill Noisan ranks second with a 9-3 record, followed by Steve Nagy of Seattle with 9-4.

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Yankee Castoff Makes Good On Washington Mound Staff

By United Press

Sen. Frank (Spec.) Shea from Connecticut is one guy who does not have to worry about sticking in Washington this election year when a lot of other senators are having their troubles.

Shea, the prize forgotten man of the 1947 world champion Yankees, was about to be sent to the minors when his old boss, Manager Bucky Harris of the Senators asked that he be included in the big trade which sent Irv Noren to the New Yorkers.

The Yankees were promptly willing to unload the chunky right hander who hadn't won a game with them all season and who had won only 15 in the four long and unhappy years after his great rookie campaign of '47.

Shea had been a sore arm victim but claimed he had recovered and the Yankees hadn't given him a chance to show he

was okay. As soon as he joined the Senators he began to win regularly, and Monday night he posted his sixth victory against only two defeats, topping the Athletics, 6 to 2, on seven hits.

Washington, by winning, moved to within four games of first place again, as the Red Sox topped the leading Yankees, 4 to 3, on the four-hit, eight strikeout pitching of rookie Dick Prodowski. The Red Sox moved to within 3½ games of the top. The White Sox also moved to within 3½ games of the lead by defeating the Tigers, 7 to 2, as Art Houttemann suffered his seventh straight defeat. Cleveland, which was idle, held to fourth place, four games out and two percentage points ahead of Washington.

The National league race tightened up when the Giants won 8 to 7 and 4 to 0 decisions in Boston while Karl Drews blanked the Dodgers for the Phillies, 4 to 0.

Professional Ball Provides One Of Fastest Stepping Stones To Business Success, Player Says

By HAL WOOD

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Professional football provides one of the fastest stepping stones to success in the business world for college graduates and should not be overlooked by youngsters with athletic ability just getting out of school.

That's the learned opinion of scholar Gordon Soltau, former Minnesota star and last season one of the greatest ends in the National league while performing for the San Francisco Forty-Niners.

"Most kids just getting out of school are in debt," reasons Soltau. "And how else can they pick up about \$1,000 a month for the next four or five months?"

Third Year Soltau will start his third season with the Forty-Niners this fall—and right now is completing his third year as a steel salesman for Monarch Steel Products Co. in San Francisco.

"It was through professional football that I got this job, and steel, being one of our biggest industries, is going to be my business in the future—thanks to the game of football."

The blonde, 6-foot, 2-inch star, who is a slender 200 pounds, probably is one of the smarter athletes around the country today. He is an accomplished public speaker and is a member of the Speakers Bureau of the northern California Volunteers for Eisenhower.

Frogman

Soltau is as close as a glomour boy can come to being a soldier of fortune in these times. Besides being a football hero, he was one of the famed "frog men" in World War II, hitting the front lines in both the European and the C-B-I theaters. That, of course, required him to be a top-flight swimmer.

He also starred in basketball and hockey while at the University of Minnesota. Counting his war service of three years, he has hit just about all corners of the globe.

Getting back to professional football, Soltau is sold on the pro team.

"This is hard to believe," he points out, "but the spirit on the professional football clubs is higher than it ever is in colleges."

He claims that the pro game is "100 per cent better" than that played in college and lists three reasons: (1) The players spend their full time at playing the game. (2) The individuals are older and more mature. (3) On college teams there are only three or four really good football players; the rest are just good players.

Americans Gain Round of Four At Wimbledon

Wimbledon, England — (U.P.) — Louise Brough, Beverly Hills, Calif., battling to regain the Wimbledon singles crown she won three straight times, became the first American to enter the women's semi-finals Tuesday.

She defeated Jean Quertier-Rinkel of Britain, 6-1, 9-7.

Attendance continued to fall as temperatures rose. Only 21,000 were on hand for the start of play Monday. Barely 17,000 were present as competition began today but the center court was packed to its 15,000 capacity as U. S. Champion Maureen Connolly started her quarter-final match with Thelma Long of Australia.

Miss Connolly rallied to gain the semi-finals with a 5-7, 6-2, 6-0 victory over Mrs. Long.

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	39	26	.600	
Boston	37	31	.544	3½
Chicago	38	32	.543	3½
Washington	35	30	.538	4
Cleveland	37	32	.536	4
St. Louis	32	37	.464	9
Philadelphia	27	33	.458	9½
Detroit	22	46	.328	18½

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	47	18	.723	
New York	44	22	.687	3½
Chicago	38	30	.559	10½
St. Louis	38	34	.528	12½
Philadelphia	30	36	.455	17½
Cincinnati	31	38	.449	18
Boston	27	42	.391	22
Pittsburgh	18	53	.254	32

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Senior Circuit Has Power For July 8 All-Star Game

New York — (U.P.) — Big blasters like Hank Sauer of the Cubs, Bobby Thompson of the Giants, Stan Musial of the Cards and Jackie Robinson of the Dodgers give the National league starting lineup a tremendous batting edge over the American for the July 8 All-Star game.

A position-by-position check-up of the eight starting players not counting pitchers on each team revealed Tuesday that the

National leaguers had a combined batting average of .301 compared to .295 for the Americans.

What's more, the National had an edge in home runs, 77 to 54, and in runs batted in, 336 to 242, for all games played through last week-end.

The senior circuit had the major leagues' leading batter in Musial at .339; the home run king in Sauer, who has 20; and the co-runs-batted-in leaders in Sauer and Thomson, with 62 each.

Five of the National league starters have batting averages of .300 or better. The junior league has four. In addition to Musial, the National loop has Robinson, .329, Sauer, .308, Whitey Lockman of the Giants .307, and Enos Slaughter of the Cards, .302.

The American league's .300 hitters are Al Rosen of the Indians .332, Dom DiMaggio of the Red Sox .314, Dale Mitchell of the Indians .306 and Hank Bauer of the Yankees .300. The loop's top home run hitter is Yogi Berra of the Yankees with 15 and the top man in RBI's is Rosen with 47.

Turner Intends To 'Burn Down' Gavilan in Bout

Pleasantville, N. J. — (U.P.) — Unbeaten Gil Turner, the world's hottest young fighter, said Tuesday he would "burn down" welterweight champion Kid Gavilan in their title fight at Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium Monday night.

The 21-year-old Philadelphia Negro said he would set such a blistering pace, 26-year-old Gavilan of Cuba would wilt before the scheduled 15 rounds were finished.

"I'll beat him out; sure; maybe knock him out," declared the broadshouldered youngster.

Never Koyed

No one ever knocked out Gavilan; not even Sugar Ray Robinson in 25 rounds.

However, Felix Rocchicchio — manager of heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott — watched Turner in two workouts here at Miss Ioana Byrd's training camp and made this statement:

"Turner is the greatest fighter I've ever seen. He's greater than Henry Armstrong was at his peak. He throws more leather and hits harder than Armstrong did, and he is much more versatile. He will knock out Gavilan without too much trouble."

Sacramento Nine Tops Salem, 4-3

Salem (U.P.) — The Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast league defeated the Salem Senators of the Western International league 4 to 3 in an exhibition game Monday night.

Sacramento scored its only earned run in the seventh when Jack Steinagle singled to score Bill Glynn.

Connie Perez of Salem hit four for five to pace the Senators' attack.

Easter Sent To Minors

Cleveland, Ohio — (U.P.) — A publicity blurb from the Cleveland Indians, favored to win the 1952 American league pennant in pre-season polls, said early this year, "Luke Easter is the key to a winning season."

Tuesday the Indians threw away the key — but kept the door open.

In a surprise move the Indians announced Monday night they were sending the big Negro first baseman to their Indianapolis farm club. But Easter was sent down on a 24-hour basis and the move was regarded as one calculated to shake the clumping player out of the doldrums.

Easter has gone to the plate 221 times, and while his average is a weak .208, he has tallied 24 runs, gotten 46 hits, of which six were home runs. He has driven in 33 runs, a respectable mark this early in the season.

Baseball School Attendance Good

There will be no city school baseball activity on Thursday because a number of boys will be leaving town with their families for the holiday week-end, Lee V. Ragsdale, physical education director for the school system announced.

He reported that registration for the first week of the summer baseball program was 125.

He said that average attendance has been 100. There are three general divisions, the sandblowers, ages 7 through 9; pee wees, 10 through 12 and the Cubs, over 12. The divisioning is not strictly according to age, however, ability of the youngsters being a factor in their classification.

Hitting Stressed

There are 30 sandblowers registered, 65 pee wees and 30 Cubs. The program last week stressed hitting, bunting and base running. This week pitching and catching get the emphasis. Next week instructions in other positions will be given.

The instruction is given Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Scores Yesterday

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Boston 4, New York 3.				
Washington 6, Philadelphia 2.				
Chicago 7, Detroit 2.				
(Only games scheduled.)				

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
New York 4, Boston 0.				
New York 8, Boston 7.				
St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 3.				
Philadelphia 4, Brooklyn 0.				
Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 4.				

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U.S. Olympic Divers Open Competition

New York — (U.P.) — The final trials for those hoping to seek berths on the U. S. Olympic men's diving team opened Tuesday with eliminations in the three-meter springboard event.

The diving trials will be staged during the next three days at the Astoria pool in conjunction with a water polo tournament, which will determine the make-up of the U. S. team for the Olympics at Helsinki later this month.

Dr. Sammy Lee, Army medical major recently returned from Korean service, was the stand-out entry in the diving events. The little Korean-American won the high-board Olympic title at London in 1948 and took third in the springboard.

Miller Anderson, former Ohio State star who made the 1948 Olympic team both in high and springboard diving, also is competing, along with John McCormick of the Pasadena Athletic Club, the 1952 AAU outdoor one-meter champion.

Two title-holding collegians included in the field are David Browning of Texas University, NCAA outdoor and AAU indoor champion at both one-meter and three-meter diving, and Bob Cloutworthy, Ohio State, 1952 AAU outdoor three-meter champion.

Satch in Clouds Over Selection

New York — (U.P.) — They put the final touch Tuesday to Satchel Paige's private castle in the air.

"It's something I always dreamed about," declared the Browns' 44-year-old relief pitcher upon being notified of his selection to the American League All-Star team. "It's a mighty big honor and I appreciate it plenty."

There were only three things he ever wanted, Paige explains. "A long time back," he says, "I always wanted to pitch in the big leagues and I got to do that. After I came to Cleveland, I wanted to pitch in a World Series and in 1948, I got to do that, too."

"That left only one more thing I wanted—to be picked on an All-Star team."

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

Tommy Collins Gains TKO Victory Over Onetime Featherweight King

Boston — (U.P.) — Young Tommy Collins coveted the world featherweight boxing title of Sandy Saddler Tuesday as ex-Champion Willie Pep admitted he "never saw" the left hook that spoiled his comeback at Boston Garden.

The sadly beaten Hartford, Conn., scrapper said after Monday night's sixth round technical knockout that over-eagerness cost him the fight. Pep weighed 126½ pounds against Collins' 130½.

"I got careless," he said in reviewing the fifth round when Collins recovered from a daze and shipped out the hook that turned the tide. "I went in there

to finish him off, because I knew I had hurt him. I never saw his hook coming."

Pep went flat on his back but was saved by the bell.

Collins, brash New England title-holder from Medford, Mass., exploded a right soon after the bell opened the sixth round and dropped Pep for a nine count. Another right sent the former king of the featherweights sprawling on his back and Referee Joe Zupatas stopped the fight without making a count.

Harlow Resigns Duck Grid Post

Eugene — (U.P.) — Head Coach Len Casanova said Monday that Gene Harlow, football line coach, is resigning at the University of Oregon here to accept a similar position at Tulane university in New Orleans.

Harlow telephoned Oregon Athletic officials of his decision Saturday night from the Southeast conference school. He will work under new Head Coach Raymond (Bear) Wolf, who moved up to the No. 1 spot upon resignation of Henry Ernska last season.

Casanova said he would begin immediately a search for a replacement to join two other grid coaching aides, Jack Roche and Johnny McKay.

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