

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Walt Dropo's Homer Leads Tigers to 4 to 2 Victory

By UNITED PRESS

There is precious little for fans of the tattered Tigers to cheer about this season, but they were hailing wallop! Walt Dropo today as a worthy successor to hammerin' Hank Greenberg.

Since Dropo, the big moose from Moosup, Conn., electrified the baseball world by cracking out 12 straight hits to tie an all-time major league record against the Yankees and Senators on July 14 and 15, he has kept banging away and has boosted his average to .300 from a puny .265. He now is tied for the league lead in runs batted in with 63, and Thursday he won another ball game with a two-run homer, his 16th, which beat the Senators 4 to 2.

The defeat prevented Washington from gaining ground on the Yankees, who lost 4 to 2 to the fourth-place Indians. Cleveland climbed to within one per-

centage point of the third-place Senators. The runner-up Red Sox, four games behind, also muffed a chance to gain when Chicago topped them 3 to 0 on Lou Kretlow's two-hitter. At St. Louis, the Browns ended a seven-game losing streak with a 4 to 3 triumph over the Athletics.

In the National League, the Dodgers stayed seven games ahead of the Giants by dividing a double-header with the Reds, losing the opener 3 to 2, then winning 2 to 1 in 11 innings when Duke Snider broke things up with a home run, the 100th of his big league career. The Giants defeated the Cardinals for the second time in a row, 9 to 5, and the Braves edged the Cubs, 3 to 1. The Phillies and Pirates had an open date.

Ashland Golf Tournament Set

Ashland—Qualifying for the Ashland city golf tournament starts tomorrow and runs through Thursday, July 31, sponsors of the event reported today. Qualifying will be over 18 holes with matches slated to get underway August 1, 2 and 3.

Among Medford golfers who are contemplating entering the second annual Ashland tourney are George Harrington and Eddie Simmons, two of the state's leading amateur shot makers. Another leading Oregon golfer, Dom Provost Jr., Ashland, the defending champion, is expected to take part in the tournament.

All entries must be submitted to the Ashland clubhouse by Wednesday, July 30. Persons interested in entering the tourney may do so by calling the clubhouse or by mailing in entry cards, which can be obtained in Medford at the Rogue Valley Country club pro shop.

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Upper Rogue Trout Fishing Said 'Good to Excellent'

Portland —(U.P.)— Sports fishing has improved generally throughout Oregon during the past week and week-end angling prospects are good in most major streams and lakes, according to the Oregon State Game Commission.

The weekly report: Southwest: Trout fishing in upper Rogue river is good to excellent, but fair to poor in Grants Pass area. Fishing at Winchester bay is good provided weather conditions are satisfactory for crossing the bar.

Trout fishing in the coastal lakes is fair. Good catches of trout are being made in the north Umpqua river from Winchester to Eagle rock and in the south Umpqua from Milo to Camp Comfort. Some salmon trout are being taken in the vicinity of Umpqua and the forks.

Summer steelhead fishing is good at Steamboat, but only a few have been caught at Winchester. Conditions are very good with moderately low level clear-

water. Central: Angling prospects for the week-end are picking up. The road is open into Three Creeks lake and fishing is good. Blue lake is good on troll and fly fishing in the evening continues good. East and Paulina lakes are picking up on trolling and bait. Crane Prairie has been good on trolling and worms.

Metolius river fly fishing is good. Upper Deschutes is still producing some very nice catches. Mid-Deschutes is at its best. Few steelhead are reported taken in the Maupin area on the Deschutes.

Odell lake continues to produce the big ones with 16 Mackinaw taken this week from 11½ to 21 pounds. Trout fishing is also good in Odell. Crescent lake is good on trolling. Summit lake is also good. Little Deschutes and Crescent creek are fair. Elk lake is good and Davis lake is fair.

San Franciscan Takes Easy Win In Tennis Meet

Seattle, Wash. —(U.P.)— Harry Likas of San Francisco looked like a good bet Friday to live up to his top-seeded billing as the Washington State tennis championships rolled into the quarter-finals.

The smooth-stroking Bay City artist gained a berth in the round of 16 Thursday by brushing past Phil Seymour of Mill Valley, Calif., 6-2, 6-0. It was his third triumph of the tourney.

Two seeded players were eliminated in the day's events. Seymour edged sixth-ranked Paul Willey, Vancouver, B.C., 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, and George Manset, Los Angeles, trounced seventh-seeded Jim Davis, San Francisco, 6-3, 6-4.

In other matches, second-seeded Conway Catton, San Francisco, beat Clyde Knox, Portland, Ore., 6-3, 6-4; Jerry Dewitts, Oakland, ranked number three, downed Lou Wick, Seattle, 6-2, 6-4; Jack Lowe, Seattle, outlasted Harold Mitchell, San Francisco, 8-6, 9-7; and Lawrence Barkley, Vancouver, B.C., eliminated Wally Bostick, Seattle, 6-3, 6-4.

Yanks Recall Schaeffer From Kansas City Farm

Detroit —(U.P.)— Left-hander Harry Schaeffer was recalled from Kansas City by the New York Yankees today to replace Army-bound Tom Morgan.

Schaeffer, 27-year-old southpaw who was with the Yankees

Golfers Open 2 Tourneys

Spokane —(U.P.)— Defending Champion Harold West of Pendleton, Ore., was among the top contenders Friday as the combined Northwest-Esmeralda Golf tournament opened on the Downriver course here. West was entered in both events.

Other big names of golfdom who signed the tourney register were California Open Champion Art Bell of San Francisco; Bud Ward of Great Falls, Mont., and five-time winner of the former national amateur champ Northwest open; Ray Honsberger of Clarkston, Wash., semifinalist in the 1952 Professional Golfers' association tourney; Chuck Congdon, Tacoma, winner of almost every western title except the Northwest; Ken Tucker of Everett, Harry Umbinetti of Seattle and Joe Greer of Yakima.

The amateur division of the combined meet was also star-studded. Entrants included: Bill Mawhinney, former Canadian and present Northwest amateur king; Oregon State Champion Bruce Cudd of Portland; Bill May of Spokane, 1951 runner-up in the PNGA; Dick Yost of Portland, former Oregon amateur titlist, and Al Mengert and Ray Weston, Spokane.

In spring training and has a 6-4 record at Kansas City, will rejoin the world champions immediately.

Morgan, who had an 8-1 record as a rookie last season, pitched his last game for the Yankees Thursday, losing it to the Indians, 4 to 2.

Verne Collins Hurls No-Hitter Softball Victory; Andy's Wins

Verne Collins pitched a no-hit, no-run game last night to lead Central Point to an 8 to 0 victory over Eagle Point in the Medford softball league. Collins was robbed of a perfect game when he walked Mosby, the second man up in the first inning. Mosby, the only Eagle Pointer to reach base in the five inning affair, died on first base. Collins struck out eight of the 16 batters to face him and not a ball was hit out of the infield. In the second inning Collins retired the side via the strikeout route.

Central Point went to work in earnest in their half of the first inning, collecting six runs on five hits, an error, a walk and a fielder's choice. They added another run in the second and one in the third.

Andy's Jewelry chalked up an 11 to 3 victory over the Crater Lions in the other half of the double header. Ted Landers, on the mound for Andy's, kept four hits well scattered, giving up one in each of the first two frames and allowing two in the fourth. His teammates collected nine safeties off the offerings of Morris. Already leading 5 to 3 when the final inning started, Andy's pushed across six runs to put the game on ice.

COST REDUCTION SOUGHT
Portland — (U.P.) — Officials of Lloyds Corporation said Friday they had postponed contract awards for construction of a new eight-story office building for the Bonneville Power Administration here until they find some way to reduce costs.

BIDS REJECTED
Portland — (U.P.) — All bids received for dredging a 30-foot channel in Coos Bay were more than 25 per cent above the government estimate and were rejected, the Portland district, Corps of Engineers reported Friday.

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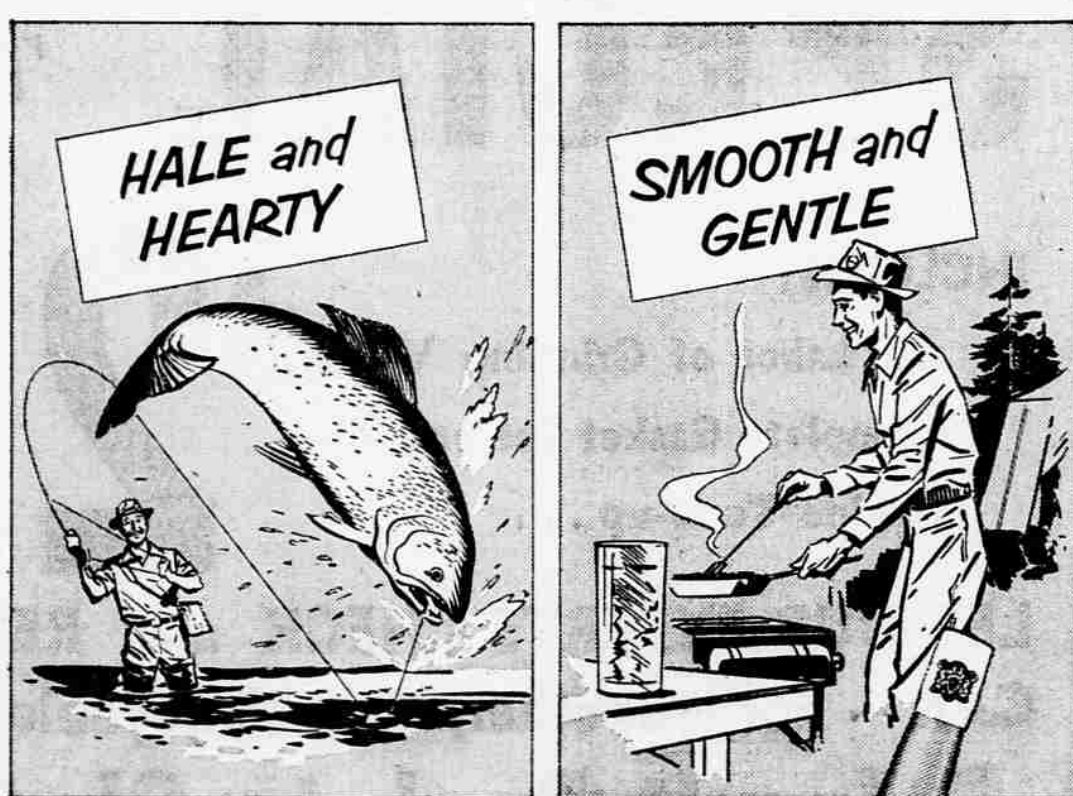
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