

Fanfare

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What's the status of the Far West Baseball league which suspended operations for the 1953 season? Will it operate in 1954? Seeking the answer to those questions last week, we queried Jerry Donovan, San Francisco, president of the circuit. He replied as well as apparently can be done at this time.

MEETING PROBABLE

Donovan said, "In my opinion a meeting will be held shortly after the present (professional baseball) season is over. It is difficult to hold a meeting with representatives of major league clubs during the playing season."

The president reported that there has been a great deal of talk in regard to the reorganization of the league. He said that the talk has been not particularly from directors or owners but from major league clubs interested in league for young players.

"We are sincerely hoping for strong major and possibly Pacific Coast support, not alone in players but also financially to insure a sound league," Donovan stated. It is hoped, he added to hold the meeting in conjunction with the California league session in late September or early October.

FINANCING IMPORTANT

Financing, of course, will be a big matter of discussion. Last January, when league directors decided against 1952 activity, "economic conditions and drafting of players" were given as reasons for suspension. Almost all clubs were having financial troubles. Directors of the Medford club reported a substantial loss but voted, themselves, to field a team for another season.

When directors made their decision last January, the expressed hope was that the league would resume in 1953 with eight teams. Only five, Medford, Klamath Falls, Eugene, Reno and Redding, will be recalled, finished out the 1951 campaign. Pittsburg, Calif., probably won't be considered for 1953 because of its withdrawal in the middle of the 1951 race.

Marysville and Willows, Calif., which laid out in 1951, remain possibilities for a revived circuit and Albany and Roseburg, Ore., were among proposed entries back when the league was still pondering 1952 participation.

Ben Cheney and his Medford Cheney Studebaker organization now have the Medford FWL franchise and there are some hints that Cheney soon may be in a position to field a club in this Class D circuit.

MILLERS SEEK GAME

The Central Point Millers baseball nine is eager beaver in its desire to get a game with the Medford Cheney Studebaker. Following is an open letter to the Studebakers that has been presented to this department by Ben Fagone, Miller skipper:

"To the Medford Cheney Studebakers: "We, the members of the CP Millers Baseball nine hereby challenge you, the Medford Cheney Studebakers, to a ball game. We are willing to play any time and any place in the local vicinity. If you are agreeable to a game on your field, the fairgrounds ball park, we will ask no share of the proceeds. You can keep the entire gate. It should be an excellent opportunity to add to your gate receipts as we have quite a crowd backing. Money is no object. We just want to play a ball game."

"When you were in the SOL (Southern Oregon league) you always wanted to play the so-called big teams such as the Rogues and the Craters of Medford. Now, we would like the same opportunity for the sake of sportsmanship."

"We believe that it is to the best interest of the sport in the valley for you to accept our challenge. We feel that we can give you a good game despite our showing in the smaller RVL (Rogue Valley league). We think the public wants to see such a game. Sort of traditional, isn't it? What do you say, Studebakers? Shall we have a game?"

SPORTS

Layne Given Nod Over Ez; Dempsey Decision Disputed

Ogden, Utah — (U.P.) — Jack Dempsey, referee and lone judge, Saturday defended his decision that gave Utah's husky Rex Layne a disputed 10-round decision here Friday night over former Champion Ezzard Charles.

The more than 23,000 fans greeted the decision with mixed feelings as a flood of rain from sudden skies and tears from Jake Mintz, Charles' manager, drenched the Ogden Stadium ring.

Promoter Ken Mayne estimated the gate at between \$150,000 and \$200,000 — the largest in Utah's sports history. Mayne said 15,000 fans were turned away because of lack of seats.

Dempsey said he gave Layne two rounds, the third and seventh, and Charles one round, the ninth, and scored the other seven even. The majority of the press ruled in favor of Charles, most giving Charles four, Layne three and three even.

Dempsey said that he didn't take anything away from Charles because of low punching, although he warned the Negro fighter to "keep them up."

Statistics Show Group of Hitters Needed by Leader

New York — (U.P.) — The one big slugger is grand for the box office but, not so good for the standings.

You need a group of hitters to lead the league.

The Athletics, for example, have Ferris Fain at the top of the American league batting list with a .344 average. Yet they are seventh in the standings. The Red Sox have three men among the first five batters — George Kell at .321; Billy Goodman at .315 and Dom DiMaggio at .309 — yet they are no better than third.

Yanks Hits Timely — The Yankees, with only one man in the first five and only two in the first 10, lead the league and also are tops in club batting with .270. Furthermore, the Yanks, because of timely hitting, have been shut out only four times this year. Second-place Boston has been shut out twice that number of times.

Stan Musial held the National league lead in games through Thursday afternoon with a .333 mark. Ted Kuszewski of Cincinnati was second to him at .314 while Gene Woodling of the Yanks was second to Fain with .329.

Yost Takes Lead In OGA Tourney

Portland — (U.P.) — Dick Yost, the defending champion, was on top Saturday in the second annual Oregon Golf Association medal play championship.

Yost fired a four-under-par 68 at Portland Golf Club Friday and took a two-stroke lead over the field.

The 22-year-old Yost carded a pair of 34s against the course par of 35-37.

Close behind Yost, and alone at 34-36-70, was Portland's Tom Denhart.

Knotted three strokes back at 71 were a trio of Portland divot-eaters, Ken Dougherty, Bill Langley and Bob Bronson. Dougherty opened with a sizzling 33 on the front nine but ran up against a double-bogey five on the par-three 12th hole and required 38 on the back nine. Both Bronson and Langley fired nines of 35 and 36.

Respectfully, Ben Fagone, Mgr. CP Millers.

Latest talk is that the Studebakers will make a trip to Tacoma, Wash., soon.

National Junior Chamber Meet Opens Monday at Eugene Links

Justin Smith Jr., Medford, is a member of the Oregon contingent which will vie in the National Junior Chamber of Commerce golf tournament starting Monday at Eugene.

Smith with a card of 155 was two strokes behind Dick Twiss. The Dalles, top Oregon qualifier in June eliminations. Other members of the Oregon crew are Bob Prall, Salem and Mike Starling, Eugene, with Layton Tuttle, Eugene, as alternate.

Eugene — (U.P.) — Some 150 'teenage golfers were engaged in practice rounds here Saturday preparatory to seeking the championship in the 7th annual National Junior Chamber of Commerce tournament starting Monday.

Youngsters for the six-day medal event represent 43 states, Canada, Hawaii and the District of Columbia.

The field includes the recent winner of the USGA Junior title at New Haven, Conn., Donald Bisplinghoff, Orlando, Fla., plus the New Haven runnerup, Eddie Meyerson, Los Angeles. Among the colorful players will be Ken-Go Kaneshina, Maui, T. H., 100-pounder who plays barefoot and cut 26 strokes off his score since last season.

The Oregon favorite is Dick Twiss of The Dalles.

US Trackmen Smash Two World Marks

London — (U.P.) — Two world track records tumbled Saturday when U.S. Olympic Champion Charley Moore streaked through a drizzle on a soggy track to win the 440-yard low hurdles in 51.6 seconds and the U.S. mile relay team beat Jamaica's famed quartet in 3 minutes 8.8 seconds.

On the outside lane, Moore soared to an eight-year triumph over Dave Gracie of Britain, breaking the 51.9 seconds world record set by Armando Filippini of Italy in 1950. Moore, the Olympic hurdles champion from Ithaca, N.Y., had tied that record Monday in this same stadium.

Then the mile relay team — Gene Cole of Columbus, O., J. W. Mashburn of Oklahoma, Reggie Pearson of New York and Mal Whitfield of Columbus — zoomed to its record by beating Jamaica's Art Wint, Les Laing, George Rhoden and Herb McKenley. The Jamaicans were timed in 3:09.2, also bettering the world mark of 3:09.4 set by the University of California at Los Angeles in 1951.

The Yanks had a good day all around. With Olympic players from nine nations competing, Americans entered 18 events and won all but three.

Infield Single Gives Stars Win

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — A weak infield single caught Los Angeles off guard in the twelfth inning of an overtime Pacific Coast league game here Saturday and brought in two Hollywood runs as the Stars edged the Angels 7 to 5.

Dick Cole connected with the winning single after the Twins had loaded the sacks with two away. He rolled the ball down the third base line where shortstop Leon Brankopf snapped it up and overthrew to first, allowing Carlos Bernier and Tom Saffell to score and end the contest.

Hollywood made it three straight over the Seraphs with the triumph after dropping the first three. Both teams will be figuring for the current series win today when they meet in a double header.

GO TO BOISE

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wootton and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Derald Wootton, are in Boise, Ida., this week-end for the Great Falls, Mont., series in the Pioneer Baseball league with Boise. Derald joined the Great Falls club in June as a bonus boy pitcher. Reports from the family indicate that Wootton has been in a few games lately and "has done some good." He has yet to win his first game.

But Saturday La Hart fought off Miss Connolly's comeback surge and scored a 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, victory for the right to meet Shirley Fry of Akron, O., in today's final. Miss Fry beat Louise Brough of Beverly Hills, Calif., 6-3, 6-4.

Two Americans and two Australians gained the men's quarterfinals. They are defending Champion Billy Talbert of New York, Dick Savitt of Orange, N.J., Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor.

during a special dinner. Club Championship

Harrington also announced a women's club championship tournament which will be handled by the pro shop. This tournament also will be match play and played without handicaps. Qualifying play will begin Thursday, September 4 and end September 14. The tournament, itself, will start September 16 and 18 hole matches will be scheduled once a week for those competing.

This year for the first time there will be a nine hole tournament in conjunction with the club championship. Entrants for this will compete for a special trophy offered by Al Littrell. Players will use their full handicaps.

West Stars To Outweigh East Squad

Pendleton — The Western All-Stars will hold a 5-pound per man weight advantage over their Eastern opponents when these two teams clash August 30 in a Shrine Hospital benefit game at Pendleton's Round-Up park.

Boasting an average team of 180 pounds, Head Coach Bill Patterson of Gervais plans to avenge the beating he received last year in the Class B finals when he lost to Wallawa and Eastern Coach Dan Rollins.

Charles Moore, Creswell will be his assistant coach and Walter Fallon of Pendleton will serve as both manager and trainer for the Western team.

Launched Off — When informed of his weight handicap, Dan Rollins laughed it off with "Anytime I can field a team of 175 pounders, I'm more interested in what the boy has inside of him than any extra poundage and I've got some of the finest boys on my squad that ever trotted onto any gridiron. I beat Patterson last fall and with Tom's help I'll do it again. (Tom Johnson, John Day, will be his assistant coach.)

Roy Tatum of the Eastern Oregon college at La Grande will handle the training chores for the East team.

A glance at the roster will verify his statement that he does have a lot of good material, but he will also have some real competition. Every boy on both squads has been a star on his own team, some of them for three years of high school competition, and kickoff time will see what is probably the most talented group of high school football players ever assembled on any eastern Oregon field.

Sutter Fails in Attempt To Swim Catalina Channel

San Pedro, Calif. — (U.P.) — Long distance swimmer Roy Sutter failed for the third time to conquer the treacherous Catalina channel Saturday as severe chest pains and a pulled arm muscle forced him to give up the grueling swim only four miles from success.

The World War II, Purple Heart winner's stocky arms had kept up a steady 58-strokes-a-minute beat that carried him to within sight of land before the choppy seas and swirling currents proved too much for his tired muscles.

Sutter swam 16 miles during and until shortly before he was pulled into one of the accompanying boats, it looked like he might accomplish the tedious crossing.

I'm feeling great and I'm going to break the record," the barrel-chested Sutter said just before he was forced to give up. He was shooting at the mark of 15 hours, 45 minutes set in 1927 by 19-year-old George Young.

TYES WIN

Victoria, B. C. — (U.P.) — Victoria Tyes boosted their Western International Baseball league lead to a full 12 games Saturday afternoon as veteran southpaw Carl Gunnarson tossed an eight-hit shutout for a 3 to 0 win over Wenatchee at Victoria.

The Detroit River is the busiest waterway in the world. In a 10-month season it carries more traffic than the Suez and Panama canals combined carry in a full year.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE



SUCCESSOR John D. Home, Hollywood, William A. White, 53, San Francisco, is new commander of American Legion's California department. (International)

Seals Pound Out Win Over Padres

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The San Francisco Seals unleashed a 15 hit barrage against San Diego Saturday to down the Padres 6 to 4. It was the Seals second win of the series and moved the Pads back two full games out of first place.

Joe Grace's long poke into the right field bleachers scoring Jim Moran and Gene Klingler ahead of him was the Seal's big blow. It put them in front 5 to 2 in the third and the Padres couldn't catch up.

San Diego bunched three singles in the second to produce one run, but the Seals got two in their half of the inning when McCawley singled, Sal Taormina slapped a terrific double off the center field screen, and Reno Chesco followed with a double.

In the fourth, Moran and Klingler singled before Grace's homer, then McCawley singled in Roy Ortego who was on second with a double—his second of the game.

Calumet Farm Entry Wins American Derby

Chicago — (U.P.) — Mark-Well, Calumet Farm's three-year-old sensation, Saturday ran off with the 42nd running of the American Derby at Washington park and earned a purse of \$103,325.

Mark-Well defeated Dixiana Farm's Sub Fleet by two lengths before a crowd of 26,892 to cop his second prize of more than \$100,000 this season. The Calumet horse, favorite of the crowd, earned \$105,450 in the Arlington Classic a few weeks ago.

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