

SPORTS

Obscure Performers Star In Majors; Giant Homers Three Times in One Game

New York—(U.P.)—The annual August-September salary drive was on in earnest in the Majors today as some of the boys on the also ran ball clubs try to impress their bosses and earn raises next year.

With the pennant races all but over, the players were looking to their own averages and other marks with more concern than whether their teams are winning or losing.

Obscure Performers

Such obscure performers as Dusty Rhodes of the Giants, Hal Jeffcoat of the Cubs and Dave Philley of the Athletics were impressive yesterday in leading their second division teams to triumph over first division opponents.

Softballers May Finish Tourney Here

Mill City—(U.P.)—All further action in the state softball tournament has been postponed until Saturday night because of the soggy condition of the field here, officials said today.

Rain caused postponement of last night's scheduled games—Third Choice.

Final games of the state softball tournament may be played in Medford, it was reported today and the Grants Pass lumberjacks were looking into arrangements for a field here.

Medford, however, is third choice as site when the tourney resumes on Saturday. Action will continue at Mill City if weather there is suitable. Bend has second call if Jupe Pluvius dampens Mill City.

It was reported that the tournament will be completed this week-end. Corvallis and Eugene will play in the week-end starter and the winner will play Grants Pass. Victor in the Grants Pass tussle will battle Mill City for the title.

Mill City is the only unbeaten club left in the double-elimination tourney.

YAKIMA VICTOR

Hastings, Neb.—(U.P.)—Yakima, Pacific Northwest Junior Legion champion, defeated Richmond, Calif., 5-4, here last night to win a berth in the four-team Little World Series at Miami, Fla., Sept. 1-5.

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
New York	85	39	.685	
Chicago	75	50	.600	10 1/2
Cleveland	81	53	.577	14
Boston	70	58	.556	16
Washington	61	66	.480	25 1/2
Philadelphia	51	73	.411	34
Detroit	45	79	.363	40
St. Louis	42	84	.333	44

Wednesday's Results
Cleveland 9, Washington 5
Philadelphia 10, Chicago 5
New York 5, Detroit 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	85	40	.680	
Milwaukee	77	50	.606	9
Philadelphia	70	58	.556	15 1/2
St. Louis	61	66	.480	25 1/2
New York	51	73	.411	34
Cincinnati	45	79	.363	40
Chicago	42	84	.333	44
Pittsburgh	41	91	.311	47 1/2

Wednesday's Results
Chicago 13, Brooklyn 4
New York 13, St. Louis 4
Philadelphia 6, Milwaukee 5 (night)
(Only games scheduled.)

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Hollywood	89	60	.623	
Seattle	89	60	.623	9 1/2
Los Angeles	81	77	.513	17 1/2
Portland	76	78	.494	20 1/2
San Francisco	77	81	.487	21 1/2
San Diego	74	81	.477	23
Oakland	67	92	.421	32
Sacramento	66	91	.420	32

Wednesday's Results
San Francisco 7, Oakland 2
Seattle 2, Sacramento 1
Hollywood 8, Los Angeles 2
San Diego at Portland, postponed, wet grounds.

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Ashland High Boasts Flock Of Grid Vets

Ashland — The Ashland high school Grizzlies are prepping for the grid season with a flock of veterans on hand despite the loss of some top talent to the military service and by graduation.

There are six backfield men, five ends and six big boys to anchor the center of the line.

Returning backs are Kenna Gander, Bruce Hamilton, Ted Tenney, Morris Stringer, Don Babbitt and Dick Thornton. Ends are Martin Kasser, Jim Southard, Jim Watrus, Walt McCoy and Bill Bates. Other linemen counted up heavily are Jack Herberger, Rad Magruder, Blackie Mitchell, Joe Wirth, Gerald Hinkel and center Dave Herberger.

Other prospects are Ray Putnam, who suffered a broken leg before the season was underway last year and Jerry Mickie who missed school last season.

The Grizzlies tangled with Medford at Medford on September 11 and will be gunning to better the performance they turned out against the Black Tornado last year. Medford won the game by the scant margin of 13 to 12. The Tornado was heavily favored to swamp Ashland.

SCHEDULE: 11—At Medford: September 18—V-East at Hood River; September 25—Grants Pass here; October 9—Klamath Falls here; October 16—Phoenix here; October 23—Crater high at Central Point; October 30—Illinois Valley at Cave Junction; November 6—Coquille at Myrtle Point.

Exhibition To Feature OSC Netter

Ed Day, Prospect, No. 1 tennis player at Oregon State college will play in an exhibition match here this evening.

He will oppose Stan Kalapus, Medford high ace. The exhibition is scheduled to start at 7 o'clock at the senior high court.

The demonstration during the tennis school held earlier this summer by the Medford public school system. It had to be delayed. Tonight's match is in connection with the school program.

Members of the net school classes and the public are invited tonight. There will be no charge for spectators.

Warren Brenner, who conducted the classes for the school system, said last night that a city tournament is still planned this summer.

Foots Creek

Foots Creek — Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wolfe of Alma, Neb., visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daily here last week. When the Dailys lived at Alma they were neighbors of the Wolfes.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Bradford had as guests last week, her brother and wife of San Francisco.

Ladies club will hold its first meeting after the summer vacation, at the Community hall on Wednesday, September 16.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Barna, and daughter and son of Pasadena, Calif., arrived here August 23 to spend a two weeks vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Barna, and his brother and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Barna and daughter Loretta.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burns and daughter Marilyn of Hornbrook, Calif., were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLallen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eaton had as guests the past week his brother W. W. Eaton of Eugene, and his sister Mrs. Carrie Buck, of Centralia, Wash.

Douglas Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robertson, won first place in beginner showmanship of lambs at the Jackson County 4-H Fair in Medford. He also won a third place ribbon for his ewe, and fourth for ewe and lamb as a production team. Jeff and John Davis, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, won champion and grand champion sribbons with their ewe.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Priner of Detroit, Mich., visited the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Krauss. While here they visited Crater Lake.

Mrs. T. E. Eckerdt, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goebel, and Vern Goebel of Medford spent Sunday at the Oregon Caves.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elden and son Dick of Pomona, Calif., visited several days last week at the Fred Jerek home.

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STOPPING BALL with one hand, Cleveland's Horace Gillman (right) is about to grab it but Rex Berry has other ideas, knocks it to ground in second quarter of 49ers game with Cleveland in San Francisco. Browns copped contest 20-7. (International)

Sport Parade



By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Sports Writer

New York—(U.P.)—The quiet man of the American League is making a big noise again today.

James Barton (Mickey) Vernon of the Washington Senators, who has been playing in silent anonymity since his one big season seven years ago, is front and center in the race for the batting title. And nobody is more surprised than Mickey.

"If I knew the answer, I'd never hit less than .300," he insists. **Strange Revival**

Certainly it is one of the strangest revivals in baseball history. Because back in 1946, the man who had been strictly a nothing hitter marched home from two years in the Navy to win the batting crown with a dazzling mark of .353.

He had never approached it before, nor since.

Potentially, he had all the attributes to be a great hitter. He was big, six feet two inches, and close to 200 pounds, and he had a fine, flat swing. One of his former managers, Ossie Bluege, criticized him gently as "a fellow who needs more pep and enthusiasm."

Back in 1943, a teammate named Gerry Priddy objected physically to Mickey's lack of liveliness in the infield. Priddy's exasperation became so great that he hauled off and clouted Mickey on the kisser. Vernon proved right then that he wasn't completely inanimate, punching back for what wittnesses said was extra bases.

Vernon, a one time pre-med student at Villanova college, played a lot of service ball in the Pacific in 1944 and 1945.

When he came back in the spring of 1946, he was benched because he couldn't buy a base hit. But once back in the lineup he caught fire and bounced out of nowhere to beat Ted Williams for the batting crown. He was so impressed that the Yanks reportedly offered \$100,000 for him.

After that one splurge, however, Mickey dropped back into obscurity. Ever since, until now, he has been strangely silent physically as well as personally.

This year, though, he has recaptured the touch with a mark which has been nudging upward toward the .350 level.

"I'm completely relaxed," said Mickey, making an admission which comes as no surprise to anyone who knows him. "I just get up to the plate lazy-like and meet the ball. That's how it was in 1946 and that's the way I'm hitting the ball now."

Medford Drivers Catch Fans' Eyes At Ashland Oval

Ashland — New drivers returning to racing circles are continually appearing on the Ashland speedway scene but none have caught the eyes of the fans in their first appearances like two Medford drivers.

Melvin Anhorn, A-37, and Sid Budden, M-55, both of Medford put in impressive performances last week end and are expected to again be in competition Saturday night when another full racing program will be staged.

A special event will be a return team destruction match between drivers of the Medford and Ashland racing clubs. Such a race was staged earlier at the Jackson County track and proved to be a show-stealer.

Time trials will start Saturday at 6 p.m. with the first heat at 8 p.m.

Search for Klamath Youngster Called Off

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Search for 14-year-old Donna Rae Hanson, missing from her home since Sunday afternoon, was called off yesterday afternoon when she was found staying with an elderly woman who did not know of the search, police reported today.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THIRTEEN

Heroic Officer Who Called For Artillery Fire Over Own Position Gets Release

Inchon, Korea — (U.P.) — The young lieutenant from Harvard, freed from a Communist prison camp, said today he was only using common sense in calling Allied artillery fire on his position.

"What else could I have done?" 2nd Lt. Samuel H. Cantwell of Bedford Village, N.Y., asked.

Cantwell, who had been given up for dead by his fellow officers, gasped when told that the men of his battalion thought he

deserved and probably would get the nation's highest award. **Cut Off by Chinese**

The action occurred on the Central Front on the night of July 14 during the last big Chinese offensive against the ROK II Corps.

When he was cut off by the Chinese, Cantwell directed withering artillery fire on his own position for more than 12 hours.

2nd Lt. William H. Bollin of Tampa, Fla., received the last word from Cantwell.

"You have done all you can for me," Cantwell had said over his radio. "I am signing off. Good bye."

"He had called for artillery fire on his own position when the Chinese swarmed all over it," Bollin said. "We didn't want to do it, but we finally shot every round we had right on top of him."

Thought It Was All Over

"There were times when I thought it was all over myself," Cantwell said as he relaxed while awaiting transportation.

"A little South Korean held the Chinese off for a long time with a machine gun, but he finally pulled out," Cantwell said. "Then he would hear the Chinese talking right outside the entrance to the bunker. 'It's funny what you feel when death is that close. I was not afraid. I can remember thinking: They will come in shooting.'"

But the Chinese spared Cantwell and took him to a prison camp.

General Warns On Defense Needs

Colorado Springs, Colo. — (U.P.) Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw head of the Air Defense Command, has warned that "Russian advances in the field of weapons of mass destruction" makes strengthening of U.S. air defense imperative.

Chidlaw said yesterday his command is a shield "which can detect some of the blows and absorb some of the shock" of a Russian air attack, but added that "in light of our knowledge of Russian advances in the field of weapons of mass destruction" the shield must be strengthened.

Chidlaw did not elaborate on the type of Russian weapons, but the statement was broad enough to include the recent disclosure that the Communists have mastered the hydrogen bomb.

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