

Rainouts Leave PCL Gloomy; Rookie Crop Helps Brighten Scene

By UNITED PDESS
Pacific Coast League owners were singing "I've Got Those Rainy Day Blues" today—but every cloud has a silver lining.

All the moguls have to do is look at the fine crop of youngsters being developed for fall delivery to the majors and they can smile.

The rains came to Portland last night for the fifth time in a week and washed out the Beavers-San Diego Padres contest. It was the only game scheduled for yesterday.

Last week was one of the worst in history—as far as the turnstiles are concerned—in the PCL. San Francisco was rained out five straight days. Portland was four days late getting in its opening tilt of the season. And so it went.

So what are the box office prospects. One is Milt Smith, who was with the club last year, but didn't get a chance to play until the last half of the season, when he helped spark the Padres to the pennant. He is 26 years old and currently is leading the league in hitting with a healthy .403 mark. The other is Jules Becquer, an outfielder. Becquer, 24, is clouting the ball at a .339 pace and looks like a fine comer.

San Diego has a couple of youngsters who look good, too. One is the \$60,000 bonus baby of the Chicago White Sox, infielder Joe Kirrene, who is hitting .391. The other is Dave Melton, former Stanford star, who finally is reaching stardom. Melton is 27 years old—but many believe he has a major league future ahead.

Seattle has come up with a fine young pitcher in John Oldham, aged 23. He has a 3-0 record—all in relief. Los Angeles has a good hurler, too, George Piktuzis (2-0) who is just out of the armed forces.

Several of the young stars are out on option, but they are going to help at the box office later in the season, even if they don't bring in any cash when they go to the majors.

Tonight, weather permitting, most of the lads will see action. The schedule calls for San Francisco at Oakland, Hollywood at Los Angeles, San Diego at Seattle and Sacramento at Portland.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a.m. Monday for

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



COMING DOWN hard on his left shoulder at plate in attempted steal, Jerry Coleman, New York Yankee second baseman, fractures collarbone in action at Yankee Stadium. Trapped between third and home, Coleman dives for plate and collides with Boston shortstop Friend (right). Umpire Napp calls out and Red Sox first baseman Zauchin (3) watches play. (International)

FIRST SHOWING OF ALASKAN FILM HERE THIS EVENING

First showing of the motion picture, "Alaska—The Last Frontier," is scheduled this evening at the Medford senior high school auditorium. Repeat presentation of the color film, produced by Edward H. Horn, will be on Wednesday.

Doors at the school will open at 7:30 p.m. and the picture will start at 8 p.m. Sponsor of the presentation here is the Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America.

The movie, which is described as "different" from other Alaskan films shown here, covers Alaska from the south to extreme north. Walrus hunting, salmon fishing and Eskimo life are among the subjects depicted in the picture.

A portion of the film portrays Diomed island only 2 1/4 miles from Siberia. Horn had to remain on the island five weeks when ice broke up. In the meantime he went out with the Eskimo walrus hunting.

Other scenes show the actual capture by Eskimos, using their small boats, of a 45-foot bow head whale.

Intimate pictures of life among the Caribou people of the Brooks range in the Arctic mountains were afforded by several days stay. Horn found the Eskimos

near starvation because caribou were late in their northern migration. Caribou hunting was their main source of livelihood. Bounties on wolves were about their only source of cash, otherwise. The caribou people have been in the limelight in recent years. However, not much was known of them until Army engineers surveyed the region.

Farming and homesteading on Kenai, dairying in the Matanuska valley, construction and new industry are shown in the picture.

Two Years in Making
Horn, a Ketchikan resident, was two years in getting the film material together. He had the aid of one professional photographer.

Col. Weiland, president of the Jackson county Walton chapter, has previewed the film, and has pronounced the protography "very good."

Tickets have been on sale at Lampert's and Sam's Sporting Goods stores. They will be available at the door both nights. There are no reserved seats. The program, including intermission time, lasts about two hours.

Horn will be available during the intermission to talk to members of the audience. He narrates the film and reportedly has several items to show.

Mixed Tag Match To Headline Wrestling Program on Saturday

Mack Lillard came up with another matchmaking masterpiece yesterday when he signed a mixed tag team match to high-light next Saturday night's wrestling card at Merrick's arena.

The match, for 30 minutes or two out of three falls, will send Yoggi Hussane and Gerry Hunter against Champ Thomas and Bonnie Bartlett.

Under mixed tag team rules, Lillard explained, a man will under no conditions be permitted to wrestle a woman. For example, if Hussane and Thomas are wrestling and Hussane tags Miss Hunter, his partner, to be relieved, Thomas must also leave the ring and Miss Bartlett will come in to wrestle Miss Hunter.

Failure to observe this switch in partners will result in prompt disqualification, the promoter said.

Young Players Receive Honors in Hockey Loops

Montreal — (U.P.)—Eddie Litzemberger, 22-year-old wing of the last-place Chicago Black Hawks, was named the winner of the Calder Memorial Trophy today as the National Hockey League's "rookie of the year."

Litzemberger, acquired from the Montreal Canadiens for \$15,000 on Dec. 10, 1954, was the league's 12th highest point-producer with 23 goals and 28 assists for 51 points. He played 29 games for the Canadiens and 44 for the Black Hawks for a total of 73 — three more than any other player in the circuit.

New York — (U.P.)—Wing Jimmy Anderson of the Springfield Indians made a strong bid for the league's goal-getting honors, was selected today as the American Hockey League's outstanding rookie of the 1954-55 season.

Anderson will receive \$300 from the league in addition to permanent possession of the Dudley (Red) Garrett Memorial Trophy.

Anderson scored 39 goals — only two fewer than the league-leading total accumulated by Eddie Olson of the Cleveland Barons. In addition, Anderson received credit for 32 assists for a total of 71 points.

SEATTLE BEATEN

Wenatchee — (U.P.)—Bob Durretto hit a three-run homer in the third inning here last night to give Wenatchee of the Northwest League a 6-3 decision over Seattle of the Coast League in an exhibition baseball game called at the end of six innings because of rain.

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Wissler, McIntyre Gain Finals Of Spring Handicap Tournament

Wendell Wissler and Charles McIntyre collide this week in the finals of the men's spring handicap golf tournament at Rogue Valley Country club.

Semi-final round in the tourney's championship, first and second flights was completed last week end. Paul Meyers was victor 1 up over Bill Catey in finals for the third flight title.

McIntyre turned back Mahr Reymsers 2 and 1 and Wissler downed Larry Butler 5 and 4.

In the first flight Eddie Simmons won 4 and 3 over Fred Conrad. He will contend in finals against Al Servold who had to go 19 holes to beat Carl Schmidt.

John Moffat got a 1 up nod over Ray Wise in the second flight semi-finals. He will play Pete Clark who required 19 holes to get Jack Creager.

Nelson Gallant was winner of a ball sweepstakes Saturday at the club. He had 40 points, Wissler and Ed Hall each 39 and Gorge Schuler 38. Players got one point for a bogey, two for a par, three for a birdie and five for an eagle.

Club officials have announced a change in the date for the next mixed two-ball foursome. The rivalry will be this Sunday, May 1. It originally had been planned for May 8 but was changed because of Mother's day plans members may have.

Entries for the two-ball partnership tournament slated for men at RVCC now total 115. High handicappers will draw low handicappers for partners. Drawing is set for the evening of Wednesday, May 4. First matches are to be completed by May 8.

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