

Chicago Trims Phillies 2-1; Wynn Pitches Tribe Victory

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	12	6	.667	1 1/2
Detroit	11	6	.647	1 1/2
Chicago	10	7	.588	1 1/2
New York	10	7	.588	1 1/2
Kansas City	7	9	.438	4
Boston	6	11	.353	5 1/2
Washington	5	13	.278	7

Monday's Results
 Detroit 7, New York 1
 Cleveland 4, Boston 2
 Washington 12, Kansas City 1
 (Only games scheduled).

Wednesday's Games
 Washington at Chicago
 Baltimore at Kansas City
 New York at Cleveland, night
 Boston at Detroit, night

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	10	8	.556	6
Chicago	10	8	.556	6
St. Louis	8	7	.529	6 1/2
Milwaukee	7	8	.467	7 1/2
New York	7	8	.467	7 1/2
Philadelphia	6	10	.385	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	4	13	.231	11 1/2
Cincinnati	4	13	.231	11 1/2

Monday's Results
 Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 1
 Brooklyn 2, Milwaukee 0, night, 12
 innings

Wednesday's Games
 St. Louis at Brooklyn, night
 Chicago at Philadelphia, night
 Cincinnati at Philadelphia, night
 Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, night

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS	Player	Club	AB	R	H	Pct.
AMERICAN LEAGUE						
Sluiter	N.Y.	13	51	14	23	.451
Kaline	Detroit	17	62	16	26	.419
Power	K. City	16	61	17	42	.410
Kuenn	Detroit	17	70	14	27	.386
Lollar	Chicago	16	53	13	19	.358

NATIONAL LEAGUE	Player	Club	AB	R	H	Pct.
Moon	St. Louis	15	72	10	27	.375
Mueller	N.Y.	15	64	10	24	.375
Repuski	St. L.	15	70	9	25	.357
Logan	Milw.	17	63	12	22	.349
Mays	New York	15	59	12	20	.339

Home Runs: Furillo, Dodgers 8; Snider, Dodgers 6; Lollar, White Sox 6; Zernial, Athletics; Nieman, White Sox; Dropp, White Sox; Kaline, Tigers; Jackson, Cubs and Klusowski, Redlegs all 5.

Runs Batted In: Thomson, Braves 22; Furillo, Dodgers 21; Snider, Dodgers 21; Nieman, White Sox 19; Skowron, Yankees 18.

Runs: Cassasquel, White Sox 19; Bruton, Braves 18; Mantle, Yankees 17; Power, Athletics 17; Bauer, Yankees 17.

Hits: Kuenn, Tigers 27; Moon, Cardinals 27; Kaline, Tigers 26; Repuski, Cardinals 25; Power, Athletics 25.

Pitching: Lemon, Indians 5-0; Erskine, Dodgers (4-0); Turley, Yankees (4-0); Jeffcoat, Cubs 3-0; Hearn, Giants 3-0; Schmitz, Senators 3-0.

By MILTON RICHMAN United Press Sports Writer

The second-place Chicago Cubs are being tagged the "surprise team" of 1955 so far but they're certainly no surprise to Manager Stan Hack, who drew a lot of horse laughs in the spring when he predicted they might wind up in the first division.

"There's a much better spirit on the club," Hack says. "You won't find any defeatist complex around here any more."

Last season, for example, the Cubs didn't win a game in Philadelphia, but Monday night they swept their three-game series with the Phillies by winning a game that was suspended Sunday, 4-2, and then beating Robin Roberts, 2-1, in the regular scheduled contest.

Warren Hacker, making his first appearance on the mound since pulling a hamstring muscle in his leg, April 24, closed out the suspended game by pitching the ninth inning and then kept right on going with a fine four hit effort in the regulation game.

Greengrass Raps Hacker
 Outfielder Jim Greengrass, who came to the Phillies from the Redlegs Saturday, was the only man who gave Hacker any trouble. He collected the only hit off the cub knuckleballer in the ninth inning of the abbreviated tussle and then rapped him for three more in the regu-

lar game.

In the suspended game, Gene Baker's seventh inning homer off Jack Meyer snapped a 2-all tie and turned out to be the clincher. In the regular game, Eddie Miksis' single on the heels of Dee Fondy's third inning double chased the winning run home. Ernie Banks' fourth homer gave Chicago its first run in the second inning but that was matched by Del Ennis' fourth homer in the bottom of the frame.

Carl Furillo smashed his eighth home run with one man on in the 12th inning to break up a tense pitching duel between Carl Erskine and Gene Conley and gave Brooklyn a 2-0 triumph over Milwaukee. Until the 12th, Conley had yielded only three hits but in that inning he walked Jackie Robinson with one out and then yielded the home run to Furillo. Erskine allowed six hits and struck out six in registering his fourth victory without a setback. The triumph gave Brooklyn a six-game lead in the National League.

Bob Purkey, steadily developing into Pittsburgh's No. 1 pitcher, paced the Pirates to a 5-1 victory over the Cardinals. In registering his second victory in less than a week, the 23-year-old Purkey, who won only three games all last season, scattered seven hits and collected three himself Harvey Haddix was the loser.

The Giants and Redlegs were not scheduled.

Wynn Wins First
 Early Wynn, one of Cleveland's big three, finally won his first game, beating the Red Sox, 4-2, with a six-hit effort. The Indians, held to four hits by loser Russ Kemmerer Skinny Brown and Tom Hurd, won the game in the first inning on a double by Al Smith, a walk and

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

BLACK TORNADO PLAYS CAVEMEN WEDNESDAY

Medford high baseballers make a big effort Wednesday to keep in the thick of the Southern Oregon conference and District 6 A-1 fight.

They travel to Grants Pass for an afternoon brush. It will be their first encounter of the season with the Cavemen.

With one setback, at the hands of Ashland last week, Medford now trails the Cavemen in the standings. Grants Pass is undefeated in four games.

However, Medford also has four victories and the Black Tornado could slip ahead of Grants Pass by half a game with a Wednesday victory. The Cavemen have two wins each over Klamath Falls and Ashland while Medford has beaten KF once and Ashland three times in four games.

McCullough May Toss
 Scores for the most part have been close and the fray tomorrow is figured as a toss up.

Ed McCullough likely will be the Medford moundsman with either Bill Mendenhall or George Herr taking the hill for GP.

Terry King may be on the receiving end of the battery for Medford with Dick McLaughlin at first base, Jim Owsley at second, Frank Rector at short and Larry Gober at third. Lorin Jacobs, Paul Eckel and Ed Reinking could be in the outfield.

McCullough likely will draw double bill duty this week with a summons to hurl in one scrape of a Saturday twinbill at Klamath Falls. Sides may be chosen to toss the other with Ernie Tyler on hand for relief if needed.

Spokane — (U.P.) — Marlin Muse held Geiger Air Force base to three hits yesterday as Whitworth college shutout the airmen 6-0 in a baseball game here.

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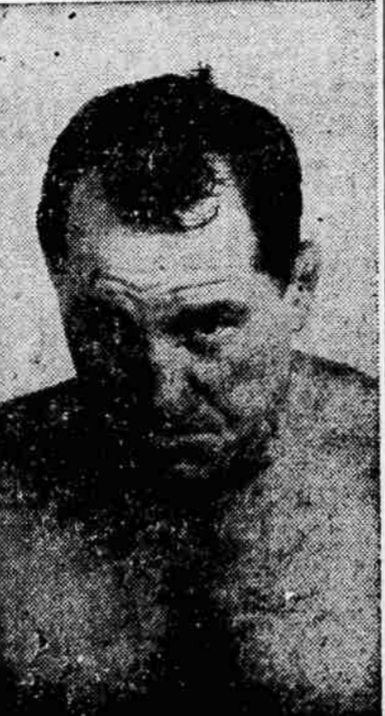
By DICK JEWETT
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The Roseburg effort to organize a team for the Southern Oregon Baseball League this year has failed. That's the word Bill Askwith, business manager of the Cheney Studs of the league, had yesterday from Hal Zurcher, one of the two men pushing particularly hard for fast semi-professional ball in the Umpqua valley city. Roseburg failure makes virtually certain a seven-team SO loop. Scheduled opening date is May 28.

Davidson To Be Test for Newcomer

Two matches, one featuring a newcomer to southern Oregon wrestling circles, have been added to next Saturday night's weekly wrestling card at Merzick's arena.

The newcomer is Cowboy Wes Knapp, a rangy scientific performer from Tacoma. He goes



BUCK DAVIDSON To Test Newcomer

against veteran Harold "Buck" Davidson, Klamath Falls, in the opening attraction of the three-py card.

Logger Porter, who made a big hit in his inaugural scrap here last week, will get the big test in the middle go-round when he takes on Johnny "Cyclone" Cobb. Both matches are down for 30 minutes or two out of three falls.

The main event will be no-time-limit, a rematch of the mixed tag donnybrook of last week between Champ Thomas and Bonnie Bartlett against Yoggi Hussane and Gerry Hunter.

Promoter Mack Lillard said he has signed Lord Carleton, famed bonobender who has been seen many times in this area on television wrestling programs, to appear here in the near future. He said the Porter-Cobb match may determine who will be Carleton's foe.

Tickets are on sale at the Rogue restaurant, 42 South Central ave., and the first bout is set to start at 8:30 p.m.

Salem Wins 7-6; Wenatchee Tops Emeralds 4-3

"Ninth-inning lightning" hit two Northwest league baseball parks last night and came close to wrecking a third game in a night of one-run victories.

Salem edged Lewiston 7-6, Wenatchee scraped by Eugene 4-3, and Tri-City came through 3-2 over Yakima.

Salem rallied for four runs in the ninth to nip Lewiston. Bill Fraley's pinch-hit single with the bases loaded sent across the final two runs. Floyd Robinson of Salem homered in the third with one aboard.

Wenatchee's Lloyd Jenney singled to right with two out in the ninth to drive in the run that gave the Chiefs their victory over Eugene. Jim Moore's double in the same frame with Ralph Buckingham aboard had tied it 3-3 after the Emeralds tallied three times in the third.

Yakima had the bases loaded in the ninth but Ralph Burns, Tri-City's long right-hander, whiffed Allan Maul to gain his second victory of the year.

Oakland Acquires Black On Option from Tigers

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — William Black, 22-year-old right handed pitcher, has been acquired by the Oakland A's on option from the Detroit Tigers of the American League.

Black had a record of 12-8 with San Antonio of the Texas League in 1952 before going into the service for the next two seasons, where he won 30 and lost one.

VIKING TOP PILOT
 Portland — (U.P.) — Portland State downed Portland university 4-3 in the first game of a twin bill yesterday. The two teams played to a 4-4 tie in the second game, shortened to five innings by rain.

In the final exertion to get the loop into Roseburg, Zurcher and Bud Kelsey attempted a season ticket drive with the idea that sale of 300 to 500 would be sufficient to get the club started. However, they found interest lacking at this late date and sold only about 100, Askwith was informed.

SEASON APPROACHES

Semi-pro baseball season here is close at hand. Medford's Studs have a non-league mix with the Grants Pass Elks at the fairgrounds here on Saturday night, May 21, and go to Grants Pass on May 22 for opening contests. That means some practice is going to have to be packed within a few weeks and a club is going to have to be whipped together shortly. Neither Medford nor other clubs of the circuit will be at full strength until after colleges are out in June.

TICKET CAMPAIGN

The Grants Pass baseball team of the Southern Oregon League will have a season ticket sale campaign to help finance the club's operation. An Elks club smoker on May 14 is another activity planned to aid the semi-pro club in meeting expenses. It is felt that with sponsorship by the fraternal order semi-pro ball is on more firm footing at Grants Pass than it has been for several seasons.

Like the Medford Cheney Studs, who have the backing of a private firm, the Elks propose to field a fast team of college and local players. The GP team will be managed by Mel Ingram, high school football and baseball tutor. Ingram reportedly is canvassing colleges for talent. If his semi-pro baseball production matches his prep football efforts, the Elks will be tough to beat this summer.

BLEVINS AT CB-NB

Clyde Blevins, ex-Medford Cheney Studs baseballer, who was with the Coos Bay-North Bend Lumberjacks last year, is among eight players Manager Curly Leininger has listed as returning to the "Jacks" for the 1955 season.

The independent semi-pro Lumberjacks have undertaken an ambitious schedule this year which includes the pro San Francisco Seals on August 15, five games with the Salem Senators and two with the Tri-City Braves.

CB-NB, recognized as the top semi-pro club in Oregon last year, is expected to be heavily loaded again this year with ex-professional talent. The Lumberjacks will appear in Medford against the Studs on July 27 and 28.

ADD GOLF PROGRAMS

Two high schools in Douglas county have joined preps in the state with varsity golf programs. Roseburg has already played one match and Sutherlin plans to field a team. Roseburg Country club is home course for both schools.

ALL-STAR BECKONS MORAN

Mike Moran, 8-foot 8-inch Eugene high all-state basketball center, has received one of 24 calls to play in the seventh annual North-South all-star basketball game on June 18 at Murray, Ky. He is the second Eugene player in five years to be chosen for the game and fourth to be selected from west of the Rocky mountains. Dean Parsons, now at University of Washington, was the other Eugene player making the Murray trip. He took part in the 1951 affair.

Larry Copple, Medford high's all-star this season, was among prep cagers receiving a questionnaire from the all-star game sponsors.

Williams-Savage Bout Scheduled at Seattle

Seattle — (U.P.) — Tiger Al Williams, Los Angeles, and Milo Savage, Salt Lake City, battle it out tonight in a 10-round middleweight match at the Ice Arena in a return fight.

Williams won a close split-decision March 22 when the two fought a bruising battle here. There was no decided favorite for tonight's fight.

Four other bouts are on the Olympic Boxing Club card with Ernie Davis, Seattle, meeting Tony Greco, Chicago, in a semi-final eight-round lightweight match.

Al Alexander, Portland, meets Blackie Vanderveer, Seattle, in a 6-round welterweight go and Manny Sanchez, Seattle tangles with Bobby LeSeuer, Portland, in a 6-round lightweight tussle. A four-round bout will open the card.

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Archie Takes Decision Over Big Nino Valdes

Las Vegas — (U.P.) — Light heavyweight champion Archie Moore was praised by the International Boxing Club today as a "must challenger for the heavyweights crown in September because of his impressive 15-round victory over big Nino Valdes of Cuba here Monday night.

But Valdes' manager, Bobby Gleason, charged a "double cross" by the IBC and a wrong decision by referee Jim Braddock.

"They used this fight to get Nino out of the heavyweight picture," he declared angrily.

Promoter Jack Kearns claimed the IBC had no connection with the Moore-Valdes brawl, staged at twilight before 10,800 fans in Cushman field. However, Truman Gibson of Chicago, executive secretary of the IBC, was at the ringside.

Impressive Showing
 Gibson said after the bout, "Moore's showing tonight was so impressive that the heavyweight champion must defend against him possibly at New York in September."

Weill Won't Talk Fight With Moore

Calistoga, Calif. — (U.P.) — Al Weill, manager of Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano, believes that was "quite a win" that Lighthweight Champion Archie Moore scored over Nino Valdes in Las Vegas to discuss a possible heavyweight championship shot for the aging Moore.

"We got one fight coming up against Don Cockell in San Francisco May 16 and when that's over we'll take this up," Weill said. "We're taking 'em one at a time."

Asked what last night's win had done for Moore's stature as a challenger, Weill said:

"He's a challenger, just like Valdez who was ranked as the No. 1 heavyweight challenger, but right now we got another fight on our hands."

Meanwhile at nearby San Rafael, the manager of British heavyweight challenger Cockell said he would seek a special meeting with the California Athletic commission to discuss possible "fouling tactics" on the part of Marciano.

"Fighters like Joe Louis, Ezzard Charles, Jersey Joe Walcott and Roland La Starza all have complained about Marciano's foul tactics and I don't want them used against my boy in the May 16 fight," John Simpson said. "If Marciano does any fouling I want him disqualified."

Willie Ritchie, chief boxing inspector for Northern California, said the Cockell group could have the meeting anytime they asked for it.

Gonsalves Schedules Bout With Amador
 Richmond, Calif. — (U.P.) — Johnny Gonsalves, sixth-ranking lightweight contender, meets veteran Alex Amador tonight in a 10-round bout at the auditorium.

Amador came out of retirement last fall and has won all four fights since putting the gloves back on. This is his third bout with Gonsalves who out-pointed him twice in 1949.

Gonsalves, former national AAU champion, is heading into his 50th professional fight with a record of 37 wins, nine losses and three draws.

Seals Sell Zabala To Oakland Acorns
 San Francisco — (U.P.) — The San Francisco Seals today sold left-handed relief pitcher Adrian Zabala to the Oakland Oaks outright for an undisclosed sum.

The Cuban hurler, who formerly pitched for the New York Giants, had an 11-8 record with the Pacific Coast league club last season and has 0-2 this season after working 14 innings.

Archie Takes Decision Over Big Nino Valdes

Mustachioed Archie had won a 10-round decision over Valdes in their previous bout at St. Louis two years ago, but Nino was supposed to have improved much since then, whereas Moore was believed by many experts to have started down the toboggan.

Braddock, former heavyweight champion and sole judge of the bout, favored Moore on a round basis, 8-5-2. The United Press had Archie ahead, 8-6-1.

To the spectators Moore seemed fast against the somewhat awkward, 6-foot-3 Cuban, but Archie was dissatisfied with his own speed. He said, "I weighed too much to be fast." He scaled 196½ pounds, the heaviest of his career. Valdes registered at 209½.

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