

Freese Makes Bonehead Play As Pirates Lose To Phillies

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	29	10	.744	—
Chicago	24	17	.585	6
New York	22	19	.537	8
Milwaukee	19	21	.475	10 1/2
Cincinnati	18	20	.475	10 1/2
St. Louis	17	20	.459	11
Philadelphia	16	23	.410	13
Pittsburgh	12	27	.308	17

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
New York	28	12	.700	—
Cleveland	23	15	.605	4
Chicago	22	17	.564	5 1/2
Detroit	22	17	.564	5 1/2
Washington	18	22	.450	10
Boston	14	25	.354	14
Kansas City	14	24	.368	13
Baltimore	13	25	.341	15 1/2

By FRED DOWN
United Press Sports Writer
 If there's one thing Rookie Gene Freese of the Pittsburgh Pirates would appreciate today, it's a pat on the back from Fred Merkle.

For 47 years after Rookie Merkle made the most famous bonehead play in baseball history, it fell to Freese's lot to duplicate it and cost the Pirates a victory yesterday. Merkle's boner — on Sept. 23, 1908 — did even more than that — it cost the New York Giants a pennant.

The situation was almost identical Saturday when Freese made his mistake — last inning, runners on first and third and two out. Ramon Mejias lashed a drive safely into center field and Tom Saffell trotted across the plate for what seemed the run which gave the Pirates a 5-4 triumph over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Butte Falls Foe Of Glendale In RV Baseball Loop

Rogue Valley Baseball League rivalry opens today with only one counting scuffle scheduled in the semi-pro circuit. Butte Falls is to play Glendale. The slate also calls for Ashland to go to Camp White but the scrape is being postponed since Ashland is not ready to open its season. Eagle Point draws a bye.

Women's Golf

First play for the Rogue Valley Country club women golfers' trophy is scheduled on Thursday, June 2. During the course of the competition women will play six rounds of 18 holes each. Their best four rounds will count toward the trophy in the medal play action.

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Other Saturday Games
 Roogie Ed Roebuck's brilliant four-inning relief performance and homers by Gil Hodges and Sandy Amoros enabled the Dodgers to gain a 5-3 victory despite a triple play by the Giants. Roebuck relieved a faltering Billy Loes in the sixth and shut out the Giants the rest of the way.

Warren Hacker's six-hit pitching plus a two-run double by Harry Chiti and a two-run homer by Ernie Banks paced the Cubs to their 12th victory in 15 games, 5-2 over Milwaukee. Ted Williams singled in his first trip to the plate but went hitless the rest of the game and the Senators scored five runs in the sixth inning for a 5-3 win over Boston. Pitcher Mickey McDermott, who won his third decision, started the rally with a homer and five more hits completed it.

Nashua Wins Preakness In Baltimore

Baltimore — (U.P.) — Nashua exploded in the stretch at Pimlico with the speed he so sorely lacked in the Kentucky Derby three weeks ago and swept on Saturday to smash the track record as he won the 79th running of the \$116,100 Preakness Stakes.

The pride and joy of Belair Stud, who just couldn't run with Swaps at Churchill Downs, had a tough battle in the second of the triple crown classics. But he proved equal to the occasion as he completed the mile and three-sixteenths race in a sparkling 1:54 3/5. His time lowered the track standard by one and one-fifth seconds.

Willamette Eliminated

Fresno, Calif. — (U.P.) — Willamette university was eliminated Friday in the NCAA District 8 at-large double elimination tournament. Fresno State college defeated the Bearcats 6 to 3 and Pepperdine trimmed the Oregon school 14 to 11.

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hits, including two homers by Johnny Groth, to pave the way for Virgil Trucks' fourth victory in the year, 16-4 over Detroit. Trucks went the route, yielding 13 hits, but was never in danger as the White Sox scored six runs in the first inning and five in the last.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
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 Kansas City . . . 100 000 000 3 9 0
 Baltimore . . . 100 000 000 3 9 0

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MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Cheney Studs, Chiefs Wind Up Series Today

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be on the hill for the first time in a Medford uniform with either Don White or Jerry Droscher chucking for the Umpqua valley aggregation.

Medford and Roseburg are longtime foes in semi-pro ball but this week end's action is the first between the two clubs in a couple of years. The two clubs were participants in the old-time Southern Oregon League and then in the Southwestern Oregon League.

Roseburg was not a member last season during the first year of the reactivated Southern Oregon circuit. But the revived Chiefs were welcomed back with open arms a few weeks ago as replacement for Brookings. With Bandon and Coquille to its west, Roseburg is situated as the hub city of the SOL.

Skipper of the Chiefs' club is Hal Zurcher, who has appeared in a Studs uniform. Neither club is at its full anticipated strength for the 1955 campaign but both have a good number of players on hand who are expected to be around through the season. Advance notices indicated that the Chiefs-Studs series would be an interesting one.

The Studs won't pause for rest after completing their stand with Roseburg. They go to Yreka, Calif., Monday for a holiday appearance. Action there will be at 1 p.m. Oregon time (2 p.m. California daylight time). Kay Kelley may get the pitching assignment for Medford tomorrow.

The Cheney gang, believing in opening the season in a rush, plays another non-league fracas with Yreka here on Wednesday night. It will be their fourth mix in five days and the third game on the home field in five.

Fastest, Rich Fastest, Richest

Indianapolis — (U.P.) — Record-holders Jack McGrath and Bill Vukovich, two speed-hungry Californians, and Jimmy Bryan and Art Cross, two other red-hot racing veterans, were tabbed Saturday as the drivers to beat in what should be the richest and fastest 500-mile Memorial Day Speedway auto race.

Railbirds figured the slender McGrath, whose best finish in seven previous races was third last year and in 1951, was about due to pocket the lion's share of a jackpot expected to hit about \$275,000.

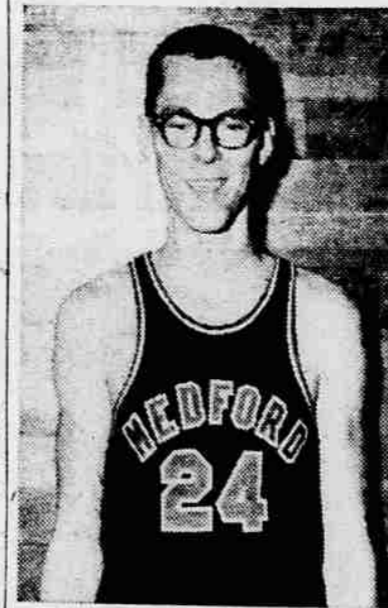
Also his own chief mechanic McGrath holds all qualifying records. He has a front-row spot for the fifth straight year. The 33 low-slung racers thunder away at 11:00 a.m. (CDT) Monday before upward of 150,000 fans.

Vukovich, the Fresno filling station operator, again was among the top favorites, mainly due to pocket the lion's share of stamina, a good car and efficient crew. He has led 436 of the last 600 laps.

Of the four, only Cross failed to qualify at a speed exceeding 140 miles an hour. But he got in the lineup just 24 hours after smacking the wall in his first qualification attempt.

Many other seasoned drivers and even a few rookies were to be reckoned with. Among them such diehards as Freddie Agabashian, Tony Bettenhausen, Sam Hanks, Bob Sweikert, one-legged Cal Niday, Pat O'Connor, and Ray Crawford and Eddie Russo, two of eight newcomers to the "500."

Crawford, wealthy winner of last year's Mexican road race, is the only owner-driver. Russo set a rookie qualifying record of better than 140 MPH.



JERRY KALAPUS Wins Singles Crown

Kalapus Wins 6-2, 6-3 For State Title

Corvallis — Medford High school's Jerry Kalapus defeated Wayne Henniger of Roseburg, 6-2, 6-3, to win the state high school tennis singles championship Saturday.

Kalapus advanced to the finals by defeating Ken Rayborne of Grand High of Portland, 6-2, 6-3, while Henniger advanced by beating Ron Gunther of North Bend, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Bob Wolf and Bill Burklan of South Salem defeated Ed Grover and Merv Montney of Cleveland of Portland for the doubles championship.

Oaks Lose In 10th; Angels Win In 12th

Oakland — (U.P.) — Harry Bright and Rufus Crawford, two Sacramento newcomers, drove in the tying and winning runs for a 10-inning 4-3 Pacific Coast League victory over Oakland today. Bud Daley went the route and shut out the Oaks on three hits in the last seven innings.

Bright, third baseman obtained from Buffalo, socked a bases-empty homer over the left field fence in the eighth inning to wipe out a 3-2 lead Karl Drews protected for Oakland since the third.

Then in the top of the 10th inning, Crawford, right fielder also from Buffalo, dropped a bloop since behind single after Nippy Jones and Tom Glaviano had singled off loser Fred Besana. Jones tallied and Daley retired the Oaks in the bottom of the inning.

The ninth inning saw the ejection of Bright and Sacramento Coach Dolph Camillio. George Metkovich had rapped a double and overslid second. The Sacs claimed George was out but

Umpire Gordon Ford ruled otherwise, touching off the rhubarb.

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Pinch hitter Vern Morgan singled in the winning run today as Los Angeles snapped league-leading San Diego's 15-game winning streak with a 4-3 victory in 12-innings.

Morgan's single in the bottom of the 12th, which knocked in Ed Winceniak, also gave the Angels their first win against the Padres in the series, which now stands at 5-1. Angel hurler Don Elston, who finished, was the winner while Eddie Erault suffered the loss.

San Diego loaded the bases in both the sixth and 12th stanzas and had a man on third with only one away in the 10th, but could not score in those inings.

Bill Jarrett Named Coach at Nyssa High

Nyssa, Ore. — (U.P.) — Bill Jarrett, Boise, has been named basketball coach at Nyssa High school replacing Harry McGinley, who recently moved to head football coach.

Jarrett, 27, a graduate of Central College of Education in Washington, has been instructing basketball and baseball at West junior high school at Boise.

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