

Sam Hanks Ends Indianapolis Racing Career With Record-Breaking Victory

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Indianapolis, Ind.—Smiling Sam Hanks, who almost gave up last year when he finished second, "thanked God and his prayers" today for giving the Indianapolis Memorial Day 500-mile automobile race "a final try."

For on that final try, he won the race and announced definitely it would be his last.

"I came awfully close to calling it quits last year when I finished second," Hanks, a 6-foot, 160-pounder, said. "I figured that if I couldn't do it in 11 tries, why try again. Then I decided to try it once more—and win or lose this was going to be it. And now that I've won, this is it. I've had it."

That "it" came in his 12th try for this biggest prize in America's automobile racing history. When he lost out last year by 20.47 seconds to Pat Flaherty he thought that "as close as I'll ever come." But he gave it that one more try and this time he won out by 17.35 seconds.

Second Closest Finish
It was the second closest finish in the history of the 41-year-old race. That 20.47 seconds he had finished behind Flaherty last year had been the second closest. The closest was the .0216 seconds by which Wilbur Shaw beat Ralph Hepburn back in 1937.

By winning the race, Hanks picked up the first place jackpot

of \$20,000. And by leading in most of the 200 laps he picked up another \$21,150—at \$150 a lap. That made his total \$41,150 and when endorsements and all the other financial rewards go to the winner come in, he should be well over the \$100,000 mark.

As for speed, Hanks raced the 2½ mile brick oval track, with a holiday crowd of about 125,000

Harold Ridgeley Goes Into British Finals

Formby, England.—Harold Ridgeley, United States Air Force sergeant from Haverford, Pa., reached the final round of the British Amateur Golf Tournament today by trouncing Arthur Walker of South Africa, 13 and 12, in one of the most one-sided matches in tournament history.

In Saturday's 36-hole final, Ridgeley will meet Scottish champion Reid Jack, who won today's other semi-final, 3 and 2, over Alan Bussell of Scotland.

looking on, in the record speed of 135.601 miles an hour. The old record was 130.840 set by the late Bill Vukovich in 1954. As a matter of fact, all of the first 10 finishers in Thursday's race passed that speed.

Jim Rathmann of Miami, Fla., was second; Jimmy Bryan of Phoenix, Ariz., third; Paul Russo of Gardena, Calif., fourth; Jim-

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after the morning 18 holes and then closed out the match by winning four of the six holes on the afternoon round.

He is the first Yank to reach the final since Joe Conrad, San Antonio, Tex., won the British amateur crown in 1955.

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Protests Filed By Car Owners

Indianapolis, Ind.—Four owners of cars in the 500-mile race filed official protests today that their speedsters finished higher in the standings than the official standings listed them.

Protest fees of \$25 were filed by Len Elkins, Bob Estes, Al Dean and Lou Welch.

Elkins contended his car, driven by Andy Linden, finished sixth instead of fifth. Estes claimed his car, driven by Bob Weith, finished seventh instead of sixth. Dean said the car driven by Jimmy Bryan finished second, not third. Welch said Paul Russo finished ahead of Jimmy Brown in one of the 200 laps.

The protests will necessitate rechecking the official timing tape, but seldom is an error found which changes the standings.

Larson Plays Tennis Again

Sacramento, Calif.—Bill Larson, Cal., seriously injured last year when he was thrown from his motorcycle, made his return to tournament tennis Thursday by winning a match.

Larson teamed up with Merrill Elms to win a first round doubles match with Bob Walt and John Griffith in the Sutter Lawn Tennis Club tournament, 6-3, 6-4.

Boxer Undergoes Brain Operation

Sheffield, England.—Bantamweight boxer Jackie Tiller, although still unconscious, has shown slight improvement since undergoing a delicate brain operation Wednesday at the Royal Infirmary. The 22-year-old fighter collapsed in his dressing room after suffering a technical knock-out in a bout at Doncaster Tuesday night.

Horse Parks Outdraw Pro Baseball Fields

The major horse parks outdrew the big league baseball parks by a wide margin on Memorial Day.

A grand total of 237,023 fans packed their way into eight big league ball parks Thursday, while 282,204 racegoers turned out at six major thoroughbred tracks.



COLLECTS TROPHY AND KISS—Crock Hunter collects a kiss from trophy girl Wanda Oetkin of Phoenix for winning the A trophy dash last week in the opening hardtop auto races at Valley View track near Ashland. Hunter was the 1956 points champion. Races are scheduled again this Saturday with time trials at 7 p. m., first chase at 8 p. m. —(Birchfield photo)

VALLEY VIEW SCHEDULES HARDTOPS ON SATURDAY; FIRST RACE AT 8 P.M.

Cars from Roseburg, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass and from Yreka and Redding, Calif., are expected for the second hardtop racing program of the season Saturday evening at Valley View track near Ashland.

Just about the usual number of cars from the Medford and Ashland area are expected on the track.

A standard program of auto chases again is planned. Time trials will be at 7 p. m. First race is slated for 8 p. m. There will be three or four heat races, A and B trophy dashes and a main event and semi-main.

A number of the Valley View speedway drivers contended yesterday in races at Klamath Falls. Elmer Sisemore drove M-43 to victory in the trophy dash and Don Hooper won the first heat in M-77.

The Lemley's Wayne and Doyle had the engines of their cars blow up. It's not known whether they'll be in operation by Saturday night.

Crock Hunter, the 1956 Valley View champ, rolled his car four times but was unharmed in the Klamath Falls action.

Another good night for racing is foreseen and it appears that the season is in full swing after a couple of discouraging delays because of bad weather.

A Klamath driver, Bud Cook, took the main last week end while Ray Asher drove to triumph in the semi.

Softballers Set Meeting

A meeting of the Jackson County Softball association will be held at 8:30 p. m. at the YMCA on Tuesday, June 3.

All team captains are instructed to be present with their entry fees. There are 11 clubs in the circuit this season.

It is planned to play games on Monday and Thursday evenings at Ricker field at the Veterans Administration domiciliary, Camp White, with two games each night. Sunday doubleheaders will be contested in the afternoon at Hawthorne park in Medford.

Rogue Valley Girls Win

Camp White — Rogue Valley girls' softball team trounced Butte Falls 27 to 1 last night at the Veterans Administration's new Ricker field here.

The Rogue crew got 10 of its runs in the first inning. Butte Falls was held to two hits. Pat Barron pitched three innings for Rogue Valley and Doris Hickson and Bernice Bigham each two.

All 17 members of the Rogue Valley squad got to play.

Harold Johnson Favored in Bout

New York — Heavyweight contender Harold Johnson is favored at 9-5 to beat light heavyweight aspirant Clarence Hinnant tonight at St. Nicholas arena for his third victory on the comeback trail.

Standings

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Vancouver	30	17	.638
San Francisco	30	19	.612
Hollywood	28	21	.571
Los Angeles	24	22	.522
San Diego	5	25	.167
Seattle	17	27	.385
Portland	17	26	.395
Sacramento	12	33	.267

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	25	11	.694
New York	23	15	.605
Cleveland	22	16	.579
Detroit	21	19	.525
Boston	21	20	.512
Kansas City	17	23	.425
Baltimore	14	24	.368
Washington	14	29	.326

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Cincinnati	25	14	.650
Brooklyn	23	14	.622
Milwaukee	22	15	.595
Philadelphia	22	16	.579
St. Louis	18	19	.486
New York	17	21	.447
Pittsburgh	12	24	.333
Cincinnati	11	26	.297

Holmes Has No-Hitter in A-2 Scuffle

Garry Holmes of Seaside pitched a no-hit game to move his team into the class A-2 baseball finals Thursday, while Gaston won a spot in the class B championship playoff.

Holmes struck out 16 batters from Central high of Monmouth. Independence as Seaside scored a 6-0 victory at Monmouth. In addition, Holmes smacked a fourth inning home run.

Gaston took a 5-1 victory over Lowell.

Seaside meets the winner of today's Glide-Burns in the second game of next Saturday's triple-header playoff in Mulnomah stadium. Gaston will meet with Cordon or Adrian for the class B crown.

In the A-1 division, Franklin and Eugene clashed this afternoon in Portland for one final berth, while Tigard plays host to Grant of Portland Saturday for the other.

Emeralds Profit At Solon Expense

Only Eugene's Emeralds were able to profit by Memorial Day double-headers in the Northwest league as the Emeralds posted 6-4 and 4-1 decisions over Salem.

Lewiston took Yakima 7-6 in one game but the league leaders came back with a 11-4 triumph in the nightcap. Tri-City dropped Wenatchee 13-8 in the opener but the chiefs surged back with a 5-0 decision in the second game.

Jerry Jacobs spaced six hits in notching the victory in the Eugene-Salem opener. Ollie Brantley did even better in winning the second as he allowed but five hits.

Holiday Sweepstakes Held at Country Club

Wendell Wissler with a 68 net and Harry Millette with a 71 gross took honors among low handicappers yesterday in golf sweepstakes at Rogue Valley Country Club.

Ward Hammond and A. C. Broyles with 69 nets and Harry Barker with 86 gross won among high handicappers.

Taking blink bogey prizes were Gain Robinson, Glen Fabrick, Al Dumas, Bob Hinman, H. E. Nulton and Roland Hubbard.

Timber Carnival Being Prepared at Albany

Albany — Transformation of Waverly Park here into a logging camp will begin Sunday to prepare for Albany's 13th annual Timber Carnival early in July.

One-hundred-foot spar poles and huge logs for chopping, bucking and birling contests will be trucked to the park in late June. Some 100,000 persons normally turn out to see the competition for the July 2-3-4 contests.

Retains Title

Rome, Italy — Emilio Marconi of Italy retained his European welterweight championship Thursday night by holding Challenger Peter Waterman of England to a draw in his 15-round bout before 9,500 fans at the Forco Italico Stadium. Each weighed 146½ pounds.

Ernie Koch Wins

Portland — Ernie Koch of Vancouver, Wash., starting in 13th position, won the 50-lap main event Little Indianapolis race at the Portland speedway Thursday.

Saturday and Sunday rate the highest in traffic accidents.

SF Seals Gain Ground In Coast Loop Chase

By DON THACKREY
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The San Francisco Seals were the only team in the Pacific Coast league to get any holiday celebrating done in relation to the parade to the loop pennant.

The Seals won both ends of a doubleheader and moved forward on Vancouver as the Canadian club played only a single game. The other teams split win bills and all fell further behind the leading Mounties.

San Francisco rapped Sacramento 9-0 and 4-2 while Vancouver was blanking Hollywood 6-1. San Diego and Los Angeles split with the Angels taking the opener 3-1 and the Pads the second one 2-0. Portland beat Seattle in a spectacular 12-inning opener 6-4 but Seattle won the short game 3-1.

Dorish Pitches Shutout
Veteran Harry Dorish pitched his fourth shutout of the season in the first game for San Francisco and three Seals homered—the first time that had happened all year. Homers were knocked out by Frank Kellert, Jack Phillips and Bill Renna.

Dorish gave up nine hits, four in the third inning, but got home with his shutout.

In the second one Harry Malmberg drove home the tie-breaking run to give Bert Thiel the victory in relief.

California Raps Oregonians For PCC Baseball Diadem

Berkeley, Calif.—The University of California Bears were a step closer today to the NCAA baseball tournament as a result of their twin victories over the University of Oregon.

The Bears won the Pacific Coast Conference baseball championship Thursday by setting down the Ducks, 8-1 and 4-2, in a doubleheader here.

The victors will meet the winner of the Portland University-Pepperdine series, which began today, for the right to represent District Eight in the NCAA tournament in Omaha June 8-13.

California's Doug Weiss held Oregon to five hits in the opener Thursday while collecting three himself, one of them a triple in the second.

Earl Robinson and Warrant Lavorell drove in a pair of runs each in the Bears' 14-hit attack. Stan Dmochowski started for Oregon and was nicked for all eight runs in the seven innings he pitched.

California had to come from behind twice in the nightcap. Each team scored single runs in the second and third innings before California cinched the victory with a two-run rally in the sixth.

Lavorell paced the Bears' attack with three singles. He drove in two runs and scored another himself.

Cal's George Sterling held the visitors to six hits and retired 11 batters in a row at one stretch.

Ron Whittaker starter for Oregon, but gave way to Rollie Heath who in turn was relieved by Don Lane.

Wiffi Smith Golf Leader

Virginia Beach, Va.—Young Wiffi Smith of Orange, Tex., held a 16-point lead over her nearest rival today going into the third round of the 90-hole Triangle Round Robin golf tournament.

Miss Smith fired a one-under-par 70 Thursday and picked up 26 points from other members of her foursome to finish the round with 37 points and a total score of 142.

Betty Jamesson of San Antonio, Tex., remained in second place although she added only two points to her first-round 19.

OSC Honors Syl Johnson

Corvallis — Syl Johnson, ace pitcher on the Oregon State baseball squad, has received the Victor Brown trophy as the outstanding player on the Beaver team during the 1957 season.

Johnson, a senior, also won the Bill Cloyes watch as the team's best pitcher.

Shortstop Twink Pederson was elected captain of next year's Beaver squad.

Coos Bay Fishing Outlook Reported

Reports on the fishing outlook in the Coos bay area have been received from William Harless Sport shop at Empire.

He said that chinook salmon have been caught over the bar this week at an average one to a boat and that "very good" salmon fishing is foreseen for June. Harless also said, "The shad are very thick up Coos river here. And they are catching them."

BOWLING

Medford Bowling association will hold its annual banquet for men's leagues at the Ashland Elks lodge on Monday, June 3. A social hour is set for 7 p. m. with the dinner at 8 p. m. Trophies and other awards will be presented.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

Mail Tribune won title playoffs in the Commercial Bowling league Wednesday night by trimming Clave Construction 4,333 total pins to 3,935. Forrest Liddell had high game of 214 and Andy Anderson high series of 326.

Clave Const.	836	Spanhorst	800
Allen	798	Liddell	808
Chapman	788	Mathes	806
Clave	721	Monsey	803
Burroughs	782	Anderson	826

3,935 4,333

EVERGREEN LEAGUE

With Jim Baize bowling high game of 233 and high series of 930 to lead the way, Tru-Mix Concrete won the playoffs in the Evergreen Bowling league Wednesday night over the Medford Plaza Apartments which finished second and Hunter & Best which wound up third.

Tru Mix	Medford Plaza	685	
Snodden	714	697	
Jones	781	Armas	837
Baize	930	Gassner	703
Summings	753	Gladen	783
Bell	820	Masterson	775

4,673 4,553

Hogan Heads Palm Beach Round Robin

New Rochelle, N.Y.—(UP)—Ben Hogan, who has a new putting grip to go with his old desire for victory, took a 12-point lead into today's second and third round matches in the Palm Beach Round Robin golf tournament.

Hogan, switching to a "baseball" putting grip after sweating out three-putt greens in the Masters Tournament, fired a four-under-par 67 Thursday to take a sizeable lead in the Round Robin with plus 20 points.

Each entrant earns a plus or minus rating by matching medal scores with other members of his foursome. Hogan, who is sharpening up to bid for his fifth National Open next month, whipped Mike Fetchik, Ed Furgol and Gene Littler in the opening round.

Hogan's plus 20 put him 12 points ahead of Sam Snead and Australia's Peter Thomson, who were tied for second with plus eights.

RVCC Entrants In Second Flight In Roseburg Golf

Ed Hall, Charley Brown and Deane Lambert of Rogue Valley Country club, Medford, all qualified for the second flight yesterday in the Roseburg Amateur Golf tournament.

Hall recorded an 80 and Brown and Lambert each 81s. Gene Hebrard, Rogue Valley, had an 85 to make the fourth flight.

Woody Ball, Laurelwood, Eugene, was medalist with an even par 72. He met Al Erickson, also of Laurelwood, in his opening championship flight match today. Erickson had a 74.

Mike Lynch, Eugene, who plays under Rogue Valley colors, had a 79 and survived a sudden death play-off to gain the championship bracket.

Marvin Clark, Grants Pass, senior club champ at Rogue Valley, carded a 76 to gain the title bracket.

Jamaica's supply of aluminum ore is expected to last 50 to 60 years.

GRID COACH DIES

Newton, Mass.—Funeral services will be held Saturday for Dennis E. (Denny) Myers, 51, who guided two Boston College football teams to the Orange Bowl. Myers, a native of Algona, Iowa, and a grid star at the University of Iowa, died unexpectedly Thursday after almost completely overcoming the effects of a paralytic stroke suffered two years ago.

SIGN WITH TIGERS

Detroit — Gene Bacque, a right-handed pitcher from Southwestern Louisiana Institute, and Gregory Fleming, a second baseman from Howard University, have signed non-bonus contracts with the Detroit Tigers. Both were assigned to Durham, N.C., in the Class B Carolina league.

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