

Vancouver Blows Opportunity To Gain Ground on SF In PCL

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If anyone happens to see nine grown men angrily jumping up and down on their caps, don't call the nearest booby hatch. It's only the Vancouver Mounties working off their well earned frustrations.

It all started early Thursday night when Hugs Pepper pitched a one hitter for Hollywood to trounce Pacific Coast league-leading San Francisco 6-0. Figuring that here at least was a chance to move a game closer to the Seals, Vancouver turned on the steam and tied up their game with Seattle, 8-8 in the fifth.

And that's the way it went, for 15 tense innings, until the Rainiers' Dick Aylward singled home Morrie Willis in the bottom of the 15th to win the contest, 9-8, and keep the Mounties still three and a half games away from San Francisco.

George Bamberg, the fifth Vancouver pitcher of the evening, caught the loss. He is now 14-11. Duane Pillette 13-7 was the third Rainier to face the Mounties and won.

Neat Immortality
Pepper, a 26-year-old Mississippian, also deserves to stomp a few caps. He had a no-bitter going until the ninth when Ed Sadowski, the Seals' second base man, slammed out a single to keep Pepper from adding his name to the immortals of PCL history.

Pepper walked only one man and struck out one other while his team collected 16 hits off a helpless San Francisco. He also added to his own cause with three hits which accounted for one of the Stars' RBIs. Paul Pettit hit his 17th homer of the year for the last run of the game after the Stars had collected one each in the first, second, third, sixth and seventh frames.

In other games, Sacramento doused San Diego, 1-0, while Portland came from behind to dump Los Angeles, 5-4.

The Beavers, trailing by two runs going into the seventh, hopped on Angel starter Babe Birrer for three hits, two walks and a sacrifice fly. One of the hits, a single by K. C. Wise, accounted for two of the Portland runs. Dick Fielder added a little color to his pallid pitching record and is now 4-14. George Anderson helped put the Angels into their early lead with a two run homer in the second.

Johnny Saxton Choice Tonight

Washington — Ex-welterweight champion Johnny Saxton, starting a comeback, is favored at 11-5 to beat left-upper-cutter Joe Miceli tonight for the third time at the new Capitol Arena.

Their 10-rounder will be televised and broadcast nationally. It's Saxton's first start since Feb. 22, when his attempt to recapture the 147-pound crown resulted in a second-round knockout by champion Carmen Basilio at Cleveland.

New Yorker Johnny appeared "washed up" in February. He was staggered four times in the first round and dropped for the full count by a left hook in the second.

Because of the February kayo and his inactivity since then, Saxton no longer is ranked among the top 10 contenders. And Miceli of Brooklyn—an in-and-out—hasn't been up there for a long time.

Saxton, 27, is favored over Miceli, 28, because he outpointed the left-upper-cut specialist in their two previous bouts, April 21, 1950 and May 27, 1953.

Park Light Driving Declared Unlawful

Salem — Oregon drivers should think twice before turning on their parking lights while driving, the Department of Motor Vehicles has reminded.

A new law, which took effect Aug. 20, makes it illegal to drive with parking lights at any time when headlights should be used.

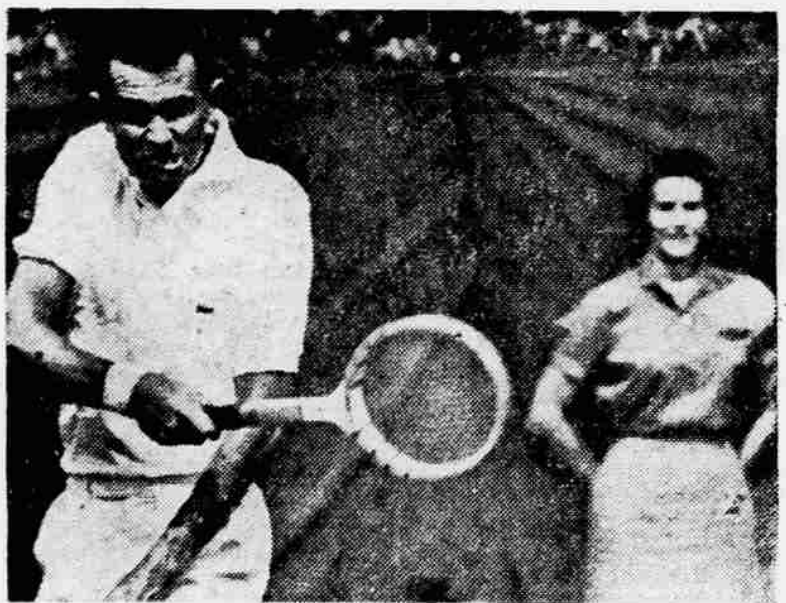
Motor Vehicle Director James F. Johnson said headlights must be used from a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise and at any other time when vehicles and persons are not easy to see at a distance of at least 500 feet ahead.

Johnson added that driving with only parking lights in fog or early evening hours had been a contributing factor in a number of fatal accidents.

KNICKS SIGN SPARROW
New York — Guy Sparrow, a six-six forward who set 18 records at the University of Detroit, has signed his first professional contract with the New York Knickerbockers of the National Basketball Assn. Sparrow was drafted by the Knicks in 1955 but spent the past two years in the Army.

When the Japanese took over the port of Darien in 1905, they built piers longer and larger than any existing in New York city up to that time.

SPORTS



TAKE THAT, PRIVATE THOMPSON—With a determined snarl, Army tennis star Clifton Mayne of Fort Monmouth, N. J., smashes the ball viciously back to his opponent, Don Thompson of Fort Dix, N. J., in their fourth round match of national championships at Forest Hills, N. Y. Lt. Mayne pulled rank (and form) on Pvt. Thompson, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4, to gain a berth in the quarter-finals.

16 Lettermen Among Prep Gridiron Candidates Here

A total of 16 lettermen are among the 75 candidates seeking berths on the 1957 edition of the Medford High school football team, Coach Fred Spiegelberg reported today.

The nucleus of lettermen includes 10 linemen, five backs and one back being shifted to a line position.

Lineman monogram wearers out are Frank Albert, 205-pound senior tackle; Dennis Barr, 175, junior center; Jim Funston, 202, senior center; Tom Hamlin, 170, senior end; Tom Meriton, 180, senior guard; Tom Morris, 185, senior tackle; Dick Sorenson, 210, senior tackle; Rodney Bacon, 180, senior guard; and Dick and Jim Corum, 170 and 165 senior guards.

The lettermen backs are Tony Brauner, quarterback; Fred Funston, 170, junior fullback; Bob Gee, 165, senior fullback; and Ron Reich, 140, junior halfback and John Jones, 145, senior halfback.

Mike Russell is the letterman back who has been switched to an end.

On the squad also bidding for spots are three transfers, Dave Rees, 145 pound senior halfback from Mt. Shasta, Calif., and twin brother sophomores, Lowell Dean, 175-pound end and Cal Dean, 155 pound back.

Rounding out the large crew of aspirants are a number of candidates up from the junior varsity and from Hedrick and McLoughlin Junior High schools.

Spiegelberg said that the 1957 version of the Tornado will have fair size in the line but will be light in the backfield. Brauner and Jim Clark, quarterback up from the jayvees, may be main passers but other prospects are Jones, Jerry Lyons, up from the JV, and Skip Bennett, sophomore. All are halfbacks. Kicking candidates are Brauner, Hamlin, Merton and Mike Murray. A fullback last year for the jayvees, Murray has been moved to tackle where he is looking good. The junior scales about 210 pounds.

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Francis Pleases Coach Prothro

Corvallis, Ore. — Oregon State football Coach Tommy Prothro ran his 1956 PCC champions through a full scrimmage Thursday and said he was "mighty pleased" with the running of tailback Joe Francis and wingback Earnel Durden.

"Those boys are running in mid-season form," Prothro said. The ends and tackles went through a rugged workout with emphasis on tackling.

Cherry, Banks Contend In Second Chance Golf

Cave Junction (Special)—Bob Cherry and Curly Banks, top men in the second chance for second place matches in the Lions Club golf tournament will contend at Rancho Park Golf Course.

Cherry defeated Don Rosenberg 4 and 2 and Banks took Pat Whiteley 4 and 2 in matches played last week.

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