

Silky Draws Crowd At Churchill Downs

By JOHN G. DIETRICH
Louisville, Ky. — There was Jimmy Jones standing on the back side at Churchill Downs, gawking like a tourist at a big, red Irishman of a colt named Silky Sullivan.

Jimmy had just arrived at the Downs with Calumet's derby favorite, Tim Tam. In many years such an occasion would have gathered the crowd around the Calumet barn.

But there they were, and Jimmy too, watching Silky Sullivan. Because this Sullivan character is no ordinary horse. Sometimes it's hard to tell if he is a horse at all, be-

cause he acts more like a pet cocker spaniel, and his entourage treats him like the heir to the throne, which, horse-wise, he may be.

Wins In Stretches
Silky has raced into the hearts of the American public like no other horse since Man O'War, mostly because in several California races he came from unbelievably far behind — 41 lengths in one race — to win or almost win.

Aside from his peculiar racing habits — which, incidentally, he shows signs of outgrowing — Silky is a personality kid — a "ham" at heart. In spite of his great size—he measures 16 hands and three inches and weighs more than 1,200 pounds — Silky loves people and people love him, instinctively.

Portly Reggie Cornell, who trains Silky for co-owners Tom Ross and Phil Klipstein of San Francisco, handles him accordingly. Silky doesn't work out early in the morning, like the common herd of race horses. He sleeps late and does his training about 11 a.m., when all the others have left the track.

Likes Kentucky
"He's doing fine... seems to like it here in Kentucky," Cornell said. "He was a little 'windy' when we got here, but he's looking better every day."

Silky is a big horse and has a big appetite. He puts away about 30 quarts of feed — oats, bran, mash, carrots and such — a day, plus 40 pounds of hay. Between meals he likes an occasional dip of honey or other sweets. A Louisville lady brought him a basket of California oranges the other day, and he loved every one of them.

Cornell spends considerable time reading Silky's mail. Every delivery brings a batch of letters and post cards from all parts of the country. Many are from children who want his picture.

Gil Hodges Hits 300th

Los Angeles — First baseman Gil Hodges of the Los Angeles Dodgers became the 15th member of baseball's all-time 300-homer club Wednesday night when he hit his second of this season against the Chicago Cubs.

One more homer will put Hodges ahead of the late Chuck Klein and 14th on the list and he'll tie Roger Hornsby's career total of 302 with only two more.

Ted Williams, Stan Musial and Duke Snider are the only active players who have hit more homers than Hodges. The all-time list is topped, of course, by Babe Ruth's 714.

Two Wildlife Leaflets Now Can Be Obtained

Portland—Two new wildlife leaflets, Mule Deer and Black Bear, are now available for distribution, the Oregon game commission announced today.

Prepared by the information and education division, the single page leaflets are designed primarily for school children of the intermediate grades but are also a worthwhile addition to the library of any person interested in Oregon's wildlife.

On one side of the leaflet a general description of the animal is given including its habits and a brief summary on management. The reverse side includes a life history pictograph showing the animal in its native habitat and the key identifying features.

This makes a total of six wildlife series leaflets now available. Others in the series include the Beaver, Pronghorn Antelope, Rainbow Steelhead Trout, and Cougar.

Interested persons may obtain the leaflets free of charge by writing to the game commission, 1634 S.W. Alder in Portland.

Duck Huntsman Hold Session

San Francisco — Representatives of more than 30,000 duck hunters met today for the start of the 21st annual meeting of Ducks Unlimited Inc.

The organization is devoted to increasing the duck population of North America.

The executive committee was expected to approve a 1958-59 budget of about \$525,000. The money, donated by members of the organization in every state of the union, goes to Ducks Unlimited of Canada, Inc., where it is used to promote breeding of the birds in three Canadian provinces.

Fish, Willow, Squaw Lakes Open for Trout Angling on Saturday; Streams Closed

Trout fishing season at Emigrant reservoir southeast of Ashland will not open until May 24, the state police pointed out this morning. Spiny ray or warm water fish may be taken from the lake the year around but not trout. Police and game commission officials have been plagued with calls concerning the status of the reservoir.

Grants Pass — The game commission reminded Southern Oregon fishermen today that the opening of trout season this Saturday, April 26, applies only to lakes in the coastal sections of Oregon and in a limited number of Cascade lakes. Streams will remain closed to trout angling until May 24.

Lakes to open Saturday in the Rogue watershed include Fish lake, Willow Creek res-

ervoir and Squaw lakes. All tributaries to these lakes and reservoirs will remain closed.

Routes to Fish lake are the Butte Falls road or by way of Dead Indian and Deadwood. The McAllister road also is open. It is solid and rough only in a few places, the Fish lake resort management said. The usual good opening week end catches of rainbow are expected. The trash fish which are becoming abundant rarely affect early season angling. Fish lake resort is open, but all cabins and boats are reserved. Boat rental will probably be available after 10 a.m. No charges are to be made in the west campground this year.

There is no ice on Fish lake. The best route to Fish lake will be the Butte Falls road or by way of Dead Indian and Deadwood. The McAllister road is rough. The usual good opening week end catches of

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The most popular body of water will be Willow Creek reservoir. Fishing is expected to be as good as the opening day in 1957. Large numbers of shore anglers and boat fishermen will participate in this week end fishery. All resort boats are reserved for the week end, but rentals may be available about noon. The road is in good condition above Butte Falls after work by a county crew.

Road to Squaw Lakes is being improved this week. Unusually heavy plants of rainbow were made in these lakes last year. Fishing is expected to be fair in the lower lake and good in the upper lake. Lake of Woods in the Klamath drainage will open this Saturday, too. The road out of Klamath Falls will be the only route open. Snow plows are opening it this week. The resort, store and all cabin and boat facilities will be available.

The reservoirs in the North Umpqua area, namely, Lem-Springs and Soda Springs and old Tokatee. Fish creek, Stump lake and Soda Springs reservoirs, will be open. Ice has left these waters. The Copco road to the west end of Lemolo reservoir and to the dam is clear and available to open week end anglers. Roads to the other reservoirs are not expected to present any trouble. Excellent catches of trout are expected.

Cavemen Take Net Encounter

Ashland—Grants Pass high schoolers took a 6 to 1 victory in a tennis match yesterday. Jerry Joy won in singles for the lone Grizzly victory.

expected to be good in smaller tributaries; poor angling expected in larger streams such as Deep creek, Chewaucan river, middle fork of Malheur, north fork of Malheur, Silvies, Silver creek, Blitzen river and Emigrant creek; melting snow causing streams to be high and muddy; angling in lakes and reservoirs expected to be good.

Malheur reservoir should produce many catches large rainbow; Beulah reservoir has been slow; Warm Springs reservoir excellent with many nice rainbow limits taken; higher lakes in lake and Harney country will be snowbound.

Added Bird Shoot Won By Skeeters

Medford Gun club will have 16-yard and skeet practice on Sunday with traps to open about 10 a.m.

The handicap event will be fired, if shooters wish. Charles Skeeters won the 16-yard added bird handicap on Sunday. He and Ed Henselman each had 52 points and Skeeters won the shoot-off 25 to 24.

Percy Bearden and Bert Peck followed with 51s. The two each broke 23 of 25 in the shoot-off and Peck picked up the prize by toss of the coin. Lois Hunt and L. K. Byrd tied for third high with 50 counts. Byrd won the extra 24 to 19.

Perfect 75
Jack Porter, Floyd Young, Ray Coleman and Earl Hval were next with 49s. Coleman and Young were knotted after a shoot-off, breaking 23 each, and Coleman was victor in the toss.

The club turned in a perfect 75 in the Oregon Journal Telegraphic trapshoot. Coleman, Skeeters, Charles Bendell, George Jantzer, Martin Clogston and Jim Horn each had 25s but only three scores could be applied.

Seventy-three persons attended the dinner-dance last Monday which climaxed the club's spring league tournament. Trophies went to members of the winning team, Coleman's Nail Drivers, and to Paul Culbertson for individual high score.

Pacific Beats SOC In Tennis

Forest Grove—Pacific University defeated Southern Oregon 5-2 in a tennis match Wednesday.

NEEDS 29 HITS
San Francisco — Stan Musial, the St. Louis Cardinals' star who is batting a cool .467 with 14 hits in 30 at bats thus far this season, needs only 29 more hits to reach the 3,000 hit circle.

Larry Maurer Sets Red Raider Hitting; D'Olive Tops Hurling

Ashland — With 12 games behind the Red Raiders Larry Maurer leads the Southern Oregon college batting averages with a nifty .429. He has 14 runs batted, two triples and one home run.

Leroy Kink leads the home run department with two and shares the RBI lead with Maurer at 14.

As a team the Red Raiders are hitting a respectable .303.

STATISTICS:
Kimura, Al 9 4 444
Maurer, Larry 42 18 429
Dietz, Jim 35 12 343
Jones, Willie 38 13 342
D'Olive, Dave 15 5 333
Brown, Jack 38 12 316
King, Leroy 39 13 308
Nevel, Chuck 19 6 316
Weinhold, Ray 4 1 250
McLemore, Kermit 10 3 300
Sword, Phil 35 9 257
Francis, Eldon 11 1 091
Maurer, Ron 30 6 200
Thoreson, Gordie 16 3 188
Walters, Dale 11 0 000
Eggers, Jim 2 0 000
Team total 350 106 303

SO Conference Nines Vie Friday, Saturday

Medford high plays Ashland and Crater opposes Klamath Falls on Friday in Southern Oregon conference baseball competition.

The posted schedule lists Medford for a jaunt to Ashland. There was an indication last night that the rivalry might be shifted to Medford because of condition of the Ashland diamond. However, no confirmation was received this morning. Crater goes to Klamath. Doubleheaders are on tap with the first game to count in league standings.

Medford entertains Klamath Falls in a Saturday twin-bill while Ashland journeys to Grants Pass. First games again will be counters. Crater has non-league action at Yreka, Calif.

John Kovenz, coach of the Medford Tornado, said last night that he wasn't yet certain of the order in which he would call on pitchers for the four weekend engagements. He said that starting assignments were uncertain for left and right fields.

Brown Out
Larry Brown, pitcher and infielder, who played third base in the loop fray with Crater, has been absent from school this week. If he is not on hand for the Ashland and Klamath scrambles, Ken Durkee likely will be at the hot corner.

Otherwise the Medford lineup will be the same as usual. Pete Stemple may pitch the conference game for Ashland against Medford, Coach Snuffy Smith reported. He aims to use Alan McKinnis and Bob Johnson against Grants Pass on Saturday. Either one of the two, nevertheless, could be called upon against Medford, if necessary.

Crater skipper Bill Piche will have Bob Fowler on the hill for the league scrap with Klamath's Pelicans. He will have his usual line-up in action.

They have won seven. Dave D'Olive is the leading pitcher with a 4-2 record followed by Kermit McLemore with 2-2 record, Jack Brown with 1-0 and Dale Walters 0-1.

Next conference Oregon collegiate games are Friday and Saturday against defending champion Oregon College in a three game series.

O'Connor Favors PCL Extension

Portland — President Leslie O'Connor of the Pacific Coast League says he favors a plan to extend the PCL season for one week to help teams which suffered rainouts during the first week of the season recoup some of their losses.

O'Connor said it was a matter for the club owners to decide but added "I personally feel quite confident they will accept the plan."

The Portland club which got in only one counting game in the first seven days of the season because of rain, said earlier it planned to ask for the extension.

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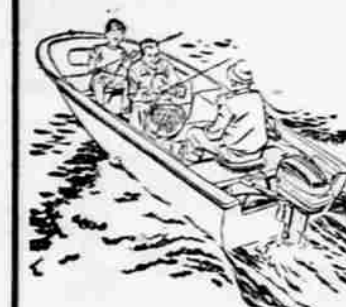


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Oregon Fishermen Hope For Better Weather for Start of Trout Season

Portland — Oregon anglers hoped today for better weather conditions as the opening of the 1958 trout season neared.

Here is the State Game commission outlook for the opening Saturday:

Southwest: Spring chinook angling in upper main Umpqua and North Umpqua has been poor because of high water.

Trout angling in Lemolo reservoir should be fair; good; two to four feet of snow still remained on road to Lemolo from Diamond lake road, although it is expected to be cleared unless more snow falls; ice off the reservoir; Tokatee should be fair to good.

Soda Springs and Fish creek reservoirs should be fair; pre-season plants of fall rainbows are scheduled for Tenmile lakes and Loom lake; boats are desirable at Saunders lake and Marie lake.

Bradley lake below Bandon should be good; Squaw lake in Eden valley has large holdover of rainbows.

Willow Creek reservoir above Butte Falls will be popular and fishing expected to be good; routes to Fish lake in Jackson county will be open, the Butte Falls rd., the Dead Indian and Deadwood roads and the McAllister Springs rd. Fish lake is free of ice.

Northwest: Fishing may be slow unless weather conditions improve; Sunset and Coffenbury lakes between Seaside and Astoria have good number of fish; Lost lake near Elsie also a good prospect; big spring chinook may be coming in on current water raise with best hopes the Kilchis, Tillamook bay, Tillamook river, Trask and the Wilson; anglers are reminded these rivers open for chinook only 20 inches or more in length.

Only the Wilson below the deadline will be open for steelhead 20 inches or over; Devils lake expected to be fair for trout; Sutton, Mercer, Munsel, Cleawoh, Woahink, Siltoos and Tehkenitch and smaller lakes expected to be fair to good with Siltoos probably best for trout.

Portland area streams are high and muddy, but have been stocked; upper parts of Salmon river, Still creek, Zig Zag and Sandy rivers should be fair; streams on west side of Portland should be fair at higher elevations; central Willamette valley streams were high and murky but could be fishable by week end; prospects good at Detroit reservoir.

Valsetz lake should be good for large cutthroat and browns; major streams in the Eugene area high; upper McKenzie and upper Willamette

might clear by week end and both have been planted; Lookout Point and Dexter will be muddy but fishing may be good.

Central: Hood river high and clearing; east fork is accessible to Dog river; Kingsley reservoir road open but impassable to passenger cars; Neal and Odell creeks should be good; Rock creek reservoir should be excellent; White river has been high and clear and should be fair.

Best bets for opening week-end will be the Deschutes river near Cove state park up stream through Bend to near Wickiup reservoir, the Little Deschutes river, Crescent creek and Metolius river; lakes and reservoirs ready include Crescent, Odell, Blue and Suttle lakes and Wickiup reservoir; roads in generally good condition to all central Oregon waters.

Deschutes river above and below Bend lower and clear and should be good with flies and lures; Metolius river in good shape with some snow in campgrounds; Crescent lake been free of ice; North Wickiup and South Twin lake campgrounds open and accessible.

Living, dead, or preserved fish or parts thereof may not be taken, used, or held for use as bait in Wickiup and other central Oregon lakes this year; Blue lake should be good for rainbow and Suttle for kokanee; Crooked river high and muddy, causing muddy water in Pelton reservoir and the Deschutes at Warm Springs, Maupin and to the mouth; Walton lake east of Prineville partly ice covered; Ochoco reservoir does not open until May 24; roads into Sprague river, Devils lake and Willow valley reservoir rough but passable; Klamath area streams in good shape.

Northeast: Steelhead angling closes in John Day system on April 25; it closes in Pine creek, Eagle creek and lower Powder river April 28; high water conditions in most areas will make rainbow angling poor for opening of trout season; rainbow have been released in Butte creek, Thirtymile creek, upper Rock creek and north fork of the Walla Walla river in zone 7.

Best rainbow angling in zone 7 will be in impoundments such as McKay reservoir, Rowe creek reservoir and Hubble lake and in new pond fishery program in the John Day area; only high tributaries of streams in zone 9 will be fishable for opening due to high water; Wallowa lake and Unity and Higgins reservoirs should be fair to good but road conditions to Higgins may not be passable.

Southeast: Stream angling

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