

Rain, Victory Enable Mounty Nine to Edge Ahead in PCL

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United Press International
Vancouver edged ahead of Phoenix in the Pacific Coast League standings Tuesday night, defeating Sacramento, 4-6, in 10 innings, while the Giants took a breather because of rain at Portland.

The win gave the Mounties a .005 percentage margin over the Arizona club although both teams are tied in the games-behind column.

In other games, Spokane shaded Salt Lake City, 9-8, and San Diego squeezed by Seattle, 5-4, in an 11-inning contest. The Bees remained in third place, four games behind the front-runners, while San Diego held onto the fourth spot, 4½ games off the pace.

Vancouver pushed across six runs in the ninth frame at Sacramento to send the game into extra innings, then won it with a three-run spurge

Is That So?

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Cairo, June 2—Via TWA—I didn't get to the Pyramids today for two reasons—the nilometer and an ichneumon.

The nilometer at Cairo is a column standing in a well on the island of Roda, near where Moses was supposedly found in the bulrushes. The well is connected with the river whose rise and fall is measured on the column.

By means of readings on the nilometers along the river the Egyptians were able to figure out what the probable annual flood would be. In fact, they judged their annual taxes by it as well as irrigation.

Since weather reports along the Nile's 4,000-mile length are rather scanty, the nilometers are still consulted regarding the annual floods that come in the summer months and reach their peak in September.

At this time of year the water has a somewhat greenish cast due to algae from low water. That color disappears as the algae are destroyed in the floods.

A boy fishing near the ancient monument had his pet ichneumon with him. The animal, an Egyptian mongoose that is bigger than the Indian type, is popularly called "Pharaoh's rat." I watched him smelling among the stones, hunting a rat or mouse which, with birds and snakes, stand next to eggs among his favorite foods.

From the silent, efficient way in which he worked it was obvious why the ancient Egyptians memorialized him in stone as a most capable mouser.

According to some, the ichneumon is responsible for the almost total absence of crocodiles from the Nile of Lower Egypt. He is said to have eaten their eggs and thus killed off the crocs.

But Nile crocodile eggs have very hard shells. Furthermore, they are buried under about two feet of sand. And since the mother crocodile spends the greater part of the 12-week-hatching period lying over them, it is difficult to see how even the boldest ichneumon could get to them.

Almost certainly the real reason for the crocodile's retreat up the Nile is a combination of the high-powered rifle and the country's exploding population. While Egypt proper has nearly 400,000 square miles of territory, its 22,000,000 people are packed into the 13,500 square miles along the river.

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Mis-Fires Leading in Elk Shoot

Bert Peck's Mis-Fires collected 18 points Sunday to take over the lead in the Elk lodge team trapshoot at Medford Gun Club.

The Mis-Fires now have a 50 total in the tourney which continues two more Sundays. Tom Hight's Bloopers gained 14 more markers for a 46 total and Jack Porter's Duds boosted to 24 with eight more tallies. Gene Hunt of the Bloopers broke 50 straight in the Elk's rivalry Sunday but the Mis-Fires had the high five with a 234 total.

In other Sunday activity at the club Martin Clogston won the Ed Pease handicap by breaking 48 birds out of 50. Gene Hunt went 75 straight at 16-yards.

There will be a 50-bird skeet event along with 16-yard and handicap practice and the Elk's competition this Sunday at the club.

Scores Listed

In the third session of the Elk's tourney scores for the Mis-Fires were Bert Peck and Sam Samson 48 each, Ed Pease 49, Jim Bolton 45, Jerry Jerome 44, Lew Bates 43 and Jim Grigsby Sr., 26 for 303 total. For the Bloopers it was Hunt 50, Henry Niedermeyer 46, Tom Hight and Loyd Langston each 45, Dick Phair 40, Dick Mole 38, and Bob Lee 32. Total was 296 and high five count was 227.

Duds tabulation was 167 on scores of 47 each by Paul Culbertson and Weldon Kline, 38 by Les Taylor and 35 by Jim Grigsby Jr.

In the Pease handicap Hunt, Hight, George Jantzer and Charles Bendell each shattered 47.

An Elk shoot is billed for June 7 at Roseburg with a registered shoot set for that club the next day.

Prospect Club Shoot Sunday

Prospect — Prospect Gun club will hold a merchandise trapshoot on Sunday, June 1. Hams and bacon will be among the prizes.

The event will be at the club grounds back of the Prospect Shopping center. Coffee and sandwiches will be available at the grounds.

Methodist Church Softballers Practice

First Methodist church softball practice will start on Thursday. The drill is set for 6 p.m. at McLoughlin Junior High school field. Anyone interested in playing with the team is invited to turn out for the drill. All positions are open, it was said.

Spokane Gives Bottler Release

Spokane — (UPI) — Catcher Ron Bottler, former University of Oregon player, has been handed his release by the Spokane Indians of the Pacific Coast league.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS



BROTHERS ON RAIDER NINE — The Maurer brothers, Larry and Ron, above, have been mainstays of the Southern Oregon college baseball nine. Larry, left, first baseman, has paced the club this season with a .412 batting average and has led in runs with 32 and runs batted in with 27. Ron, a catcher, has a .328 batting tabulation. He tops the Raiders with three home runs and 17 stolen bases.

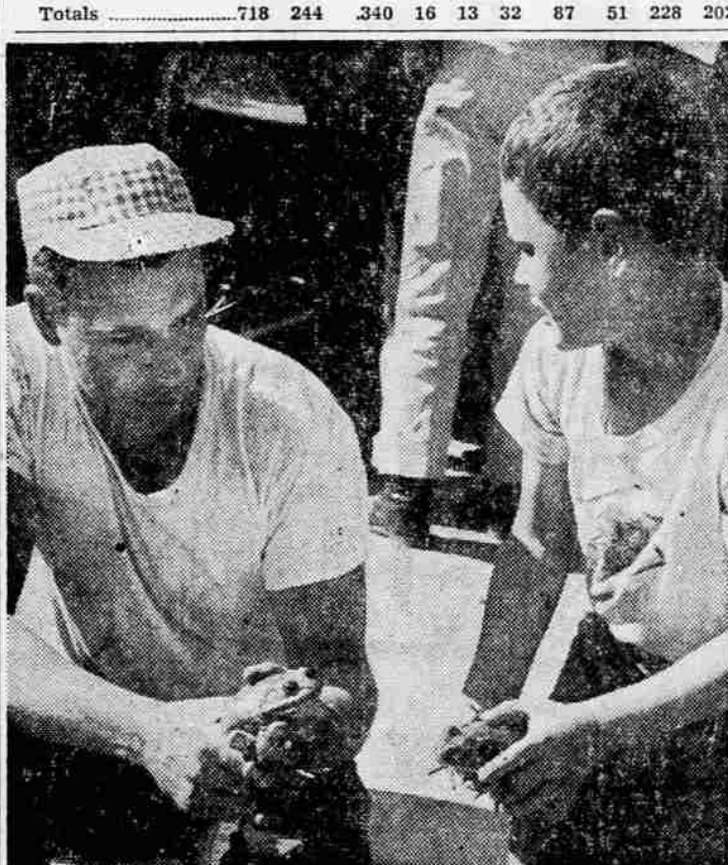
SO Red Raiders Have .340 Team Average in Batting

Ashland — Final baseball statistics show the Oregon Collegiate conference champion Red Raiders of Southern Oregon college batting .340 for the season.

Southern Oregon college completed the season with a 11-1 O.C.C. record and overall they won 18 and lost only seven for one of their most successful seasons in history.

In batting, the Raiders had 12 of their 17 players over the .300 mark with Larry Maurer leading the list with a .412

Name	ab	r	h	ave.	hr	3b	2b	sb	e	r	rbi
Kimura, Al	19	8	421	2	2	1	1	3	0	4	8
Maurer, Larry	85	35	412	2	2	7	12	2	32	27	
Nevi, Chuck	46	18	391	1	1	5	7	12	12	17	
McAbee, Jim	82	32	390	2	2	10	1	1	25	19	
Dietz, Jim	62	23	371	1	1	4	13	6	22	15	
D'Olivio, Dave	25	9	347	1	0	0	0	0	2	11	
Weinhold, Ray	15	5	333	1	0	1	1	0	2	3	
King, Leroy	66	22	333	2	0	3	6	2	20	23	
Maurer, Ron	64	21	328	3	1	1	17	3	26	25	
Sword, Phil	70	22	314	1	3	0	2	2	14	21	
McLemore, Kermit	16	5	313	1	0	1	0	1	5	5	
Jones, Willie	80	25	312	0	1	4	10	12	31	29	
Brown, Jack	11	3	273	0	0	1	2	0	2	2	
Eggers, Jim	11	3	273	0	0	0	0	1	6	5	
Francis, Eldon	22	9	247	1	0	1	1	1	6	5	
Thoreson, Gordie	35	8	229	0	0	1	3	4	11	7	
Walters, Dale	7	1	143	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Totals	718	244	340	16	13	32	87	51	228	202	



FROG OLYMPICS—Jack Basacker and his son Larry, 5, of San Pablo, Calif., hold the one-two winners of the International Frog Olympics at Angels Camp, Calif. Jack holds "Tule Jim," the frog that leaped 14 feet, 5½ inches, to win, and Larry holds "Maggie," who made 14 feet, 4½ inches for a close second.

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