

Competition Starts Saturday Afternoon In Northwest Gas Championship Drags

Competition opens tomorrow at 1 p.m. for entries in the two-day second annual Northwest Gas Championship drag races being held at the Camp White strip.

Sponsored by Southern Oregon Timing Association, this meet will feature some of the finest drag racing vehicles on the West Coast including runner-up national champ, Jay Cheatham.

Cheatham, from Sunnyvale, Calif., lost only by inches from becoming United States champion at the national drags held at Oklahoma City, Okla., last week. He is due to arrive in Medford this afternoon.

Other top-seeded entries are expected from Olympia, Wash., Portland, Reno, Nev., and from many spots in Oregon and California.

Association officials stated that they believe many of the present records established in prior meets will fall during the two-day competition. Top record expected to be upped is the strip mark of 134.24 miles per hour established last year by the famous "Glass Slipper" from Sacramento, Calif. At last word, owners of the sleek "Slipper" did not know for certain whether they would be here this week end or not. They have been unable to get a new crankshaft for their engine.

Local entries are expected to offer keen competition for outside entries in many classes.

Winners will take home some \$2,000 in savings bonds, trophies and other awards. Top-eliminator will receive a \$50 bond and a 34-inch trophy. If he establishes a new strip record that stands throughout the meet, he will also be the winner of a \$200 bond.

Big trophies will go to top time recorded each day and all class winners will get trophy awards. Special prizes go for contestant coming from farthest distance to the meet, most beautiful car, largest club in attendance, best appearing pit crew and hard luck. All new record holders will be awarded trophies.

Time trials reopen at 8 a.m. Sunday. Deadline for entering stock cars is 11 a.m. Sunday. All other entries will have until 12 noon to register. Stock car eliminations will begin at noon Sunday, followed by elimination races in the gas and competition classes. It is expected that the top-seeded dragster entries will be making times runs throughout the day.

Contestants are reminded that they will have to pay the entry fee only once for both days' competition. They will have to buy only a pit pass on the second day.

Top cars in Saturday's competition will be displayed for the public to see in the parking lot of the First National bank, corner Sixth and Front sts., from 8-10 p.m. Saturday.

All entries will be subject to a strict safety check before they compete on the strip. National Hot Rod association rules and regulations will be in force throughout the meet. SOTA drag strip is located seven miles north of Medford in West Camp White off the Crater Lake highway. Signs will be posted from the "Y" in North Medford to the strip. The public is welcome. A concession stand operated by the Medford Lions club will be in operation both days.

Another Suit Filed To Block Senator Move

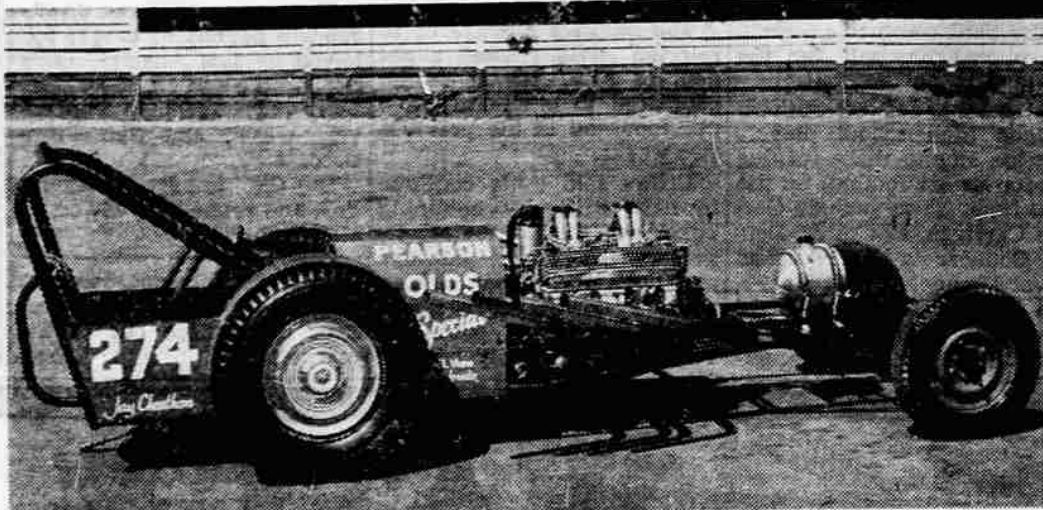
Washington—UPI—A 40 per cent owner of the Washington Senators has moved to block transfer of the American league club to any other city.

H. Gabriel Murphy filed a suit in U.S. District Court here Thursday. He was the second minority stockholder to sue in an effort to keep the team in the nation's capital.

Murphy asked the court to compel the club and its directors to comply with provisions of the District of Columbia Business Corporation act. This law requires that no corporation may be organized unless the place where it conducts its principal business is located within the District of Columbia.

Club President Calvin Griffith has been reported planning to move the Senators to Minneapolis.

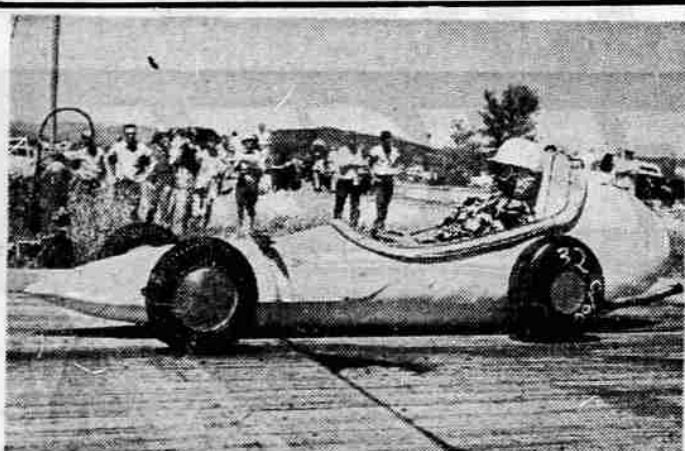
Robert E. Rodenberg, another stockholder, asked the court Wednesday to oust Griffith and his board and declare the team in receivership. Rodenberg also sought \$500,000 damages, charging Griffith with "fraud, deceit and trickery."



HIGH POWERED CAR RACES HERE—This is the nation's second fastest gasoline-powered dragster this year and it will race in the Northwest Gas championships this week end at the Camp White strip. Owned by Jay Cheatham, Sunnyvale, Calif., the Oldsmobile dragster turned 149.75 miles per hour in the recent nationals and missed

taking the national crown by inches. The drag races on Saturday and Sunday are being conducted by Southern Oregon Timing Association is the local organization's big meet of the year. The Cheatham machine will go on display at Darrell Miller company on South Riverside ave. late this afternoon.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



DRAG CONTENDER—This Class C dragster operated by Jack White, Medford, is a leading contender for honors in its division. The machine, powered by a 40 cubic inch Triumph motorcycle engine and weighing less than 300 pounds, has turned 91 miles per hour and has scored a number of victories in its class.

Cooper Tops Seixas In U.S. Net Tussle

By STEVE SNIDER
Forest Hills, N.Y. — UPI — It was up to Dick Savitt or Herb Flam today to avert the worst American disaster in the history of the U.S. tennis championships.

Both battled for berths in the semi-finals — Savitt against defending champion Mal Anderson of Australia, Flam against Sweden's Ulf Schmidt — and if both failed as expected it would be the first time within memory of the oldest expert that no American had reached the last four.

Wimbledon champion Ash-

Coleman Halts Montreal Bid

United Press International
Walt Coleman stopped Montreal's bid to gain ground over idle Toronto when he tossed a seven-hitter to give Buffalo a 5-0 decision over the International league leaders Thursday night.

With precious few games left to play, Montreal's lead over Toronto dropped to a game and a half as the Bisons scored a run in the first inning and then broke the contest open with a four-run spree in the eighth.

Charlie Rabe started for the Royals and suffered his seventh loss. Coleman picked up his ninth win against 13 defeats and his fourth triumph in his last five starts. In the only other scheduled game Richmond downed Havana, 3-1, behind the combined pitching of Wade Brown and Jim Post.

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Larks Lose To Phoenix In Softball

Stratford, Conn. —UPI— The Forest Grove Meadowlarks were eliminated from the double elimination World Women's Softball Tournament here Thursday as the Phoenix Ramblers whipped the Oregon club 4-1.

The Meadowlarks touched Phoenix hurler Billie Harris for four hits while the Ramblers managed to collect only two off of Louise Mazzucca. Wildness proved to be the downfall of the plucky 18-year-old Forest Grove lass as a walk, a scratch single and three wild pitches allowed two runs to score in the third inning.

Stratford, Conn. —UPI— The host Stratford team today awaited the outcome of a three-cornered struggle to determine its opponent in tonight's final of the women's world softball tournament.

Stratford's opponent will be decided by the results in two afternoon contests. Phoenix, Ariz., plays Orange, Calif., in the first game and the winner of that game faces Fresno, Calif., in the second game.

Stratford, only unbeaten team in the double elimination tournament, can lose tonight and get a second chance at the title Saturday afternoon.

Stratford reached the final Thursday night with a 10-inning, 2-1 victory over Fresno while Phoenix defeated Forest Grove, Ore., 4-1.

Herb Runs Lazy 3:55.4

London —UPI— One of these mornings Herb Elliott is going to get up on the right side of the bed—then look out! That's the day he probably will run a 3:50 mile.

The Australian cinder stalker ran the second fastest mile in history at White City stadium Wednesday—3:55.4—and then apologized for not making better time because he was "feeling lazy" when he got out of bed.

Elliott's time, his 10th sub-four-minute mile in as many attempts this year, was less than a second off his record 3:54.5 romp at Dublin Aug. 6. Morning Not Good.

Elliott didn't think the heavy atmosphere and damp track had anything to do with his not breaking his own mark.

"It's just that sometimes you wake up feeling good and sometimes you feel not so good," he explained. "This morning was one of those not so good mornings."

Elliott's speed forced two other challengers to crack the four-minute time in the invitational race. In an attempt to overtake the speedy Aussie, Brian Hewson of Britain was clocked in 3:55.9 and Zigmund Orwal of Poland streaked across the finish line in 3:59.4. Britain's Derek Ibbotson, who holds the recognized mile mark of 3:57.2 was fourth in four minutes flat.

Husky Gridders Reported One Year From Potential Seattle Job

(This is one of a series on the outlook of West Coast football teams for the 1958 season.)

By JOHN R. LONG
United Press International
Seattle —UPI— Coach Jim Owens of the University of Washington makes no bones about it — this will be a "building year" for his green football team, which by any standards must be rated at least a year away from reaching its potential.

"We're young. We're going to take our lumps," said Owens. "When you have 20 some sophomores on your squad, you're hurting."

The youthful 31-year-old coach isn't overly pessimistic, however. "We're going to make it interesting for some people," he said. Owens said he will have a more diversified attack than last year, when his Huskies could move the ball on the ground, but netted a meager 61 yards by passing in 10 games.

Three Quarterbacks
Promise for great improvement in the aerial game comes from a trio of newcomers at quarterback. They are Bob Hivner, who directed Compton Junior college in the Little Rose Bowl game in December, 1956; Bob Schloredt, Gresham, Ore., and Phil Borders, Seattle. All three are good passers, but none has too much experience.

The Huskies will have most of their experience at the half-back spots and at the end positions.

Nashua Gains Gallant Man As Stablemate

New York —UPI— Nashua and Gallant Man, two of the greatest thoroughbreds of recent years, will start sharing the same boarding farm next year.

A syndicate headed by Leslie Combs II of Lexington, Ky., purchased a three-quarter share of Gallant Man Thursday for one million dollars from Texas oilman Ralph Lowe of Fort Worth.

Lowe will continue to race the handsome English-bred colt under his name for the rest of the year and also will maintain the remaining one-quarter interest in the horse.

At the conclusion of the current racing season, Gallant Man will be shipped to Combs' Spendthrift Farm in the heart of Kentucky's bluegrass country and, together with Nashua, will provide the syndicate with the breeding industry's greatest one-two punch.

Nashua was purchased by Combs and his associates from the estate of the late William Woodward Jr. in 1955 for \$1,251,200.

Billings Beats Ontario Legion

Hastings, Neb. —UPI— Mike Gaines drove in the tying and winning runs Wednesday night as Billings, Mont., edged Ontario, Calif., 3-2, in 11 innings in the American Legion Junior baseball sectional tournament here.

The two clubs meet again tonight in what could be the finals of the double-elimination meet. If Ontario wins, a third game will be played Friday night.

Seattle Job For O'Brien

Salt Lake City —UPI— Eddie O'Brien, pitcher for the Pacific Coast League's Salt Lake City Bees, will return to Seattle this fall as athletic director of Seattle university.

O'Brien, a former basketball star at Seattle, will coach freshman basketball and varsity baseball at the Washington school.

A native of South Amboy, N.J., O'Brien teamed up with twin brother Johnny when

the two were a famed basketball duo at Seattle in the early 1950's.

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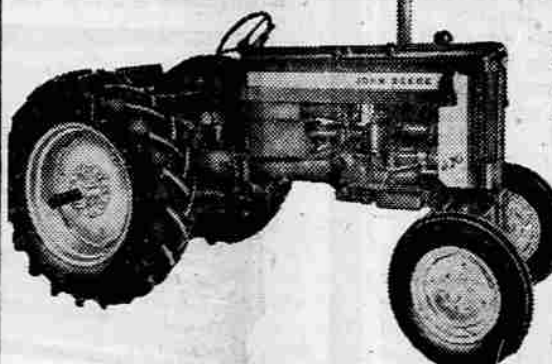
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