

## Flag Fever Floating Around SF

By HAL WOOD  
San Francisco—(UPI)—Pennant fever, even before the first ball is tossed out, floated around the San Francisco Bay Area today—right from Giant Manager Bill Rigney down to the lowliest rooster in the bleachers.

"If the rookies of 1958 can play as well in 1959—and take advantage of the things they learned while booting away at least a dozen games last year—then the Giants will be in the thick of the pennant fight."

That's the battle cry here and the theory was given a great boost with the recent acquisition of pitcher Sad Sam Jones.

The idea is that Rigney did a great job managing the club to third place last year when he had only one outstanding pitcher—Johnny Antonelli.

This season he can start off with Antonelli; follow him with Jack Sanford, Jones and either lefty Mike McCormick or "soft stuff," Stu Miller.

"It will be a pleasure to have a pitching staff that I can rotate with a degree of confidence," says Rigney.

While the pitching staff looks strong in comparison with last year's well-blended unit, Rigney still has some question marks.

1.—Can Andre Rodgers cut the stuff at shortstop? He was a whiz both at bat and in the field for Phoenix of the Pacific Coast league last year. He has the fastest pair of hands in baseball—but he still makes fielding mistakes.

2.—Will burly sophomore Bob Schmidt be able to carry the big load again as the first string catcher?

3.—Will sophomores first baseman Orlando Cepeda; third baseman Jim Davenport; and outfielders Felipe Alou and Willie Kirkland be able to come through again as they did in 1958. Also outfielder Jackie Brandt, just out of the service.

Actually the only proven men on the ball club are outfielder Willie Mays; second baseman Daryl Spencer. Sanford was a whiz as a hurler in 1957 with a 19-8 record, but last year faded to 10-13.



**OUCH, IT HURTS!**—New York Yankees' Mickey Mantle doubles up in pain after a foul tip off his bat struck his foot in an exhibition game against Detroit at St. Petersburg, Fla. Note ball bounding away, at right of his left hand. Mantle is nursing a sore toe and did not play in a subsequent game against Cincinnati.

## MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

### Experts Feel Legislation For Farm System Curbs Detrimental to Baseball

By NORMAN MILLER  
New York—(UPI)—Major league experts generally agreed that any federal legislation designed to curb farm systems would be detrimental to baseball, a United Press International pre-season survey disclosed today.

A consensus of 50 baseball authorities who covered the 16 major league training camps this spring also maintained in a UPI poll that a

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF  
THE SCINGIEST MAN in town couldn't get out of sending a lady friend a birthday gift, but he was determined to spend as little on it as possible. He finally dug up a vase that had been broken, marked down to next to nothing, and had it sent, hoping she would conclude it had been broken in transit.

Her "thank-you" note was a classic. "How generous of you it was to send that unique vase," she wrote, "and how thoughtful of the store to wrap each broken piece separately!"



Riffing slyly through a deck of cards, Neal O'Hara found himself forming the following association of ideas: Ace-reporter; king-of-the cowboys; queen-for-a-day; jack-of-all trades; ten-commandments; nine-days' wonder; eight-day clock; seven-year itch; six-months' probation; five-o'clock shadow; four-sheets to the wind; three-blind mice; and two-peas in a pod.

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## Tigers Maul Man; Escape in Japan

Omaha City, Japan—(UPI)—Two large, two-year-old tigers leaped upon a caretaker feeding them Tuesday mauled him to death and broke loose from their cage in the city zoo.

Another caretaker escaped and a loudspeaker alerted 20 early comers to the zoo to seek shelter. Families living in the neighborhood shut up their homes.

Sixty armed policemen rushed to the zoo. One of the tigers was shot and killed, and the other was trapped after it had re-entered its cage.

Skis thousands of years old are displayed at Norway's Ski museum.



## Minimum Wage Bill Back To Committee

Salem—(UPI)—The Oregon House voted 33-26 Tuesday to send back to committee a bill setting a minimum wage of \$1 an hour for the state.

The bill would provide time and one-half for work over 40 hours a week and was patterned after the federal minimum wage law which applies to interstate commerce.

The House earlier defeated a motion to indefinitely postpone the measure which would have killed it for this session. It may be returned to the floor for another vote next week.

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## Ex-Tornado Golfers To Play Here

Oregon State College, Corvallis—Tom Hamlin and Stewart Schroeder, two former Medford High school linksmen, will play with the OSC freshmen team against Medford High Saturday, April 11, at Medford, Rook Coach Jim Barratt said.

## HILTS Birthdays Are Honored

By MRS. M. F. CAVIN  
Hilts—Several friends drove to the home of Mrs. Elmer Jackson in Montague March 25 in honor of her birthday and to celebrate the belated birthday of Mrs. M. G. King. Making the trip, besides Mrs. King, were Mrs. Art

## Umpiring Jobs Announced for Opening Games

Cincinnati, Ohio—(UPI)—Warren C. Giles, president of the National League, today announced the umpiring assignments for the 1959 openers.

The team of Joock Conlan, Augie Donatelli, Ken Burkhardt and Tony Venson will handle Thursday's opening game between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Reds at Cincinnati.

## Umpiring Jobs Announced for Opening Games

The same four umpires will handle Pittsburgh's home opener Friday against the Milwaukee Braves. In the other Friday openers, Al Barlick, Bill Jackowski, Shag Crawford and Vic Delmore will provide the San Francisco Giants-Cardinals night game at St. Louis; Dusty Boggess, Tom Gorman, Stan Landes and Ed Sudol will handle the Los Angeles Dodgers-Cubs game at Chicago; and Frank Dascoli, Frank Secory, Hal Dixon and Vinnie Smith will umpire the Reds-Phillies night game at Philadelphia.

## Ex-Tornado Golfers To Play Here

Schroeder, in a pre-season match with the Corvallis Country club, was second low with a one under par 71, second only to Rook Jack Mattison of Eugene who posted a sub par 70.

Mattison, state prep champ in 1957, is expected to play the No. 1 position with Hamlin and Schroeder fighting it out for second spot.

The Medford match will start at 8 a.m.

Two other Medford men, both OSC golf lettermen, are currently performing for the varsity team. They are Larry Cople and Warren Deakins.

## HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE

Boston—(UPI)—Youth must be served, so they say, and thus the whiz kids of Toronto headed for Montreal today where the amazing Maple Leafs open their quest for the coveted Stanley Cup against the Canadiens.

The chance for the final chapter in Toronto's fantastic rags-to-riches tale was provided Tuesday night largely by a kid who said he was just returning a Christmas present.

That would be 261-year-old Gerry Ehman, who fired in the winning goal in the Leafs' 3-2 win over the Boston Bruins for their fourth and deciding victory in the best-of-seven National Hockey League semi-final playoffs.

"I was called up to the Maple Leafs from Hershey of the American Hockey league in a trade last Christmas Day," said Ehman after the come-from-behind victory at the Garden. "I was just returning the present."

## D. E. DeArmond Recommended For Game Post

Oregon Sportsmen club of Jackson county has endorsed D. E. DeArmond, Medford lumberman, for appointment to the Oregon State Game commission.

Action recommending DeArmond to Gov. Mark Hatfield was taken at a Monday meeting of the organization. Members suggested appointment of DeArmond to succeed Kenneth G. Denman, Medford attorney, whose term expires in the near future.

Sportsmen described the lumberman as an avid hunter and fisherman who is a native Oregonian and lifelong resident of the state and who has been in the logging field 41 years. He was born at Grants Pass and has lived at Lakeview, McMinnville, Ashland and Bend as well as Medford.

The Sportsmen expressed the feeling that "a fresh approach to the matter of game management would be beneficial."

Bear Creek pollution abatement will be a major project of the Sportsmen, according to a decision at the Monday meeting. The organization brought the matter to public attention recently when a committee found a number of dead fish in the creek which were apparently the victims of orchard spray material. No more dead fish have been found in several subsequent "excursions" along the creek.

## Curt Simmons Slates Surgery

Philadelphia—(UPI)—Southpaw Curt Simmons of the Philadelphia Phillies will undergo surgery Friday at Temple university hospital for removal of a loose bone fragment in his ailing left elbow.

Doctors who examined him Tuesday at the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Temple's School of Medicine said removal of the fragment would offer "an excellent chance of recovery."

## Grant Harter To Enter OSC

Corvallis—(UPI)—Oregon State landed another basketball prospect Monday when North Salem's 6-10 Grant Harter announced his intention of enrolling here.

He will enter the school of business and technology.

Earlier 6-4 all-state Bob Petersen of Klamath Falls announced he would attend OSC.

## Hoop Classic Teams Listed

Corvallis—(UPI)—New Mexico Denver and the University of Hawaii will compete in the Far West Basketball classic here next December along with five teams from the Northwest. Athletic Director Spec Keene said today.

Earlier announced entries are Oregon, Washington State, Idaho, Portland and OSC.

TREATMENTS SUCCEED  
Boston—(UPI)—Red Sox star Ted Williams was scheduled to leave New England Baptist hospital today, the treatments for his neck ailment apparently successfully completed.

## Webfoots Beat Pioneers 7-4

Portland—(UPI)—Oregon scored four times in the first inning and coasted home to defeat Lewis and Clark 7-4 in a non-conference baseball game here Tuesday.

Oregon now has a 7-4 season record.

The Webfoots didn't make a hit in scoring their first four runs. Two errors, three walks, a passed ball and a fielder's choice led to the scoring.

Wimp Hastings had three hits and Ron Walp two for Oregon.

## Seattle Defeats Portland Nine

El Centro, Calif.—(UPI)—Seattle defeated Portland, 4-2, Tuesday, behind the six-hit pitching of Claude Osteen and Bill Kennedy in a PCL spring exhibition game.

Osteen held the Beavers to two runs and five hits in the first seven innings of the game. It was his second appearance with Seattle since being optioned by Cincinnati.

Social security checks to beneficiaries in New York State alone total more than 68 million dollars a month.

## Tornado Jv Tips Crater

Medford High trimmed Crater 12 to 9 yesterday in a junior varsity baseball game here.

The Tornado's biggest inning was the fourth when four runs were chalked up. Bob Custance got two hits and Ray Stewart and Dick Ragsdale each singled in the frame. There were six Crater errors and five walks.

Stewart, as well as Custance, had two hits in the game.

## Tribe Breaks Giant String Of Victories

Omaha, Neb.—(UPI)—The San Francisco Giants were slated to meet Cleveland here today in the final exhibition game of the spring for both clubs.

Manager Bill Rigney of the Giants planned to send Jack Sanford to the mound against the Indians' Cal McLish.

The big bats of the West coast club were pretty much subdued at Des Moines Tuesday and the Indians erupted for three runs in the ninth inning to win a 3-2 decision. The loss broke a six-game San Francisco winning streak against the American league club.

The Giants did get one home run, a solo shot by Catcher Bob Schmidt in the seventh, to increase their total for the exhibition season to 58 in 27 starts.

Southpaw Mike McCormick and Johnny Antonelli had combined to blank the Indians for 8 1/3 innings when Cleveland put together three singles and a double for the win. Giant shortstop Andre Rodgers misplayed what proved to be the winning hit when he went for the double by Ray Bolger instead of knocking the ball down to hold up the base runners. The ball shot between his legs and that was it.

## Swiden Gains Ring Decision

Portland—(UPI)—Art Swiden, 202½-pound Pittsburgh, Pa., heavyweight, outpointed Ben Wise, 201, Oakland, Calif., in a 10-rounder here Tuesday night before a skimpy crowd of 525.

Swiden clowned his way through the fight and most of Wise's punches were light ones. The only damage during the bout was in the 10th round when Wise opened a cut on Swiden's eye.

## FIGHTS

Miami Beach, Fla.—(UPI)—Rudell Stinch, 147, Louisville, Ky., outpointed Jimmy Beecham, 151, Miami (10).

Sacramento, Calif.—(UPI)—Larry Boardman, 141, Marlboro, Conn., decisioned Leo Aguilos, 135, Stockton, Calif., (10).

## Folley Scores Boxing Verdict

Denver—(UPI)—Zora Folley, the classy heavyweight fighter from Chandler, Ariz., looked toward Henry Cooper of England as his next opponent today after scoring an impressive victory over Willi Besmanoff.

Folley won a unanimous decision over Besmanoff, of Milwaukee, at Denver's coliseum Tuesday night. Besmanoff hardly landed a solid blow as Folley put up a stout defense and blasted the squat German from every angle.

## Oregon Staters Lash Bearcats

Salem—(UPI)—Oregon State won its ninth straight baseball game Tuesday by walloping Willamette 10-2.

Leon Criner, a football tailback, pitched the victory, holding the Bearcats to six hits.

John Whitelaw, OSC first sacker, got three hits in five times at bat while Dan Luby and Grimm Mason, another football tailback, drove in three runs apiece. Luby hit a homer over the fence with a man on the first inning.

## San Diego Wins

Palm Springs, Calif.—(UPI)—Mitch June's single in the last inning Tuesday gave San Diego a 4-3 win over Sacramento in a PCL spring training game. Pitcher Stan Pitula who scored the winning run on June's single, had doubled and then advanced to third on a wild pitch. He also was credited with the victory.

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