

Beat This!

by Tip Brady



IS MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHING IMPROVING?
Last season, pitchers of the 16 major league clubs struck out 12,229 batters, setting a new record for the fourth straight season. In 1948, pitchers managed to strike out only 9,035 batters.

TOP THIS!—To any reader submitting contrary proof, Tip Brady will send a signed, wallet-sized diploma. Write to: BEAT THIS, c/o this paper, Box 575, Sausalito, Calif. Enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Fishing Report

Portland (UPI)—The weekly report on fishing conditions prepared by the State Game Commission:

Northwest: Perch fishing fair to good on coast; spring chinook fishing improved in the Willamette; Sandy slowed for steelhead, Willamette tributaries producing a few good steelhead.

Southwest: Spring chinook angling in main and North Umpqua rivers has been good; best areas have been Cleve-land rapids, Winchester, Tye, McHughills and Sawyers Rapids; water conditions on lower Rogue are good; first chinooks counted over Gold Ray dam.

Central: Ochoco reservoir fair to good for troll with spinners and worms. Haystack reservoir fair.

Northeast: Steelheading fair at John Day and below Deern horn creek on north fork of John Day.

Southeast: Beulah reservoir excellent for 8 to 14 inch rainbow; trolling only fair, bank fishing is best; few trout taken at Warm Springs reservoir; Drews reservoir.

Louise Suggs Opening Leader

Dallas, Tex. — (UPI) — Louise Suggs, who grew up with golf clubs as her toys, started the second round of the \$10,000 Dallas Civitan Women's Open today with a two-stroke lead after conquering both par and gale-like winds on her opening tour.

The 35-year-old Sea Island, Ga., veteran, who has won just about every title available in golfdom and who ranks No. 2 in money winnings among the proettes, carved herself a neat 34-36-70 Thursday despite a bogey-bogey finish over the par 36-35-71 Glen Lakes Country Club layout.

Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

One of the greatest difficulties the sportsman groups have is poor public relations. The general public has the distinct impression that these groups are only after more fish and game and that when they raise their voices in protest, which is something they are driven to do frequently, they are opposed to anything which may jeopardize their hunting and fishing. There is truth in this only insofar that these groups see no need to give up these satisfying pursuits and will fight to maintain them. They fight because they feel these values can not be replaced.

FAME AND A NAME

The local Isak Walton league chapter gained a reputation because of its opposition to the Lewis creek dam and since then has been regarded by many as the group which is hindering the development of the valley. This is true in that it tries to hinder certain types of development. It is a conservation group and its policies state the development of our resources should be for the greatest good of the greatest number and that the continued wise use of a resource is far better than the exploitation which destroys in the name of progress and dollar expediency.

NOT IN OPPOSITION

A recent news release states that the local IWL chapter will not endorse tentative projects. This seems to say that the IWL is again in opposition to development. The TRUTH is that the IWL is NEITHER IN FAVOR NOR OPPOSED to any tentative plan of development. Who wants to buy a pig in a poke? The question of whether or not a dam is favored on the Rogue depends on what kind of a dam, and for whose benefit will it be run. Should it be only for those who build their homes on the gravel bars of the river, or only for those who want to irrigate more land, or only for those who want more fish, or should it be for the good of the greatest number? The resource affected belongs to all of us. 'Nuff said.

DEER IN FINE SHAPE

Charlie Shepard, our local game biologist, reports that the Jackson county deer herd has been wintering high and is in good shape. There is an excellent carryover of bucks from last year, giving a ratio of about 39 bucks to 100 does. The range is in average condition in spite of a dry fall and unless the summer and fall turn out to be especially dry, there should be a bonanza season on bucks this year.

A SMALL ELK HERD

Charlie also reported that the Jackson county elk herd

is wintering in the northeast portion of the county around the middle fork of the Rogue river. There is a lot of scattered sign and indications of some calves with the herd. The herd is small but has an excellent chance of growing larger if the poachers and mother nature give it a break. Once the herd reaches a certain size and proportion, it will have a population surge and could sand more hunting pressure without being hurt.

REASONS FOR SIZE

One reason it has remained so very small for so many years is that the poachers kill off a few cows and calves every year instead of the older bulls and thereby wipe out the natural increase. However, the biggest factor governing herd size will be the limited winter range. It will support only so many elk and will curtail the growth of the herd beyond a certain number.

WHICH STEELHEAD?

There has been a great deal of muttering against the game commission and its policy of setting the deadline for winter steelhead fishing on the Rogue at the mouth of the Applegate. There are those who think the deadline should be moved up to Shady Cove and want to know why not. According to Cole Rivers, the fish biologist, the basic reason for the policy is that the Rogue has three separate races of steelhead: summer, fall, and winter, and each has its own management problem. This complicates things so that moving the deadline up the river would involve more than just fishing for winter steelhead.

PROBLEM OF SPAWNERS

The summer and fall steelhead are fished for heavily until the season closes in November. By this time over 50 per cent of these runs have been caught and the rest go up to spawn during the early part of the winter. When the winter steelhead season opens on the Rogue, the river above the mouth of the Applegate is full of spawnouts returning to the ocean. Since these spawnouts fish are very easy to catch in this condition, they are the fish most likely harvested instead of the winter steelhead.

POLICY FOR BIG FISH

The game commission believes that the catch of the summer and fall runs is very high and as many as possible should be allowed to return to the ocean. This is the only way we will continue to get a return of big fish because big fish that get up to spawn produce big fish that get up to spawn.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

The rumor persists that the Klamath river has fresh run steelhead in it and reports indicate that these are early summer/run fish. Also the upper Klamath by Keno is producing fine catches on worms. Let's go practice for the 25th.

GOOD LUCK!

Shrine Game Date Changed

Portland — (UPI) — Officials of the 12th annual Shrine All-Star football game here have announced a change in the date of the contest. The game had been set for Aug. 8 in Multnomah stadium. The new date is Aug. 15.

Under the new schedule State and Metropolitan team members will report for practice here Aug. 1. Jefferson high school's Tom DeSylvia will coach the Metro team and Fred Spiegelberg of Medford will tutor the State squad.

Ailments Hinder Black Tornado, Comets for Hayward Relay Meet

Despite the flood of ailments which have weakened the two squads Medford and Crater High schools plan to have full entries Saturday in the annual Hayward track and field relays at Eugene.

Medford will enter in the metropolitan class for schools of 1,000 or more students and Crater in Class B for schools of more than 500 students. The Black Tornado will be out to regain lost prestige and Crater's Comets to better the second place finish they made in their class last year and

in 1957. Medford until last season had never finished less than second in the Haywards. It has won 159 of 19 of those meets in its class and was riding on a six-victory string in the University of Oregon cinder classic until falling to seventh last year.

Coach Dean Benson, in discussing his Medford squad's woes in preparing for the Haywards during the past several days, remarked that "it is just like being jinxed." Ron Reich and Leonard Griggs have had sprained ankles, Don Peek,

George Koch and Terry Ryan, pulled muscles, Phil Humphreys, a bad back, Bob McIntyre, a bad hip, and Elvin Hood, Kent Blew, Bill Charley and John Connolly have been sick.

Most of the foregoing athletes are expected to perform tomorrow but naturally won't be at full strength.

Coach Ed Knapp said that his crew has had its troubles with flu, cold and sore throats. The sickness has been going the rounds throughout the state and other squads could also be handicapped by the bug but it's not known just how much handicapped the track clubs are in the northern part of the state.

Field events start at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow and first running events at 2:45 p.m.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Derby Entry of Intentionally Hinges on New York Showing

(This is another of several articles on the leading Kentucky Derby candidates.)

New York — (UPI) — Intentionally, wide of beam and broad of chest, looks more like a sprinter than a Kentucky Derby horse. But the colt will get a crack at the mile and one-quarter classic on May 2 if he makes a good showing in New York's Wood Memorial, a furlong shorter than the Rose Run.

The royal blood of Man

O'War flows through his veins. Intent, his sire, is a grandson of mighty Big Red.

My Recipe, his dam, is a daughter of Discovery, who could carry high weights over long routes.

Yet competent horsemen believe intentionally best suited for sprints and middle distance races. His record to date bears this out.

Everytime he has won, the jet black colt, foaled at the Wolf Run farm near Lexington, either has gone to the front immediately or taken the lead shortly after the start. Whenever he was farther back than second, he never was able to win.

But his record also shows that in 1958 he was quick enough to win five of his 11 races and finish second in four others. Since he won two of the richer races for juveniles, his earnings reached the impressive total of \$285,933.

NBC Announces Rogue Franchise

Wichita, Kan. — The National Baseball congress yesterday announced the franchising of the Rogue Valley baseball league into its 1959 National association. The organization consists of eight Oregon teams.

Members of the league include Ashland, Medford, Butte Falls, Camp White, Grants Pass, Glendale, Cave Junction and Riddle.

Harry Chipman of Medford is league president. This is one of a network of leagues being organized throughout Oregon in the N. B. C. qualifying program for players of unlimited age in connection with presenting the 24th annual Oregon state tournament at Drain starting July 17, under the direction of Tom Myers of Drain, N.B.C. State Commissioner.

About 27,000 persons in the United States died during 1958 as a result of accidents in and about the home.

Double No-Hit Tussle Played

A double no-hitter and a couple of one hitters highlighted a play yesterday in Medford city grade school baseball.

Jefferson tripped Jackson 3 to 0 in the National league as pitchers Highland of Jackson and Kinney of Jeff held the opposition hitless. Jeff used errors and walks to score. Also in the National Mike Farthing tossed one-hit ball as Roosevelt whipped Hoover 10 to 0. Farthing walked three and fanned seven.

In the American loop Wilson trimmed West Side 6 to 1 on Newland's one-hitter and Lincoln won 5 to 3 from Oak Grove.

SHORT SCORES:

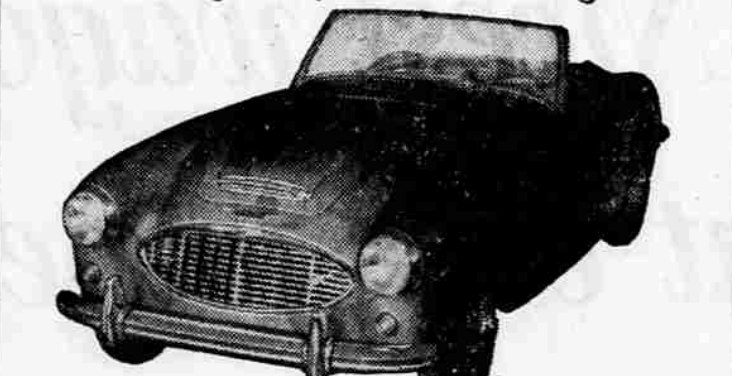
National League	R	H	E
Jackson	0	0	3
Jefferson	3	0	1

American League	R	H	E
Wilson	6	4	2
West Side	1	1	5
Newland and Hatfield; Humphreys and Davis, Barry (3).			

Oak Grove	3	10	2
Lincoln	5	7	2
Cline and Rott; Stickley and Robertson.			

Houston, Tex. — (UPI) — Long-hitting expert Arnold Palmer, whose power drives won him over \$45,000 last year, led the field today into the second round of the rich Houston Classic invitational golf tournament.

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Alley Spear Toss Heads Top Marks

Lawrence, Kan. — (UPI) — An American record javelin toss of 270-1½ by Kansas university's Bill Alley spearheads the NCAA's first outdoor track and field statistics of the year.

Alley's prolific fling, which came in the Texas Relays, is the only new varsity record of national scope to date but Oregon's Dyrrol Burelson and Dallas Long have etched new freshman standards.

Kansas is No. 1 in three departments and is ranked in the top 10 in four other divisions. But, Texas, the leader in two divisions, is listed among the first 10 in seven other categories.

Burelson went 4:07.6 last Saturday in the mile. The old freshman mark was 4:08.2 by Oklahoma's Gail Hodgson.

Long unofficially exceeded the world shot put record for the second time on an exhibition toss of 64-4 last Saturday at Tempe, Ariz.

The 6-4, 260-pounder officially matched Parry O'Brien's 63-2 world mark in the Easter Relays last month. The old freshman mark was 59-9¾ by Dave Davis of USC in 1957.

Following are other top marks:

Broad jump — Darrel Horn, Oregon State, 25-5½; high

Baseballers Vie Here on Sunday

First semi-pro baseball game of the season here is slated on Sunday.

Medford Bowling lanes team will oppose Camp White. The practice game will be at 1:30 p.m. at Cheney field at the south edge of town.

Both clubs are members of the Rogue Valley league. The Bowling lanes club is new to the circuit this season.

jump — Charlie Dumas, USC, 6-9¼; pole vault — Jim Graham, Oklahoma State, 14-11¼; shot put — Dan Erwin, Oklahoma, 57-8; discus throw — Jay Silvester, Utah State, 172-7; javelin throw — Bill Alley, Kansas, 270-1½.
100-yard dash — Billy Cannon, LSU, 9.5; 220-yard dash — Ray Norton, San Jose State, 20.2; 440 — David Robertson, Southern U., 46.6; 880 — Jerry Siebert, California, 1:51.0; mile run — Alex Henderson, Arizona State, 4:08.2; two-mile run — Miles Eisenman, Oklahoma State, 9:07.5; 120-yard high hurdles — Dickie Durham, LUS, 14.0; 220-yard low hurdles — Dick Howard, New Mexico, 22.6.

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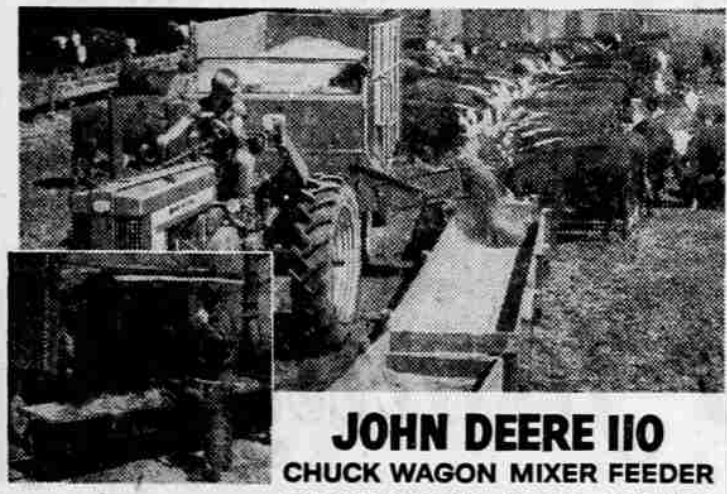
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