

SPORTS

Maid's Play In Portland

Portland—UPI—The Erv Lind Florists of Portland, mathematical champions of first half play in Northwest Women's Major Softball League, seek to close out the opening half of the season with an undefeated record this weekend at Vancouver, B.C.

The Florists meet the South Hill Queens of Vancouver Saturday and Sunday for the first time this summer. The Florists are 10-0 and Vancouver 7-3 in first half play with this weekend's series remaining.

The Salem Shamrocks, 1-2, take on the Ramblers, 1-3, in Seattle the same nights. The American Linen Whirlwinds of Portland play host to the Rogue Valley Dairy Maids from Eagle Point, 3-4.

The Maids and Whirlwinds collide Saturday night at 8:30 at Farragut Park here, then switch to Normandale Park for the Sunday game at 7 p.m. McCulloch Chain Saw of Eugene is idle this weekend but resumes play Wednesday against the Florists in Portland at Normandale.

Seattle Manager Alice Jorgensen retained her batting lead last week at .385 although she was sidelined with a back injury. Shirley Topley of Vancouver was a close second at .373. Elizabeth Lock of the Florists had .421 but has not had the required number of times at bat to figure in the top 10.

Louise Mazzuca of the Florists has an impressive 7-0 record including 96 strikeouts in 47 innings of mound work. She will miss the Florist series at Vancouver this week end while she pitches for the All-American team against the world champion Raybestos Brakette at Stratford, Conn., today and Saturday.

Strange Named Seattle Coach

Seattle—UPI—Alan Strange was moved up Thursday from the position of interim manager to that of full time field leader of the Pacific Coast league Seattle Rainier baseball club.

Strange, named as a temporary replacement as manager for Fred Hutchinson, who departed for the greener pastures in Cincinnati July 8, will boss the Rainiers for at least the balance of the current season. Strange's salary was not disclosed by owner Emil Sick.

Sick made his managerial choice after watching Strange in operation through eight games, of which the Seattle nine won five, all on the road.

Good Background "Alan has a very fine background and has done good work in teaching young ball players," Sick said. "I feel his past efforts show he is deserving of this chance."

Strange was a coach with the Rainiers this season before Hutchinson left. He was also a Rainier coach in 1955. His other managerial experience came in the old Western International Class B League when he served terms as pilot of the Bremerton and Spokane teams.

A Seattle favorite and Hutchinson's personal choice as his successor, Strange played shortstop for the Rainiers from 1936 to 1939 before moving up to the big leagues with the St. Louis Browns.

Seattle is in last place in the PCL, but has moved to within seven games of first place under Strange's direction.

SELAH WINS SWIM Coeur D'Alene, Idaho—UPI—A 46-man team from Selah, Wash., won the third annual Coeur D'Alene swimming championships Thursday with a two-day total of 246 points. Second place went to a Pullman team with 204½ points.



PILOTING "GO CART" in race at Andrews Air Force Base, near Washington, D. C., Gen. Curtis LeMay, Air Force vice chief of staff, is about to bank into turn.



ARRIVING IN PHILADELPHIA, Russian athletes who will compete against Americans are greeted by Frank Botts (right), coach of U. S. team. From left: women's team captain Taisia Chenchik, high jumper, and Vasily Kuznetsov, world's decathlon champion, men's team captain. Big meet will be held July 18 and 19.

Olmedo Might Face Disciplinary Action

River Forest, Ill.—UPI—The U.S. Lawn Tennis association today considered disciplinary action against Alex Olmedo who was kicked out of the National Clay Courts tournament for not trying.

The 23-year-old sparkplug of the U.S. Davis Cup team and holder of the Wimbledon singles crown went down in listless defeat against South African Abe Segal, 6-2, 6-1, 6-0, Thursday and left the court amid loud boos from a disappointed crowd at the River Forest Tennis Club.

Segal said Olmedo told him he "threw the match."

"I came here to play tennis. I don't like to win that way," Segal said.

Olmedo's burst of temperament threw the tournament into an uproar. The Peruvian walked off the court and hurried from the dressing room to his hotel room, refusing to speak to anyone.

Olmedo later said through Perry Jones, captain of the Davis Cup team, that he was "sorry about the whole thing."

Olmedo, Jones said, would "talk to everybody later" to explain his actions.

George Barnes, first vice-president of the USLTA, said that a protest had been received from the tournament committee.

"It will likely consider disciplinary action," he said. "What it will be, I don't know."

Littler, Whitworth Lead Golf Tournaments

Wethersfield, Conn.—UPI—Gene Littler of Singing Hills, Calif., who is happy to admit that he once again is at the peak of his game, carried a two-stroke lead today into the second round of the eighth annual Insurance Open golf tournament.

Littler, who only recently emerged from a long slump, fired a seven-under-par 64 over the Wethersfield course Thursday to show the way to a field of 156.

Wes Ellis Jr., of Aldercrest, N.J., a tournament dark horse, was alone in second place at 66 while Fred Hawkins of El Paso, Tex., and big Al Besse-link of Grossinger, N.Y., were tied for third at 67. There came six players tied at 68, including pre-tournament favorite Art Wall, the Masters champion from Pocono Manor, Pa.

All told 34 golfers broke par although the course was still soaking from rain.

"That was one of the best rounds of my career," said Littler. "I never putted better."

The figures confirmed Littler's observation. He was close to perfection as he hit all the greens in regulation figures and then used only 29 putts. He capped his performance by sinking a 40-footer on the 18th green.

Alliance, Ohio—UPI—Young Kathy Anne Whitworth, regarded as one of the real "comers" on the women's professional golf tour, held a one-stroke lead today going into the second round of the 72-hole \$12,500 Alliance International.

The 19-year-old miss from out of the way Jal, N.M., shot a one under par 70 Thursday on the first 18 holes to take the lead over such established stars as veteran Patty Berg, Betty Hicks, Fay Crocker and Ohio amateur champion, Betty Kerby, all who had par 71s.

Miss Whitworth, in her first year on the tour, surprised the gallery on the 6,235-yard course with her consistent game, which saw her go out in a one-under par 35 for the first nine and come home with an even par 35. She hit every

green in regulation figures, canning a 10-foot putt on the first hole for a birdie 2.

This was the first time on the tour that she has led at any stage of a tournament. Her best previous round was carded at St. Petersburg, Fla., where she shot a 73. Miss Whitworth has won only \$200 since turning professional.

Miss Berg of St. Andrews, Ill., in her 27th year of pro golf, was one over par for the nine holes with a 36, but picked up a birdie on the back nine to come in with an even par.

One of the pre-tournament favorites, Mickey Wright from San Diego, Calif., tied with three others with a 73, three strokes off the pace. The 24-year-old, two-time Women's Open champ, had rounds of 38-35.

Denver—UPI—Two veteran amateur golfers and two eager collegians remained today to battle for the championship of the National Public Links golf tournament at Denver's Wellshire Municipal Course.

The collegians—Don Essig, 20-year-old Louisiana State University student from Indianapolis, Ind., and William Wright, 23, a student at Western Washington College—met in one semi-final match today. In the other match, Bill McCool, 39, a policeman from San Francisco and Frank Campbell, 33-year-old Jacksonville, Fla., insurance salesman, battled for a berth in Saturday's finals.

Stamina will probably determine the eventual winner. Since the tourney started on Monday, the four semi-finalists have played a total of 108 holes of golf. Add that to 36 holes in the semi-finals and another 36 in the finals.

Methodists Win Softball Game CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

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First Methodist trounced Westminster Presbyterian by a score of 15 to 8 to grab a tie for the lead as the second half of the church softball league got underway yesterday.

Nazarene scored 8 runs to Friends 3 to gain the other half of the top spot.

The First Baptist-Phoenix game was postponed.

The University of British Columbia is on the headland of Point Grey at Vancouver, 300 feet above the sea.

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Giants Will Open Pittsburgh Series

Pittsburgh—UPI—The San Francisco Giants hustled into town today for a crucial four game series with the fourth-place Pittsburgh Pirates after narrowly averting a second doubleheader disaster in Philadelphia last night.

A couple of old World Series heroes—Johnny Antonelli and Dusty Rhodes—prevented the Giants from dropping their second twin bill of the season to the Phillies.

Antonelli tossed a three-hitter and Rhodes singled home the winning run in the ninth inning to give the first place Giants the nightcap, 1-0. The Phillies won the first game 6-4.

Sam Jones (12-9) is manager Bill Rigney's choice to take the mound for the Giants tonight. Ronnie Kline (7-7), will probably pitch for the Pirates.

Rhodes, who batted home the winning run in the 1954 series that gave Antonelli his victory over Cleveland, hit a line drive over second base to send home Jackie Brandt with the big run.

Brandt had singled and gone to second when center-fielder Richie Ashburn bobbled the ball on the soggy turf.

Gene Conley, although touched for eight hits, pitched almost as well as Antonelli. Except for the ninth, he was able to keep the Giants under control.

The victory was Antonelli's 14th of the season against four losses. It was his third shutout in his last four outings, his second against the Phils. In Johnny's last 36 2/3 innings of work, he has been scored on in only two.

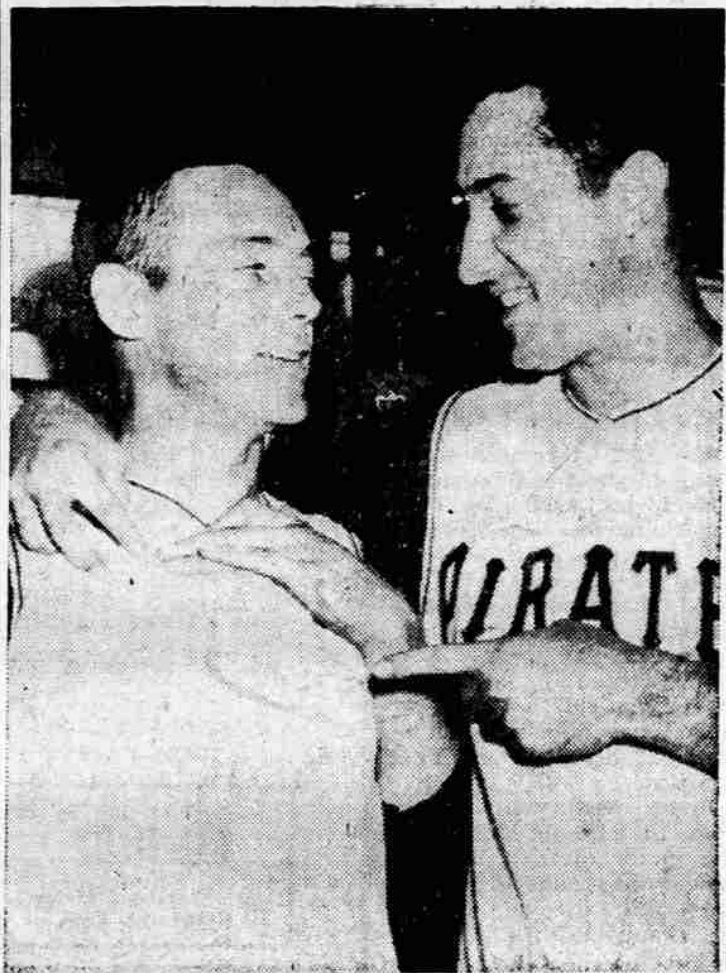
Mike McCormick, the young left-hander who tossed three shutouts at the Phils earlier in the season, was chased from the mound by the Philadelphia in the first game.

He was touched for four runs in the four and one-third innings he worked. The loss went to ex-Philly Jack Sanford who is scheduled to pitch here Saturday. Sanford entered in the sixth inning and was victim of a two run rally in the seventh that won the game for the Phils.

Philly Clinches It The game-winning rally saw Ashburn walk, Ed Bouchee single and Wally Post single to drive home Ashburn. Dave Philley clinched it with a pinch hit double off the centerfield scoreboard to plate Bouchee.

Robin Roberts, who allowed the Giants 10 hits while working the distance for the Phils, was credited with his second win over the Giants this season and his eighth win against as many losses.

The Giants will play a single game against the Pirates Saturday and a doubleheader Sunday. They return home to play the Dodgers Monday.



FACE NOTCHES 14th—Roy Face (left), ace relief pitcher of the Pittsburgh Pirates, is congratulated by utility infielder Don Gross after Face won his 14th game in a row. Face beat the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-5, in the first game of a double header, and was on the mound protecting a 5-4 lead in the nightcap when the game was suspended due to Pennsylvania's Sunday curfew.

Dodgers Will Open Against Philadelphia

Philadelphia—UPI—The Los Angeles Dodgers, only one game behind the National league pace, open an important four-game series tonight with the eighth-place Philadelphia Phillies.

With the league-leading San Francisco Giants entering a series against the tough Pirates, the Dodgers stand a good chance of working their way up into the rarified air at the top of the standings.

Danny McDevitt, 8-6, will oppose Jim Owens, 4-8, tonight. The Dodgers will be counting on McDevitt to pitch them to their sixth straight victory over the Phils.

Los Angeles holds 9 wins out of its 11 games with the Phils so far, and on its current road trip it has won two series, split two and lost only one. The last series went to seventh place Cincinnati which swept two games.

But the Dodgers beat Chicago three out of four, took

both games from Milwaukee, and split two-game series with Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

The Dodgers, after snapping a three-game losing streak by beating the Pirates Wednesday night, spent Thursday taking things easy.

Two Year Olds Run In Big One

Inglewood, Calif.—UPI—The inaugural running of the \$100,000 added Hollywood Juvenile championship Saturday kicks off the nation's major stakes campaign for two-year-olds with a gross purse of more than \$160,000 if a dozen or more start as anticipated.

Warfare, a son of Kentucky Derby winner Dermine, was considered the "horse to beat" in the six furlong stakes off his victory in the C. S. Howard Stakes.

Sport Parade



By OSCAR FRALEY United Press International

New York—UPI—There is a steadily increasing belief among the fight mob today that Rocky Marciano will make a comeback.

Marciano has denied repeatedly that he will. Yet the three-fold attraction of better than one million dollars, renewed acclamation and the stubborn belief of any champion that he "can take these bums around today" is a merciless goad.

These are prospects which have proved an irresistible lure to almost every former heavyweight champion.

Gus Lesnevich, the former light heavyweight champion, voiced what most of them feel recently when he said:

"I don't know how many times, when I look around at some of the guys fighting today, I have wanted to make a comeback."

It's always there in the back of their minds. They forget, in most instances, that the flipping pages of the calendar have padded them with the

suet of indolence and robbed them of their skills. They see themselves as they were in the days of their glory and the results all too often are pathetic and pitiful.

Yet most of them, all the way back to the mighty John L. Sullivan, have given the comeback a try. The great John L. had two bouts after a four-year layoff and quickly decided that he no longer could "lick any man in the house."

Gentleman Jim Corbett was next, and returning after three years, was bombed out by Jim Jeffries. Bob Fitzsimmons laid off five years and knew he "had it" after one no decision return. Jeffries after six years away from the ring, went in against Jack Johnson and was murdered.

Marciano retired in April of 1956 but actually has been away from the ring for almost four years because his last bout was against Archie Moore in September of 1955. Age and weight are additional factors of delusion in his case.

The Rock was 29 when he won the title, which is a de-

layed arrival in a bruising business dedicated to the young. He will be 36 in September and, while you can point to such successful ancients as Jersey Joe Walcott and Moore, it must be remembered that they stayed active and avoided the rust which comes in the middle years.

Marciano was 189 pounds in his last bout. He can claim otherwise but those who have seen him recently must estimate that he has ballooned to somewhere in the over-stuffed neighborhood of 225 pounds—and up. Working off the excess would be a killing chore for even his current chores of acting as a rassing referee have failed to slim him.

If Marciano is trembling on the brink of a comeback, he need only remember the fate of two former rivals to take another look at the situation.

He should remember the comeback of Joe Louis, which he himself destroyed in Madison Square Garden on an October night in 1951. And as the once mighty Brown Bomber lay at his feet, the myth of his indestructibility shattered. Rocky confessed: "I felt terrible at doing that to him."

And there is Ezzard Charles, twice the victim of Marciano's blows, who retired in 1956—and is a caricature of his old dancing self as he makes an anonymous comeback this year.

Fuel From Grain Tests Suggested

Washington—UPI—The House Appropriations Committee recommended today that the government investigate the possibility of extracting fuel from grain by bombarding it with radiation.

The committee included \$10,000 for a study of this project in a \$2,629,114,000 energy bill to run the Atomic Energy Commission in the fiscal year that started July 1. President Eisenhower did not request the grain-fuel funds. Rep. Ben F. Jensen (R-Iowa) told AEC Chairman John A. McCone at a closed-door hearing last month that he hoped atomic scientists could discover how to extract alcohol from grain by use of radiation.

Jensen said in the testimony made public today that this would help reduce the surplus of wheat and other grain and at the same time provide motor fuel.

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