

Boxer's Plight Brings Laughs

Los Angeles—UPI—Johnny Hayden of Los Angeles lost his pants but won a fight Thursday night.

Hayden had entered the ring for his six-round semi-main event with Bill McMurray at Olympic Auditorium and was taking off his robe when he realized he forgot to put his trunks on.

The embarrassed fighter quickly wrapped his robe around him while the fans laughed. Someone went to get the fighter's trunks during the brief intermission.

Hayden, 184, his decorum restored, went on to score a unanimous decision victory over the San Bernardino fighter.

Gaspar Ortega Fernandez Foe

Miami Beach, Fla. —UPI—Mexico's Gaspar Ortega and Cuba's Florentino Fernandez wage a 10-round, nationally televised welterweight boxing match tonight with a possible title shot riding on the outcome.

Miami Beach Promoter Chris Dundee has offered welterweight champion Don Jordan \$50,000 to defend here Dec. 4 against the winner of tonight's bout. Dundee already has the television date assured and is waiting the decision from Don Nesselth, Jordan's manager.

Wright Holds 3 Stroke Edge

Memphis, Tenn. —UPI—Long-driving Mickey Wright of San Diego, Calif., teed off in the second round of the \$7,500 Memphis Women's Open golf tournament today with a three-stroke lead.

Miss Wright was the only one of 25 lady pros to break par on the 6,500-yard Ridgeway Country Club course Thursday when she posted an opening round 70.

Her closest competitor was Bonnie Randolph of Naples, Fla., who shot an even par 73 for 18 holes. Deadlocked at 74 are Kathy Cornelius of Lake Worth, Fla., and Joyce Ziske of Waterford, Wis.

More than 15 million gallons of whale oil were being used in the United States in 1959 when completion of the world's first commercial oil well in Titusville, Pa., doomed the whale oil business.

Salt Lake Margin Cut To One Game

By RICK TALLEY
United Press International

A bizarre finish would only be appropriate for one of the strangest Pacific Coast league seasons in history — and that's just what's on the agenda.

Salt Lake City and Vancouver, sole survivors of a race that saw almost every team in the league on top at one time or another, are still fighting for the championship.

But a one-game lead and a snarled PCL schedule gives Salt Lake a decided edge in the money run, despite a Vancouver win and Bee defeat Thursday night.

Vancouver's victory was a 3-2 thriller over Seattle, while Sacramento edged Salt Lake in 10 innings, 5-3. In other action, San Diego put away Phoenix in the 11th stanza, 12-7 and Spokane won 13 innings to nip Portland 4-3.

Same Number of Losses

Both Vancouver and Salt Lake have lost 68 games this year — but the Mounties have won two less and have only three games remaining. Salt Lake has four games remaining, allowing them to finish the season with 154 games played while Vancouver will only complete 151.

That is, unless PCL President Leslie O'Connor comes up with an answer about what to do with three trined out Vancouver games.

O'Connor had said earlier that Vancouver would meet San Diego Sept. 14, the day after the season officially ends, to replay a rained out game from Aug. 14. But he later changed his decision and said the game could not be replayed. The Mounties were also washed out of a home pair with Portland last week.

Cedric Tallis, Vancouver general manager, said he would appeal to Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick if it develops the rained out games would decide the pennant.

The hottest team in the league, Sacramento, is mathematically out of the pennant picture — but the third-place Solons spoiled Salt Lake City Thursday night. Terry Fox and Dick Phillips delivered key singles in the 10th inning to push across the two winning runs in the 5-3 game, with reliever Fox getting credit for the win.

Vancouver's 3-2 win over Seattle featured a seven-hit performance by mound veteran Joe Hatten. Bobby Mabe

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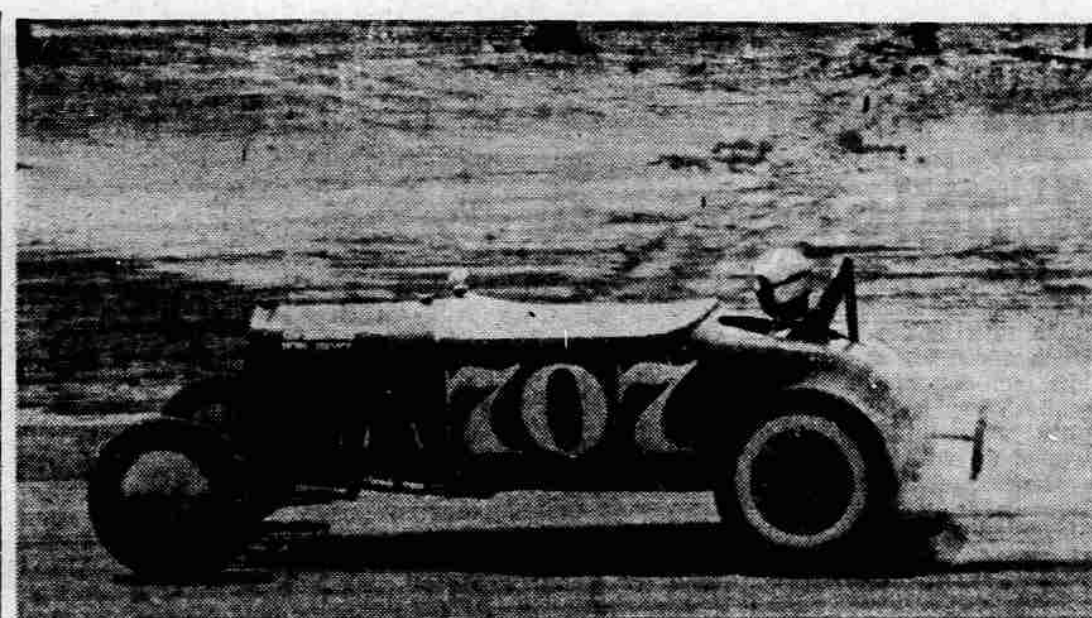
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PARTICIPATING in this week end's championship drag races at Camp White will be this 1929 Ford A model roadster powered by a Chrysler V-8 engine. Owned by Bob Hansen, Walnut Creek, Calif., this entry has recorded speeds up to 141.50 miles per hour.

Hansen's roadster will compete in the open fuel class on the local strip. Time trials will open Saturday noon as drivers tune their engines for the elimination scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Centennial Gas Drag Races Get Underway on Saturday

At least three of California's fastest drag racing machines will roar into action Saturday afternoon in the Oregon Centennial Gas championships of the Southern Oregon Timing association at the Camp White strip.

The Tom DeLan Class A modified roadster from Portland, which has hit 137 miles per hour, and a long list of entries from the Slo-Poks car club of Vancouver, Wash., will be among others in the Saturday and Sunday racing contention for some of the \$2,000 worth of SOTA prizes.

The sleek Glass Slipper, the Sutherland 167 mph A dragster and the Hansen A hot rod-racer entry will be the speedy California machines timing in tomorrow.

Aim At Record

Dragster entries will make all-out attempt to break the present strip record of 144.46 mph and walk off with the \$200 Savings bond posted on this mark. Several of the meet entries are capable of breaking this mark. It is possible that the record will be broken more than once.

Other entrants will be gunning their special fuel burning dragsters to the highest speeds possible and establishing a record in the open fuel class, new on the SOTA strip.

Saturday evening most of the meet's outstanding entries will be on display in Medford, at the Medford Shopping Center parking lot, at the Sears store on East Jackson st. The public is invited to this free display between 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Sunday morning time trials will open at 8 a. m. and continue until noon. Eliminations will be staged after lunch. Trophies, highlighted by the four-foot top eliminator award, will be presented immediately following the last run of the day.

Saturday Timing Asked

SOTA officials encouraged all local entries to put their cars in the Saturday competition when there will be more time for time trials than on Sunday. Officials said that only one timing run will be guaranteed to local stock, sports, and gas class contestants who wait until Sunday morning to register. The reg-

istration gate closes for all stock entrants at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Vehicles entered in Saturday's competition will not have to pay another registration fee for running Sunday. Pit passes, which cost 50 cents will be the only expense of Saturday entrants who return the following day.

More than 200 entries are expected and it is for this reason that all local entries are encouraged to enter and time their vehicles Saturday afternoon.

Radio station KMED will have its mobile broadcasting unit at the strip during parts of the meet.

The public may watch both days' action and concession stand operated by the Medford Lions club will be open both days.

The 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.

Redskins Appear To Be Jekyll-Hyde Aggregation

By BOB SERLING
United Press International

Washington —UPI—It's a Dr. Jekyll-and-Mr. Hyde football team the Washington Redskins are fielding this season.

No one, from new head coach Mike Nixon on down, can predict whether the 'Skins are going to be terribly good or good and terrible. In many ways they're merely loaded with large question marks.

Nixon himself sums up Washington's prospects in one terse line:

"Great potential, no depth."

Freely translated, that means the Redskins could cause trouble if they can avoid injuries. The Tribe's first stringers take a back seat to no one, but Nixon's biggest headache is a woeful lack of bench strength.

The key to Washington's chances is the Little General, Eddie LeBaron. He has looked sensational in exhibition games and seems determined to make this, his avowed final season, the best he has ever had.

But the quarterback situation is typical of the Redskins' Jekyll-Hyde personality — behind LeBaron is a crippled, below-par Ralph Guglielmi and green, untested Eagle Day who is classed as a rookie despite the two years the former Mississippi star spent in Canada.

Depth In Backs

About the only category in which the Redskins seem to have depth is in offensive backs. There are two fine fullbacks in Don Bosseler and John Olszewski and a whole platoon of good halfbacks—Bert Zagers, Dick James, Mike Sommer, Ed Sutton and Jim Podoley.

But, as the cigar commercial goes, "up front ahead is a filter." Nixon is frankly worried about his offensive line which sorely misses guard Dick Stanfel, now a Notre Dame assistant. Nixon moved Red Stephens into Stanfel's old spot and shifted big Don Boll, last year's tackle, into the other guard slot. In Boll's place he has been trying a converted defensive tackle, Will Renfro. Only time will judge the effectiveness of the experiment.

One weakness of Washington appears to have been plugged—offensive ends. A hale and hearty John Carson is back after sitting out two

Florists, Brakettes Finalists

Stratford, Conn. —UPI—East meets West in the final round of the Women's World Softball Tournament tonight when defending champion Stratford, Conn., plays Portland.

The host team downed Portland, 2-0, in 13 innings Wednesday night but the westerners bounced back Thursday night to eliminate Phoenix, 2-0, as Louise Mazzuca turned in her second no-hit, no-run performance in three nights.

Miss Mazzuca, a strong-armed right-hander, is expected to open on the mound for Portland again tonight. She will be opposed by Bertha Ragan, Stratford's veteran ace.

If the Brakettes win, they will retain their world title for another year, but a Portland victory will produce a final showdown between the teams later tonight.

Portland scored both its runs against Phoenix Thursday night on key singles by Beryl Piper and Delores Price in the sixth inning. In an earlier game, Phoenix eliminated Orange, Calif., 2-0. Billie Harris pitched both games for Phoenix.

Detroit's Legion Nine Champion

Hastings, Neb. —UPI—Detroit won the Little World Series crown tonight by defeating Phoebeus, Va., 11-4, in the final game of the American Legion Junior Tourney here.

The Motor City team scored five runs in the first inning to jump off to an early lead. Phoebeus contributed to its own defeat with 10 errors.

Detroit shortstop Fred Bowen was given the player of the year award. The sportsmanship award went to Harrold Routen, a Phoebeus left-fielder.

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Ladies interested in participating in a housewives bowling league are asked to attend a meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Roxy Ann lanes. League action will start on Sept. 22.

CITY LEAGUE

Standings:	W.	L.
Ross Lumber Co.	8	3
Silver Dollar Stamps	8	4
Wetter & Olson	8	4
Tie Toe Tint Shop	8	4
Domestic Laundry	8	4
C W A 9208	7	5
Farmer Brothers Coffee	6	5
Central Market	6	5
State Farm Insurance	6	5
Telephone Employees Assn.	6	5
First National Bank	5	7
Westside Merchants	5	7
Johnston Stores	5	7
Daugherty Lumber Co.	4	8
California Oregon Power Co.	4	8
Rogue Sportsmen	4	8

Results:

Silver Dollar 4 (Gordy Huttner 556) 2902; Rogue Sport 0 (Willard Thompson 320) 2710.
Johnston 2 (Dave Wade 488) 2699; State Farm 2 (Don Atkinson 511) 2804.
Ross Lbr. 4 (Gale Culy 569) 2838; Westside 0 (Erhardt Blind 472) 2579.
Copco 1 (Bud Schroeder 321) 2878; Farmers 3 (Ray Anerson 335) 2878.
E A A 3 (Howard Rickman 517) 2771; Daugherty 1 (Dick Chapman 513) 2751.
W & O 3 (Bill Luman 534) 2678; C W A 1 (Mike Davis 514) 2572.
Central Mkt. 4 (Chas. McWhorter 525) 2732; F N B 0 (Arn Bauman 508) 2603.
Tie Toe 2 (Mal Olsen 492) 2701; Domestic 2 (Theron Van Sickle 515) 2718.

ROGUE VALLEY LEAGUE

Standings:	W.	L.
Consolidated Van Lines	7	1
Team Eleven	6	2
Darrell Miller Co.	6	2
ONC Fast Freight	6	2
Taylor-Salade Insurance	5	3
Cal Spray	4	4
Safeway Twelve	3	5
OK Tire	3	5
Safeway Ten	2	6
Crater Lake Motors	2	6
Fabers Market	1	7
McDonald Candy Co.	1	7

Results:

Team Eleven 4 (Hampson 493); McDonald 0 (Williams 467); C. F. Van Lines 3 (Ross 467); Crater Lake 1 (Maggenti 511); O.N.C. 2 (Wehren 504); Cal Spray 2 (Shaffer 496); Taylor-Salade 3 (Herman 439); Faber's 1 (Gegster 370); OK Tire 3 (PFAFF 453); Safeway Twelve 1 (Thompson 533); Miller Co. 3 (Haven 441); Safeway Ten (Lewis 502).

CUT DELAYS BOUT

Philadelphia —UPI—Garnet Sugar Hart was forced to postpone Monday's scheduled fight with Charley Scott when he suffered a cut lip during a sparring session Thursday. A new date for the 12-round bout between two top contenders in the welterweight division was set for Oct. 19.

FORMER WRITER DIES

Plainfield, N. J. —UPI—Edgar C. Markham, 89, former chief editorial writer for the Elizabeth Daily Journal, died Tuesday.

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