

Caseys, Old Fort Score Softball Victories

No Room for Argument

American National League Baseballs Identical. Poor Hurling Boosts Hitting Averages in Junior Circuit.

Baseballs used in the two major leagues are identical, despite arguments still being advanced that the American league apple is livelier.

Sunny Jim Bottomley, in the American this season after 14 years in the National, is the latest to express the belief that there is more jackrabbit in the junior loop pellet.

Bottomley fails to take American league pitching and power into consideration. Bill Dickey, the Yankee catcher, is right when he asserts that poor pitching is mainly to blame for the heavier hitting and preponderance of home runs in the Harbridge wheel. Scores and hitting records support his contention.

National league pitching excellent that of the American in the all-star game was not an accident. The older circuit is much better fixed in skillful handuff kings.

Strong-armed sons of the American might experience a little more difficulty in the National, but it is not hard to imagine Lou Gehrig, Jimmy Foxx, Earl Averill, Hal Trosky, Dick Eyer, Charley Gehring, Joe DiMaggio, Goose Goslin, Bob Johnson, Al Simmons, and Zeke Bonura as a group outstriking one composed of the pick of the elder league's distance hitters.

The National need not apologize for Guesse Suh, Paul Waner, Ernie Lombardi, Mel Ott, Dolph Camilli, Ripper Collins, Joe Medwick, Gabby Hartnett, Wally Berger, Chuck Klein, and Ival Goodman, but the American definitely has a bulging margin in heavy artillery.

Getting back to the ball, all are made in the same Philadelphia factory. The only difference is the color of the stitching and the leather. The same condition existed some years back when the powers decided to change the speed of the ball as a means of creating synthetic Babe Ruths. The pill was made more resilient for all hands.

The doubting Thomases point to the fact that American league outfielders play closer to the fences than do National league fly chasers.

They speak of American league shortstops playing closer to the plate than do those in the parent organization.

And why they do not play deeper when the bases are unoccupied, Joe Cronin, manager of the Red Sox, explains that if they played back on the edge of the grass, sharply smacked grounders would curve away from them, and more often than not they would be unable to field the swerving ball.

Tris Speaker, daddy of all outfielders at going back for a ball, cannot understand either the current American league shortstopping or outfielding theory.

"If it is true that the ball is faster, why should the shortstop play closer in?" asks Spoke. "On my club, he'd play farther back and have more time to get to the ball."

"American league outfielders have roamed too deep for years. The percentage is in favor of the ball being in front of them. Yet they seldom catch a ball in front of them nowadays."

"The number of base hits that fall between infielders and outfielders is sickening. Several dropping liners or Texas Leaguers drop in front of an outfielder for every three-base hit he cuts off by laying back against the boards. The place for him is from 20 to 40 feet closer in except when an extra-base hit will do a lot of damage."

"What good is he propped up against the wall? When a ball is hit that far it usually bounces off the fence anyway."

"The ball travels faster than it did in my day, for which reason I don't say that I could play in as close now as I once did, but I'd play in a lot closer than the outfielders of today."

"Nearly all outfielders can go back, and fango hitting practice would teach those who can't."

"It is too bad that motion pictures of Tristram Speaker in action were not preserved. They would open the eyes of the current crop."

THREE OUTFITS TIED FOR LEAD

Smoke, Lost River Lose Contests Under Lights Friday Night

SOFTBALL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Weyerhaeuser	1	0	1.000
Old Fort	1	0	1.000
Caseys	1	0	1.000
Smoke	1	1	.500
Lost River	0	1	.000
Elks	0	1	.000
Lowell's	0	1	.000
Klamath Billiards	0	0	.000

Games Monday night—Lost River vs. Klamath Billiards; Elks vs. Weyerhaeuser.

Three teams—Weyerhaeuser, Old Fort and the Knights of Columbus—stood undefeated at the top of the softball league this weekend at the close of the first round of competition.

Smoke, a winner in the opening doubleheader last Monday evening, dropped a 19 to 9 contest with Old Fort at Modoc field Friday night.

The Knights of Columbus, apparently one of the strongest clubs in the organization, scored a walkaway victory against Lost River, 16 to 0.

A slight reorganization of the schedule occurred Friday evening to permit the entrance of another team, the Klamath Billiards. The addition now makes eight clubs in the championship drive.

The summaries of Friday night games:

LOST RIVER				
	AB	R	H	E
Kerr, c	3	0	1	0
Clow, p	3	0	2	0
J. Cavanaugh, 1	3	0	0	1
Ashworth, 3	3	0	1	3
Mayhew, 2	3	0	1	2
Dick, ss	2	0	0	0
B. Cavanaugh, rf	2	0	0	0
Skanga, lf	2	0	1	1
Hogan, cf	2	0	0	0
White, rf	2	0	0	1
	26	0	6	9

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS				
	AB	R	H	E
Larson, c	5	2	2	0
Enders, p	4	2	1	0
Tovey, p	1	1	0	0
McDonell, 1	3	0	1	0
Barnada, sf	2	1	1	0
Bernadou, 2	5	3	1	0
Wheeler, ss	5	4	4	0
Brooks, 3	5	4	4	0
R. Williams, rf	5	4	4	0
C. Molatore, cf	5	0	0	0
Derrab, cf	2	1	1	0
Beard, rf	2	1	1	0
Mahoney, sf	2	1	2	0
	49	26	22	0

OLD FORT				
	AB	R	H	E
Perry, ss	5	2	2	3
Houston, sf	4	1	2	0
Robertson, 3	5	3	1	0
Hodge, 1	5	3	3	1
L. Pastega, rf	5	1	1	0
J. Pastega, cf	5	4	4	0
Harr, c	4	2	2	0
Wakeman, p, cf	5	2	3	2
Kennerly, cf	1	0	0	0
Quinn, lf	3	1	1	0
Remus, p	2	0	0	0
C. Onakes, sf	1	0	0	0
	45	19	16	6

SMOKE				
	AB	R	H	E
Pape, ss	3	1	0	1
Palmer, 2	4	1	2	0
Olson, 1	4	2	0	0
Peterson, c	4	0	1	0
Van Doren, 3	3	0	0	3
D. Houston, lf	4	2	2	0
Garich, cf	1	1	1	0
G. Kenneth, cf	3	0	0	1
Lefferson, cf	2	0	1	0
Pera, p, rf	3	1	1	0
Driscoll, p	2	0	0	0
A. Lavenik	0	0	0	0
	34	9	8	5

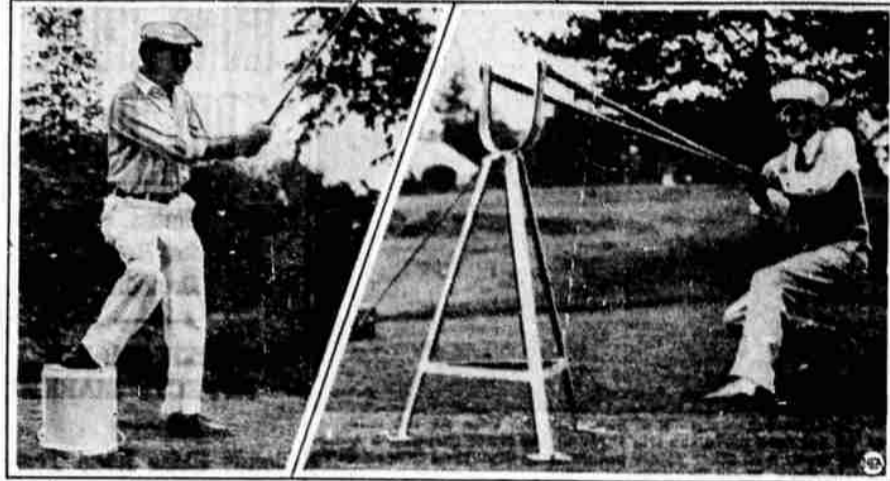
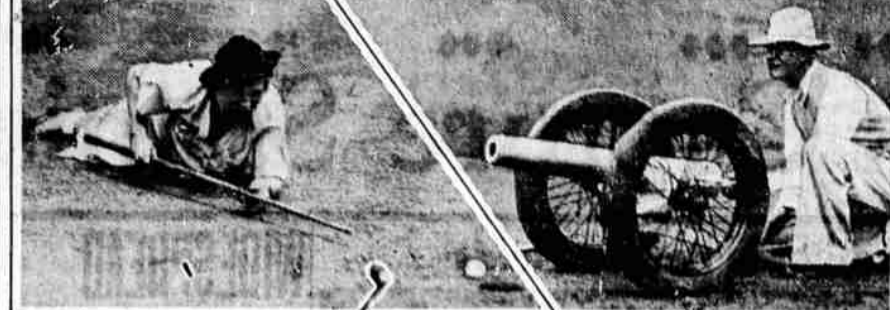
Struck out—By Enders, 4; Bases on balls—off Clow, 1; 2 base hits—Brooks, 2; Ashworth; 3 base hits—R. Williams. Home runs—Enders, Barnadou, Wheeler, Williams, Brooks 2. Double plays—Wheeler to Barnadou to Williams. Hits—Off Enders, 5 in 4 innings. Winning pitcher—Enders. Umpires, Ward and Pickett.

Struck out—By Pera 1; by Driscoll 1; by Remus 3. Bases on balls—off Remus 3; off Pera 1; off Driscoll 1. 2 base hits, Houston, Peterson, Houston. Pera, 3 base hits—Perry. Home runs—L. Pastega, Wakeman, Palmer, Hodge 3. J. Pastega 3. Hits—off Pera 5 in 2 innings; off Wakeman 1 in 1. Winning pitcher—Remus. Losing pitcher—Driscoll. Umpires—Pickett and Ward.

RAY ACTIS WINS

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 18. (AP)—Ray Actis, regarded as the hardest hitting middleweight developed in San Francisco since the days of the late Stanley Ketchel, had another victory written in his record today. He scored a decisive 10 round victory over Caruen Barth of Cleveland, Ohio, here last night.

HEAT? NO, IT'S JUST GOOFY GOLF



Members resorted to strange weapons as the Youghioheny Country Club, McKeesport, Pa., doctored up its golf course in celebrating its 25th anniversary. Upper left, Mrs. H. E. Crosby holes out with a cue. Lower right, Dr. J. B. Stewart shoots the second hole with a cannon. Lower left, E. T. Stewart drives with one foot on a bucket. Lower right, Ed DeNanno tees off with a giant slingshot.

Five Coast League Outfits Continue Close Battle

By The Associated Press

The drum-tight battle between five Coast league teams for pennant honors became more complicated as Seattle's leading margin was narrowed and other contenders held their own or gained in the standings.

Dutch Ruether's Indians were flattened by the San Francisco Missions, 3-2, while Oakland broke even in a doubleheader with Los Angeles by scores of 8-9 and 2-1 to draw within a game of the leaders.

Ducks Defeat Padres

Portland brought its current road trip average to .500 by winning the week's second series opener from San Diego, 4-2, and the Sacramento-San Francisco Seal double bill ended in a draw. The Seals won the first, 1-0 and dropped the finale, 1-2.

Portland maintained its reputation as the league's best road club by capturing the fifth game of its current two-week jaunt. Three Padre pitchers held the Beavers to six hits, but one was Moose Clabugh's home with a man on, and it proved enough of a margin for Bill Posedel, who spaced nine San Diego hits judiciously. It was Portland's

fourth victory in a row, and San Diego's third consecutive loss.

Walter Beck gave evidence of old-time effectiveness when he hurled a five hit game to beat the Indians. Roy Mort doubled home the winning run in the ninth, after Seattle tied the score in its half of the chucker.

Break Spoils Shutout

Ray Prim, Angel ace, came to the rescue in the first game to throttle the Aorns, but Jack Larocca, the speedball artist, coming back in the second to beat the Seraphs. Larocca was blasted off the bill by a five run sortie in the first two innings of the opening game.

Dick Newsome of the Sacramento team stood the Seals on their heads in both games Friday night, and but for a tough break would have won each by a shutout. While his teammates scored one run, Newsome blanked the Seals in the first game, and felt so good he continued pitching in the short contest. He had the game tucked away until the fourth inning, when Catcher Narrows dropped a pop fly which would have retired the side. The Seals made their two runs thereafter.

The idea met no opposition, most of the boys remembering how Bing's horses ran at Santa Anita last winter.

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Miss McDougall Defends Oregon Golfing Title

PORTLAND, Ore., July 17. (AP)—It was still Champion Miss McDougall today.

Miss McDougall, defending title in the Oregon women's golf tourney, romped through to repeat her honors here with a smashing 8 and 7 victory over Florence Sellers in the 1936 final.

The victory gave Miss McDougall possession of three titles—the Pacific northwest, Oregon State and Oregon women's open. It was only three weeks ago that Miss Sellers gave the championship her hardest fight in the Pacific northwest tourney at Vancouver, B. C., before dropping the match 1-up.

Movie Stars Play Bang-up Game of Ball

LOS ANGELES, July 18. (AP)—Hollywood screen stars took over Wrigley field today for perhaps the daffiest game of baseball the park ever beheld.

Staged annually for charity, the affair this year gave officials more than their usual quota of problems.

For one thing, George Jessel wanted to install a telephone at third base to keep his friends at home advised of how things were going.

And George Burns demanded field rules to keep Gracie Allen off the coaching line. The other side wanted her—for the other side.

The "leading men's" team, remembering a 17—or was it 27—run rally in the second inning of last year's game, thought it would be a good idea to play the innings by clock, allowing each side, say 10 minutes at turn at plate yesterday and provided.

Bing Crosby took a practice ed he can smack the ball as well as he does a golf pellet, but being a little overweight around the girth, suggested he might ride one of his race horses around the bases.

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Major League Bat Averages Undergo Shift

NEW YORK, July 18. (AP)—Another shakeup featured the major league batting races this week, with only the leaders, Lou Gehrig of the Yanks and Paul Waner of the Pirates, escaping the turnover in both loops.

Gehrig, found his American league lead endangered for the first time in weeks. He was unable to get more than five safe blows in 23 times at bat, to lose 13 percentage points and drop to .377, while Rip Radcliff of the White Sox came up from fourth with .375.

Waner hit at a near .500 pace, getting a dozen safeties in 25 times up to increase his lead with .394 average. Ducky Medwick, Cardinal clonker, came back and took second place with .358.

Standings

COAST LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Seattle	62	49	.559
Oakland	60	49	.550
Missions	59	53	.527
Portland	55	59	.484
Los Angeles	57	56	.504
San Diego	54	58	.482
San Francisco	53	59	.473
Sacramento	42	68	.382

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	51	30	.630
St. Louis	51	32	.614
Pittsburgh	44	39	.530
Cincinnati	41	39	.513
New York	43	41	.512
Boston	40	44	.476
Chicago	42	40	.512
Philadelphia	32	50	.390
Brocklyn	28	55	.337

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	56	28	.667
Cleveland	47	38	.553
Boston	47	40	.540
Detroit	45	39	.536
Washington	44	40	.524
Chicago	42	40	.512
Philadelphia	28	53	.346
St. Louis	25	56	.309

CHALLENGES BOSS

LOS ANGELES, July 18. (AP) George Farnasas, wily little manager of Ceterino Garcia, challenged welterweight champion Barney Ross today for a title fight with his crack Filipino, who last night knocked out Kid Azteca, Mexico City, in the fifth round.

LEAGUE TITLE BATTLE LOOMS

Red Sox, Merchants Will Break Deadlock; Glendale Here

SOUTHERN OREGON LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Grants Pass	5	3	.625
Red Sox	5	3	.625
Glendale	5	4	.556
Pelicans	1	8	.111

Games Sunday

Red Sox at Grants Pass. Glendale at Pelicans, Modoc field.

With probably the 1936 Southern Oregon league pennant at stake, Grants Pass Merchants and the Red Sox from Klamath Falls will battle it out at the Josephine county fairgrounds, Sunday. While the two league leaders are meeting in the feature game, the Glendale Loggers will journey to Klamath Falls for a revenge crack at the surprising Pelicans, who upset all dope last Sunday to hang up a 6-2 win over the Loggers in the latter's own back yard.

One game in front of Glendale, Grants Pass and the Red Sox will throw their Sunday punches at each other in an effort to lengthen that slim margin over the second place team. The winner of the first really crucial battle of the year will hold the undisputed top spot while the loser will drop into second place, tied with Glendale if the Loggers get their revenge from the Pelicans, or all alone if the Pelicans repeat their dope bucket kicking-over act.

Lanky young Bob Hardy, who received his first defeat of the year at the hands of the Red Sox last Sunday, will again be in the box for the Merchants, and Clyde Carlstrom, the boy who beat Hardy, will again try to turn the trick. Undoubtedly the two best hurlers in the circuit, Hardy and Carlstrom will probably provide an expected record crowd with the sweetest pitchers' battle seen all year. Both boys were hit rather hard last week in the Red Sox 9-8, 19-inning victory, over Modoc field played havoc with balls which should have been easy putouts.

At Klamath Falls, Lowell Brown will be on the rubber for the Pelicans, while Merle Johnson will do the "Logger" hurling. By their sensational win over the powerful Loggers last week, Jack Gove's collarless served notice on the three top clubs that from now on the much-debated Pelicans were going to be plenty salty. It was the first defeat suffered by Glendale on their own grounds all year, and they will try desperately to keep in the pennant race Sunday by a victory over the Pelicans. Another defeat would practically eliminate them from the race.

WRESTLING

By The Associated Press

CINCINNATI—Everett Marshall, Colorado, 235, tossed Ernie Heffner, Sherman, Texas, 235, 35 minutes of one fall match.

Discovery



His talents discovered in a preliminary match, Jimmy Lott, young athlete from Alabama, goes into his first Klamath Falls main event Tuesday night when he meets Les Wolfe of Texas at the armory. The powerful south-erner is given an outstanding chance to win. Both main event-ers look for victory to put them in line for a match with undefeated Cowboy Duke Chick.

In other matches Tuesday night, Bob Montgomery of Georgia meets Hobby Chick of Wyoming and Charlie Carr, Mississippi, tackles Prince Mihalakis.

Good Weather Aboard Ship Aids Athletes

ABOARD S. S. MANHATTAN, En Route to Berlin, July 18. (AP)—Slowly but steadily the conglomeration of 382 Berlin-bound American athletes is taking on the aspect of a real Olympic team.

Aided by good weather, the athletes are getting in their practice sessions. They have needed the admonitions of officials to keep the rigid training schedules laid out for them and discipline and organization is making itself felt.

Hustiest of the athletes on board are the boxers and wrestlers, who still have to decide two or more places on each team. Alternates can still win the regular berths in any weight if they're good and in some cases it's still considered a toss up which of two men will be the actual contestant.

The shipboard workouts are expected to settle the disputes between heavyweights Howell Schooby of Lehigh and Roy Dunn of Oklahoma A. & M. on the mat team and between Ray Clemens of Oklahoma Central Teachers and Charles McDaniel of Indiana university in the light heavyweight division.

On the boxing team the heavyweights and middleweights may not settle their ranking until they reach Berlin.

Track and field officials, with most of their other problems under control are busy deciding upon the lineups of the two relay teams.

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Revision Made in Softball Loop Schedule

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