

from MIDFIELD by Bob Leonard

PAT-ON-THE-BACK DIVISION

With Oakland's Acorns during their recent stopover visit to Klamath Falls, the Elk hotel and Recreation park, was one Lee Dunbar, a conventional, corpulent, greying gentleman garbed in tweeds and good spirits.

Mr. Dunbar's job through the summer is one of comparative ease. He covers the baseball engagements of the fifth place Oaks for the Oakland Tribune, a chore which seldom requires superlatives in either direction.

Now and then he produces a place termed the Bull Pen for the Trib.

Mr. Dunbar manufactured a column in Seattle some weeks ago wherein he went over his visit here.

This is it:

SEATTLE, Aug. 7 — Reno's claim to the "biggest little town in the world" will, from this time on, be disputed by your correspondent.

Having sampled most of the gambling joints of the Nevada metropolis, your correspondent now nominates for the most progressive town in the country of its size the bustling little Oregon city of Klamath Falls.

If I were alone in this opinion it might be put down to the class of milk shakes served us during our recent visit in Klamath. A few good milk shakes will, you know, send a feller into peans of praise.

But the young men of the Oakland ball club will support my high opinion of Klamath Falls and they, I am certain, were not biased by the variety of soda fountain goods dispensed at Klamath.

When, with Bob Howard, president of the Klamath Falls club of the Oregon State league I made an inspection of the town's union high school and its athletic plant, I got the jolt of my life.

Best Prep Athletic Plant

Those of us who are fortunate enough to live in the Eastbay are immensely proud and justly so—of the Oakland and Berkeley schools and the gigantic University of California. But let me tell you that the athletic department of the Klamath Falls high school makes anything in Oakland or Berkeley look sick and, in some respects surpasses that of the university.

Always an ardent follower of high school football, I have examined the athletic plants of prep schools in all parts of the country but in Klamath Falls, a community of 18,000 population, I found the greatest high school football field I have ever seen. The turf—yes, you Oakland high school gridders, I said turf—is far finer than anything to be found in any school in the Pacific Coast Conference. And that goes for Stanford and Washington State, both of which are deservedly proud of their football playing fields.

A covered grandstand—yep, you Eastbay fans who are accustomed to sitting in the rain—it is COVERED, seats approximately 4000 people. On the opposite side of the field are open-faced bleachers that will care for another 2000. And, so the Klamath Falls folks told me, the Klamath falls full for every game. And, between these two seating arrangements is as fine a turf field as there is in the United States, and I include all the American colleges in the list. The turf is a combination of bent and bluegrass and is absolutely perfect.

The locker and shower rooms and basketball courts—yep, two indoor courts—are in keeping with the football field. The men's gymnasium at Berkeley, so I've been told, cost in the neighborhood of two million bucks, yet the DOUBLE basketball court at Klamath Falls high is better constructed and more modern than the rather antiquated affair used at Berkeley. In keeping with the best of the picture at Klamath is an up-to-the-minute electric score board for the cage fans that is far and away ahead of anything I've seen in the Pacific Coast Conference.

Eight Teams in Oregon Loop The baseball picture at Klamath Falls isn't quite so rosy, but Howard and the other five local businessmen who have taken charge of the situation are hustlers and will, no doubt, put their team on a paying basis before they are through.

The Oregon State league is an eight-team affair. In addition to the Klamath Pelicans, teams are located at Silverton, Albany,



Yanks Push Lead to 17 Games

Bombers Nip Athletics Twice; Dodgers Split With Bucs

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Brooklyn 2-3, Boston 1-0
New York 2-2, Philadelphia 4-3
Chicago 2-4, Cincinnati 4-2
St. Louis 7-2, Pittsburgh 4-8

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit 4-1, St. Louis 1-0
Cleveland 2-3, Chicago 4-4
(second game 10 innings)
Boston 2, Washington 4
Philadelphia 1-3, New York 2-4

AMERICAN LEAGUE
W. L. Pct.
New York 48 39 552 Detroit 55 65 457
Chicago 62 55 530 Philadelphia 51 61 417
Boston 49 55 522 St. Louis 47 61 419
Cleveland 50 54 522 Washington 47 62 420

NATIONAL LEAGUE
W. L. Pct.
Brooklyn 27 45 545 New York 24 55 495
St. Louis 72 41 437 Chicago 49 65 439
Pittsburgh 60 45 450 Boston 46 66 411
Cincinnati 40 49 509 Philadelphia 31 72 392

By SID FEDER

Associated Press Sports Writer

The Yankees moved down Connie Mack's Athletics Sunday, 2-1, and 4-3, to push their American league baseball lead up to 17 games, with only 35 to go. It's all downhill now, especially since Cleveland has dropped out of second place.

Brooklyn's National league front-line flingers performed Sunday. First Higbe served up a five-hitter to scalp the Braves, 5-1. Then Wyatt went out there and for 8 1/3 innings he had the first perfect game in nearly 26 years. But, with one gone in the ninth, Phil Masi, a fearful batsman with an average currently soaring in the .230's, poked a pitch over second base for a single. Wyatt wound up with that one-hitter for a 3-0 whitewash job.

Bucs Split

The Cards, meanwhile sailed into Pittsburgh in the first game as though they owned the Bucs. Sparked by a four-run first-innings rally, they coasted to a 7-1 decision behind Mort Cooper's seven-hit throwing. In the nightcap, the Pirates piled up an 8-2 edge, largely through a six-run second-inning party. Long Lon Warneke was belted out of the box for the third straight time.

The Phillies drew 6587 to Shibe park—their biggest crowd since June 6—to watch the local boys larup Bill Terry's Humpty-Dumpty Giants twice, 6-2 and 18-2.

The Cincinnati Reds ran their winning streak to six games in the opener of their twin bill with the Cubs by clicking for a 6-3 victory behind Buckey Walters' steady tossing. But in the nightcap old Charley Root finally won the 1938 game of his career by taking a 4-2 decision.

Cleveland's collapsible Indians lost two games to the charging Chicago White Sox and sank into a third-place deadlock with Boston's Red Sox. Bobby Feller dropped his fourth straight decision as he was out-pitched by old Ted Lyons in the opener for an 8-2 setback, his tenth of the year. Moose Solters scratched a hit with the bags loaded in the tenth inning of the nightcap for a 4-3 win which boosted the Sox into second place.

Buck Newsum and George Caster exchanged grade-A pitching performances in St. Louis. Buck hurled the Tigers to an 8-1 win over the Browns in the opener with a five-hit job. Caster came along then and tossed a three-hitter for a 6-1 victory in the afterpiece.

Sid Hudson stopped the Boston Red Sox with five hits to pitch the Washington Senators to a 6-2 victory.

Gold Cup Speedboat Race Won By My Sin As Others Drop Out

By JACK CUDDY

RED BANK, N. J., Aug. 18 (UP)—The gold-cup classic, blue-ribbon event of speed boat racing, proved a fiasco Saturday when only a single starter zoomed routinely around the course in slow time, but contestants in other divisions of the National Sweepstakes regatta provided plenty of sparkle, including the world's record.

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Whitebirds Edge Hills Creek Saturday; Sunday Game Washed

Now With the Right



Lloyd "Blackie" Smith, shifty 135-pound Klamath boy who hasn't yet dropped an armory match, sharpens up his left for Tuesday night's battle with Tony Malatchi. Fears that Ursal Snapp, 180-pound main evegar, would not appear were dissolved Monday when the Merrill slugger definitely agreed to fight.



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Coast League Battle For 2nd Place Looms

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
Sacramento 1-0, San Francisco 6-2
Hollywood 3-0, Seattle 11-3
Oakland 3-4, Portland 4-3
San Diego 2-4, Los Angeles 2-2

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
W. L. Pct.
Sacramento 55 22 253 Los Angeles 55 23 241
San Diego 77 26 506 Oakland 60 24 441
Seattle 71 30 505 San Fran. 68 22 439
Hollywood 66 34 493 Portland 57 29 419

By The Associated Press

A weekend sweep by the two northern clubs produced lopsided series results and sent the coast league baseball race into its stretch drive today with promise of a savage battle for second place and of spirited jockeying for position in the lower division.

Seattle followed up a victory over Hollywood Saturday with a double decision, 17-3 and 3-0, in a pair of Sunday games. This

USO Will Win \$20,000 in Ryder Cup-Jones Golf Challenge Match

DETROIT, Aug. 18 (UP)—The Ryder Cup challenge matches at Detroit Golf club August 23 and 24 will realize "at least" \$20,000 for the United Service Organizations, Chairman J. Russell Gnaul has announced.

Gnaul said that \$8700 worth of tickets already had been sold for the event in which Bobby Jones' challengers will oppose the Ryder Cup team led by non-playing Captain Walter Hagen.

A year ago Gene Sarazen's challengers tried unsuccessfully to defeat Hagen's team over Detroit's Oakland Hills course. This year Sarazen will play on Jones' team along with National Open Champion Craig Wood, Ben Ho-

gan, golf's leading money winner, Lawson Little, John Bulla, Ed Dudley, Clayton Haefer, Jimmy Demaret and Denny Shute.

Hagen's team will consist of Ralph Guldahl, twice national open champion, Byron Nelson, former open and PGA titleholder, Harold McSpaden, Sam Snead, Dick Metz, Paul Runyan, Horton Smith, Henry Picard, Vic Ghezzi and Jimmy Hines.

Vandalia, O.—Karl Maust, Columbus, O., professional, breaks 200 straight targets to win 16-year open championship, preliminary event to grand American trapshoot.

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Janaso Touched for 18 Hits in 11-9 Win

By BOB GLENNON

Despite a steady rain that fell for four innings of the game, the Klamath Falls Pelicans muddled their way to an 11-9 victory over the Hills Creek Hill Billies in an Oregon State league first-half game last night at Recreation field before a small but enthusiastic audience of about 100 persons. Sunday's game with the Billies was rained out.

The Billies put forth a valiant attempt to win the ball game in the ninth frame as they manufactured five tallies on six consecutive hits. However, Steve Janaso, who went the route for the Bigbills, stuck to his guns and finally retired the side two runs short of tying the count.

Eighteen safe blows rattled off the bats of the hard-hitting crew from Hills Creek during the course of the melee. Clean-up Hitter Howard Parks contributed four of the safeties, and Homer Parks, Cliff Baxter, Grover Kelsay and Dick Wright all had three hits apiece.

The Pelicans produced four markers in the initial stanza on hits by Crapo and Peters, walks to Lloyd and Mahoney, a Hills Creek error and a hit-by-pitcher. Three more runs trickled home in the fourth on two errors, a single by Lloyd and Janaso's double to give the locals a 7-0 lead.

5 Straight Hits

Siege guns of the Hills Creek attack went to work in the sixth to put together five straight hits for three counters. But the Klamath nullified this trio of runs with three of their own in the last of the sixth to bring the count to 10-3.

Both teams scored once in the eighth, and in the ninth inning the visitors made things hot for Manager Ernie Bishop's lads with the five-run rally that fell just short of tying up the ball game.

Wahner Fans

Every man in the Pelican lineup except Warren Wahner hit safely last night. Mahoney, Crapo, Peters, Lloyd and Janaso each had two hits. Bernadou banged out a triple. Crapo had two doubles and Janaso slammed out a two-bagger for the extra-base smashes.

Shortscore:

Hills Creek R H E
Klamath Falls 11 9 7
Hamar, Hammericksen and G. Kelsay; Janaso and Gross.

By The Associated Press

Silverton and Medford continued deadlocked for the lead of the State Baseball league yesterday (Sunday), although the Red Sox had a narrow squeeze with Bend.

Silverton led, 7-2, going into the final frame, but the Bend team rallied. Four runs were scored on four hits and an error, and Jack Gordon's single sent Johnny Bubalo scampering for home with what would have been the tying tally.

A neat throw from the out-

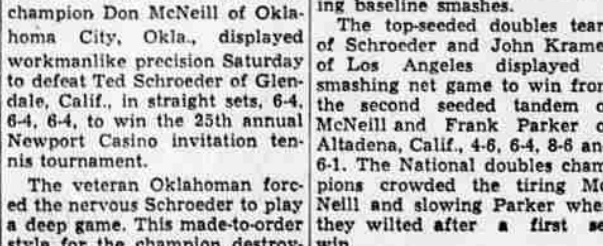
McNeill Drubs Schroeder to Win Casino Invitation Tennis Clash

NEW PORT, R. I., Aug. 18 (UP)—National and defending champion Don McNeill of Oklahoma City, Okla., displayed workmanlike precision Saturday to defeat Ted Schroeder of Glendale, Calif., in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, to win the 25th annual Newport Casino invitation tennis tournament.

The veteran Oklahoman forced the nervous Schroeder to play a deep game. This made-to-order style for the champion destroy-

ed the challenger's control and left him open for McNeill's driving baseline smashes.

The top-seeded doubles team of Schroeder and John Kramer of Los Angeles displayed a smashing net game to win from the second seeded tandem of McNeill and Frank Parker of Altadena, Calif., 4-6, 6-4, 8-6 and 6-1. The National doubles champions crowded the tiring McNeill and slowing Parker when they wilted after a first set win.



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Merki Splash Queen

HIGH POINT, N. C., Aug. 18 (AP)—The photogenic glamour girls, the ones who had their pictures in all the papers until this meet started, took a back seat today and a little bit of a Miss from up toward the end of the Oregon trail started home with highest individual honors of the AAU national women's swimming championship.

Nancy Merki of Portland, Ore., just 14 years old, scored 13 points, concluded with a new American record of 11 minutes 16 seconds for the 800 meter free style. Next, in a tie at 10 points, were Betty Bemis of Indianapolis, Ind., and Helen Cienkovich of San Francisco, diving specialist.

Almost as unexpected was the way the Riviera club of Indianapolis, unheralded and omitted from pre-meet gossip, clinched the team trophy with 43 points. Portland had 31 and the Women's Swimming association of New York city 29.

During the three-day competition, Miss Merki also broke a national meet record and swam the 1500-meter event in 22:12.2.



Nancy Merki, right, with Brenda Heiser, another of Portland's famous "Cody Kids."

World Mark Broken in Pacific Race Regatta

SEATTLE, Aug. 18 (UP)—Dick Hulen, a Butte City, Calif., professional, roared over the five-mile Seward park course Saturday for a new world's outdoor record of 42.815 miles per hour in the C service runabout race of the Pacific coast championships.

Hulen's entry, "Powder River," set the new mark during the first heat, eclipsing the previous record of 42.095 mph, held by Harold Ashley of Marysville, Calif.

In the amateur division, Lloyd Huse, 19-year-old Yuba City, Calif., pilot, barely missed breaking the record of 42.107 mph. Huse finished with an average speed of 42.096.

Their performances highlighted the opening of eight days of water racing, including tomorrow's Pacific coast hydroplane and National runabout championships, and next week's world championship International flat-ti yacht racing association regatta.

Service Runabout
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION—Richard Hulen, "Powder River," Butte City, Calif., first; Herb Rimlinger, "Captain Kidd," Los Angeles, second; Bob Smith, "E-12," Portland, Ore., third.

AMATEUR DIVISION—Lloyd Huse, "Dynamite," Yuba City, Calif., first; Glenn Barr, "My Sin," Bellingham, Wash., second; Ray Zappa, "E-3," Seattle, third.

F Racing Runabout
AMATEUR DIVISION—Hamp Thompson, "Tally-Ho VI," Napa, Calif., first;

Miss Osborne Wins First Major Net Title

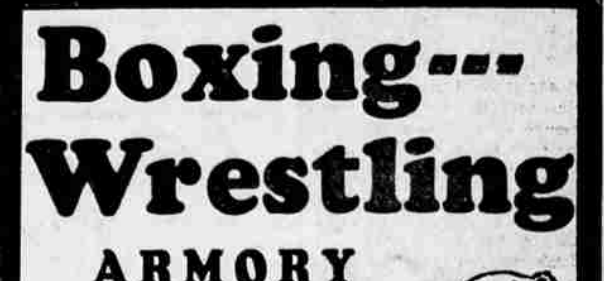
MANCHESTER, Mass., Aug. 18 (UP)—Unranked Margaret Osborne of San Francisco won her first major singles title Saturday when she defeated fourth-seeded Helen Bernhard of New York in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, in the 17th annual women's invitation tennis tourney at Essex Country club.

The first-seeded doubles team of Pauline Betz of Los Angeles and Dorothy Bundy of Santa Monica, Calif., played a sparkling game to win from the fourth-seeded pair of Miss Osborne and Pat Canning of Hidden Valley, Calif., 8-6, 6-3.

Boxing... Wrestling

ARMORY

Tues., 8:30 P. M.



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