

From Midfield

By PAUL HAINES

"Moon" Mullis Rings Up Ace

It seems that holes-in-one are becoming the rule rather than the exception at the Reames Golf and Country club course of late.

Sunny Sunday morning a good friend of ours, one "Moon" Mullis, to be exact, cut loose with a spoon shot on the 210-yard No. 3 hole and the ball flew with the instinct of a homing pigeon directly into the cup.

"Moon" was playing with Elton Disher, Frank Victory and Bill Batten when this phenomenon occurred. As the story goes, a threesome, composed of John Ashley, Paul Landry and Abbey Green, were ahead of "Moon's" foursome and were still on the green starting to putt.

It is permissible to drive on the No. 3 hole when the group ahead is on the green, so "Moon" who was the last of his foursome to drive, laced one straight and true down the middle toward the beckoning green.

The boys on the green were watching the apple, as "Moon" had screamed "fore" when it was apparent the pellet was directed on its way to the proper destination, and Landry pulled out the pin and watched the ball trickle into the hole for an ace.

"Moon" was last seen roaming the hills with a wild and exultant look in his eye feeding on grass and accosting complete strangers with the enigmatic remark, "I did it."

Morelli Sure Of Victory

Tony Morelli, the bad man from the sidewalks of New York, has expressed himself as sure that he can top the "Grey Mask" and all others in the savage "battle royal" scheduled for Friday night at the armory.

Tony may well make good his boast as he is the downright meanest character to grapple here in many moons and his tactics here of yore have had the fans howling for his blood.

He will have more than a tea party on his hands Friday, however, as he will be up against five of the best grapplers on the northwest circuit.

Each muscles his own specialty with the "Mask" of course, favoring his feared head butts, Tony Ross using a grapevine and back-breaker, Gust Johnson relies on a powerful headlock and a leg stretch, "Sneeze" Achlu may make use of his "Chinese sleeper," and Billy McEwin uses fists, elbows, feet and whatever else comes to mind.

So it is evident that Morelli will need everything he has, which is plenty, if he is to come out on top Friday night. Mr. Stoneface will probably be one of the first boys to go as he is heartily disliked by each and every torso twister in these parts. In past "battle royals" here, the boys have given him the old business en masse and will most assuredly not deviate from their ways this time.

Promoter Mack Lillard will, in all probability, give the man that shows the most stuff a headline booking with the hooded hoodlum next week. This billing is what all the boys are shooting for so the fur will fly thick and fast when the whole kit and kaboodle collide Friday eve.

Lost River Open For Trout Fishing

We have been questioned numerous times as to whether Lost River is open for trout fishing. After a check with the state police we are informed that it is now open for all kinds of fishing, including trout.

It will be closed from May 1 to June 30 for spawning purposes. We believe this to be correct and should clear up any controversy among anglers on the question and we guess there has been plenty.

Odds And Ends In The World Of Sports

George Peters, 4-H club agent here and one of the greatest blocking backs ever to play football for Oregon State college, has resigned his position here and is moving to California. . . . Marino Pieretti has won a starting pitching assignment with the Washington Senators. . . . Lord Byron Nelson is the top tournament winner in golf this season because he hates so to lose, according to Tournament Manager Fred Corcoran. . . . Col. Mat Winn is optimistically going ahead with plans for the Kentucky Derby. . . .

Look At 'Em Jump!



The general fishing season in Oregon got underway Saturday with hundreds of anglers taking to the streams and lakes in search of the elusive quarry. The big one that is leaping clear of the water in the above cartoon must be the one that got away.

Truman Not To Lift Ban On Racing

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—President Truman declared today he had no plan to lift the ban against horse racing.

Truman was asked at his first news conference about reports that former War Mobilizer James F. Byrdie's wartime prohibition against racing might be lifted on May 10.

The chief executive stated he did not intend to lift the ban. He said that it had done a lot

for the moral well being of the country. Asked whether there might be another decision after V-E Day, he said he did not have the answer to that question.

Osmundson Resigns As Hillsboro Coach

HILLSBORO, April 17 (AP)—The resignation of Basketball Coach O. S. Osmundson, who led the Spartan team to the state tournament this year, was announced here today.

Osmundson, coach here one year, plans to enter the insurance business in Walla Walla, Wash. He also was assistant football mentor at Hillsboro high.

Ace Marine Boxer Has Experience

Charlie Harris to Battle Brown in Portland Tuesday

Marine Charlie Harris, a boxer who wields an awful lot of power in either hand, never thought seriously about putting on the gloves until he came into the service early in 1937.

Perhaps when he donned the mitts for the first time aboard a navy dreadnaught it was a grudge fight that prompted him, but whatever the case, he came out winner by a mile and his style was impressive enough to keep him at it.

Not long afterward the Fargo, N. D. leatherneck had taken the ring sport seriously enough to find himself runner-up for the all-military middleweight title.

Turned Professional

By the time his enlistment was up in 1941 Harris had fought 60 amateur bouts. He turned professional and battled his way through 65 opponents up and down the west coast in little more than a year, losing only six and never being kayoed.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor he stepped into his forest green uniform again and went overseas with the second marine division. He took care of his opponents with a different type of weapon—a 30 calibre carbine.

He saw action at Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian and was recommended for a field commission twice.

While stationed in Hawaii between engagements, Charlie put on the gloves long enough to take the second division lightweight title.

Representing the marine corps in professional and amateur goes, Harris has never dropped a fight and unless we miss our guess, he'll keep the Red and Gold colors of the marine corps flying after his meeting with Jerry Brown in Portland next Tuesday.

Ironmen Top Olympic Six In Puck Fray

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 17 (Canadian Press)—Coming back with the power they showed in winning the Pacific coast crown, the Seattle Ironmen swarmed over and around the Boston Olympics last night to post an 11-4 triumph in the third game of the best-of-seven series for the national amateur ice hockey title.

It was the first win for the Seattle six. Boston has won two.

The triumph was virtually a personal win for Manager Frank Dotten who potted six counters and one assist, four of his tallies coming on solo efforts. Shorty McPherson scored three for Seattle.

The two teams meet here again Wednesday night.

Connie Predicts Another Golden Age for Sports

PHILADELPHIA, April 17 (AP)—Connie Mack says there will "definitely" be another golden age of sports after the war.

"We had our biggest sport year after the last war. The boom ought to be even bigger after this one. Believe me, I'm looking forward to it," Connie said in a radio broadcast last night.

Beginning his 45th year as manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, Mack, 82, said the St. Louis Browns are "the team to beat" in the American league.

Baseball Choices

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—How the major league teams finished last year and how they were picked to finish by baseball writers in the Associated Press poll this year: Figures in parentheses indicate where teams were picked to finish this year.

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.
(1) St. Louis	88	66	.571
(2) Detroit	88	66	.571
(3) New York	83	71	.539
(4) Boston	77	77	.500
(5) Cleveland	72	82	.468
(6) Philadelphia	71	83	.461
(7) Chicago	71	83	.461
(8) Washington	64	90	.416

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.
(1) St. Louis	105	49	.682
(2) Pittsburgh	90	63	.588
(3) Cincinnati	89	63	.588
(4) Chicago	75	79	.487
(5) New York	67	87	.435
(6) Boston	65	89	.422
(7) Brooklyn	61	87	.409
(8) Philadelphia	61	92	.399

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Fighting Marine



Marine Charlie Harris (above) one of the trio of leather throwing Leathernecks to fight at Portland Tuesday night. Harris will slug it out with Jerry Brown in a tiff scheduled for six rounds on Joe Waterman's fight card at the Portland auditorium. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo).

Plans Laid To Enlarge Yank Park

By JOE REICHLER NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—Yankee stadium, already the largest individually owned baseball park with a seating capacity of 72,000, will be expanded to a postwar capacity of 100,000.

Larry MacPhail, president of the Yankees, revealed yesterday that engineers were already working on blueprints to install an extra tier of bleachers, increasing the present capacity 40 per cent.

The former army colonel is also planning to lower the field by excavation to make room for at least 2000 additional box seats and to reduce the distance between home plate and the screen from 82 to 60 feet, thus adding more seats.

Snead To Play Nelson

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—The Essex Country club at West Orange, N. J., will be the site of the second half of the Byron Nelson-Sam Snead challenge golf match May 27. It was announced today by PGA Tournament Manager Fred Corcoran.

The 36 holes to be played at the Essex club will be match play, with the first 36 holes of the 72-hole match, scheduled for the Fresh Meadow club on Long Island, May 26, to be medal.

Chief beneficiary of the match will be the PGA rehabilitation program for hospitalized service men.

Anglers Report Slim Catches

REEDSPORT, April 17 (AP)—Fishermen who rushed hopefully to streams in this area over the weekend for the opening of the trout season came home disappointed with slim catches.

High, muddy water conspired with treacherous, washed out roads to dampen a usually joyous occasion. The poor roads kept many anglers from reaching their favorite haunts on small tributaries of larger streams.

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16 Major League Clubs Open 1945 Season Today

Most Nines Commence Pennant Race With No Serious Injuries; Miller Out

By JACK HEND

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—Sixteen well-conditioned major league clubs were ready to open a fourth wartime baseball season today before approximately 150,000 fans.

Both Presidents Ford Frick of the National league and Will Harridge of the American league have forecast tight pennant races and there was every indication that neither the Cardinals nor Browns, favored to make it another all-St. Louis world series, would have any cinch.

Luke Sewell's Browns, who had to go down to the last day of the 1944 season before they could shake off Detroit, were to meet the Tigers at Sportsman's Park while the Cardinals invaded Chicago, a club expected to be up in the flag chase. Cool weather was expected all around the circuits.

Unusual late March and early

Beavers Will Open At Home

By The Associated Press Pacific Coast league clubs entered their third full week of play in the 1945 season this week with a revised schedule. Only one game is booked for tonight—Sacramento at San Francisco.

Seattle and Portland, one-two at the top of the standings with only a game separating them, will open on their home fields Wednesday.

The Rainiers tackle the Oakland A's, tied with San Diego for fourth place, in a series of 8 p. m. night set-backs Wednesday through Saturday, with a doubleheader slated for Sunday afternoon.

Portland Meets Stars Portland takes on last-place Hollywood in a series starting tomorrow night at 8:30 p. m. Doubleheaders are scheduled for Friday evening and Sunday afternoon.

Los Angeles, knotted with the Seals for sixth position, entertains San Diego with a twin bill Wednesday, starting at 12:30 p. m. Games Thursday and Friday are at night, while Saturday's single encounter and Sunday's doubleheader are afternoon affairs.

Zivic Eyes Bout For Title

CHICAGO, April 17 (AP)—Cpl. Fritzie Zivic, former world welterweight champion, who now jockeys airplanes for the army air force, today announced he had appointed a manager for himself in an effort to force a showdown in his attempt to meet Champion Freddie (Red) Cochrane in a return title match.

Zivic lost his championship to Cochrane three years ago in a 15-round match in Newark, N. J. Now he claims he has a contract with Cochrane which guarantees a return-title match "within 60 days" after their original title match in which he lost his championship.

Cochrane entered the navy before the two could get together for a second title scrap. He was discharged several months ago and, says Zivic, he now is free to fulfill the contract.

Zivic, now stationed at Nemoyle field, Tex., near San Antonio, today said he had named Ben Zenoff of Chicago as his manager for the duration primarily to arrange a title fight with Cochrane.

Pirates, Browns Have Top Records

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates and the St. Louis Browns turned in the best records of the baseball spring training camp season. The Pirates were unbeaten in six starts while the Browns won 11 of 14.

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MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Marion Barnes of Olene that their son, Corporal James M. Barnes of the army air force is stationed in Southern Italy with the 15th air force. Young Barnes is a gunner on a B-24, and had been in Italy about 10 days at the time the letter was written.

Barnes is a graduate of Klamath Union high school with the class of 1935, and prior to enlisting in the service, was employed by the Union Oil company, and as brakeman for the Southern Pacific Railway. He enlisted in the army in January of 1943.

His wife, Margaret, and son, Jimmy Dean, reside at 111 Sheldon in Klamath Falls.

MENEFFEE PROMOTED AT A PACIFIC BASE

Donald F. Meneffee, 33, husband of Mrs. Leah C. Meneffee of Crescent Lake, Ore., has been promoted to major.

Formerly physical education director for five and one-half years in Phoenix public schools, Major Meneffee has risen from an enlisted man to his present rank in four years. He entered service in 1941 with the 40th infantry division and was commissioned May 14, 1942 at Ft. Benning, Ga. He is now plans and operations officer in an infantry regiment at this base.

In 1935 Major Meneffee was graduated from Arizona university with a bachelor of arts degree. From 1937 to 1938 he did graduate work at Colorado State and Oregon State colleges.

HOWARD TRAINS

Marine Sgt. Raymond R. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Howard of 2022 Gary, has joined the marine air training detachment at Jacksonville, Fla., and is now taking advanced courses in aircraft turret maintenance there.

A graduate of Klamath Union high school, Howard is a veteran of 15 months overseas service. He was stationed at New Hebrides, Guadalcanal and Bougainville.

The 23-year-old leatherneck enlisted in August, 1942.

FERREL GRADUATED

Larry Ferrel, aviation ordnance man third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Ferrel of Rocky Point, Ore., has graduated from the navy training course for Liberator bomber crews given at the U. S. naval auxiliary air station at Jacksonville, Florida, and is scheduled for combat duty in the Pacific. He was recently announced by Cmdr. A. Van Evers Jr., USN, commanding officer at this station.

LT. PAYNE'S RECORD SAN FRANCISCO

LT. DORIS Payne, former newspaper woman and wife of an Army corps eraser, has been given an outstanding record as port blood procurement officer for San Francisco port of embarkation during the five months she held that post, port files disclosed today.

Lt. Payne recently was transferred to another important job in connection with administration of the 107th WAC detachment stationed at Fort Mason. She succeeded in the blood procurement office by Lt. Millie A. Horner of Austin, Tex.

During the period Lt. Payne

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Today's Baseball

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