

From Midfield

By PAUL HAINES

Paavo Katonen Returns To Mat Wars

Paavo Katonen will make his return to the Klamath armory in Promoter Mack Lillard's crunch card Friday night when he tangles with Tony Morelli in the semi-windup event.

Katonen is well known as one of the most capable rasslers in this section of the country, but the wily Finn will have all he can handle Friday when he tries to cope with the vicious foudling of Morelli. Last week Tony was disqualified by Referee Wally Moss for his flagrant work on Kenny Ackles, the Hollywood Wonder Boy.

With both gladiators, the referee in the laps of the ringside customers, Morelli hung one on Wally and then gave the business to Ackles. Kennedy was ready and willing to continue, but Moss called a halt to the tussle.

So Paavo will make his return against just about as tough a customer as it is possible to scare up in these parts. Katonen, himself, is no lily of the field, however, and may quite possibly give Tony all he wants and maybe a little bit more.

In the top event Gorgeous George Wagner, the self-styled "Toast of the Coast," will collide with Walter "Sneeze" Achui in another bout that should have the fans standing in their seats. Gorgeous George has nothing but contempt for his rival, and has loftily pronounced that he will chase Achui clean back to China before the tilt is over.

Although "Sneeze" has not the sartorial splendor sported by George, he is still a pretty capable grappler and is well able to take care of himself against any and all comers. What will happen when the two clash Friday is anybody's guess, but for the record's sake we think Klamath mat fans will undoubtedly get another glimpse of the famous "Chinese sleeper."

Baseball Meet To Be Called

Considerable effort is being made to reform an American Legion Junior Baseball league in this section. Monday night a meeting was held in which various problems were discussed and thrashed out and it was decided to call a meeting of all eligible boys interested in this fine program instigated by the Legion.

It was pointed out that much effort is necessary if the program is to be successfully reinstated, but members of a Legion committee and other interested parties professed themselves as willing to devote time and thought to the cause if a sufficient turnout is on hand at the proposed meeting.

This meeting will be held Wednesday, May 16, at 4:30 p. m., at Modoc field and ALL boys from 12 to 17 years of age inclusive are invited to attend. It will be greatly to the benefit of those desiring to play hardball this summer to be present at this session as it is the only way we have of ascertaining how many boys will be available and relatively how many teams may be formed.

We feel that this proposed baseball program would benefit more boys than would a softball league. As a result we have virtually given up the idea of forming a softball circuit and will concentrate on the American Legion junior baseball plan.

There are, of course, numerous things that must be done if this program is to be carried through to a successful conclusion. We are informed that birth certificates of the players must be obtained and releases must be signed by parents of the boys participating in the games in case of any injuries. These are only two of the many things that must be done, but they WILL be done if you boys yourselves show enough interest and turn out in sufficient numbers at the meeting.

We firmly believe that the residents of Klamath Falls and outlying suburban areas will back to the utmost a program of this nature for the youngsters of Klamath Falls. If carried through successfully it will be a great thing for the townspeople, the town, and the boys themselves.

Overdue Brownies Rock Washington Nine, 7-1

American League Champs Open Long Home Stand; Indians Nudge Chisox

By JACK HAND
Associated Press Sports Writer
St. Louis greeted the eastern visitors like long lost brothers today after the overdue Browns rocked Washington, 7-1, in the first intersectional tilt of the season.

It was against the brethren from the Atlantic seaboard that Luke Sewell's 1944 "Cinderella" team clinched the American league flag a year ago and Sportsman's Park customers were hoping the new edition could pull out of the second division in the long home stand ahead.

Potter Hurls 3-Hitter
Nelson Potter, the ace in the hole who was the "stopper" for the Browns last season, turned in his best job of the season with a brilliant three-hitter.

It could very well have been a one-hitter for George Case's leadoff single in the first was the only safety until Rick Ferrell opened the ninth with another one-baser. Pinchhitter Joe Ventura followed with another blow, also a single, but Potter was safe in the clover with his second victory.

Rookie Outfielder Boris Martin, counted heavily in Sewell's winter plans off his 350 season in Toledo, finally began to come through with a single, double and triple off Johnny Niggeling and reliever Al Carrasquel.

Indians Down Chisox
Red Embree, another promising freshman who had failed to hit the win circle, finally made it in pitching Cleveland to a 7-1 decision over the league-leading Chicago White Sox.

The Baltimore grad with the blazing fireball had impressed despite two tough defeats by Detroit but showed plenty of stuff yesterday in beating Orval Grove.

Felix Mackiewicz, another Oriole product, belted a two run

round-tripper that started Grove to his doom.

Reds Rained Out
Cincinnati's night tilt with the New York Giants was washed out but rescheduled for tonight and Skipper Bill McKechnie announced he was benching Shortstop Kermit Wahl for Walt Flager, up from Birmingham.

Plug Lineup Gaps
Philadelphia, St. Louis and Boston took advantage of the off day to plug lineup gaps. The Phils sent Outfielder Buster

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Getting ready for their coming games with the Fairfield-Suisun Skymasters May 12-13, the Leatherneck ball team holds an inter-squad practice session at Recreation park to work out the kinks and detect any weak spots in their starting line-up. Here Outfielder H. L. Smith, a left-handed slugger, takes a lusty cut at the ball during the practice tilt as Catcher Tony Castagna crouches behind the plate. Umpire is G. Sgt. Bell.

Marine Ball Team Beset With Injuries

With a string of injuries dogging their heels, the marines have been working out daily at Mills field in preparation for a couple of ball games this week-end with the Leathernecks' arch-rivals, the Skymasters from Fairfield-Suisun.

These games, opening the baseball season in Klamath Falls, will be played Saturday and Sunday afternoons, beginning at 2 o'clock.

George Val, Coach Norwood Jaqua's brightest hope at short, broke his ankle sliding into second base during practice Monday, but Jimmie Brennan will probably take over that spot. Brennan has been showing up well in practice sessions this week.

H. L. Smith, hard-hitting outfielder, has been slowed down by a sore leg and Jimmie West, another fielder, has been nursing an injured thumb, but both are expected to be in shape to play Saturday.

Hy Chapin, righthander, will probably get the nod Saturday, with Mitch Paige standing by in case of trouble. Sunday's pitcher will be Dave Edwards.

The marines will have three portside batters in the lineup—both Smith and West are left-handers, as well as Jack Brannan, first baseman.

Adams back to the Cards again for two infielders. Shortstop Glenn Crawford and Third Baseman John Antonelli thus apparently forecasting the removal of Jimmy Fox and Wes Hamner from the lineup. The Braves acquired Veteran Left-hander Bob Logan from Indianapolis for Pitcher Ben Cardoni, Infielder Ben Geraghty and two others to be named later.

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The Skymasters have an edge on the Leathernecks in that the fliers have played at least four games already this season while the marines have had only squad skirmishes.

Frisco Heavyweight Faces Crucial Test In Bout With Fox

SPOKANE, May 9 (P)—Al Ware, San Francisco heavyweight, has two good bouts in the offing if he gets past Tiger Jack Fox of Spokane in their 10-round match here Friday night, the Victory Boxing club was advised yesterday by the Californian's manager, Joe Herman.

The southerner said Ware had been promised meetings with Lou Nova and Arturo Godoy if he defeats Fox. He did not say from whom the offer was received.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
By The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES—Nick Moran, 141, Mexico City, decisioned Corp. Bob Montgomery, 140, Luke Field, Ariz., 10.

WINNING STREAK
NEW YORK—Akron heavyweight Freddie Schott went into his 10-round match with Billy Grant of Orange, N. J., at the St. Nicholas arena here seeking his 37th straight victory.

Roosevelt Cops Softball Tournament

Roosevelt was crowned city grade school softball champion Saturday when it downed Mills 20 to 1. Mills scored its only run in the first inning on a walk and a hit, but Derrah, Roosevelt hurler, then settled down and allowed only five hits.

This winds up "A" league play with the "B" tourney still underway. Ed Attebury coaches the Roosevelt club while Verne Speirs mentors Mills.

In the "B" league Riverside whipped Fairview in a close tilt, 14 to 13, and Mills bounced Pelican-Conger, 20 to 10. Roosevelt drew a bye.

Games today send Mills against Roosevelt and Fairview will clash with Pelican-Conger. All the games are under the supervision of Athletic Director Joe Peak.

Joe Peak Appointed To New Physical Education Committee

At a meeting of an organization committee Saturday in Portland of health and physical education departments of Oregon schools, Joe Peak, athletic director here, was appointed to a committee to form the new boys physical education program.

Other members of the committee include Hal Bishop of the University of Oregon and Clyde Martin of Albany.

Rainiers Top Solons; Bevos Lose

Seattle Club Moves Ahead In New Bid For First Slot

By The Associated Press
Portland's six-game winning streak was stopped, Seattle moved ahead in its comeback drive and San Diego moved into a virtual tie with Oakland for second place in the Pacific Coast league last night.

Victories by the Rainiers and Padres squeezed the first division into a tighter knot with only five games separating the first and fourth spot clubs.

Bevos Blow Up
The Beavers literally came apart at the seams in losing 10-1 at San Diego, committing four errors, two of which were made with the bases loaded. Don Pulford, Portland's usually reliable right-hander, was credited with the loss. He was sent to the showers after giving up seven runs in the first four innings.

Seattle took a 7-3 decision at Sacramento, scoring four runs in the first inning off Guy Fletcher, ace Solon hurler. The Rainiers pushed over their other three runs in the fourth. The win failed to boost the Rainiers out of fourth place but moved them within half a game of San Diego and Oakland which are separated by three percentage points.

Seals Top Stars
San Francisco, inspired by the presence of United Nations conference notables and 2500 servicemen in the Seals stadium, defeated the Hollywood celebrities when Bob Joyce, star of the San Francisco mound staff, turned in his best game of the season to chalk up his sixth victory.

Oakland and Los Angeles, who were idle, will play an afternoon doubleheader today.

The Acorns with 20 wins and 16 losses still hold second with a .556 percentage rating while San Diego is in third with 21 wins, 17 defeats and .553.

Phillies' Hopes Get Jolt With Double X Ordered To Sidelines

PHILADELPHIA, May 9 (P)—The Phillies hopes of solving their problem of infield jitters received a rude jolt late last night when Jimmy Fox was ordered to bed.

Manager Fitzsimmons said Fox "is under doctor's orders for at least 48 hours. I don't know what's wrong with him, but his baby just got over pneumonia."

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Chicago	9	4	.692
New York	10	4	.692
Detroit	9	5	.643
Washington	9	6	.600
Philadelphia	7	9	.438
St. Louis	6	10	.375
Boston	6	10	.375
Cleveland	4	10	.286

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
American League
St. Louis 7, Washington 1.
Cleveland 7, Chicago 1.
Only games scheduled.
National League
Cincinnati at New York, postponed.
(standings unchanged.)

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Portland	25	12	.676
Oakland	20	16	.556
San Diego	21	17	.553
Seattle	20	17	.541
Sacramento	19	18	.500
Los Angeles	17	20	.459
San Francisco	16	22	.421
Hollywood	4	28	.125

Results Last Night
San Diego 10, Portland 1.
Seattle 7, Sacramento 2.
San Francisco 9, Hollywood 1.
Oakland-Los Angeles no game (traveling).

Wednesday Games
Oakland at Los Angeles (doubleheader).
Portland at San Diego.
Seattle at Sacramento.
Hollywood at San Francisco.

TODAY'S GAMES
National League
Cincinnati at New York.
Chicago at Philadelphia.
St. Louis at Brooklyn.
Pittsburgh at Boston.

American League
New York at Detroit.
Boston at Cleveland.
Philadelphia at Chicago.
Washington at St. Louis.

Lifting Of Horse Racing Ban Eyed By Spokane Group

SPOKANE, May 9 (P)—Directors of the Spokane Racing and Fair association were to be in Seattle today to meet with the state racing commission regarding reconditioning or rebuilding the Playfair race track in anticipation of an early lifting of the horse racing ban.

Competition will be fast in the big meet of the season, but Pelicans will make a determined bid to top Grant of Portland and other strong entries on Friday and Saturday at Corvallis.

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