

From Midfield

By PAUL HAINES

Attention: Junior Baseball Players

Your American Legion Junior baseball program is progressing well. At present members of the committee are busy spotting suitable fields for practice and lining up equipment, etc.

Enough boys turned out to form six ball clubs instead of four as was originally planned. Six sponsors have been procured including The Herald and News, Balsiger Motor company, Lombard Motor company, Coca-Cola, Fluhrer's bakery and Dick Reeder's. Matt Finnigan will donate a cup to the winning team and gold baseballs to members of an All-Star nine to be selected after the season is completed.

Almost certainly another meeting will be called this week at which time teams will be formed and sponsors and coaches will be drawn. This program promises to work out in a style beyond our fondest expectations, so watch the sport page of The Herald and News for notification of the next meeting. It will be soon, we promise you.



HAINES

Slammin' Sammy Splits With Lord Byron

Samuel Jackson Sneed, the guy who belts a golf ball so hard it looks like a pea, ended up in a tie with Lord Byron Nelson, the precisionist of the fairways, in their match May 26-27, for the golf championship of the world.

It was typical of Nelson's luck that the rain came down in sheets during their final 36 holes of match play. The Toledo umbrella salesman is very definitely a mudder of the finest order, playing his best game when water descends in bucketsful from the ozone.

If our memory is correct, he disposed of Slammin' Sammy, 4 up and 3 to play, after Sneed had won the initial 36 holes of medal play by the narrow margin of one stroke.

So the old poster is still a poser. Just which man is the finest golfer is an argument that may be discussed into the wee, small hours of the morning. We felt sure enough of Samuel's ability to wager a couple of lettuce leaves that the West Virginian would succeed in defeating Nelson, and brother, when we wager two whole clams, that's really confidence.

We weren't positive that Sammy would win 'em both, but we were sure as we are that today is Tuesday that he would win at least one of the matches. We figured the worst we could get would be a draw, and that's just what we got.

Sammy just doesn't figure to lose two straight matches in two successive days to Nelson, Bobby Jones, or anybody else, for that matter. We freely admit that we are probably biased on the subject of Sneed against the field. We have seen him play and he shoots the kind of a game that it's not only fun to watch, but that pays off large dividends when he is successful.

He's the Walter Hagen type of golfer. When the chips are down you won't catch Sammy playing 'em safe. If he needs a four to win, he'll still go for a three, taking a chance on making it and refusing to play it the easy way. There are some that claim that this is pure foolishness, but it is the thing that has made Sneed the most colorful golfer of all time and the one that the galleries follow most.

On the other hand, Nelson is deliberate and painstaking. He is a very fine golfer player, no doubt about that, but he never takes a chance, never tries a daring shot, and that quality of being willing to gamble is, for the most part, what has made American athletes better than any others in the world.

No, we'll give you Nelson, McSpaden, Ben Hogan, or anybody else you want as your choice, but we'll bring along with our favorite, Slammin' Sammy, and he'll beat your man three times out of four!

New York Leads Both Leagues

Once again it's New York setting the pace in both the National and the American major league circuits. Mel Ott's boys have maintained a steady gait after jumping off to a flying start in the National loop, while the Yankees hold down first place in the junior circuit albeit the Detroit Tigers are breathing hot on their heels.

We still think the Bengals will manage to cop the American league bunting, but about our choice in the National league—the Chicago Cubs—we're not so sure.

"Jolly Cholly" Grimm's lads are a great ball team on paper, but that seems to be about as far as they go. Since no team has ever been known to win a pennant by merely looking good we are a little dubious about the Bruins. Still, the Cubs did come from way, way behind at least twice in our recollection and they may possibly do it again.

In fact, the Chicago boys have sunk to such a level that we think "Cholly" might do well to bring Lou Novikoff, the "Mad Russian," back up from Los Angeles. Now you can say what you will, but we still think that Novikoff is a potentially great hitter. His fielding efforts DO sort of resemble a giraffe at a square dance, but when he tees off on the old apple at the plate it seems to sail a long ways.

The Bruins could use a power hitter at the plate as their batting efforts have been notably feeble of late. In the field the Cubs are leading the league in proficiency so it's their hitting and hurling that are causing the trouble.

We can't drop any pearls of wisdom into the Cub pilot's ears when it comes to pitchers, but we do think he could do much worse than to give Lou Aruppini another shot at the big time.

The Detroit Tigers are shaping up well and the discovery by Manager Steve O'Neill that he has another starting pitcher in Les Mueller to supplant the injured Al Benton boosts the Bengals' stock no end.

However, we may be worrying about it a trifle early. If the rain doesn't stop back there we won't have a world series until at least by Christmas of next year!

Ott, Cuccinello Set Pace In Major League Hitting

NEW YORK, June 5 (AP)—A pair of 36-year-oldsters who started their recognized baseball careers back in 1926 are leading the majors in hitting today with Manager Mel Ott of the New York Giants topping the National at .379 and Tony Cuccinello of the Chicago White Sox first in the American at .355.

Ott took the honors away from Tommy Holmes of Boston and Whitey Kurovski of St. Louis in a blanket finish that included games played Sunday. Holmes and Kurovski are tied for second at .378 21 points higher than fourth-place Luis Olmo of Brooklyn at .357. Nap Reyes is the second Giant in the leading five with .353.

Cuccinello picked up 22 points during the week, boosting his mark to .355 for a comfortable 24-point edge over runnerup George Case of Washington. One perfect 4-for-4 day against Boston helped Tony increase his margin.

Nick Etten of New York continued in third spot with consistent .321 followed by teammate George Stinweis' .318. Vern Stephens of St. Louis, out of action for a day and then

shifted over to third base, fell to .317, dropping from second to fifth.

Only newcomer in the National at .10 is Gee Walker of Cincinnati who took over the tenth position as Carden Gillenwater of Boston dropped out. Bob Johnson .303, and Ben Steiner .300, both of Boston and Jimmy Outlaw of Detroit .298, displaced the Tigers' Don Ross and Eddie Mayo and Chicago's Mike Tresh in the American.

WILLIAMS MEETS JOYCE

NEW YORK, June 5 (AP)—Ike Williams, NBA lightweight champion, and Willie Joyce wind up heavy training today for their 19-round non-title bout at Madison Square Garden Friday night. It is their fourth meeting with Joyce having won two of the three previous scraps.

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2 Service Nines Here In Southern Oregon Ball Loop

MEDFORD, June 5 (AP)—Six teams will play in a newly organized Southern Oregon Baseball league which will open Sunday.

The loop will include Klamath Falls naval station, Klamath Falls Marine Barracks, Ashland, Central Point, Butte Falls and Medford.

The schedule calls for home-and-home series with a Shaughnessy play-off to determine the champion.

Wily Bill Picks Up Discards

Cincinnati Pilot Finds "Washed Up" Hurlers Are Paying Large Dividends

By JACK HAND
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

Deacon Bill McKeechne's weakness for "washed up" discards of the major league stock pile is paying big dividends in the Cincinnati Reds' current eight-game win streak, longest active string in the big show.

Give Wily Bill a veteran pitcher who has been around and it's 2 to 1 he'll pop up as a winner in a Redleg uniform.

Bowman Picked Up
Joe Bowman, the latest example of the McKeechne touch. The 35-year-old right-hander was tossed on the bone pile by the Athletics, Giants, Phillies, Pirates and Red Sox before Cincinnati picked him up by the waiver route a week ago.

In his first start for McKeechne, Bowman whipped Brooklyn, in the first game of Sunday's clean sweep.

Beck Wins Two
Walter (Boom Boom) Beck also qualifies for the class with two recent victories over the Phillies. As much as Detroit needed help for Hal Newhouser and Dizzy Trout the Tigers decided Beck wouldn't do. The Phils and Dodgers cut him loose years ago but Cincy signed him and he's helping out in their hour of need. So is 44-year-old Lisenbee who starred two decades ago.

Fans Remain Cold
The Cincinnati fans, who have been so allergic to turnstiles that hardly 100,000 have paid, including 31,000 opening day, have been slow to accept the 1945 McKeechne version. They haven't warmed up yet but the win streak is bound to rekindle the spark, even if the permanent bug is absent.

With the majors resuming operations today after a day of inactivity, the Reds' victory string is endangered by the onrushing Pittsburgh Pirates who boast the best inter-sectional record in baseball.

Bucs Going Strong
Counting the two east vs west series, including a home series in each town, the Buccos have won 16 and lost 7, tops in the National and better than the St. Louis Browns' American high of 13-9 against the Red Sox, A's, Yanks and Senators at home and abroad.

All four eastern clubs failed to break even in the west of the National league and only Pittsburgh had been able to do the job when they toured the Atlantic seaboard.

Both Detroit (7-6) and Cleveland (7-5) enjoyed success in the east but the Yanks, Red Sox, A's and Senators all were below .500 when they toured the mid-west.

Three Florida Golf Tournaments Slated
ST. PETERSBURGH, Fla., June 5 (AP)—The first of Florida's three summer open golf tournaments, the Florida West Coast Open, will be held here June 9-11. The Lakeland Open will be held there June 14-16, and the Florida Open is scheduled for Tampa July 13-15.

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There was plenty of news, however, from the other pro football leagues. Red Grange, Illinois' immortal "Galloping Ghost," disclosed yesterday that he had resigned as president of the proposed U. S. Football league.

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Sixteen May Don Silks For 71st Kentucky Derby

Plenty Of Jamming At Start Expected As Horses Battle For Racing Room

By ORLO ROBERTSON
LOUISVILLE, June 5 (AP)—It's a good thing the Kentucky derby is going to be run Saturday, considering the rate owners and trainers are getting ideas about starting their horses in the \$75,000 race. As it is, there figures to be quite a traffic jam around 5:30 p. m. (central war time) at the head of Churchill Downs' home stretch. Until a few days ago the mile and one-quarter jaunt for 3-year-olds shaped up as a merry little party with a dozen or less horses parading to the post as the band plays "My Old Kentucky Home" and some 50,000 fans thrill to the sight of America's most impressive racing scene.

Now, however, there is a possibility that as many as 16 may don silks although it is likely that several of the owners will think twice before laying the \$500 starting fee on the line. The rush started last Saturday when the highly regarded colts quartered at the Downs bowed to a pair of outsiders, Barty Dieppe and Fighting Step, in the Blue Grass stakes.

Word was not long in coming from Canada that H. C. Hatch, Toronto distiller, was shipping Fair Jester in the same car with the Kenilworth farm's Kenilworth Lad and Bert. G. Fair Jester has some excuse for making the trip since he finished fourth to his stablemate, Uttermost, in the King's Plate but neither of the other two has ever been in the winner's circle.

Ed O'Donnell, trainer of Midsweet owned by Arthur Rose from Mt. Clemens, Mich., is seriously considering starting the daughter of Bel Aethel, pointing out that she hung it on both Darby Dieppe and Fighting Step as 2-year-olds.

With the possibility of such a large field and chances there will be plenty of jamming at the start as the horses battle for racing room in the five-sixteenths of a mile run to the first turn, we lean toward a pair of eastern colts to take down first and second money. They are Col. C. V. Whitney's Jeep and Alexis from Henry Lunder's Christiansburg farm.

Probable field for the 71st Kentucky derby at Churchill Downs Saturday with owners and jockeys:

Owner	Jockey
Col. C. V. Whitney	Arnold Kirkland
Henry Lunder	Ken Scawthorn
F. W. Hooper	No Boy
Warren Wright	Doug Dodson
E. R. Bradley	Billy Thompson
Mrs. W. G. Lewis	Melvin Calvert
Murlogg Stable	George South
C. S. Howard	George Woolf
J. T. Brink	Kempton Knott
J. K. Housels	Freddie Smith
Arthur Rose	No Boy
H. G. Hatch	Ray Watson
Lt. Com. T. D. Buhl	Buddy Haas
Kenilworth Farm	No Boy
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Leo Callouette	No Boy

Summer Trail Beckons Nation's Top Golfers

CHICAGO, June 5 (AP)—America's leading golfers start down a summer trail Thursday studded with an aggregate of \$250,000 in war bonds.

First stop is at Montreal's Isle-mere Golf and Country club in

Canada, where \$13,333 awaits the top shotmakers. After that the tour takes them to 10 more clubs, with the most lucrative stop at Chicago's Tam O'Shanter course for the all-American tourney and goldfom's most lucrative plum—\$80,000.

Fred Corcoran, tournament bureau manager of the Professional Golfers' association, said at least five of the nation's top pros will enter the Montreal Open, starting Thursday and ending Sunday. These are Byron Nelson, leading money winner of the winter tour, Sammy Sneed, Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Jimmie Hines and Ky Laffoon.

Summer competition in the United States begins with the \$17,500 Philadelphia Inquirer invitational at Llanerck Country club June 14-17.

A Pacific Northwest tour will follow the summer season, opening at Spokane, Wash., Sept. 20-23. Play will follow on successive weekends at Tacoma, Seattle and Vancouver, B. C. An aggregate of \$50,000 in war bonds will be offered.

Also scheduled this month is a continuation of the winter feud between Nelson and Sneed, with McSpaden and Sammy Byrd joining them in a 72-hole medal showdown at Detroit's Plum Hollow course, June 22-24.

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Playoff Game Between Sailors, Marines Slated

A playoff game will be staged between the Marine Barracks nine and the naval air station at the station Wednesday at 3 p. m. Servicemen and their guests are invited, but the game will be closed to the general public.

In the first two skirmishes played last Saturday and Sunday, the marines copped the first tilt and the sailors annexed the second game.

Bevos Sked Twin Bill With Angels

PCL Clubs Offered Chance For Complete Reshuffling Of 3rd To 7th Place Teams

By The Associated Press
With the "heat" temporarily off Portland, riding at the top of the Pacific Coast baseball league, this week's play offers the opportunity for a complete reshuffling of the third to seventh place teams, separated by two and a half games.

Oakland's hold on third was weakened last week by the San Francisco Seals, who bounced in to fourth through their 5-3 series win over their trans-bay neighbors.

The Acorns are two games ahead of the Seals, who have a percentage rating of .492. A half game behind is San Diego with .485, virtually tied with Sacramento and Los Angeles, both of whom have .484.

Seattle, trailing the Beavers by two and a half games, opens tonight against San Francisco. The Pirates entertain Hollywood and Sacramento plays host to Oakland. The Portland-Los Angeles series will start with an afternoon doubleheader tomorrow. All agnes have a California setting.

Wagner To Meet Dusette In Top Rassling Tiff

Promoter Mack Lillard announced today that the top rassling bout on Friday's card would pit George Wagner against Georges Dusette.

Both these boys have showed plenty of stuff in previous matches here and a capacity crowd is anticipated Friday night.

In the semi-windup a newcomer, Baby-Face Klingman, will tangle with Antone Leone who has enjoyed considerable success with his rough tactics in northwest arenas.

It has been reported that more than 10,000 American fighter planes were delivered to Russia through Lend-Lease.

Chandler Expects To Stay Baseball Czar For Life

By TED MEIER
NEW YORK, June 5 (AP)—Senator A. B. "Happy" Chandler has squelched sub rosa reports that he would resign as commissioner of baseball.

"I expect to be commissioner for life," he told New York baseball writers at a dinner in his honor last night. "That will set a rest talk of any successor for me."

"This is an occasion not intended to be serious," he said to a distinguished audience that included the presidents of both the National and American leagues, Ford Frick and Will Harridge, as well as the presidents of the three local clubs, Larry MacPhail, Horace Stoneham and Branch Rickey.

"But I want you to know that when the time comes for me to make a decision you will find that I know the meaning of the word 'no' as well as 'yes.' If I deserve criticism, give it to me, but I am sure everyone will agree that I should have a fair chance and will not impose on my good disposition."

"I need the help of everyone who loves baseball. As I understand it I represent the people and I mean to render decisions fairly and justly on the basis of the facts presented to me. The club owners represent themselves."

The senator said he had not signed out racing when he "advised" players recently to avoid gambling.

"I merely said then and I say it again," he explained. "That I advised players to stay away from all forms of gambling. I

Cascade Loop Will Open Slate Sunday

EUGENE, June 5 (AP)—The state's oldest semi-pro baseball league, the Cascade Loop, opens its schedule Sunday with two inter-league games.

Miller Lumbermen will meet Hills Creek in the opener, while the Portland Beavers will meet Shelton. Braves will throw in the opener at 12:45 p. m.

Hills Creek has signed Gene "Duke" Windsor, until now a 20-game winner with the Western Interstate league a few years ago, and Lightner, former Salem slugger.

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Grid Game To Be Main Topic At Meet

PULLMAN, June 5 (AP)—With nine of 10 member schools planning to resume football this fall, that sport will be the major topic at the Pacific Coast Conference spring meeting at Spokane June 11 and 12, Graduate Manager Earl Foster of Washington State college said today.

Phil Sorboe, new Washington State college football coach, will attend and Navy Lt. A. B. "Buck" Bailey, football line coach and head baseball coach, now stationed at Whidby Island, also is expected. Foster said. Bailey will return to the athletic staff here when released from the navy, Foster said.

RMH, Nottleman of the University of Washington will be in charge of sessions at conference president, Orlando John Hollis, University of Oregon, is secretary. Also attending will be Victor O. Schmidt, league commissioner, whose offices are in Los Angeles.

Postwar conference policies, eligibility rules for returned servicemen and a review of wartime regulations affecting sports are to be considered.

350 Horses Will Be Put At Gresham

GRESHAM, June 4 (AP)—Nearly 350 horses will be entered here by June 3, the date of the Northwest racing club's 11-day racing meet.

Paul Hall, general manager said 70 horses aged 12 and over are coming here from Phoenix, Ariz., where bad weather has racing two weeks ahead of schedule. The mounts will go on to the Longacres track in Seattle after the season here.

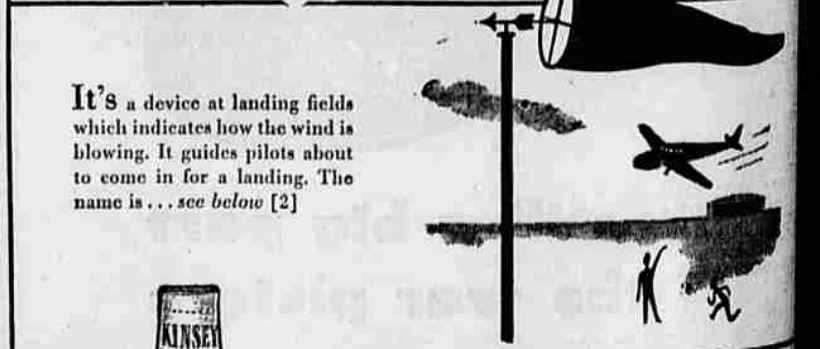
Eight of the 25 best horses will be picked for the major handicaps next Tuesday. The first race will begin at 6 o'clock every evening.

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