

From Midfield

By PAUL HAINES

Legion Baseball Plans Progress

Plans for starting American Legion junior baseball again in Klamath Falls are progressing slowly, to be sure, but the program will definitely get under way the first of July.

To those who may feel that the program has been handled too slowly, we can only reply that there is an unbelievable amount of groundwork to be laid before the project can actually commence.



HAINES

Soldier Wins Pro-Amateur Golf Crown Wearing Brace

By JIMMY JORDAN
CHICAGO, June 30 (AP)—He's not very big, and he wears a steel brace on his back, but for a fellow on convalescent furlough from an army hospital, the Sgt. Walter Burkemo, of Evanston, Ill., really can hit a golf ball.

Graziano Kayoes Cochrane

By TED MEIER
NEW YORK, June 30 (AP)—Welterweight Champion Freddie "Red" Cochrane was knocked out by Rocky Graziano in the 10th and last round of their non-title bout at Madison Square Garden last night, but he made good his pre-fight statement that he was "no bum."

Givan Meets Black For PPGA Crown

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 30 (AP)—Harry Givan of Seattle, and Kenny Black of Vancouver, B. C., will meet today in a 36-hole final for the 44th annual Pacific Northwest Golf association championship over the Point Grey Golf and Country club 6400 yard tree-lined course.

Givan romped Harry Umbinetti of Seattle, one up, and Black defeated Ralph Whaley, Seattle, 5 and 4.

Big Bill Tilden Advances To Semi-Finals Of Tourney

NEW YORK, June 29 (AP)—Big Bill Tilden, 52, advanced to the semi-finals of the National Professional Tennis championship today by beating Karl Kozeluh, 55, in five sets, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Richard Skeen of Los Angeles also reached the round of four by beating Vincent Richards, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

Pieretti Handcuffs Tigers, 8-3

Detroit's American League Lead Cut To 1/2 Game Over Threatening New York Club

By JOE REICHLER
Associated Press Sports Writer

When Ben Chapman assumes the management of the Philadelphia Phillies today, he will find himself in charge of a club that is on the road to establish a new National League record for most losses in a season.

Fat Freddie Fitzsimmons' resignation yesterday followed on the heels of the Phillies' 51st loss in 68 games, a 9-1 defeat by the St. Louis Cardinals. At this pace, the cellar-dwellers will lose 116 games, one more than the record of 115 lost by Boston's 1935 Braves.

Four-run attacks in the third and ninth innings won for the Cards. Del Rice, with a triple and two doubles, drove in three runs and scored two himself. Charley (Red) Barrett spaced seven Philly hits for his eighth victory.

Frank Hayes set a new major league record of 21 consecutive performances behind the bat as Cleveland handed the Philadelphia Athletics their 10th straight defeat, 4-2. Hayes helped beat his former mate with two singles as Allie Reynolds raked up his seventh triumph. Rookie Steve Gerkin of the A's suffered his seventh loss without a victory.

Detroit's Lead Cut
Detroit's American League lead was cut to a half-game over the New York Yankees, when Marino Pieretti pitched Washington to an 8-3 triumph over the Tigers. The Nats hammered Frank (Stubby) Overmire from the mound in the first inning with a five-run assault. Pieretti made three hits and drove in two runs.

The National League-leading Brooklyn Dodgers also lost ground when they split a doubleheader with the Chicago Cubs, the Dodgers winning the opener 5-4 and losing the nightcap 3-1. The division reduced their lead over the second-place Cards to two and a half games. A three-run rally in the ninth, climaxing by Luis Olmo's single won for the Dodgers. Hi Vandenberg gained the Cubs an even break with a net four-hitter, a homer by Augie Galan spoiling his shutout.

Ferris Wins No. 11
Dave Ferris, Boston Red Sox' rookie sensation, pitched and batted his way to his 11th triumph of the campaign. His nine-hit hurling and three base hits, including a two-run homer in the ninth, gave the Sox a 4-2 triumph over the Chicago White Sox.

The New York Giants defeated Pittsburgh, 3-2, duplicating Wednesday's performance of tallying all their runs in the ninth inning. Clyde Kluttz' double scored the tying runs and after Max Butcher purposely loaded the bases with two out, he hit Pinchhitter Al Gardella with a pitch to force over the winning run.

Returning to the mound after a two-week absence due to a spike injury, Bucky Walters pitched Cincinnati to a 4-1 triumph over Boston's Braves, being robbed of a shutout by Chuck Workman's 10th homer. Tommy Holmes of the Braves got his 90th hit in the opening inning to give him a string of 25 consecutive hitting games.



Newest challenger for American league batting leadership is George Case, fleet Washington outfielder, who is drawing closer to Tony Cucinello of the Chicago White Sox for top spot.

100-Meter Dash Top AAU Race

NEW YORK, June 30 (AP)—A race the residents of San Antonio, Tex., could have seen for nothing any spring afternoon a year ago is the feature of today's National AAU track and field championships.

It is the 100-meter dash and pits Pvt. Charles Parker, last year's champion at 200 meters, against Perry Samuels, who yesterday won the 1945 junior meter crown, another bauble Parker picked up in 1944 during his string of 57 consecutive sprint victories.

A year ago—the two were teammates on the Thomas Jefferson high school track squad at San Antonio, with Parker the town's idol. Samuels was the school's football captain until he graduated last month and Parker's constant shadow on the track.

Shortly after his national track triumphs of a year ago, Parker was inducted into the service and is a belated entry in today's meet. Samuels, who took up track only because of his friendship for Parker, has this year's fastest clocking for the 100-yard dash at :09.5.

Ferris Field Sale Upset By New Bid

SPOKANE, June 30 (AP)—Sale of Ferris field to William Ulrich, Spokane, tentatively agreed to by the city council yesterday, was upset today when Attorney Richard S. Munter and Oscar Levitch, representing the Inland Empire Racing and Fair association, made an oral bid of \$60,000 for the plot adjoining Playfair race track which the association owns.

Commissioners, admitting that the situation complicated plans to sell the field to the older of Spokane's franchise in the Western International league, postponed action pending a meeting of the committee of the whole.

The commissioners previously had agreed to formally accept Ulrich's offer this morning.

Bevos Wax Sacs, 4-1; Seals Win

Two Clubs Highball Down Stretch With Thrillies Wide Open; Rainiers Loss

By PAUL WELLS
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

Portland's Beavers and San Francisco's Seals highballed down the Pacific Coast league track today with thrillies wide open—the Beavers with a 5 1/2 game first place lead and the Seals within two games of the second-spot Seattle Rainiers.

Manager Marv Owen's wrecking crew added a full game to its margin over Seattle by downing Sacramento 4-1 for the third consecutive night, while the O'Doulmen raked up their fourth one-run victory in a row over Los Angeles 4-3.

Oakland, unable for the first time this week to match the hot pace set by the seals, was tripped up by Hollywood's Stars 7-2. San Diego's Padres squared their series with the Rainiers at 2-all with a 6-5 win.

Bevos Break Deadlock
Portland broke a 1-1 deadlock with Sacramento in the first of the sixth with a three-run attack that put its game on ice.

The outburst at the expense of Pitcher Gene Babbitt came on a combination of three hits and two costly Solon errors. Beaver Leftfielder Spencer Harris rapped out the longest hit of the game, a triple that accounted for his club's first run in the fourth frame.

The Seals, following their pattern in each of three previous victories over the Angels, came from behind to score three times in the seventh canto and then hold their 4-3 edge in the remaining innings. The Seraphs got all their runs in the fourth off Southpaw Elmer Orella, who survived the assault and went the route to receive credit for the win.

Stars Top Acorns
Hollywood took its first of the series from Oakland with a "lucky seventh" explosion good for five tallies and the game, 7-2. The sudden uprising broke a tight pitching duel between the Oaks' Garth Mann and the Stars' Joe Mishasek. Before the inning was over Fred Fitzsimmons left off, trying to pilot the Philadelphia Phillies out of the National league cellar.

Fitzsimmons quit yesterday, after two years of managing the club.

General Manager Herb Pennock, emphasizing the Fitzsimmons' action was "voluntary," named Chapman as his successor.

CORRAL

By 'TOP-WRANGLER'
Howdy folks:
The 4th of July is just two whoops and a holler 'way... with plenty of rodeo flavor.

Many ridin' troops from neighborin' towns will be on hand to pit out entertainment fore the grandstand and take part in the big parade. Lynn Roycroft will handle the announcin' chores with slam-up perfection in his up to snuff way.

The contesters are oiled and ready to dish out thrills to the spectators that will raise goose pimples with feathers on 'em. Keep yer eyes open fer a glimpse of Fred MacMurray, the movie actor, in the crowd. One of them picture companys is goin' to shoot some scenes of bronc bustin' fer a horse opera they're a makin' in Hollywood.

Well sir, our local girls are a makin' good too. The Saddle club cut a record of the club song and it sounded right pretty like. Their hat bands haven't increased a fraction of an inch either. I wuz awful sorry to hear Mildred Barton bein' in the hospital. That horrowoman is goin' to be missed and I mean a big miss out of the parade ridin' that fine sorrel of her'n. Bill Bullard of the Suburban Lumber company just up and donated the Saddle club an annex to their club house. Mable Liskey is shure busy gettin' the cornerstone laid and the door a-swingin' so to have more room to entertain the Medford ladies over the Fourth.

Frank Guskus' undeeded two fancy trick ridin' ponies, Mr. Guskus is a veteran at trick ridin' while Joyce and Ray Guskus do plenty of unique stunts on them two gallopin' hosses. The Guskus' have a ranch in Cathey valley down in California and made many a show with Tom Mix under the 'big top' of Ringlin' brothers circus. I gotta be tickin', I kinda want to try a trick or two with my White Horse.

Bye now.

Ben Chapman New Manager Of Phillies

PHILADELPHIA, June 30 (AP)—Pitcher Ben Chapman picked up today where Fred Fitzsimmons left off, trying to pilot the Philadelphia Phillies out of the National league cellar.

Fitzsimmons quit yesterday, after two years of managing the club.

The 36-year-old Chapman called his wife at a Montgomery, Ala., hospital, where she has been a patient for seven weeks with rheumatic fever.

"I hope the news makes her feel a lot better," he said. "I know the surprise certainly whooped me up."

"When I saw my big league days were ended, I went down to the minors hoping to learn the managerial game. But I never dreamed of getting a big league post."

Leone Tops Wagner In Wild Mat Melee

By PAUL HAINES
George Wagner played the part of Rose of San Antonio last night at the Klamath arena in his grudge battle with Antonio Leone but was defeated by Leone in a display of sheer brutality that is unparalleled in Klamath ring annals.

Leone trod the boards like a vengeful tiger and, although George is far from being noted for clean rassing, Leone made him look like a piker with some of the stunts he pulled.

George entered the ring replete with a permanent wave, a ribbon in his hair, and an American beauty colored robe with a sea-green lining. All this sartorial splendor was to little avail as things turned out for, although Wagner took the first fall with a body press, Leone came back with some antics that defy description to take the second fall and the match with a reverse surfboard. Needless to say, George was unable to come back after one application.

Leone Rough
Leone gouged, pulled hair, used a smother hold, and generally made himself obnoxious. He ran Wagner into the corner post at least twice and kicked him when he was defenseless.

In past bouts here Wagner has used some drastic measures himself, but never anything that quite rivaled Leone's performance last night.

George was intent on doing his share of dirty work, too, and at one time grabbed a chair from the ringside with the obvious intention of playfully busking his rival over the head, but Leone set the pace by 100 lengths when it came to the rough stuff.

In the semi-windup, Mill Olson was awarded the decision over Jack "Buck" Lipscomb in another demonstration of good, clean fun and that boys will be boys.

After Olson had taken the initial fall, Buck followed up with a few full body alams that rocked the armory and knotted the count with a body press. Mill was apparently in a bad way so Lipscomb offered to assist him. After massaging Olson's neck and getting him on his feet, Buck then hung one on his button that could be heard to Chicago's Loop. At this exhibition of sportsmanship Referee Wally Moss raised Olson's arm in victory.

In the opening tussle, Paavo Katonen bested Kenny Ackles with a hangman's hold that forced Ackles to throw in the towel.

Thumbs Up Given Edge In SA 'Cap

ARCADIA, Calif., June 30 (AP)—It's Louis B. Mayer's Thumbs Up against the field in today's eighth running of the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap, if most of the experts are to be taken seriously—Thumbs Up with Jockey Johnny Longden on his back.

Thirteen of the turf's top performers were expected to face the starting gates for the grueling mile and a quarter race. The winning horse will return an estimated \$83,100 to its owner; second place \$20,000, third \$10,000 and fourth \$5,000, based on the estimated gross value of the race at \$119,200.

The attendance is expected to range upward over 65,000. Post time for the start is 4:42 p. m., Pacific war time.

In addition to the big handicap, which is the sixth on a card of eight races, two other features are carded. The fifth, the Seabiscuit handicap for six furlongs, carries \$10,000 added, while the seventh of a mile and a sixteenth, with a purse of \$7500, is the Stagedhand handicap. These events were named for previous top performers in the big handicap. Seabiscuit won the \$100,000 race in 1940; Stagedhand took it in 1938.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Detroit	36	24	.600
New York	35	24	.591
Boston	32	27	.541
Chicago	31	30	.508
Washington	29	29	.500
St. Louis	26	31	.454
Pittsburgh	26	31	.454
Philadelphia	20	39	.339

Yesterday's Results
Washington 8, Detroit 2.
Cleveland 4, Philadelphia 2.
Only games scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Brooklyn	39	24	.617
St. Louis	36	26	.577
Chicago	31	27	.533
Pittsburgh	33	29	.533
Boston	29	31	.484
Cincinnati	27	31	.467
Philadelphia	17	31	.350

Yesterday's Results
Brooklyn 5, Chicago 4-3.
St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 1.
New York 3, Pittsburgh 2.
Cincinnati 2, Boston 1.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Portland	34	11	.756
Seattle	48	10	.828
San Francisco	47	12	.800
Sacramento	43	14	.754
San Diego	43	14	.754
Los Angeles	41	17	.703
Hollywood	24	55	.300

Yesterday's Results
Portland 4, Sacramento 1.
San Francisco 4, Los Angeles 2.
Hollywood 7, Oakland 2.
San Diego 6, Seattle 5.

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