

From MIDFIELD

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Sponsors Needed

The girls are taking an interest in softball.

Last Friday softball backers here discovered that there is a good chance that probably four or more teams will be formed among the ladies, and that one has already been gotten together in Merrill, and that they will be looking for a spot on the schedule this summer along with several men's teams.

They figure they can get their own teams up and locate places for practice, etc., but will need sponsors.

Backers have already come forward willing to sponsor men's squads—Elks, Moose, Eagles, Palmerton Lumber and so on—but what about the girls?

Surely there are a dozen businesses, concerns, lodges or groups here in town who will tell the ladies "okay" when they come looking for a sponsor.

If we get a male softball league started, great, but if we also get a ladies' league operating, greater still.

Next Friday there is to be another meeting to draw up a schedule, formulate the boys' loop, plan for the use of practice and playing fields and generally get the softball rolling, so by then the girls ought to be organized enough to get their word in.

So if you are interested in sponsoring a girl softball team this summer it would be a good idea to make it known before then. Contact Gloria Mayfield at the high school or buzz this corner and I'll relay along the information.

Ed Ryan, Pelican baseball coach, is casting an eye at the state high school baseball tourney this spring.

He has a very good team, evidenced by the shutout over Medford last Friday, and possibly needs only to whip Grants Pass to represent this end of the state in the tourney.

The Pelicans play Ashland Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m. on Del Moro field. Ashland has already suffered at the hands of the Pelicans on this season. Only Grants Pass has defeated the locals.

Ryan has a fine pitching staff, probably the best in the loop, consisting of Joe Carroll, Irvin Whit and Ed Williams, and one of those lads will do the elbowing against the Grizzlies.

There will be no fights at the armory Tuesday night, as previously scheduled. The boxers asked for a little more time to get into condition for the opening card and so the docket has been put off until Tuesday, May 7.



STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
W.	L.	Pct.	
Oakland	22	9	.710
San Francisco	19	12	.613
Los Angeles	18	13	.580
San Diego	16	15	.516
Hollywood	12	16	.448
Portland	11	18	.379
Seattle	11	19	.367
Sacramento	11	20	.355

Sunday's Results
 San Francisco 9-0, Sacramento 3-1.
 Seattle 9, Hollywood 3, first game (second game rain).
 San Diego 3, Portland 2, first game (second game rain).
 Los Angeles 5-2, Oakland 5-3 (second game, called end eighth, darkness).

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W.	L.	Pct.	
Brooklyn	8	3	.727
St. Louis	9	4	.692
Boston	6	5	.545
Chicago	6	5	.545
Cincinnati	7	7	.500
New York	5	7	.417
Pittsburgh	4	8	.333
Philadelphia	4	8	.333

Sunday's Results
 New York 7-10, Brooklyn 3-4.
 Chicago 9-3, St. Louis 3-1.
 Boston 6-2, Philadelphia 1-1.
 Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W.	L.	Pct.	
Boston	10	3	.769
New York	9	4	.692
Detroit	8	4	.667
St. Louis	6	6	.500
Chicago	4	7	.417
Washington	4	8	.333
Philadelphia	4	10	.286

Sunday's Results
 Boston 2-5, Philadelphia 1-1.
 Chicago 4-3, St. Louis 3-1.
 Washington 3, New York 1.
 Cleveland 3, Detroit 1.

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarbrough, Sports Editor

Bosox Edge Back; Cubs Slug Cards

Both Beantown Teams Eye First-Place Standings; Dodger Winning Stopped

By The Associated Press

Pennant-starved Boston, which hasn't boasted a championship team since 1918, has good reason for dreaming today of its first flag winner in 28 years, and with a little luck could possibly be the center of an all-city world series next October.

Both Boston representatives—the Red Sox and Braves—swept double-headers from their Philadelphia rivals yesterday to change the pennant pictures. The Red Sox whipped the Athletics 2-1 and 5-1, and the Braves took the measure of the Phils 6-1 and 2-1.

The coup de grace engineered by the Red Sox placed Joe Cronin's hopefuls at the top of the American league, a full game in front of the New York Yankees. The Braves, still rebounding from a hitless afternoon against Brooklyn's Ed Head last Tuesday, are in third place after four straight victories. Only one game separates them from the front-running Brooklyn Dodgers and St. Louis Cardinals.

Double Reversal
 The Brooks and Cards each suffered a double reversal. The New York Giants supplied the knockout punch to their interborough rivals before 54,181 paying customers, and the champion Chicago Cubs gave the Redbirds a thorough going over.

As might be expected, it was Goody Rosen, a Dodger hireling himself only last Friday, who packed the biggest wallop of all the Giants. His three singles in the first game and a three-run homer in the one-bagger in the second were the big blows of the Giants' 7-3 and 10-4 decisions.

Rosen shared honors with Hal Schumacher who made his first start since leaving for the navy three years ago. Schumacher spaced seven hits in the opener to snap Brooklyn's eight-game winning streak.

Cubs Revenge
 The Cubs got revenge for three previous defeats by the Redbirds by winning 9-7 and 3-1 before 31,699 fans. A single by Charlie Gilbert scored the winning marker for the Cubs in the 10th inning of the opener after Tommy Livingston's homer had tied the score in the ninth. In the nightcap, Lefty Johnny Schmitz was just too good for the Cards' Ken Burkhardt.

Knuckleballer Roger Wolff knocked the Yankees out of first place 3-1 with a well-placed seven-hitter as Teammates Stan Spence provided the winning margin with a double in the eighth that scored two runners. Allen Gettel, after two straight victories, was charged with the defeat.

The Tigers disappointed the largest crowd in Detroit's history—57,149 paid admissions—by bowing to the Cleveland Indians 3-1 in 12 innings to sink deeper into third place. Red Embree, who held the Tigers to six hits and would have had a shutout but for Hank Greenberg's second home run of the season, won his own game when he doubled in two mates in the 12th.

Fourth Straight
 Cincinnati's unpredictable Reds gained their fourth straight victory over Pittsburgh's Pirates 7-1 as Ed Heusser held the Bucs in check with seven safeties. Rookie Grady Hatton was the big gun with a homer, double and single and batted in four runs.

Aged Ted Lyons of the Chicago White Sox registered his 260th triumph, his first since his release from the U. S. marines, by taming the St. Louis Browns 4-3 in the first game of a double-header. The Browns, scoring nine unearned runs in the first frame won the second contest 11-8, as the White Sox used 22 players including seven pitchers.

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By HALE SCARBROUGH

The Pelican edge over Medford's Black Tornado in the Southern Oregon-Northern California invitational track meet at Modoc field Saturday was due principally to a five-point advantage the K-men held over the Tornado in strictly weight events. Speed and distance events went to the Tornado by one point.

Klamath's point majority was 57 1/2 to 53 1/2 for Medford. Bend placed third with 30, followed closely by Ashland's 29 1/2, Grants Pass came fifth with 15. Weed scored 9, Henley 6 1/2, Alturas 4, Bonanza 3 and Tulelake 2.

The victory was Klamath's fourth in a row in the huge meet, but individual honors went to George Rasmussen, mainstay of the Bend cinder team who captured the pole vault, high hurdles, tied for first in the high jump and ran a leg of Bend's fourth in the relay, amassing a total of 15 personal points.

Martino Will Not Defend Muscle Title

A situation has now developed among the cauliflower-ear circle which has everybody mad at everybody else and Georges Dusette more than mad at Rasmussen, Martino Angelo and Promoter Mack Lillard.

Dusette has whipped Angelo rather soundly twice in a row here and in the opinion of the fans he can probably turn the trick at any given moment, night or day. Before their fight Martino verbally promised Georges if he won they would then rattle again for the coast junior heavy belt owned by Angelo.

Being the titleholder carries with it some prestige in the mat world and also enables the bearer to demand more potatoes for his services than ordinarily.

But Dusette won and Angelo has pulled a Jimmie Braddock. He refuses to defend his title, saying that there was no agreement on paper and just try and make him.

All efforts have failed to persuade the jabbering Italian so far and Dusette has left the vicinity in a huge huff. Martino, tired of hearing about such intangibles as honor and obligation, has also departed.

So at the moment this week's card consists solely of Angelo Martinelli, an easy guy to get along with if there ever was one, who is signed to fight the first person who comes along a three-round opener.

Channel Swim Attempt Fails
 AVALON, Calif., April 29 (AP)—Jimmy Slyter, who hoped to swim the 22 miles of the channel between Avalon and Point Fermin on the mainland, was forced to give up after covering five miles Saturday night.

Slyter, 19-year-old navy veteran of 10 Pacific battles, was strong and making good progress when a water taxi struck him on the head while he was being given liquid food through a tube. The accident occurred at 10:49 o'clock, two hours, 49 minutes after he started the swim.

Slyter's friends had raised about \$1000 by subscription to meet expenses incident to the swim. The money will be turned over to him and the youngster plans to start again on the swim soon. He was not seriously hurt but a doctor, accompanying the expedition in another boat, advised him to leave the water.

Mills Clinches Softball Title
 Mills ran away with another championship Saturday, taking two straight softball games from previously undefeated Roosevelt by huge scores to win the grade school A league tourney.

Friday's game, Roosevelt's first defeat, was a 20-0 landslide for Mills and the Saturday play-off was an equally lopsided 28-2 win for Mills. Gaynor Huck elbowed both games for the winners.

The B league meet gets underway this afternoon with Roosevelt playing Mills on the high school field at 4:30 and Fremont taking on Fairview on Roosevelt field at 4:30.

Paddler Falters But Sets Water Record
 AKRON, O., April 29 (AP)—Betty Laohok of Akron was the new women's national AAU 220-yard free style swimming record-holder today despite the fact that she nearly tossed away a record-breaking performance last night by stopping 20 yards short of the finish line.

The 19-year-old high school senior "drew up" at the end of 200 yards in the annual North-eastern Ohio AAU Swimming Championships but, spurred by her coach, splashed through the final 20 yards for a new record of 2:30.9. Catherine Rawls set the former national mark of 2:32.5 at Coral Gables, Fla., in 1938.

Webfoots Outscore Washington 4-0
 EUGENE, Ore., April 29 (AP)—The University of Oregon baseball team defeated the University of Washington, 4-0, here Saturday to take a two game lead in northern division race.

Kal Saltzman hurled a six-hitter for his third victory of the season. Bob Cole of the Huskies also allowed but six hits but three errors cost him runs.

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Joe Roads Receives Huge Boat Trophy



Joe Roads, Bonanza boatman, received this trophy last week, some eight months after he won it in August, 1945, at the Hearst Gold Cup outboard race at Long Beach, Calif. His "Aloha" was the fastest of a dozen runabouts in the race last year but to keep the trophy Roads will have to win the race again this coming July. He also received a smaller trophy to keep. This huge bangle is on display at Matt Finnigan's store.

Cliff Melton Wins Sixth Game For Leading Seals

By The Associated Press

19,090 at Los Angeles watched with easily flaring tempers as those anguish followed their pride and joy of the mound into major league baseball this season had no complaints today over the dicker that brought west big Cliff Melton to take his place.

Among the most satisfied was Manager Frank (Lefty) O'Doul of San Francisco's Pacific Coast league pace-makers as Melton went to the head of league's pitchers yesterday on his sixth consecutive win, allowing only one earned run in beating Sacramento, 9 to 3.

Melton came down from the New York Giants after nine seasons in the services of Bill Terry and Mel Ott, and his delivery is fast removing the pans of the San Francisco followers over the loss of Bob Joyce.

Smith Blanks Seals
 After Melton racked up his sixth victory with the backing of his mates' 15-hit barrage, the Sacramento Solons put Al Smith on the hill and for the second time in the seven-game series he blanked the Seals, 1 to 0. San Francisco copped the series, 4 games to 3, and with 22 wins in 31. Stars maintained a three-game edge over second place Oakland.

The Oakland Acorns had their winning streak snapped at six games by the Los Angeles Angels in a 6-5 decision, but finished ahead five games to one in the spectacular series. A nightcap was called because of darkness in the eighth inning with the score at 2-11.

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