

From MIDFIELD

By HALE SCARBROUGH

For Old-Timers

I am indebted to Bill Hurn, who has been around Klamath a whole lot longer than I have, for this yarn:

An unannounced between-trains visitor in Klamath Falls last Saturday was George H. Capron, old-time Minnesota Gopher All-American back and former home run hitter in the Northwest or the west league, ex-New York Giant and holder of the world's discus record back in the early years of this century.

George was a resident of Klamath in 1910 until 1913, has been in real estate and oil operations in Long Beach, Calif., and was coach at Long Beach high when Ernie Nevers was playing prep ball down there.

Hurn informs me that Capron, back in his playing days, was considered the last word in drop-kicking, a lost art nowadays, and in the Minnesota-Carlisle game in 1904 he booted three perfect drop-kicks from about the 45-yard line to give the Gophers, underdogs, a 6-5 victory over the Indians.

The Indians had scored a touchdown (5 points in those days) and his feat was all the more remarkable because of the speed he had to get the ball away in. Minnesota's line was very weak and had been dubbed the "paper line" by the newspaper boys.

It seems that when George was living in Klamath, he used to weigh 220 pounds, and Bill Hurn weighed right about the same, and it was a village jest then for the natives of Main street to try to guess the weights of the pair of huskies daily.

Last Saturday, when he was with Burge W. Mason Sr. the two bug guys repaired to a drug store scale and after 33 years there was still only a half a pound difference in their weights. When prodded into standing up straight, both measured an even six feet.

In a few hours up and down Main street George was able to jot down a long list of names of old friends he saw, a list long enough, Bill says, to surprise any of the old-timers who bewail the fact that their numbers are being thinned out.

George and Ednah Capron are returning to Klamath for a vacation this fall and hope to renew their friendships of the past.

With two league games played and the opening tilt in front of the home folks coming up, fence-busting honors for the Klamath Sons seem pretty well divided up, but some hefty clouting has been done, nevertheless.

Clyde Carlstrom played one game, against McCloud, and got three-for-three, all singles. Hi Hatfield failed to register in four times up against the Loggers, then banged a triple and two singles in five trips against Dunsmuir.

Earl Brooks went hitless at McCloud, then got three singles at Dunsmuir; Jack Durocha had a double in two trips the first game, then two singles in four tries at Dunsmuir. Fran Miller failed to hit at McCloud, then smacked a triple and a single against the Railroaders.

An indication of what may be seen next Sunday is the fact that the Dunsmuir left field wall was perched up on a bluff a-way, way out and any of the triples hit down there would have cleared the Recreation park fence.

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Northwest Golfers In Action Today

SPOKANE, Wash., May 22 (P)—Two amateurs from Spokane who are defending national golf champions—Bud Ward and Bill Welch—will spearhead the amateurs' attack on the cream of Pacific northwest professionals here today in the \$1500 northwest PGA 72-hole Open tournament at Indian Canyon golf course.

Ward, defending national amateur titleholder, and Welch, defending national public links king, should keep the powerful pros on their toes.

Ward didn't fare so well yesterday in the pro-amateur prelude to the three-day Open, coming in with a best-ball 71 with his partner, Bern-

nie Hren, Tacoma professional, nine strokes back of the winners—Bob Connolly of Seattle's Wayne Golf club and Amateur Jack Pas of Spokane, who carded a scintillating 62. But Ward's been getting in a lot of golf lately, and, playing on his own, is sure to make trouble.

Welch almost shared yesterday's honors when he and Ernie Tardiff, young Pendleton, Ore., pro, came in with a best ball 64, which later was matched by Tacoma's pro, Chuck Congdon, and his amateur partner from Olympia, Bill Hyde.

But both pairs were nosed out when Connolly and Pas—last starters and last finishers—came in with their tournament-clinching 62.

SPORTS

By Hale Scarbrough, Sports Editor

Miller Chills Hixson In Armory Mainliner

Lee Hixson, Medford middleweight, let his chin get in the way of a jolting right cross in the second round of his main event bout with Chilquin's Bruce Miller at the armory last night, and became the second kayo victim in a row for the Indian slugger.

Hixson was not only out for the 10-second count, but considerably longer. Handlers and a physician worked on him for 15 minutes before he was able to get to his feet.

In the first round Hixson went down momentarily under a stiff, wild right to the head, then got up and started fighting from a crouch. Near the end of the heat he caught Miller a jolt in the face that loosened the Indian boy's teeth and brought blood to his lips.

When the fight was resumed Miller was out to do damage

and the Medford boy didn't have a chance. With about 10 seconds of the second round Hixson went down from a right cross to the side of his jaw, bounced back up only to encounter the punch which put him away.

The other five-round fight lasted an even shorter time. Bobby Morris of Prineville, an experienced little lightweight, waded into Klamath's Rudy Carlson with both fists flying.

Rudy went down off the ropes once, got up for more and was knocked down again, this time by a stiff left hand punch. Still game, Carlson once more clambered to his feet, only to pitch forward on his face and Referee Wally Moss stopped the proceedings. The fight had lasted only a minute.

The opener, between featherweights Paul Wilson of Chilquin and Darrell Harrol of Klamath, went the full four rounds before Wilson won a decision. Wilson, the more aggressive, landed the most punches and got his points in the first and fourth rounds. The other two heats were even.

Tall, blonde Willie Knock used his extra inch or two of reach to advantage in going four rounds with Johnny Ruff, then in the fifth hand-punching. Still game, Carlson once more clambered to his feet, only to pitch forward on his face and Referee Wally Moss stopped the proceedings. The fight had lasted only a minute.

The other prelim, between Teddy Roosevelt and Billy Sunday, went four rounds without visible damage and ended in a split decision for Sunday. Billy's tactics included a one-two, a left to the ribs and a right to the head, and Roosevelt was very respectful of the consequences until the last round when he finished strong.

Portland Entry To Be Selected

PORTLAND, May 22 (P)—Washington and Jefferson ended the 1946 season tied for the championship of the Portland Prep Baseball league, with nine victories and three defeats.

Washington was overwhelmed by Franklin 13-3 yesterday, and Jefferson whitewashed Grant, 6-0.

Heads of the two schools said they would decide whether to select the entrant in the state baseball tournament by the flip of a coin or by playoff.

All entrants except Portland's have been chosen for the state tourney opening here tomorrow.

1165 Top Golfers Enter National Open

NEW YORK, May 22 (P)—The total entry list for the National Open golf tournament to be played at Cleveland, June 13-15, is 1165—sixth largest in the 51-year history of the meet.

Only 170 of these golfers will be on the firing line when the shooting starts at Cleveland's Canterbury course.

With 41 players drawing free tickets to the championship test by reason of various performances in the past, the other 129 places will be decided June 3 when 1124 golfers engage in 36-hole qualifying rounds at 26 different sites.

The entries were closed yesterday.

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Cronin Comes Up With Good Mound Relief

By The Associated Press

Earl Johnson, a Battle of the Bulge vet, who naturally finds no terror in enemy baseball bats, rates as Joe Cronin's ace with three straight "fireman" decisions for the soaring Boston Red Sox.

Every pennant club needs one dependable reliever with ice water in his veins who can step into the midst of a batting rally and quiet the opposition. Cronin appears to have that man in Johnson, a native of Redmond, Wash., who was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in action before he was commissioned a first lieutenant on the field of battle.

Detroit found out about Johnson yesterday when once again he came in to save a game that Dobson almost lost, hurling five hitless innings and driving home the winning runs of a 6-4 triumph.

Before the war, Johnson toiled on the Red Sox farm at Rocky Mount, N. C., and had won four and lost five for the parent club in 1941 before he went marching off to war.

The Sox' first place margin was increased to six full games when the New York Yankees fell before Cleveland's Bobby Feller, 7-2. Rapid Robert, facing the Yanks for the first time since his no-hitter, yielded only five blows and ran his strikeout total to 93 in 80 innings by fanning eight men.

Weatherly Injured
Once again Floyd (Bill) Bevens, who seems to draw the Fellers and Newhousers as opponents, was nicked for a defeat, his third to two wins. The Yankees also lost the services of Outfielder Roy Weatherly who injured his leg when he stumbled at second base in the eighth inning.

In the only other scheduled tilt in the American, Jack Kramer hurled the St. Louis Browns into sole possession of fifth place on a 4-3 edge over Philadelphia. It was Kramer's third straight victory and a second loss for winless Bob Savage.

Cards Dumped Back
The pesky Phillies knocked over the St. Louis Cardinals, 4-3 dumping the Red Birds into an extra first place tie with the Brooklyn Dodgers, who were rained out of their game with Cincinnati after playing one inning.

Oil wells are generally from 3000 to 7000 feet deep, but some extend 15,000 feet or more into the earth.

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Tony Ross came out of this grapevine-double wristlock to best Joe Lynam last week. This week he clashes with Martino Angelo. Georges Dusette vs. Al Szasz and Gust Johnson vs. Mad Mike Nazarian completes the three-way bill of 6-round events.

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