

Softball Loop Still Muddled

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Both halves of the men's softball league schedule are now officially finished, the games all played and theoretically everybody happy at the conclusion of a successful season, but actually very little if anything has been decided.

Playoffs on top of playoffs are to come before any one team manager can point to his boys and say "We're the champs." To make things more confusing, one playoff has to be run through before one of three particular teams even gets into the finals.

The softball season here this summer has become rather a weird scramble. At the outset, with seven teams entered, it was decided to split the schedule into two sections and put the two top teams at the close of the first half into a playoff for the title with the two top teams of the second half. In case one or both of the first-half winners repeat, the next team in line at the end of the second section would move up until the required four outfits were in the finals.

The Moose and Elks won the first half, tied at five wins and one loss each, and received reserve seat tickets to the finals. To get there the Elks won every game except a 7-6 encounter with VFW. The regular Moose-Elks game resulted in an 11-11 deadlock and had to be replaced.

Sons Talk Over Funds

City Agrees To Wait Longer On Park Rent

The city recreation committee, talking over finances with the Klamath Sons baseball team, has agreed to withhold taking any rent for the use of Recreation ballyard until the end of the season when the Sons of Italy lodge can see how it has come out in sponsoring the local team.

Mel Carpenter and Johnny Pastega told the officials that the Sons are a bit in the red for the season thus far but certainly wanted to pay for their use of the park.

The committee has in the past asked for 20 per cent of the gross take but the ball players feel that is too much since the federal government already nicks 20 per cent for tax.

So the recreation committee may scale down its price a bit after a final financial accounting is done at the close of the season. The baseball team has also spent about \$175 for work on the field, building dugouts and the like, that probably would have had to be done by the city, so that amount will come off the eventual rent.

The Sons have been charging only 60 cents admission, in accordance with league rules, and not quite breaking even on expenses, traveling, meals, equipment, umpires, league dues and so on.

The Packers, Klamath's other team, has agreed to pay \$15 each day for the use of the field, and the softball association is also expected to work out some scale of rent for its use.

Also under discussion were lights for next year, which it has been estimated will cost about \$7000 but would greatly increase game attendance and also allow for more games played.

The Sons have advanced a suggestion that they be given a lease on Recreation park, put up lights and pay for them out of the gate, but that was also held over for further talk because the city attorney has ruled that the city can't lease the park for a long period. Opposition to a lease develops every time the question is broached.

The Sons have scheduled one more league game here, and then will be in a playoff series of which probably two titles will be played on Recreation field.

Mainliners Waltz 10 Rounds To Draw

SEATTLE, Aug. 7 (AP)—With neither fighter maintaining a consistently aggressive pace, Mike Stankovich of Seattle and Johnny Suarez, Portland Mexican, went 10 slow rounds to a draw in the main event of a boxing card here last night.

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Ward Placed In Lower Bracket

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 7 (AP)—A battle for survival between Frank Stranahan of Toledo, O., and Smiley Quick of Ingewood, Calif., appeared in prospect today as match play got under way in the western amateur golf tournament.

The two, who yesterday carded 141's along with Marvin "Bud" Ward of Spokane, to tie for medalist honors, were placed in the upper bracket of the pairings and devotees of the game predicted they would tank in the semi-finals of that bracket.

Giants Bump Off Dodgers

By The Associated Press

MLB's lowly Giants 15 games behind with 52 to go, are in a hopeless position in the National League pennant race but you never could prove it by the contending Cardinals and Dodgers.

When the Brooks really needed to take one with a chance to stretch their lead to a full three games, last night, they couldn't bump off their rivals from Manhattan.

Lefty Dave Koslo, touched for five hits in three innings, lightened up and held the Dodgers hitless the rest of the way in recording his 12th victory of the season, 5-2. The result reduced Brooklyn's first place margin to two games. The Cardinals were rained out of their game at Pittsburgh.

Chicago Pulls Out

Chicago pulled out of a three-game losing spin to smother Cincinnati, 3-0, on Claude Passeau's four-hit pitching at Crosley field. The Bruins trail the Dodgers by 7 1/2 lengths.

The hustling Boston Braves proved they still can beat the Phillies although outbid by a 10 to 5 margin when they rushed over two runs in the 12th inning to earn a 3-1 edge for Johnny Sain.

In the American league, the Boston Red Sox marched another step closer to clinching the pennant with a 5-0 romp over Philadelphia behind Tex Hughson's five-hit pitching.

Bobby Doerr blasted his 15th homer of the season with Wally Moses on base in the first inning to start Hughson off to his 12th triumph. It was Dick Fowler's 11th setback.

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Miller was unable to get in a devastating right-hand punch in the armory mainliner and Narazilla sidestepped and slid under the blows but Bruce was effective in hitting the Mexican with his straight left to the face and an occasional body punch.

Narazilla was at his best in close, sneaking in left hooks and right jabs in the infighting every time, but Bruce's left arm kept him away. Both boys were out for the kill in the final canto but neither scored in the toe-to-toe slugging.

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Starting the final round Wright landed a right hand to Jones' nose, drawing blood, and Jones retaliated with the hardest punch of the fight, a ripping left that opened a cut over Wright's eye. The round was a draw.

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Down Three Times

Gaylor Hatcher slugged and slugged Kid Bliss through their first round and 40 seconds of the second before the towel came sailing in from Bliss' corner, a TKO for Hatcher. Bliss had been down three times for no count and it was as much his clumsy footwork as anything else that kept spilling him.

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FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

NORWALK, Conn.—Joe Williams, 138, Trenton, N. J., knocked out Ivan Christie, 136, Youngstown, N. Y., in the 2nd round.

LOS ANGELES—Watson Jones, 172 1/2, Los Angeles, outpointed Tommy Garland, 162, Santa Monica, 10.

SALT LAKE CITY—Jackie Burke, 147, Ogden, Utah, outpointed Don Lee, 145, Omaha, 10.

SEATTLE—Mike Stankovich, 140, Seattle, and Johnny Suarez, 140, Portland, Ore., drew, 10.

WSC Veterans Ink Pro Papers

PULLMAN, Aug. 7 (AP)—Washington State college football prospects took a slump last night with announcement by Coach Phil Sorboe that two veterans expected back for this year's team had signed professional contracts.

Al Atkins, Spokane halfback, has signed with the Cleveland Browns of the American league, while Bill Ward, star guard, has inked a contract with the Washington Redskins of the National league, Sorboe said.

Both played for the University of Washington as V-12 navy trainees.

Suds Punch Seals, 5-1

By The Associated Press

The Seattle baseball club, that haven for athletes seeking work since Joe White took over a revamping job, isn't looking for a pennant this year but gets a kick out of wallowing the boys who are.

Manager White's remodeling has been short of dividends and the Rainiers have divined deeper into the Pacific Coast league cellar, but Seattle faithful numbering 5502 widely cheered their club's 5-1 deflating of the San Francisco Seals last night.

The defeat left the leading Seals, pompous after their severe drubbing of the challengers last week, only three games ahead of the winning, second-place Oakland A's.

Sorry Showings

Seattle and San Francisco last met in June, when baseball enthusiasm in the northern city was running high over the employment of White to replace Bill Skiff as manager. Since then, the Rainiers, with players bounced and hired right and left, have managed to win only 18 out of 52 games.

Oakland turned back the San Diego Padres 4-2, but Manager Pepper Martin of the losers today registered a protest over an umpire's decision in the fourth inning.

With the Padres leading 1-0, Tom Hafey of the A's in the eighth frame Shortstop Dan Beard had to back up to reach. He dropped the ball, was charged with an error, and Bill Hart, who had walked and advanced on a double scored on the play.

Protests Decision

Martin contended Beard backed up facing the plate and

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarbrough, Sports Editor

College Boy Dead After Utah Pro Boxing Match

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 7 (AP)—An army veteran and a University of Utah student, Del Zeigler, 21-year-old prize fighter from Bountiful, Utah, died yesterday after being knocked out in a feature bout here the night before.

The youth, who took his mother's name of Hardy after turning professional last spring, became the sixth boxer of the year to die after a bout in the United States.

Hardy was knocked to the canvas in the ninth round of a scheduled 10-rounder with Remo Polidori of Tooele, Utah, who won the bout. It was the first loss for Hardy in seven bouts since he became professional. His wins were always by knockouts.

While in the service he won the light heavyweight and heavyweight championships at Fort Richardson, Alaska, where he spent two years.

Before he was taken to the hospital from Derks field, a fire department paramotor squad attempted vainly to revive him. In the hospital two blood transfusions were administered and he was reported out of danger.

He suffered a relapse yesterday morning and died at 5:25 p. m. (MST).

Cause of death was not determined but attending doctors said he suffered a subdural hemorrhage. They were unable to place the time of the hemorrhage and said it may have occurred before Hardy was knocked out.

Trotting Event Postponed Day

GOSHEN, N. Y., Aug. 7 (AP)—The 21st running of the Hambletonian, America's top trotting event, was postponed today until tomorrow because of rain.

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