

SPORTS

Paul Scarborough, Sports Editor

Weidner Puts Belt On Line Tonight



Billy Weidner, local wrestling circuit champ, puts his title on the block tonight against Georges Dusette in a five-round bout at the Klamath Falls armory. Tony Ross and Pete Belcastro will fight the semi-windup, also five heats, while Herb Parks and Benny Trudel have the three-round opener, starting at 8:30.

Flaw Pointed Out So...

Marty Marion Slams First Card Victory

By JACK HAND
Associated Press Sports Writer

Stan Musial's batting lessons to Marty Marion have paid off with the first St. Louis Cardinals victory of the season.

Coming-up in the eighth inning of yesterday's only big league game, with the world champs sporting a slender 2-1 advantage over Cincinnati, Marion poled a two-run homer that assured George (Red) Mungler of his first win.

There have been years when Marion failed to hit a single homer in an entire campaign and he has hit only 17 out of the park in seven years. Last year his average slumped way off to .233 and there were stories that Mr. Shortstop was on the downgrade.

One day while Marion was taking batting practice in Florida, Musial, the 1946 batting king and most valuable player in the National league, caught a flaw in his stance.

"I think you would get a little more power if you didn't take such a wide stance," Musial advised his teammate. "I don't want you to think I'm butting in but it's a little trick that has helped me."

Mr. Shortstop took the advice to heart, changed his stance and started hitting with more authority. Now he's aiming for the fences.

It has been a long time since Marion went 4 for 4 like he did yesterday. Ed Eratt, Cincinnati's rookie pitcher, Ed Eratt, when he bunched three singles with his clinching homer.

Eratt appeared on his way to a shutout in his first major league start with a 1-0 lead on Eddie Miller's fifth inning home run. One was out when the Pacific Coast league strikeout king ran into trouble.

Musial tied the score with his first hit of the year, a homer into the right field bleachers. Enos Slaughter's double followed by Whitey Kurowski's single broke the tie.

After Dick Sisler forced Kurowski, Marion came through with his clutch hit to provide the clincher. 4-1. That blow flattened Eratt and Clyde Shoun came on to left-hand the Cards into submission the rest of the way.

George Mungler allowed eight easy hits but scattered them to earn the first decision of what Manager Eddie Dyer predicts will be a 20-win season.

All other games in both major leagues were postponed because of bad weather.

Ferris Fain Brings Joy To Old Man Mack's Heart

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—That perennially optimistic gentleman, Connie Mack, declared today that his Philadelphia Athletics had better watch out, or a certain rookie named Ferris Fain will make them all look bad.

The 84-year-old owner-manager of the Athletics was still expressing pleasure over the way his cellar-predicted club bowled over the New York Yankees on opening day, but it was no easy matter to determine whether he was happier about that victory or about First Baseman Fain.

"Why, he goes clean over to second base to field a ball," said the man who groomed such star first sackers as Jimmy Foxx and home run Baker, "and if the pitcher isn't fast running over to cover the bag—look out!"

"And on bunts—y!" Mack declared. "One day he charged into the third base line to pick one up. He might not always get it, but no one can accuse him of being afraid of the ball."

Fain, a 25-year-old former army staff sergeant, made his major league debut against the Yankees Tuesday and on his initial time at bat,

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Joe Seeks One Fight For June

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP)—Joe Louis is tired of waiting and the Twentieth Century Sporting club is tired of looking for "logical" contenders, so the field narrowed today to two heavyweights previously brushed off in the search for a challenger.

Joe Baksi's refusal to sign after his impressive seventh-round knockout of Bruce Woodcock in London Tuesday night left only Jersey Joe Walcott and Mello Bettina as possible Louis opponents for a June title match.

In Los Angeles, Louis' co-manager, Marshall Miles, said he planned to talk with Strauss by telephone this afternoon (at 3 p. m. EST) and if possible settle the matter. Asked if Louis preferred either Walcott or Bettina, Miles replied: "He doesn't favor either one. He just wants to fight."

However, Louis said last night he didn't think the New York state athletic commission would sanction a title bout with either Walcott or Bettina. "I don't think either of them would draw a good gate with me this summer in New York or elsewhere," he told newsmen at Los Angeles.

Previously, the champion said he was prepared to announce his retirement unless a title defense was arranged this summer. Last night he elaborated: "I have no plans for retirement if outstanding opponents are found for me. In that case I would be willing to fight three or four times a year."

ModocSports Club Formed

ALTURAS, April 17.—With over 100 Northern California sportsmen in attendance, the Modoc Wildlife Association was formed last week. Mel Barron was elected president and Marks Smith, secretary-treasurer.

Directors, chosen from the various sections of Modoc county, are: Paul Enos and Milan Briles, Surprise Valley; George Perkins of Willow Ranch; Harry Plourney, Likely; John Masotti, Big Valley; Walter Ruberg, Canby; Howard Dayton, Tulelake; Dr. William J. Quinn and Lovell Ingraham, Alturas.

While conservation of wildlife is the main aim of the new organization, rules laid down are designed to overcome the long-standing feud between ranchers and hunters. Many ranchers have been posted against hunting, due chiefly to carelessness on the part of hunters.

The Modoc Wildlife association's members are pledged to respect the rights and cooperate with landowners, to ask hunting permission, to close all gates and not to do any shooting where livestock are grazing.

Spotted Fever Warning Given

PORTLAND, April 17 (AP)—The state board of health advised fishermen today to be vaccinated against Rocky Mountain spotted fever if they plan to fish in the area east of the Deschutes river.

Sixty-three cases of the fever—ten of them fatal—have been recorded in Oregon in the last six years. It is caused by bites of the wood tick prevalent in some wooded Oregon regions.

The board's weekly disease survey showed 85 influenza cases, a decline of 51 per cent. Many more mild cases, however, physicians said, were occurring. Pneumonia increased slightly to 28 cases. Scarlet fever broke out widely in Coos county with 34 cases, and 13 cases elsewhere in Oregon.

OSC Tops Vandals

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 17 (AP)—Oregon State college moved out to an early lead in the northern division baseball race yesterday with a 14-7 opening win over the Idaho Vandals. The two teams meet again today.

TRACK MEETING

A meeting of the 20-30 club track meet officials will be held tonight in room 300, Klamath Union high school building. The meeting starts at 7:30.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Phil Muscato, 188-1/2, Buffalo, outpointed Leo Savold, 203-1/2, Paterson, N. J., 10.

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Ikes Plan Club House

Plans for a new clubhouse were discussed by the Klamath-Modoc chapter, Isaac Walton league, at a meeting at the Winema hotel last night.

The sportsmen's group is trying to obtain a building from the reclamation service to be used as a clubhouse and the problem now is finding a location. The building would have to be moved and remodeled.

It was also decided to hold an entertainment night the latter part of May, under the chairmanship of Frank Peyton.

Bert Rohu showed homemade pictures of steelhead fishing on the Rogue.

Bevos Clip Frisco, 1-0

By The Associated Press

It was left-handed day in the Pacific northwest yesterday and Portland's southpaw Roy Helser side-slanted the Beavers to a 1-0 win over the San Francisco Seals while Seattle's wronghander, Charley Ripple, fell 3-1 victim to the portside tossings of Los Angeles and Bellingham's Cliff Chambers.

The Portland triumph dropped the Seals out of the first place position they held for a day, and boosted the slugging San Diego Padres back into the top spot. San Diego drubbed Hollywood 10-0.

The cellar-dwelling Oakland Oaks stiffened up behind the seven-hit pitching of Charley Gassaway to squeal the upper division Sacramento Solons 3-1 and square their series at a game each.

The Beaver-Seal encounter was a hurling duel between Helser and San Francisco's Bob Chernes, with the latter giving up hits. The game's lone tally came in the seventh after two were walked, and Danny Escobar lined out a hit to score Joe Dobbins.

Ripple and Chambers were freer with the base knocks in the Seattle-Los Angeles go but tight pitching in the clinches left the runners stranded. The Angels had 13 runners high and dry, and Seattle nine.

TOWN NET TEAM

Players interested in a town tennis team for competition with other squads from nearby towns should contact Jerry Olsen at 3121, days, or 5528 evenings.

Much Work Necessary For Development Of Retriever

Some outstanding performances were turned in during the non-competitive retriever trials held Sunday by the Shasta-Cascade Retriever club, and another trial is planned for around the second week in May.

Water trials were held on the Dick Morgan place at Keno, while land trials were held near Kesterson mill road. About 200 sportsmen attended the field day.

The trial Sunday showed that before top-notch dogs can be had, pating dogs are of the best and the Shasta-Cascade club hopes to have trained dogs capable of winning at licensed shows in the future.

Following is a list of dogs, handlers and owners taking part in the trials:

No. 1—Lady, a Chesapeake, handled by Jack Hales, owned by Hal Shidler.

No. 2—Helen's Babe, Black Labrador, owned and handled by E. R. Olson.

No. 3—Crater Lake Venture, Black Labrador, owned and handled by Jack Hales.

No. 4—Klamath Ink Spot, Black Labrador, owned and handled by Harold Van Hosen.

No. 5—Crusader's Mountain King, Black Labrador, owned and handled by Donald Braden.

No. 6—Crater Lake Judy, Black Labrador, owned and handled by Jack Hales.

No. 7—Tim, Chesapeake, owned and handled by Virell Peebler.

No. 8—Kopper of Klamath, Yellow Labrador, owned and handled by Harold Van Hosen.

No. 9—Goldie, Chesapeake, owned and handled by W. H. Stanley.

No. 10—Crater Lake Peggy, Black

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Ball Club Placed In New Loop

A second baseball club, also sponsored by the Sons of Italy lodge, will be entered in the newly-founded Interstate league this year, according to Mel Carpenter, manager of the Klamath Sons. The new squad does not yet have a name.

The Klamath team will compete with Alturas, Lakeview, Beiber, Canby and Tulelake, getting under way around the first of June for a schedule of 10 games.

Therefore, Carpenter said, some more players can be used and any interested are asked to come out to practice sessions on Recreation field.

The Interstate league slate which has been adopted for the summer is as follows:

June 1—Beiber at Klamath Falls, Alturas at Lakeview, Canby at Tulelake.

June 8—Klamath Falls at Tulelake, Beiber at Alturas, Canby at Lakeview.

June 15—Lakeview at Klamath Falls, Alturas at Canby, Tulelake at Beiber.

June 22—Canby at Klamath Falls, Beiber at Lakeview, Alturas at Tulelake.

June 29—Alturas at Klamath Falls, Canby at Beiber, Tulelake at Lakeview.

July 6—Klamath Falls at Lakeview, Canby at Alturas, Beiber at Tulelake.

July 13—Klamath Falls at Canby, Lakeview at Beiber, Tulelake at Alturas.

July 20—Klamath Falls at Alturas, Beiber at Canby, Lakeview at Tulelake.

July 27—Tulelake at Klamath Falls, Canby at Lakeview, Tulelake at Alturas.

August 3—Klamath Falls at Alturas, Beiber at Canby, Lakeview at Tulelake.

Softball Meeting

Softball players, team managers and sponsors are asked to meet in the city hall council chambers Friday night at 7:30 for final discussion of the organization of the men's independent softball league.

A major problem in the way of a summer softball program will be finding places to play.

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