

Musial Sparks Redbird Rise

Overtime 3-2 Lashing of Giants Sends Cardinals Into National Third Place

By The Associated Press

Trace the rise in efficiency of Stan Musial with the stick, and you'll find it parallels the rise of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals from their cellar position of not so long ago to their present eminence in third place.

The Cardinals' great first baseman, who ended the 1946 National league season with the most hits, the most doubles and triples as well as a top .365 batting average which helped him win the most valuable player award, got off to his worst start in all of his nine years in professional baseball.

Coincidental with Musial's failure to get many basehits, the Cards also got off to their worst start in history.

The darling of Donora, Pa., began his climb in June—and so did the Redbirds.

It was Musial's 10th inning single that drove in Red Schoendienst with the run yesterday that gave the Cards a 3-2 overtime victory over the Giants and sent them into third place, only one half length behind the second place Boston Braves.

The front running Brooklyn Dodgers zoomed to their sixth straight win by defeating the Reds in Cincinnati 6-1. The victory enabled the Dodgers to increase their margin to six games over the Braves and retain their six and a half game buche over the Redbirds.

The Chicago Cubs hurled the Reds into fifth place by defeating the Braves 6-4. Rookie outfielder Cliff Abernethy provided the punch with two triples which drove in three runs and rookie right-handed pitcher Doyle Lade spaced nine hits effectively for his eighth win.

Pittsburgh vacated the National league cellar and dumped the Phillies into that spot by sweeping both ends of a double header from Philadelphia 8-6 and 3-2.

Enjoying their best hitting day of the season, the American league leading New York Yankees pounded three St. Louis hurlers for 20 hits to trounce the Browns 15-4. Johnny Lindell, Tommy Henrich and George McQuinn hit home runs for the Yanks. Jeff Heath slammed homers number 18 and 19 for the Browns to tie Boston's Ted Williams for the league lead.

The Yanks' first place margin over runner-up Detroit rose to 11½ games when the Washington Senators, behind the four-hit pitching of Walter Masterson, defeated Hal Newhouser and the Tigers 3-0 at night in the capital city.

Bobby Feller became the first American league pitcher to win 12 games when he hurled the Cleveland Indians to a 6-1 victory over the Athletics in Philadelphia. Feller fanned five, walked two and allowed five hits. Joe Gordon rapped his 16th home run for the Indians.

With Williams smacking his 19th four-bagger and driving in two runs, and Denny Galehouse, Brownie castoff, scattering 10 hits for his fifth win in a Red Sox uniform, Boston continued its home mastery over Chicago by trimming the White Sox 3-2.

Wide Choice Of Battlers Offered Joe

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Frank Snyder Snags 2-Ton Sea Monster

A massive and unusual fish was snagged recently by Capt. Frank S. Snyder, former Klamath Falls resident, in China waters. The fish was a two-ton mania ray.

Snyder is in China in connection with the UNRRA program, teaching Chinese modern fishing methods and the handling of diesel motors. When he caught this sea monster he had a crew of 10 Chinese on the vessel, the "United," but wrote that they were too scared to be of much help in landing the big fellow.

The catch was made with a 1500-pound test net. The fish was too big to get through the hatch of the "United" and had to be transferred to a larger vessel, the "California," standing nearby.

Twelve feet in length and 18 feet from one wing tip to the other, the mania resembled a bat or butterfly in shape, Snyder wrote in a letter to his wife.

A spiked whip-like tail added nearly five feet to the length of the fish. It was scapless and the hide was tough as leather. The head sported a pair of foot-long horns. Sailors estimate that the monster could get through the water at about 30 miles an hour.

A Life magazine photographer in Shanghai made pictures of the fish and Chinese papers carried stories about its capture.

Belcastro Is Davidson Foe

Buck Davidson, local son and star performer on the mat in these and other parts for several years, will come to grips with Pete Belcastro, the Weed, Calif., wild man in tonight's armory main event, over the five-round route.

The two were foes in last week's tag match, with Belcastro coming out on top after laboring Davidson at great length, so the scrap tonight might well be a continuation of that fray.

Also scheduled for five rounds is a bout between Aussie Jack Carter and Tex Hager. Carter is something of an unknown quantity, but Hager is an excellent stylistic grappler.

The opening bout, taking to the canvas at 8:30, will feature Al Saasz, bewildered-looking St. Louisian, in a fight against newcomer Leo Karlink.

Last American Out Of Singles

PARIS, July 25 (AP)—With the defeat of Tom Brown of San Francisco in the men's singles semifinals, the United States today had no chance of duplicating his Wimbledon successes in the French International tennis championships here.

Wimbledon, the Americans won four titles and shared in a fifth.

While American women dominated their side of the play by winning both the French singles and doubles titles, both Brown and Don Patty, the only men in the tournament, were eliminated. Patty, of Los Angeles, went down in the third round before Anton Stolpa of Hungary, while Brown was beaten yesterday by another Hungarian, Josef Asboth, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

Brown is still in the doubles semifinals with his Australian partner, Billy Sidwell.

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Salem Gunner Is Class A Champ In Yakima Shoot

YAKIMA, July 25 (AP)—Four class championships were decided and two awaited shoot-offs of deadlocks today as 500 West Coast trapshooters went into the second day of the four-day Pacific international.

Clarence Townsend, Salem, Ore., garnered the class A crown when he ran through the 100 birds without a miss.

The class B crown went to Floyd Lewis of Yakima who won a shootoff with George Blum of Tillamook, Ore., and Byron Smith of Harrisburg, Ore., each broke 99 of the 100 bird first round; Blum and Lewis tied with 25 straight in the initial shootoff; and Lewis scored with 24 to Blum's 21 in the final 25.

Clarence Talcott, Twin Bridges, Mont., won the class C with a perfect round, and Ran Wilson, Yakima, the class D with 96.

A three-way tie in the Dockendorf handicap among Bill Avellar of Yakima, Henry Neidermeyer of Medford, and P. Harris of Tyler, Wash., each with 49 of 50, forced a shoot-off in that class today. Also to be run off was a 48 of 50 tie between Rudy Etchan, Beverly Hills, Calif., and Earl Cobson Jr., Tacoma, in the 25 pair doubles.

Other high scorers of the first day's shooting included: Class C, M. W. Ray, John Day, Ore., 98; class D, W. McIrwine, Vancouver, Wash., 94.

Fumble Rule May Change

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25 (AP)—An Oregon experiment this fall may lead to a fumble becoming a free ball on high school football fields across the nation.

At the request of the National Federation of State High School Athletic associations, which is meeting here, Oregon agreed to allow a fumbled ball to be picked up and advanced by either team. Federation officials said it might become a national rule, if successful here.

Delegates from 17 states were at the meeting today, which chiefly took up problems of accounting and financing.

Four Tilts On Modoc Slate

Eight more teams will gather at Modoc field tonight for the four games scheduled in city softball competition, with the Bureau of Reclamation meeting The Gun Store, and the Elks tangle with the Knights of Columbus to open the evening's festivities at 7:30.

At 8:40, the Four Star Merchants will take the south end of the field against the VFW, while the Moose will tackle Rickys on the north diamond.

A special treat is in store for local softball fans next Tuesday night when the Colored Ghosts will travel here to play the Klamath All-Stars at Modoc field. The Ghosts are a nationally known professional softball club, and have a large bag of clownish tricks to amuse spectators. This will be a one-game program, starting at 8 p. m.

Tough Work—And No Reward

WEBSTER, Mass., July 25 (AP)—Michael Buchka put the twelve busy hours yesterday trying in vain to get a hole-in-one on the 135-yard third hole of the Webster-Dudley golf club course.

Together Buchka, assistant pro at the club, hit 3333 balls. One lipped the cup and came out. Five others were within an inch of the cup. The pin was hit six times.

Buchka finished with his hands covered with blisters.

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The weekly fishing bulletin:

PORTLAND AREA—Generally poor with lower Hood river low and muddy and all Washington county streams poor.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY—Angling good in the Eugene area of Lane county, but smaller streams poor because of low water. Fern Ridge and Triangle lake producing a number of spiny rayed fish. Yamhill county poor for trout, but fair for bass and catfish.

DESCHUTES AREA—East lake only fair; Paulina lake good on all types of lure, but with fly fishing slow. South Twin lake reports good catches of 8-10 inch trout. Wickiup fair for trolling. Crook county poor because of low water. The Metolius, Lower Deschutes and Crooked river spotty.

COASTAL AREA—Outlook fair for Clatsop county. Trout angling poor of Coos county, good in Curry county.

SOUTHERN OREGON—Trout fishing good on upper North and South Umpqua rivers. Trout and

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