

Cards Slide Inch Closer To Brooklyn

Dodgers Idle While Redbirds Make Hay Over Chicago Cubs

By the Associated Press
If you can predict when the currently clueless Chicago Cubs will occupy the role of victims or villains, you might be able to get an idea of which team will win the National league pennant.

Charlie Grimm's second division Cubs, going nowhere themselves, nevertheless have played an important part in the fortunes of the two top contenders, the front-running Brooklyn Dodgers and runner-up St. Louis Cardinals.

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Sarcastic Goose Lays Hollow Eggs

AP Newsfeatures
MIAMI, Fla.—"Mommer" is a seven-foot sarcastic goose which lays a foot-long egg that can mean only unhappiness for at least nine men.

Mommer is the produce of James O. Tier, a Miami Tech high school teacher with an ability to construct and a love of baseball. Mommer's duty is to lay a goose egg on the line score of a visiting baseball team.

At the end of each inning—if the opposition hasn't scored—accompanied by cackles, Mommer waddles across a 52-foot scoreboard and drops a foot-high zero into the proper slot. She works for the Miami Tourists of the Florida International league.

On occasion she misses the proper slot, and in that event her 20-inch high offspring comes excitedly out and picks up the misplaced goose egg and returns it to the correct slot.

Tier, a rabid baseball fan, has long wondered why—when the visiting team got a zero at the end of the inning—a goose didn't deliver the unhappy score.

He cut "Mommer" from a seven-foot piece of fiber board and mounted her on a cable, Lou Reilly, a Tech student, is Mommer's mode of operation on her mission. A recording on an amplifier system provides the proper sound effects.

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Stars Blast Angels For 12 To 2 Rout

LA Manager Boosed For Holding Back His Ace Pitchers

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The Los Angeles Angels finally got their come-uppance last night as all-stars from the Coast circuit's other seven teams pulverized the league leaders, 12-2.

Home-run King Max West of San Diego started the swiftest with a two-run roundtripper in the first and the all-stars wound up with a trio of homers in a six-run spurge in the ninth inning.

It was such a rout that the 19-707 Wright field partisans boosed lustily when Angel Manager Bill Kelly finally derrickled Pitcher Bob McCall after the latter had been blasted for six straight hits in the closing debacle.

The boos, it was plain, were reserved for Kelly who also drew sportswriters' criticism for holding back his ace pitchers, and firing with Bill Fleming, McCall and Don Osborn, who were maced for 16 safeties.

The ninth inning homers were belted by Dan Clay, San Diego; Neil Sheridan, San Francisco; and Frank Kelleher, Hollywood—the last two in succession.

Lou Stringer, Angel second sacker, drove in both of the losers' runs with a homer and a single.

Kelly and his clipped seraphs resumed regular maneuvers tonight croststown at Hollywood, hoping to widen their current 6½-game lead over the Seals San Francisco and Oakland will hook up in another of those Bay donnybrooks, so chances are good the Angels might fatten up.

Other series this week pit Sacramento at Seattle and San Diego at Portland.

Los Angeles 12, Los Angeles Angels 2.
Detroit 10, Philadelphia 3.
Cleveland 10, Detroit 1.
League Leaders
Batting—Kell, Detroit, .317; Boudreau, Cleveland, .336.
Runs batted in—Williams, Boston 75; Doerr, Boston 74.
Home runs—Williams, Boston 25; Heath, St. Louis 21.
Pitching—Shea, New York 1-4 733.

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Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 3.
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Batting—Walker, Philadelphia 0.343; Cooper, New York .321.
Runs batted in—Mize, New York 97; Marshall, New York 90.
Home runs—Mize, New York 36; Marshall, New York 29.
Pitching—Blackwell, Cincinnati 18-783; Jansen, New York 13-4765.

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarbrough, Sports Editor

SALT WILL FLY WHEN COBB TRIES FOR 400

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP)—John R. Cobb, wealthy British sportsman and fur broker, will be forced to step his three-ton racing car up to a speed of almost seven miles a minute if he expects to raise the world land speed record to 400 miles an hour on the Bonneville, Utah, salt flats Friday.

This will be the first assault on the record since the war. The run is being sanctioned by the American Automobile association contest board and is under sponsorship of the Utah Centennial commission.

In preparation for Cobb's attempt to go 400 miles an hour, the most modern airport construction equipment has been used to prepare the surface of the 14 mile salt bed straightaway.

The 200-pound Cobb is very familiar with the course. In 1939 he set all kinds of records. He traveled 369.74 miles an hour in what was then called the Ralston Red Lion Special.

His car has been rebuilt at terrific cost and is known as the Ralston Mobile Special. It is powered by two 12-cylinder 1250 horsepower super-charged Napier Lion engines. The machine is almost 29 feet long.

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Sampson Is Going Up

Phil Sampson, 19-year-old Mexican-Indian lad who is the likeliest welterweight boxing prospect in these and a good many more parts, in all probability will appear in another main event bout here next Tuesday.

Sampson has only one main go, plus two prelims, to his ledger so far in professional fighting here, but already is the second most popular fighter hatched by the armory ring.

In his three fights, billed for a total of 30 rounds, Sampson has had to travel slightly less than seven heats. He does more than that every night in workouts down at the gym. He scored one knock-out in the second round, another in the first and capped it off by setting Duane Hoag in four.

Referring to Sampson as the "second most popular fighter" leaves room for Ural (Ginger) Snapp, the Merrill prize middle-weight who always packs the armory arena to the rafters when he is in town.

Snapp has been running in a rut of hard luck in his recent outings. Last three fights resulted in two losses to Emery Jackson and a draw with Pedro Jimenez. Fight fans who have seen them both say Jimenez is better than Jackson.

Ginger has been fighting every two weeks, regular as clockwork, but this streak has him and his manager, Roy Drake, worried a bit. No Snapp is going to take it easy for about a month and try to get back on the winning side. It's doubtful when he'll fight here again.

With Sampson tabbed for the next main event fight, against an opponent not yet located, Monte Montgomery probably will fall heir to the semi-windup spot again. Lightweight Monte is another clean-living kid who trains so seriously and with so much vim it even wears out the spectators. His semifinal match will be a six-round.

Getting back to Sampson, the boy held three different Golden Gloves weight division titles in Nevada, the 118 and 126 in two years, and the 135 in an over-weight match with the Gloves champ of that section.

He now weighs 137 pounds, stands 5 feet 7. Before coming here and turning pro, Phil had 23 amateur bouts, winning 19 by kayos, three by decisions and losing only once on a TKO by way of a cut over his eye. The only fight he ever lost.

Phil used to play a lot of football for Reno high, and was all-state left halfback last year. But he's in the fight game now and intends to stick with it.

Opponents Drawn
LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 12 (AP)—Junior American Legion baseball utilizes from Bremerton, Wash., Portland, Or., Boise, Idaho, and Miles City, Mont., will draw their regional tourney opponents at a pre-meet banquet here tomorrow night. The four-day meet will open Thursday.

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Out-Of-State Traffic Check
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Working with the traffic group will be Carl Jordan, representative of the Oregon state highway commission. Checking will be from 8 a. m. until 4 p. m.

Walker Tops Hit Parade
NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP)—Harry "Little Dixie" Walker of the Philadelphia Phillies continues to enjoy a comfortable first place margin in the National league batting derby today while Lou Boudreau of Cleveland and George Kell of Detroit are virtually tied for the top run in the American league's race for individual batting honors.

Walker, although his average dropped three points during the span that includes games of last Sunday, enjoys a 19 point advantage over Walker Cooper of the New York Giants who trails Walker's pace-setting 344 mark with a 325 average.

Boudreau, the Indians' player-manager, who was one point behind Kell a week ago leads the Tiger third sacker by only .006 of a point today. Boudreau sports a 3401 mark while Kell is moving along at a 3395 clip.

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John West Qualifies For Oregon Coast Links Play

GEARHART, Aug. 12 (AP)—Medalist honors for the 23rd annual Oregon Coast golf tournament were shared by four entries in the three divisions today as qualifiers opened first round play.

A record field of 287 competed yesterday.

Bob Stephens, ex-Astoria caddy now of Portland, surprised the under-age-32 class with a two-under-par 70, finishing one stroke ahead of six rivals including defending champion Glenn Spivey of The Dalles.

Dr. Millard Rosenblatt, Tualatin club, and R. J. Nichols, Astoria, shared the 32-year-and-over honors with 71's and Mrs. J. C. Holt, Longview, Wash., posted 77 to lead the women's division.

Two strokes behind Mrs. Holt was Miss Grace De Moss, Corvallis, who had just won the Portland city women's crown. Her 79 looked much better, however, than the third place 82 scored by Barbara Smith, Portland, winner of last week's Wagoner state women's title.

Those qualifying in the under-32 division included Paul Walgren, Corvallis, 77.

Dancers Take Semi-Pro Title

PORTLAND, Aug. 12 (AP)—McElroy's ballroom won the Oregon semi-pro baseball championship in a 14-inning duel with Valsets here last night, a punt by Walt Kirsch snagging the 5 to 4 victory.

McElroy's banged in four runs in the third to take the lead, but Valsets rallied to score two in the fifth, which put Virgil Butler off the mound for McElroy's. The up-state team then reached Bill Haulaska for two in the sixth to tie the count at four all. Bill Schobel pitched all the way for Valsets.

Kirsch's punt—which went for a single—came with the bases loaded and sent Ray Oberst streaking home from third.

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Jack Carter Back Again

Australian Jack Carter, who apparently is jinxed by the local squared circle, will try again Friday night in the semi-windup wrestling match at the armory.

Carter lost and was injured in his first scrap here some weeks ago, but probably figures his luck is getting better because in his second showing he just lost without getting hurt.

Carter will go to the mat with the Oriental grappler, undefeated as yet, Sugi Hayanaka, in a five rounder.

Tony Ross and Al Seasz are paired for the three round opener, while Tex Hager gets another chance at Leo Kirilenko in the main spot. Last week Kirilenko defeated Hager without too much trouble and remains undefeated himself.

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Soft Circuit Finishes Off Slated Play

This season's softball competition was ended last night for all but four of the city softball league teams with the final games of the second round being played under the arcs at Modoc field.

Opening the schedule last evening, the Four Star Merchants defeated the first of two catch-up tilts, handed the Bureau of Reclamation a 17-2 drubbing, while the Elks battled their way to an 11-5 win over their arch-rivals, the Moose. Buck Ferguson chucked for the Merchants and Browner Myers covered the slab for the Elks.

Their wins last night put the Merchants up in third place with five wins and two losses and the Elks in sixth place with four wins and five losses. Reclamation finished the second round in seventh place with two wins against seven setbacks, and the Moose ended up in last place with one win and eight defeats.

The second series of tilts saw the Merchants, in their second game of the evening, take an 8-1 win from the VFW, while the Gun Store edged the Rickys Jewellers, 14-13. Everett Buck pitched this contest for the Merchants, and a newcomer, Louie Spinetti, hurled for the Vets.

Rickys gave the Gunners somewhat of a scare in the fifth inning when money downed two runs, but the final innings saw the Green-Clads pull away from the Rickys lads, who became somewhat unstrung from a hotly disputed umpire's decision.

The Vets and Rickys came out in a tie for fourth and fifth place with five wins and four setbacks apiece, while the Gun Store ended up in a first and second place tie with Ashley Chevrolet.

The semi-final round of play will be run off Wednesday night at Modoc field, starting at 7:30 p. m.

Dog Delegate To Legion Conclave

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Aug. 12 (AP)—Migga, a female Doberman Pinscher which served during the war in the K-9 corps, was registered today as a delegate to the state American Legion convention and was checked in as a hotel guest.

The dog, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schwarz of Sibley, Ia., was honorably discharged from the coast guard two years ago.

PCL Directors Ask No Draft

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 12 (AP)—Pacific Coast league directors drew up a resolution yesterday demanding that the major leagues eliminate the draft of PCL players.

The Coast league executives also prepared plans for the visit Aug. 28 of the Chandler committee which will study the league's facilities and request for preferred status, with an eye to ultimate major league standing.

Commissioner A. B. Chandler and other big league heads are slated to visit Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco and Oakland.

Seals Sign Rookie

OREGON CITY, Aug. 12 (AP)—Ronald "Rube" Johnson, 17-year-old catcher for the semi-pro baseball team here, has been signed by the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast league. Johnson, who reports to the annual all-star benefit game in Portland for two years.

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