

Kiner's Stick Breaks Another Ball Game

Cleveland Indians Take Over AL Lead

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If Ralph Kiner continues to break up ball games, official scorers may have to add a new line in the major league baseball box scores labeled "winning hitter—Kiner."

The Pittsburgh power hitter, whose 51 four-baggers tied him with Johnny Mize of the New York Giants for the National league leadership last year, won another game for the Pirates yesterday with his home run bat.



Seals Are Widening Gap At First Place

By The Associated Press
Slowly, gradually, the San Francisco Seals are widening the margin of their leadership in the Pacific Coast league pennant chase.

They whipped Oakland last night, 3 to 2, and today were five full games ahead of Los Angeles. Lefty O'Doul's club won on two home runs, one by Mickey Rocco in the third, the other by Gene Woodling in the fifth. Both homers landed in the right field stands.

Tourney Pairings Finished

The annual Elks vs. Reames golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday over 18 holes at Reames country club course.

Starting early in the morning, tee time for some foursomes is 7:30 a. m. and to relieve the congestion some quarters will have to start on No. 3 hole and come back to pick up Nos. 1 and 2.

Committee for the tourney includes Russ Marshall and Ace Thompson, representing the Elks and Loren Palmerston and Clair Luze, representing Reames.

Table with columns for ELKS and REAMES, listing names and scores for various matches.

Braves Option Kerr To Brewers

BOSTON, May 19 (AP)—Boston's Braves today sent Catcher Frank Kerr to Milwaukee, the tribe's class AA farm in the American association, on 24-hour option.

Kerr, who came to the Braves from the San Diego Padres of the Pacific Coast league, has seen no action this season with the major leaguers.

The Braves now are within two of the 25-man limit they must reach by Thursday.

Montreal—Johnny Greco, 146½, Montreal, outpunching Harry Hurst, 145½, Montreal, 12.

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Fly Rod On Williamson



Vincent Schiro, 2634 Turnage, proudly displays a catch of rainbow trout he took from the Williamson river, caught on a Queen Bess fly. The largest weighed right at 8 pounds and took a half-hour of struggle for Schiro to land him. The others taped off to 3½ pounds.

Home Run King Will Attempt Mound Duty

BREMERTON, May 19 (AP)—Bill Barisoff, home run record holder of the Western International league, has been pulled out of the Bremerton Bluejackets outfield and will be a pitcher.

Manager Alan Strange made the announcement today after Barisoff had picked up only two singles in seven games.

In 1946, first post-war season for the Willy league, Barisoff was the sensation of the circuit. He blasted 49 home runs, a new record, drove in 155 runs, topped the league in triples with 18 and had an average of .340.

Barisoff had been released outright by Hollywood as a sore-armed pitcher that year and Bremerton picked him up. Need for batting strength in the outfield brought about Barisoff's shift.

This hitting rampage was the greatest the class B circuit has ever known.

Sold to the New York Giants for \$12,000 at the end of the 1946 season on a \$4000 down for 30-day-look deal, Barisoff was returned to Bremerton after playing in only three exhibition games in 1947 spring training.

Last year with the Bluejackets, Barisoff batted only .273. But he drove in 103 runs. He hit only nine homers.

His inability to hit this year brought the curtains down. He'll go back to the pitching career he started by being named the outstanding high school baseball player in the Los Angeles City league his senior year.

Pair O' Jacks Opening Card

Jack Poppenheim and Jack Kiser, who fought to a rousing draw here last Friday night when Poppenheim was hurled in as a substitute for another wrestler, have been matched again by Promoter Mack Lillard.

The pair will have the opening bout of Friday night's armory wrestling card and the match is called for five rounds.

The main event of the grunt-and-grunt calendar will be a tag team match headlining Pete Belcastro and Glen (Buddy) Knox. Belcastro will be on one team with Al Szasz as partner while Knox has chosen Alex Kasaboski as his companion in the ring.

Kasaboski is a newcomer to the local ring and to the northwest mat circuit. The tag match will be limited to one hour.

Danes Pull Net Surprise

LONDON, May 19 (AP)—The line-up was set today for the quarter-final round of the European zone Davis cup tennis eliminations and one of the big questions was: how tough are Denmark's teen-agers?

The Danish team scored its second major surprise yesterday by eliminating Ireland, three matches to two.

Seventeen year old Kurt Nielson won the decisive match for Denmark by defeating Cyril Kemp, 6-4, 8-6.

They next play a Sweden team that eliminated Spain and Switzerland without losing a match.

The rest of the quarter-final schedule will be completed by June 15. Holland vs. Britain, Italy vs. Denmark and Czechoslovakia vs. Belgium.

Woman Injured In Truck Accident

PORTLAND, May 19 (AP)—A woman truck passenger was in a hospital today with leg injuries and snook after being trapped in the cab of a wrecked truck.

Police said the woman, Viola Van Zee, 21, was pinned beneath the dashboard. Her legs were caught when the truck in which she was riding rammed into the rear of a parked truck.

Weather Puts Blackout On Gem Series

Local Bat Marks Show Club Is Low On Hitting Power

The Gems are back in town today, still needing a little polish after a six-game road trip that saw the locals lose four games out of the six.

It's rather unusual for a baseball game to be postponed because of snow, but that is probably what will happen to tonight's encounter with the Santa Rosa Pirates, although an official decision has not been announced.

Gems stadium was very wet this morning and showed little prospect of drying out before game time, which would be 7:45 p. m.

At any rate, when the Gems do get their home stand under way, fans will be polled to determine whether they want their baseball to start at 8 p. m., 7:45, 7:30 or even earlier at Oroville for which box scores were not available.

Santa Rosa took over lead of the league's top spot over last week by beating off Pittsburg, Marysville, Croville, and Redding, and in the Bucs most recent series scuttled the Medford Dodgers three times in a row.

The Gems have not been getting particularly good pitching in recent games, the best effort being Moyer's two-hit effort against Marysville, and their hitting has not been exactly terrific although it looked up some the last two games when Manager Joe Gantenbein shifted his batting order around to install Bob Wallace in the leadoff spot.

OROVILLE UNREPORTED
Here are the unofficial averages for the Gems, figured without two games at Oroville for which box scores were not available.

Table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, AVE. Lists stats for players like Decalco, Bianchini, Mohler, Gantenbein, etc.

Women Schedule Qualify Rounds

Barring much more of the current weather, women golfers of Reames country club will get in their qualifying rounds for the annual spring handicap tournament Friday morning.

Eighteen hole players will tee off at 9 a. m., nine hole players at 9:30.

The handicap tournament will be started the following Friday and run through four weeks. Because of the large number of nine hole players, that division will be split into two flights with trophies awarded the winner of each.

Detroit Offers Olympic Village

CHICAGO, May 19 (AP)—Detroit has offered to build a 12 million dollar stadium and Olympic village in its bid to land the 1956 Olympic games.

This was revealed yesterday by the inspection committee of the 1956 Olympics through its chairman, Fred L. Steers of Chicago.

Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Minneapolis and Los Angeles have also bid for the site.

Games Cancelled

City softball league games scheduled for tonight have been cancelled because of rain and wet grounds, President Frank Drew announced today. The softball league was to open with four tilts on Modoc field.

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Bakersfield High Coach At Job Forty Years

By RUSS NEWLAND
SAN FRANCISCO, May 19 (AP)—In the bustling city of Bakersfield tomorrow night, a high school football coach named Dwight M. Griffith will be honored by 10,000 of his friends.

The testimonial is occasioned by 40 consecutive years of coaching at the Bakersfield high school he has seen grow from a student body of 225 in 1908 to his present 4000.

Forty years is a fair-sized stretch of time and we are half tempted to inquire if Griffith thinks the job is steady.

Among Griffith's former students is the sheriff of the county, John Loustalot, who later played a lot of football for University of Southern California. Also City Manager Carl Thornton of Bakersfield, who proclaimed May 20 as "Coach Griffith Day" on behalf of the city council.

Coach Griffith's arrival at the fortieth year of coaching parallels the path of another coach, who if more widely known in a national sense, at least is not richer in memories. The reference is to Dean Cromwell, retiring this season after forty years as track and field coach at Southern California. Only recently Cromwell was honored at a testimonial banquet.

Like a very famous contemporary, Coach Griffith is retiring from active charge but will keep his hand in the sport in an advisory capacity.

The contemporary is Amos Alonzo Stagg, who served 37 years as head coach at Springfield (Mass.) college, Chicago, and College of the Pacific collectively and for the past two years, this season included, has been assistant to his son Paul at Susquehanna university, Pa.

He lives in Stockton and was pleased to hear of the tribute being paid Griffith. Mr. Stagg was coach of the 1904 Chicago team that beat the University of Iowa eleven, of which Griffith was the quarterback.

"I remember Griffith well," said Mr. Stagg, who will be 86 next August. "He was a good player."

"Goldie" Griffith has a lasting monument to his faithfulness, student understanding and skill—Griffith stadium, which is named for him and where 10,000 voices will blend into a rousing cheer for him tomorrow night.

Right Arms Lead Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19 (AP)—Three right handers were the big pitching guns of the Pacific Coast baseball league through games of last Sunday. They were Gene Thompson of San Diego, who topped the circuit with four wins and no defeats; Con Dempsey, San Francisco rookie, with three victories and no setbacks, and reliable Japhet "Red" Lynn of Los Angeles.

Lynn's performance actually overshadowed the rest through May 16. He had seven wins, one loss and led in strikeouts with 42.

Other averages included:

Table with columns: Player, W, L, SO, Pct. Lists stats for Peek, Bease, Barrett, Helzer, Di Biasi, Speer, Gorlick, Karpel.

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