

Western Mail Bag

New Mexico Opens Another Quarter Horse Track

SILVER CITY, N. M., June 3 (AP)—The land of the quarter horse is taking up thoroughbred racing in a big way. A fifth New Mexico track—\$200,000 Silver Park, with pari-mutuel betting—opens today for three weeks-end of racing. Meetings are held annually at Farmington, Raton, Ruidoso and Albuquerque's state fair with total plant outlays that run well over a million dollars. That's just about \$2 per capita for all in this state of wide open spaces.

Pari-mutuels were legalized in 1937. New Mexicans, who always have been willing to wager a few bucks, caught on quickly and the handle last year was \$3,141,000 in 45 days of racing. That betting flare is an old New Mexico custom. The Spaniards brought love of horse racing and cock fighting. They bet, too. Most of these watering events now aren't formal affairs. Non-Indian the side bets often run into four and five figures.

The silver citizens who financed Silver Park near here still recall how two El Paso, Texas, bet Tommy Lyons, the cattle baron, \$5400 that a bicycle rider could beat a horse of their choosing over the 49 miles from Silver City to Deming.

That was in the silver mining heydays of 1888. J. W. Claton and Dr. W. S. Bolton hired H. J. Kennedy to ride the bike. Billy King was persuaded to ride a vicious 8-year-old pony, Rattler.

The cyclist sped to an early lead but bogged down in sands of a canyon recently washed by a cloudburst. Rattler went ahead then and every time the bike tried to pass, King maneuvered the horse so the flying hooves showered gravel on the cyclist. Rattler crossed the finish line 2 1/2 miles ahead.

Yesterday's Results
Klamath Falls 9, Willows 5.
Medford 8, Marysville 4.
Pittsburg 16, Oroville 14.
Redding 9, Santa Rosa 6.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
x-Cleveland 23 12 657
Philadelphia 26 14 650
New York 22 16 579
St. Louis 17 17 599
Detroit 19 21 475
Washington 19 21 475
Boston 15 24 385
Chicago 10 26 278

NATIONAL LEAGUE
New York 21 14 600
St. Louis 20 16 558
Pittsburgh 20 17 541
Boston 18 17 514
Philadelphia 19 20 487
Brooklyn 17 20 459
Cincinnati 18 22 450
Chicago 15 22 409

PACIFIC COAST
San Francisco 39 22 639
Seattle 34 23 596
Los Angeles 36 28 563
Oakland 35 29 547
San Diego 33 29 535
Hollywood 25 34 474
Sacramento 20 36 357
Portland 20 41 328

Yesterday's Results
Chicago 2, Philadelphia 1.
New York 7, Cincinnati 4.
Brooklyn 5, St. Louis 3.

Jim Brink Tops College Net List
SEATTLE, June 3 (AP)—Headed by Jim Brink, nationally ranked tennis players, 11 University of Washington athletes have been named to compete in national collegiate athletic championships.

Brink and Jack Lowe, both unbeaten in northern division play, will go to Los Angeles for the tennis tourney. Ed Draper, Joe Greene, Jim Malory and George Holland will represent the school in the national golf tourney at San Francisco. The university will send four track men to the nationals at Minneapolis. They are Bob Muir, coast quarter-mile champion; Don Wolf, team captain and two-miler; Jack Hensley, half-miler, and Dave Dalby, discus thrower.

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He Wants It Back



Tony Zale makes it plain that he wants the middleweight boxing crown back. Both the challenger and the champ, Rocky Graziano, are polishing up at Stillman's gym in New York.

Moose Team Gains First Softball Win

The Moose softball team gained its first victory of the scheduled season last night—and how. The score was 25-17 over Telco and the defeat was the first of the season for the losers.

Other games played at Modoc field saw Tulelake VFW top Weverhanser 8-6. Klamath Falls VFW beat Merrill 8-2 and Eagles drub Calhoun 14-5.

The Calhoun squad has yet to get on the win side of the ledger, having lost four straight for undisputed possession of last place in the 12-team circuit.

Four Star Merchants, Ashley Chevrolet, Knights of Columbus and Tulelake VFW are leading the league at two wins and no losses. Last night's defeat was the first for Telco and first win for the Eagles.

Games scheduled for Friday night will see Ellingson's mill playing Ashley Chevrolet in one 7:30 game while the KC outfit meets the Merchants in the other. At 8:30 Eagles play VFW in the only tilt slated.

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Teds Take Class 'B' Ball Title

Roosevelt school's size B softball team won the grade school championship for its division yesterday by defeating Mills school 9 to 6 in a game played on Modoc practice field. The Roughriders had beaten Mills 5-4 Tuesday in the double-elimination tourney.

Mills lost yesterday's tilt on walks, giving up 10 of them and only five hits. The fourth frame was a disastrous one for the Mills team as Roosevelt scored seven runs, mostly on passes and errors.

Gene St. John was on the mound and he gave up four walks that inning before being relieved by Don Dexter, who gave up a couple more before getting the side out.

Up to that time the score had been 2-2. Mills came up with four runs in the last inning but the rally fell short.

Don Dexter was the hitter of the game, getting a single and two home runs although the last homer didn't count. He forgot to touch third base.

Members of the championship team include Danny Lowe, Jim Bevans, Ingram Montgomery, Richard Boettcher, Delbert Cummings, Wayne Winkle, Glen Winkle, D. Niebauer, Joe Shearer and Ross Tomlin. Roosevelt coach is Darrell Potter and Mills coach is Dean Jones.

Grade school awards and trophies will be handed out in special assemblies tomorrow.

Underwriters Name Putnam For Prexy

Life Underwriters nominated officers at their noon meeting at the Willard on Wednesday with Eldred Putnam named for president, Loy Barker, vice president; O. E. Thompson, secretary-treasurer, and directors, Ben Gibson, Melvin Bowman and Gail Webb.

Don Wilson was a visitor from Portland. National Quality awards were presented at the meeting to Myrtle C. Adams, John Houston, Martin Swanson, Paul Lee and Paul Winter.

A bluegill sunfish may be best distinguished from a pumpkinseed by a dark spot at the rear of the dorsal fin (on the back). A pumpkinseed has a bright orange spot at rear of the gill cover.—Sports Afield

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Rainiers Creep Up On Seals—Only Three Games Behind Now

The Seattle Rainiers, like the tortoise in that fabled race, are closing in on the front running San Francisco Seals in the Pacific Coast league.

Six weeks ago Seattle sat in the cellar. Today they're perched in second place, only three games and a handful of percentage points behind the Seals. The current series is even at a game apiece.

Recently Seattle has enjoyed some fancy pitching and last night when they shaved another game off the Seals' margin, 2-1, they benefited by revived hitting form of Ed Mierkowitz in one of those crucial spots.

Big Ed, in a slump for a week, whacked a triple and scored on an infield out for the winning run in the sixth inning. Johnny O'Neil singled in Earl Rapp in the second for Seattle's other tally. Mickey Rocco's single and Joe Brovia's triple produced the Seals run in the sixth.

Seattle didn't win without a struggle, however. Seal runners were tossed out at the plate twice, once in the ninth inning.

Right-hander John Gorsica won it for Seattle, giving seven hits to Bill Werle's eight. Tonight it'll be Herman Besse (7-1) for Seattle and Al Lein (2-1) for the Seals.

Portland's Beavers shackled the Los Angeles Angels, 6-0, on Jake Moty's five-hit pitching and homers by Charley Silveira, Herm Reich and Harvey Storey which produced four runs. Reich batted in the other two counters with a double.

Red Adams gave up all the 12 Beaver hits. Mooty, who struck out eight men last night, was one of six Beavers who lost their homes and belongings in the Vanport, Ore., flood disaster. The others were Mayo Smith, Frankie Zak, Duane Pilette, Ford Mullen and Penton Mole. Smith's family was rescued from the roof of his house.

It was a bit freakish when Sacramento got only three hits off Hollywood's George "Finky" Woods yet won the ball game, 3-1. Rex Cecil gave the Stars nine hits.

San Diego homers by Dain Clay and Lee Handley and Jack Graham's three-run triple with loaded bases constituted the heavy blasting in the Padres 6-4 defeat of Oakland.

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