



By
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As League Official, Is
Perry Carrying Tough
Attitude A Bit Too Far?

The antics of Redding Manager Ray Perry—not his home run hitting antics but his general on-the-field conduct—is getting under the skin of some local baseball fans who take understandable pleasure in putting the saddle on whenever the swarthy clown comes to town.

In fact, Perry's antipathy toward Gems stadium customers, and their delighted heckling of him, is developing into the first top-drawer feud the Far West league has seen in its two seasons of existence.

Perry gets a terrific riding whenever he comes here. How much of his registered anger is show and how much is heartfelt I'm not prepared to judge, but he once sent word up to the press box to ask PA system announcer Bill Wentworth to ask the fans to take it a little easier.

The announcement over the public address system, quite naturally, did nothing but sharpen the spurs of Perry's jockeys. Riding the opposition is part and parcel of the spectator-interest of the national sport, here and everywhere else, and I think Klamath Falls fans are as jocular and non-vindictive about it as any partisan crowd can be expected to be.

However, and here is an angle, Perry is an officer in the Far West league, vice president, to be exact, and as such is more influential than any other player or manager in the league. He is a part owner of the Redding ball club. In such an official capacity, regardless of the fact that he is a tremendous competitor as a player, perhaps he carries his chip-on-the-shoulder attitude too far at times. J. H. Wryn, 3121 LaVerne, questions Perry's actions on the diamond on that count.

Writes Wryn (regarding last Sunday night's game):
"... The Gems have as fine a bunch of young clean ballplayers as one could wish to find in any man's league, not excepting their manager. However, we can be thankful they are playing for Klamath Falls and not Redding."
"It's a downright shame when a bunch of prospective big-leaguers should be subjected to such treatment as they were in the (Sunday night) game by Manager Perry of Redding in his influence on umpires... which he exhibited by having the best ball and strike umpire seen here retire from the game because of a headache..."

"Then to top it off, accepting a stouge umpire's decision on allowing a ball that was foul by at least four feet to be called a home run was about the poorest exhibition of sportsmanship I ever saw... I should like to repeat what I have said here in the presence of any interested league official, particularly Vice President Perry..."

THAT HOME RUN MR. WRYN mentions was the third Perry hit in Sunday night's game, and it was the poke that gave Redding the 19-12 victory. Whether it was fair or foul just about has Gem fans in two armed camps—with most of them being in the contingent claiming it was foul.

I have another message from a fan who sat in the stands on the right hand side of home plate and he declares the ball was fair when it sailed over the left field fence at the 330-foot mark. From the press box, located upstairs on the left hand side of the plate, it looked foul.

The umpire decided it was fair and that's final. I can't feature Perry or any other ballplayer coming back to the plate after hitting one over the fence and protesting to the umpire that it was foul.

AS FOR PERRY'S GENERAL conduct, there's no doubt he did delay the game considerably and grated on the crowd's collective nerves. His "spoiled baby" act, as Mr. Wryn puts it, doesn't entirely become his status as a team owner and manager, experienced player and league official.

He's a showman though, and the Klamath Falls-Redding rivalry is the healthiest in the Far West league.

As my wife said after a game last year in which Perry hit a couple over the boards:
"What the Gems need is one of those."

BIG TEN SURPRISE VICTOR ON TRACK

BERKELEY, Calif., June 22 (AP)—Don Gehrman, Wisconsin's 130-pound iron man, led Big Ten track and field stars to a surprising 70-62 victory over the Pacific Coast conference's best last night.

Gehrman won the mile and half mile and helped the midwesterners triumph in the mile relay.

It was the Big Ten's fourth consecutive triumph in the nine times the two conferences have met on track and field. The PCC took the first five of the meets which started in 1937 but were not held after 1942 until 1947.

One new meet record was set when Lew Davis of Stanford put the shot 24 feet 8 1/2 inches. This topped the 53 feet 11 1/2 inch mark set by Stan Anderson, another Stanford man, in 1939.

The crowd of around 11,000 saw some of the nation's top track men in action. These included Mel Patton, world's fastest sprinter from Southern California, who won the 100-yard dash in 9.6 seconds; Craig Dixon, of UCLA, leading college hurdler, who triumphed in his specialty, and Mel Whitfield, of Ohio State, Olympic champion who took the 440-yard dash.

It was at nearly the last minute that Patton decided not to enter the 230-yard sprint. A stiff knee forced the decision. This event was won by Charley Peters, of Indiana, in 20.7 seconds. Tom Mason, Minnesota, was second, and George Pasquill

USC, third. The midwesterners answered 8 points in the race and the PCC only one.

Had Patton been in the race and taken first, as the experts had figured he would, with the next two places going to the Big Ten, the final score would have been a 66-all tie.

Gehrman won the mile in 4:16.5. He had done better in this season, but it was good enough to bring him in three yards ahead of Frank Owens, of Indiana, with Kaare Velling, California, third. Dick Peterson, OBC, was sixth.

The Wisconsin distance star then took the half-mile in 1:52.2, a bare three inches ahead of Herb Barten of Michigan.

Whitfield, who won the 400-meter run in the Olympics at London last year, outdistanced his competition in the 440-yard event to win in 48.1 seconds.

Dixon, the double winner for the PCC, captured the 120-yard high hurdles in 14.1 seconds and the 220-yard low in 23 seconds.

Patton finished the 100-yard dash a yard ahead of Peters in 9.6 seconds. His world's record time for this sprint is 9.3.

Dwight Eddleman of Illinois triumphed for the Big Ten in the high jump at 6 feet 4 inches, and Henry Aihara, Southern California, took the broad jump at 24 feet 1 1/2 inches. The pole vault was a three-way tie at 14 feet among Don Laz

Cards Defeat Gems In Series Opener

WILLOWS, June 22 (Special)—Lefty Niles Jordan, who had pitched seven straight wins for the Klamath Gems, got his first loss of the season last night 4-2 at the hands of the Willows Cardinals. Jordan was outpitched by Lonnie Ford, righthander who joined the Cards only yesterday from Fresno.

Ford gave up seven hits to the Gems, one of them a triple by Morrie Nordell, fanned nine and walked six. Jordan allowed 12 hits, fanned eight and passed three.

The Cards picked up one run in the second frame and the Gems matched it in the third. But in the bottom half of the third Buster Kinnard singled and moved around to third on Don Davis' double. Gene Mittel singled to drive in both and those runs amounted to the victory.

Nordell's triple and a single by Donnell Phipps in the seventh accounted for the Gems' other tally.

The victory kept the Cards in second place, half a game behind Pittsburg, while the Gems stay in fourth.

At Pittsburg a Far West league record crowd of 3500 fans came to the ball game to see the league-leaders trip the Marysville Braves 8-1. Blair Simpson hurled six-hit ball.

Redding clung to third place by trouncing Medford 13-9, and Valigo scratched out a 4-3 victory over Santa Rosa.

The box:
Klamath Falls AB R H O A E
Nordell 4 1 2 2 0 0
Phipps 20 4 0 1 2 2 0
Cassell, rf 4 0 0 0 0 0 0
Ewin, cf 1 0 1 0 0 0 0
Hesse, cf 4 0 0 2 0 0 0
Hesse, lf 4 0 0 2 0 0 0
Hersander, if 4 0 0 2 0 0 0
Jensen, 3b 3 1 0 0 0 0 0
Kuhler, c 3 0 0 0 0 0 0
Zurhale, c 4 0 2 0 1 0 0
Totals 32 2 9 24 7 0

Willows AB R H O A E
Foster, ss 4 0 2 1 0 0
Kinnard, rf 4 1 4 4 1 0
Davis, 2b 4 1 3 3 2 0 0
Mittel, cf 4 0 0 2 0 0 0
Bonnett, lf 4 0 0 2 0 0 0
Rivera, 3b 4 0 0 2 0 0 0
Rinehart, if 4 0 0 2 0 0 0
Graves, c 2 1 0 0 1 0 0
Ford, p 3 0 1 0 0 0
Totals 32 4 12 27 6 0

Klamath Falls 201 800 100-2
Willows 612 190 606-4
MILBARY 3B—Nordell, 2B—Davis, Mittel, RFI—Phipps, Rivera, Mittel 2, Kinnard, 3B—Jordan, 3, Ford, 6, W. Ford, SAC—Ford, DP—Phipps to Nordell to Reese 2, Att—508.

SHORTAGE
ONTARIO, June 22 (AP)—The Owyhee reservoir fell short of capacity storage of 751,000 acre-feet of water this year, despite earlier precipitation.

James Spofford, Nyssa, irrigation manager, said the peak storage was 603,120 acre-feet, reached June 1. The level has dropped steadily since, he said.

Bud Ward Wins State Laurels

WENATCHEE, June 22 (AP)—For the second time in 11 years, Marvin (Bud) Ward is the State Washington Open golf champion.

The Spokane amateur totted up a 72-hole total of 278 yesterday to finish three strokes ahead of Harold West, Portland pro. It was over the same course that Ward won his first state Open title in 1938.

Ed Oliver, Seattle pro, finished third with 282.

At the end of play Sunday, Ward was sixth in a field of 72. Monday, he turned in a crackling four-under-par 68.

Beavers' Park Plans Readied

PORTLAND, June 22 (AP)—The Portland Beavers are getting nearer a start on construction of their new ball park in Southeast Portland.

General Manager Bill Moulton said in a speech before a Civic club yesterday that only a few technicalities, such as placement of sewers, remain to be ironed out.

The Beavers have held the site for several years. The present park in Northwest Portland has been condemned as a fire hazard.

Shuffle Party

Prizes in the recent city shuffleboard tournament will be awarded Friday night during a party thrown for league players, guests and committee members at the 97 club.

Sunrise, league champion, will receive the bulk of the prizes. Driftwood finished second in the league and Schum's third.

Wilmington — Rocky Graziano, 159 1/2, New York, knocked out Bobby Claus, 149, Buffalo, 2.

Illinois: John Montgomery, USC, and George Hasmusen, Oregon.

Minnesota's Byrl Thompson hurled the discus 167 feet 4 1/2 inches for a Big Ten win.

Wisconsin's Jim Urquhart's 9:18.5 was good enough to win the two-mile run.

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Flood Claim Bill Vetoes

WASHINGTON, June 22 (AP)—A bill that would have allowed the federal district court for Oregon to decide on claims of Oregonians for damages from a May 7, 1942, flood was vetoed yesterday by President Truman.

The claimants said the flood resulted from failure of spillway gates operated by the bureau of reclamation in the Vale irrigation district.

President Truman vetoed the bill because of "sweeping terms" that he said could deprive the United States of making substantive defenses against the claims.

"While I feel that these people should be extended an opportunity to seek a determination from a judicial tribunal of their claims for losses which they feel were occasioned by negligent acts of the United States or its servants, the government should not be precluded from presenting substantive defenses which normally are, and in fairness should be, available to it as a party defendant," the president said.

He added he would approve a bill "couched in such terms as would accomplish these objectives for both parties to this litigation."

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The group elected officers here and forecast an "average" crop for Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho.

A. E. Sutton, Portland, re-elected general manager and treasurer, said that "lack of rain has reduced the wheat crop in this area, but it is resulting in a smaller and harder kernel that has a higher protein content."

"This will help farmers market wheat for bread flour as the protein content is a major factor in choosing wheat for flour."

Goldwyn, Niven Split Film Tie-Up

HOLLYWOOD, June 22 (AP)—British Actor David Niven and Producer Sam Goldwyn have parted company after a 14-year association in making films.

They said the split was "an amicable one." Niven said he will be on his own and will try to line up an independent picture. He said he plans to work both in Hollywood and England.

PARIS, June 22 (AP)—Police arrested 40 demonstrators—including 15 communist national assembly deputies—last night when they interrupted a showing here of the American film "The Iron Curtain."

All were released after questioning.

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