Roaring Gems Snare Sixth Game In Row

Seven-Run Burst In Tenth Hands Klamath 12-6 Win

MEDFORD, June 28 (Special) — The Gems won their sixth straight baseball game last night, a 12-6 overtime victory over the luckless Medford Nuggets, but it was only because a couple of other teams were idle that the Klamath Falls Far West league entry moved up a notch in the standings.

Willows and Redding did not play, therefore the victory at Medford allowed the Gems to creep into third past Willows. The Gems have a .593 percentage (32-22) as compared to a .586 (34-24) record for the Cardinals.

Last night's game was in the top of the tenth before the Gems really began to show the bruising power they have used during their current winning streak. The match was 5-5 through nine innings, with Medford scoring twice in the bottom of the ninth to gain the tie.

In the top of the tenth the Gems landed on Bill Olsson with almost everything to score seven runs. Pinky Hesse, Butch Faller and Johnny Lopeman had doubles in the uprising.

The victory for Lopeman was his seventh of the season against five defeats. He went all the way, allowing Medford just eight hits.

CASSELLI HOMERS

Bob Casselli, leading home run hitter for the Gems, got his seventh roundtripper in the top of the ninth inning, with none on base. Chuck Cheshire, Medford second baseman, poled one over the right center wall with one on base in the second inning.

Gordon Hernandez got four of the 13 Klamath Falls hits, all of them singles.

The box:

KLAMATH FALLS—	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Nordell, ss	6	2	2	2	2	0
Jensen, 3b	2	2	1	1	1	0
Hesse, cf	6	1	4	0	0	0
Reese, 1b	5	1	1	10	0	0
Casselli, rf	5	2	1	2	0	0
Hernandez, lf	5	1	4	1	1	0
Faller, 2b	2	2	1	4	3	2
Descalso, c	5	0	0	6	1	0
Lopeman, p	4	1	1	0	1	0
Totals	41	12	13	25	9	2

MEDFORD—	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Millberger, ss	3	0	0	2	1	0
x-Stratton	1	1	0	0	0	0
Jones, ss	0	0	0	1	0	0
Petty, cf	2	0	1	3	0	0
Bartle, 1b	5	0	1	9	0	0
Pinkard, lf	5	0	0	1	0	0
Gorbus, 3b	5	1	1	0	2	0
Lindberg, rf	2	1	1	1	0	0
Reagan, c	2	1	1	9	0	0
South, rf	2	2	0	0	0	0
Bueno, c	1	1	1	2	0	1
Guelfo, p	2	0	0	1	0	0
Olson, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Whitt, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	6	5	30	9	1

x—Batted for Millberger in 9th.

Klamath Falls	130	000	001	7—12
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SUMMARY: HR—Cheshire, Casselli. 3B—Nordell. 2B—Hesse, Faller, Lopeman, Reagan, Bueno. RBI—Nordell 2, Hesse 2, Reese, Casselli, Hernandez 2, Faller 2, Lopeman 2, Stratton, Reagan, Cheshire 3, Bartle. Loser—Olsson. SO—by Lopeman 6, Guelfo 4, Olsson 4, Whitt 2. BB—off Lopeman 7, Guelfo 6, Olsson 5. SB—Hernandez. WP—Olsson. HP—Jensen. LOB—Klamath 13, Medford 8. Umpires—Conner and Griesel.

Pittsburg Two Ahead

By the Associated Press

Pittsburg drew a full two games ahead of the pack in the Far West baseball league race last night. The Diamonds made it two straight over Vallejo with a 9-7 win.

Second place Redding and third place Willows were idle.

Both Pittsburg and Vallejo drew nine bases on balls during the loosely pitched game. Bill Enos homered for the winners.

Klamath Falls waited until the tenth inning to turn on the power with a seven run rally that sank the cellar dwelling Medford club, 12 to 6. Klamath Falls led, 5-3, going into the ninth, but errors gave Medford two unearned runs and sent the game into the extra inning.

Wally Williams hit four for four, including a double, to lead Marysville to an 8-1 victory over the Santa Rosa Cats. It was the second straight for Marysville.

Scores: R. H. E.

Vallejo	500 000 110—7	9	1
Pittsburg	102 310 20x—9	10	1

Harding, Carter (7) and Triandos; Bronzan, Heck (8) and Martin.

Santa Rosa	010 000 000—1	4	4
Marysville	303 100 01x—8	14	2

Kornahrens, De Barnabo (3) and Billings; Smith and Casey.

Monopoly For Californians

SEATTLE, June 28 (AP)—California held a virtual monopoly in the sixth army tennis championships after today's opening play in the three-day tournament. Only one non-Californian survived.

The most decisive win was turned in by the 1948 all-army singles champion, Lt. Frank E. Mehner, Camp Cook, Calif., who eliminated Sgt. Ernest Brickman, Fort Ord, Calif., 6-1, 6-0.

In other singles matches Sgt. Leon Deatherage, Fort Ord, defeated Cpl John Orsborn, Fort Lewis, Wash., 6-2, 8-6; Cpl. William Berry, Fort Ord, defeated Lt. Bruce Bromley, Fort Lewis, 4-6, 6-2, 9-7; Lt. Ransom Haig, Fort Ord, defeated Recruit Neil Eddington, Fort Lewis, 2-6, 9-7, 6-4, and Capt. Frank Rhea, University of Washington ROTC, defeated Lt MacDonald Craig, Fort Lewis, 6-4, 6-2.

Deatherage-Berry, Fort Ord, defeated Bromley-Craig, Fort Lewis, 6-3, 6-2, in the only double match.

Winners of the tournament, being staged at Fort Lawton, will form ar all-star team to represent the sixth army in the all-army championships at San Francisco.

Pittsburgh—Joe Adragman, 128 Pittsburgh, outpointed Joey Barone, 121, Pittsburgh (10).

New York—Roland La Starza, 185 New York, stopped Harry Haft, 172½, Brooklyn (4).

Attendance Suffers In Majors

Big Leagues Expect Decline Of Million

By The Associated Press

The majors are headed for an attendance decline from last year's record breaking totals, comparative figures showed today.

With most of the 16 clubs having played nearly half their 77 home games, a check revealed that only six clubs are ahead of last year's figures.

Through games of last night, a total of 8,588,438 fans paid to watch the teams in action, as compared to the 8,965,152 who saw the same number of games in 1948. That is a drop of 376,714.

At this rate, the majors are certain to fall approximately a million behind last year's record figure of 20,943,345.

The Cleveland Indians have suffered the biggest drop, having drawn about 145,000 fewer fans than in '48 at a corresponding date. Cincinnati, Detroit, the New York Giants and Philadelphia Phils are others which have fallen 100,000 below last year's figures.

The Pittsburgh Pirates show the biggest gain, 180,000 more than last year. The Chicago White Sox, Washington Senators, Boston Braves, Brooklyn Dodgers and St. Louis Cardinals also are ahead of their '48 figures.

The Cardinals drew a night game crowd of 13,178 in the only regular game played in the majors yesterday, but the fans were doomed to disappointment as the Chicago Cubs beat the Redbirds, 6-4. The defeat prevented the Cards from tying the Dodgers for the league lead. Instead, the Redbirds are now a full game behind the Brooks.

Johnny Schmitz hung the defeat on St. Louis, but needed help from Walt Dubiel in the seventh.

The Yankees defeated the Giants in an exhibition game at Yankee stadium, 5-3, when Kirby Higbe walked two men with the bases loaded in the eighth to break a 3-3 tie.

Joe DiMaggio, the Yankees' ailing outfielder, playing his first game of the season, went the full nine innings and declared his injured heel gave him no added pain. He failed to get a hit in four official times at bat.

Mickey Owen, reinstated catcher, playing his first game for Brooklyn, singled in the ninth and scored the winning run as the Dodgers defeated the Cleveland Indians, 4-3, in an exhibition game at Ebbets field.

The Philadelphia Phils routed the Athletics, by a one-sided 19-2 score and Cincinnati defeated Detroit 10-4, in other exhibition tilts.

PETE GRAY RELEASED FROM TEXAS LEAGUE

DALLAS, June 28 (AP)—Pete Gray, who played in the big leagues despite the fact that he had only one arm, was uncertain about his baseball future today.

Gray said he had been given his outright release by the Dallas club of the Texas league with which he has been a reserve outfielder this season.

Owner Dick Burnett of the Dallas club said Gray had refused to go to Gladewater of the East Texas league, a Dallas farm club. Burnett also attributed this to an incident in which Gray was arrested and taken to jail.

In a statement last night, Burnett explained the incident which brought dissension among the Dallas players. He said he called Gray on the telephone Saturday night to inform him that he was being sent to Gladewater. Gray replied that he wouldn't go. Burnett said the ball player sounded as if he had been drinking.

Burnett added that "I called the police and told them to put him in jail."

Gray was arrested and taken to jail but was not charged or held. Jail Supervisor R. M. Wisseman stating that he found Gray was not intoxicated. Afterward several members of the Dallas ball club came to the jail to get Gray out.

Gray said Burnett called him later and apologized.

Gray, 32, has been playing the game since childhood. He was in professional ball first with Memphis in 1944, then went to St. Louis of the American league in 1945, to Toledo in 1946 and to Elmira of the Eastern league in 1948. He was out of baseball in 1947.

Leaders Bopped

STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Eagles	3	0	1.000
Merrill Billiards	2	0	1.000
Finnigan's	2	1	.667
Calhoun's	2	1	.667
Bureau of Reclamation	2	1	.667
Merrill VFW	2	2	.500
Kalpine	1	2	.333
Stewart-Lennox	0	2	.000
K. C.	0	2	.000
Smith Lbr. Co.	0	3	.000

Two underdogs in the county softball league smacked a couple of top-division teams last night in Merrill.

The "in again, out again" Finnigans blasted Merrill VFW for 13 hits and a lop-sided 11 to 1 victory. "Wimpy" Carver carved the win when he yielded only three hits. The Vet's Benbrook was larruped for 13 bingles.

Carver also handled the bat in fine style, collecting three hits for three times at bat.

The Bureau of Reclamation walloped Kalpine, 16 to 10, in the nightcap. Junior Baitteher stepped into Zimmerman's offerings to pick up four hits out of five tries.

Wednesday night games have been called off because of the appearance of the frolicking comedians, the Negro Ghosts, on the Merrill field.

Their opponent will be announced tomorrow.

Short scores.	R.	H.	E.
Bureau of Reclamation	16	13	4
Kalpine	10	6	8

B of R: R. Hofar and Rumelhardt. Kalpine: Zimmerman and Horn.

	R.	H.	E.
Finnigans	11	13	2
Merrill VFW	1	3	2

Finnigan's: Carver and Cada. Merrill VFW: Benbrook and Reed.

Golfers Return

They didn't return with titles, but Mrs. Robert O. Sproat and Mrs. Paul Farrens brought honors to Klamath Falls in the annual Oregon State amateur golf tourney in Astoria.

Mrs. Sproat qualified in the second flight. She beat Mrs. E. H. Edgerton of Medford, 3 and 1, and lost to Mrs. Glen Otten of Astoria, 1 up.

Mrs. Farrens qualified in the fourth flight, losing to Mrs. Vernon Fowler of Astoria on the 20th hole, 1 up, and to Mrs. Gene Bates of Portland, 1 up.

Mrs. Sproat left this week for Pasadena, Calif., where she'll get in many licks on the links.

Twinks Refuse To Yield Lead

Oakland Poses As Threat To Stars

By the Associated Press

The Hollywood Stars, still high-balling ahead of the field in the Pacific Coast league race, are home for a 15-game stand that will carry them past the half-way mark in their fight for the pennant.

The film city club opens a nine-game series tonight with Oakland and then will take on San Francisco in a six-game engagement.

The Oaks, currently in third place tie with San Diego, could put a considerable dent in the Hollywood hopes. So far this season the Oaks have won seven of 11 games played with the Stars.

And Hollywood is having some casualty trouble. Pitcher Glen Moulder and catchers Mike Sandlock and Jack Paepke are on the casualty list and may be there for a week or so.

For the opener it will be a battle of southpaws. Art Schallock goes to the mound for the Stars and Lou Tost for the Oaks.

Two other upper division teams open a series tonight. San Diego travels north to meet the second-place Seattle Rainiers. The Padres are still handicapped by the absence of their heavy-hitting first baseman, Luke Easter, who is in Cleveland for treatment of a knee injury.

Last place Los Angeles opens a series with San Francisco, the seventh place club. Sacramento goes to Portland for a series.

Games tonight:

Oakland (Lou Test) at Hollywood (Art Schallock).

Los Angeles (Bryan Stephens) at San Francisco (Con Dempsey).

Sacramento at Portland.

San Diego at Seattle.

DiMaggio Threatens

CHICAGO, June 28 (AP)—Dom DiMaggio, little Boston Red Sox outfielder, surged 14 points to .339 during the week to challenge injured George Kell of the Detroit Tigers for the American league batting lead.

The side-lined Kell maintained top spot with .353 but Di Maggio climbed into contention only 14 points behind.

Boston's Ted Williams, the 1947 and 1948 A. L. batting champion, continued in third place with a five point increase to .319.

Outfielder Vic Wertz of Detroit soared from ninth to fourth place with a 21-point climb to .317. He was followed by Eddie Joost, Philadelphia, with .312; Bob Dillinger, St. Louis, .308; Hank Majeski, Philadelphia, .303; Johnny Pesky, Boston, and Tom Henrich, New York, .301 apiece; and Hoot Evers, Detroit, .298.

Williams was tops in two specialized brackets with 19 homers, an increase of three, and 77 runs batted in, a boost of 12 for the week.

Majeski had the most doubles, 20, and Dale Mitchell of Cleveland had the most triples, eight. Kell and Di Maggio led in hits with 83 apiece; Joost in runs with 68, and Dillinger continued as the ace base stealer with nine thefts.

Topping the pitching records was New York's Allie Reynolds with 7-1 for .875. His teammate, Vic Raschi, has 11-2 for .846. Virgil (Fire) Trucks of Detroit continued to set the strikeout pace with 83 whiffs.

Baseball Fans Display Savvy In Ballot For All-Stars; Ebbets Field Is Scene

AP Newsfeatures

NEW YORK—Baseball fans who have sent in votes for the players they would like to see in the annual All-Star game in Brooklyn can stand up and take a bow. They seem to know what's going on in both major leagues.

In the past the custom has been to select players on their pre-year's records but this time the fans are voting for the players who have given their clubs a lift this spring.

The American league all-star team probably will take to Ebbets field on Tuesday, July 12, with three infielders playing in the "dream game" for the first time.

Ed Robinson, who has been banging the ball for the Senators, looks like the first baseman. Cass Michaels, off his consistent hitting for the White Sox, probably will be chosen over Joe Gordon as second baseman. Eddie Joost, sparkplug for the Athletics with his home run hitting and fielding, looks like he'll get the nod over Boston's Vern Stephens and Phil Rizzuto of the Yankees at shortstop. Robinson, Michaels and Joost never played in an all-star game.

George Kell of the Tigers looks like a cinch for third base. He played in the 1947 game.

The class of the American league, however, is in the outfield. It includes Ted Williams and Dom DiMaggio of the Red Sox and Tommy Henrich of the Yankees, all-star veterans.

The catching probably will be handled by the Yankees' Yogi Berra, highly improved operator, and the Red Sox' Birdie Tebbetts. Berra recently had a 17-game hitting streak.

Pitchers will be picked by the managers and the class appears to be Vic Raschi of the Yankees, Mel Parnell of the Red Sox, Lou Brissie of the A's, Hal Newhouser of the Tigers and Bob Lemon of the Indians. Of course, Lou Boudreau, American league pilot, will have final say in the matter.

The National league manager, Billy Southworth, undoubtedly will pick Vern Bickford, sensational sophomore, from his Brave staff. The rest of the senior circuit hurlers look like Ralph Branca of the Dodgers, Harry Brecheen of the Cardinals, Robin Roberts of the Phillies and Ken Raffensberger of the Reds.

The National league outfield figures to be Stan Musial, the top player of the circuit, Ralph Kiner of the Pirates and speedy Ritchie Ashburn of the Phillies. Willard Marshall of the Giants and Enos Slaughter of the Cards also are getting many votes.

Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn's No. 4 hitter, probably will be picked over the Cards' Red Schoendienst for second base. The former UCLA Negro is having a great season and figures to make the team for the first time.

As a matter of fact, Brooklyn appears to have three infielders set to make the game. Although the league this season has some fine shortstops in Marty Marion, Alvin Dark and Granny Hamner, PeeWee Reese probably will get the nod. With the strange shooting of Eddie Waitkus eliminating the popular Philly from first base, Gil Hodges of the Dodgers looks like he might beat out Ted Kluszewski, the husky Red sophomore.

Third base is a battle between Sid Gordon of the Giants and Eddie Kazak of the Cards, two consistent hitters this spring. Ordinarily Bob Elliott of the Braves would get the nod but his hitting has been off.

Andy Seminick of the Phillies looks like the class behind the plate. During a recent 14-game span he belted nine homers and over the first third of the season his bat has decided some 10 games in favor of the surprising Phillies.

Here are the players most likely to see action on July 12:

American

1b, Ed Robinson, Senators; 2b, Cass Michaels, White Sox; ss, Eddie Joost, Athletics; 3b, George Kell, Tigers; lf, Ted Williams, Red Sox; cf, Dom DiMaggio, Red Sox; rf, Tommy Henrich, Yankees; c, Larry Berra, Yankees; p, Vic Raschi, Yankees; p, Mel Parnell, Red Sox; p, Lou Brissie, Athletics; p, Hal Newhouser, Tigers; p, Bob Lemon, Indians.

National

1b, Gil Hodges, Dodgers; 2b, Jack Robinson, Dodgers; ss, PeeWee Reese, Dodgers; 3b, Sid Gordon, Giants; lf, Ralph Kiner, Pirates; cf, Richie Ashburn, Phillies; rf, Stan Musial, Cardinals; c, Andy Seminick, Phillies; p, Vern Bickford, Braves; p, Ralph Branca, Dodgers; p, Harry Brecheen, Cardinals; p, Robin Roberts, Phillies; p, Ken Raffensberger, Reds.

Amateurs Wobbly

LONDON, June 28 (AP)—American domination of the world's amateur tennis is beginning to fray around the edges at Wimbledon.

When the men's semifinals are played tomorrow, only one United States representative will be swinging—top-seeded Ted Schroeder of La Crescenta, Calif.—he got by his quarter-final match yesterday only by the skin of his teeth.

Schroeder lost the first two sets to Australian champion Frank Sedgman, then prevailed, 3-6, 6-8, 6-3, 6-2, 9-7.

But five others of the 10 top ranking Americans have been beaten. With Schroeder in the semifinals will be Eric Sturgess of South Africa, whom Ted is favored to beat; Jaroslav Drobny of Czechoslovakia, and John Bromwich of Australia.

Bromwich drove defending champion Bob Falkenburg of Los Angeles out of the tournament yesterday, also in five sets.

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