

Knot Remains Tied As Bums, Cardinals Win

Enos Slaughter Poles Two Homers In St. Louis Win

By The Associated Press
Enos (Country) Slaughter, the St. Louis Cardinals' "ball player's ball player," is a living proof that baseball players are a funny race. In pre-season polls, the majority of scribes ignored St. Louis as a pennant threat because the Cards "were too old." Thus, without saying so, they pointed the finger at Slaughter, who at 33, was the oldest regular on the club.

Today, these same experts predict that the Cards will win the National league flag. Why? Because of the presence of this same Enos Slaughter.

Slaughter's current batting average of .331 is exceeded only by Jackie Robinson's .364.

ENOS SHINES
Enos enjoyed one of his biggest "days" last night when he walloped two home runs and drove in six runs to lead the Cards to a 9-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Redbirds needed the triumph to maintain their first place tie with Brooklyn, as the Dodgers already had slipped the New York Giants, 2 to 1.

Those were the only games played in the majors.
Slaughter's one-man foray enabled Howie Pollet to register his fifteenth victory although he was touched up for a dozen hits. The Cards could get only five safeties off lower Kent Peterson and three successors, but took advantage of seven bases on balls.

FOUR WALKS
Four straight walks in the fourth forced a Cardinal run across and left the bases loaded. Country promptly unloaded them with his second four-bagger of the game and tenth of the season. Slaughter hit his first homer in the third with Nippy Jones aboard.

Big Don Newcombe pitched one of his best games of the year in subduing the Giants with four hits, for his eleventh victory. The Giant Negro right-hander had a three-hit shutout until the ninth, when Whitley Lockman sent his first serve over the right field screen to spoil the shutout bid.

Jackie Robinson was the big gun for the Dodgers. He slashed his thirteenth homer in the second and set the stage for the winning run in the eighth with a single that sent Carl Furillo to third. With the bases loaded and two out, loser Dave Koslo walked pinch hitter Bruce Edwards to force Furillo over the plate.

Solons Push Up

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 9 (AP)—Jim Tabor's big bat today had slammed the Sacramento Solons into undisputed second place in the Pacific Coast league.

Tabor poked two homers Monday night to drive in seven runs and lead his mates to a 14 to 2 win over the lowly Los Angeles Angels. It was the league's only game.

By winning, the Solons moved a half game ahead of Oakland. The Hollywood Stars' league lead was sliced to five and a half games.

Tuesday night's schedule:
Los Angeles (Cal) vs. Los Angeles (Cal) 4-5
Sacramento (Ken Holcomb) vs. Sacramento (Ken Holcomb) 16-5

Portland (Vince Di Biasi) vs. Hollywood (Gordy Maltzberger) 13-7
Oakland (Charley Gassaway) vs. Frank Nelson 9-9 at Seattle (Guy Fletcher) 18-7

San Diego (Tom Kipp) vs. San Francisco (Cliff Melton) 2-2
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BEST PERFORMANCE—Niles (Sonny) Jordan fashioned one of the Far West league's best pitching performances of the current season last night as he fanned 15 Willows Cardinals and gave up only four hits in a 6-2 Cems victory at Willows. It was his 13th victory.

Mix For AL Junior Title

ALBANY, Aug. 9 (AP)—Portland and Hillsboro meet on the diamond here tonight to decide the Oregon championship in American Legion junior baseball.

They will play two games, if necessary, to determine the entry in the regional playoff that opens in Portland Friday.

Portland scored in the 12th inning last night to defeat Vale, 5 to 4, behind the four-hit pitching of Ray Hyde, who fanned 23 batters along the route.

The Portlanders had a three run lead after two innings. But Vale tallied four times, forcing Portland to come from behind to deadlock the game in the ninth. In the 12th, a single, a walk and an error filled the sacks and Hyde walked to force in the winning run.

Hillsboro had moved to the final by posting a second straight victory Sunday night.

Semi-Pros Clash For Banks Shot
PORTLAND, Aug. 9 (AP)—Reliance and Albina play a semi-final game tonight for the right to go against Banks in the state semi-pro baseball championship game tomorrow.

Both of the Portland teams won last night to oust the defending champions of Albany and Reedport from the series.

Bob Signer pitched one-hit ball for nine innings before Reliance scored against Reedport to win, 1 to 0.

The Portland Albina Fuel team dumped Albany, 8 to 0, with six of the runs in one inning.

Banks had vaulted to the final Sunday night by posting a fifth straight win to keep its record unmarred in the double elimination series.

US Trackmen Win
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 9 (AP)—The United States touring track team won four of five events in a dual meet with Swedish forces yesterday.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh Fullerton

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN
(For Hugh Fullerton, Jr.)

CHICAGO, Aug. 9 (AP)—A hundred or so golfers, including Sam Snead, are using a "steam valve handle" to putt with.

Snead's revived putting is being attributed, in part, to a putter given him by Ben Hogan. . . . That greens weapon was a Jerry Gynn model. . . . Jerry is a veteran pro in the Chicago district, now stationed at the fashionable Skycrest club. . . . He was one of Babe Zaharias' instructors when she first took up the game and has helped many other fine players with his astute savvy. . . .

During the war, Jerry dreamed up an extra heavy putter blade that would be weighted and shaped in such a way as to give an excellent "feel" or "touch" when used. . . . He wanted to get a brass cast made of his idea but his efforts were blocked by priorities. . . . Finally, he sent a blueprint of his super blade to a friend who was connected with a Chicago foundry. . . . A cast was made under the heading "Steam Valve Handle." . . . Since Snead's rousing success this season, Jerry has had about 100 orders for his putter, 90 of them from out of the Chicago area.

When naming an all-star golf team, it's hard to leave off such fellows as Byron Nelson, master of the drive and long irons; Walter Hagen, the peer of all shots; Bobby Jones, Hogan and others. . . . When it comes to putting, who is the best? . . . Many will tell you, Horton Smith, Bobby Locke and Hagen. . . . But Jerry, who has seen all of them, and admires them, says "I'll take Jim Fogarty." . . .

Jerry is probably the only guy who knows Fogarty, outside of Craig Wood. . . . Fogarty was once Jerry's assistant down in Florida. . . . One day Wood, fresh from winning the National Open, wandered into Jerry's pro shop. Fogarty edged up and asked if he wanted to putt on the practice green. . . . Wood said sure, and Fogarty calmly retorted: "I'll start you 2-10." . . . So they putted. . . . Fogarty won about \$100 from him, beating him from anything to three to five up on 18 holes on the practice putting green. . . .

Wood finally proposed a regulation match on the course to try to recoup. . . . "I never played a round of golf in my life," answered Fogarty, "all I know is putting." . . . That Fogarty was the greatest putter who ever lived," recalled Jerry. "But he couldn't play a lick of golf."

Williams, Dillinger Knotted
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Williams gained four points and Dillinger fell one during the last week. Dom DiMaggio of Boston held third place with .343, a one-point gain. Last week he was second.

Following them in games through Sunday were George Kell, Detroit, .339; Dale Mitchell, Cleveland, and Roy Sievers, St. Louis, .332 each; Cass Michaels, Chicago, .313; Luke Appling, Chicago, .310