

# SPORTS ROUNDUP

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 KANSAS CITY, Aug. 23 (AP)—A. B. (Happy) Chandler, high commissioner of baseball, enjoys, and rightly so, telling how the national pastime will have drawn more than 20,000,000 customers for the second straight year come the world series.

But to really appreciate Mr. Chandler's figures you should first hear Charles (The Kid) Nichols' story of how the St. Louis Cardinals had to play a game in 1904 in a driving rain to make it possible for Card Owner Frank H. Robinson to meet his payroll.

Nichols, recently elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame for his pitching feats with the Boston Nationals in the late 1890s, discussed the game with another Hall of Famer, Fred C. Clark of Winfield, Kas., at the opening of the national semi-pro tournament in Wichita.

Nichols' story went this way: "Attendance hadn't been bad that year. They just wasn't any, but Frank Clarke, who was managing the Pittsburgh Pirates at the time, brought us in town and for a change we had a lot of cash customers in the stands.

"Only it started raining in the first inning," Nichols continued. "It poured and then came down in buckets and I was ready to throw in the towel when word came from the front office to play four and a half innings if we had to swim.

Clark was a good sport, though, and we kept playing. After four innings he came over and suggested that since we had been insane enough to go that long why not play the full nine. Water was ankle deep in the outfield but we played it out. St. Louis won 2-4. Beyond a doubt it was the wettest nine-inning game in history of baseball."

Clark nodded approval of the kid's story until reference to "ankle deep water."

"I distinctly remember looking to my outfield in the third inning and all I could see was three baseball caps," Clark chuckled. "Well, the water was at least up to the knees."

Chandler, who shared top billing in the opening ceremonies of the Dumont's 15th national baseball congress tournament, says professional baseball's agreement not to sign high school players before they had completed their eligibility was a big boost to amateur baseball.

"That was in 1945," Chandler said. "The majors were killing the sport at the grass roots. Now high schools all over the country are boosting baseball and we have thousands of good kid teams."

Tom Baird, owner of the Klamath City Monarchs of the Negro American baseball league, claims he has another pitcher that's destined for major league greatness. His name is Gene Richardson.

"A minor league team has offered me \$6000 for Richardson and several of the major league clubs have asked me for my price tag," Baird says. "I likely will be high, since Baird admits he's still unhappy over losing Jackie Robinson to Brooklyn 'for free.'"

Satchel Paige was a fair flinger for Baird at one time. Kansas University Football Coach Jules V. Sikes says his junior back, Dick Amberg, will be the hardest man to stop in the big seven conference this fall.

## Gilson Wings 14th Victory, Stops Willows League Picture Remains The Same As Diamonds Win

Stan Gilson chucked his fourteenth win of the season last night for the Gems but the Far West baseball pennant chase failed to change in any way. The league leader, Pittsburg, also won to stay three games ahead of Klamath Falls.

All three games in the circuit last night were tight. The Gems topped Willows 5-2. Pittsburg beat Medford 9-4 by scoring three runs in the ninth inning and Marysville defeated Redding by the same 5-4 score.

Gilson outdueled Kurt Schmidt of Willows in the first frame and keeping them cuffed over the remaining eight innings. Two errors in the infield contributed materially to the Redbirds' first-inning score. Gilson gave up five hits.

The Gems, meanwhile, didn't break the ice until the third inning when Morrie Nordell lobbed a soft fly to left field and it fell in for three bases. He scored on Bob Cassell's fly.

In the fourth the Gems batted around to get three runs, the rally started when Willows right fielder Buster Kinnard dropped Bill Reese's fly. Butch Fuller tripled to score Reese. Ralph Mohler walked, Gilson fanned and Nordell lofted a fly to right to score Fuller. Ken Jensen and Cassell singled and Mohler came in with the third run.

Reese doubled to open the fourth, advanced to third on an infield out and counted on Mohler's fly.

The Cardinals negotiated three double plays, one from right field to third base, to nip the same number of budding Gem rallies.

Tonight the Gems and Redbirds tangled in the final game of the series and as a special attraction two knothole gang teams, the Metler Flyers and Babe Ruth Juniors, play at 6:30.

**THE BOX:**

WILLOWS	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Kinnard, rf	5	1	1	5	1	1
Rice, 1b	4	1	1	7	0	0
Reese, cf	5	2	1	1	0	0
Mohler, 3b	4	0	0	1	1	0
Mitchell, cf	4	0	0	1	1	0
Fuller, 2b	4	0	1	2	0	0
Clear, lf	4	0	1	2	0	0
LaTessa, c	4	0	1	2	0	1
Schmidt, p	4	0	1	2	0	1
Totals	35	2	6	24	12	3

**KLAMATH FALLS—**

AB	R	H	O	A	E	
Nordell, ss	2	1	1	0	4	0
Jensen, 2b	5	0	2	4	3	1
Cassell, rf	4	0	2	3	0	0
Hase, cf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Hernandez, lf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Reese, 1b	3	2	1	1	0	1
Fuller, 2b	4	1	1	4	1	1
Mohler, 3b	4	0	1	2	0	0
Gilson, p	3	0	0	6	3	0
Totals	31	3	10	27	12	4

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**PITTSBURG** 9-4  
**MARYSVILLE** 5-4  
**REDDING** 5-4



**PLENTY OF WEIGHT**—These three linemen will see action when the Oregon All-Stars mix with the Portland All-Stars August 27 in Portland. From left they are Doug Hogland, tackle, Bend, 201; Harold "Parky" Dotts, guard, Grants Pass, 198; and Chuck Romine, guard, Medford, 198.

## Defense Stressed

PORTLAND, Aug. 23 (AP)—Portland and upstate all-star football squads concentrated on defense as they opened the final week of drills yesterday for Saturday night's game in Multnomah stadium.

The updaters concentrated on pass defense aimed at stopping the expected aerial attack of Coach Eric Waldorf's metropolitan players. Portlanders, on the other hand, gave their attention to stopping line plays, keeping in mind that in Don Donovan of Grants Pass, Rich Riggs of Medford and Phil Gillis of Bend the updaters have a trio of speedsters likely to account for big yardage.

James J. Richardson, director of the Shrine Hospital benefit game, reported that 250 tickets to the banquet following the game will be available to the public. At the banquet awards will be made. The highlight will be the most valuable player award, won last year by Sam Baker of Corvallis.

## Pennant Chances Slight

TULELAKE, Aug. 23—The Tulelake Homesteaders' chances of coping their first Cal-Ore baseball pennant rests with the fate of Alturas and Lakeview in their remaining games.

Lefty Means' Spudgers will have to wait for three weeks to find out if they're still in the picture.

The Tule nine have won nine games, lost three.

Lakeview, with a 9-2 record, have Alturas yet to play and have whipped them once this season, leading the baseball wise to favor the Loggers.

Alturas have two games left, one with Bly in addition to their game with Lakeview.

## YANKS BUY JOHN MIZE FROM NEW YORK GIANTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 (AP)—The New York Yankees hauled in another piece of heavy artillery today for their American league pennant push—the Giants' home run specialist, Big John Mize.

In a sudden and surprising move, the Yankees bought the 36-year-old first baseman from their National league neighbors for an undisclosed sum and told him to get in uniform right away.

The deal exploded with such unexpectedness that Mize had to rush to catch a midnight train for Detroit, where the Yankees open a two-game series today.

"We've sold Johnny Mize to the Yankees for an undisclosed sum," said Eddie Bramnick, secretary of the Giants. "He was waived out of the National league. He joins the club immediately."

The Giants were supposed to have put a \$200,000 price tag on the fielded first-sacker when Brooklyn expressed an interest in him in the spring.

Mize, who has hit more homers than any active player in the majors, probably will move in behind Joe DiMaggio in the Yankees' batting order—the No. 5 spot. That will permit Tommy Henrich, who has been holding down first, to return to his favorite position in right field.

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## Robinson Leads NL Bat Race

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 (AP)—Jackie Robinson continues to show the way in the National league's individual batting race but the speedy Brooklyn Dodger second baseman's average is sinking.

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Stan Musial of the Cards occupies fourth place with a .316 mark and Willard Marshall of the New York Giants sports the fifth best average in the league, .314.

## 'Natural' In First

CHICAGO, Aug. 23 (AP)—In one of those rare "natural" matches that will might have been delayed until the semi-finals, medalist Peggy Kirk and veteran Margaret Gunther, meet today in the first round of the women's Western amateur golf tournament.

Miss Kirk, 27-year-old Ohio state champion from Findlay, topped a three-under-par 73 over Westmoreland country club's 6569-yard route yesterday to notch a course record and become medalist among 32 match play survivors of the qualifying round.

Miss Gunther, the perennial Tennessee title holder from Memphis, qualified with 81, four strokes under the deadline for the fast field which ousted such stars as Mrs. Maurice Glick of Baltimore and Betty Mackinnon, the Arkansas champ from Texarkana, Tex.

## Cards Brooks Open Crucial 3-Game Series Bums Enter Scrap In Attempt To Snap Losing Skid

A world series atmosphere descended on Ebbets field today with the St. Louis Cardinals in Plattsburgh to take on the Brooklyn Dodgers in a series that Branch Rickey claims will decide the National league pennant.

Rickey, great white father of the flock, put the pressure on this series by predicting the winner will represent the senior circuit in the world series.

Stan Musial and company, leading the Dodgers and the league by two games, will stick around for two days during which they clash with the Brooks three times.

The proud Red Birds will display their talents twice today, once in the afternoon and again at night. The opener is a playoff of the July 25 game which ended in a 4-4 tie. That game, by mutual agreement, was halted to allow both teams to entrain west.

Brooklyn will take the field attempting to snap a three game losing streak. The Dodgers dropped their third straight in Boston yesterday, 7-6 in the only game in either league.

A couple of ex-Dodgers, Pete Reiser and Ed Stanky, ruined their former mates. Reiser drove home three runs with a single while Stanky socked his first homer of the season for the Braves.

Stankey unloaded in the ninth to tie the score at 6-6. A walk to Elbie Fletcher and Jeff Heath's two-out double off the center field wall followed to break up the game.

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# Pels, Jayvees Get Grid Togs

Klamath Union high school Pelicans and Jayvees—about 60 strong—were handed their football togger and physical conditions checked as King Pigskin moved in on the newly-turfed Modoc field yesterday.

Mentor Bob Hendershott wasn't on deck during the equipment insurance. He travelled to Washington in an attempt to lasso Keith Donahoe, last year's all-star guard, and one of the line returning lettermen.

Donahoe worked in Washington during the summer and there is a possibility he'll want to remain there.

In addition to 171-pound Donahoe, who probably packs more left now, there'll be six linemen and two backfield men in the Pel fold, all returning lettermen, as a nucleus from last year's second-place conference finishers.

The middle of the forward wall looks strong with Roy Lundgren, Dick Petaoldi, Bob Boudon and possibly Donahoe coming back for guard duty, and Tom Abner and John Willie back to bid for tackle spots.

John Elliott is the lone returning non-program-winner at end. Big Joe Demetrakos is back at fullback and Joe Nichols will be eyeing the halfback position again.

Hal Faulkner, who was being counted on for busy quarterback duty this year, moved to Medford and the Pels are expected to see lots of the lad when they face their traditional rivals.

However, a wealth of backfield talent is anticipated from last year's speedy Jayvee crew.

Hendershott will probably work the T formation again this year. The Pelicans' strength will be tested in a non-league opener September 16 when they face Portland's Grant high school.

**FIGHTS LAST NIGHT**  
 Newark—Tippy Larkin, 146, Garfield, N. J., outpointed Al Evans, 150, Montreal (8).  
 Phoenix, Ariz.—Jesse Fonseca, 119, El Paso, knocked out Bobby Romo, 119, Mexico (7).  
 Pittsburgh—Juste Fontaine, 141, Pittsburgh, outpointed Doll Rafferty, 141, Milwaukee (10).

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## Truckers Spill Milkmaids

WICHITA, Kas., Aug. 23 (AP)—The 1949 national semi pro baseball tournament is less than a week old, but an unbranded Texas team already has established itself as a top contender for the title.

The Weimar, Tex. Truckers upset the Mount Vernon, Wash., Milkmaids, 4 to 1, last night to win their second start in the tournament. The Milkmaids placed third in last year's meet.

The Texas team includes 10 former University of Texas players. The university squad won the national intercollegiate baseball title last June.

In other games last night the Golden, Colo., Goats beat the Lee, Mass., Sons of Italy, 5 to 1, and Elk City, Okla., humbled Hamler, Ohio, 11 to 0. Both contests were first round games.

## Oakland Pummels Bremerton

YAKIMA, Aug. 23 (AP)—Northwest Junior American Legion baseball fans gave the section tournament a "double-o" today. One "O" was for Oakland, Calif.; the other for Omaha, Neb.

Bremerton was out. But the fans weren't a bit wilder than were three Bremerton pitchers last night in giving up 23 bases on balls to hand the Oakland nine a 24-6 victory.

The loss, second of the tournament for the Washington titlist, left the title picture framed between Oakland and Omaha. They battle it out tonight with the Californians needing only one win to qualify for the national finals. The Nebraskans, who lost to Oakland 12-4 Sunday, must win two.

Oakland scored in every inning except the seventh against Bremerton with five runs, crossing the plate in the second and eight in the fourth.

## Beck Picks Oilers For AAU Title

PORTLAND, Aug. 23 (AP)—Lew Beck of Oregon State and U. S. Olympic basketball fame believes the Phillips Oilers will win back the national AAU title next winter.

Here for a visit, he also told newsmen he believes the Phillips team could down the best of the professional squads.

"We would beat them on defense. In pro ball you read about 100 points scores or more almost every day. That seldom happens with AAU teams," he said.

Beck said the Oilers would add new players to bolster the team. The floor captain said he planned to play at least two more years.

## Butch Heads Home—Almost

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 23 (AP)—University of Oregon gridiron star Raymond (Butch) Morse is heading back to his home state—but he has been assigned to the Oregon State college campus.

Now Lt. Col. Raymond J. Morse of the air force, he will be working with the air force ROTC unit at the Corvallis campus.

"It'll be the most unpopular man on the campus," means the left end star of the team that played in the 'civil war' games against Oregon State in 1931 to 1934.

Morse played professional football for five years before being called to military duty in 1940. He coached service teams to championships. He has been a squadron and deputy group commander at Lackland air base here.

## Ray, Steve Have Lots To Gain, Lose

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 (AP)—Both Ray Robinson and Steve Belloise have a lot to gain and lose in tomorrow's non-title 16-round bout at the Yankee stadium.

The middleweight division, which rapidly is becoming the one of big money, what with a paucity of heavyweights, is crowded with championship aspirants.

Marcel Cerdan is hot after it again, and tackles Jake La Motta, present wearer of the crown, next month. Then there is the battle between Rocky Graziano, who is attempting a comeback, and Charlie Fusari, the New Jersey milkman.

Add the Belloise-Robinson duel to those and you have a situation which could produce considerable action.

## Crosbys Take To Diamond—Five Of 'Em

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Aug. 23 (AP)—The Crosby family—Bing and his four sons—will become baseball players for a night Wednesday. The five Crosbys will make up the infield of a Spokane softball team in a benefit game with the Coeur D'Alene Knights of Columbus.

Bing will play second base, where he performed well enough to earn a letter at Gonzaga high school in Spokane some 20 years ago. Gary, the crooner's eldest son, will backstop. Twins Phillip and Dennis, and young Lanny will round out the infield.

The Crosbys are vacationing at Hayden lake, near Coeur D'Alene. They'll displace the regular infield of the Joey August nine, which is the A league champion in Spokane.

Proceeds of the game will be used for athletic equipment at the Immaculate Heart academy in Coeur D'Alene.

## Chiloquin Gets Two Net Courts

CHILOQUIN, Aug. 23—Two tennis courts here, located adjacent to the high school, have been paved and soon are to be fenced and marked for play.

The courts are a city project. The surfacing work was done on contract by the Asphalt Paving company of Klamath Falls, and Mayor William Lorenz of Chiloquin is soliciting volunteer labor for the fencing and marking.

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