

# Uncle Sam Paid, but Baseball Out

## Bond-holders Have Ballpark Key, Ponder Use of Stadium

By RED HURD

There will be no professional baseball in Gems Stadium this year—barring an unexpected miracle—even though Uncle Sam, who was keeping the ballpark's doors closed, has been paid in full.

Nine local "angels," who want to remain anonymous, last week shelled out \$7,033.33 to wipe out Klamath Baseball's debt to the Department of Internal Revenue.

A spokesman for the group told the Herald and News that he felt certain that baseball, under the banner of Klamath Baseball, Inc., would not be played this year. However, some optimistic re-

maius that pro baseball will return to Klamath Falls next year. This belief is strengthened by the fact that the Philadelphia Nationals, parent club of the Gems for four years, are still interested in Klamath Falls as a baseball minor league beachhead.

Klamath Baseball, Inc., owned by stockholders, is broke.

Scattered debts stand in the neighborhood of \$16,000.

Bond-holders—some 37 of them—own the physical assets of the ballpark, such as the land, stands, lights, etc.

In other words, the bond-holders are now left holding a \$35,000 in-

### TIME OUT!



Just look at those darn fools, Fred—wonder they don't break their necks!

# Race Mark Looks Safe

## Wallard Holds Record

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Motorists and motorcyclists mashing outside Indianapolis Motor Speedway gates Thursday killed time debating: Can anybody match Lee Wallard's record—breaking 1951 speed in Friday's 500-mile Memorial Day auto race?

Old timers, who had seen a dozen or so of the past 35 500's doubted that Wallard's 126.244 mile-an-hour average will be equaled.



By The Associated Press

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

| Team         | W  | L  | Pct. |
|--------------|----|----|------|
| New York     | 26 | 6  | .765 |
| Brooklyn     | 23 | 10 | .697 |
| Chicago      | 21 | 16 | .568 |
| Cincinnati   | 19 | 17 | .528 |
| Philadelphia | 15 | 18 | .455 |
| St. Louis    | 17 | 21 | .447 |
| Boston       | 13 | 19 | .406 |
| Pittsburgh   | 7  | 32 | .179 |

## Hapless Bucs Threat To Modern Loss Mark

By The Associated Press

Wrong way Pittsburgh is running away from the National League. Without much trouble, the Pirates can clinch last place by July 4th.

Racing backward at a breathtaking pace, they promise to find the answer to "how low is down?" Unless there is a drastic change, they should set a modern-day losing record in the majors.

Just look at the figures. Won 7; lost 32; games behind, 21 1/2. Games behind seventh place, 4 1/2. And the season is only one fourth over.

They lost another Wednesday night, 5-2, to Cincinnati as the veteran Kenny Raffensberger won his sixth of the season. Bobby Adams and Roy McMillan hit homers to ease Ray home past Red Munger. Jack Merson homered for the Bucs.

In the upper strata of the league, Jim Hearn pitched the New York Giants to a third straight over Brooklyn 6-2, opening up a 2 1/2 game lead on the Dodgers. It was their last game for Willie Mays, Giants' center fielder, who reports for Army duty Thursday.

The Chicago Cubs, once a push-over for Harry Brecheen, chased "The Cat" for the third straight time in beating the St. Louis Cards,



JIM HEARN ... widens Giants' lead

St. Louis as the Browns broke their four-game losing streak in beating Chicago, 3-1. The other American League teams were not scheduled.

Paige came in with two out and men on first and third in the eighth. He got Sam Mele to retire the side and set them down 1-2-3 in the ninth.

## McIntosh, Hilton In Gun Wins

Paul Hilton won the 16-yard shoot. E. W. McIntosh the handicap event in a field of 18 trapshooters Sunday in the Klamath Gun Club's weekly shoot at Wocus.

Hilton missed just one target in 109 to notch a sparkling 99. McIntosh hit 97 targets in the handicap competition.

Several KGC members will shoot in Bend's registered meet this weekend.

The holiday weekend has cancelled Sunday's shoot but regular cuttings continue again June 8.

## Mills Wins Sports Trophy

For the second year in a row, Mills School was given the Shoop & Schulze trophy for "outstanding accomplishments" in grade school athletics in a special awards assembly Tuesday.

Mills piled up 857 points on championships in volleyball, basketball, softball, all Class A, first and second in track and field.

Spoosevelt was second with 506. Riverside third with 465, followed by Pelican 217, Fremont 164, Fairview 134 and Conger 22.

The Joe Peak sportsmanship trophy, determined by votes of competitors in the grade school league, will be shared by Conger and Riverside, the first time the vote has ended in a tie.

## Kid Gavilan KO's Pruden

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Fitzie Pruden of Toronto, Canada, found wetterweight champ Kid Gavilan considerably tougher the second time around.

The Indiana Athletic Commission physician stopped the bout Wednesday night after the fifth round. The non-title bout was scheduled for 10 rounds.

Pruden, who had lost a split decision to Gavilan in Milwaukee 14 months ago, was smeared with blood and tottering. It went into books as a sixth round knockout.

# SPORTS



**TOI YAMATO** seems to have his dreams mixed in this shot on last night's tag team match at the armory. The Nip applied the sleeper to his partner, Kurt Von Poppenheim, when the German refused to wrestle. Kurt and Toi were defeated by Frankie Stojack and Buck Davidson in a wild bout.

## Stojack, Buck Victors With Assist from Pop

Toi Yamato didn't have a friend in the house last night—not even his tag team partner, sadistic Kurt Von Poppenheim.

The skeptics won't believe it—but Frankie Stojack and Buck Davidson feel kindly toward the Proud Prussian today. Because, with the German's big assist, Stojack and Davidson today held a hard-earned victory over Yamato and Von Poppenheim.

Each team had a fall with Von Poppenheim nursing an injured shoulder in his corner as the result of a bad tumble from the ring when Stojack threw the Nip into his midriff.

Stojack was giving Yamato you-know-what and twice Von Poppenheim refused the tag that would relieve the Japanese bandman.

## Chapman Benched

By TOM OCHILTREE

PRESTWICK, Scotland (AP)—Dick Chapman, defending champion from Pinehurst, N. C., and U. S. Amateur King Billy Maxwell were knocked out of the British Amateur Golf championships Thursday by Maj. David Blair, a 35-year-old reserve on the British Walker Cup team.

For the past five seasons an average of 3,783,203 baseball fans have paid to watch American League night games.

## San Diego Explodes For Win

By The Associated Press

It's hard to explain why a ball club frequently goes all-out for hits for a second flight hurler, then fails to support its best.

Sacramento's player-manager Joe Gordon offers a theory.

He says that when a second ranker takes the mound "the boys start right off trying for nits, figuring we'll need them."

Gordon has a pitcher named Kenny Gables, who has been doing pretty well for himself around the Pacific Coast League since 1944.

Going into Wednesday night's game with Seattle he had allowed only three earned runs in 26 innings. But the Sacs hadn't been hitting for him. His record was 9-3.

## College Playoffs Billed

NEW YORK (AP)—Within the next week or so, the eight baseball teams which will compete in the College World Series at Omaha, Neb., June 12-16, will be decided in a six-team series of district playoffs involving 22 teams.

Approaching the ideal of the college coaches had in mind when they founded the championship tournament six years ago, the end of the regular conference and league races left more contenders than can be handled in one tournament.

Thus only the New England district is likely to name a representative without a playoff and only three other regions were able to whittle the field down to two teams each.

Playoff action begins Friday in the Mid-West and Pacific Coast districts. The two top teams in the Mid-American Conference, Western Michigan and Ohio University, will face the Big Ten Co-Champion, Illinois, and third-place Wisconsin in district 4 first round series at Kalamazoo, Mich., and Champaign, Ill.

Instead of naming the Pacific Coast Conference champion, district 8 went to a four-team playoff this year, inviting Seattle University and Fresno (Calif.) State. These two clash Friday and Saturday while Southern California and Oregon State play off for the big conference title. The winners will play a best-of-three series June 6-7.

## Halibut Closure

SEATTLE (AP)—The halibut fishing season in North Pacific areas 2A and 1B will close at 12:01 a.m. June 9, the International Fisheries Commission announced Wednesday.

## Yesterday's Stars

By The Associated Press

**BATTING**—Don Mueller, Giants—Hit homer and two doubles in New York's seventh straight win.

**PITCHING**—Jim Hearn, Giants—Came back from Monday night knockout to strong arm Brooklyn with four hits, 6-2, as New York swept three game series.

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## MINOR LEAGUE Results

By The Associated Press

**INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE**  
Buffalo 6 Rochester 3  
Syracuse 2 Toronto 1  
Montreal 8 Springfield 2  
Ottawa 6 Baltimore 2, 11 innings

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION**  
Milwaukee 7 Minneapolis 6  
Indianapolis 11 Toledo 5  
Columbus 9 Louisville 5  
Kansas City at St. Paul postponed

**TEXAS LEAGUE**  
San Antonio 3 Beaumont 2, 11 innings  
Shreveport 5 Houston 0  
Oklahoma City 7 Dallas 2  
Fort Worth 2 Tulsa 0

**PIONEER LEAGUE**  
Ogden 7 Salt Lake 6  
Magic Valley 12 Boise 11  
Idaho Falls 8 Pocatello 4  
Greekt Falls 3 Billings 2

## Bill's Takes Lead

Bill's Place has no company atop the City Softball League today after shading erstwhile unbeaten Suburban Tavern last night in the feature battle on Conger Field by a 7-5 count.

Bill's Place erased a 6-5 deficit with a late rally as Darrel Soranson won a pitchers' duel from Gus Gustavson.

The defeat knocked Suburban into a tie for second spot with Kalpine. Friday's games have been postponed because of the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Line scores:  
Hercules 050 004 1-10 3 5  
Kalpine 121 126 x-13 12 3  
McDaniels and Carrier; Griggs and Carlson.  
(Bill's-Suburban line score not available.)

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