

Drivers Await First Flag

Hard Tops In Debut Sunday

Racing's green flag waves some 40 cars into action tomorrow, 1:30 p.m., when Klamath Falls opens its 1953 hard top season at Genu Stadium.

Local drivers today were busy giving their speed bugsles last-minute tune-ups for Sunday's opening of a season that is expected to exceed last year's thrills and spills.

Time trials at 1:30 will take some 45 minutes before the nine-event program swings into action with four heat races.

Winners of the heat races qualify for the trophy dash with second and third place finishers earning positions in the final heat.

The consolation and semi-main follow, then the main event, a 25-lap race. The semi-main is down for 15 laps.

Local drivers include Bud Cook, James Lawson, Dale Hankins, John Hittson, Ben Morrison, Gene Stratton, John Mazingo, Ed Roush, Russ Newell, Wes Owen, Bill Mayfield, Dave Vincent, Neil Mellon, Willis Smalley, Charles Wilson, John May, Ken Gomer, Murrell Betsch, Jerry Bridges, Troy Deal, S. R. Crawle, E. W. Hedges, Jim Reis, Matt Christian, Ralph McCloud and George Smith.

The track this year is longer and wider, Klamath Hardtops Inc. has taken the play away from the California Stock Car Association in an attempt to give local drivers more of a chance.

TIME OUT!



"I'm sorry we're becalmed, Gwen, but if you'll just raise about it a bit more, I think maybe you can blow us to shore!"



By The Associated Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia	17	10	.630
Milwaukee	16	10	.615
St. Louis	17	11	.607
Brooklyn	17	14	.548
New York	17	15	.531
Pittsburgh	11	19	.367
Chicago	9	16	.360
Cincinnati	8	17	.320

Friday's Results

New York	Brooklyn 1
St. Louis	Cincinnati 2
Philadelphia	Pittsburgh, postponed, rain
Milwaukee	Chicago, postponed, rain

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
New York	21	10	.677
Boston	19	13	.594
Chicago	19	15	.559
Cleveland	15	12	.556
Washington	17	16	.515
Philadelphia	15	20	.430
St. Louis	12	18	.400
Detroit	10	24	.294

Friday's Results

Washington	New York 4
Boston	3, Philadelphia 2-2 (second game 12 innings)
Detroit	7, Chicago 0
St. Louis	Cleveland, postponed, rain

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Seattle	36	18	.667
Los Angeles	33	20	.623
Hollywood	29	22	.569
Portland	23	25	.479
San Diego	22	30	.423
San Francisco	21	31	.404
Oakland	20	30	.400
Sacramento	20	30	.400

Friday's Results

Sacramento	7, Los Angeles 5
Oakland	12, San Diego 1
San Francisco	3, Seattle 1 (10 innings)
Portland	3-6, Hollywood 0-8

Western International League

	W	L	Pct.
Lewiston	19	7	.731
Vancouver	15	11	.577
Wenatchee	13	14	.481
Calgary	13	14	.481
Salem	10	11	.476
Tri-City	12	14	.462
Spokane	12	14	.462
Yakima	13	16	.448
Victoria	12	15	.444
Edmonton	11	14	.440

Friday's Results

Yakima	7, Salem 3
Spokane	1, Tri-City 0
Lewiston	12, Victoria 11
Vancouver	5, Wenatchee 4
Edmonton	at Calgary, postponed, wet grounds

of Wenatchee's Laurie Monroe and Rick Botelho, who issued 13 free passes between them, spelled defeat for the Chiefs. Four of the Capitans who got walks eventually scored. A single by Frank Nascaro brought in the winning run in the eighth for the Caps.

A triple play, the first of the WIL season, was the feature attraction as Yakima downed Salem. It came in the first inning, with the bags bulging. Milt Smith snagged Len Noren's hot line drive, flipped to second to double one runner and the ball was relayed to third to get another. The loss was charged to Bob Collins, his first in six starts this season.

Ball - control trouble on the part

of Franks, both on the mound and at the plate, and a wild ninth inning were the feature dishes on the Western International League baseball bill of fare Friday night.

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The wild ninth was staged at Lewiston, where the Broncos weathered a 10-run outburst by the Victoria Tyees to dump the Canadians, 12-11. Three Bronco pitchers paraded to the mound in an effort to douse the fire. The home-towners then gave the fans their money's worth by scoring two runs in the last of the ninth to grab the win.

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Kalpine, Suburban On Top

Kalpine has company in the top position of the Men's City Softball League now.

Suburban Tavern walloped the Kiewits last night, 26-1, for its second straight win without a loss, the same record held by Kalpine.

Bill's Place slaughtered Southern Pacific, 17-0, in the other game on the program. Both were four-running games, but official.

Darrell Sorenson gave Southern Pacific just one hit and contributed a home run for Bill's Place.

Gus Gustavang also threw a one-hitter for Suburban as Jim Brown and Dale Himmelwright helped the cause with home runs.

The game will be broken Monday night when Kalpine and Suburban Tavern meet in the second game on the program. Southern Pacific and Kiewits open the show at 6:30 in the Conger Field doubleheader.

Line scores:

Kiewits	1	0	0	0-1	1	6
Suburban	10	1	10	5-26	19	3
Farley, Crawford and Hitt; Gustavang and Carrier.						

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Bill's Place 0 5 12 0-17 6 2

Woods Halar and Allen; Sorenson, Bonney and Derrah.

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CAGED — Slump-ridden Stanley Musial of the Cardinals kept his eye on the ball, but continued to pop up in special practice in the batting cage at St. Louis' Busch Stadium.

On the deck for an eight-count in the ninth round and shaken early in the 10th, he stormed back in the closing seconds to convince the two judges.

It Martinez had won the last round on the cards of Judges Harold Barnes and Artie Susskind he would have grabbed the decision. Barnes had it 4-4-1 going into the 10th and Susskind had it 5-4 for Giovannelli but Martinez leading on points.

The final cards showed Barnes 5-4-1 and Susskind 6-4, both for Danny. Reteree Ruby Goldstein saw Martinez a 6-3-1 winner. The AP card split right down the middle with 4-4-2.

ALL THE WAY

"If he wins this one, he'll go on to cup the title," said Lippy Breitbart, Giovannelli's manager, before the fight. He didn't see any reason to change his mind after the final returns were counted.

"It wasn't his best, but his hardest fight," he said. Giovannelli's left eye, cut in the ninth, was closed tight in the dressing room. It will take four or five stitches.

Martinez, disappointed at his second straight upset defeat, said he thought he had won.

"I had him on the hook three times," he said. "But I let him get away. Maybe that's the way it's going to be with me, I'd like to fight him again."

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