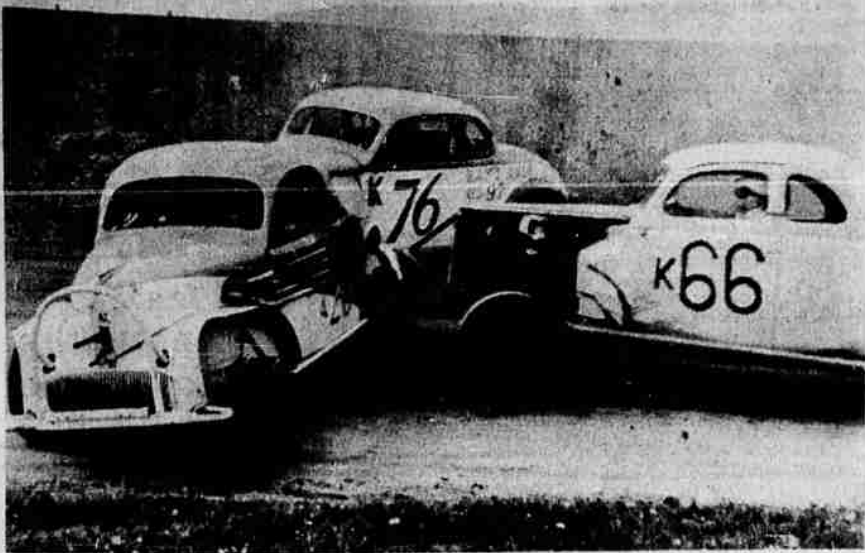




ASHLAND'S WALLY CANNON spins sideways on the track yesterday at Gems Speedway, blocking the way for Klamath drivers S. R. Crawley (K66) and George Smith (K76). In the first show of the season, Johnny Hiltson of Klamath Falls won three of nine races—the third heat, trophy dash and main event. Bill Hiltson won the semi-main event the first time he's driven in hard top races.

Webfoots Lose In Playoff

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP)—The Stanford Indians won the right to play Southern California for the district eight spot in the NCAA baseball championships—but they may not be able to keep that date.

A faculty committee refused to relax a rule which forbids athletic competition during final exams. The exam period starts Friday. The playoff with USC was scheduled for the weekend.

Unless a re-scheduling is arranged, Stanford will have to forfeit to the Trojans, whom Stanford beat four times during conference play.

The NCAA finals are slated for Omaha, Neb., in two weeks. Stanford rolled over Oregon in the Pacific Coast Conference championships last weekend, 9-3 and 8-1.

USC won a round robin playoff at Los Angeles from San Diego State and Seattle. The Trojans topped Seattle, 11-1 and San Diego State, 12-6, Friday.

They won the clincher Saturday, beating San Diego, 3-1.



BIG SPLASH — Jimmy McLane climaxed four years of swimming at Yale, winning three National Amateur Athletic Union indoor championships.

Tom Fool Looms As Threat to Dancer

By ORLO ROBERTSON

NEW YORK (AP)—Out of the nation's rich Memorial Day racing program came a horse that might well give Native Dancer a real battle in the turf's 1953 popularity contest.

Up to Saturday, the Dancer, with 13 victories in 14 starts, had the stage very much to himself despite a defeat in the Kentucky Derby. But today horsemen and laymen alike were talking of Tom Fool, the Greentree Stable's 4-year-old who won the historic Suburban Handicap at Belmont Park.

Old timers, who have seen many a stirring race on the American turf, couldn't recall a performance as that of Tom Fool as he broke in front in the mile and one-quarter of the Suburban and stayed on top all the way to edge Mrs. Esther du Pont Weir's English-bred Royal Vale by a nose.

Under top weight of 128 pounds, the son of Menow opened up a three-length lead going down the backstretch and then withstood a head-and-head duel by Royal Vale through the testing final quarter-mile. Royal Vale carried 124.

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Merchants Nip Alturas, 8-7

The Klamath Merchants pushed across two runs in the eighth inning yesterday to win an 8-7 decision over Alturas in an Oregon-California Border League game at Recreation Park.

The Modoc Tigers of Alturas had gone ahead, 7-6, in their half of the eighth when Bob Mize singled and went all the way around on two errors.

But Don Peterson walked, Hank Decker singled and Dick Lundsten got a free pass on catcher interference to load the bases in the eighth with one out.

Ron Owings, who relieved Ken Young at the catching post in the seventh inning, lifted a high fly to center field as Peterson scampered in with the tying run.

WINNING RUN
Decker followed him with the winning run on an overthrow.

Andy Anderson went all the way for the Merchants, Wayne Johnson for Alturas.

In the third inning, the Merchants drew first blood when Willie Dunster, who got four singles in five trips to the plate for the day, led off with a bingle and scored on Hi Hatfield's booming double to left field that came within a whisker of clearing the fence.

The Tigers scored two runs on Bob Dorris' two-run single and another on a Klamath error in the fourth inning to take a 3-1 lead.

Dunster's third single of the day scored Young in the fourth inning to close the count to 2-3.

FIVE HITS

In the sixth inning, the Merchants jumped on Johnson for five hits to score four runs and go ahead 6-3 after two were out and an error by Alturas second baseman Bryan Jamar kept the rally alive.

An overthrow by Alturas first baseman Pete Stanford allowed Dunster to score first. Gary Dawes scored on Hatfield's second double. Hatfield walked in on Peterson's single and Peterson scored on Decker's single.

A two-run single by shortstop Lee Hyde and some fumbling trouble by Lundsten on second base gave the Tigers three runs in the seventh to knot the score.

Alturas worked the squeeze play in the eighth inning to go ahead 7-6 before Klamath came back with two runs for the winning margin in the eighth.

SQUEEZE FAILS

Jamar rapped a triple in the ninth and the Tigers tried the squeeze play again to tie the score. But Jamar got a late start on Jess Fiddler's bunt and Jamar was an easy victim as Anderson scooped up the bunt and tossed to Owings at the plate.

Burns visits Klamath Falls next Sunday and Lakeview goes to Alturas in the OC program.

Line score:
Alturas 000 300 310-7 10 5
Klamath 001 104 028-8 14 8
Johnson and Mize; Anderson and Young, Owings 7.

Burns Edges Gems, 2-1

Burns leads the Oregon-California Border League after squeaking by Lakeview, 2-1, yesterday on the winners' diamond.

It was the Elks' second straight win without a loss in the still-young semi-pro league.

Pitcher Jack Lutz smacked a double with a man on base in the eighth inning to break a 1-all tie.

Burns scored one run in the first inning and Lakeview tied the score in the fifth before Lutz did something about his own game.

The Burns pitcher tangled in a mound duel with Lakeview's Bobby Long. Both went the distance, each giving up four hits.

Burns' Ted Hallberg hit a triple, with Lutz' double the only extra base blows in the game.

Four games have been played in the new semi-professional league. In all cases the margin of victory has been one run.

Louise Suggs Wins Richest Golf Prize

WHITEMARSH, Pa. (AP)—Louise Suggs didn't want to play golf last week end—so she turned in two sensational rounds to run away with the richest women's golf prize in history.

"Can you imagine what she might have done if she wanted to play," commented one of her pro-circuit colleagues after slim Louise picked up \$5,750 for winning the women's cross-country championship and turning in the lowest score in the two final 18-hole rounds at Whitemarsh. Her 1953 winnings now amount to \$15,591.25, a new women's record.

Miss Suggs earned \$5,000 for winning the transcontinental jaunt and an additional \$750 for her 72-74-146 over Whitemarsh's rain-soaked 6,670-yard layout. Her total for the 144-hole cross-country competition was 593 strokes, 11 better than runner-up Patty Berg of Minneapolis. Betsy Rawls of Spartanburg, S. C., last year's leading money winner, wound up third with 617.

The distaff golf pros played the first three legs of the tournament at Boca Raton, Fla.; Phoenix, Ariz., and San Francisco, when they arrived here for the final 36 holes, sponsored by Philadelphia Inquirer-Charities, Inc. Miss Suggs was three strokes ahead of Miss Berg and seven up on Miss Rawls.

The rest of the field was hopelessly out of contention.

When the starting time rolled around Memorial Day, the rain that had been coming down for some six hours looked like an all-day affair. The girls wanted to call the whole thing off, even if they had to wait until July to play the final 36 holes. But tournament officials asked them to wait and for two hours they sat. Finally, it stopped. The girls didn't want to play, including Miss Suggs. But she sloshed around for a sensational 3 under par 72 and followed it up with a under-par 74 on the still soggy course yesterday. She ran away from Miss Berg and Miss Rawls.

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Ross, Martindale Mix With Cummings, Joe

Tony Ross and Tommy Martindale join forces Wednesday night against Gypsy Joe and Bob Cummings in the main event on the Armory wrestling program.

Paddy Mack and George Drake tangle in the opener.

Both bouts are down for one hour or the best two of three falls.

Last week Cummings lost to Ross, Gypsy Joe lost to Martindale, both by disqualification.

Joe, the world's light heavyweight champion, and Cummings, howled loud and long. So Mack Lillard, matchmaker, sensing a crowd-pleasing match, signed the tag team match.

Mack has defeated Drake, protégé of Paavo Ketonen, twice here and will be favored to do it again.

Reserved tickets are on sale at Castleberg Drugs.



GEORGE DRAKE

Bevens Hangs Up Spikes

SALEM (AP)—Veteran Bill Bevens, who has been able to finish only one of the seven games he had started for Salem of the Western International League this season, announced his retirement from baseball Saturday.

Bevens, who has had an ailing flipper since 1948, had a 6-3 record this season. In 1947, while pitching for New York, Bevens came within one pitch of tossing a no-hitter in a world series game.

Cookie Lavagetto of Brooklyn spoiled Bevens' no-no game with a two-run double in the last of the ninth to win the game for the Dodgers.

Lodgers Win In Practice

Travel Lodge, leader in the Women's City Softball League, nipped Malin, 8-7, yesterday in a practice game.

League games tonight on Conger Field put Travel Lodge against Oregon Wool in the 6:30 opener. Millers against Big Y in the second game.

Shotton Was Right on Campy

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—Back in 1949 the manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Burt Shotton, gazed admiringly at the buxom, brown-skinned athlete pulling off his uniform across the locker room at Ebbets Field and observed: "He's a natural catcher—he'll be another Bill Dickey some day."

Those who were within earshot of the old-timer glanced questioningly at one another. Was Burt beginning to show his years? After all, that was only Roy Campanella's first full season with the Dodgers, and he wasn't hitting better than around .250 at the time. To mention him in the same breath with Dickey, he of the .314 lifetime average, seemed premature, to say the least.

Four seasons later Shotton is entitled to look up from his fishing down in Florida and take an extra deep bow. Campanella hit the big show too late in life—he's going on 32 now—to threaten Dickey's exploits over a long span but who will say that the squat, impish backstop is not, as of now, every bit the equal of the famed Yankee before him? Or of Gabby Hartnett, probably the greatest of National League catchers, whose record of 37 home runs in a season Campanella appears certain to surpass?

Just in case the 200-pound Negro maintains his present dizzy clip, or comes anywhere near doing so, we have looked up a few vital statistics which might come in handy. Unlike his friend Satchel Paige, Campy knows exactly when and where he was born—Nov. 19, 1921, in Philadelphia.

ATHLETE
He was an all-around athlete in high school, lettering in baseball, football, basketball and track. He was 15 when, in his junior year, the Negro Bachrach Giants of Philadelphia offered him \$50 to catch on week ends. Next stop was the Baltimore Elite Giants, and from there on Campy's life was a travelogue — Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Venezuela—until the Dodgers signed him in 1946 to play for Nashua in the New England League.

"This big league stuff is a breeze," he says happily. "What's catching 154 games a year? Why, man, there were plenty of years when I caught 300. Once I caught two in the afternoon and two more that night, with a bus trip and a sandwich in between. Now it's

steak every day."

Although he owns a going liquor store in Harlem, Campanella has no intention of settling down to run it when his playing days end. He wants to stay in baseball in some capacity "until they rip this uniform off me." President Walter O'Malley of the Dodgers has promised him a coaching job on one condition, that he keeps his weight where it is now. He would be the first Negro coach in organized ball. "I think he would make a fine teacher," O'Malley says. "and I believe that the color angle is a thing of the past in baseball."

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