

RIDIN' HERD



With Red Hurd

SAM NESLIN started the hard-top racing season with the firm conviction that the speed sport was the greatest thing since the double-decked sandwich.

Now the five-by-five manager of Gems Speedway wishes civilization had decided to stay with the horse-pulled carriages.

Sarn talked too loud and other too often last Sunday when he told Russ Newell he'd "double the purse" if he won his third-straight Main Event.

The odds were with Sam but Russ didn't pay any attention to the law of averages.

He wheeled his familiar flag-topped K-15 to his third-straight row.

Now Russ is counting the money. Sam is counting aspirins.

Newell tries for his fourth in a row Sunday.

Sam isn't talking.

IT'S VERY likely semi-pro baseball will return to its rightful place in the local sports sun next year.

Hi Hatfield, manager of the Merchants, is more than serious about getting in the Northern California Baseball League, a popular eight-team horseshoe group of long standing.

Rumors have it that even though no teams drop from the NC circuit, Klamath Falls will jump in anyway to make it a nine-team family.

Reading is also considering joining the league to make it 10 teams.

Klamath Falls was in that league many years ago and the turnstiles knocked out a moneyed tune.

It's a good league and we think Klamath Falls baseball fans will come out of hiding if Klamath Falls gets in.

IT'S POSSIBLE one of two things will be done if Klamath Falls throws in with the Northern California League.

The current set-up at Recreation Park wouldn't begin to seat enough patrons if Klamath Falls makes a big bid in its return to the league in which it used to make large noises.

Present seating arrangements at the ballpark that is now a landmark in Klamath Falls, although this year remodeled by the City Recreation Department, takes care of 600—and that would be stretching things a bit.

Either more grandstand space would be added—and there's room along the third base line—or the ball club would move into Gems Stadium.

This would, of course, mean moving the hardtop races onto another track. (Arrangements for this are now being considered.)

IT'S A CINCH there isn't enough racing trade here to mean a profit for two tracks.

One speedway can do fairly well; both would strive if another group tried to run in competition.

We may be waxing overly-optimistic (or maybe it's the heat) but it's our serious opinion a good ball club in a good league—and the Northern California is just that—would fill Gems Stadium Sunday afternoons.

Unfortunately, the new Oregon-California Baseball League is not only weak but it's too small. Four teams isn't enough to start and keep sound interest with baseball fans.

Winning the championship in a four-team league is like walking away with the traveling prize in a canasta game.

PITCHING—Harvey Haddix, St. Louis Cardinals, scattered seven hits in winning his 12th game against four losses, 8-2 over Pittsburgh.

Yankees, Chisox Keep Race Hot in American

By BEN PHEGAR
AP Sports Writer

More and more the Brooklyn Dodgers' current Western trip is beginning to look like the triumph of a reigning monarch through the provinces.

It's still theoretically a pennant race in the National League, but a glance at the standings today shows it's more theory than race. The Dodgers lead by eight games over second-place Milwaukee with 37 left to play for each club.

The Dodgers could still blow it, but it wouldn't be easy.

For example, suppose Brooklyn—which has won 15 of its last 17 and at almost a 2-1 average all season—would suddenly fall off to a .500 pace, losing as many as it wins the rest of the way.

FASTER—If such a thing happened, Milwaukee would have to win 37 of its remaining 37 games to win a tie. That's a .669 clip, considerably faster than the Braves have moved so far. Third-place Philadelphia would have to win 42 while St. Louis would have to take 41 of its last 59.

Brooklyn shaded Chicago 6-5 yesterday and gained a full game over the Braves, who bowed 3-2 to the Giants in Milwaukee. The Phillies fell apart in Cincinnati, losing 13-4. St. Louis defeated Pittsburgh 8-2 as Harvey Haddix registered his 12th victory against four losses.

The New York Yankees and the Chicago White Sox widened their lead over their first-division opponents in the American League. The Yankees turned back Cleveland for the second straight time, 7-3, and the White Sox exploded for eight runs in the ninth inning to whip the Red Sox 8-3. Chicago trails New York by 5½ games but Boston has dropped 9½ behind and Cleveland 19.

3-RUN HOMER—In second-division battles in the

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ings on two hits but they pounded him out of the box in the ninth with an all-out attack. Billy Pierce went all the way for his 12th victory.

The Yankees spotted Cleveland three early runs, caught up by the end of five and then won the game with four in the sixth.

Lakeview Wallops All-Stars

Gus Gestwang gave Lakeview just three hits last night but his Klamath All-Star teammates played Santa Claus with 12 errors as Lakeview won an easy 9-0 softball verdict on Conner Field.

Lakeview's Wes Dollard had something to do with it. The pitcher who doubles in softball and baseball, was touched just twice.

Lakeview scored in every inning but the first and fifth as the Klamath lady played hide and seek with the ball.

Line score: Lakeview 9, 011 203 2-6 3 6 Klamath 0, 000 0-0 2 12 Dollard and Maxwell; Gestwang and Harris.

Riley Choice In Western

CINCINNATI (AP)—Not too long off the trees but putting with the precision of professionals, eight of America's fairest fairway stars went into quarter final matches Thursday in the 53rd women's Western Amateur golf championship.

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NO ONE'S SCORING In this pre-race huddle, Russ Newell (right), high point man on the local racing front, tries to dish out some advice to Track Manager Sam Neslin before the fat man tangles with three other officials Sunday in a special race. Neslin instead ogles the evening's trophy gal, Mary Ann Guidi. But she seems more interested in Newell.

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Miller Hill Nominee For Lakeview Contest

The Klamath Merchants, who found the winning recipe in a 19-9 win over league-leading Burns Sunday, hope it's the start of a long win streak as they point for Sunday's game in Lakeview, one of two games in the Oregon-California Border League.

Burns goes to Alturas in the other contest.

Manager Andrew (Hi) Hatfield hopes Fran Miller is as sharp as he was June 28 when the Merchants waxed the Gems, 9-1, behind the three-hit pitching of the left-hander.

Miller wasn't as sharp last Sunday—but he didn't have to be. But, even then, he turned the mound chores over to Andy Anderson in the eighth after Burns had touched him for 14 bingles.

The Merchants should have lost the game with nine errors. But the Elks bobbled 10 times and their errors proved more costly.

Miller can't afford to be off Sunday. He'll face Bobby Long, Lakeview's ace who recently returned to the Gems after a short stint with LaGrande.

If the Merchants can get over Lakeview—and Burns whips Alturas—the Klamath club will hold down third place in the league.

HI HATFIELD
...elects Miller

Owl Grid Schedule Complete

Oregon Tech completed its seven-game football schedule yesterday, Athletic Director Skeet O'Connell announced.

The pigskin menu includes four games at home, three away.

Season tickets will go on sale "about Sept. 1" for the six home games. The price if \$6.50.

O'Connell said letters are being mailed to last year's season ticket-holders, offering to hold the same seats for them.

Home games are Olympic JC in the Sept. 19 opener, Eastern Oregon Oct. 9, Oregon College Oct. 17 and Weber JC of Ogden, Utah, in the last game Nov. 6.

Road games send the Owls to Arcata Sept. 26 for a tilt with the Humboldt State Lumberjacks, to Portland State Oct. 24 and Boise JC Oct. 31.

This special race takes the place of the usual Pot Race on the program and is taking some of the excitement away from Russ Newell's try at his fourth straight Main Event victory.

The regular time trials start 5:45 with the first heat race scheduled for a 7:30 start.

Winners of the heat races qualify for the four-lap dash race that brings a trophy and kiss from Mary Ann Guidi to the winner.

The first three finishers of the four heat races go to the line in the sixth event, the final heat.

The Special Officials' Race, Pimen's Race, Semi Main and Main Event round out the 10-event program.

Suds Cut Down Ports Twice, Gain on Stars

By The Associated Press

By turning back Portland in both ends of a doubleheader, Seattle has cut Hollywood's Pacific Coast League lead to 4½ games.

The Rainiers Wednesday night downed Portland, 6-4 and 8-3, while Hollywood was cutting down Los Angeles, 8-1. Lefty Jim Davis limited the Beavers to four hits as Seattle took the first game, but one of them was a "righty home run by Jim Gladd in the sixth inning that accounted for three runs.

It was Davis' 16th win of the season. Seattle catcher Ray Ortleigh blasted his 21st homer in the first game and his 22nd in the second, and there was a man on base each time. Seattle routed Jay Heard, star Portland rookie, in the nightcap, and collected 13 hits altogether, while the Beavers were held to six.

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