

By LINES from the SIDELINES

by CLAYTON HANNON

In getting this column started off in the right direction we would like to pay a tribute to a man who has done more than his share for the interest of sports in the Klamath Basin, and is now leaving the community because of business reasons.

To Sam Neslin one of the best liked and well known figures to sport fans around the Basin, this corner would like to dedicate the first column of "By Lines from the Sidelines."

Since 1941 the Neslins, Sam, his wife, and two daughters, have made their home in Klamath Falls. Since that time he has worked in some form with just about every sport connected with the area, football, baseball, basketball, bowling and hardtop racing have been just a few of the things that Neslin has helped promote, in hopes that the community would profit.

When the Klamath Gems were playing baseball in the now dead Far West League, Neslin was one of the many strong backers, and every season used some of his space at the Oregon Woolen Store for the advance ticket sales, and in general was a big help to professional baseball. Besides helping the business end of baseball he would donate special gifts and prizes to the ball players for hitting home runs, batting in the first run, etc.

Almost every season, Sam has sponsored a bowling team in the winter along with a basketball team, either in the girls' or men's league. Just this past season, the Oregon Woolen bowling team won their league's first place trophy.

Probably the largest backing to sports in the Basin given by Neslin was to hardtop racing at Gem Speedway after baseball had been dropped from the local sport picture. For the past three racing seasons, Neslin has held the position as track manager of the local speedway, and only just a few weeks ago did he give up the post because of a new opportunity in the clothing business in Spokane, Washington.

The local hardtop association, headed by Ray Dalton, president and Bob Crawley, secretary, dedicated last Sunday afternoon's racing program to Neslin, and during the program all of the drivers formed in front of the grandstand and presented Sam with a huge sterling silver punch bowl showing their appreciation for the work and time he has spent in building the Klamath track into one of the largest in Northern California and Southern Oregon.

Besides being active and sponsoring the above mentioned sports, Neslin has been a member of the Klamath Falls Boxing and Wrestling Commission. One of his biggest desires was to have top boxing and wrestling talent for Basin ring fans.

Not only did he give plenty of his time and money to the spectator and participating sports for the adults, but he made sure that the small fry of the Basin were also taken care of in good fashion. Several times in the past, he has been known to hand out free passes to pony rides and swimming parties, other than those that the Klamath Falls Merchants Association has sponsored.

In general, Klamath Falls sports fans' loss is inevitably going to be Spokane's gain, according to all who know the congenial downtown business man.

Briefs from here and there: The Pacific Coast Conference football outlook is tops again this year. Oregon's grid squad and the Bruins from UCLA look like two of the possible contenders for the PCC championship, but California also has to be given the green light. On the local scene, grid-wise, the Oregon Tech Owls and the KUHS Pelicans might possibly give the Basin football fans a handful of surprises before the season is over.

Title Fight Postponed

Herald and News

SPORTS

CLAYTON HANNON, Sports Editor



TWO PROSPECTIVE FIELD GENERALS confer during the first week of football practice for the Klamath Union High School Pelicans. Talking over the season opener a week from this Saturday with Grant High of Portland are Donn Taucher, right, and Jack Sunitsch. Both boys will probably work at a half back position as well as the quarterback spot. Season tickets are now on sale at the Chamber of Commerce for the four home Pel games.

Yakima Moves Into WIL Lead With Wins

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vancouver virtually lost its chance Tuesday night of adding the Western International League's second half pennant to the one it collected the first time around.

The Capilano dropped a double-header to Yakima, 5-2 and 5-4, to fall 3½ games behind, with only five games remaining to play. Yakima's double triumph hoisted the Bears to the top spot, a few points ahead of Lewiston, a 4-3 loser to Edmondton. The Bears have seven games left to play, all against Edmondton; Yakima has four.

Wenatchee, sole occupant of the cellar most of the season, moved into a sixth-place tie with Tri-City by thumping Salem, 9-5. The Chiefs lead Tri-City by one-half game, but are knotted in the percentage column.

Yakima left-fielder Herman Lewis was Vancouver's undoing in the first game of their twin bill. He hit two homers, both with Don Pries aboard. Pries slugged in the first and third and Lewis brought him home both times.

In the nightcap, Bill Bremner failed in his attempt to notch his 22nd victory of the season. The Capilano got two runs in the ninth and had two men on when the last man hit to the infield for an easy out. Vancouver trailed 5-2 going into the last frame when the Bears yanked John Carmichael and sent in Danny Rios to squelch the fire. He retired two batters and the game was over.

Edmondton bunched four runs in the fourth inning to snap a six-game Lewiston winning streak. The Eskimos tapped Guy Fletcher for a source closely identified with the club, has been pushing off a showdown on the sale of the club until all his avenues are exhausted.

The new plan would work this way: A sum of 2½ million would be raised. Connie's and Earle's shares of stock would be purchased for a total of about \$1,200,000. A major portion of the mortgage now owned to an insurance company would be paid off, leaving what the source estimated at half a million dollars in the bank to rejuvenate the second-division club.

Edmondton starter John Conant was the winning pitcher. Wenatchee started off with a bang against Salem as lead-off batter Jerry Green slammed the first pitch of the game out of the park to start the run parade. The Chiefs added four more runs in the second, two in the fourth, then held tough despite a three-run outburst by the Senators in the fifth. Wenatchee reached three Salem pitchers for a total of 13 hits.

Ralph Romero, who relieves southpaw Berlyn Hodges in the second, received credit for the victory. The win evened the series at one game each.

The teams resume their series Wednesday night, with Yakima at Wenatchee, Salem at Lewiston, and Edmondton at Lewiston.

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Roy Mack Presents New Plan

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Roy Mack today took a new plan to wealthy Philadelphians in his latest—and what could be a successful—effort to keep the Philadelphia American League baseball franchise in Philadelphia and in his control.

The short, balding son of the builder of the onetime Athletics diamond empire got the "new look" financial setup at a meeting of the Board of Directors Monday.

Presentation of the new plan to Roy by a member of the board came after the board members learned that Arnold Johnson, the Chicago real estate man who has offered to buy the A's franchise and transfer it to Kansas City, has cut his price from a reported \$4,250,000 to about \$3,100,000.

The newest plan to keep the Athletics in Philadelphia differs from the other most publicized plan which was offered by a syndicate headed by Harry M. Sytk, drugstore magnate, and financier Albert M. Greenfield, although basically the money figures are the same.

Sytk and Greenfield have offered a total price of 2½ million dollars with the condition that they take over complete control of the club. But Roy wants to keep his spot with the Athletics and, according to a source closely identified with the club, has been pushing off a showdown on the sale of the club until all his avenues are exhausted.

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BOWLING SCORES

SWEETSTAKE TOURNEY
Ralph and Clara Beard won the second Sweetstake tournament for the Mixed Doubles League at Lucky Lanes last night with a score of 1179 pins.

Second and third places were taken by Dan and Beverly Evans as they rolled a 1173. LaRayne Harris and Ralph Clough took home third place prize money as they collected a 1150 pin total. The Clough-Harris combination won last week's tournament.

CITY LEAGUE MEETING
There will be a meeting of captains or team representatives of the Thursday night, City Bowling League, Thursday night at Lucky Lanes. League organization will be discussed. Eight o'clock has been set as the starting time.

Gavilan Stricken By Virus

By MURRAY ROSE

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A virus infection sent welterweight champion Kid Gavilan to bed and once again put off his apparently jinxed title fight with Johnny Saxton, this time until October.

The 28-year-old Cuban was stricken so suddenly yesterday that neither promoter Herman Taylor nor the copromoting International Boxing Club could come up with a substitute fight for tonight's weekly Wednesday coast-to-coast boxing telecast. It was the first time that a live TV fight of some sort could not be staged as scheduled.

And Taylor said it was the first time in his 45 years in boxing that he could remember that a title fight ever was called off by illness on the eve of the contest. It was a first for Gavilan too. He said he never had a fight postponed before in his eight years in the United States, a record he had been very proud of.

Taylor said he would start refunding about \$30,000 starting Friday or Saturday. The veteran promoter said the twice-postponed scrap would be held sometime in October, probably in Convention Hall.

Gavilan promised Taylor that he would fight then, Frank Wiener, chairman of the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission, who was summoned from his home at 9 p.m. last night, said that the champion would be placed on the "unavailable list" until he went through with the fight.

Gavilan's manager, Angel Lopez, said the Kid had a lump on the left side of his face Tuesday morning but that he had insisted on going through eight rounds of exercise to bring his weight down.

Lopez said Gavilan had his dinner in the evening and then complained about 7 p.m. that he wasn't feeling well. Dr. Samuel Swetnick, his personal physician, was summoned.

He found that Gavilan was suffering from a virus infection, had a temperature of 101 degrees and an inflammation of the left parotid gland near the ear. Two other physicians made independent examinations and agreed.

Legion Teams Meet In Series

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP)—Gastonia, N.C., squared off against Baltimore, Md., Wednesday in the opening round of the American Legion's "Little World Series" of baseball.

The two Eastern teams, winners of junior legion regional championships were matched in the opening round starting at 2 p.m. San Diego, Calif., and Maplewood, Mo., were slated to meet under the lights at 8 p.m.

Lawrence Davis, coach of the Gastonia nine, said either Harold Stowe, who has won 17 and lost four for the season, or Ken Sheppard (12-3) would start on the mound. Southpaw Dan Welsh, (12-1) was expected to get the nod for Baltimore.

Maplewood coach Peter P. Palubo tapped righthander Wayne Thompson to open against San Diego southpaw Joe Mogy in the nightcap.

The STANDINGS

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	98	36	.725	
New York	89	41	.685	5½
Chicago	85	47	.644	10½
Detroit	57	73	.438	37½
Boston	56	72	.438	37½
Washington	53	76	.411	41
Philadelphia	44	87	.336	51
Baltimore	43	90	.323	53

Tuesday's Results

Cleveland 6, New York 1
Washington 5, Detroit 3
Philadelphia 8-6, Baltimore 6-3
Chicago at Boston postponed rain

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	82	47	.636	
Brooklyn	79	51	.608	3½
Milwaukee	74	54	.578	7½
Cincinnati	64	67	.489	19
St. Louis	60	70	.462	22½
Philadelphia	59	69	.461	23½
Chicago	55	76	.420	28
Pittsburgh	46	85	.351	37

Tuesday's Results

New York 5, St. Louis 3
Milwaukee 2, Brooklyn 0
Philadelphia 9, Cincinnati 3
Chicago 14-7, Pittsburgh 2-3

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	93	60	.608	
Hollywood	93	60	.608	
San Francisco	77	75	.507	15½
Oakland	77	76	.503	16
Seattle	71	77	.480	19½
Los Angeles	67	84	.444	25
Sacramento	67	85	.441	25½
Portland	61	89	.407	30½

Tuesday's Results

Oakland 11-6, Los Angeles 8-15
Hollywood 7, San Francisco 2
Portland 10, Sacramento 7
Seattle 1, San Diego 6 (11 innings)

Western International League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Yakima	48	24	.613	
Lewiston	39	25	.609	
Salem	33	21	.589	2
Vancouver	30	23	.566	3½
Edmondton	28	20	.483	8
Wenatchee	19	38	.335	15½
Tri-City	20	38	.345	16

Tuesday's Results

Yakima 5-5, Vancouver 2-4
Wenatchee 9, Salem 5
Edmondton 4, Lewiston 3

Lakeview Gems Edge Tulelake

LAKEVIEW (Special)—The Border League Lakeview Gems, took on the Northern California Lakeview Homesteaders last Sunday in a baseball game at Lakeview, with the Gems emerging with an 11 to 10 victory.

Bobby Long went the route for the home team, mixing up 19 strike outs, with three bases on balls and 11 Tulelake base hits.

Joe Colvard led the Homesteaders attack with two doubles and a single, while Vic Laster, Harry Thorkelson and Bobby Long led the Lakeview hitters with three hits apiece, one of Lasters hits being a drive over the right field fence. Wes Dollarhide drove in four of the Lakeview runs with a triple and a single.

Next Sunday the Lakeview Club travels to Alturas for the final game of the Border League schedule. A Lakeview win at Alturas will clinch second place for the Gems who are four and a half games behind the pennant winning Bend Loggers.

	R	H	E
Tulelake	10	11	2
Lakeview	11	16	3

Batteries — Bradford, March 3 and Johnson; Long and Solkoski, Hule 7.

Suds Halt Padres; Stars Tie Leaders

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Big Bob Hall, Seattle righthander, has put another crimp in San Diego's pennant aspirations and lifted his former teammates, the Hollywood Stars, back into a first place tie in the Pacific Coast League race.

Hall scattered seven hits over 11 innings in San Diego Tuesday night as he gained a 1-0 decision over the Padres. The hero in this old fashioned hurling duel between Hall and Floyd Dickey, was Seattle outfielder Clarence Maddern, who blasted his 12th homer.

This might wallop was made off Al Lyons, who took over San Diego's pitching chores in the 10th. The Rainiers gathered 11 safe blows but they were pretty well spaced, and aside from Maddern's homer it was a standoff.

Hall was Hollywood's pitcher earlier in the season, but actually the property of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Branch Rickey dealt him off to Seattle not long after he had pitched—and lost—a 15-inning marathon to Los Angeles.

Hollywood, in a bad hitting slump, snapped to life Tuesday night against San Francisco and gave the Seals a 7-2 pasting. San Francisco got Star lefty Roger Bowman out in a hurry. He was after his 20th win but didn't have his stuff and Jim Walsh took over in the third and pitched three-hit ball. Jack Phillips blasted his 17th homer and Hollywood wound up with 11 hits off three San Francisco hurlers.

Sacramento celebrated a night for southpaw pitcher Chet Johnson but Portland spoiled it by batting him out after an eight-run seventh inning and went on to win the game, 10-2. Home runs by Dino

Resielli and Con Egert plus four Sacramento errors proved the undoing of Chet's Chet. The Beavers collected 10 hits, while Dick Fiedler held the Seals to seven.

Los Angeles and Oakland went at it hammer and tongs. In the first game of their doubleheader, the PCL's leading home run belter, Jim Marshall, had too much power for the Angels and the Oaks got the Duke, 11-8. Marshall hit his 28th and 29th round trippers in this game and belted his 30th in the third inning of the second contest.

But the power in the nightcap was primarily the Angels as they won 15-6. Included were two homers by Bruce Edwards.

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JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
Clark Good, pro at Reames Golf and Country Club announced this morning that the club's junior championships would be played off Thursday morning starting at 9:00. The caddy tourney will also be completed.

The girls will play in one flight only according to Good, while the boys will play in four different divisions including flights for 16 to 18 year olds, 13-15, 11-12 and a pee wee division for boys 10 years of age and under.

A picnic lunch will follow the morning play and all contestants are asked to bring sandwiches, while Reames will furnish the refreshments, according to Good.

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