

Night Racing Action Planned This Evening

Night racing returns to Klamath Speedway tonight as hardtop drivers open their throttles wide for another action packed oval program. Time trials are set for 7 o'clock and the first event is scheduled for 8 o'clock.

Club president Benny Morrison said this week that the track's complete overhaul and better racing is in store for Basin speed fans.

Earlier in the season a try was given at night races, but because of the inadequate lighting, it didn't prove to be successful. But Morrison thinks that the past week's work on the lights will help the situation a great deal.

Going into the evening program

Lopez Sees Indian Flag With 95 Wins

NEW YORK (AP)—Al Lopez, with his Indians closer to first place than any time since May 20 when they occupied the top spot in the American League, will be satisfied if the Tribe wins 98 games. He thinks that will keep the pennant in Cleveland.

"And if you really press me I will admit there's more than a fair chance we can do it with 95," said the Cleveland manager after taking a 6-3 decision from the New York Yankees and moving within two percentage points of the front-running Chicago White Sox.

To reach 98 victories, 13 under their league record of 111 hung up in winning the 1954 flag, the Indians would need to take 34 of their remaining 48 games. That's a 70% pace, considerably faster than the .645 gait they've been traveling since July 4.

The White Sox, who have a .625 average since Independence Day, would have to win 35 of their remaining 50 to hit 98 triumphs on the head. The Yanks would need 25 wins and the Red Sox 36 in their remaining 48.

One thing that made Lopez a little more confident today after beating the Yanks two out of three and heading for Washington is the hitting of Al Rosen.

Before yesterday's game Lopez admitted he didn't have the answer for why such players as Rosen, Larry Doby and Bobby Avila are not hitting.

The Indians left 11 on the sacks but Lopez felt a little better—Rosen and Avila started hitting.

Avila, batting .282 compared to his league-leading .341 last year, connected with a double, Rosen, who hit an even .300 in 1954, lifted his average six percentage points to .284 as he came through with four singles in as many times at bat.

The Dalles Wins Oregon Legion Crown

THE DALLES (AP)—The Dalles won the 1955 Oregon American Legion junior baseball championship Thursday night, whipping Roseburg 4-2 with a four-run rally in the ninth inning.

The Dalles took the best-of-five series, three games to one, and won the right to enter the regional playoffs later this month in Billings, Mont.

Denny Peterson, named the tourney's most valuable player, pitched a seven-inning shutout. He won two of the four playoff games and also was charged with his team's only loss, although he pitched only one inning in that game. Jerry Droscher, who relieved Roseburg starter Bill Oerding in the sixth, was the losing pitcher.

The winners' four runs came on three singles, a hit batsman and one Roseburg error. Roseburg first baseman Ron Beamer nipped a Dalles rally in the sixth inning by snaring Rich Larson's line drive and doubling Bill Roark off third base, retiring the side.

The Dalles catcher Irwin Pandrey was the leading hitter of the series, getting six hits in 11 times at bat for a .545 average. Roseburg acted as the home team in Thursday night's deciding game.

The Dalles 000 000 004—4 10 2
Roseburg 010 000 010—2 7 1
Peterson and Pandrey; Oerding, Droscher (6) and Rudzick.

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Saturday Work Party Planned For Stadium

City Recreation Director Bob Bonney issued a call for help today as his department seeks to clean up the odds and ends at Gem Stadium Saturday.

Bonney said a work party would be formed Saturday morning and afternoon to do the "brooming" out of the ball park stands. Anyone who has a free morning or afternoon is asked to join forces so the stadium will be in tip-top shape for the coming state women's softball tournament next week.

Members of the men's, women's and kid's summer softball and baseball leagues are especially urged to join in the clean up program. Lots of the work has already been completed with just the incidentals remaining.

Sugar Ray Suspended

BOSTON (UP)—Ray Robinson, former middleweight champion who is staging a comeback, has been suspended by the Massachusetts state Boxing Commission for failing to pay off a \$2,500 expense tab in connection with a cancelled 10-round bout with George Small of Brooklyn, N.Y., March 5.

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Twinks Edge Seattle, Portland Snares Pair

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The extra-inning jinx continues to hex the Seattle Rainiers. Battling to retain the top berth in the Pacific Coast League, the Rainiers have forced half a dozen games into extra innings in recent weeks, only to blow them in the overtime.

It happened again Thursday night. Seattle tied Hollywood 2-2 in the ninth but lost 3-2 in the 12th, and the Stars moved to within four games of the front-runners.

In other contests, Portland beat San Francisco twice, 4-1 and 7-5. Los Angeles defeated San Diego 5-4 and Oakland took two from Sacramento, 9-3 and 4-3.

Hollywood's first two runs came on successive homers in the eighth inning. The Rainiers already had one run on Harvey Zarnia's homer in the first. Then in the ninth they tied the game with singles by Zernia, Vern Stephens and Myron Gimsberg.

Vico started the 10th with a double. He scored on a single by Carlos Bernier for the winning run. Portland scored three unearned runs in its first victory over San Francisco. Singles by Luis Marquez and Ed Mickelson accounted for the Beavers' only earned tally. Bill Serena homered for the Stars.

The Stars opened the nightcap with five runs and blasted out starter Bill Werle in the first inning. But Bob Alexander, pitching in relief, shut out the Seals for the rest of the game. In the 9th the Beavers caught up. In the tenth Luis Marquez singled, went to second on Ed Mickelson's sacrifice and came home on pinchhitter Eddie Basinski's single.

First game: Portland 021 000 1-4 6 1
San Francisco 010 000 0-1 7 4
Burtchey and Nicholson; Beard and Ritchey.

Second game: Portland 100 010 300 2-7 12 0
San Francisco 500 000 000 0-5 11 2
Werle, Alexander (1), and Lundberg, Robertson (1); Walsh, Ponce (9) and Tornay, Ritchey (9).

Seattle 100 000 001 600—2 7 0
Hollywood 000 020 001—3 9 0
Singleton, Kretlow (8), Jensen (12) and Gimsberg; Garber, Lyons (11), O'Donnell (12) and Bragan, Hall (11).

Los Angeles 001 030 010—5 13 0
San Diego 000 200 101—4 15 2
Piktuzis, Church (4), Bauer (9), Lown (9) and Tappe; Carmichael, Thomson (9) and Aylward, Bailey (6).

First game: Hollywood 005 004 0-9 11 0
Sacramento 000 003 0-3 9 1
Pillette, Gettel (7) and Neal; Daley, R. Jones (3), Caudini (6), Watkins (6), Harrist (7) and Sheely, Baich (7).

Second game: Oakland 000 000 010 1-4 11 4
Sacramento 002 001 000 0-3 4 0
Beamon, Bamberger (1) and Neal; Johnson, Harrist (9), Daley (10) and Baich, Sheely (9).

San Francisco 000 000 010—1 4 11 4
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Med Journal Reports L L Brings Harm

DES MOINES (AP)—Little League baseball makes demands on boys 8 to 12 years old for which they are not equipped, says the Journal of the Iowa State Medical Society.

In an editorial in its August issue, the publication says that the Little League system is of dubious value as a means of preventing juvenile delinquency.

It continued: "Little boys are put under considerable pressure to work—rather than play—several hours a day at learning and exhibiting skills for which, in most cases, their stage of development does not equip them."

"But Papa—and often Mamma too—have made it crystal clear to him that he must 'make the team' or 'stay on the team...'"

"The editorial states that due to the time when games are played junior frequently doesn't get to eat a well-balanced meal with the rest of the family but instead 'eats peanut-butter sandwiches by himself at 8 o'clock each night.'"

"Who, if anyone, will benefit," the editorial asks, "other than the type of man who buys his son a catcher's mitt and mask before his wife has been released from the maternity ward at the hospital?"

Tonight's Ball Fare

MEN'S SOFTBALL
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6:30 Elks vs. Army Tavern
8:00 Suburban vs. VFW

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Bend, Rosebuds KF Foes... Subs, Basin-ettes Await Tilts

Both men's and women's softball takes over the center stage this weekend as Suburban seeks a berth in the state men's tournament when they meet Bend, and the Klamath Basin-ettes host Roseburg in a pre-tourney warmup for the women's tournament to be held here starting next Thursday.

Suburban and Bend will meet in a best of three series and the right to enter the state playoffs at Eugene. The first game of the series will be played at Conger Field Saturday night at 8 o'clock and the second game is called for Sunday afternoon at Bend. In case a third game is necessary, it too will be played Sunday in the Central Oregon town.

The Basin-ettes, defending state champions, try to untrack themselves from the dismal showing made so far this year as they host the Rosebuds from Roseburg in a Sunday afternoon game also on the Conger Field diamonds. Game time for the KF-Roseburg battle has been set for 1 o'clock.

FREE PASS
Bend is reportedly a very strong team and must be given the roll as favorites as one of the two teams awaits a free pass to the 1955 state championships. Last year Bend finished second best in the state tournaments and since that time have acquired another two or three outstanding ball players who should add more balance to their club.

Manager Norm Guyer of Suburban has a well rounded team of his own, which makes for an interesting showdown between the two teams. Chuck Ruff will probably get Guyer's call for mound duties in the Saturday night game with Al Van Orden working behind the plate in place of injured Ki Carrier, who is out with a badly sprained and bruised thumb.

Ruff so far this year has served up five no-hit no-run ball games and could be a tough obstacle for the invading Benders to overcome if he has "another good night."

BASE HITS
The remainder of the starting lineup for the Subs will probably find Roy Harris at first, Ralph Beard at second, Bill Reinsinger shortstop and Chilli Mitchell at third. In the outfield Dick Young, Jim Brown and Corky Stevens will be working from left to right patrolling the outer defenses against Bend base hits.

Other possible starters according to Guyer are Gus Gestvang, Leroy Coleman, Dan Derrah, Mel Emmons, Chuck Richardson and Max Revis.

So far this year the Suburban softballers have built a record of 20-3. Their league mark stands at 15-2.

A preliminary game will be played at 6:30 preceding the featured tilt. The admission charge for the Saturday game is 75 cents for adults and 25 for students.

Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock the picture switches to the "weaker sex" style of softball as the women take the Conger diamond in what could rightfully be called a tournament warm up.

Both the Basin-ettes and the Rosebuds are entered in the 1955 state playoffs August 11-14. But if the two teams are going to meet in the four day tourney they will have to fight their way into the finals because they are in different brackets.

SAME LINEUP
Coach Ken Carrier and Manager Bob Mathis will probably open with just about the same lineup they used last weekend against Rogue River, another state tournament entry.

The two changes find Carrier opening with Pat Barron on the mound and Bernadette Mathis working at second base. Other than these two switches, the lineup will be the same.

Bev Lloyd gets the first base spot, Sandy Barron at shortstop and Sherry Larson will open at third. In the outfield, Ruth Hagelstein, Darlene Gordon Perry and Maxine Johnson get the first call, with Nancy Chase also ready for outfield duty. The catching chores will be handled by all-starter Teddy Walker.

Veteran pitcher Mickey Hayman may be used by the Basin-ette strategy board, but Carrier and Mathis will probably use her as little as possible because of a broken finger on her pitching hand. Hayman suffered the fracture in the first Gino's-Oregon Woolen playoff game last Monday evening. With a little luck "Mick" will be in top form by state tournament time.

Whatever you likes, there will be plenty of softball action at Conger Field Saturday night at 6:45 and Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

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