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from the SIDELINES

by CLAYTON HANNON

When the Klamath Cubs defeated Prineville 4-1 in a recent Gem Stadium battle, Gerry Burcher made a very fine debut as a Kub hurler. In fact, many observers maintain his two-hit pitching victory was some of the finest mound work seen here in some time.

Gerry, a Fresno State College athlete, struck out 12 Prineville batters while not giving up a walk. And what is even more spectacular is the fact that he threw only 90 pitches during the full nine innings. Two teammates kept count of his pitches.

Only on two occasions did Burcher give the batter three balls and the count both times was full — 3 and 2.

Burcher and the Cubs didn't fair so well in his second outing, but that's no fault of his. Gerry drew the dubious honor of starting against the Cuban Giants. Burcher and the Cubs will readily agree with those who say this year's touring Cuban club is the best in its eight-year history.

Five of the Cubans are property of the Washington Senators including the Giants' fantastic shortstop Leo Vento. Vento put on quite a show of well-rounded baseball as he made several defensive plays that will not be duplicated often as well as collecting three hits in four trips, two good for doubles.

The Klamath Falls Legion baseball picture is looking up after a few questionable years when the interest was lagging. Hi Hatfield has done a very fine job in the two years he has had the team. This year, Hi directed the legion club to the league championship.



REX HUNSAKER
... faces big year

try their hand at legion baseball instead of being forced to stay in Babe Ruth League baseball because of their age. There is no national rule for a minimum age for legion baseball, but a local ruling — or gentlemen's agreement — was thrown up this year.

We hope such a ruling is dropped by the directors and leaders of the Babe Ruth League next year. All such a ruling is doing is to slow a boy from advancing his own physical and playing ability along with some first-rate junior college transfers. And to go along with the fine material is a heavy and tough schedule of nine games.

Included on the list of five home games are three service teams. The three service units playing here will be Hamilton Air Base, Moffitt Air Base and Malstrom Air Base. All three of these clubs will have a few pro and ex-college gridders on their rosters for the Modoc Field battles.

Hunsaker and officials of the Owl Hoots, Oregon Tech booster organization, are expected to huddle within the next few weeks and get an advance season ticket sale underway. Rex and booster leaders are very optimistic about the Owl's coming season, which will bring lots of full-fledged college football to Klamath Falls.

Interest in the United States traveling track and field team now in Russia is running high in Oregon. The Beaver state has four homegrown athletes with the U.S. team.

The four are Dave Edstrom and Jim Greile, both University of Oregon cinder stars. Bill Dellinger, former U of O NCAA mile champion and now a member of Uncle Sam's Air Force team, and Sharon Shepherd, the Mapleton Lass who recently set a world's AAU shot put record for women. Sharon will be remembered here as an all-state softball pitcher who led Oakridge-Westfir to a pair of second place finishes in the state women's softball playoffs held here a few years ago.

In the last several years, Oregon has been entering a little farther into the national track picture. The U of O's intercollegiate showings have helped, but we think the people of the state are becoming a little more inclined to accept track and field as one of the major sports.

Like baseball and other sports, the interest starts from the bottom and works up. It's for sure that the summer recreational track programs being conducted here as well as other places around the state aren't hurting the interest and results.

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Legion Playoff At Gem Tonight

Klamath, No. Bend To Clash

Klamath Falls samples its first big play that could lead to a berth in the state American Legion Junior Baseball Tournament tonight (Wednesday) at Gem Stadium in the first game of a sub-district playoff against North Bend's Townermen.

Game time is 8 o'clock. Tickets are 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for high school students.

This is the opening clash of a best-of-three series. The second game is billed for North Bend's home field Saturday night and the third game will be played at North Bend, needed or not.

Manager Hi Hatfield's Klamath Falls team swept through the District 3 Southern Oregon League winning seven of eight games. Central Point administered the lone Klamath defeat at the start of the year. North Bend captured the District 3 Coast League crown with a perfect 10-0 record.

For the over-all season, Klamath has played more games and owns a 13-10 record. North Bend, with fewer games and a better percentage, has won 13 of 15 games. The only two defeats suffered by North Bend in the season's play have been handed down by the always-tough Roseburg entry.

North Bend will be led by two sparkling pitching prospects and a pint-sized but scrappy infield star. Either Tom Younkers or Chuck Johns will draw the pitching duties for North Bend tonight. Younkers has thrown two no-hit, no-run games this year while losing but one game. The infield will be anchored by little Terry Leininger, a North Bend sophomore who stands at four-feet but plays a mean shortstop. Little Terry is the son of Curley Leininger, well known throughout Oregon's semi-pro and sandlot baseball circles.

Going into the playoff game, Klamath second baseman Smiley Herrera and outfielder Bill Worlein are leading their teammates in hitting. Herrera has 20 hits in 56 at bats for a .357 average with Worlein just a step behind at .333, 18 for 54.

The team's batting averages:

AB	H	Pct.
Herrera	56	.357
Worlein	54	.333
Kizer	65	.292
Dunson	57	.246
Moore	60	.200
Griggs	47	.191
Binney	49	.184
Michaels	18	.167
Yunck	45	.156
Womer	13	.154
Adkins	7	.143
Ferrell	21	.095
Webb	13	.076
Bunyard	5	.000

Fatmen, Tulalake Win Cage Tilts

The Fatmen and the Tulalake five were undefeated in Tuesday night's summer basketball slate which saw six games played on Pelican Court.

The Fatmen dropped Oregon Foods 21-17, and whipped Bell's Hardware 20-16. Tulalake downed Hal's Sport Shop 21-10 and bombed Henley 21-3.

Bell's and Henley each scored one win; Bells turning back Oregon Foods 20-14 while Henley outscored the Hal's tonight 20-14.

High scorer for the night was Bob Niles, ex-KU player who counted 10 points for the Fatmen.

Bantams Crack Scoring Record

Bantam League Softball at Klamath Falls Tuesday night saw the highest total score of the season registered as the Eastside Cubs clobbered Houston-Abbey 46-17.

On Field 2 the Motor Investment nine beat Richfield Boron by a more realistic count of 15-5.



SOUTHERN OREGON CHAMPS — Klamath Falls' Junior Legion baseball team, winners of the Southern Oregon League of District 3, meet North Bend Wednesday night at Gem Stadium in the first game of a playoff leading to the state tournament. Front row, left to right, manager Hi Hatfield, bat boy Larry Worlein and Dean Dunson. Second row, Glynn Michaels, Bill Worlein, Pat Salvadori, Ken Warner, Smiley Herrera and Blake Griggs. Third row, Jim Webb, Bob Yunck, Steve Binney, Keith Ferrell, Rich Moore and Estin Kiger. Not pictured are Ricky Adkins and Larry Bunyard.

Herald and News SPORTS

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Klamath Babe Ruth Playoff Set Thursday

1958 Babe Ruth League State Tournament play gets under way Thursday night as the Klamath Falls County League All-Stars and the Klamath Falls National League All-Stars meet at 8 o'clock in Gem Stadium in a crucial battle to determine which of the two will continue in the tourney on Sunday, July 27, in Portland.

The winner of the local game Thursday night may, by virtue of success in the three day meet in Portland, return to Klamath Falls as the Oregon State champion and representative in the upcoming Pacific Northwest Regional tournament which will be held here August 6-10.

Admission prices for the County-National All-Star Contest, which is under the auspices of the Oregon State Babe Ruth Leagues Association, are 90 cents for adults and 50 cents for students. Tickets may be obtained at the Babe Ruth League headquarters in the Winema Hotel or at the box office at Gem Stadium.

Thursday night will be the first opportunity that the National All-Stars have had to work as a unit in actual game competition. The County Stars have a 4-3 victory over the American League All-Stars to their credit.

The American League squad, which will serve as host team for the Regional tourney, faced the county team in an exhibition that was televised locally over KOTI-TV last Monday afternoon.

The lineup for head coach Gary Dawes' National Stars will be chosen from among Pat Carney, Wayne Robateck, John Bianchi, Jim Lancaster and Lyle Phelps, all of whom are pitchers; Jack Riley and Dick Springer will see action as catchers; Mike Sitwell, John Lawson, Bob Kring and Jim Thomas will compose the infield; while Larry McClure, Jim Mathis, Gary Bishop and Bobby Burnett will handle the outfield chores. Floyd Phelps works as assistant National League coach.

Head Coach Fred Taylor will choose his starting nine from the following: Dennis Salvadori, Norman Jackson, Charles Cossey and Rich Carleton, pitchers; Dean Hassins and Bob Mohley, catchers; Bruce Brickner, Don Willey, Don Johnson and Bucky Wilson will take care of the infield while Larry Peters, Gary Peters, Doug Maxwell, John Wright and Hubert LeBeau will work in the outfield. Friedman Kirk works with Taylor as assistant County All-Star coach.

TRABERT BEATS SEGURA

LIVERPOOL, Eng. (UPI) — Australia's Ken Rosewall and Tony Trabert of Cincinnati scored victories in professional tennis matches Tuesday. Rosewall defeated countryman Lew Hoad, 7-5, 8-6, while Trabert upended Pancho Segura of Ecuador, 6-4, 9-11, 6-4.

TUESDAY'S STARS
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATTING
Hec Lopez, Athletics — Two out, two run homer in last of ninth gave A's a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over the Boston Red Sox.

PITCHING
Carl Willey, Braves — Broke three-game losing string with 2-1, five-hit victory over St. Louis that

brought Milwaukee win in one-half game of league leading San Francisco.

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Gallant Man Wins Finale

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (UPI) — Hollywood Park today hailed the race meeting which came to a close Tuesday as one of the more successful in its history despite the competition of the Dodgers and a business recession.

From a racing standpoint, the presence of Gallant Man made the meeting an artistic success as the English-bred colt Tuesday added the \$107,600 Sunset Handicap to his victory in the \$162,100 Gold Cup.

Last year the track set a national attendance record when 1,703,306 persons clicked through the turnstiles for a daily average of 31,066. This season the total was 1,699,801 with a daily average of 30,906, off less than one per cent and well ahead of any other track in the nation in daily attendance.

The pari-mutuel handle fell a little more than 5 million dollars below last year with \$121,589,639 wagered this year against \$127,069,669 last year, a drop of about four per cent.

Jockey Willie Shoemaker for the sixth straight year was the leading rider. By scoring a triple Tuesday he brought his seasonal total to 20. It was also the ninth season out of 19 years that he had been the leading rider.

Eddie Schmidt, just as he did in the Gold Cup, was second in the Sunset with St. Vincent third and the Japanese horse, Hakuchikara, barely nosed out in fourth position to earn his first U.S. money, \$10,000 for fourth.

BALL FARE

PEEWEE LEAGUE
At Kiwanis Park
6:30 Cub Pack No. 77 vs. Jaycees (Field 1)
6:30 Ellingson Lumber vs. Hart Construction (Field 2)

LITTLE LEAGUE
At Wright Field
6:00 Johns-Manville vs. Bob's Union (Field 1)
6:00 Hal's Sport Shop vs. Park Moyina (Field 2)

BABE RUTH LEAGUE
At Conger Field
7:00 Redwings vs. Lakeview Loggers (Field 1)
7:00 Henley Sporting Goods vs. Lakeview Eagles (Field 2)

AMERICAN LEGION
At Gem Stadium
8:00 Klamath Falls vs. North Bend (Sub-District Playoff)

RACING
NEW YORK — Nah Miss (\$6.30) won top event at Jamaica.
INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Gallant Man (\$3) won the \$107,600 Sunset Handicap at Hollywood Park.

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