

Hal Wood's Weekend Short Shots

By HAL WOOD

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Saturday's shorts:

Joe Cronin, American League president, took an "unofficial" survey of Oakland, Calif., for possible consideration for a major league baseball franchise. "Just did it on my own," Cronin told this department. "When we have that meeting in August with the new league, somebody might ask me about it — and I should know."

The National and American League players expected to make a pot of dough out of the All-Star game in Los Angeles Monday—but instead of a \$5,000 sell-out, many guess that there won't be many more than 55,000 there, which still will put a nice chunk of dough in the players' fund.

WILLIE STARTED EARLY

Willie McCovey, first-day rookie sensation with the San Francisco Giants, has been playing professional baseball five years despite the fact that he is only 21 years old. Signed his first pro contract when he was 17 years old.

"You have to love the game of football to back a professional football team," says president Vic Morabito of the San Francisco Forty Niners. "If the new owners are getting into the game to make money, they will have their headaches. I say this after all the years we had our troubles in the old All-America Conference. You just have to love the game."

Only stadium of respectable size for a second pro league football team to play in is Los Angeles would be the old Wrigley baseball field — unless the league wanted to play week-nights in the Coliseum. The Rams and the college have some Friday nights, nearly all Saturdays and Sundays sewed up.

SEATTLE TALKS GOLD CUP

Major league baseball and football expansion aren't making much of a dent in the news in Seattle these days. Most of the talk is about the annual Gold Cup race Aug. 9. Youngsters there hero worship powerboat drivers—not baseball and football players.

Lakeview Swimmers Enjoy Fine Season

LAKEVIEW—With a basis of about two and one-half months participation out of the entire year, the swimming program, with particular emphasis on swim team competition, is proving a very satisfactory development for a good representative group of young people in Lakeview and vicinity.

In three swim meets behind them this summer, the Lakeview boys and girls have returned home with top honors from each competition. In a four-way meet at Bend which included that city, Klamath Falls and Sweet Home, Lakeview chalked up 214 points against 194 for Bend in second place, despite the fact that car trouble on the way made it impossible for many of the local team members to be in the majority of events. In the next meet at Klamath Falls, where the teams from the two cities faced each other, Lakeview won with 232 points against 165. Against three other teams, Bend, Medford, and Klamath Falls, at the latter city last week, the locals were way out in front with 438 points against 280 for Bend, 174 for Medford and 139 for Klamath Falls. Plans are being made for four other meets before the season ends.

Swimming competition is entirely voluntary on the part of the boys and girls, according to Stan Tooke, pool manager. At the present time the team consists of from 40 to 50 young people. All have shown a desire to excel and have established themselves as capable individuals in the water, Tooke says. He states that it is his feeling that swimming team competition is an excellent opportunity for boys and girls to improve their technique, develop competitive sportsmanship, allow for mixed group participation, and maintain good physical condition.

The team practice each day does not interfere with the general swimming and instruction program, Tooke says. There are 250 youngsters enrolled in the learning program this year, and the age groups present an interest-

Matthews Talkathon Winner

NEW YORK (AP)—If you saw Friday night's fight between Len Matthews and Candy McFarland, you must have been wondering what they were talking about. You couldn't have been wondering what they were talking about. You couldn't have been wondering what they were talking about. You couldn't have been wondering what they were talking about.

"Get ready, I'm coming," snarled Candy who was in reverse gear most of the 10 rounds.

"I'll be here," answered Matthews. He was, too. After chasing Candy for six rounds he caught up with him in the seventh and eighth and gave him his lumps.

Again in the 10th, he floored Candy with a left hook. Candy was up at two but had to take an automatic eight-count.

"He kept trying to pull that Sugar Ray stuff on me, getting my mind off my business," said Matthews. Robinson, the middleweight champ (in New York State) was working in Candy's corner as a second.

"In the last round I told him 'I'm going to take you out of here because you're too fresh,'" said Matthews. "He tried to sneak punch me with chatter like that Sugar Ray told him."

Actually, the conversation was better than the fight. McFarland showed he could run backwards faster than anybody who has been in the Garden ring in some time. He also showed he could fight but he didn't do anything about it when he feinted Matthews into openings.

Matthews went in a 7-5 favorite despite the fact he had lost four out of five to McFarland in his amateur days.

The decision for Matthews was unanimous. Judge Artie Aidala had it 9-1, Judge Joe Eppy 8-2 and Referee Al Berli 6-3-1. The AP card also was 9-1. Matthews weighed 135, McFarland 135½ pounds.

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Pitching — Bob Buhl, Braves, came through with his first complete game since June 11, giving up just three hits, one walk and striking out five for 6-0 victory over Cardinals that kept Braves in second place.

ing picture of development. The beginners, and there are about 200 of these, range in age from 5 to 12 years, but are mostly between 5 and 8. They receive instruction four times a week.

In the intermediate class the number dropped to about 35 at the opening of the season. Apparently, most of the previous season beginners feel that they are proficient enough without further instruction. In the next class, the swimmers, the number drops again to between 10 and 15.

From these groups are picked swimmers with potential who are urged to try for team competition, if their parents are willing. This develops the 60 or so that usually sign up for competitive training.

The cooperation of the parents has resulted in the means of attending the various meets. Transportation, meals and other expenses are all furnished by the fathers and mothers of the team members. Volunteer help from many of the older team members in training the younger boys and girls has also helped immeasurably in all receiving training.

Tooke said. A recent gift of 35 hooded swim jackets in red, the team color, was made by an anonymous donor.

Because of difficulty each year in setting dates for the swim meets, Tooke urged the coaches in other locations to get together in an organization that could more easily arrange a program. Meetings were held in Eugene, a central location, during the winter months and at the June 19 meeting a series of agreements was reached and Tooke was elected chairman of the group. The communities contacted included Eugene, Central Lane YM-YWCA, Roseburg, Springfield, Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland, Bend, Sweet Home, Coquille, Reedsport, Malin, The Dalles and Lakeview.

The local group is now making plans for the meet in Lakeview on August 23 when about 12 teams will be invited.

Fraley's Facts And Figures

By OSCAR FRALEY
MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — Fear-

less Fraley's fairway facts and figures from the PGA golf championship:

Ben Hogan's extreme concentration on a golf course, to the complete exclusion of almost everything else, is a legend among the pro golfers and George Fazio contributes a typical example.

"I'm playing him, head and head, at Riviera and I birdie the first two holes to get a shot ahead," says the Pine Valley, N.J. pro. "Then on the third, Ben hits a shot to within 10 feet of the hole and I whip out a wood and hole the spot for an eagle. Some friends of mine hoist me on their shoulders and it's 10 minutes before Hogan can putt. But all the time he's concentrating on the putt, even with all the noise."

When they reached the scorer's table, Hogan refused to sign Fazio's card. He challenged George's eagle on the third hole. Witnesses from the gallery had to be called to back up Fazio's claim.

FEBRUARY MEETS JANUARY

"He didn't doubt me," Fazio said. "He simply was concentrating so hard on his own shots that he didn't even know I had scored an eagle. He didn't even know I was leading him. Needless to say, Hogan went on to win the tournament."

Don January says he was playing in Puerto Rico when a man approached him and said: "I've always wanted to meet you. Mr. January. My name is February... was, too."

Arnold Palmer dropped into the press tent and was sitting at the typewriter of a Pittsburgh writer, punching away, when the other sportswriters needed their Smoky City friend with the remark: "So Palmer even writes your stories. Well, he can out-golf you, out-fight you and probably out-write you."

"So what?" replied the writer. "I can out-drink him..."

Sam Snead, who has frequent putting troubles, watched Billy Casper knocking in inconceivable putts in the first round and then told the pudgy one:

"Young man, some day you will find out how difficult those putts are that you're making..."

WANTS 16 HOLES

Snead, incidentally, thinks there should be only 16 holes on a golf course. "I usually have two bad holes on every round," he moaned. "That way, maybe I'd get rid of the two bad ones..."

Big Mike Souchak, the former Duke fullback, remembers vividly the first day he reported for grid practice at Durham. The squad had been working out for two weeks when, on the day he got his equipment, they put the big freshman in against the varsity at defensive end.

"They ran a wide play and put me up in the woods," he grins. "Then they faked it and went off tackle and two more guys knocked me up into the mezzanine. But I had played against the single wing in prep school and I was getting madder by the minute. Figuring they had a pigeon, they ran the first play right back at me. I put those blockers up in the woods and rode the ball carrier right back into the bench and dumped him at Wallace Wade's feet. From then on I played four years of varsity football."

Bill Blakely

Golf Winner

PORTLAND (AP)—A 38-year-old Portland stockbroker, Bill Blakely, came from behind to take his second Class A title in the Oregon Senior Golf Assn. Tournament here Friday, with a 4 and 3 triumph over Bob Henningsen, also of Portland.

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There are several pitchers in the big leagues whose control is often erratic. When one of them is working any game can happen.

Here's a simulated case involving an erratic pitcher. See if you can come up with the correct answer.

Del Crandall of Milwaukee is the batter in the last of the second inning against St. Louis. Vinegar Bend Mizell is on the mound for the Cards. Mizell's first pitch hits the ground 15 feet in front of the plate. Crandall, however, drives it safely into left field. He stops at first base.

Do you think that:

- a. Crandall is automatically out?
- b. He can remain on first base?
- c. The pitch is a ball?
- d. The pitch is an automatic strike?



If he hits the ball in flight, it's a pitch that first strikes the ground, it shall be the same as a ball.

All-Star Motive \$\$, Cents

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It doesn't require a course in motivational research to figure out why the second 1959 All-Star baseball game is being played in Los Angeles.

With a typewriter, you can hit squarely on the reason with the tap of a single key—\$. The season's second All-Star match, to be played at the Coliseum Monday, was scheduled after the New York Yankees came out here in May and met the Dodgers in an exhibition that drew 93,103, the largest crowd in U.S. baseball history.

If the majors didn't know it then, they must surely realize by now that Monday's game won't do that kind of business.

But they'll play it anyway. And the players, who get the proceeds for their pension fund, will just have to be satisfied with a crowd of perhaps 45,000 or 55,000 and maybe a half million dollars in revenue.

The rosters of the two leagues will be much the same as they were in Pittsburgh July 7, when the Nationals won 5-4 and cut the American League's lead in the 26-year-old series to 15-11. Each manager was permitted to add three players to his squad for the second game and to select new pitchers. Casey Stengel of the Americans made some new pitching selections but Fred Haney of the Nationals didn't know he had this option, so he'll have the same staff.

The game starts at 4 p.m. local time (6 p.m. EST) when the evening traffic jam is approaching its ghastly maturity here. Many people undoubtedly will elect to stay home and see the show on TV.

Staters, Metros Start Workouts

PORTLAND (AP)—State and Metro all-star football squads began drills Monday for the Oregon Shrine football game here.

Halfback Dick Britton of Independence has been substituted in the State lineup for Bob Nokesby of Willamina, who was forced out of the game by illness.

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Chicago 7, Nats 1

The White Sox, unbeaten in their last four games and winners in eight of their last nine, put it away with three-run bursts in the second and third innings against Pete Ramos (10-13), who lost his fifth straight as the last place Senators dropped their 13th straight.

Latman, pitching because Dick Donovan was side-lined by shoulder trouble, struck out 11 and had a three-hit shutout until the eighth, when rookie Bob Allison smacked his 27th home run.

NY 11, Athletics 2

Three home runs — by Yogi Berra, Elston Howard and Hector Lopez — powered a 13-hit barrage by the fifth-place Yankees while Don Larsen and Bobby Shantz combined for a four-hit shutout against the A's.

BoSox 6, Tigers 5

An unearned run in the eighth, forced home on a walk by reliever Ray Narleski after an error and two walks loaded the bases, gave Boston the decision at Detroit.

The way this Willie McCovey's going he'll be playing for the National League in Monday's All-Star game.

The 6-4 first baseman, a .377

hitter at Phoenix in the Pacific Coast League just two nights ago, followed up Thursday's somewhat sensational 4-for-4 debut with an eighth-inning run that beat Pittsburgh 4-3 Friday night.

That kept the Giants in first place by a half game. Second-place Milwaukee beat St. Louis 6-0 behind a three-hitter by Bob Buhl. Third-place Los Angeles, also a half-game behind, beat Philadelphia 5-4 as Don Drysdale struck out 14 and won his sixth straight.

Cincinnati beat the Chicago Cubs 5-4 in the other NL game.

The Giants twice came from behind against the Pirates, who have lost 10 of their last 11, then blew a 3-2 lead in the eighth. That's when McCovey, hitless in three trips against left-hander Harvey Haddix (7-9), ripped a two-out single that brought home Willie Mays, who had walked and then stole second.

That opening line about McCovey making the All-Star game may not be a gag at that. NL President Warren Giles announced Friday that Dodger Charlie Neal, whose absence from the original squad left Los Angeles fans howling, will replace Card-

inal Bill White for the second "classic."

Neal's selection, likely to lure a few more cash customers to the game at the LA Coliseum, was made, said Giles, because White has an ankle injury.

White played the whole game for the Cardinals Friday night, and had one of their three hits off Buhl. The club, playing White "out of necessity" according to a Giles' spokesman, wants him to undergo treatment Monday.

Braves 6, Cards 0

The Braves didn't have a hit off Dean Stone (0-1), an AL castoff making his first National League start, for five innings, then opened up for a five-run sixth capped by Joe Adcock's two-run homer. Hank Aaron added his 28th home run in the eighth.

Bums 5, Phils 4

Los Angeles scored four in the first while chasing Gene Conley (9-7), then got the big run in the eighth on a homer by Norm Larker.

Reds 5, Cubs 4

The Reds came from behind, then blew a 4-2 lead on George Altman's two-run homer in the ninth before Johnny Powers' pinch hit homer beat the Cubs with two out in the ninth.

Yankees Ruffled Says Case

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Casey Stengel held forth just off the third base line, describing in great detail how the other American League clubs had mistreated his New York Yankees and kicked them down into the second division.

"That old man in Chicago (Earl) Wynn of the White Sox) strikes out nine of my fellows. Pierce (Lefty of the Sox) did almost as good. And that little second baseman (Nellie Fox). He killed us."

Casey droned on. His hired hands lounged and looked a little uncomfortable. Their derisive barbs yelled across at the A's dugout sounded unconvincing. After all, they were struggling along in fifth place and the A's had jumped from last to third place.

On the A's bench, where you might expect to find a tense crew intent on the job of keeping that 11-game streak going, acting manager Bob Swift grinned and told a questioner:

"I hope I never find out (how a losing big league manager feels)."

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