

Wag's Tales

by Jerry Waggoner

Spring is sprung, the grass is riz. I wonder where them flowers is? The grammar is terrible and the spelling isn't exactly out of Webster's, but the meaning is the same. Baseball season is upon us. Spring is here with baseball, but the weather isn't giving the game an even break around this area.

Speaking of baseball, we had a visit Tuesday morning by John Bianchi and his mother. John had just received his traveling orders for spring training camp. He is property of the New York Mets and has been instructed to report for spring training April 1 at Santa Maria, Calif.

John, who played Class C ball his first two years in the pro circuit with the Salisbury Braves in North Carolina, has a contract to move up to Class A ball this year. The Mets have two Class A farm clubs in Salinas, Calif., and Auburn, N.Y. "Auburn has my contract, but I hope to stay on the coast," Bianchi said.

This will be the former Pelican's third year in the pros. He was on his way to AAA Syracuse last season when he injured his back and caused a setback. He hopes to make big in Class A this season. He batted .345 last year with 15 home runs and 45 RBIs. Here's wishing him the best success and hoping he advances quickly.

The raging controversy over deaths in boxing seems to be the bulk of the sports news recently. Gov. Pat Brown of California is heading a drive to have the "brutal sport" banned. He tried this last year when champion Benny "Kid" Paret was killed by challenger Emile Griffith. He has some following, all seemingly in the political world and the Vatican.

Even now as former champion Davey Moore lies in state, Brown and other political-minded aspirants in California (and perhaps other states) are trying to climb the political ladder by climbing aboard the "ban boxing" band wagon.

It was revealed by experts that the cause of Moore's death was caused when he struck the back of his head on the bottom strand of the ring rope, a million in one chance. It seems to us that the higher-ups are using this, which has been controversial for years and years mainly because of the criminal element in boxing, as a stepping stone to higher things, politically.

We will agree that tighter grips need to be placed on the sport (or business), whichever you prefer. And a person with a weak stomach isn't likely to climb into the ring. He must be a superb-

Pel Boosters Meet Tonight

The Pelican Boosters Club will hold its weekly meeting tonight, beginning at 6:30, at the Broiler Restaurant.

This will begin a new season for the Boosters as they begin backing the Pelican baseball, track and tennis teams. Baseball coach Bill Mansfield, track coach Jack Peterson and tennis coach Gil Boyd will tell the Boosters about the prospects of their respective teams and what they think will come about in the Southern Oregon Conference league.

Injured Hull Leads Hawks Past Detroit Red Wings 5-4

By United Press International—Even a banged up Bobby Hull is tough to stop.

Ignoring considerable pain in his injured shoulder, Hull popped in two first period goals Tuesday night to pave the way for the Chicago Black Hawks' 5-4 victory over the Detroit Red Wings in their opening semifinal game in the National Hockey League playoffs.

The Toronto Maple Leafs opened their defense of the Stanley Cup by whipping the Montreal Canadiens, 3-1.

Hull, who had scored seven goals in 14 regular season games against the Red Wings, gave the Black Hawks a 2-1 lead with his pair in the opening period at Chicago. Ab McDonald, Eric Nesterenko and Bill Hay tallied in the second stanza to increase the Hawks' lead to 5-2.

Hay's goal proved to be the

ly conditioned athlete, which we think is a great cause for the black spots in the game. A more rigid physical should be enforced and by qualified physicians, not those appointed by commissions for years running upon years.

But for some in the higher offices to clamor for a ban on boxing we think is utterly ridiculous. If a ban is placed on boxing, it will come next in football, baseball and the rest of the sports and all Americans will have left in the future is Old Maid and tiddlywinks. But perhaps we should rule out tiddlywinks, too, because someone might get a sore thumb from it.

There were over 40 deaths in



JOHN BIANCHI

football. Why not ban that beloved sport. How many are killed, drivers and fans alike, in race car driving. Ban it. How about Little League baseball. A few boys are killed each year while participating in that sport. Why not ban automobiles altogether? We are a fat and flabby America anyway, or so we've been told.

One story we received over the wire stated that "unless a new mandatory equipment provisions can be instituted, boxing is doomed to wider public disfavor." We've heard no wide public disfavor. All the disfavor has come from politicians that we have seen or heard.

Something should be done about boxing and we think it's on the road to being accomplished. The fitness test as mentioned above and perhaps a federal control over managers and such to stop the unscrupulous managers from trying to get the last fast buck out of their boys and leaving them penniless and sometimes punch drunk. But to ban boxing—it's ridiculous. And we think that if Gov. Brown of California does get a bill through to be voted upon, it will be defeated and will be a serious blow to his political reputation.

A call from Chuck Bailey, past president of the Babe Ruth League, revealed that tryouts for the Klamath Basin Babe Ruth League prospects will be held this Sunday and the following Sunday at Wright Field, the diamond at the high school, at 1 p.m. This is for boys 13-14-15 who are residents of the area covered by the city elementary school district. This district includes eight of the 12 teams in the league. Prospects are to report to Wright Field at 1 p.m. The second Sunday will be for those who might miss the first Sunday trials. Bob Mezger is the new league president.

Daltons Headline Mat Card

The Dirty Dalton Brothers, claimants as direct descendants of the Dalton gang back in the days of the growing West, headline tonight's wrestling card at the Klamath Auditorium at 8:15.

The Daltons will take on an up and coming duo in Rocky Columbo and Cowboy Bob Boyer in the main event feature. Wild Bill Savage will tangle with young Rickey Hunter in the semifinal and Klamath's Buck Davidson, if available, will be in the first match, probably against one of the Daltons.

The Daltons will be defending their Northwest Tag Team championship tonight against the two youngsters, Columbo and Boyer. The Daltons also will give an exhibition of fancy gun handling before their match and Jack Dalton will challenge all comers to a fast draw contest with promoter Elton Owen putting up a \$10 prize for the winner.

The brother combination from Kansas City have been taking the Northwest by storm and are known throughout the wrestling world for their dirty tactics and roughhouse wrestling antics. They come into the arena dressed in fancy cowboy attire and toting their .45 revolvers. They sometimes shoot them, with blanks, of course.

Columbo and Boyer are a worthy pair for the brother combination. Columbo is an ex-boxer from New York and carries a hot temper along with a hefty punch. Boyer is one of the fastest men around but hasn't a great deal of experience yet. But he makes up for it in hustle and toughness. He recently beat the Northwest champion Maurice Vachone in a non-title bout in Roseburg.

Savage is another of the rough and tumble contingent and likes to dish out the rough stuff. He will be meeting a young and capable matman in Hunter who is improving rapidly. He could give Savage a lot of trouble in the semifinal.

Attorney To Decide On Tests

ATLANTA (UPI)—Former University of Georgia Athletic Director Wally Butts said Tuesday he would let his attorney decide whether he should take another lie detector test regarding an accusation he conspired to rig a football game.

State Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook had requested that Butts and Alabama Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant, also accused in the alleged "fix," submit to new tests. Bryant's attorneys advised their client against a second test, which they said, "would serve no useful purpose" since Bryant already has passed such a test.

Butts and Bryant have been charged in a recent Saturday Evening Post article with rigging the 1962 Georgia-Alabama football game which Alabama won 35-0. Both men denied the accusation and Butts has filed a \$10 million libel suit. Bryant also is expected to sue the Post regarding the article, "The Story of a College Football Fix."

Butts and Bryant underwent separate, privately arranged lie detector tests which their attorneys said they passed. But Cook said he wanted the two men to take polygraph tests administered by the State Bureau of Investigation.

Butts said he referred Cook's request to his attorney, William Schroder. "I will do whatever he says since he has filed in court my lawsuit against the Saturday Evening Post," Butts said. Schroder said he would confer with Cook before making a decision.

Cook indicated earlier he apparently was satisfied with a polygraph test given George Burnett, an Atlanta insurance man the Post article said overheard Butts giving Georgia team secrets to Bryant in a long distance telephone conversation prior to the game.

Johnny Bower made only 19 saves in the Toronto net. Montreal netminder Jacques Plante totaled 32 stops.

The second games in the best-of-seven series will be played in the same cities Thursday night.

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RAMS SIGN TERRY BAKER — After signing a Ram contract, Terry Baker, left, and Ram General Manager Elroy Hirsch, set up Baker's first pass as a Ram. Baker, a 22-year-old Heisman Trophy winner, was the first draft choice of the Los Angeles Club last fall.

Charities Not Needed For Moore

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The manager of boxer Davey Moore today disclosed "they'll never have to stage any charity shows" for the family of the former featherweight champion.

"Davey wasn't a spender," said Willie Ketchum. "He always put his money to work for his family. I'm not sure about the amount of cash in his bank account, but he's got things to show for his fighting. He doesn't owe anybody."

It was estimated Moore's wife and five children will have a monthly income of \$300, plus considerable real estate holdings. Ketchum revealed the status of Moore's finances while plans were completed for flying little Davey's body back to his native Springfield, Ohio, for funeral services.

More than 10,000 California boxing fans and friends paid their final respects Tuesday night to Moore, who died Monday without regaining consciousness following the loss of his featherweight title to Sugar Ramos.

The 29-year-old boxer lapsed into a coma shortly after recovering from a knockout by Ramos Thursday. Death came less than 76 hours later.

Moore's body was to be flown to Ohio by commercial airliner for funeral services Saturday at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Springfield.

Rams Finally Land Beavers' Baker

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — It took a long, long time but the Los Angeles Rams finally landed the No. 1 prize of the 1962 collegiate football season—All-America quarterback Terry Baker of Oregon State.

Baker, who couldn't sign until the end of the basketball season, flew here Tuesday from Portland, Ore., and was greeted at the airport by Elroy Hirsch, assistant to Ram President Daniel Reeves. A brief conference followed, and within an hour after the plane landed, Baker was signed to a 1963 contract.

No terms were disclosed, but it was presumed the 22-year-old left-hand passer—one of the most honored collegiate football players in history—received a healthy bonus from the National Football League team.

"I've always followed the Rams," said Baker, who added he was interested in living in the West. His home is in Portland.

"I was hoping they would draft me," he said, referring to the Rams. "When they did, I was anxious to play for them."

Baker also was awarded the Heisman and Maxwell trophies. He led Oregon State to victory in the Liberty Bowl with a 99-yard run.

Baker's basketball talents were such that he was named to the All-Star team for the Western regional National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament. He helped Oregon State gain a spot in the NCAA semifinals.

FIGHTS

By United Press International
NEW YORK (UPI) — Frank Narvaez, 136, Puerto Rico, outpointed Tommy Griffin, 133, Philadelphia (8).

SAN JOSE, Calif. (UPI)—Luis Molina, 139, San Jose, outpointed Bobby Scanlon, 137, San Francisco (10).

ANGELS SELL RICHARDSON

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI) — The Los Angeles Angels have sold pitcher Gordon Richardson to Atlanta of the International League.

Richardson, who had a 13-6 record with Tulsa in the Texas League last season, had been acquired by the Angels in the minor league draft for \$25,000.

Umpires Meet Slated Friday

The Klamath Falls Umpires Association will hold a meeting Friday night at the City Hall at 7:30 p.m. to prepare for the upcoming baseball season around the area.

All umpires are urged to attend and the coaches, managers and fans may also attend.

First Round Playoffs Begin For NBA Teams

By United Press International
The first round playoffs of the National Basketball Association turned out just fine for the Boston Celtics, but they could have been better for the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Eastern Division champion Celtics take on the Cincinnati Royals Thursday night at Boston in the first game of a sectional final and the Western Division champion Lakers swing into action against the St. Louis Hawks at Los Angeles Sunday. Both best-of-seven series will determine the playoff finalists.

Big "O" Paces Royals

Cincinnati, led by Oscar Robertson's 32 points, defeated the Syracuse Nationals, 131-127, in overtime and Bob Pettit's 35 points paced St. Louis to a 104-100 victory over the Detroit Pistons in Tuesday night's climactic first round games.

The Celtics beat the Royals 9 times in 12 games during the regular season, so were pulling for them to oust the Nats, who split in 12 games with the world champions.

The Lakers had trouble with the Hawks during the regular season, beating them only seven times in 12 games. Detroit, on the other hand, lost to the Lakers 11 of 12 meetings.

"All the way to L.A." the Royals shouted in the dressing room as champagne corks popped, figuring they could get by Boston and L.A. would win the Western title.

Cincinnati, which won its opening series, 3-2, trailed by as much as eight points in the third period and won the game on the

shooting of Jack Twyman and Wayne Embrey in the overtime.

Shaffer Nets 45

A goal by John Kerr of the Nats sent the game into the extra session tied, 114-111. Twyman wound up with 24 points and Bob Boomer 20 as six Royals hit double figures to offset 45 points by Lee Shaffer.

St. Louis won its series, 3-1, but had to fight off a late Detroit rally. The Hawks moved ahead by 14 points, 61-47, early in the second half, but behind Don Ohl's scoring, the Pistons closed the gap to 93-91. St. Louis then scored five straight points and coasted to victory with three minutes to play.

Zelmo Beaty and Bill Bridges each added 17 points for the Hawks while Ohl topped the Pistons with 32 points.

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