

Hawks Ax Lakers To Even Series

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — The St. Louis Hawks, behind their hangover from a 121-113 victory Tuesday night over the Los Angeles Lakers, forced the Western Division playoff of the National Basketball Association into a seventh and final game Thursday.

SF Seals Even Set, Rip Bucks

By United Press International
Seattle and Vancouver open the second round playoff action in the Western Hockey League's Northern division Wednesday night. It will be a best-of-seven series.

San Francisco Tuesday night overcame its lull at Portland to grab a convincing 5-2 decision and knot the Southern Division series at one game apiece.

The winners of the Northern and Southern Division playoff series square off in another best-of-seven affair for the league title. The Seals, who had lost seven in a row at Portland, grabbed a 1-0 lead early in the going on Ray Cyr's goal and never were behind.

Danny Belshe scored at the top of the second stanza and then Portland's Tommy Mevie made it 2-1.

Al Nicholson, Duke Edmondson and Larry McNabb scored in the final period to wrap it up for the Seals and send 8,741 fans home in a depressed mood.

WHL Playoff Standings

Second Round
(Best-of-seven)

Portland 1 1 8 8
San Francisco 1 1 8 8

Tuesday's Result
San Francisco 5 Portland 2
(Next game Thursday, Portland at San Francisco)

Northern Division
Second Round
(Best-of-seven)

Seattle 0 0 0 0
Vancouver 0 0 0 0

Tuesday's Result
No Game
(Next game—Wednesday, Seattle at Vancouver)

Meford Defeats Crater, 5-0

MEDFORD — The Medford Black Tornado moved into the Southern Oregon Conference lead here Tuesday afternoon behind the near-no-hit hurling of Jack Forde as the Black Tornado won, 5-0.

Forde gave up only one hit, and that an infield single by Mike Glines with two out in the seventh and final inning. Glines beat the throw from deep shortstop although the throw was wild.

Crater's Larry Pepper was literally knocked from the box in the third when Larry Deffley's line drive struck him on the foot. That put the first Medford runner on and he scored. So, technically, Pepper is the loser.

Medford is 3-0, Klamath 2-0, Crater 3-2, Ashland 1-3 and Grants Pass 0-4. Klamath's doubleheader with Grants Pass Tuesday was rained and snowed out. Crater 000-000-0-1-4 Medford 003-002-X-5-8-3 Larry Pepper, Mason (3) and Summerfield; Forde and Barnes.

1,000 To Run In Hayward

EUGENE (UPI)—Officials estimated today that more than 1,000 Oregon and Southwest Washington high school athletes will compete in the 26th annual Hayward Relays here Friday and Saturday. The meet will be run in four divisions. The B and C schools compete Friday and the Metrojoltan and A schools Saturday.

TRACK COACH KILLED

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (UPI)—Clinton Graves, Olympic track star Wilma Rudolph's high school coach, lost his life in a traffic accident Tuesday.

Graves was killed when his car went out of control and crashed just over the Kentucky state line at nearby Fort Campbell.

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WILLS TAGGED OUT AT HOME — Dodgers' Maury Wills is out at the plate as he tried to score from second on Tom Davis' grounder to Cubs' shortstop Andre Rodgers during the third inning Dodgers-Cubs season opener in Chicago. Play was from Rodgers to Ernie Banks to Dick Bertell at the plate. Umpire is Ed Vargo. Wills injured an ankle on the play and left the game shortly thereafter. — UPI Telephoto

Los Angeles State, Southern Cal Clash In Tournament Showdown Tilt

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Host Los Angeles State and the University of Southern California, both with two wins and no losses in the eight-team Easter college baseball tournament, clash Wednesday night in a showdown game.

The winner will play in the tournament championship game Thursday. Los Angeles State and USC both have victories over Brigham Young University and San Jose State, who met Wednesday in a consolation game.

In the other tournament bracket UCLA faced Cal Poly of Pomona and Fresno State opposed Long Beach State. The four teams all have 1-1 records, and will play until a winner is determined to face either USC or Los Angeles State.

Fresno State pushed across two runs in the top of the 14th inning to defeat Cal Poly 5-3. The home team committed six errors. Two in the 14th allowed two Fresno State men to get on base and they were sent home on a pinch-hit double by Hal Bledsoe. Dave Hoover, who took over in the 11th check his swing on a pitch.

Los Angeles State downed San Jose State 4-2 with home runs hit by Nick Aversa and winning pitcher Nelson Kahn.

Errors played a part in UCLA's 5-4 loss to Long each State Tuesday night. Second baseman Ezell Singleton muffed a grounder in the ninth inning, allowing two runs to score. John Bogan followed with a double to make the Bruins score 5-3. The Bruins came up with a run in the ninth and loaded the bases with two out, but Singleton popped out while trying to hit a double.

Money-winner NEW YORK (UPI) — Kelo, Armed and Find are the top money-winning geldings in thoroughbred racing history.

Asked how he plans to spend his free time when he finds himself without a job for the first time in 78 years, Mr. Fitz remarked: "Oh, I'll still be around the track—if they let me in. I figure, though, it's about time I kinda laid off a bit and took care of myself instead of horses."

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Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons Retiring From Racing

By TIM MORIARTY
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NEW YORK (UPI) — Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons got his first job on a race track the day Grover Cleveland was inaugurated as the 22nd president of the United States in 1893.

He was paid \$4 a month, plus one meal a day, as a water boy. He was then 11 years old.

Now pushing 89, the man who is known as "Mr. Fitz" to racing fans the world over, will retire as the dean of American trainers in June.

Leaves Astonishing Record He will leave behind him an astonishing record. Sunny Jim has saddled more than 2,000 winners since he retired as a jockey and started training horses in 1909.

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Pel Boosters Meet Tonight

The Pelican Booster Club will meet tonight at the Broiler Restaurant, the meeting beginning at 6:30.

It will be a regular meeting with several topics up for discussion by the Klamath Union coaches, probably about the weather which has caused postponement of most athletic events.

Coach Bill Mansfield will speak about his baseball team which has been plagued with the bad weather. Coach Jack Peterson, the only active member, will tell of last week's Rogue Relays and the upcoming Hayward Relays this weekend.

Coach Gil Boyd will speak of his tennis team and upcoming matches.

Umpires Meeting Set Thursday

The Klamath Falls Umpires Association will hold a meeting Thursday night at the city hall, beginning at 7:30. The meeting is for all officials of baseball and they are urged to attend.

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