

Baseball Season Has Lighter Side

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Let's put aside the worrisome pennant chase, the grueling drive for batting honors for a moment, and take a look at the lighter side of baseball this season.

There's a tale about a fan club organized for a rookie before he appeared in his first major league game. And a major league catcher blushes when he tells how he was taken in by a ruse that sandlotters used 50 years ago.

Another player has joined the writing fraternity. And what's in a name? Baseball by any other name would still be a great sport.

A San Francisco secretary with

the arresting name of Novella O'Hara organized the John Pregreger fan club — also known as the John who?

Pregreger had not yet thrown his first pitch with the San Francisco Giants when the club began booming. He has since been sent to Tacoma for seasoning and Miss O'Hara offered the Giants \$100 for his contract.

Willie Mays was trying to run "up" an escalator going "down" at the Philadelphia airport. He refused to admit he was going the wrong way and finally proved his point by taking two steps at a time and arriving at the top. Then Willie convinced Pregreger that HE was going the wrong way.

Pittsburgh Pirate catcher Jim Pagliaroni and first baseman Donn Clendenon converging on an easy pop fly hit by Ron Fairly of the Los Angeles Dodgers last week.

Suddenly Pagliaroni stopped in his tracks when he heard someone say "I got it." He thought it was Clendenon and the ball dropped — opening the gates for a five-run surge by the Dodgers.

Later Pagliaroni learned Dodger coach Joe Becker had shouted "I got it."

"The oldest trick in baseball," remarked Pagliaroni ruefully, "and I had to bite on it."

When Maury Williams completed his book about his base-stealing exploits, he asked George Lederer, West Coast sports writer, to check it for errors.

"Everything is fine," Lederer said, "except you have a name misspelled."

"Which one?" inquired Williams. "Mine," said Lederer.

What was described as the "greatest catch in baseball" occurred last June 27 at Fenway Park when the Cleveland Indians beat the Boston Red Sox, 6-4.

Indian outfielder Al Luplow leaped into the air to spear Dick Williams' ball and then fell over a barrier into the Red Sox bullpen. He scrambled to his feet and showed the umpire he still held the ball. The umpire ruled a putout and the Red Sox protested the game.

The name's the same. Pirate pitcher Don Schwall shouldn't have trouble finding the plate. He and Patti Plate were married last November.

And there's no secret why Jim Brosnan is an adept pitcher. He married Anne Stewart Pitcher.

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Lakeview Squads in Meets

LAKEVIEW — From the six Babe Ruth teams, four in Lakeview and two in Alturas, there has been picked a 15-man tournament team to take part in the district games at Klamath Falls beginning today. The manager is Harold Cook and coaches are Bob Swango and Chuck Hilbran.

Picked from the teams were American Legion, Jack Peters and Jerry Rudisill; Carsten's, Ken Ford and Stan Perkins; Eagles, David Schaefer, Norman Samples, and Jeff Sullivan; Insurance Agents, Fred Higgins, Neil Meisner, Bill Middlebrooks, Bob Newcombe, and Darrell Roush; Judy's Mark Capik, Dan McKernon, and Bobbie Ray.

Alternates are Dean Belvins of Judy's, first; Mike Turner, Carsten's, second; Dave Capik, Judy's third; and Paul Sheer, Legion, fourth.

Fourteen players and four alternates have been named by the Lakeview Little League managers for the tournament play in Klamath Falls this weekend. The manager is Pat Cosgrove and the coach is Jim Harleman.

The boys were chosen from the teams as follows: Elks, Sam Start and Tommy Williams; Firemen, Eddie DeWitt, Mike Fesler and Paul Ruhl; Giants, Tony Dorst and Randy Higgins; Griffins, Virgil Harvey; Knights of Columbus, Richard Cosgrove, Fred Christensen, Ernie Foster, and Paul Stoffel; Mile Hi, John Leahy and Glenn Williams.

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Forecast For Track Near Same

WARSAW (UPI) — The forecast here was much the same as it turned out in Moscow last weekend: Victory for the United States men's track and field team and defeat for the girls.

The American girls flew in from Moscow Tuesday and will join the men in training today. However, their chances of victory in this Saturday's dual track meet with Poland are not considered good.

"I think our girls will have an easy victory," wrote a local sports columnist, and not one American dared to challenge the statement. The Yank girls lost all 11 events to their Russian counterparts last weekend.

The American men's team is expected to beat the Polish men, but not by a runaway. Even U.S. men's coach Payton Jordan gives the Poles a chance.

"The squad after today's training is finally in top shape and I know we will do better here than in Moscow," Jordan said after a workout Tuesday.

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Piersall Released By Mets

NEW YORK (UPI) — Outfielder Jimmy Piersall says he's "sitting tight and waiting" for another crack at a major league job which he feels confident he'll get.

The colorful, 33-year-old Piersall, who was placed on waivers by the New York Mets Monday, said Tuesday night that he has a few contacts and believes he has "a lot of good baseball left in me."

If no team claims Piersall within the 72-hour waiver period, he will be given his unconditional release and be free to make a deal for himself.

Milwaukee, Houston and the Los Angeles Angels are reported to be among the teams interested in him.

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FOX OUTFOXES TAG — Chicago White Sox second baseman Nellie Fox (2) slides under an attempted tag by Tiger Hank Aguirre and is safe at first base after hitting a slow roller to the pitcher during the first inning of the first game of the Detroit-Chicago twin-bill.

BOWLING SCORES

SANDAGGERS TRIOS LEAGUE			SUMMER NIGHTCRAWLERS LEAGUE		
W	L	W	L	W	L
Cobos City Center Lodge	20 15	Lucky Strikes	22 19	Unpredictables	23 17
Malmes Trio	27 17	Crater Lake Dairy Dist.	21 19	Maintainers	20 19
The Beginners	25 20	Night Hawks	20 20	Frantz Oil Filters No. 1	18 22
Reps Three	14 20	Frantz Oil Filters No. 2	18 22	Elmors Texaco	16 24
Millers Musketeers	23 21	Results: Unpredictables 3, Maintainers 1, Frantz Oil Filters No. 2 2, Lucky Strikes 3, Frantz Oil Filters No. 1, Crater Lake Dairy Dist. 3, Elmors Texaco 1, Elmors Texaco 1.			
Pisans Team	22 22				
Klamath Milk Producers	21 24				
Kenney's Katz	17 24				
Oregon-Washington Telephone	17 28				
Moore and Jensen	18 29				
Results: Klamath Milk Producers 1, Kenney's Katz 4, Malmes Trio 2, Miller's Musketeers 3, Herald and News 1, Cobos City Center Lodge 4, The Beginners 4, Reps Three 1, Pisans Team 4, Klamath Milk Producers 1, Kenney's Katz 1, Oregon-Washington Telephone 4, Moore and Jensen 3, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. J. 2, Elmors Texaco 4, Elmors Texaco 4, high team series, Millers Musketeers 2433, high ind. game, Walt Cook 238, high ind. series, Ed Pale 74.					

SUNDOWNERS LEAGUE			MOOSE MIXED FOURSOME LEAGUE		
W	L	W	L	W	L
Corruptors	16 17	Blue Blazes	25 15	Screw Balls	24 16
Blew Four	18 14	The Weakenders	24 16	How - Do's	24 16
Maroonies	15 17	Feather Merchants	23 17	Blue Blazes	25 15
Travelers	17 14	Alley Rollers	22 18	High team game, Torpedoes 837, high team series, Torpedoes 232, high ind. game, Russ Kallstrom 213, (men), Russ Kallstrom 227, high ind. game, Russ Kallstrom 227, high ind. series, Ed Pale 74.	
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. J.	17 15	The Milt Mace	20 21		
Pennies	18 14	Alley Rollers	19 21		
Silvers	16 14	The Sub-Chasers	14 26		
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UNIVAC LEAGUE			MEN'S SCRATCH DOUBLES		
W	L	W	L	W	L
The Gridders	22 15	Jackson - Paxton	29 11	Webb - Web	27 18
Faith Four	25 15	Webb - Web	27 18	Cadwell - Hagan	21 19
Sanders	24 16	Jones - Barnett	21 19	Bales - Anderson	19 21
Justits	24 16	Sellers - Larson	17 23	Sellers - Larson	17 23
Four Roses	22 18	Pinner - Slider	15 25	Results: Jackson-Paxton 4, Cadwell-Hagan 1, Webb-Web 3, Jones-Barnett 2, Sellers-Larson 1, Bales-Anderson 4, Pinner-Slider 2, Tomic-Gardner 3, high team game, Jackson-Paxton 422, high team series, Tomic-Gardner 102, high ind. game, Keith Larson 219, high ind. series, John Paxton 75.	
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COFFEE CUP TRIO LEAGUE			MEN'S SCRATCH DOUBLES		
W	L	W	L	W	L
Gutterhoppers	22 15	Jackson - Paxton	29 11	Webb - Web	27 18
The Three Spits	22 18	Webb - Web	27 18	Cadwell - Hagan	21 19
The Runners Up	20 20	Jones - Barnett	21 19	Bales - Anderson	19 21
The Three Nuts	20 20	Sellers - Larson	17 23	Sellers - Larson	17 23
We're Trying	16 24	Pinner - Slider	15 25	Results: Jackson-Paxton 4, Cadwell-Hagan 1, Webb-Web 3, Jones-Barnett 2, Sellers-Larson 1, Bales-Anderson 4, Pinner-Slider 2, Tomic-Gardner 3, high team game, Jackson-Paxton 422, high team series, Tomic-Gardner 102, high ind. game, Keith Larson 219, high ind. series, John Paxton 75.	
Do-Do-Do's	16 24				
Results: Webb-Web 3, Do-Do-Do's 2, Gutterhoppers 4, The Three Nuts 4, The Three Spits 3, The Runners Up 1, high team game, Gutterhoppers 148, high ind. game, Paula Fletcher 114, high ind. series, Paula Fletcher 312.					

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