



GOLFER GOT REAL BIRDIE BILLINGS, Mont. (U.P.)—Cliff Bowman has the rarest of all golf shots to his credit—a true "birdie." Bowman's drive struck a meadow-lark in mid-flight on the Hilltop course. The bird was dead when Bowman arrived.

Spot on Jupiter Is Larger CLEVELAND (U.P.)—The large white spot which appeared on the planet Jupiter late in April is growing larger, according to observations made by Dr. J. J. Nassau, director of the observatory at Case School of Applied Science.

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Merchants Win Easy Game From Varney's Sunday

Locals Pile Up 23 Hits, 14 Runs Off Visitors

Tommy Bowker's San Pedro Merchants, playing at the Torrance Municipal ball park—last Sunday, defeated Varney's by a score of 14-6 with young Carl Paxman doing the mound duty for the first six innings. Carl ran into some heavy going in this inning and was relieved by Joe Storti who managed to turn back the visitors and maintain the lead that Carl had set up.

Next Sunday the Merchants will play the Huntington Park team at Long Beach, with Paxman pitching. In view of the fact that Tommy has not been able to get much backing for his team among the local fans, he will continue to play at Trona Field, San Pedro, with an occasional game at the Torrance park. The city council has turned down his appeal for new uniforms for the boys, and attendance at the hard ball games on Sunday afternoon, although free, is not what it should be for the brand of ball that is being offered.

SPORT PAGE

It's a California Year in Sports



FRED PERRY, U.S. SINGLES CHAMP PREDICTS GENE WILL BE WORLD'S CHAMP IN A FEW YEARS

GENE MAKO 19-YEAR OLD TENNIS SENSATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

There's no denying the fact, it's a California year in the sporting world. In golf it's Lawson Little and Olin Dutra; in crew, the California eight; in track, Stanford; and Max Baer, the heavyweight champion of the world. Helen Wills, the women's tennis, and now Gene Mako, a 19-year-old University of Southern California, comes, bringing the intercollegiate tennis crown to California. The youthful Mako defeated Gilbert Hunt, Massachusetts Tech, in the final round of the 50th anniversary national intercollegiate tennis tournament at Haverford, Pa. He then paired up with Philip Castlen and added the doubles title to his record.

Ho Hum Said The Editor

Hey, we're about two gateleys shy on the sports page this week, says the foreman to the sports editor. Whyn't you get busy and push out a little copy. Well, says the sports writer, how can I push out copy when there ain't no copy to be pushed. Things are in a terrible state of dull drudgery this week, not even a good checker war or a horse shoe massacre. I sure wish somebody would start something new around here. I could do with a good ripe juicy contest of some kind.

How about an anglerworm race?—that hasn't been tried yet. Folks get all steamed up over turtle races and jumping frog contests, even to going to law about 'em, as I see in the papers happened up Calaveras way, but an anglerworm contest hasn't been mentioned. Anyway, I want to know who called 'em anglerworms in the first place and why. A good, long anglerworm, like I used to see on the sidewalks back in Illinois after a summer rain, hasn't got an angle in him, nothing but a lot of curliness, especially after one end had got stepped on and plastered to the concrete so the rest of him could not get loose. But I guess that's out because they don't have anglerworms in California, at least I have never seen any, so I guess the only contest that could be had using anglerworms would be a contest to see who could dig up one.

Now, that's something maybe the Chamber of Commerce might take up and promote. California's quest for anglerworms. According to all the literature, California has great anglerworms. I know, I know, platinum blondes, straw votes, lame ducks, sour peaches, good roads so you can go everywhere and get nowhere, high mountains and low-proof spirits, Pacific oceans and belligerent longshoremen, hot shots and shooting galleries, gullible guineas and poor fish, which brings us back to the anglerworm angle, because back in Illinois where I came from about all an anglerworm was good for was to hang on a hook to catch crappies with. Part of the fun of the barn to dig up some anglerworms and see who could dig up the longest and fattest. And then it was some more fun to fit said worm on to a hook over his earnest protest. Ever try it? Well, if you think there is no art to fishing just try to make an anglerworm climb a hook. When he feels the sharp barb stick him he can do more contortions than Houdini and if you are unlucky you bait with your finger instead of the worm.

WESTMINSTER FALLS BEFORE BLUEBIRDS TUESDAY NIGHT

Locals Pull Lost Game Out of the Fire With Resounding Barrage of Hits in the Eighth Inning; Neva Whiffs Fourteen

Spud Murphy's Bluebirds started the second half of the National Night League season right, Tuesday night, when they defeated the Westminster team, 5-4, in an all-right battle. The game was unique in that neither pitcher issued a pass and Louie Neva struck out twice as many men as Fuzzy Errington.

GAMES TO BE PLAYED

THURSDAY Westminster at Olive. FRIDAY Huntington Beach at TORRANCE. Santa Ana at Fullerton. Long Beach at Anaheim. TUESDAY TORRANCE at Long Beach. Fullerton at Westminster. Anaheim at Santa Ana. Olive at Huntington Beach.

Two of Westminster's scores were made on home runs, both of them by Daley. Up to the seventh inning the game looked hopelessly lost to the Bluebirds. Daley, center fielder for Westminster, had knocked a homer in the first inning. In the fifth Nelson was out Neva to McClure. Errington whiffed. Hopes singled and Daley caught his second homer, scoring two runs, making the count 3-0 in favor of the Aviators.

New Mile Mark Sure With This Sextet Racing

Track Stars Would Settle Question of Championship in Contest

By H. L. PERCY United Press Staff Correspondent LONDON, (U.P.)—Who is the world's champion miler? There are half a dozen contenders to the title, and only a race between them can decide the issue.

Such an event is not altogether an impossibility, and what a line-up! Jack Lovelock, Glen Cunningham, Bill Bonthon, Gene Vonke, Jules Ladoumergue and Luigi Beccali would have to be there. Such a squad might well put up a new all-time record, and it might easily be down to the four-minute mark.

Best Gate in U. S. Staged in the United States, admittedly the best venue for running, with fast tracks and super climatic conditions, the race would attract a record crowd.

As to the winner. Well, take your choice. Lovelock and Bonthon will meet again this month at the White City track, here, in the meet between Oxford and Cambridge and Princeton and Cornell. The result won't give much of a slant on world championship form, because the White City track is notoriously slow, and nobody expects any flashy running.

Cunningham has done the distance in 4 minutes, 67-16ths seconds. Ladoumergue, now a professional, is the old record holder at 4 minutes, 92-10ths seconds. He held it for several years. His trouble, now he's turned professional, is that he can't find any interest to the boys and girls who like to see the wheels go around.

In 1929 plays there are only 63 winners. Here's the returns on a "regularly set" machine: Two cherries (2 for 1) appears 35 times; two cherries, lemon or peach (1 for 1) 12 times; two peaches and a bar or three peaches (8 for 1) seven times; two plums and a bar or three plums (12 for 1) four times; two bells and a bar or three bells (16 for 1) three times; three bars (20 for 1) two times; total 63 winners. Figure it out for yourself, what profit there is in feeding the kitty.

SCORES TUESDAY TORRANCE, 5; Westminster, 4. Santa Ana, 6; Olive, 2. Anaheim, 7; Huntington B., 0. Fullerton, 2; Long Beach, 0.

McClure, Leonard struck out. Forney lifted a high one to Daley in center. Louie Neva scoring on the throw-in, and the tables were on the other foot with the Birds out in front, 5-3.

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Star Midwest Colored Team Wants Game With Murphy's Bluebirds Here

The fame of the Bluebirds is traveling. Spud Murphy, manager of the champs of 1933, is in receipt of a telegram from a colored team from Sioux City, Iowa, which wants to come here for an exhibition game with the Birds, and arrangements are being made for the game.

This team is rated the best in the middle west, and a battle royal is anticipated. They must be pretty good or they would not want to risk their reputation on a trip to the coast, paying their own expenses, just to meet the celebrated high flyers of the National Night League.

Tomorrow night the Birds play Huntington Beach here on the home lot in the second game of the second half. The outcome of this game will have a big bearing on the results at the end of the season. The Oilers are the champs of the first half and the Birds are determined to lift their scalps. Spud's outfit has now settled down to championship ball. They are showing teamwork. They are hitting regularly and are displaying the old fight that won them so many games last year after they were apparently licked. The champs of 1933 are due to repeat.

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San Pedro Team Loses To Birds In Clown Game

Torrance Outfit Plays Cat and Mouse With Ambitious Newsies

Spud Murphy, only wounded hero of the Fourth of July celebration in Torrance, was on hand chipper as ever Friday night to watch his Bluebirds clown around and beat the San Pedro Newsboys in a practice game, 7-3.

It was only a practice game to the Birds but the Newsies took it seriously and how they tried. With Earl Morrell on the mound and Billy Widner as backstop, they moved in on the Birds determined to show them up, and the Birds in high good nature played the game of cat and mouse with the Newsies in the role of victim.

Big-hearted Louie Neva gave tossed the ball in easy and made them hit, and when the runners were all steamed up for a go at the plate, the grinning Louie turned on the heat.

Before a handful of fans, most of them wives, sweethearts and friends of the players, the Birds grandstanded to their hearts' content, and gave the few cash customers the most entertaining game that has been seen here for moons.

Two double plays, a corking shot from Red Moon in right to second base for a put-out and numerous other hot-shot performances were the result of the kidding bee.

Billy Widner was handed the well-known razzberry when he tried to steal second after Louie had walked him to first. Bill forgot that in this man's league advances can't be made that way, and his cockiness at putting something over on the Birds received a puncture as the umps waved him to the bench for the third out.

After the Birds had amassed seven runs, Louie went to first and let Hal Forney do the chucking. Hal is an ace pitcher for U. S. C. hard ball team, and is not so bad at this side-arm chucking. Paul Neva took a couple of innings behind the bat but Brother Louie steamed up the shoots and Paul gave up the glove to Fabregat, glad to be relieved of the target practice.

The highlight of the game was a young punk who filled in at left field for the Birds, and made every fielding chance that came his way except one which was a high bouncer over his head and he made a liberal stab at this one, but it got away and went for a homer. In his times at bat he stood up to Morrell's shoots like a veteran and grand himself two hits, one of them a single and the other a nice little bunt down third-base line. A couple more years and he will be in with the best of them.

Tomorrow night the Bluebirds will play their first home game of the second half against Huntington Beach. The Birds are out to take the flag in this half and will put all they have into defeating their most serious rivals.

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