

Battalion SPORTS

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Eager Beaver Catcher Hazard To Team And English Language

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.
KALAMAZOO, Mich., June 23 (AP)—The University of Southern California baseball team, enroute from the western playoffs in Denver to the national finals here, stopped off in Cleveland to see a couple of major league games.

Maybe it's significant that Coach Sam Barry by-passed St. Louis and Chicago, where the Browns and White Sox were doing the honors.

In Cleveland the boys were lurching with their host, Hank Greenberg, when a New York writer joined them.

Hank began deftly needing the Easterner, explaining to the Collegians that he thought the Yankees were slipping and that his own Indians were moving up as annual pennant contenders.

The scribe could take it just so long. Finally, he amiably agreed with Greenberg's theory in this way: Yeah, this probably is the last Yankee team that will win a pennant this year.

English As He Is Spoke
Fritz McKale, University of Arizona baseball coach, an old Western Michigan College boy is a stickler for discipline on his ball club although he has some unorthodox theories about how to play the game.

A few years ago Fritz had a bull-headed catcher who liked nothing better than capturing pop flies, no matter where they were going.

The big husky kid could whip right over anyone who got in his way and was a positive danger to the pitchers, and infielders who tried for high ones.

Leaders Lose In 'Mural' Softball Play

By Bill Thornton
The intramural softball race went into a mixup last week when the two leaders in the Campus Leaders, Law and Puryear, were both defeated.

Milner made short work of Law by pounding out a 12-1 win in four innings of play. The winning pitcher was Bowers. Leading hitter of the game was Fennel of Milner who got two for two.

Leggett outplayed Puryear all the way to win a close 9-8 decision. Puryear's fielding was excellent with them getting three double plays, but Leggett's timely hitting proved to be the deciding factor.

Plagens pitched for the winners and was also the games leading hitter getting three safeties in three attempts at bat.

In another close ball game Bizzell outlasted Trailer Camp to take a 7-6 decision. Gus Swenson of Bizzell was the games power hitter getting a home run with one on in the first inning.

Outstanding play of the game was a running catch of a foul fly made by Hovell of Bizzell in the fifth, that helped pull Bizzell out of a tight spot.

Walton won its first game in league competition by defeating Mitchell 6-4. Dittmar of Walton led the batters with two for three, but the hero of the game was Stone of Walton who drove in the winning runs with a clutch single.



Pictured above are the members of Dorm No. 16's champion handball team. They are: 1st row, left to right, Washington, Smith, Soyars, Carroll; 2nd row, Cook, McConnel, Young, and Balder (not shown).

Eight Records Set at Texas AAU Olympic Tryouts in S.A.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 23 (AP)—Sixteen were qualified for the National AAU in the annual South Texas AAU Track and Field Meet which saw eight new records set yesterday.

Despite a heavy rain some of the finest marks of the year were hung up featuring a 52.4 in the 400-meter hurdles by Jared Morrow at Lackland base here.

Perry Samuels of Texas, running under the banner of the Austin A.C., won the 100-meter dash from which Charley Parker, his Texas teammate, had withdrawn because of so many preliminary and semi-final heats.

Parker ran the 200-meter dash, winning it in 21.7. He did not accept a place on the Texas team to the National AAU, however. He already had qualified for the Olympic trials by placing in the NCAA meet.

Billy Anderson of the strong Air Force team, which ran off with the team trophy, did the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.3, bettering the mark set by August Erfurth of Rice by five-tenths of a second.

Aggie Softball Nine Downs Steve's Circle Cafe 4 to 0

Mitchell Defeats Law; Bizzell And Puryear Win

By Bill Thornton
Mitchell remained undefeated in intramural volleyball by defeating Law 15-5 and 15-12 Thursday afternoon. Excellent playing by Holland and Hill sparked the Mitchell team to victory.

In another game played Thursday Puryear edged Walton but only after three full games of play. Puryear won the first game 15-16; then Walton bounced back to win the second 16-7.

Bizzell took an easy victory from Dorm 14 by winning two consecutive games 15-4 and 15-3. Sparkplugs of the Bizzell attack were Hovell and Shula.

In the other scheduled match Leggett forfeited to Trailer, Camp.

Foreign Legion Vet Seeks U.S. Olympic Post
By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Kurt Steiner, who got a lot of running practice in the French Foreign Legion, is a candidate for the United States Olympic team in the 10,000 meters.

Kurt, an Austrian, is in the Army and is working with the Army-Air Forces squad training for the Olympics at Lackland Air Base here.

Steiner, traveling in France in the suspicious days of 1938, was jailed as a suspect because of his foreign background.

Without knowing it, Kurt was preparing himself for a distance runner's career. He kept running and strengthening his legs for his present cross-country jaunts.

Then Steiner asked to join the U.S. Army. He was accepted. Now with two years' service behind him he can within one more year become a U.S. citizen.

Lloyd Pitches No Hitter; Only Two Cafemen Reach First Base

A thoroughly improved Aggie softball nine with pitcher B. J. Lloyd sparking them turned back the Steve's Circle Cafe nine of Waco Friday night 4-0. Lloyd shut out the Cafemen with a no hit performance allowing only two men to get on base. Both of these got on due to errors. In the second inning with two away Centerfielder Rucker got on first by virtue of an error but promptly died there when Lloyd fanned the next man up. The Waco team was unable to get another man on base until the sixth inning when on a close play at first base Lloyd hit the runner with the ball allowing him to move on to second. This was the closest that the Cafemen came to scoring all evening.

The Aggie got eight hits off of the two Waco hurlers, but used them to good advantage to push across four runs. Big gun in the Farmer attack was Milt Soroka who cracked out a triple and single in three attempts at bat. Bill Hodge and Burdett both also got two for three and Cook and Bates each got one in three times at the plate.

The A&M nine jumped into a two run lead in the first inning off of a walk, a hit, and an outfield fly; then added a run in the second and another in the fourth.

The Cafemen never seriously threatened.

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Walker, 2b	3 0 0 2
Cook, ss	1 1 1 1
Bates, 1b	3 0 1 1
Pulmer, 3b	3 0 0 2
Pickard, rf	3 0 0 1
Hodget, lb	3 2 2 2
Burdett, cf	3 0 2 0
Soroka, c	3 0 2 0
Lloyd, p	3 0 0 11

Steve's Circle Cafe

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AB	R H PO
Walker, ss	3 0 0 2
McFerrin, 2b	3 0 0 2
Koppa, 3b	3 0 0 2
Springer, rf	3 0 0 0
Storrier, lf	3 0 0 1
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