

SPORTS

Indians Win On Forfeit In Disputed Play

Myrtle Creek Vikings, Leading 11-8, Lose In Talkfest With Umpire

A heated argument, in which Myrtle Creek alleged Leo Bowers, who was base-running from second to third, had "interfered" with Myrtle Creek's third baseman, cost the Vikings last night's game at Finlay field on a forfeit to the Roseburg Indians.

Base umpire Bill Shapiro held that Bowers had not interfered with the fielder. Coach Forrest Laughty and members of the Viking baseball team argued the Roseburg base-runner had deliberately run down third baseman C. Clack to prevent him from making a play.

Plate umpire Hal Edgar, also head umpire of the game, requested that play be resumed. Myrtle Creek spokesmen continued to argue Shapiro's decision. Edgar then ruled that the visitors forfeit the game in favor of the Indians.

Al Flegel, recognized baseball authority and umpire, who had witnessed the incident as a spectator, was queried by the News-Review for his interpretation of the incident.

Flegel said no interpretation of rules was involved; only an umpire's decision. "You cannot argue an umpire's opinion," he emphasized. "The umpire runs the game—the players do not run the umpire," he added.

Story Of The Game
The argument came after Dexter Garey had scored Roseburg's eighth run with two away in the bottom half of the fifth inning, hit by a pitched ball, went to first. Barry Kenny followed Bowers on a fielder's choice.

Shortly thereafter, Bowers attempted to advance to third, after which the incident occurred and the argument ensued.

Roseburg had started out with four runs in its portion of the first, after Myrtle Creek failed to score. Garey and Bowers each singled, then Kenny hit a three-bagger, scoring all six. Bowers followed with a batted ball that slipped through first's fingers, scoring Kenny. Scotfield singled, then Sanders fled out to left field. Rowe scored on the throw-in.

Bud Shirliff singled in the second, then scored on a stolen

Schoendienst Tops Batters In National League

NEW YORK, May 17.—(AP)—Stan Musial, usually a familiar figure up at the top of the National League batting race, is conspicuously absent from the top ten hitters, but his place is occupied by another member of the St. Louis Cardinals—second baseman Al (Red) Schoendienst.

The skinny redhead, back in the Card lineup after a siege of injuries, is hammering away at a .382 clip. He has rapped out 28 hits in 73 times at bat through games including those of Sunday, May 15.

Schoendienst replaced teammate Eddie Kasko, who led the pack last week. The rookie Card third baseman dropped 49 points from his .387 figure of a week ago and has dropped down into sixth spot with .338.

Willard Marshall, rightfielder of the New York Giants, has taken over the runner-up spot with .382, only two points behind the leader. He is followed by Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh, .358; Whitey Lockman, Giants, .354; and Alvin Dark, Boston, .349.

No Stomach For It

Race horses must be fed four or more times daily because their stomachs are so much smaller in comparison to other animals.

base, a pass-ball and an error. Roseburg followed with two more runs in the bottom half of the second. Garey singled and Bowers was hit by a pitched ball. Both advanced and scored, putting the count at 6-1, Roseburg.

Myrtle Creek had a big fifth inning, in which eight runs were scored on 13 Viking trips to the plate.

Three Roseburg pitchers tried to halt the Viking fifth inning scoring rampage, including starting pitcher Mickey Coen, and relief pitchers Claren Hooper and Tom Johnson.

Four bases on balls, three hits and several errors were parlayed into Myrtle Creek runs, with every man in the Viking lineup except one scoring, putting Myrtle Creek ahead 9-6.

Roseburg tallied a run in its portion of the fifth, with Bobby Sanders making the circuit on errors. Two additional tallies by Myrtle Creek's Hanna and Shirliff in the sixth, put the count at 11-7, Myrtle Creek.

Roseburg's Garey tallied one more run for the Indians, after which the dispute developed.

The Indians battle Sutherland at Finlay Field this afternoon starting at 3 p.m. This is the final Roseburg game of the 1949 season. Indian rooters will see four Roseburg lads in their final High School baseball action today. They include Bobby Sanders, Stan Cornutt, Neil Wissing and Leo Bowers, who graduate in June.



FINAL GAME—The above four baseball players will discard their Roseburg Indian baseball uniforms forevermore after today's game with Sutherland High School. Indian baseball fans may see them in action starting at 3 o'clock this afternoon, at Finlay Field. Left to right, they are Neil Wissing, outfielder; Stan Cornutt, shortstop; Bobby Sanders, catcher; and Leo Bowers, third baseman. (Picture by Rod Newland).

ALL-OUT COOPERATION URGED

Fishery Possibilities Of Umpqua Basin Stressed By Biologist Ross Newcomb

Anticipation by individuals or groups of the same kind of industrial development here as in the East, without an effort being made to avoid the same destruction of natural, self-maintaining, renewable resources as occurred there, "never ceases to amaze" Ross Newcomb, resident biologist.

Newcomb, in charge of the Umpqua River study, spoke to the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce Monday noon at the Umpqua Hotel. He was introduced to the audience by Charles V. Stanton, editor of The News-Review.

Newcomb's comprehensive speech was entitled, "Possibilities for the Umpqua Fisheries." As adjuncts to these things, there should "certainly be a good market" for locally made flies, spinners, rods, and other tackle, and for live bait. People attracted here by these activities will add to the income of Douglas County.

Two of the leading reasons for decimation of fish runs are pollution and soil erosion. The Roseburg area is "the most important spot" needing immediate attention, Newcomb declared. He said he personally believes that annexation of surrounding areas is the "proper first step" toward solution of the sanitary problem. He urged that the Chamber of Commerce act on the annexation problem. Soil losses through destructive logging practices and attendant soil erosion also are an important factor, he said.

Newcomb envisioned a planning council — "a little Umpqua Valley Authority of our own" — which would educate the public in the matter of preserving fish life in the river, and to aid toward maintaining the balance between soil and water. The council might include membership of chambers of commerce, banks and loan agencies, the Rod and Gun Club, the logging industry, the Grange, and the County Court, as well as the State Game Commission, Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.

"It is the responsibility of each and every individual and organization in our area to insure realization of further development of our fishery resource," Newcomb pointed out.

Game Canceled
Due to the Roseburg High School May Fete, the Roseburg Umpqua Chiefs-Reedsport game, scheduled for Wednesday night, has been called off. Coach Bunky Hill reported.

The Chiefs will schedule a game for Friday, May 20, at 8 p.m. Opponent will be either North Bend or Drain Townies, Hill indicated.

There is "certainly plenty of room for more and better" tourist and short-stay guest accommodations along the river. With completion of the Diamond Lake Highway, it is "quite likely" that private capital will "jump at the opportunity," he said.

It would be wise, he pointed out, to try to attract operators with ideas which are in harmony with the area development before inferior establishments get a

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Bosox Wrangle With Umpire In Losing To Nats

By JOE REICHLER
(Associated Press Sports Writer)
The muffled explosions you may hear in the distance are possibly the sound of big-league managers flipping their lids. This seems to be the season for it. Durt Shotton of Brooklyn and Joe McCarthy of the Boston Red Sox, two of the milder masterminds, are the latest to blow off steam.

After watching his charges drop three straight to the Braves in Boston, Shotton really exploded Sunday. He ripped into his players with a tongue-lashing the likes of which they had not heard, since the departure of Leo Durocher.

McCarthy's explosion came yesterday, but his tirade was directed at the umpires. It came about after the final out was made in the Washington-Boston game, won by the Senators, 3-2.

Plate Umpire Joe Paparella had just ruled that the final out was made before the potential tying run had crossed the plate. This brought McCarthy and the entire Boston team out on the diamond, protesting that Tom O'Brien had crossed the plate before Lou Stringer was tagged after rounding second on pinch hitter Sam Mele's single. After considerable wrangle,

ling, Paparella walked off the field with McCarthy and his Red Sox awarred around him. Of course, the decision stood.

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State Softball Series Scheduled At Eugene

EUGENE, Ore., May 17.—(AP)—The Oregon State Softball Association Monday awarded the 1949 state softball tournament to Eugene, and set the date for Aug. 28-Sept. 1.

Upstate Oregon, was regrouped into 16 districts: 1—Oregon City, Oswego, Estacada; 2—McMinnville, Tillamook; 3—Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Orenco, Beaverton; 4—Albany, Lebanon; 5—Corvallis; 6—Cottage Grove, Roseburg, Reedsport; 7—Klamath Falls, Ashland, Lakeview; 8—Medford, Grants Pass; 9—Bend, Redmond, Prineville, Hines; 10—La Grande, Baker, Nyssa; 11—Portland, Hermiston, Milton-Freewater; 12—Hood River, The Dalles; 13—Astoria, Seaside, Rainier; 14—Salem; 15—Springfield, Junction City; 16—Eugene.

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FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

(By the Associated Press)
NEWARK, N. J.—Tony Janiro, 152½, Youngstown, Ohio, knocked out Mario Moreno, 146, Havana, Cuba, 3.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Pat Comiskey, 218½, Paterson, N. J., and Elkins Brothers, Washington, D.C., 10.

NEW ORLEANS—Al Gualteri, 133½, Pittsburgh, outpointed Keith Hamilton, 135½, New Orleans, 10.

BALTIMORE—Jimmy Cooper, 125½, Washington, stopped Marvin Dick, 127½, New York, 7.

CHICAGO—Lester Felton, 147, Detroit, stopped Rick Lellan, 147, Gary, Ind., 1.

Ike Williams' Injury Postpones Title Bout

LOS ANGELES, May 17.—(AP) Champion Ike Williams' lightweight title bout with Mexico's Enrique Bolanos, scheduled for May 26, has been postponed. But a new date probably will be set today.

Dr. Francisco Bravo, California athletic commission physician, announced after examining Williams yesterday that the champion is suffering from bursitis of the right shoulder joint. The malady is an inflammation of the sac containing fluid which lubricates the joint.

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