

# Chiefs Rack Up 18th Win

## SPORTS

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### BUS SPORER

#### Umpqua Chiefs' Pitcher Has Remarkable Record

By GEORGE CASTILLO

It's the ninth inning—bases loaded—one out. What a spot for a relief pitcher. That's what faced Bus Sporer of the Roseburg Chiefs as he walked to the mound in the crucial championship game of the district semi-pro baseball meet in Mt. Angel. The first man goes down swinging. One more out for the championship. Could he do it after three grueling days of pitching. He did. The last man struck out.



**WORK HORSE** Bus Sporer, above, lamed the Crescent City ball team by a 5-1 count Sunday in a Southern Oregon league game played on Finlay field. Sunday's win ran Sporer's games won record to more than a dozen so far this season. The record includes three wins at the Mt. Angel district tournament last week—a feat which, combined with his hitting, earned him the title, "Most Outstanding Player." (Staff photo.)

This wasn't just a hot streak. He had taken the role of iron man in the Southern Oregon Baseball league by pitching in every league game but one and winning 8 without a loss. His league and exhibition record for this year shows he pitched 66 1/3 innings, and struck out 110 men for an average of almost 14 a game. Twenty-one runs were scored against him with only five of these being earned for an earned run average of .078. Beside this he's hitting a thumping .384. A native of Douglas county, Bus was born in 1924 in Days Creek. He grew up with a love for baseball. He broke in with the American Junior Legion club, playing three years with the team which, incidentally, was runner-up for the state crown in 1937. Played With Salem His first year of pro ball was with Salem of the Western International league in 1940. Then in 1941 he traveled to the Pacific as an employee of Contractor's Pacific naval air base at Wake island where, ironically, he was captured two months before he was to return to the States. After 44 harrowing months in a Japanese prison camp it was a long uphill fight to regain his health. He credits it to baseball. He went back to the Salem club for two and a half years. Then he was sold to the San Francisco Seals and optioned to Yakima, who won the pennant last year while he was

### Oakland Club Downed, 7-2, On Three Hits

By CHUCK PLUMMER  
The Roseburg Umpqua Chiefs racked up their 18th win of the season Wednesday night as they defeated Oakland, 7-2. They have lost only one.

Pitcher Cy Whidden won his fifth game of the year, pitching the first six innings, giving up only three hits and striking out eight. Bruce Hamilton took over the seventh, giving up two runs, neither earned and one hit. He struck out four Oakland batsmen.

Four of the Chiefs' seven runs were earned, as they scored two in the first inning, one in the third, another in the fifth, and three more in the sixth.

John Herman started the initial inning with a single and advanced to second on Lovell Baker's single. He went to third on an error by the Oakland center fielder, and scored on a passed ball. Stan Norby then hit a double, scoring Baker.

Norby, who was the sparkplug of the Chiefs with three hits in four trips to the plate, scored the second tally in the third. He singled to right, stole second, advanced to third on a passed ball, and came home on Phil Smith's long fly to center field. John Linde, the Chiefs' slugging first baseman, scored in the fifth, when he smashed out a triple and crossed the platter on Norby's single.

Catcher Tex Chandler started Roseburg's scoring in the sixth when he walked and scored on Whidden's double. Whidden then scored on Baker's single, and Herman, who walked, tallied on Linde's grounder to first base. The Chiefs scored all of their runs off Wally Richardson, ex-Roseburg pitcher. DeGroot came into the ball game in the seventh for Oakland and allowed only one hit for the remainder of the tilt.

Oakland scored both of their tallies in the first of the ninth on a walk, a double by K. L. Jones, and two Roseburg errors. Roseburg's George Sanders was the only casualty of the game. He pulled some muscles in his shoulder while sliding home in the first inning.

Summary:  
OAKLAND: V. Jones, 2b 4 2 1 1; Carey, 2b 4 0 2 2; Kenny, 1b 2 0 0 0; Hansen, cf 4 0 3 0; Hayward, ss 4 0 1 4; Linde, 3b 4 1 2 0; Whidden, p 2 0 2 2; Norby, 1b 1 1 0 0; Sanders, cf 1 0 0 0; Smith, 1b 0 0 4 0.  
Umpires: Fiegel and Block.

### W. I. L. SCORES

W. I. L. Pct.
Tacoma 47 35 .573
Yakima 49 37 .565
Wenatchee 48 39 .552
Tri-City 38 46 .452
Spokane 38 49 .437
Victoria 35 46 .432
Salem 34 48 .415

### GAMES LAST NIGHT

Spokane 8, Tacoma 7.  
Yakima 20, Victoria 6.  
Salem 5, Wenatchee 4.  
Vancouver 12, Tri-City 2.

### Ted Williams Has Operation On Ailing Limb

BOSTON, July 13.—(AP)—Ted Williams, the Boston Red Sox \$125,000-a-year outfielder, undergoes an operation for a fracture of the left elbow today, but his teammates still have their sights set on the American league pennant.

"There is a good possibility Williams will be out for the rest of the season," orthopedic surgeon Joseph Shortell said as he prepared to perform the operation in Cambridge.

But the Red Sox took the news of their lanky slugger's injury in the All-Star game as "part of the game" and refused to admit they were out of the pennant race, although eight games behind the front-running Detroit Tigers.

"There's no filling Williams' shoes," said Manager Steve O'Neill in announcing Clyde Vollmer will take over left field and bat in Ted's no 3 spot.

"It is pretty tough luck for him and the ball club, but there is nothing we can do about it," the Boston pilot added.

Johnny Pesky's comment was typical among the sockers "gee, that's tough for Williams and certainly tough for all of us, but these things happen and we simply will have to battle all the harder." Williams suffered his injury after hauling down Ralph Kiner's long smash in the first inning of the All-Star classic in Chicago's Comiskey Park Tuesday.

### SOFTBALL TONIGHT

City softball league play was called off last night because of the Chiefs Oakland game, but it will resume tonight.

Sutherland is slated to play Pitco and the Elks will take on Firmco.

Crookes, 1b	2	0	1	0
Umpqua Chiefs	8	4	24	12
Herman, cf	3	1	1	0
Baker, 1b	4	2	1	0
Linde, 3b	4	10	4	0
Norby, 2b	4	2	3	4
Smith, cf ss	0	0	1	0
G. Sanders, ss	1	0	0	1
Norby, 2b	4	2	3	4
V. Sanders, 1b	3	1	0	2
Chandler, c	2	0	0	0
Whidden, p	3	3	7	4
Hamilton, p	1	0	4	0
R. Sanders, cf	0	1	0	0
Ayres, 1b	0	0	0	0
	31	11	27	13

### Costner Trips Ike Williams' Drive To Title

PHILADELPHIA, July 13.—(AP)—Ike Williams was expected to use George (Sugar) Costner as a stepping stone to a welterweight title fight with Ray (Sugar) Robinson. Instead, the lanky Costner thrashed lightweight champ Williams and emerged himself as a top contender for Robinson's crown.

Costner turned in the fistic upset of the year last night when he handed Williams out of the worst lickings the 135 pound titleholder ever received. The Camden, N. J., Negro simply smashed Ike into submission in a 10 round non-title scrap at Shibe Park.

So superior was Costner that one of the judges, Frank Knarsborough, gave the winner all 10 rounds. The other judge, Lou Tress, and Referee Dave Beloff were not much kinder. Both scored it 8-2 for Costner. The Associated Press score card voted Costner 8-1-1.

A crowd of 9,809 paid a net gate of \$30,543 to witness the surprise Costner victory. They saw Sugar George clip Williams with a vicious left hook in the third round and then go on to record a thumping triumph. Williams never was the same after that third round punch. He lost his reflexes and fought the final seven rounds on his fighting instinct and courage.

Like the champion he is, Williams rallied briefly in the seventh round and looked for a minute as if he would do the impossible and kayo Costner. He rocked George with a left hook—but he didn't have the stamina to follow up his opening and Costner regained the offensive.

Costner, 3 to 1 underdog in the betting, weighed 148, five more than Williams. He used this edge on the scales to good advantage. Costner, winner of 91 fights in 98 outings, said his left hook was his best punch and that Williams hurt him only once, with a similar punch in the seventh round.

Asked why he couldn't kayo the rubber legged Williams, Costner said, "That Ike, he sure can take it."

### MARIETTA AGAIN

ITHACA, N. Y., July 13.—(AP)—Marietta O. will be the scene of the "Poughkeepsie Regatta" on June 16, 1951—for a second straight year.

### COAST LEAGUE

W. L. Pct.
Oakland 62 42 .596
Hollywood 63 43 .594
San Diego 53 53 .509
Seattle 52 54 .491
Portland 48 54 .471
Los Angeles 47 60 .439
Sacramento 43 65 .398

### LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Oakland 1, Hollywood 0.  
San Francisco 3, Los Angeles 1.  
Sacramento 4, Portland 3.  
Seattle 3, San Diego 0.

### LaMotta Easily Defeats Italy's Tiberio Mitri

NEW YORK, July 13.—(AP)—Another Jake La Motta-Ray Robinson fight was in the making today following the middleweight champion's easy conquest of Italy's Tiberio Mitri.

La Motta was due to step into the offices of the International Boxing club some time this afternoon to pick up a check of around \$33,700 and to discuss plans for a sixth scrap with the welterweight king.

The Bronx fighter paved the way for the encounter by beating out a 15-round unanimous decision over Mitri in Madison Square Garden last night.

It was like old times in the palace of sock as a surprisingly large turnout of 16,369 paid \$99,841 and rocked the roof with cheers. It was the biggest Garden fight gate in a couple of years. There was no radio or television broadcast.

La Motta will cut into a richer pot than that if he signs to take on Sugar Ray outdoors in September.

Abe Greene, commissioner of the NBA, said the champ had agreed in writing months ago to defend his crown against Robinson within 90 days.

# Oaks Oust Stars From PCL Lead

(By the Associated Press)

Oakland has ousted Hollywood from the Pacific Coast league lead for the first time since June 4—and Seattle's big Jim Wilson rolls merrily on with 14 consecutive mound triumphs.

The Oaks made it two in a row over Hollywood with a 1-0 win yesterday and assumed a two-percentage point lead—596 to 594. The veteran Clyde Shoun posted his 11th victory in a southpaw duel with Herb Karpel. Each pitcher gave up only two hits.

But the amazing Wilson, never hotter in his 28 years, again posted the day's top performance. The Rainier righthander fanned 12 and allowed three hits in blanking San Diego, 3-0.

### Nears Record

It also ran Wilson's string of scoreless innings to 37. One more full-length shutout and he'll tie the PCL record of 46 set in 1905 by Bill Tozer of Los Angeles. He has two more wins to go to reach Frank Browning's league mark of 16 for San Francisco in 1909.

In other games, San Francisco's Al Lien posted his 13th victory by spacing 12 Los Angeles hits for a 3-1 decision, and Sacramento's Bill Evans subdued Portland, 4-2.

Incidentally, five of Wilson's strikeouts came in succession in the first two innings, and he walked only one man. His Seattle mates, helped by two errors, gave him two runs in the first two frames. Jackie Albright's homer in the ninth was extra gravy.

### Sewed In The First

The Oaks sewed up their important affair in the first inning as speedy Artie Wilson beat out a bunt, stole second, raced to third on an infield out and scored on a fielder's choice.

The game would have ended right there as Shoun and Karpel, recent

Star acquisition from Seattle, battled scorelessly on. Each pitcher fanned six batters in one of the year's closest duels. The only other hit off Karpel was Mel Duezabou's single. The Hollywood hits were likewise singles—by Buddy Hicks and Cliff Dapper.

The Stars will rely tonight on Glenn Moulder (6-5) to regain the lead. Oakland will try to fatten their advantage with either Ernie Groth (7-4) or Earl Harritt (8-1).

### Junior Legion Team Defeated

The local Junior American Legion team went to Coos Bay Wednesday night but came back licking their wounds after being thumped, 11-5.

The Coos Bay crew went down in order the first inning but came back strong in the second with three runs on six errors and a single. They scored three more in the third, another in the sixth and four more in the seventh.

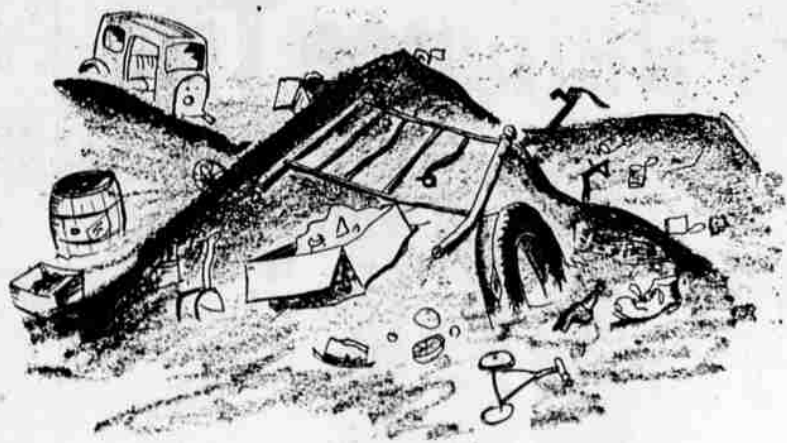
The Roseburg juniors couldn't collect a hit until the fourth when they broke loose with three hits and as many runs—but it was too late. They ended the scoring in the ninth with two more runs.

The hits were evenly divided up with Coos Bay getting seven and Roseburg six. The difference was in errors.



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