

Larsen Gains Opening Day Hurling Spot

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Baltimore manager Jimmy Dykes had found an opening-day pitcher by the simple method of announcing the job was open. Unless Dykes second guesses himself between today and Tuesday, it will be fireballing Don Larsen.

He clinched the job yesterday. Only hours after Dykes declared his starting lineup set except for the mound chores, Larsen stepped to the hill in Hattiesburg, Miss., and blew down the Chicago Cubs on five hits in a 13-2 victory. The handsome right-hander went the

route for the first time this spring. Baltimore will make its debut in Detroit against the Tigers.

The Tigers got beaten yesterday by the Philadelphia Phillies 4-0 after Ned Garver had held the Phils scoreless through six innings. A 475-foot double by Del Ennis in the eighth drove in two runs and Willie Jones homered off Ralph Branca in the ninth.

The Philadelphia Athletics and the Pittsburgh Pirates, both definite threats to last place in their own leagues, slammed each other's pitching for 37 hits, including nine homers, in a 17-10 contest won by the A's. Gus Zernial and Bill Ren-

na of the A's and Frank Thomas of the Pirates hit two home runs each at Montgomery, Ala.

Base hits boomed in Lynchburg, Va., too as the Cincinnati Redlegs trounced Washington 18-1. The Reds slammed 20 hits, three of them home runs.

Chet Nichols, Milwaukee's big hope to strengthen its pennant bid, was blasted again, this time by the Boston Red Sox, who beat the Braves 10-5. The Red Sox hammered Nichols for seven hits before he gave way to Phil Paine in the third.

The New York Giants bowed to Cleveland 10-5 and contributed four errors to their defeat. A two-run home run by Al Rosen broke up a 2-2 tie in the fifth inning.

Stan Musial hit a home run with two aboard and Rip Repulski hit his fourth homer of the spring as the St. Louis Cardinals whipped the Chicago White Sox 9-2. Vic Raschi and Stu Miller checked the Sox on seven hits.

The New York Yankees were held at bay for six innings by Clair Parkin, a Red Sox minor leaguer, before coming to life for a 7-2 triumph over Greensboro of the class B Carolina League. Parkin gave the champs only five hits.

Is That So!

"WHY DOES a hen cackle when she lays an egg?" asks Miss GH, a reader of this column in the Philadelphia Bulletin. "I say a fisherman should wet his hands when releasing trout. My partner says dry hands are better. Who's right?" demands TWG, via the Wenatchee World. "What is the purpose of the stem of an apple tree leaf?" inquires CRT, via the Boston Globe.



The principal function of the stem, I believe, is to raise and expose each leaf to the maximum sunlight. To do this, it must be well-engineered. And that it is, its construction makes this slender elastic stem wonderfully strong with a special bracing arrangement at the place of maximum weakness, where stem joins the comparatively rigid branch.

Beyond this, the stem serves another wonderful purpose. This is a wind-filled world and the broad face of the leaf would present a tremendous amount of exposure to a strong wind if the slender stem would not yield instantly and allow the leaf to swing with the wind and become a weathervane, presenting only a thin edge to the blasts.

And, moreover irregular the gusts, the stem permits the leaf to swing accomodatingly, every which way. Add to this another natural adaptation. The exposed part of a tree, where winds are strongest, will average a much longer stem than the sheltered spots although the leaves are smaller in the windy location than in the more protected areas.

WHETHER TO RELEASE a fish from a hook with dry or wet hands is a never-ending argument among anglers—and both sides have their rights. With a wet hand, the protective mucus will not be removed—but then the fish must be held more securely and perhaps injured internally. With a dry hand, the fish is not squeezed so much—but more slime is removed and perhaps some scales where infections may develop.

Experts who have tested both methods evade the issue by saying: wet or dry hands make little difference. The important thing is to treat the fish gently, remove as little mucus as possible, and get

the fish back into water quickly and gently.

As for the slime, it acts as a lubricant so the fish can slide through the water easier, it protects him from fungus, bacteria and other parasites, and it helps to make the fish watertight.

Our domestic chickens are related to the wild jungle fowls of India and the Malay Peninsula. Where I have seen them in the wild state, in India, they are gregarious—small groups run together, usually one cock to several hens.

WHEN THE HEN wants to lay, she steals away from the flock which may contain some egg eaters and lays her eggs in a concealed nest. As it may take some time, the others may wander off some distance in the dense jungle. Egg laid, she steps out and cackles to attract the attention of her own flock. In response, the cocks in the area begin to cackle and the lost hen, recognizing her own flock by the voice of its leader, rejoins.

This trait of the wild jungle fowl has continued in our domesticated fowl. So today, when a domestic hen lays her egg she cackles, and it is not uncommon for the barnyard roosters to respond with a great clamor.

Offer: The reader sending in the best question which I can use will receive a free autographed copy of my book AN ANGLER'S ANTHOLOGY (Stackpole \$5). First one in, of course, wins.

YIELDS ON PARKING

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland's City Council bowed to pressure of a number of business representatives Tuesday and repealed the regulation under which all parking has been banned from 4 to 6 p. m. on designated east-west streets.



FOOTBALL ADVICE — Glenn Scobey (Pop) Warner celebrated his 83rd birthday in his Palo Alto, Calif., home by telling friends that modern football is all too expensive and complicated. Warner said present day football employs too much passing and too many defensive formations.

Drain-St. Francis Tilt Rescheduled For Today

The Drain-St. Francis league game originally scheduled for Eugene Tuesday afternoon has been rescheduled for Wednesday playing at either school's playing field, depending upon field which has the driest playing conditions. If neither field is suitable the game will be cancelled.

In another Tuesday postponement because of a wet field, Riddle and Myrtle Creek have tentatively rescheduled their non-league game for playing at Myrtle Creek on Wednesday. Last week, Myrtle Creek defeated Riddle 7-4 in a game at Riddle.

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Rogue Fish Loss Draws Injunction

The Oregon State Game Commission has requested the Pacific Portland Cement Company and the California Oregon Power Co. to screen the turbine intakes at their respective power plants on the Rogue, not later than the end of the low flow period in the fall of 1955.

Substantial losses of fish at the Pacific Portland cement plant at Gold Hill were definitely established in 1953 and had been demonstrated in previous years. The company has been provided with plans for the screen type desired. It is believed that the destruction

of fish at the Gold Hill turbines is one of the greatest single contributors to the decline of summer steelhead and to the decimation of other species in the Rogue river.

The Copco plant at Gold Ray is responsible for the injury of at least 10 per cent of the downstream migrant salmon and most of the adult steelhead passing through the station. Plans for the type of installation necessary at the Gold Ray plant have been prepared.

The condition of the various fisheries of the Rogue river makes it imperative that protection of downstream migrants be an accomplished fact at the earliest possible date. Further unnecessary delay can only result in accelerated decimation of the fisheries.

Hockey Scores

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE
Montreal 3, Detroit 1 (best-of-7 series tied 1-1)

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Cleveland 4, Hershey 2 (best-of-7 series tied 1-1)

WESTERN LEAGUE
Vancouver 6, New Westminster 1 (Vancouver wins best-of-9 series, 5-2)
Calgary 3, Edmonton 2 (overtime) (Calgary leads best-of-8 series, 1-0)

HEADS HOTEL MEN

SEATTLE (AP)—Morris S. Temple of Pendleton is the new president of the Oregon State Hotel Assn. He was elected Monday at the group's convention which was held jointly with the Washington state association.

Casanova Calls Opening Grid Sessions April 26

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Some 50 hopefuls are expected to turn out April 26 when the University of Oregon opens its 20-day spring football training session. Coach Len Casanova said the Ducks' flashy quarterback, George Shaw, will miss part of the drills because of his participation in baseball.

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Tuesday's Results
Cincinnati (N) 2, Columbus (SAL) 0
Boston (A) 10, Milwaukee (N) 5
Baltimore (A) 13, Chicago (N) 2
St. Louis (N) 9, Chicago (A) 2
Cleveland (A) 10, New York (N) 5
Philadelphia (N) 4, Detroit (A) 0
Philadelphia (A) 17, Pittsburgh (N) 10
Cincinnati (N) 18, Washington (A) 1
New York (A) 7, Greensboro (PL) 2

Former U Of W Mentor Takes Portland U Job

PORTLAND (AP) — Art McLarney, who quit as head basketball coach at the University of Washington a few years back because of the pressure involved, Saturday was named to head the hoop fortunes of Portland University.

McLarney, former basketball star at Washington State College, replaces Jim (Muck) Tornson, who turned in his resignation a week ago.

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