

Northwest Baseball League Bows In Tonight

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The Class B Northwest League, compact successor to the nation's largest baseball circuit, makes its debut Tuesday night.

The country's only seven-team league, it replaces the old Western International League—a Class A 10-team loop that embraced three Pacific Northwest states and two Canadian provinces.

The Northwest League came into being after the financially pressed WIL called it quits at the end of the 1954 season. Victoria, B.C., Calgary, Alta., and Spokane, pulled out of the league; Vancouver, B.C., and Edmonton, Alta., were voted out, and the new loop brought in the Eugene Emeralds.

The new setup with the start of the 1955 season has Eugene, Spokane, back in the league as a community-owned team; Salem, Ore., Lewiston, Idaho, and Wenatchee, Tri-City and Yakima, Wash.

League openers Tuesday night will find Eugene at Salem, Wenatchee at Yakima and Spokane at Lewiston. Tri-City will play its first game Friday.

While poor attendance in 1954 contributed to the downfall of the

WIL, Arthur Pohlman of Wenatchee, president of the new league, was optimistic about 1955.

Noting the league has younger players and a limit of only five who have been in organized baseball three or more years, Pohlman predicted a good turnout of fans to see "hustling baseball."

"The WIL enjoyed some of its best days from 1946 to 1952 when it was a Class B League," Pohlman said, "and the new league

is looking forward to a very successful first season."

Veteran baseball men are at the helm of the seven clubs as the new season starts. Edo Vanni is manager at Wenatchee, which this year has a tie-in with Seattle of the Pacific Coast League; Hub Kittle is at Yakima, Cliff Harper at Eugene; Hugh Luby at Salem; Don Pries at Tri-City; Eddie Lake at Spokane, and Hillis Layne at Lewiston.

Micromidgets To Continue Races This Summer At Yoncalla Track

Saddle Club Rodeo Track. Racing is scheduled for Saturday night through the summer and fall months until weather conditions make it impractical.

Start of the season in Yoncalla will closely follow the finish of the four-month micro season in Roseburg. The season here ends Saturday night of this week.

The northern county association has drawn up restrictions similar to the ones that were used for racing here this winter. Several Roseburg cars are expected to be in the opening field of 20 cars in June.

Officers of the new association are all from Yoncalla. They are Douglas Long, president; Don Menegal, vice-president; Aaron Baldwin, secretary; Bill McKern, treasurer.

Both the racing association and the co-sponsoring Yoncalla Lions Club are regarded as non-profit associations. Half the profits from the season will go toward community projects sponsored by the Micromidget auto racing has gained a new lease for the summer and fall months in Douglas County.

This was revealed with the announcement that a micromidget racing association has sprung up at Yoncalla. It will be called the Micromidget Racing Assn. of Drain and Yoncalla.

The new group will hold its first races during the first of June if weather permits at the Yoncalla Lions and other funds will be directed toward the advancement of midget racing in northern Douglas County.

Two County Shooters Post Wins At Medford

Two Douglas County shooters placed first in opening-day action of the two-day Southern zone trapshoot at the Medford Gun Club. Harry Luper, Drain, tied with a Springfield man with 99's in class AA. They were to shoot off the tie in the second day's activities. Jerry Solomon, Winchester, was high lady in 16-yard events with a 74 score.

Don Hoak of the Dodgers was married at home plate prior to a ball game at Fort Worth on Aug 21, 1950.

Slipping Solons Invade Portland Tonight; Much-Postponed Opening Ceremonies Set

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The rain-drenched Pacific Coast League had an interesting question to kick around Tuesday as it awaited the start of four new series.

What happened to Sacramento? The Sacs, surprise team of the circuit through the first fortnight of play with an 8-4 record slipped about as badly as it was possible to slip in the third week — six defeats.

One conclusion was obvious — Sacramento is not a road club. The defeats, which dropped the Solons from first to sixth place

with a 9-10 mark, all came at Seattle.

If that's the answer, the Solons are in for more grief. Tuesday they open a second road series, this time at Portland where the Beavers are cying the first division. Opening ceremonies, postponed from last week by rain, were on schedule.

Red Adams (1-0) and Bob Hall (2-2) were slated to handle the Portland pitching, with Marino Pieretti (1-3) and Red Jones (0-0) going for Sacramento.

Seattle, riding a 5-game winning streak and leading the league as a result, took a third-place San Diego with little Vic Lombardi (2-1) labbed by Manager Freddie Hutchinson to try to extend the string. The Padres were to counter with unbeaten Eddie Erault, holder of a pair of triumphs.

The sad plight of the once proud Hollywood Stars, languishing in

the league cellar with Lefty O'Doul's Oakland Oaks, puzzled fans, too. The Stars performed like bushers much of the time in San Francisco last week.

The first cross-bay series between Oakland and San Francisco was set for Tuesday night, too, at the Oaks' field. O'Doul, hurtling badly for pitchers, selected Bob Cain (1-1) to oppose the Seals' Steve Navy (1-2).

Solon Pitcher Paces League

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Johnny Briggs, Sacramento's 21-year-old rookie righthander, leads Pacific Coast League pitchers after three weeks of the 1955 baseball season, official league statistics showed Tuesday.

Briggs, who pitched for Salem in the Western International League last season, has won three straight games in the PCL to top teammate Bud Daley who led the league for two weeks but dropped down the list after losing a pair last week.

The Top Ten:

	G	B	S	W	L	Pct.
Briggs, Sac	4	21	17	3	0	1.000
Oldham, Sea	4	5	8	3	0	1.000
Bearden, SF	4	9	10	2	0	1.000
Erault, SD	3	4	10	2	0	1.000
Lown, LA	7	7	12	2	0	1.000
T. Smith, SD	6	2	5	2	0	1.000
Werle, Port	2	3	11	1	0	1.000
Kelly, Sea	4	12	6	1	0	1.000
Munger, Hwd	3	3	6	1	0	1.000
Jansen, Sea	2	8	6	1	0	1.000

Averages of other Seattle and Portland pitchers:

Adams, Port	2	2	5	1	0	1.000
Widmar, Sea	6	5	3	1	0	1.000
Heard, Sea	4	15	22	2	1	.667
Lombardi, Sea	3	7	9	2	1	.667
Singleton, Sea	4	8	17	2	2	.500
R. Hall, Port	2	9	13	2	2	.500
Waibel, Port	4	4	11	2	2	.500
Lint, Port	4	8	5	1	1	.500
Savrsky, Sea	3	2	8	1	1	.500
Scheib, Port	3	5	2	1	1	.500
Kennedy, Sea	5	5	11	0	2	.000
Han, Port	2	5	6	0	2	.000
Duren, Sea	3	1	8	0	1	.000

Strikeouts — George Piktuzis, LA, 24.

Detroit's Al Kaline Heads AL Batsmen

NEW YORK (AP) — The Detroit Tigers, who gave Al Kaline a \$35,000 bonus to sign in 1953, are being paid back in base hits by the 20-year-old outfielder.

A .276 hitter in 138 games last season, Kaline currently leads the American League in batting with a .452 mark on 19 hits in 42 at bats. He's hitting for distance, too, with four homers to rank second in that department to Bob Nieman of Chicago, who has five.

Eldon (Rip) Repuski of the St. Louis Cardinals, who took over the No. 4 batting post when Ray Jablonski was traded to Cincinnati, is setting the National League batting pace with a .396 average. He's collected 19 hits in 48 trips.

Loscutoff Inks Pact To Play With Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Jim Loscutoff, 6-5 University of Oregon forward, signed a contract Monday to play for Boston in the professional National Basketball Assn. next season.

Loscutoff, the Celtics' No. 1 draft choice, was named to the all-Pacific Coast Conference Northern Division team in 1953.

San Diego Hitter Leads Bat Parade

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Milt Smith, who couldn't crack 300 in his first full season in the Pacific Coast League, currently leads the circuit with a bulging .403 mark, official statistics showed Tuesday.

The San Diego outfielder jumped to the top of the batting department over San Francisco's Joe Kirrene, the leader for the first fortnight, with nine safeties in 20 trips to the plate last week. The splurge increased Smith's plate average by 18 points.

	AB	H	HR	RBI	Pct.
Brown, LA	4	2	0	2	.500
Martinez, Sea	4	2	0	2	.500
Davis, Oak	16	7	1	4	.438
Tarman, SF	14	6	1	7	.429
M. Smith, SD	72	29	2	12	.403
DelGree, Hws	22	2	9	.393	
Kirrene, SF	69	27	1	12	.391
Coats, LA	39	15	1	7	.385
Swift, Oak	24	9	1	4	.375
DiPietro, SF	8	3	0	0	.375

Seattle and Portland batters:

Eggert, PD	50	18	5	10	.360
Schmees, Sea	56	20	2	5	.357
Basgall, Sea	53	18	1	5	.340
Bukpwtz, Sea	3	1	0	0	.333
Whitlmm, PD	53	19	0	4	.328
Schult, Sea	68	21	2	18	.309
McKelsn, PD	64	19	4	12	.297
Sullivan, PD	72	21	3	13	.292
Zernia, Sea	32	9	0	3	.281
Restelli, PD	25	7	1	1	.280
Williams, Sea	72	20	5	19	.278
Austin, PD	65	18	1	5	.277
Baleena, Sea	48	13	1	5	.271
Banski, PD	17	4	1	2	.235
Chirne, PD	42	10	0	1	.238
Judnch, PD	30	7	1	5	.233
Castli, PD	13	3	0	2	.231
Lundbg, PD	10	2	1	1	.200

Art Larsen Suspended For Hitting Ballboy

NEW YORK (AP) — Tempestuous Art Larsen was back in the tennis "doghouse" today — temporarily suspended in Europe and facing possible sterner penalties by U.S. officials.

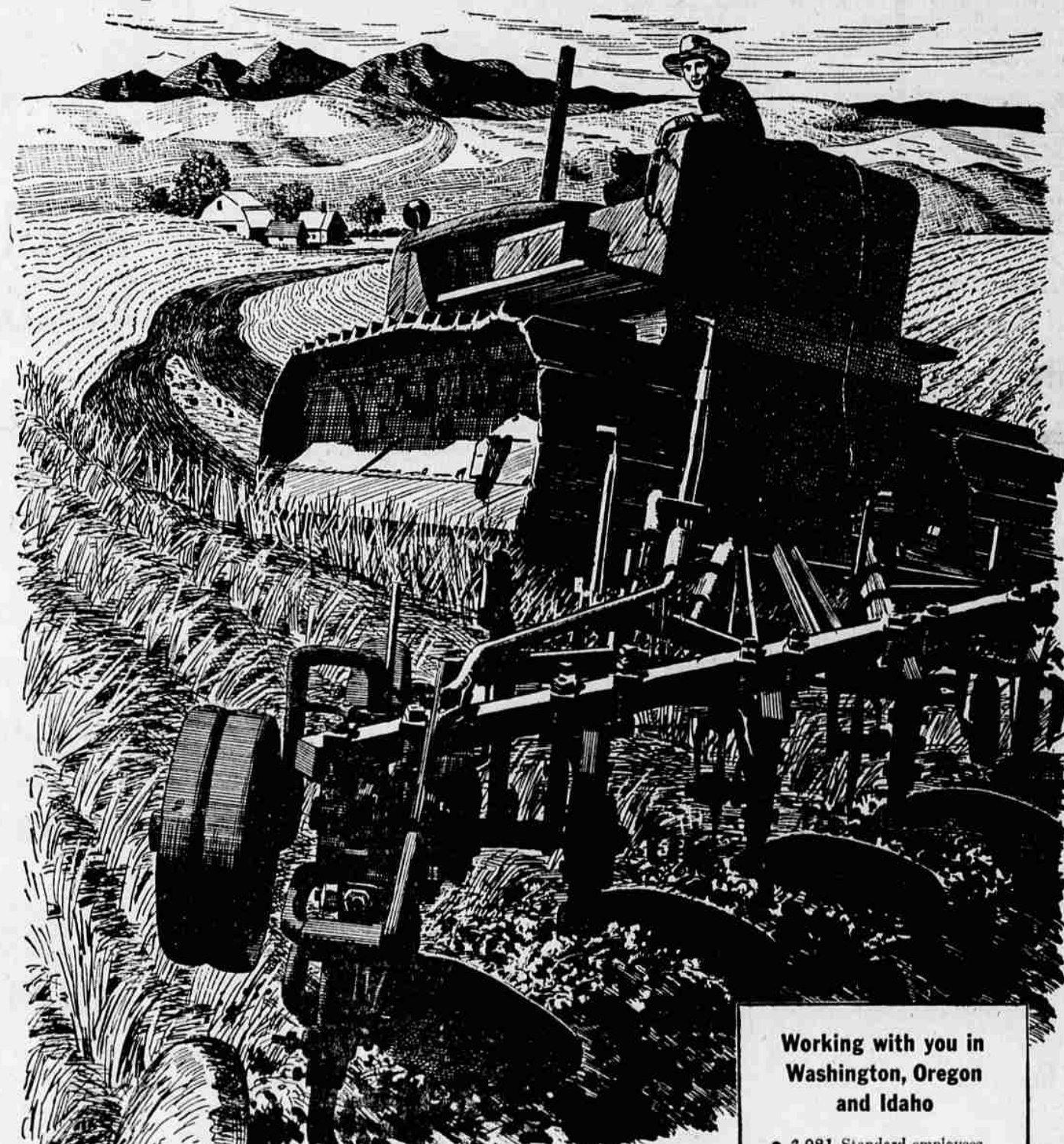
The roof fell in on the diminutive southpaw from San Leandro, Calif., after he reportedly hit a young ballboy in the face with a tennis ball in Genoa, Italy, and sent the lad weeping from the court.

Joe Todd Continues Lead In Junior Rifle Shooting

Joe Todd again led Roseburg Junior Rifle Club shooters in their Monday night shoot with a score of 195. Immediately behind were two gunners, Billy Eswine and Gary Eaton with 193's.

Other high scores included Loren McClure 192, Bob Flury 187, Mike Hemmilla 185, Dennis Gilkeson 183, Lynne Erickson 171, Mary Jean McClure 171 and Phil Richardson 170.

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WSC Snaps Washington Winning Streak At Four

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Washington State snapped Washington's Northern Division baseball winning streak at four Monday, beating the Huskies 5-3 behind 4-hit pitching by Ron Webb.

Webb was in trouble only in the sixth when the Huskies converted three hits into two runs. Washington got an unearned run in the fifth.

It was WSC's first conference game. Six other Northern Division games scheduled for the Cougars were rained out.

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