

The Dalles Threat Erased With This Play



IN THE THIRD INNING of Sunday night's playoff game at Finlay Field Roseburg's pitcher Dick Smith raced across first base ahead of base runner Ivan Kerkelle of The Dalles for a putout. Smith took a short throw from second baseman Bobby McClellan who stands at right. First

baseman Ron Beamer is in background. Play was made with man on third base for third out. The Dalles defeated Roseburg 6-3 in opening American Junior Legion state championship game. (Staff photo).

The Dalles 6, Roseburg 3

Errors Spell Defeat For Roseburg In First Junior Legion Playoff Tilt

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Quick-throwing Denny Peterson's four-hit pitching for The Dalles and four crucial Roseburg errors combined to upend Roseburg's Lockwood Motors American Legion baseball team 6-3 Sunday night in the opening game of the state Legion playoffs at Finlay Field.

A record-breaking Douglas County paid baseball crowd of 1,116 overflowed seating space.

It was only Roseburg's second loss of the season in 16 games and pitcher Dick Smith's first setback after six winning performances.



DENNY PETERSON

Roseburg's Smith turned in a creditable six-hit performance on the mound for the nine-inning fracas. But for shoddy play afield, the Gliders would have been charged with only two earned runs. Two of Roseburg's three runs were earned.

Smith contributed to his own undoing by issuing seven bases on balls, throwing three wild pitches and hitting one batter. He knocked Ivan Kerkelle on the side of the head in the second inning, but the left fielder for The Dalles suffered no ill effects.

At critical times, shortstop Fred Hargis, third baseman Allen Lindbloom and right fielder Bill Oerding came up with costly misplays.

Peterson, who now has a 9-2 season's record, would have been hard to beat in spite of the Roseburg errors on the balmy Sunday evening. He generally set the pace of the game, played in big league speed of one hour and 50 minutes.

The Dalles led through the whole game after a 2-0 jump-off lead in the first inning. Roseburg closed it to 2-1 in the second frame, but a three-run fourth inning by the visitors put the game beyond reach.

Roseburg picked up a pair of runs in a spirited eighth inning rally and The Dalles came back with a final marker in the same frame. The Urness Motors team acted as home team, batting last in each inning, after pregame coin-flipping.

The game was billed as a duel between the state's top high school pitching aces and it turned out to be that, the score notwithstanding.

Hitters found few good pickings in the offerings of the two deliverers. Each was touched for one extra base hit — and that, oddly enough, by the opposing pitcher. Otherwise, anything resembling a safety in the game was a single.

Three Hits, Two Runs

Peterson, a "take-charge" guy, had minor streaks of wildness, walking five batters and issuing two wild pitches. But none took a heavy toll.

The Dalles made six hits in the game, and used exactly half of those for the two-run first inning uprising off Smith.

Shortstop Ed Davidson led off with a sharp single to left and Peterson smacked a long three-bagger down the right field line. After Bill Sallee had struck out, catcher Irwin Fandrey, of the irrepressible Urness battery, singled to right to score Peterson.

Roseburg came back with one unearned run in the second inning. Lindbloom drove Peterson out of the box with a single to center, took second on centerfielder Rich Larson's error and scored on Smith's ground rule double to right.

Roseburg Fielding Bad

Two misplays figured in the three-run fourth by The Dalles. Davidson singled and took second on a wild pitch by Smith. Peterson then walked and when Lindbloom overthrew second base on an attempted force out of Sallee's infield ball, Davidson scored.

With men on first and second, Fandrey forced Sallee at second, putting runners on first and third. Fandrey stole second and both runners tallied when Hargis overthrew first base on Pat Foley's ground ball.

The locals went hitless for five innings before bunting a pair of safeties with a walk and an error by The Dalles for two eighth inning runs.

Roseburg loaded the bases with nobody out. Oerding opened by walking, catcher Billy Rudzik hit solidly to left and all hands were safe when Davidson bobbled Droscher's hard hit ball at shortstop.

Bases Remain Loaded

Young Ron Beamer then lofted a base hit fly to left that dropped through at the last moment.

The Dalles Takes First

Roseburg	B	H	O	A
Polley, cf	5	0	1	0
Hargis, ss	4	0	3	1
Oerding, rf	2	0	0	0
Rudzik, c	3	1	7	2
Droscher, lf	4	0	2	0
Beamer, lb	4	1	5	0
Lindbloom, 3b	3	1	2	3
McClellan, 2b	4	0	2	2
Smith, p	4	1	2	2
Totals	33	4	24	10

The Dalles	B	H	O	A
Davidson, ss	4	2	0	2
Peterson, p	3	1	1	0
Sallee, 3b	4	0	1	2
Fandrey, c	4	2	15	1
Foley, lb	4	0	5	0
Roark, 2b	2	0	2	1
Head, rf	4	0	1	0
Kirkelle, lf	2	0	0	0
Larson, cf	4	1	2	0
Totals	31	6	27	6

Runs Oerding, Rudzik, Lindbloom Davidson 2, Peterson 2, Fandrey, head. Errors — Hargis 2, Oerding, Lindbloom, Davidson 2, Foley, Larson, RBI — Beamer, McClellan, Smith, Peterson, Fandrey, Larson, 2B — Smith 3B — Peterson, SB — Roark 2, Fandrey, DP — Smith to Beamer's Sallee to Roark, LOB — Roseburg 8. The Dalles 9, SO — Smith 7, Peterson 15, BB — Smith 6, Peterson 5, R-ER — Smith 3-2; Peterson 3-2, HBP — Kirkelle by Smith; Hargis, Oerding by Peterson.

WP — Peterson (9-2). LP: Smith (6-1). U — Westover, Campbell, Dawson. Time — 1:50. Att — 1,116.

allowing only Oerding to score from third and the bases to stay loaded.

The next batter, Lindbloom, went down on strikes on a questionable play that brought notable squawking from Coach Bill Harper and Lindbloom. A shoulder-to-shoulder episode between Harper and large plate umpire Ken Westover from Portland fired up the crowd as the Roseburg mentor protested that Fandrey, the catcher, had interfered with Lindbloom's bat on the final swinging strike.

Anger swelled the faces of both men in a heated exchange both during and after the inning that gained little love of the Roseburg folk for Westover.

One More Run Scores

After Lindbloom was called out, second baseman Bobby McClellan bounced out to the shortstop, for the second out allowing Rudzik to score from third. Smith struck out to end the inning.

The Dalles registered once more in the bottom of the eighth. Dan Head, the right fielder, took first on Hargis' error, moved to second on Smith's third wild pitch of the game and scored on Larson's one-base drive to center.

McMinnville Golfer Repeats In Coast Event

ASTORIA (U) — Defending champion Dusty Woods of McMinnville repeated in the men-under-40 bracket in the 45th annual Oregon Coast Golf tournament, defeating Portland's Virgil Mitchell, 5 and 3 in the championship round.

Myrtle Creek Takes Lead In Evergreen

EVERGREEN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Myrtle Creek	4	0	1.000
Cottage Grove	3	1	.750
Roseburg	1	3	.250
Riddle	0	4	.000

Last-place Riddle absorbed bitter 4-3 and 15-14 defeats at the hands of first place Myrtle Creek in Sunday Evergreen League baseball activity and faces the loss of one of its regular athletes for the rest of the season after an accidental "beating."

Stan Long, Riddle shortstop, was removed to Myrtle Creek Hospital with a broken nose and a hemorrhage of the left eye after a thrown ball caught Long in the face as he was running between first and second base of Sunday's first game between the two teams.

Long, who did not lose consciousness, was treated at the hospital and was to be taken to Portland Sunday evening for further treatment. The eye injury was described as a "small hemorrhage."

The 17-year-old Riddle player was diving for second base when he was forced out there on an infield ball in the seventh inning. He was hit on the attempted relay throw to first to catch the baserunner there.

Roseburg Divides Pair

While Myrtle Creek was gaining a clear shot at first place, Roseburg's Eagles accommodated the league leaders with a split series at Cottage Grove. The home team took a 4-3 first game and then dropped an 8-4 decision to the Eagles in the second tilt.

In the first game, Manager Ken Ayers smacked a 301-foot home run over the left field wall in the second inning for Roseburg's first run. Each team got four hits.

Phil Telford with 3-3 and Jerry Hennebeck with 3-4 led Roseburg hitting in the 8-4 nightcap win, produced by an eight-run sixth inning.

In the sixth, Jim Hennebeck singled, Telford sacrificed Ken Forrest walked, a wild pitch followed, Risley and Steve Danchoch walked, Harold Mulligan hit a pinch hit single, Jerry Hennebeck and Wayne Reitman doubled, Jim Hennebeck, Telford and Forrest all singled.

Four Whiffs Eight

Winning pitcher Chuck Verrell struck out eight.

Myrtle Creek scored three runs in the fourth and a single marker in the fifth to beat Riddle 4-3 in their first game at Myrtle Creek.

Myrtle Creek's winning run was produced when Wally Richardson followed White's single with a triple.

The second game was halted after five innings by mutual consent of both teams with Myrtle Creek leading 15-14. Riddle had scored 12 runs in the top of the fifth inning, but the winners came back with five in the bottom half of the fifth and appeared well on the way to more scoring when action was severed.

For the winners, Jim Phillips and Avery hit 3-4 and Myers had 4-5. Larry Cockrell hit 3-4 for Riddle.

Roseburg	020 000 100-3 4
Cottage Gr.	022 000 900-4 4
Reitman and Forrest; Wick's and Fox.	
WP: Wick's. LP: Reitman.	
Home run: Ayers, Roseburg.	
Roseburg	000 008 000-8 11
Cottage Gr.	000 031 000-4 6
Verrell, Hennebeck (6) and Forrest; Stewart, Wyant (6) and Ellsworth.	
Riddle	010 002 000-3 7
Myrtle Cr.	000 310 00x-4 7
Macauley and Gillespie; Weber and Phillips.	
WP: Weber. LP: Macauley.	
Home run: Macauley, Riddle.	

Standings

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
Eugene	16	9	.640	
Tri-City	15	12	.556	2 1/2
Lewiston	14	12	.538	2 1/2
Wenatchee	12	12	.500	4
Spokane	13	15	.464	4 1/2
Salem	12	15	.444	5
Yakima	11	17	.393	6 1/2

Sunday's Results
Tri-City 7-11, Salem 5-9
Wenatchee 6-10, Lewiston 3-3
Spokane 8, Yakima 4

Saturday's Results
Yakima 6-1, Spokane 5-3
Wenatchee 9, Lewiston 5
Salem 8, Tri-City 7

Monday's Schedule
Eugene at Salem
Wenatchee at Yakima
Spokane at Lewiston

Chiefs Nab 2 Games



Grants Pass Edged Saturday, Crushed Sunday

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Drain Near Title; 2 Won At Coquille

SOUTHERN OREGON LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Drain	14	2	.875	—
Coquille	9	9	.500	6
Bend	7	7	.500	6
Roseburg	8	10	.444	7
Medford	8	10	.444	7
Bandon	6	8	.429	7
Grants Pass	6	12	.333	9

Drain all but clinched its fourth straight Southern Oregon League baseball title over the weekend with convincing 8-7 and 8-2 wins over second place Coquille.

In spite of losing their second straight series, the Loggers retained second place in the standings.

Roseburg's Chiefs moved up into a fourth place tie with Medford after the Chiefs took two games from Grants Pass while Medford was losing 5-4 and 10-6 decisions to Bandon. Grants Pass dropped into the cellar.

Drain rallied for five runs in the sixth inning of the Saturday night game at Drain to overcome Coquille. The inning was featured by 375-foot home runs by pitcher Bob Diller and catcher Bill Beard.

Starting pitcher Jerry Cade struck out six and Diller fanned seven.

Coquille	B	H	O	A
Drain	102	202	000	-7 10 1
WP: Diller. LP: Pilgrim.				
Home runs: Diller, Beard, Pilgram and Garner; Cade, Diller (4) and Beard.				
Coquille	B	H	O	A
Drain	090	021	030	-8 14 2
Coquille	200	000	000	-2 11 2
Duer and Beard; Lehl, Mellott (8) and Garner.				
WP: Duer. LP: Lehl.				
Medford	000	000	003	-4 5 2
Bandon	000	000	002	035 8 2
Noyes and Wooten; Morana, Ellis (9), Johnson (10) and Backlund.				
WP: Johnson. LP: Noyes.				
Home run: Maddox, Medford.				
Medford	000	000	003	-6 8 2
Bandon	420	110	11x	-10 10 2
Scherpf, Kelly (1) and Wooten; Wright and Carreon.				
WP: Wright. LP: Kelly.				

Eagle Pointers Tip Lumberjills

Eagle Point came from behind to upend Roseburg's Lumberjills 6-4 in eight innings of a women's softball game at Schermer Field Sunday afternoon.

A single and a home run to centerfield produced the winning runs for the visitors.

Roseburg led 4-2 after three innings but went scoreless for the next five frames, leaving nine runners stranded.

In the first inning, Joy Young tripled and Gladys Oyler singled for one run. Four singles produced only one run in the second inning with Marge Barge hitting the first base hit and scoring later on Wiljean Grimes' safety.

An error, a fielder's choice, Donna Bashford's base hit and an infield out scored Roseburg's last run.

Mickey McKern hit 2-3, Young and Bashford had 2-4 for Roseburg.

Eagle Point 200 001 12-6 7 2
Roseburg 112 000 00-4 10 5
Ingle and Schroeder; Blizard and Gildersleeve.

Teams To Resume Action On Finlay Field Tonight

The second game of the Roseburg-The Dalles American Junior Legion baseball state championship series is scheduled for Finlay Field tonight at 8. The teams will finish the series at The Dalles beginning Wednesday evening.

Seating will be accommodated on a first come first served basis. Additional bleacher sections have raised seating capacity at the field to approximately 800.

Probable pitchers for tonight's game are Jerry Droscher (5-1) for Roseburg and Bill Roark (3-3) for The Dalles.

Buswell Benefit Garners \$169.44

A total of \$169.44 was gathered Saturday night as players from the Twilight and Industrial softball leagues competed in a benefit exhibition doubleheader at Schermer Field.

The money will be turned over to Dick Buswell, hospitalized after a Twilight Softball League mishap on May 23. Buswell was a First Methodist Church outfielder.

The Twilight League All-Stars defeated Wilbur Lumber Co. 21-7 and Moore's Cafe defeated Nordie Plywood 2-1 in games played before about 200 persons.

Frank Johnson pitched Moore's to its triumph as the two top teams from the Industrial League collided. In the evening's first game, Frank Bonnell and Carter shared pitching duties.

Pete Rulter of LaVera's homered for the winners.

Ram-Steeler Appearance Readied For Saturday

PORTLAND (U) — The Pittsburgh Steelers will make their first Pacific Northwest appearance here Saturday in an exhibition professional football game with the Los Angeles Rams.

The game will be played in Multnomah Stadium. A crowd of 25,000 is expected.

Sports Calendar

MONDAY
BASEBALL: American Legion playoffs: The Dalles vs. Roseburg, Finlay Field, 8.
SOFTBALL: Industrial League playoffs: Moore's Cafe vs. Nordie Plywood, Schermer Field, 7.
Twilight League Tournament VA Field, 6:30.

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