

Bobby Doerr Calls Legion Ball 'Outstanding'

The Dalles '9' Wins Crown

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Harper Calls His Legion '9' The Best Club In The State



SPORTS IN BRIEF
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TENNIS
BROOKLINE, Mass. — Doris Hart, Rye, N.Y., and Shirley Fry, Akron, Ohio, advanced to the second round of the women's doubles championship with an easy 6-2, 4-6, 6-0 victory over Helen Rihbany, Boston and Carol Fageros, Miami.

PHILADELPHIA — Ken Rosewall and Lew Hoad made it a complete rout of Italy for Australia's Davis Cup team by winning the final two singles matches in interzone final.

Modest Bobby Doerr, the ex-Boston Red Sox baseball great, is a firm believer that any boy who applies himself diligently in developing natural ability can play professional baseball, and find it "easier — the higher you go."

These encouraging words he delivered to Roseburg American Junior Legion baseball players and a crowd of about 100 who gathered at a Tuesday evening banquet at the Elks ballroom honoring Roseburg's state legion finalists.

He admonished his 15 young listeners of the Legion team to "gain your minor league experience in college." He then conducted the assemblage through some interesting observations on the game.

Modesty Shows
Doerr was introduced by Legion Post 16 Commander Lee Wimberly who served as master of ceremonies. The introduction included impressive statistics on Doerr's 15-year major league career, but the rather small built and greying Doerr declined to make himself a subject of discussion in his presentation, preferring to cite the examples of other ball players to illustrate a point.

He did observe that his pre-major league experience had included two years of Legion ball in Los Angeles on a team from which ultimately seven ball players played either major league or

Pacific Coast League ball. He called the Legion baseball organization in this country "an outstanding setup."

Ted Williams, with whom Doerr roomed for a while when the two were teammates at Boston, he called his favorite baseball subject of discussion. Doerr called Joe DiMaggio the greatest all-around modern-day player, but Williams "outstanding" for hitting alone.

Unduly Criticized
When questioned by one of the crowd, Doerr defended Williams for having been unduly publicized in some temperamental moments. The speaker freely expressed himself on one running baseball dispute and came up with predictions on home-run hitting in the majors and the current American League race.

Doerr took sides for modern day baseball on the argument of the hustle of ball players in the Ty Cobb era and the modern player. These are not "rowdy baseball days," he contended, "but they play just as smart today."

Doerr looks for the major league season home-run record of 60 to be broken within the next few years and pointed out this year's hot race among several contenders for top honors. He predicted that either Cleveland or New York had the best chance of winning this year's American League pennant, citing alma mater Boston's chances as having "a little percentage against them for the rest of the season on road trips and opponents."

He said that the current American League race is one of the best things that could have happened for baseball and that this fact and the home-run race both indicated a trend away from the "drop" baseball had taken for the last six years.

While Oregon weather conditions leave local players at a "disadvantage" for year-round practice, he observed that "one reason that the game has improved in Oregon in recent years is improved coaching."

He told his Legion audience not to feel bad because of having lost the state championship, because "just a small break in the game can be the difference between winning and losing."

RACING
CHICAGO — Jockey Willie Shoemaker rode six winners, including Colleen (8-60) in the feature, at Washington Park.

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The Dalles, Ore., shut out Billings, 4-0, in finals of the Region 11 American Legion junior baseball tournament Tuesday night and earned a berth in the sectional tournament opening Sunday at Hastings, Neb.

Billings, the Region 11 defending champion, couldn't stand up to the offerings of The Dalles right-hander Denny Peterson who allowed only four hits and struck out 12 batters while walking four.

Billings moved into the Region 11 championship round earlier Tuesday with a 6-2 win over Spokane, the Washington titlist. Billings scored twice in the first inning on three hits and an error and Spokane never caught up.

Roseburg Slates Game Here; Sox Play At Home

The Roseburg-Medford semi-pro baseball game originally scheduled for tonight has been cancelled by mutual consent of both teams, according to Manager Hal Zuercher of the Chiefs. The Chiefs play Coos Bay-North Bend Friday night at North Bend in their next game.

Semi-pro baseball action is slated for both Roseburg and Drain tonight.

The Black Sox, unbeaten in 18 straight games, and currently sporting a 24-4 season's record, look up with Coos Bay - North Bend in one of the feature games of the Oregon semi-pro season at Drain.

CB-NB had a 29-7 record after defeating the Roseburg Chiefs 9-1 last week at Finlay Field. The Lumberjack record also includes an early-season 10-0 triumph over Manager Roy Helser's Sox.

Roseburg and Medford's Cheney Stubs are scheduled to meet in a non-league game at Finlay Field. The two Southern Oregon League foes have each swept a two-game series from each other and are struggling for fourth place in the standings.

Douglas County's 15-man American Junior Legion baseball team, runners in the state this summer, took bows at a no-host banquet in their honor Tuesday evening at the Elks Ballroom.

Certificate presentations and pictures were awarded to the entire squad by Legion Post 16 Commander Lee Wimberly after the team had first been presented to the 100-odd gathering in the room.

Coach Bill Harper, who had reached Roseburg 45 minutes before the dinner began from a California vacation, introduced each of the team members to the audience and commented on their contributions to the team and the team's second place finish in the state.

Pro Prospect
When he introduced shortstop Fred Hargis, one of five "graduating" members from this year's team, he called him "a good pro prospect." Other "seniors" on the team who were presented with grey jackets in addition to other awards were outfielder Eugene Polley of Glide, pitcher Gary Crenshaw and infielder Tommy Burgess from Roseburg.

A fifth senior member, Jerry Droscher, was on vacation in Washington and was unable to attend. Second baseman Bobby McClellan from Camas Valley and Glide were also absent.

When he had introduced the team, Harper observed the team's "hard work" and then, as if releasing pent-up feelings, he quickly and firmly instructed the crowd: "I still think even if they beat us, we had a better ball club."

"I'm not making any excuses — but we just didn't get a break. I think we could beat them if we could play them again — I don't know what happened."

Harper was referring to the final Legion state championship playoff game which Roseburg lost 4-2 after leading 2-0 going into the top half of the ninth inning. The Dalles then scored four runs to win the third game of the best-of-five game series and the state title.

The Dalles On Top
Harper was dispatched with a solid round of applause, after taking the microphone again. Wimberly pointed out that The Dalles, the team which had edged the locals in the state championship series, had reached the finals unbeaten in regional Legion play at Billings, Mont.

Certificates and pictures were presented to each player through the Ford division of Ford Motor Co., nation-wide sponsors of Legion baseball teams. Silver baseballs were to be presented to each boy later. They were unavailable last night.

Players receiving awards in addition to those already mentioned were Bill Oerding, Allen Smith, Kerner Doughton, Paul Hanson, Dick Smith, Wayne Kennedy, Billy Rudzik, Ron Beamer and Allen Lindblom and team manager, Mike Brundage.

Legion representative Irwin Short presented Fred Lockwood of Lockwood Motors with the state runnerup plaque.

TO JERSEY?
BROOKLYN (AP) — The Brooklyn Dodgers will play seven of their National League games in Jersey City's Roosevelt Stadium next year, club president Walter O'Malley announced Tuesday.

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NOTABLES GATHERED AT HEAD TABLE following Tuesday night's banquet honoring Roseburg's American Junior Legion state baseball finalists, and chief among notables was guest speaker Bobby Doerr. The ex-major leaguer autographs Roseburg Legion team picture for team manager Mike Brundage in above photo while little Kathryn Healy looks on. Others in group from left to right are Legion player Fred Hargis, Coach Bill Harper and Umpqua Post Legion Commander Lee Wimberly. Forehead in background is that of Hod Turner. Attentive listeners to Doerr exhortations in picture at right are Legion players Gary Crenshaw, Allen Lindblom and Eugene Polley. Doerr addressed crowd numbering over 100. (Don Minolovich photos).

Yesterday's Stars

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PITCHING — Billy Hoelt, Tigers allowed just two singles, one in the first and the other in the second, then retired 21 men in order before giving up his lone walk with two out in ninth to beat Cleveland 7-0.

BATTING — Bob Kennedy, White Sox — Singled Minnie Mims home with winning run to defeat Kansas City 5-4 in 11 innings.

Yanks Crush Boston Sox

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	72	46	.610	
Chicago	68	45	.602	1 1/2
Cleveland	70	47	.598	1 1/2
Boston	67	50	.573	4 1/2
Detroit	61	55	.526	10
Kansas City	48	70	.407	24
Washington	41	74	.357	29 1/2
Baltimore	37	77	.325	33

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	77	38	.670	
Milwaukee	64	55	.538	15
New York	62	55	.530	
Philadelphia	60	60	.500	19 1/2
Cincinnati	57	62	.479	22
Chicago	58	64	.475	22 1/2
St. Louis	52	63	.452	25
Pittsburgh	43	76	.361	36

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Is the bubble busted in Boston? The once red-hot Red Sox, stepping on the heels of the leaders barely three weeks ago, now have tumbled to six defeats in their last 11 games, slipping 4 1/2 games behind in the American League pennant race.

Things haven't been this tough in Beantown since before Ted Williams got back in harness late in May.

The Red Sox took a real pasting Tuesday night, crumbling before the New York Yankees 13-6 as the Bombers won their seventh straight to snatch a 1 1/2-game lead in the mad pennant scramble.

The Yanks added a full game to their margin as Detroit knocked off the Cleveland Indians, 7-0, behind Bill Hoelt's two-hitter and Chicago replaced the Tribe in second place by finally subduing the Kansas City Athletics 5-4 in 11 innings.



Bill Jones

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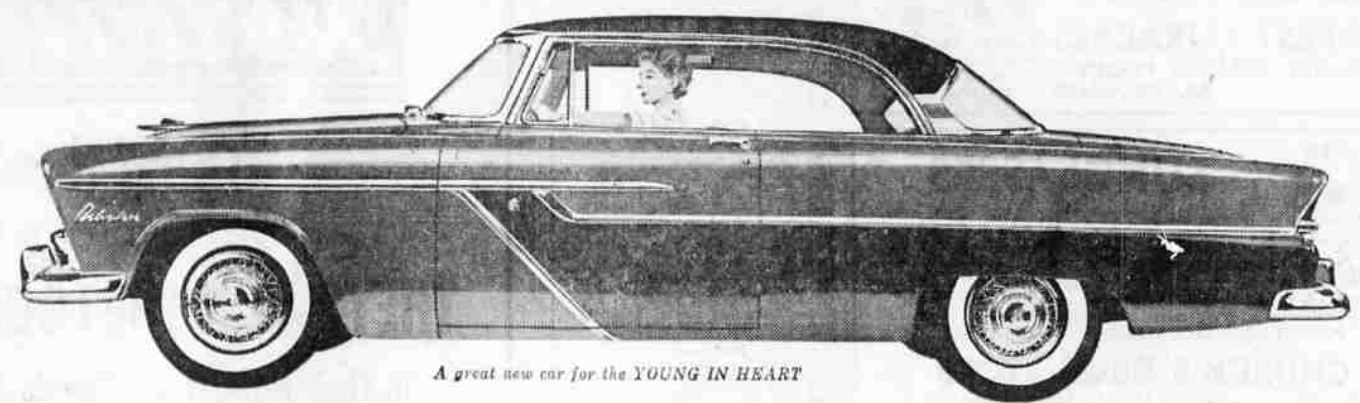
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