

Legion Wins 2 From Springfield, 3-2, 9-0

Dick Smith Hits Two-Run Homer To Save First Game

By BROWNIE VALDEZ
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Roseburg's American Legion baseball team won a double-header baseball contest over the visiting Springfield Legion nine by 3-2 and 9-0 scores Thursday night in Finlay Field.

Pinch-hitter Dick Smith blasted out a two-run homer, with one away, in the bottom of the seventh to win the first encounter.

The second contest, cut to five innings, saw the local aggregation pound across six big runs in the first frame, adding one in the third and two in the fourth for the victory.

Lefty Bill Oeding went the distance for the crew in the curtain raiser and was tagged hard on several occasions, giving up five hits, including a four-base blast and walking four.

Rick Hermann, who went the

route for Springfield, allowed but three hits and four walks, one of which was issued in the final frame before pinch-hitter Smith connected for his screaming drive.

Roseburg Gets Run

Roseburg dented the plate for a single counter in the initial stanza on a walk to Oeding, a single by Danny Kimmie, a fielder's choice and an error on the center fielder.

Springfield countered with a lone tally in the top of the third with a walk to Hermann, a sacrifice and

Cottage Grove Slated

The Cottage Grove Legion team will play a return engagement with Roseburg tonight at Finlay Field at 8.

Dave Saunders' single to center, The errors by infielders had two additional runners on base during the inning, but Oeding retired the side without further damage.

Both clubs offered scoring threats during the next couple of innings with neither able to come through in the clutch.

Hermann, who had the Roseburg batters on his hip during most of the game, aided his own cause greatly in the half of the sixth with a circuit clout to put Springfield in the lead 2-1.

Smith Pinch Hits

The one-run lead looking mighty big as Bob McClellan, leadoff batter in the bottom half of the seventh, took a look at a third called strike.

However, Mike Hatfield batting in the No. 8 spot gained life on four straight pitches with a home run on balls. This brought up Bill Eswine batting in the last spot, Coach Harper called time and sent Smith to the plate for Eswine.

Smith watched two pitches go by, then blasted out the longest home run of the year for the local nine, a deep drive to left center that rolled clear to the fence, close to 600 feet from home plate.

Both runners scored before the fielders could chase the ball down, pulling certain defeat into a climactic victory.

Six Runs Across

The nightcap, cut to five innings due to a late start, featured a six-run uprising by Roseburg in its first trip to the plate.

Three walks, an error, two stolen bases and hits by Dick Smith, Allen Lindbloom, Ron Beane and Wayne Kennaday accounted for all of the scoring.

Roseburg added a single tally in the third on Beane's double and an error which allowed him to score. The final two runs crossed the plate in the fourth, Larry Bissonette's single, a walk to Oeding and two errors accounting for both runs.

Springfield staged its main uprising in the second stanza when it had the bases loaded with one out. Lefty Bob Harty, from Douglas, retired the side without further damage by the strikeout route.

Hurlers Look Good

The pert lefty allowed one safety during his four-inning mound stint and then gave way to Billy Eswine of Glendale in the last stanza. Eswine struck out the first two batters he faced, gave up a single to Dixon and then retired the side on a fly ball to center.

Harty received credit for the win and Gene Palermo was hit for the loss.

Beane was the game's leading hitter with 2-3.

Line score (first game):
Springfield 001 001 0-2 3 2
Roseburg 190 000 2-3 3 5
Batteries: Springfield — Herman and Willis; Roseburg — Oeding and Rudick.

Line score (second game):
Springfield 000 00-0 2 4
Roseburg 601 28-9 6 0
Batteries: Springfield — Palermo, Harper (1) and Smith; Roseburg — Harty, Eswine (5) and Brown.

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Moore's Dumps U. S. Ply, 1-0, In Industrial Action

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Moore's Cafe	5	0	1.000
Umpqua Plywood	3	2	.600
U.S. Plywood	2	3	.400
S. Stephens Hdw.	0	5	.000

A thrilling pitchers' battle between Lake loss of Umpqua Plywood and Duane Ankerberg of Moore's Cafe featured Industrial League softball action Thursday night. Ankerberg got the better of the nod with a 1-0 shutout win.

The first battle of the night between U.S. Plywood and South Stephens Hardware was won by the plywood outfit on a 11-5 score. The U.S. nine were forced to come from behind in the late stages of the game to win the contest.

The nightcap saw the veteran Ross toss a one-hitter, striking out four and walking one while going the distance. Ankerberg, fashione a three-hit performance, setting 15 of the visitors down on KO's, several of them coming during tight moments. He gave up no walks.

The win for Moore's was its fifth straight in league play without a setback. Myrtle Creek is in second place with a 3-2 record, both losses coming at the hands of the front-running cafe nine.

Moore's scored the lone tally in the bottom half of the sixth with errors on the part of Myrtle Creek players accounting for most of the damage.

Second baseman Bill Shapiro started it off with a hard bouncer to shortstop Don Gillispie. Gillispie fielded the ball cleanly, but cut loose with a wild heave to first and Shapiro ended up at second on the play.

Ralph Sanstede, batting in the cleanup spot, laid down a bunt fielded by third baseman D. A. S. Bray, whose throw was missed by first baseman Ken Mears. Shapiro, who was off and running, rounded third and scored what proved to be the winning run.

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In the fourth, leadoff batter Virgil O'Quinn reached Ankerberg for the first base hit of the game, a line double down the left field line. Ankerberg, however, set the next three batters down on strikes.

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S. Steph. Hdw. 311 000 0-5 6 4
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Beaver Rally Ends In 9th As Stars Win

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	55	34	.618	
Los Angeles	54	36	.600	1 1/2
Hollywood	46	41	.528	8
Portland	42	44	.488	11 1/2
Sacramento	42	44	.488	11 1/2
San Diego	41	48	.461	14
San Francisco	41	48	.461	14
Vancouver	31	57	.352	23 1/2

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Hollywood staved off a ninth inning Portland rally and won, 8-7, a Pacific Coast League baseball game that lasted more than four hours Thursday night.

It was rain, not play, that extended the game so much. Two interruptions cleared the field for nearly an hour and a half.

Hollywood's victory wound up the series at two games each. Portland winning the first two and Hollywood the last two.

While this was going on in Portland, Los Angeles pounded three San Diego pitchers for a 10-5 victory and moved to within a game and a half of league-leading Seattle which was idle.

Sacramento beat San Francisco, 4-3, aided by four San Francisco errors and Wally Westlake's homer.

Hollywood got away to a good start against Portland, scoring three runs in the first inning on a walk and four singles and adding another in the third on a walk and Jerry Baumer's triple.

Then, as though to make it a rout, Hollywood added another in the fifth and two more in the sixth for a 6-0 margin.

Portland started the sixth with a double by Sam Calderone and singles by Jack Littrell, Royce Lint, Dick Young and Tommy Saffell to bring in two runs and leave the bases full with none out.

Then came the second rain interruption and it lasted 54 minutes.

When play resumed Bob Borkowski hit into a double play one run scoring, and Frank Carswell fanned.

Two more Portland runs scored in the eighth on Littrell's triple, Borkowski's double and singles by Saffell and Carswell.

Then came the ninth and Hollywood's Joe Duhem homered, making the Hollywood lead 8-5. "A double play got Portland off to a bad last-of-the-ninth start, but a homer by Littrell with one on made it 8-7. Eddie Basinski walked and went to third when Dick Young's grounder was badly handled. Young went to second. Saffell, who had flied out and the game was over.

Portland opens Friday night at Seattle.

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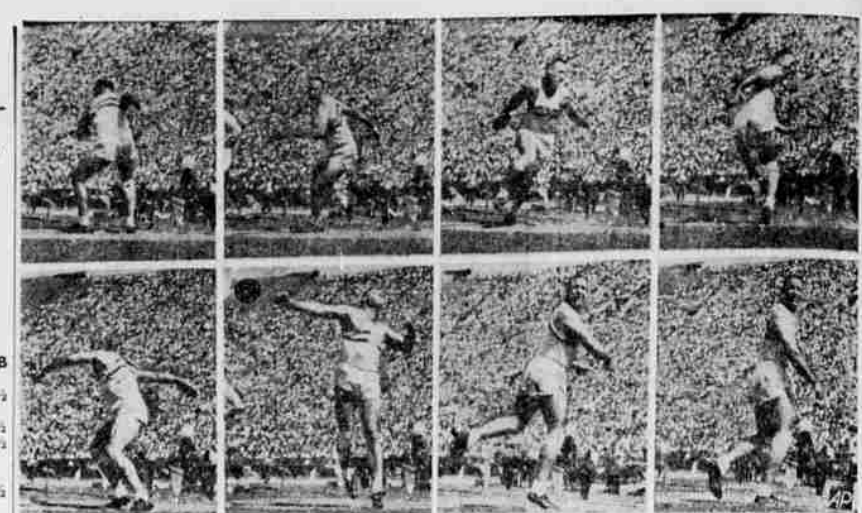
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PITCHING THE PLATTER—Fortune Gordien, former Minnesota star now performing for the Los Angeles Athletic Club, gives a demonstration of how a champion throws the discus at the Los Angeles Coliseum, where he led qualifiers for the U. S. Olympic team with a throw of 187 feet 8 1/2 inches. That's not quite seven feet below his world record of 194 feet 6 inches. (AP).

Sidelineer

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Mark Robbins, ex-Roseburg High School mile champion and top-rated University of Oregon Frosh distance man, was one of 45 U. of O. students to get perfect 4.0 grade averages for the spring term at Oregon.

In our last Sidelineer column, we noted that Glendale's ace hurler Duane Miller was a lefty, since then, we have been informed by Logger Manager Charles Tolley, that it happens to serve them up from the right side.

According to Salem papers, Salem Senator baseball Manager Hugh Luby is attempting to swing a deal to add Mike (Mickey) Coen to his dwindling mound staff. It could be a good break for the ex-Roseburg lad and Luby has always been high in praise towards the ex-Williamette flinger.

Mickey is currently pitching for Amarillo of the Texas League, and would like very much to get back around his old stomping grounds, according to brother Jerry.

SEVERAL Douglas County anglers found the Coos Bay much to their liking over the past weekend, according to North Bend information sources. Jack Sweeney of Yoncalla landed two good-sized silvers and Phil Grosver and George Aiken, both of Myrtle Creek, landed chinooks weighing 21 and 22 pounds, respectively.

The same news source says the fishing should be better yet this coming weekend, due to the fine outlook in the weather.

Don Hurling and Jerry Droscher, both hurling for Medford's Cheney Stude of the Southern Oregon League, are having a fair year on the mound.

White has a 1-2 record and Droscher is at 1-1. White defeated Bend and lost to Drain and North Bend. Droscher has a sparkling one-hit win over Drain in the season's opener, along with a crushing 11-1 loss against Bend.

FRANK PURDY, the well-known track coach at Roseburg High School, who resigned at the close of the track season after eight years at the helm, will be leaving the Roseburg area in the near future. Frank and wife, Kathryn, have taken teaching positions at Sacramento.

The well-versed cinder coach will be instructing English at McClatchy High and Mrs. Purdy will be teaching at Starr-King Grade School.

Both are attending summer school at University of Oregon and plan on leaving at the close of the summer term.

Frank Purdy Jr. will attend U of O when the fall semester begins. One of the feature softball attractions of the year was played at Schermer Field Thursday night and when the dust of battle had settled.

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LaVera's Trips Vets Bv 19-15

TWILIGHT LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
VA Employees	7	0	1.000
Harv. Club Shop	5	2	.716
City Drive In	4	3	.568
LaVera's	4	4	.500
Wilbur Lumber	3	4	.432
Christian Church	3	5	.375
Vets All-Stars	0	7	.000

LaVera's softball nine handed the Vets All-Stars crew its seventh straight setback during Twilight League action Thursday night in a loosely played contest, 19-15.

Five home runs were blasted out during the game, three by the winners and two for the losers. Steel, Thomas and McDonald clouted round-trippers for LaVera's while Husky and Sheehan collected homers for the losing Vets gang.

Stevenson hurled the win.

Line score:
LaVera's 822 115-19 10 8
Vets All-Stars 212 172-15 10 8
Batteries: LaVera's — Stevenson and Evans; Vets All-Stars — Husky and Sheehan.

Ring Record

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Ernie Durando, 162, Bayonne, N. J., outpointed Jimmy Martinez, 160, Phoenix, 10.

LOS ANGELES — Timmy Jefferson, 140 1/2, Los Angeles, stopped Walt Tyler, 145, Los Angeles, 2.

PHILADELPHIA — Garnett (Sugar) Hart, 145, Philadelphia, knocked out Henry Jordan, 155, New York, 7.

Several of the top softball teams of the state are scheduled to make appearances at Roseburg in the very near future, but with crowds such as witnessed last night, one trip will probably be enough.

ONE OF THE GREATEST competitors we have watched all year is the 142-pound Larry (Mighty Mouse) Cocchi of the Grants Pass Legion baseball team.

Not only is he one of the top chuckers on the club (he serves them up from the south side), he is also one of the most feared hitters on the club and bats in the No. 3 position.

He is also one of the cockiest players in the league and seems quite capable of backing up anything he attempts, even to the extent of keeping the umpires in line without batting an eye.

After watching him on several occasions, we think he is pretty close to right most of the time.

Mick To Test Injured Joint

NEW YORK (AP) — Mickey Mantle picked up a brace for his injured right knee today with the prospect of returning to action with the New York Yankees—at least in a pinch-hit role—within "two or three days."

The young slugger planned to rejoin the Yankees in Washington later today. A weekend test of the knee, injured Wednesday at Boston, will determine whether he will start in Tuesday's All-Star Game.

The blonde, 24-year-old center fielder, bidding to break Babe Ruth's record season total of 60 home runs, had an X-ray examination here Thursday night. It revealed sprained ligaments, which team physician Dr. Sydney P. Gaynor indicated were not serious. It was he who set the "two or three days" limit.

Ligaments Okay

None of the ligaments were torn from the bone, as was feared.

Mantle, a bit glum but able to walk without assistance, said, "I'll throw that brace away as soon as I can."

The single-hinge brace is worn on the outside of the knee. It looks like and moves like a nutcracker.

The Mick, with 29 home runs to date — five games ahead of Ruth's record 1927 pace — has had leg troubles before, and has worn knee braces before.

"I had a different brace, a double-hinge type that fitted on both sides of the knee, but I couldn't pivot with it on," he said. "They say I'll be able to pivot with this one. But I'll have to try it out first."

Knee Hurt July 4

Mantle, the No. 1 gate attraction in baseball at the moment, injured the knee after fielding a game-winning hit by Boston's Jimmy Piersall in the first game of the Fourth of July twin bill. He scooped up the ball on the run and made an off-balance throw to the plate. He twisted his knee in the process, spraining the ligaments.

He missed the second game of the double-header — the first game he has missed this season — and also sat out yesterday's game.

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