

Softball Switch To Baseball With Underhand Pitch Fails To Attain Coveted Stardom

By JACK HEWINS

SEATTLE — The divorce is final between baseball and Bobby Fesler, the pitching pitcher who tried to give the Great American Game a touch of softball style via the underhand pitch.

In three seasons — including part of one for recuperation — Fesler has made the full circle from softball stardom through baseball's minor leagues and back to softball.

He challenged the tradition that a baseball must be thrown, not bowled, and he lost. The hitters are happy that Bob has gone back to softball. They couldn't connect for a loud foul when he got the ball in the strike zone — which was too seldom.

Lack of control chased Fesler from the threshold of the major leagues down through the minors and out the back door. He started with Seattle of the Pacific Coast League in August of 1955 and his trail touched at Denver, Visalia, Calif., Albuquerque, N.M., and Plainview, Tex.

Bobby had grown up playing softball and hardly gave that other game a casual thought. Then one night when he was 25 years old, married, gainfully employed as a pipefitter and perfectly contented, he suddenly found himself pitching professionally for the Seattle Rainiers.

Whiffs One—Then Debacle

The biggest crowd of the season — 14,000 — turned out to see Fesler's debut. The fans knew he had pitched about 55 no-hit, no-run softball games; so many he had lost count.

The Rainiers had signed him after a tryout in which he baffled their best hitters. Manager Fred Hutchinson couldn't even hunt safely against Fesler. "It's amazing," said Hutch, "every pitch does something."

He struck out the first man that night and then lost the game. While his fans moaned, Bobby

walked five, hit one batter, threw three wild pitches and had to be relieved before he got the side out.

He stuck with the Rainiers for a short time and was with them for spring training in 1956. Then he was at Visalia briefly before he came home to play semi-pro baseball and compile a 7-2 pitching record. In 1957 he signed with Denver, pitched in several spring games and went down to Albuquerque and finally to Plainview.

Longer Distance Handicaps

"I was never more homesick in my life," Bob remembers. "And hungry. I was cashing weekly paychecks of about \$180 as a pipefitter when I signed with Denver for \$400 a month. But my wife and I felt I should make the effort and we don't regret it."

He got his release, came back to Seattle and finished out the season as a contented, non-athletic pipefitter.

"I think the change in pitching distance was the main difficulty," Bob now analyzes his troubles. "The baseball pitcher throws 14 feet, 6 inches, farther than the softball chucker. I had plenty of stuff and plenty of speed with the stiff, harder ball but the plate was tough to locate."

Late Start Lamented

"The pros didn't resent me or treat me as a freak, but they didn't like to hit against me even in batting practice. I guess they felt I was a little bit ahead when they couldn't hit the underhand pitch."

"I don't regret a minute of it. I only wish I could have made the try when I was 18 or 19. A family man of 25 can't spend too much time trying to carve a new career."

Now he's trying to win back his old job as a regular moundsman with the Federal Old Line softball team. It isn't easy. The club's two regular pitchers recorded 18 shutouts without Fesler last season, gave up less than one earned run per game in 50 tilts and won Seattle's Metropolitan title.

"So far," chuckles a relaxed, carefree Fesler, "I haven't even earned a uniform."

Yakima Pro Leads Oregon Open Field

PORTLAND — Yakima's professional Sid Harman held a two-stroke lead Tuesday as the 72-hole Oregon Open golf tournament entered its second round. Harman carded a six-under-par 66 in the opening round Monday.

Bud Hofmeister, Hayden Lake, Idaho, professional had a 33-35-68. His 33 won him lap money, and his 68 put him in second place. Chuck Condon, Tacoma, pro and winner of the tournament in 1947, was third with 69.

Tied for fourth with 70s were Verne Perry Jr., Portland amateur, and Al Feldman, Tacoma pro.

In fifth place with 71s were Ocky Eliason, Tacoma; Dick Yost, Portland; Dick Stearns, Portland; Bob Duden, Oswego; Harvey Hixson, Eugene; and Herb Magnuson, Seattle.

Other scores included: Joe Steiger, Spokane, 74; Emil Pascuzzi, Vancouver, Wash., and Ken Tyson, Tacoma, 76; Bobby Litton and Dave Coons, both Vancouver, Wash., 77; Gene May, Spokane; Dean Weber, Vancouver, Wash.; and John Rudy and Jack Walters, both Tacoma, all 78; Harry Clow, Vancouver, Wash., 79; Bob Stafford, Ft. Lewis; Jim Russell, Walla Walla, and John Hulbert, Grays Harbor, 80.

Scores included: Walt Cline, Salem, 73; Bunny Mason, Salem, 73; Al Cross, Eugene, 73; DeRoss Kinkade, Cottage Grove, 75; Harvey Woods, Ashland, 75; Hugh Roberts, Cottage Grove, 76; Paul Sundin, Salem, 76.

Bob Gasper, Cottage Grove, 76; Jack Owens, Salem, 77; Chuck Hunter, University of Oregon, 77; Tom Shaw, University of Oregon, 77; Keith Gubrud, Eugene, 78; Clark Good, Klamath Falls, 78; Gary Campbell, Salem, 79; Babe Carter, Eugene, 79; Bob Norquist, University of Oregon, 80; Bob Prall, Salem, 81; Ed Bauer, Salem, 81; Bob Burrell, Salem, 82; Frank Ward, Salem, 82; Terry Carter, Eugene, 82; Fred Langston, Cottage Grove, 83; Phillip H. Goulet, Salem, 88.

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CARRIED AWAY BY SONG AND COPS—It takes nerves of steel to withstand the appeal of Britain's rock 'n' roll Tommy Steele, and this gal just doesn't have them. Overcome with emotion, Vive Kleis squats and weeps, left, during a Steele performance in Stockholm, Sweden. The tension mounted and

Vive let go. She rushed through a cordon of police up to the stage and embraced the guitar-playing singer, center. The huge audience squealed with delight, but Vive's place in the sun was short-lived as the gendarmes moved in to escort her from the stage.

Youth Temperance Week Concluded With Youth Rally

Concluding observance of Youth Temperance week, the local temperance groups held a youth rally at the First Christian Church.

A gold medal speech contest and two pearl medal contests were held. Albert Radcliff of Pine Grove was awarded the gold medal with his reading, "Twins That Are Not Alike." Beryl Currier of Roseburg won the pearl medal in the first scripture contest with his presentation of Romans 12. Ruth Thrasher of Lookingglass was judged the winner in the second scripture contest and was awarded the pearl medal. Her selection was the nineteenth Psalm.

Dr. R. L. Dunn presented a meditation to the group. Julian Helleck addressed the group on the subject, "Do You Need It Or Want It?" Promotion certificates were presented to three Youth Temperance Legion members, Rita Patterson, Gloria Bates and Gloria Wright, who were in attendance at the rally from the Lookingglass league.

Caroline Fowler and Donald Wright were awarded the certificates but not present to receive them.

Instrumental solos were given on the program by Gloria Bates with the accordion and Rita Patterson with the tonette. A temperance speech motion picture, "The Choice Is Yours," was shown.

The group had a chili supper served by members of the Roseburg and Lookingglass WCTU organizations. Young people with their sponsors were present from Camas Valley, Pine Grove Lookingglass and Roseburg.

Local Illinois Alumna Participates In Study

Charlotte P. Huff of Roseburg is one of 341 alumni of Kendall College, Evanston, Ill., who participated in a study by the Evanston two-year liberal arts college to discover how well it prepares its students for further study in four-year colleges and universities and how its alumni are using their education in later life.

According to results, released by the college this week, 76 per cent continued their education beyond the two years of Kendall, and 94 per cent agreed that Kendall had adequately prepared them for their further study.

Survivors include his widow and three children, Ruth, Elizabeth, and Paul, all of Eugene.

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Operator Alert Opens In Oregon Defense Drill

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Theoretical bombs burst today over Portland and Klamath Falls, ushering in the start of Operation Alert in Oregon.

They are targets in the national civil defense drill.

The public will learn about all the confusion of aerial attack only indirectly because Operation Alert is a paperwork exercise.

From July 14 to 18 the program's second phase will be held. At that time federal agencies will operate from emergency centers upon simulated attack conditions.



ANOTHER FIRST—Peter Gluckmann, San Francisco's "Flying Watchmaker," points to the blow-out patch on tire of his airplane as he neared the end of his 25,000-mile trip at Teterboro, N. J. airport. He laid claim to being the first man to solo over the polar ice-cap in a light plane.

Collective Bargaining Case Tops High Court Decisions; Red Leader Given Freedom

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday an employer in a collective bargaining may not insist on a contract banning strikes unless voted in secret ballots of union and non-union workers.

The tribunal also decided an employer may not demand that a union local be designated the primary party to a working agreement if the National Labor Relations Board has certified the parvoc international union as the exclusive bargaining representative.

Justice Burton delivered the majority decision.

All nine justices agreed that an employer may not insist on a contract clause to recognize the local union only. They divided 5-4 in holding that the ballot clause insisted upon by the employer in Monday's case constituted an unfair labor practice.

In other actions, the high court: Ordered the release of Mrs. Oleta O'Connor Yates, San Francisco communist leader, who was sentenced to a year for contempt after she refused to answer certain questions at her 1952 trial for communist conspiracy. The majority in a 6-3 split said the seven months Mrs. Yates had been confined during litigation over her Smith Act indictment were adequate punishment. Three justices dissented, saying she had served only 15 days on the criminal court sentence.

Refused to grant an appeal by the Socialist Party, U.S.A., which questioned the constitutionality of California election code requirements which it said had disqualified it from placing candidates on

Gen. Bradley Supports Ike's Defense Policy

WASHINGTON — Gen. Omar N. Bradley told Congress Monday the present military organization has made it possible for one service to block the flow of information or requests between the Defense Department and field commanders.

Bradley testified before the House Armed Services Committee in support of President Eisenhower's defense reorganization proposals. These include changes which Eisenhower said are necessary to let orders go from the defense secretary and Joint Chiefs of Staff direct to the commanders of unified forces in the field, without passing through the hands of the secretary of the Army, Navy or Air Force. Such secretaries have acted as "executive agents" of the Defense Department in the chain of command.

Bradley, a five-star general who commanded the 12th Army Group in World War II and later served as Army chief of staff and first chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the committee:

Past Blockades Cited

"I understand that in the past there have been occasions where information or suggestions from a unified commander were retained by the executive agent without the Joint Chiefs of Staff being aware of the request or the information sent in by the unified commander."

"There have also been occasions where orders were transmitted to unified commanders from above without the executive agent being informed. This also leads to confusion."

Bradley spoke up strongly for more authority for the secretary of defense.

When asked how any law could give the secretary more power than the "direction, authority and control" specified in the present statute, Bradley said he thinks Congress should repeal the existing provision that the Army, Navy and Air Force must be "separately administered."

This recommendation of the President has been hit hard by some committee members who say it would weaken Congress' authority to decide on dividing defense appropriations among the services.

John Jay's Home Will Become Public Shrine

BEDFORD VILLAGE, N.Y. — Bedford House, for 30 years the home of John Jay, first chief justice of the United States, is to become a public shrine.

Edwin G. Michaelian, Westchester County executive, helps save the 30-acre site from house-wreckers today as he asks the Westchester Board of Supervisors to take the first fiscal step toward buying the property for \$136,000.

The county then will give the property to New York state for operation as a public shrine. Gov. Averell Harriman recently signed a bill permitting the state to accept the property.

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Douglas Doerner Receives Mineral Club Trip Award

Umpqua Mineral Club recently announced Douglas Doerner winner of the trip to Camp Hancock, located in the Clarno Basin Fossil beds of Eastern Oregon.

Douglas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Doerner and lives at Melrose. Runner-up was Frances Huntington of Yoncalla.

Others submitting essays were Dallas Horn, Ted Judd, Dick Rodden, Roseburg; Gary Baker, Camas Valley; and Roland Huffman, Tillamook. All were given honorary membership in the Umpqua Mineral Club for 1958.

An auction sale of agate netted \$50, which will be given Douglas when he takes this trip in July or August. He will give a report of his trip to club members at one of the fall meetings.

Plans were discussed for the mineral and gem show May 17 and 18 at the Roseburg Woman's Club, sponsored jointly by the Nickel Mountain Gem Club of Myrtle Creek and the Umpqua Mineral Club.

Next regular meeting will be Thursday at the Episcopal parish hall, 1024 SE Cass Ave., at 7:30 p.m. All interested people are invited to attend and join the club.

First Southern Baptist Plans 'Family Day'

Next Sunday will be "Family Day" at the First Southern Baptist Church of Roseburg.

Special recognition will be given every family present. Flowers will be presented the mother with the largest family present. The youngest and oldest mothers present will also be given flowers.

The pastor, Rev. J. T. Howard, will be in his pulpit after an absence of two weeks in which he led revival services at Glendale.

Holland Price Arrives For Canada, U. S. Visit

OTTAWA — Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands arrived Saturday by plane to begin an official visit to Canada and the United States.

The husband of Queen Juliana was met by Gov. Gen. Vincent Massey, Agriculture Minister Douglas Harkness, representing the Canadian government, and members of the diplomatic corps, he will visit several aircraft factories.

GV Women's Club To Observe 43rd Anniversary Thurs.

By ADDIE SCHNEIDER

The Garden Valley Women's Club will observe its 43rd anniversary this Thursday.

A luncheon will be held at 12:30 with a program to follow. Honored guests will be the four remaining charter members, Mrs. W. D. Hess, Mrs. John Sinclair, and Mrs. Pete Sinclair, all of whom still live within the valley and Mrs. Jack Parrott of Camas Valley. The Riverside Happy Hour Club has been invited as special guest.

Celebrate Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hebard and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hebard and Gary and Corky made a recent trip to Grants Pass to attend a birthday celebration to honor Mrs. Robert Byrd, a daughter of Henry Hebard and sister to Alton Hebard.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sanders, Eugene, drove down Sunday to spend the day with her daughter, Mrs. Elton Zuver and family.

Roy M. Cornwell, who has been confined to the Veterans' Hospital in Roseburg recovering from a heart ailment, was able to spend a few hours at his Garden Valley home Sunday afternoon.

Kirk Hardick has been working a few days each week for the past few weeks on improvements of the county parks in the coastal area.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Bertram and Barbara and Glen of Phoenix, Ariz., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Sig Madison and family. Mrs. Bertram and Mrs. Madison are sisters. The Bertrams hope to find employment and a desirable location within Douglas County to make their home.

Sharon Madison and Maxine Abbott went shopping in Eugene Saturday.

Larry Wait, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wait, came home from Southern Oregon College at Ashland Friday to spend the weekend with his parents.

reference his visit is unofficial as well as official, and he hopes to get a good look at the North American Plane Industry.

He will reach Vancouver May 9 to visit the international trade fair at British Columbia's centennial celebration. At Vancouver, Bernhard will board a U.S. Air Force plane May 12 for California, where members of the diplomatic corps, he will visit several aircraft factories.

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