Sideliner

By BILL GOULD

The people of Lowell are true baseball fans. So interested in the game are the residents of that small Lane County town, they went to work on a new baseball field three years ago which could be the envy of many larger towns.

Glen Younger Memorial Field is named for the man who started the project. It's a perfectly formed field — distance-wise — with the left and right-field fences 335 feet from home plate and center 333.

This field is certainly one of the finest small-school lighted parks in the state, and many larger schools would do well to follow this example.

One of the first, if not the first, cases of a protest game in Legion play occurred on the Lowell field, when Eugene and Lowell played a twin-bill. Lowell coach, Bob Butler played the balance of the first game with Eugene under protest following a disputed call in the third inning.

EUGENE WENT on to win the fray and the second game was called due to rain. This week, Duane Mellem, Eugene coach, sent a letter to Legion Area 4 Commissioner Lee Wimberly offering his version of the hassle. A ruling on the protest is expected this week. If the protest is allowed, the game will resume in the third inning, with Eugene leading 2-1. The second contest will also be played on the date set by Wimberly.

Protesting a game is one thing. Pulling a team off the field is another.

The latter move was made by Vince Genna, Bend coach, in a game at The Dalles. The move has received much space in recent weeks. The Bend coach, who, without question, is a well - versed baseball man, appears to be letting spur of the moment decisions overrule his better judgement.

HIS ACTIONS in recent weeks have prompted both Redmond and Prineville to drop the Bend club from their schedules.

Another team that won't be playing ball with the Genna-coached team is Lockwood Motors of Roseburg. The actions and unfortunate comments by Genna prompted Bill Harper to say, in effect, this is it. Lockwood handled the Bend club twice last week, but prior to the second game of the series, the Bend coach personally handed the Lockwood players a loud-mouthed insult which did nothing more than raise the tempers of the Lockwood players.

It was apparent in the first inning — five runs, five hits and a home run!

TOM COX, Drain, sent an interesting letter to George Pasero, Sports Editor of the Oregon Journal last week, which appeared in Pasero's column. For those who might have missed it, here's what Cox wrote:

"Dear George: Just wanted to add a few comments to your article on the umpire situation that has arisen around the state. . . . What in the world are these parents and coaches thinking about? We are to teach our children more than winning . . . How can we expect to . . .when they see parents and umpires fighting and coaches pulling teams off the field because they don't agree with officials.

"Personally, I think it is high time some of the Legion officials take a good look at the men leading their teams . . .anyone who pulls his team off the field on such flimsy excuses . . . should be barred from coaching youngsters of any age.

"As for the parents I can't figure how they can justify action that questions the official's decision . . .Until we all stop and take a good long look at the objective of these game, we're going to have such things . . .Yours for better sportsmanship and fair play — Tom Cox, Drain, Ore."

THE OREGON State NBC baseball tournament at Drain next month is another good thing for Douglas County. A large gate for the games would help the Roseburg Legion Post's plans to try for the Regional Legion playoffs next year. A completed ball park here, with a large seating capacity, could almost assure playing of the Legion playoffs here.

On the coaching front at Roseburg, two men with interesting backgrounds join the staffs at Roseburg High and Joseph Lane Junior High.

Pete Hopkins, an outstanding five - sport letterman at Lewis and Clark, comes to Roseburg as assistant football coach. Hopkins had a top record while performing for the Pioneers, and was elected co-captain of the LC football team last year and twice was named captain of the Pioneer track team.

A graduate of Vancouver, Wash., High School, Hopkins played both quarterback and guard for Joe Huston's team.

JOSEPH LANE will have Gene Bowlen as head football and track coach, and assistant coach in basketball. Bowlen comes to Roseburg from Cove High School where he played a large part in the development of the Cove Comet, Jim Puckett.

Bowlen is a graduate of La Grande High School and EOC.

Out of the mouths of babes department:

A TV quiz show gave two contestants some questions on poets and verses written by same. After the quizmaster had given the passage to identify, the contestant answered correctly by naming the writer of the words as the English poet, Byron.

Six year old Bill Jr., popped up to challenge that answer. "Byron!", he said. "Byron is a catcher!"

Byron Baker sure is.

Record Baltimore Crowd Seen For All-Star Contest

BALTIMORE (AP) — A record big league Baltimore crowd of more than 49,000 was expected to jam-pack Memorial Stadium today for its first look at the underdog National Leaguers in the 25th annual All-Star Game.

Although the Nationals appeared to boast the stronger starting lineup, the Americans were a 14 to 10 favorite to win their second straight and their 15th since the spectacle originated in 1933. There was no game in 1945. The oddsmakers based their claim on the American's stouter pitching and a better bench, led by Ted Williams and Yogi Berra.

Showers were forecast for late in the afternoon. The game was scheduled to start at 12 noon (EST).

Winetrout To Test Glendale

It's Winetrout Ford and Eugene at Glendale Wednesday night, in an other District One American Legion junior baseball game, with the Myrtle Creek Legion club the definite underdog.

Bill George's nine has won just one contest in district action, and currently is in the basement with a 1-7 record. Winetrout beat Lockwood Motors for its only win, but has lost close tilts to the other league eams.

Eugene has a 4-4 district mark, and has had one doubleheader rescheduled for later. This was a twin-bill with Lowell last week, which found the second game rained out and the first game completed under protest.

Bob Butler, Lowell, protested an umprie's call in the first tilt which was won by Eugene 14-1. District officials at first allowed the protest as valid, thus the new date was set for the games. However, now Eugene has written its version of the incident, and an announcement is expected late this week.

The Winetrout club will have Gene Morrison on the hill in the first Eugene game Wednesday, with either Wes Davidson or Fred Earwood working the second game. All are righthanders. Morrison has a 6-2 record, Davidson is 1-4 and Earwood 0-0.

George takes the Winetrout club into the district action with just 12 ball players remaining on the roster. Winetrout has lost two hurlers, one with an injury and the other due to an opportunity for employment. Other players have also taken jobs.

A tentative starting lineup will find Ed Cearly behind the plate, Davidson at first base, Jack Ball or Bob Cavaner at second, Rod Trask at shortstop, Gregg Lindquist at third, Earwood in left field, Dave Weakley in center, and Dan Densley in right field.

Sunday, the Winetrout nine travels to Lowell for another district doubleheader.

WOMAN, 89, RETURNS TO BOWL

OSHKOSH, Wis. (AP) — Mrs. Clara Hilton returned to active bowling last season after being away from the alleys two years. "I broke a bone in my shoulder while ice skating," said Mrs. Hilton. She is 89.

Stadium Plan Gets Official Nod In Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A 15 million dollar stadium project for the San Francisco Giants bore the blessing of the Board of Supervisors today but still may face obstacles before construction can start.

The board voted for the program 7-2 yesterday but one opposing supervisor hinted it may be tested in the courts. In addition, some landowners, who expect to be assessed for road improvements in the stadium area, are not happy.

Most observers expect the 45,000-seat stadium, with radiant heat, will be constructed as planned at Candlestick Point, about five miles south of downtown San Francisco. The present schedule calls for its completion by the start of the 1959 season.

Before voting on the stadium issue, the city's governing body rejected a proposal that it act to take a share of television money if revenues from other sources don't keep the project on a paying basis.

Supervisor Leo Halley argued unsuccessfully on the television proposal, voted against the entire plan and commented:

"This might be completely upset. Who knows what interpretation a court of law would put on this?"

A taxpayer's suit was threatened early this spring.

Halley said the television clause, similar to one he said was contained in the Milwaukee club's contract there, should be inserted to protect the stadium from becoming a "television studio."

Board President Francis McCarty declared the city's letter of intent agreement with the club's President Horace Stoneham didn't provide for any TV money going to the city and it would be a "breach of faith" to insert such a clause now.

The Giants have agreed to play in the new stadium for 35 years and to pay the city a minimum of $125,000 a year, or five per cent of their gross revenue, whichever is greater. The city also is to receive all receipts from the 9,000-car parking lot.

It was estimated $364,000 would be needed annually to keep the project in the black and revenues were estimated between $440,000 and $450,000 per year.

U.S. In Davis Cup Gamble Vs. Canada

NEW YORK (AP) — The United States is taking a $60,000 gamble by sending a virtually untried team against Canada in the semi-finals of the American Zone Davis Cup tennis competition this weekend.

"I was amazed when I read the makeup of our team while I was at Wimbledon," said Barry MacKay of Dayton, Ohio, who heads the squad leaving for Toronto today. "The pressure really will be on us."

The American Davis Cup Committee has selected a group of bright new faces for the assignment in Toronto Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Besides MacKay, members of the team include Whitney Reed, Alameda, Calif.; Sam Giammalva Houston; Earl Buchholz Jr., St. Louis; and Jack Douglas, Stanford University, Calif.

MacKay, 22, never played before more than 200 people before his selection as a surprise substitute in the Davis Cup Challenge Round last December in Melbourne.

He and Reed, fifth and eighth, respectively, are the lone players in America's top 10 named to the team. Giammalva is ranked 16th, Buchholz and Douglas unranked.

Buchholz, 17, won the junior boys title at Wimbledon last Saturday, but has had no Davis Cup experience. Douglas, runner-up to Peruvian Alex Olmedo for the national college crown, is a complete dark horse.

Omitted, for one reason or another, were the country's top four players—Vic Seixas, Herbie Flam, Dick Savitt and Gil Shea — and also Ham Richardson, who was No. 1 in rankings in 1957.

Some of the players obviously declined. Others were ignored. But the fact remains America still is playing Davis Cup tennis with a second-string lineup.

Mismanagement Cause Of Bragan Firing: Lane

CLEVELAND (AP) — Frank Lane, Cleveland general manager, is quoted as saying five instances of mismanagement contributed to the recent ouster of Bobby Bragan as field manager of the Indians.

Joe McGuff, baseball writer for the Kansas City Star, says Lane told him his doubts about Bragan as a manager dated back to last April 27.

NO COON, NO MEET

SHAWNEE, Okla. (AP) — The annual meeting of the Shawnee Coonhunters' Assn. had to be postponed. The members couldn't catch a coon in time for the meeting.

Beavers Blank Sacs, 4-0

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB.
Phoenix	51	35	.593	—
San Diego	49	34	.590	½
Vancouver	50	35	.588	½
Salt Lake City	42	37	.532	5½
Portland	35	42	.455	11½
Spokane	37	47	.440	13
Seattle	36	50	.419	15
Sacramento	31	51	.378	18

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pacific Coast League baseball activity Monday night was confined to the lower division teams and winners of the two games played came up with sparkling shutouts.

Elmer Singleton allowed but three hits as Portland blanked Sacramento 4-0, at Sacramento.

Art Fowler went the distance, giving up seven safe blows in pacing Spokane to a 3-0 win over Seattle.

Other clubs were idle but will return to action Tuesday in a three-game schedule with Portland at Salt Lake City, Vancouver at San Diego and Phoenix at Spokane.

Seattle returns home for a one-night exhibition stand against the Cincinnati Redlegs Wednesday.

Singleton, a veteran righthander, struck out five Sacramento players and walked one. Only one solon got past first base.

Singleton took his win from Marshall Bridges, the PCL's strikeout king. Bridges fanned seven, bringing his season total to 106, but was chased in the seventh.

It was a scoreless duel until the sixth, when Singleton drew a walk and scored on a double by Don Nicholas. Alex Cosmidis singled Nicholas home for a 2-0 lead.

A single by Ed Winceniak and a double by Len Neal accounted for another Portland run in the seventh, and the final run came home in the ninth on singles by George Freese, Winceniak and Neal.

Like Singleton, Fowler was in control all the way. He struck out three and walked none for his eighth win in 15 PCL starts and his third straight since joining Spokane.

Jim Baxes hit his 15th home run in the second for Spokane's first tally and the Indians added single runs in the fourth and sixth innings.

Rosebura Team At Springfield Wednesday Eve

The Lockwood Motors American Legion junior baseball team embarks on a make-or-break two weeks of baseball Wednesday. The Lockwood nine travels to Springfield for two District One contests. Then during the following two weeks, Lockwood will meet Eugene, Winetrout Ford, and again Springfield, in district games. The outcome of the tilts could very easily determine which club will represent the district in the forthcoming Oregon State Legion playoffs.

Both Lockwood and Springfield boast 6-2 loop marks, and the Wednesday meeting will be the first of the year between the two teams. An earlier date was postponed and the game was re-scheduled for July 23. Thus, just two weeks from Wednesday, the final twin-bill for the district play could be the big one.

However, both teams have tough games coming up before that time, and a few bad breaks could derail the league leaders. Springfield appears to have the easier road to finish, with games with Winetrout Ford and Lowell before the season finale with Lockwood.

In the doubleheader Wednesday, Bill Harper will probably go with righthander Bob Whipple and southpaw John Livingston. Whipple has a 4-2 season record, and Livingston is 3-2. In the event one of these two doesn't draw the mound assignment, righthander Bill Eswine, who is 4-0, will have the hurling duties.

If a righthander pitches the first game, Livingston will handle first base, with Mike Hatfield at second, Don Wells at shortstop, Ted Kolberg at third and Byron Baker catching. The outfield will see Floyd Phillips or Les Bogner in left, Wes Young in center, and Bob Scott in right.

Lockwood Motors takes a 12-4 season mark into the twin-bill and currently is riding the crest of a seven-game winning streak.

Sports Calendar

TUESDAY

SOFTBALL: YMCA Twilight League: Winston Drive-In First Christian Church at Veterans Field.

WEDNESDAY

BASEBALL: District One Legion: Lockwood Motors at Springfield, 7 p.m.; Eugene vs. Winetrout Ford at Glendale, 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL: YMCA Twilight League: City Drive-In vs. U.S. Plywood; Jaycees vs. Marks Market; both at Veterans Field, 6 p.m.

PAL CLUB: Winston, Douglas High.

First Channel Crossing Attempt Foiled By Cramp

DOVER, England (AP) — Wilfred Westley, the first swimmer to attempt a crossing of the English Channel this year, gave up because of a stomach cramp Tuesday after being in the water two hours, 38 minutes.

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Sports

NL Moguls Will 'Seriously Think' About Expansion Idea

BALTIMORE (AP) — The National League is going to devote "serious, good sensible thinking" to the idea of expanding from 8 to 10 baseball teams, promises Lou Perini, owner of the Milwaukee Braves.

You can take that as gospel since he's been one of the most ardent exponents of increasing the membership. And he has shown the National League, at least, that a change is profitable.

Braves Move

Perini moved the Braves from Boston to Milwaukee six years ago. It was the first time a National League team had lifted stakes since 1900. The Braves hiked the league attendance record last year to 2,215,404 and won the World Series. This year, the Dodgers and Giants were transplanted from New York to California and the scanning of new horizons in baseball resembles the race to shoot rockets to the moon.

Perini is all for it.

"The country is ready for expansion. The question is whether baseball is," he said.

He endorsed action of the National League yesterday in authorizing President Warren Giles to name a committee of three to study feasibility of the expansion.

The resolution was prompted by the appearance before the league of Mayor Robert Wagner of New York City and the chairman of his committee to replace the void left by the Dodgers and Giants.

They assured the league that if it would provide a franchise, the city would come up with 12 million dollars to build a stadium seating 52,000.

"I feel definitely we have to get a franchise back in New York City, if only because it's the nerve center of the world," agreed Perini.

A 10th team would have to be added to avoid complex schedules and leaving one team idle daily if only New York was returned.

Perini said he is heartily in favor of a suggestion that a Canadian location be added, preferably Toronto over Montreal.

Riddle Team Splits In Softball Action

YMCA TWILIGHT LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
City Drive-In	6	1	.857
Winston Drive-In	5	1	.833
U.S. Plywood	4	3	.571
Riddle Lions	4	3	.571
Vets Employees	4	3	.571
Christian Church	2	2	.500
Marks Market	1	6	.143
Jaycees	0	6	.000

The Riddle Lions won a YMCA Twilight League softball game over the holiday and also lost a fray Monday night.

The Lions downed the Jaycees 7-3 last week, and then lost an 11-0 decision to the Vets Employees Monday night at Veterans Field.

The Lions scored three runs in the first inning of the Jaycee game and then outscored the losers for the win.

The Vets received three - hit pitching from Frank Sobezak as the big fourth inning gave them eight runs. In the game, Paul Arrasmith collected a round-tripper in the second frame.

Linescores:

Jaycees	000 300 0—3	9	0
Riddle Lions	300 031 x—7	10	0
Vets Employees	020 810 0—11	8	3
Riddle Lions	000 000 0— 0	3	4

Upset Highlights State Tournament; Brundage Triumphs

PORTLAND (AP)—Top players rested through first-day action in the Oregon state tennis tournament Monday, and there was only one minor upset.

It came in the junior men's division, where Jim McManus of Berkeley, Calif., upset fifth-seeded Gary Larson of Seattle, 6-4, 6-4.

Women are scheduled to go into their first round of play Tuesday, along with the second round for boys, junior men and men's divisions.

Results included:

Boys—Mike Brundage, Roseburg, defeated Robbins Harper, Seattle, 6-0, 6-2.

Junior men—Forrest Latham, Yakima, defeated Keith Baxter, Klamath Falls, 6-2, 6-4.

Local Lumberjills Nip Drain Softball Club, 6-5

The Roseburg Lumberjills downed a strong Drain womens softball team Monday at Veterans Field by a 6-5 count.

The Drain team scored first in the contest with four runs in the third. The 'Jills tied the fray with two markers in the fourth and fifth. After the visiting club had taken a 5-4 lead in the sixth, the Lumberjills pulled the win out of the fire with two more tallies in the seventh.

Patty Dodge was the leading hitter with 3-4, while Joyce Rand, Barbara Bailey and Marjorie Borg each hit 2-4. Glena Leonard pitched the win for the 'Jills.

Linescore:

Drain	004 001 0—5	6	3
Lumberjills	000 220 2—6	11	5

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Club Owners Affirm They Want Nats To Remain In Washington

By WHITNEY SHOEMAKER
Associated Press Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — American League club owners and lawmaking senators have made it plain they want ball-playing Senators to remain in Washington.

Calvin Griffith, president of the capital's baseball team, broached the possibility of shifting to Minneapolis or elsewhere but dropped the idea after a closed session yesterday with fellow owners here for the All-Star Game.

Griffith wouldn't commit his club to stay in Washington forever. He said no businessman can make such a promise. But for the time, at least, any move is out.

Sen. William Langer (R-ND) declared there ought to be an investigation. Sen. Karl Mundt (R-SD) said talk of depriving congressmen and their neighbors of big league baseball might cause second thoughts about a sports bill pending in the Senate.

The measure would allow pro-baseball, football, basketball and hockey plenty of freedom to operate while subjecting their commercial activities to the antitrust laws.

Sen J. Glenn Beall (R-Md) whose state borders Washington and furnishes many of Griffith Stadium's customers, sent a message of protest to Will Harridge, league president.

The baseball Senators have become regular basement tennants in the standings. They're also last in home gate receipts.

Word around All-Star headquarters was that Tom Yawkey, president of the Boston Red Sox, and likeminded officials argued baseball as the national pastime belongs in the national capital. They also were understood to have called the timing bad, in view of the Senate hearings on what critics have termed a club owners' monopoly.

In the end Griffith made no request for permission to vacate the capital.

Paper Says Perini Open To Franchise In New York City

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Globe said Tuesday it has been reliably informed Lou Perini would sell his Milwaukee Braves baseball team if he could get a franchise for a National League team in New York.

The Globe says Lou and his brothers, Joe and Charley, are the principal stockholders of the Milwaukee Braves.

"According to the reported plan," the Globe article continues, "they will sell their interests in Milwaukee and either purchase a current franchise or receive a new one should the National League expand to 10 teams.

'Perini is just as interested in baseball as ever, but would like to have a team nearer home."

He is a millionaire Boston contractor.

BURNBURGOO A GOOD BUY

OCEANPORT, N.J. (AP) — Trainer William Hal Bishop has been keeping Bernburgoo eligible for some of Monmouth's stakes races. In six months under Bishop's care Bernburgoo has won $44,334. Bernburgoo cost $45,000. He is owned by Ed Holtzinger of Tampa, Fla.

Season's First Swim Meet Set For Friday

READY FOR ACTION in Roseburg's first swimming meet of the year Friday are, left to right, Bob Eddy, Harvey McClune, Jim Ridenour, Bob Roark, Gary Person, Karen Wishart and Diana Yates. The meet, sponsored by the Roseburg Jaycees, will involve teams from six cities. Preliminaries will be held in the afternoon, finals at night. (Darrell Maddox)

Swimming fans have the opportunity of seeing some 100 swimmers and divers in action Friday night at the Roseburg pool, as the first local meet is conducted.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce-sponsored meet will draw six teams from five cities for competition, with the preliminaries slated for Friday afternoon and the finals that evening.

Also on tap is an exhibition diving event with Bill Warner and Rick Friberg of Eugene and Russ Caldwell of Roseburg performing. Warner is a former University of Oregon diver and placed fifth in the Northern Division Diving Championships in 1956.

Friberg was the 1956 Oregon State diving champ, and Caldwell is the current Roseburg diving coach. The three stars will offer fans a full series of diving performances.

The winning team in the meet will receive a trophy and all individuals will receive ribbons. A small admission charge will be in effect for the finals, the proceeds to be used for expenses in sending the newly-formed Roseburg swimming team to other meets.

The afternoon action begins at 3 p.m., with the finals in the evening beginning at 7 p.m.

Michigan State has two NCAA weight lifting champions in Joe Dewland at 132 pounds and Dave Norton at 148.

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