

No Eskimoes—Just Top Baseball From Alaska

Don't go out to Legion Field to night figuring on seeing any Eskimoes just because the Alaska team is in town—but you can figure on seeing a top-flight baseball club that lists among its players a strong right-hander that three major league teams have already indicated an interest in.

Officials of the Anchorage team which won the Alaska championship and will compete in the American Legion Junior Baseball Regional Tournament here this week told The News-Review Sunday night that people turned out from miles around in North Dakota last year just to see Alaska—because they figured the team would be comprised of Eskimoes.

The Polar Bear team from Anchorage played in the regionals at Mandan, N.D. last fall. They'll meet Lewiston, Idaho here Thursday in the first round of the regionals.

The Roseburg Bees will give the Polar Bear squad a tune-up under the lights tonight and tomorrow night. Because of the long summer days in Alaska, the team has never had an opportunity to play under the lights. They don't need them—and don't have them, although they did break in a new field this year.

Topping the list of Polar Bear players is pitcher Troy Gerzine, a 6-1, 190-pound right-hander who has attracted interest from three major league clubs—most notably the Boston Red Sox. Gerzine has an 8-1 record on the year.

The rest of the squad's 18-4 mark is made up of a 6-4 record by right-hander Doug Rogers and a 4-2 mark on the part of lefty Tom Parker.

Although they don't have an Eskimo in the lineup, the Alaskans do have several young American Legion baseball stars who've chalked up impressive batting averages during the year. Facing the list is centerfielder Terry Gose, who'll go into action here batting .448.

Next in line comes Parker, who makes some appearances in the outfield when he's not on the mound and who is presently batting .375. First baseman John Crane is currently belting the ball at a .337 clip, while left fielder Jim Roddick is hitting .325 and right fielder Dave McCauley is batting .317. Shortstop Roger Sorenson, who hit .280 on the season, batted a hot .500 during the Alaska state tournament.

In that tournament, a best three-out-of-five series like Oregon's, Anchorage beat Sitka three straight, 10-1, 8-1 and 17-3. All games were

called before nine innings because they were so lopsided.

A former Oregonian who enjoyed a good deal of success as Legion coach at Beaverton and as coach of the Bernard Motors Connie Mack team which went to the nationals, coaches the Polar Bear team. He's Clyde Clary, a native of Eugene who signed to play professional ball with the Oakland, Calif. Missions before an injury ended his major league hopes.

Assisting Clary is Pete Pavia, who played high school ball at Rochester, N. Y., and college ball at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. Pavia was ready to sign a contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates as a catcher a year ago until Uncle Sam came along and offered him a contract with the Army he just couldn't turn down.

Manager of the team is another Army man, Maj. Ray T. Crane. Both Maj. Crane and Pavia are stationed at Ft. Richardson at Anchorage. Maj. Crane is the father of the Polar Bear's first baseman, John Crane.

Also in town for the tournament is Lou Ellsworth, assistant baseball commissioner for Western Alaska.

The Anchorage team plays in a four-team league within the city.

The one major disadvantage to baseball in Alaska is the lack of a season for a high school program. The officials here for the tournament said, however, they have a strong Little League and Pony League program in the city.

The season in Anchorage this year started on May 25. Another holdback in the program is the weather, often rainy, and seldom above 60 degrees in temperature.

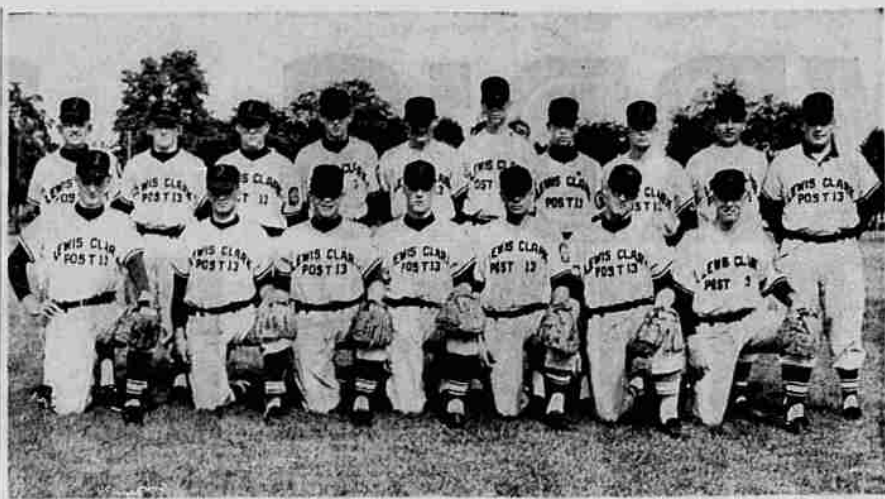
The Alaska sound arrived in Roseburg about noon Sunday and held a workout at the high school field Sunday afternoon in preparation for tonight's outing under the lights against the Roseburg Bees.

They've been in the regionals five out of the last six years, and promise to provide plenty of baseball thrills for the fans at Legion Field.

Jimenez Recalled By A's

KANSAS CITY (UPI)—The Kansas City Athletics Sunday recalled hard-hitting outfielder Manny Jimenez from the Portland Beavers.

Jimenez was leading the Pacific Coast League with a .352 batting average on 78 hits in 223 trips to the plate. He had 16 home runs and 40 runs batted in.



IDAHO CHAMPS—Lewiston carted home the honors in the Idaho state American Legion baseball tournament by stopping Idaho Falls in the final tilt, 11-3. The crown was the third in a row for Lewiston. Players for the Idaho representative in the Aug. 15-20 Western Regional Tournament at Legion Field are: (front l to r) Garry Jones, Jim Naslund, Jim Minnette, Steve Arnold, Ross Magnuson, Dennis Leffler, and Bob Kidwell; (back l to r) Wayne Adams, Dale Callahan, Jim Smith, Ron Tierney, John Hamilton, Lauren Messinger, Al Galperin, Mike Curry, Jerry Chavez and coach Dwight S. Church. Lewiston will open tourney play Thursday at 6 p.m. against Anchorage, Alaska.

Packers Return To Winning Ways With 27-7 Triumph Over Steelers

The fun is over! The Green Bay Packers cannons were spiked briefly by the College All-Stars.

Griffith Decisions Mims In TV Battle

NEW YORK (UPI)—Welterweight champion Emile Griffith, who beat his 12th middleweight Saturday night, will defend his 147-pound crown next January and, after that, shoot for the middleweight (160-pound) title, co-manager Gil Clancy announced today.

Griffith, 25, won a lop-sided decision over middleweight contender Holly Mims of Washington, D. C., Saturday in a nationally televised 10-rounder at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. The bout was scored 5-3-1, 6-3-1, 8-1-1.

Clancy said Griffith's showing against Mims convinced him that Emile could beat Dick Tiger of Nigeria, the 160-pound ruler, next year.

but the shelling has begun anew for the champ's National Football League opponents.

Green Bay, its exhibition streak halted at 19 victories by the Stars, started another skid Saturday with a 27-7 triumph over the Pittsburgh Steelers at Miami, Fla.

Bart Starr, humiliated by a charging All-Star team, recovered his poise against Pittsburgh with two touchdown passes, one a 73-yard heave to Max McGee.

In other Saturday NFL exhibitions, Detroit defeated Cleveland, 43-28; Baltimore beat Philadelphia, 26-21; and Chicago outlasted New York, 17-7.

San Diego defeated Boston, 50-17, in an American Football League Pre-season contest on Saturday and revamped Oakland downed Denver, 35-19, Sunday.

There are seven NFL tuneup games on tap this week and four in the AFL.

Chicago visits Washington Thursday in the NFL; Philadelphia plays Pittsburgh at Bethlehem, Pa. and St. Louis meets San Francisco at Salt Lake City, Utah, Friday. In Sunday games, Green Bay plays at Dallas, Los Angeles hosts Minnesota and a Cleveland doubleheader features Detroit vs. New York and Baltimore vs. Cleveland.

Alaska-Bees Games To Be 'Family Night'

Both warm-up contests between the Anchorage, Alaska, team and the Roseburg Bees at Legion Field have been set aside as "family night," with the entire family being admitted to the ballpark for \$1.

The games, tonight and Tuesday night at 8:30, have been scheduled to give the Alaskan champs a chance to get used to playing under lights—something that is seldom done in the 50th state.

Alaska is in Roseburg to participate in the six-team Western Regional American Legion Tournament Aug. 15-20.

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Use short casts to reduce risk of snagging lures in brush or trees.



KERMIT ALEXANDER, halfback for the San Francisco 49ers, takes off on the start of a 95-yard jaunt to paydirt Saturday at Portland's Multnomah Stadium against the Minnesota Vikings. However, the Viks were not shaken by the long run as they upset the favorites, 43-28. (UPI Telephoto)

Crucial PCL Encounters On Tap; Bevos Split Twin-Bill With Hawaii

By United Press International
Only three games are scheduled in the Pacific Coast League today but two of them have a vital bearing on the race for first place in both the northern and southern divisions.

The most important contest is the one between Oklahoma City and Dallas-Ft. Worth. The lead in the southern division has been secured back and forth between the two clubs with Oklahoma City holding a 1½ game advantage.

Tacoma, if it hopes to catch Spokane in the northern race, must win practically all its games. The Giants now trail the Indians by 13½ games. Both have 28 games left on the schedule.

Sunday, Tacoma and San Diego exchange shutouts, the Padres winning the 14th inning opener 1-0 but the Giants coming back to cop the nightcap 5-0. In other games Oklahoma City took a 2-0 shutout from Dallas-Ft. Worth; Seattle edged Denver 7-6; Spokane blasted Salt Lake City 11-3 and Portland took the first game of a twin bill from Hawaii 9-5 and in the second the Islanders bounced back to shutout the Beavers 1-0.

Scott Breeden of San Diego and Ron Herbel of Tacoma tangled in a pitcher's duel for 14 innings

with the Padres finally scoring a run in the 11th to win 1-0. It was the first game of a double header and had been delayed an hour and 42 minutes by a thunderstorm.

Breeden went the entire game to gain his seventh win against nine losses. With two out in the 14th Herbel was struck on the arm by a line shot off the bat of Tommy Helms. The next batter walked and Wayne Schurr replaced Herbel. Chico Ruiz promptly drilled a single to score the only run of the game.

In the nightcap Jim Constable had too much stuff as he allowed the Padres but one hit. Tacoma collected nine off Jim Owens and John Flavin, including Cap Peterson's homerun in the sixth with none aboard. San Diego's lone hit was a double by Les Peden in the fifth.

Jerry Nelson pitched the 8ers shutout over Dallas-Ft. Worth, giving five hits, the same number his teammates garnered from loser Ted Sadowski and two other hurlers. Both 8ers runs came in the third inning on a single by

second baseman Jim Mahoney and doubles by Glenn Vaughan and Bob Boyd. Mahoney had three hits in three trips.

Spokane pounded two Salt Lake pitchers for 20 hits with Phil Ortega gaining his ninth win in 16 decisions. Dick Nee led the batting barrage with four hits. Wayne Carlander, who was touched for five runs before being received, was the loser.

Portland clubbed three Hawaii hurlers for 15 hits in the first game with Carl Browning gaining the victory. Hal Griggs was the loser.

In the nightcap Islander hurler Mike Lee held Portland to five hits to lead Hawaii to a 1-0 win.

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Tarkenton Passes Vikings To 43-28 Win Over 49ers

PORTLAND (UPI)—If the Minnesota Vikings don't go on to a "fine season," quarterback Fran Tarkenton is going to be disappointed.

The youthful Vikings, with Tarkenton throwing two touchdown passes, opened their National Football League exhibition season with a 43-28 victory over the San Francisco 49ers before 20,837 persons here Saturday night.

"We've got some hitters on this team," said Tarkenton. "Our play execution in the game was great. I'll be disappointed if we don't go on now to a fine season."

Minnesota Coach Norm Van Brocklin said "the kids really wanted that one" and then went on to praise his signal caller.

"He's a great one," the former Oregon quarterback said. "I think he is the most exciting quarterback in the game today."

Tarkenton, who completed 12 of 28 passes for 226 yards, hit halfback Tommy Wilson for a 65-yard touchdown pass and end Charles Ferguson for a 4-yard scoring aerial.

Coach Red Hickey and his San Francisco Forty Niners staff headed back to the old drawing board today to figure why their 1963 model fizzled so badly on the launching pad.

Hickey unveiled his "new" football machine in Portland Saturday night as a seven-point favorite over the Minnesota Vikings. But only superhuman efforts by Kermit Alexander and Elbert Kimbrough kept the Norsemen from burying the contraption right there in the sod of Multnomah Stadium.

The Minnesota team, which had lost six straight games to San Francisco, walloped the Forty Niners 43-28 in the opening exhibition contest for both teams.

Only one-man offensive and defensive performances by Alexander and Kimbrough, respectively, kept the score from matching the lop-sided statistics.

Dazzling Debut

The Vikings took a 3-0 lead in the first period but Alexander, a rookie from UCLA, electrified 20,837 fans in the second period when he fielded a Minnesota field goal attempt and raced 95 yards for a touchdown in his first ball-handling performance as a pro.

The Minnesota team bounced right back with a field goal and a touchdown as Viking quarterback Fran Tarkenton picked the Forty Niner defense to pieces. Kimbrough broke up several long pass attempts with an outstanding defensive job, but he couldn't cover the whole field.

The Forty Niner offense finally got rolling just before the half

Dodgers' Lead Slashed; Giants Gain Ground With 5-1 Victory Over Phils

By United Press International
A year ago today the Los Angeles Dodgers held a 3½-game lead over the San Francisco Giants in the National League pennant race.

That's the same bulge that separated these California rivals after weekend action, leaving some figure filberts wondering if history was ready to repeat itself.

You don't need a long memory to recall that the Dodgers blew a four-game lead in the final week of the 1962 season and then bowed to the Giants in a three-game playoff. This year, though, the Dodgers seemingly have hit the skids much earlier.

Since July 20, when the Dodgers held a 10-game lead over

the Giants, Walt Alston's men have lost 11 of 20 games. During the same period, the Giants, led by wondrous Willie Mays, have won 15 of 19.

Mays, hitting in his 13th straight game, doubled in two key runs to help the Giants whip the Philadelphia Phillies, 5-1, while the Cincinnati Reds walloped Sandy Koufax and the Dodgers, 9-4.

Braves Beat Cards
The Milwaukee Braves ripped the St. Louis Cardinals, 9-1, the Pittsburgh Pirates edged the Houston Colts, 2-1, and the New York Mets rolled to an 11-4 victory after losing the opener of a doubleheader to the Chicago Cubs, 8-1, in other NL action.

In the American League, Cleveland nipped Kansas City 2-1, Baltimore beat Washington, 6-2, New York downed Los Angeles, 6-4, in 10 innings, Minnesota clipped Boston, 5-2, and Chicago turned back Detroit, 3-2, in 11 innings after absorbing a 7-2 setback.

Mays unloaded his double in the fifth inning to break up a pitching duel between Cal McLish (11-8) and the Giants' Jack Sanford (11-12). Chuck Hiller drove in three runs for the Giants with a homer and a sacrifice fly. Wes Covington collected four of the Phils' five hits off Sanford, who needed ninth inning help from Billy Hoelt and Don Larsen.

The Reds raked Koufax for nine hits and five runs during a 5-13 innings to become the first team to beat the Dodger southpaw twice this season. Koufax, now 18-5, entered the sixth inning

League Leaders

Major League Leaders
By United Press International
National League

Player & Club	G.	AB	R	H	Pct.
Groat, S.L.	117	472	65	162	.343
Clemente, Pitt	107	420	60	140	.333
T. Davis, LA	101	379	46	121	.319
Pinson, Cin	120	484	73	154	.318
Gonzalez, Phil	116	429	63	136	.317
Aaron, Mil	117	462	85	146	.316
Kuenn, SF	78	266	39	83	.312
Williams, Chi	115	445	68	136	.306
White, St. L.	117	476	81	145	.305
Cepeda, SF	113	413	68	124	.300

American League

Ystzinski, Bos	108	410	67	135	.332
Kaline, Det	111	432	73	136	.315
Rollins, Minn	98	368	58	116	.315
Pearson, LA	113	427	60	129	.302
Malzone, Bos	108	417	48	125	.300
Wagner, LA	114	422	57	126	.299
Geiger, Bos	83	278	55	83	.299
Hrshbrgr, Chi	95	332	48	95	.286
Causey, KC	105	424	57	121	.285
Smith, Balt	100	310	42	87	.281

Home Runs

National League—McCovey, Giants 33; Aaron, Braves 31; Mays, Giants 28; Cepeda, Giants, Santo, Cubs, White, Cards, all 20.

American League—Stuart, Red Sox 28; Killebrew, Twins 26; Allison, Twins 25; Howard, Yanks 23; Wagner, Angels 22.

Runs Batted In

National League—Aaron, Braves 97; White, Cards 82; Santo, Cubs 78; Pinson, Reds 76; Boyer, Cards 75.

American League—Stuart, Red Sox 78; Kaline, Tigers 77; Wagner, Angels 70; Allison, Twins, and Howard, Yanks 66.

Pitching

National League—Perranoski, Dodgers 11-2; Maloney, Reds 17-4; McBean, Pirates 12-3; Maricheal, Giants 18-5; Koufax, Dodgers 18-5.

American League—Bouton, Yanks 15-5; Radatz, Red Sox 12-4; Ford, Yanks 17-6; Downing, Yanks 8-4; Peters, White Sox 12-5.

WIGHTDRAWS FROM FIGHT

LONDON (UPI)—A thickened Achilles tendon has forced British and Empire welterweight champion Brian Curvis to withdraw from a scheduled fight with Isaac Logart of New York at Portlough, Wales, Aug. 20.

Curvis, of Wales, is seeking an October bout with world champion Emile Griffith.

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