

Jerry Lynch Blasts Homer To Set Major League Mark For Pinch Hit Four Baggers

CHICAGO (UPI) — Pittsburgh's Jerry Lynch had no instructions to hit a home run to win a game for the Pirates over the Chicago Cubs, but he did, and set a major league record in the process because it was the 15th pinch homer of his career.

"All Danny Murtaugh said to me was 'Lynch, you're the hitter,'" Lynch said, describing the situation when he went to bat for pitcher Al McBean to open the Pirates' ninth.

"He didn't say anything like 'hit a home run,' or 'get on base,' or anything else."

But Lynch specializes in pinch home runs, and his drive went deep into the right field bleachers to give the Pirates a 7-6 win. It was his fourth pinch homer this season — two of them with Cincinnati before he was traded to Pittsburgh in late May, and now two of them with the Pirates.

Breaks Old Mark

The total of 15 moved him ahead of the old record holder, George Crowe, who amassed 14 with three National League teams, Boston-Milwaukee, Cincinnati and St. Louis. The American League record is 12, by Bob Cerv with New York and Kansas City.

"Of all of them," Lynch said, "this one felt the best. It was a high strike, a fast ball, and I hit it good. It was a good pitch."

Lynch, luckily, obtained the home run ball in the dressing room from the bleacher fan who caught it, a Lake Michigan life-guard, Bobby Franklin. He responded to a public address system appeal, brought the ball to the Pirate dressing room, and received an autographed ball in return.

Lynch, 33, has played his entire major league career with the Pirates and Cincinnati, serving mostly as a utility man, bench hand and pinch hitter de luxe until his current tour with the Pirates, where he broke into the major leagues in 1954. He was traded to Cincinnati after the 1956 season.

"I wasn't worrying about the record," Lynch said. "I've been playing more with Pittsburgh, and that's what I want. I'd rather play regularly and let somebody else have the pinch-hitting records."

"I only started five games at Cincinnati and I was a pinch hitter eight times."

Since the trade, he's been more or less a starter with the Pirates. He's been in 83 games this season, 70 of them with Pittsburgh.



SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS' Orlando Cepeda (30), who lined to Milwaukee Braves' Ty Cline in centerfield, tries to coach Willie McCovey back into first base. Braves' Joe Torre, first baseman, is shown as he tags the base to double off McCovey. The Braves won 6-2. Elsewhere in the National League, the Dodgers beat the Cardinals 2-1 in 16 innings to stretch their lead. (UPI Telephoto)

Leaders Lose In Northwest League Action

By United Press International

An already tight Northwest League race was a bit tighter today as the result of Wednesday night's games which saw the two front runners, Salem and Yakima, lose.

Paul Jaeckel gave up a run in the first inning, but then pitched shutout ball the rest of the way as Wenatchee downed Salem 8-1.

Jaeckel picked up his 14th victory and received all the backing he needed from Moe Morhardt, who had four RBI's on a single and a homer.

Lewiston, trailing 4-1 going into the sixth, exploded for five runs in that inning and went on to down Yakima 6-4.

The Yakima-Salem losses left the two clubs tied for first and enabled Lewiston to move to one and a half games from the top.

In the other game played Wednesday night, Eugene defeated Tri-City 6-2.

Riddle Practice Slated

Riddle football practice begins Monday, under coach Dave Campbell and John Zarneke, assistant coach. Those players not already notified by a personal letter of instructions should contact the coach Campbell this weekend.

SIGNS WITH 76ERS

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—Guard Paul Neumann has returned his signed contract to the Philadelphia 76ers for the 1963-64 National Basketball Association season.



SWIMMING CHAMPIONS of the Roseburg Swim Team received awards for their accomplishments during the summer season. In the front row, left to right, are Bob Pyle, most improved boy swimmer; Bill Zimmerman, sportsmanship winner; and Chris Longfellow, outstanding boy swimmer. Back row, left to right, are Betty Ann Zeigler, most improved girl swimmer; John Weaver, best diver; and Laurie Hicks, outstanding girl swimmer. Small Rs were given to all swimmers who actively participated in the summer program at a special potluck dinner Monday evening. (News-Review Photo)

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Spokane Could Wrap Up Pacific Coast Loop Championship With Series Against Hawaii

By DAVE ROWE
UPI Sports Writer

The Spokane Indians could virtually wrap up the Pacific Coast League championship this week. The Indians are enroute to Hawaii where they meet the second-place Islanders in a four game series starting Friday.

Spokane, which has led the circuit during most of the second half of the season, currently is 12 games in front as they move to Hawaii.

Loop President Dewey Soriano announced that a flip of a coin will decide where the opening game of the playoff will be held. He said the coin-flipping would take place at Seattle Sunday.

Oklahoma City and Dallas-Ft. Worth currently are battling for top spot in the Southern Division with San Diego snapping at their heels.

In games Wednesday night Larry Foster of Seattle pitched a one-hitter to beat Portland 1-0; Salt Lake City downed Dallas-Ft. Worth 8-4; Denver took Oklahoma City 4-3 in the first game but the 8934s took the second tilt, 5-1; San Diego whipped Spokane 8-2, and Hawaii 3,225 fans watched the Islanders make it five straight over Tacoma 5-1 and consecutive victories.

Jim Hughes doubled off Foster in the fifth inning for the lone Beaver hit at Portland. A crowd of only 193 persons was on hand for the pitcher's battle. Foster struck out 12 and walked two. Foster and Stan Johnson were the batting stars with two hits each.

Seattle's only run came in the fourth when Johnson singled, went to second on a wild pitch and scored on Chico Fernandez' single.

Denver, scoring all its runs in the last inning, took the first game of its twin bill with Oklahoma City 4-3. Chi Chi Olivo chalked up his 11th victory giving up seven hits.

The big seventh frame saw Chico Salmon triple. Ethan Blackaby and Phil Roof drew walks and Tom Borland replaced starter Jim Golden on the mound. Pinch hitter Bob Uecker took first on an interference call against the 89er catcher, Salmon being waved across the plate. Two more runs scored on a throwing error and then Tommy Aaron drove in the winning tally with a single.

In the nighttime Russ Kemmerer, for the last few years a relief artist, switched to starter and

went the distance scattering six hits. Five runs in the fifth were enough margin for the 89er victory with George Williams providing a three run triple.

Gordy Seyfried kept 10 hits scattered to gain his 11th win against 12 losses as Salt Lake City pounded four Range pitchers for 14 hits. Billy Cowan and Jesse White led the assault with four hits each, Cowan getting his 21st home run of the year.

Glide High Football Practice Scheduled

According to Blair Harrington, Glide High football coach, equipment will be issued on Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 to 12 at the high school. Practice will start at 10 a.m. Monday.

All boys must have a physical examination before reporting for practice. Exam forms may be picked up at Kennaday's Service Station at the high school, this does not include freshmen who will start their football program after the start of school, the coach said.

TICKETS ON SALE

Roseburg Indians Football Practice Set For First Session Next Monday Morning

Roseburg's Midwestern Conference defending champion Indians, undefeated in their last two seasons of conference play, will begin the swing into the 1963 football season with their first practice Monday.

Gone from the 1962 champions who compiled an 8-2 season's record will be All-Americans quarterback Paul Brothers and lineman Doug John and three other starters, end Spike Moore and flanker back Al Joelson and end Vern Ohman.

Back for this season, however will be an impressive list of 23 lettermen. Coach Roy Thompson lost only nine of last year's 32 letter winners by graduation.

The pressure will be on the defending champions all the way this season, as each of their nine regularly-scheduled games is a Midwestern Conference contest.

Athletic director Al Hoffman said there are some reserved seats left for the home games. Those tickets may be obtained at the high school athletic office until 5 o'clock this afternoon or on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Coach Thompson said the first football practice will be held at 8:30 Monday morning. Equipment is being issued today, Friday and Saturday from 2 to 7:30 p.m.

All players must receive a physical from their own family physician before the first practice. The coaching staff recommends the players eat a light breakfast before that first practice session.

Thompson said he figures Springfield, North Bend, South Eugene and Marshfield will throw up the toughest competition in the Midwestern Conference this season.

The schedule:

SEPT.

13—Willamette (here)
20—Springfield (here)
27—North Bend (here)

OCT.

4—North Eugene (here)
11—Thurston (here)
18—Cottage Grove (here)
25—South Eugene (here)

NOV.

1—Marshfield (here)
8—Sheldon (here)

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