

BARTH LEADS HITTERS HERE

Three Pirates Yet to Break into the "Error" Column; Team Fielding Percentage Is .948.

With seven games in the Blue Mountain league past history, and with six of them in the victory bag for La Grande, things are beginning to look mighty bright for the Pirates.

At La Grande can win six more games out of the remaining eight the pennant is clinched, even though Baker or Pendleton should win every remaining game. In other words, the Pirates can lose twice and still be absolutely certain of winning the hunting this year.

Unofficial figures compiled yesterday shows that Barth, Pirate catcher, is leading the La Grande club in hitting with a percentage of .400. Only one other player—Helm, with .318, is hitting in the "charmed circle."

Player	G	AB	R	Per.
Barth	5	29	5	.400
Helm	7	28	9	.318
Gossett	7	29	8	.271
Alexander	7	26	7	.269
Williams	7	27	7	.259
Hartman	7	25	6	.240
Cunynham	5	8	1	.125
Helm	7	24	2	.087
Team	7	256	57	.229

Player	PO	A	E	Per.
Hartman	33	0	0	1.000
Cunynham	3	0	0	1.000
Helm	37	1	0	1.000
Helm	2	2	1	.667
Gossett	9	14	3	.567
Barth	51	2	2	.948
Helm	35	2	3	.921
Alexander	3	0	2	.750
Williams	7	11	4	.667
Team	184	122	16	.548

The La Grande team has stolen three bases this year, two by Hartman and one by Alexander. Cunynham leads with three sacrifice hits. Hartman next with two and Helm and Helm have hit out one each.

Treasury will drop about 200 clerks. Anyway, it is a nice time of the year to be fired.

Billy Evans Says

Walter Johnson is pretty generally recognized as baseball's greatest pitcher and decider.

Johnson Praises Lajoie Recently in discussing the great batter of the game, Walter expressed the opinion that Larry Lajoie was the greatest natural hitter he ever faced.

That was rather interesting since Johnson in his long career has faced a flock of great batters. Walter didn't say Lajoie was the best batter, the easiest or the hardest to fool. He simply rated him the greatest natural batsman.

Academy Regrets Hornsby He selected Joe Jackson, now out of organized baseball as a champion rival of Lajoie. When L mentioned Hornsby, Walter explained that his experience against the famous slinger of the Cardinals had been limited to exhibition games, not a very satisfactory way to judge a batter's merit.

Walter named Hornsby as the greatest of the modern day natural batsmen, but puts Lajoie on the pedestal of the greatest natural batsman of all time. Having imprinted with Lajoie and Jackson, when those two players were in their prime, I was inclined to think that it would be hard to improve on Johnson's selections.

Line Drive Batters. Lajoie and Jackson were line-drive hitters. By that I mean a large percentage of the balls they hit traveled on a line. Neither Lajoie nor Jackson got the distance or the height to their drives as does Ruth, the present "king of swat." The lively ball probably accounts for the difference in distance.

It may interest readers to know that Lajoie and Jackson were bad ball hitters. As a matter of fact most of the natural batsmen have more success hitting a ball just inside or outside rather than one right through the heart of the plate.

I have seen Larry take two strikes through the heart of the plate without offering at them, then murder the next pitch, a fast ball, just outside the plate and better high. Larry would hit such a pitch to right field a mile-a-minute. There was never a batter who could pull a pitch inside, down the third base line, harder, than Larry.

Hornsby reminds me more of Lajoie's style at bat than any player I have seen break into the majors in years. Two great batters.

Nurmi and an Admirer



You've seen countless pictures of Paavo Nurmi, Finland's great runner, in track regalia. Well, here's a somewhat unusual pose of the superstar taken during his recent conquests in California.

With him in his "slant admirer," Miss Vi Thibodeaux of Hollywood, who said she merely wanted to meet the invincible invader.

ROSEBURG STORE BURNS. ROSEBURG, Ore.—A loss estimated at approximately \$20,000 occurred when the fire gotted the building, occupied by the C. J. Breier company store. The fire apparently started in the basement in a section where a quantity of rubber goods had been stored. The heavy smoke, coupled with iron shutters and bolted and barred doors, made a combination which the fire department had considerable difficulty in overcoming. The smoke poured through into the Wilder & Agee clothing store adjoining and caused considerable damage there also. The loss is covered by insurance.

AUTO USES, TWO INJURED. DALLAS, Ore.—Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Leiby, residing at 420 Clackamas street, Portland, were severely

BEAVERS WIN MONDAY GAME

Seattle Triumphant. SEATTLE (AP)—R. H. E. San Francisco 2 8 2 Seattle 7 7 1 Batteries: Williams, Grockett and Yeller; Plummer and Daly.

Portland 41, Los Angeles 10 PORTLAND (AP)—R. H. E. Los Angeles 19 15 0 Portland 31 14 1 Batteries: Milstead, Trost, Phillips, Humay and Sandberg; Yarrison, Winters, Meeker and Tobin. No other games scheduled; teams traveling.

GAMES TODAY American League Chicago at Detroit, St. Louis at Cleveland, Washington at New York, Philadelphia at Boston. National League Boston at Philadelphia, Cincinnati at St. Louis. Pacific Coast League Sacramento at Vernon, Salt Lake at Oakland, San Francisco at Portland, Los Angeles at Seattle.

General White Goes to Medford. SALEM, Ore.—George A. White, adjutant-general, left here for Medford, where he will complete final arrangements for the annual encampment of the Oregon national guard, which starts on June 11. While in southern Oregon the adjutant-general will inspect the improvements which have been in progress at Camp Jackson for the past two months.

Salem Woman Injured. SALEM, Ore.—Mrs. A. J. Gile, who lives in the country a short distance from Salem, suffered serious injuries today when an automobile in which she was riding collided with a machine driven by W. M. Bloom. Mrs. Gile was attended by local physicians.

Beam Lake covers 6000 Minnesota acres. It's drying up. Maybe the bass are drinking it. News from Spain. Caught 32 tons of sardines one night. Maybe packed them into 10 tons.

YANKEE TEAM AGAIN LOSER

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Clubs W. L. Per. Philadelphia 35 12 .700 Washington 37 10 .688 Chicago 33 17 .664 Cleveland 30 24 .560 St. Louis 22 24 .479 Detroit 18 26 .409 New York 16 25 .391 Boston 15 27 .352

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Clubs W. L. Per. New York 25 12 .676 Brooklyn 29 18 .619 Pittsburgh 21 18 .538 Philadelphia 25 19 .569 Cincinnati 19 21 .473 Boston 17 22 .436 Chicago 13 26 .333 St. Louis 15 25 .375

NEW YORK (AP)—The Yankee losing streak continued Monday despite the presence of Babe Ruth in the lineup, the Senators winning 5 to 3. Ruth, who has been absent from the game for eight weeks, due to illness, played six innings for his first appearance this season in a major league. Coach replaced the heavy hitter in right field in the seventh. R. H. E. Washington 3 11 0 New York 5 3 0 Batteries: W. Johnson, Marberry and Ruel; Hoyt, Jones and Schang.

CLEVELAND (AP)—R. H. E. St. Louis 10 14 2 Cleveland 2 8 2 Batteries: Hugh Vanderder and Dixon; Karr and Merritt. BOSTON (AP)—R. H. E. Philadelphia 5 9 0 Boston 2 7 0 Batteries: Walberg, Groves and Cochrane; Perkins, Rutling and Heving.

DETROIT (AP)—R. H. E. Chicago 6 12 0 Detroit 3 13 2 Batteries: Fisher and Schalk; Whitehill, Doyle and Bassen.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. BROOKLYN (AP)—R. H. E. New York 3 12 0 Brooklyn 4 12 4 Batteries: Barnes and Snyder; Grimes, Hubbel, Osborne and Taylor. PHILADELPHIA (AP)—R. H. E. Boston 10 17 4 Philadelphia 12 12 4 Batteries: Cooney, Ryan, Kamp and O'Neil; Carlson, Bolls, Dee

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