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Athletic teams at Brigham Young university, Provo, Utah, call themselves "The Cougars." So someone presented the athletic department with this mascot, a three-month-old cougar kitten, captured in northern Arizona.

SPORT NEWS

MILTON TEAM TAKES TITLE

Billy Evans Says:

Why the umpire at third base? That is the question invariably asked when some fan for the first time sees three umpires in charge of a ball game.

True, the umpire at third base does seem a lot of excess baggage, but there's a reason. Difficulty in getting competent men has resulted in this rather intensive, or perhaps you may prefer to call it, passive training.

The National league recently announced that it would carry 12 men. I think this is an excellent idea, even though it does seem that the man at third base should be provided with a ukulele to keep him busy during the afternoon.

President Johnson, of the American league, originated the idea of an umpire at third as a method of schooling the recruit. Last season the American league had a staff of 11 men.

Major league presidents have discovered that when injury or illness forces a regular umpire out of the game, it is impossible to recruit an umpire from the minors and ask him to give satisfaction with a close fight for the pennant in progress.

Using a man at third, enables the recruit to learn much by observation and instruction, making him ready to step into any emergency and deliver.

No doubt the scribes who have worried about ways and means to keep the umpire at third interested, will suggest that he be made worthy keeper of the resin bag.

ALEXANDER TALKS

I was rather interested in reading what Grover Cleveland Alexander, of the Chicago Cubs had to say the other day relative to the use of resin.

Alexander is one of the greatest pitchers the game has ever known. Like all great pitchers, throughout his career he has been long of control. Batters must earn their way to first base with Alexander pitching.

"Nothing doing on the resin for me," says Alexander. "I have been pretty successful using natural methods to fool the batter and I am going to continue along those lines."

Last year several of our pitchers rubbed resin on their hands between innings, insisting it helped them get more stuff on the ball. Being curious I tried it but the result was most disappointing.

"Instead of helping control on

hot days I am sure it will retard that feature. Resin has a tendency to make my hands sticky and handclapped rather than helped me. So I intend to go along in the same old way."

I am inclined to string along Alexander. Resin in the spring and fall will enable the pitchers to get more stuff on the ball, largely through trickery, but in the real warm weather is certain to handicap control.

RULE DIFFERENCE

There is nothing unusual about the American league placing the ban on resin. For years both leagues have had at least a half dozen league rules governing their games that have been at variance with the strict interpretation of the rules.

There was a striking illustration of this condition when both leagues used the Polo Grounds, in New York. The distance from the home plate to the grandstand is much less than 50 feet.

The rule says the baserunner is entitled to an extra base if the ball touches any fence or building less than 50 feet from the home plate.

In the American league games any such a happening made the ball dead and baserunners could advance only one base. In the National league, the baserunner was entitled to the extra base but could advance more at his peril.

Thus the two leagues differed widely. In world series games two separate rulings were necessary.

The American league in placing a ban on the resin bag, simply refuses to conform to a rule that it believes savors of trickery. The rule is not compulsory, merely optional.

LENGLEN ON WAY TO ITALY

NICE, France (AP)—Suzanne Lenglen left for Italy this afternoon for several weeks rest. Her physical condition is such that she has abandoned the idea of playing in the Montone Lawn Tennis tournament, even in the doubles for the Cup of Nations, although she would have needed but one more victory for permanent possession of the trophy.

AUGUST BUSCH LOSES SPOKANE MATCH TO GREEK

SPOKANE, Wash. (Special)—John Klionis, sensational Boston Greek wrestler, made his north-west debut here Saturday night, defeating August Busch, of La Grande, in straight falls.

The Greek caused the biggest house of the season to forget past thrills provided by such men as Al Karnasick, Mike Yokel, Billy Meeske, and Billy Edwards, the quartet whom he came to the northwest to meet, and one of whom, Meeske, was billed to wrestle Klionis here. At the last minute Busch was substituted.

MRS COLLINS PASSES

SALFEM, Ore. (AP)—Six boys of the state training school served as pallbearers here today at the funeral of Mrs. Jessie O. Collins, for 14 years a teacher at the school and whose death occurred Saturday.

GERMANS WIN DOUBLES

MONTE CARLO (AP)—Fran Seppach, the German woman tennis star and Herr Kehring won the finals in the mixed doubles of the Lawn Tennis tournament here today, defeating Miss Vlasto and Baron De Morpurgo of Italy 6-7, 6-0, 6-4.

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Baker High Wins Title, Defeating Joseph 32-14

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with a field basket shortly after the opening tip-off and although Joseph held her own after that in the first quarter, she could not overcome the lead. At half time Baker had forced further to the front, the score standing 16 to 6. During the last half the baskets came thick and fast and before the third quarter was far under way it could readily be seen that Joseph's hope for a victory was negligible.

The gymnasium was crowded to capacity for the final game of the tournament, practically assuring financial success. Throughout the three days fair crowds were in attendance, even when the losing teams met.

Cup Given to Team

Following Baker's victory, T. T. Cook, president of the Union commercial club, presented the champions with a beautiful loving cup.

Baker's decisive win rather upset the dope as far as the score was concerned but following the semi-finals in the afternoon, when Baker won from La Grande with little show of fatigue, the tide of opinion swept over to Baker's side. During the final game the Baker leads, tired and game-worn, yet careless played like winners, showing the stuff that real champions are made of. The crowd in general, after the showing the Bulldogs made, were attracted with the outcome.

Payne High Points Man

By scoring 5 points in the final, Payne emerged high point man of the tournament with 46. Lynn, of La Grande, in one less game, was second with 43.

Summary

Baker (32)	(14) Joseph
Payne 5	F. Matthews
Cundiff 13	F. Dawson
G. Duff 11	G. Acton
T. Duff 7	G. Estes
Hines 6	I. Walker
R. Craven	S. Craven

Score by Quarters

Baker	7	9	8	10	34
Joseph	4	3	5	2	14

Field goals: Payne 4, Cundiff 6, G. Duff 4, Matthews 3, Acton, Craven.

LA GRANDE ELIMINATED

UNION, Ore. (Special to The Observer).—Baker high school eliminated the La Grande Tigers from further play in the district tournament by defeating the Union County champs 32 to 14.

La Grande failed to find the basket in the first half although the Tigers shot time and again, and the first half ended 11 to 1. During the final frames La Grande decisively outplayed Baker, scoring 24 points to Baker's 11.

La Grande's final standing was 5th, winning twice and losing twice. Lynn was high point man during the tournament for the blue and white with 46 points.

Summary

La Grande (16)	(22) Baker
Glass 4	F. Payne
Keweenaw 4	F. Cundiff
Lynn 7	C. G. Duff
Zundell 5	G. Acton
Herry 5	G. Estes
S. Haskett	H. Walker
S. Craven	S. Craven

Score by Quarters

La Grande	0	1	7	8	16
Baker	5	6	5	6	22

Field goals: Keweenaw 2, Lynn 3, Zundell 2, Payne 4, Cundiff 3, G. Duff 2.

WALLOWA BEATEN

UNION, Ore. (Special to The Observer).—In the final game of the semi-finals Joseph defeated a hard-playing Wallowa five 22 to 15. The score at half time was Joseph 9, Wallowa 5. Haman's bids were held to 1 point in the first quarter.

Summary

Wallowa (18)	(22) Joseph
Henderson 6	F. Matthews
Hinker 7	F. Dawson
Crawford 5	C. G. Acton
Johnson 4	G. Estes
Hillings 3	I. Walker
Sarrett 2	S. Craven

Score by Quarters

Wallowa	1	4	4	3	12
Joseph	5	6	5	6	22

Field goals: Matthews 2, Estes 2, Acton, Craven, Dawson, Henderson 2, Sarrett, Crawford 2, Johnson 2.

OREGON LOSES TITLE CONTEST

OAKLAND (By the Associated Press)—The University of California basketball team won the Pacific coast conference championship by defeating the University of Oregon 29 to 23 at the Oakland auditorium. The score at half time was 12 to 11 in favor of California.

The first game of the series was won by California Friday night 22 to 17.

By winning the game last night the Bears took for the third consecutive time the Pacific Coast conference basketball championship.

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