

Last season .261 was the lowest team batting average in the local softball loop. This year, at the conclusion of second-round play last week, the highest was .259 and lowest .131. Twenty-three were hitting at the .259 clip, and but one other club was over the .200 mark, being Square Deal with .236. Why this letdown in hitting power? Better pitching? Better fielding? Different ball?

Faster Fielding.
Yes, the fielding is better, despite many of those boots out there that drive fandom furious. Last season two teams were fielding under a .900 clip, whereas .908 is the lowest team fielding average so far this year. Wait's, consistently winning ball games with meagre hitting power, have done so by playing 'em close to the belly defensively. The Papermakers, hitting even more percentage point above Wait's, at .100, nevertheless have the league gonfalon almost tacked to the smokstack of their paper mill. Reason: The team is fielding at a .934 clip.

Hurling No Better.
Pitching, mechanically speaking, isn't any better. In fact, all around it is doubtful whether it is as good. Crowfoot and his windmill delivery, for instance, isn't as unfathomable now that the newness has worn off. It's a mistake me there, for Mr. Pinwheel Percy still stirs up a stiff breeze with his strikeout ball, but there are times when the lads lean into his offerings. As for the ball, it should be productive of more base hits than the one formerly used. It is harder, and should travel further and faster. It is entirely seamless, and therefore tougher for pitchers to grip. It's on it. Therefore, the lower team batting marks revert right back to better fielding—especially by the weaker clubs in the circ. it.

Look at Diz!
Do you realize the monumental work Dizzy Dean accomplished in setting down the Boston Bees and New York Yankees with one run each—in a space of eight days after being shelved with a \$185,000 sore arm since May 3? Maybe this'll help you to fullsome realization: Against Boston he threw only 100 balls, allowed four hits and walked not one, officially facing but 31 Bostonians in a minimum of 27. That was merely a warm-up, for against New York he heaved plateward but 88 balls, allowed five hits, walked one and again faced but 31 batters.

Throws 188 in 18.
The guy who everyone, including Mona Lisa, the Pied Piper and Statue of Liberty, was not over two weeks ago relegating to the baseball junk heap, came through in such style as to not only place stringent stranglehold on such undue relegating but also came right on establishing a record for the boys to shoot at. While books at our command do not carry the record of the least number of balls thrown by a pitcher in nine innings, Dizzy must have set one over the consecutive 18-inning route at least. He threw but 188 balls in 18 consecutive innings about the number thrown by a chucker in an ordinary nine-inning game. In strict baseball parlance that is what is known as "turnin' 'em away," or "mowin' 'em down."

Claims "No Motive."
By golly, though he says he has no "alterior motive" in sending the following clipping from the editorial page of Sunday's Oregon Journal, I think Dr. Bruce Baxter had several twinkles in his eye when he mailed it. Here 'tis: "The News Press recently ran a photo of the University of Oregon football team under the caption: 'They Can Neither Read Nor Write.' It's a nasty Nazi libel, that's what it is. Still and all, who cares? Just go the boys derast signals."

Juniors to Meet Estacada Outfit in Second Game

WOODBURN—The Woodburn American Legion Junior baseball team will play its second, and perhaps final, game of its sectional championship series with Estacada Juniors at Estacada Thursday at 2:30 p.m. Should the Woodburn Juniors defeat the Estacada team they would be sectional champions and would gain a place in the state championship series to be held at Legion park August 6 and 7. If Estacada wins the two teams will play another game next Sunday.

Woodburn handed Estacada a 5-1 loss in the first game and is picked to make it two in a row although Rehberg, Estacada pitcher, may make it a tough afternoon for Woodburn. Doubtless will be his battery mate. Tony Jell will be on the hill for Woodburn with the veteran Clyde Reed catching. A large number of local fans will see the game.

Pade Girls Swamp Dallas Team 19-1

Four home runs by Pade-Barrick missed proved too much for the Dallas girls' team as they went down to defeat 19 to 1 last night. Morgan, Nelson, Sweet and Annunen all clouted homers. Pade-Barrick . . . 19 13 2 Dallas . . . 1 4 3 Yacuz and Welch; Rowell, Larson and McDonald.

Too Late to Classify
LOST—FR glasses, rimless, in Marine Square Friday night. Reward. Sabin Watch Shop, 211 N. Com'.

Makers Victors By 2-0 Score

Clark's Decision at Third Signal for Uprising by Wait's Club

Tonight's Games
Eagles vs. Square Deal, 8:15
Pheasants vs. 20-30, 9:15

While no blood was spilled on Sweetland last night there were buckets of it in the collective eyes of the Wait's team over an umpire's decision in the eighth inning that upset its equilibrium even more than the Papermakers upset Wait's.

The Makers, behind Crowfoot's two-hit hurling, bested Wait's 2 to 0, in a game that was even more exhilarating by the unannounced tilt that preceded it, in which 20-30 landed on the Eagles for a 10 to 4 win.

Ahead 1-0 going into the first of the eighth, by dint of Serdotz' towering triple and a perfectly executed squeeze by catcher McCaffery, the riot broke out. Schnuelle, first up, singled sharply to center. Crowfoot beat out an infield hit to short, showing Schnuelle to second. Roth spun an outside pitch to Dunn, next up, which got partially by catcher McCaffery. McCaffery fumbled it. Schnuelle tore for third.

Clark Shoved Around
McCaffery's toss reached the bag almost simultaneously with Schnuelle, and it was up to Base Umpire to place Clark on it. "Safe," said Clark. "Wow," was the concerted outbreak from Wait's, with three or four of them shouting Ump Clark unceremoniously about the infield. Umpire Weisgerber rushed to his assistance, bawling out, "Out!" Wait's infielders temporarily from the tilt. With but nine men in suit, Manager Foreman felt he was no match for the Makers with half them on the bench. The umpires reconsidered and banished the shortstop Garbarino only. Schnuelle eventually scored, crossing after Girod's throw on Dunn's fly got away from McCaffery at the plate.

Wait's never got a man past first base all night, and only three that far, in the fifth, sixth and eighth. In the sixth each poked good singles after two were away to reach the initial sack, and Garbarino got the sole walk issued by Crowfoot in the seventh. Two were away.

The win gave the Papermakers the championship of their three-league series with Wait's, and put them so far in front of the standings only a miracle could now halt their progress into the seeded spot of the state tourney.

It was a ragged opener in which 20-30 converted seven hits into 10 runs. Otto Skopli, with three-for-four, was the hitting star for 20-30. Harrison getting a single, triple and double in four appearances for the Eagles.

Bodacious base-running assisted the "bumbers" gain even more than its own power at bat.

	B	R	E	H
Drynan, m	4	2	0	0
Siegmund, l	4	2	1	0
Gilmore, p	4	1	1	0
Comstock, r	3	1	1	0
Kellogg, c	4	0	0	0
Hank, l	3	2	1	0
Skopli, s	4	2	3	0
Marr, s	4	0	0	0
Pilette, c	2	0	0	0
Filsinger, m	5	0	1	0
Herberger, r	4	1	0	0
Weller, l	4	1	1	0
Quesseth, c	3	1	1	0
Harrison, s	4	1	3	0
Lowe, l	4	0	0	0
Cotten, p	3	0	2	0
Wilkinson, p	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	4	8	0

Errors, Harrison, Gilmore, Skopli, Quesseth, Cotten, Lowe, 6 hits 9 runs off Cotten in 7; 1 and 1 off Wilkinson in 1st; 8 and 4 off Gilmore in 9th; winning pitcher, Gilmore. Losing pitcher, Cotten. Runs responsible for, Cotten 4, Gilmore 4, Wilkinson 1, Struck by, Gilmore, Cotten, W. Wilkinson 1. Bases on balls, off Gilmore 5, off Cotten 2, off Wilkinson 2. Three base hit, Harrison. Two base hit, Harrison. Runs batted in, Comstock 2, Lowe, Cotten 2, Steinke 2, Skopli, Harrison. Wild pitch, Cotten 1, Wilkinson 1. Gilmore 1. Passed ball, Pilette. Time of game 1 hour, 15 minutes. Umpires Clark and Weisgerber.

	B	R	E	H
Dunn, s	4	0	1	0
Parrish, l	4	0	0	0
French, r	4	0	1	0
Nicholson, m	4	0	1	0
Serdotz, l	4	1	1	0
Dick, s	3	0	1	0
Kelley, s	3	0	0	0
Schnuelle, c	3	1	1	0
Crowfoot, p	3	0	1	0
Totals	32	2	7	0

	B	R	E	H
Foreman, m	4	0	0	0
Beard, l, s	4	0	0	0
Seales, r	3	0	0	0
Garbarton, s	2	0	0	0
Girod, r	3	0	1	0
McCaffery, c	3	0	0	0
Adolph, l	3	0	0	0
Roth, p	3	0	0	0
Totals	29	0	2	0

Errors, Garbarino, McCaffery; 7 hits, 3 runs off Roth in 9th; 2 and 0 off Crowfoot in 9th. Winning pitcher, Crowfoot. Losing pitcher, Roth. Runs responsible for, Roth 2. Struck out, by Crowfoot 7, Roth 2. Bases on balls, off Crowfoot 1, off Roth 1. Three base hit, Serdotz, Dick. Sacrifice, Kelley. Wild pitch, Roth. Passed ball, McCaffery. Time of game, 1 hour, 15 minutes. Umpires, Weisgerber and Clark.

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Young's Bat Brings Pirates 4-2 Win

Second Sacker Bats in Four

Cards Shutout Giants by 7-0 as Lon Warneke Hurls 4-Hitter

PHILADELPHIA, July 27-(AP)—Floyd Young batted Pittsburgh to a 4 to 2 victory over the Phillies today, the Pirate second sacker driving in all four runs with a single, homer and infield out.

Young drove in the first Pirate in the second when he singled after Vaughan had walked and stole second. In the fourth, he slammed his round-tripper into the left field stands after Todd had beat out an infield hit.

In the ninth he came up with Vaughan on third by virtue of a walk, infield out and a stolen base, and knocked in the last Pirate run with a hard drive to Mueller at second. Vaughan beat Mueller's throw to the plate.

Pittsburgh . . . 4 6 0
Philadelphia . . . 2 4 4
Batters and fielders: Hallahan, Mulcahy and V. Davis.

Cards 7, Giants 0
NEW YORK, July 27-(AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals combined a timely attack with a pair of timely errors in a big sixth inning splurge today to wallop the Giants, 7 to 0, behind Long Lonnie Warneke's four-hit pitching.

It was the Giants' fifth straight setback, and left them five games behind the national league-leading Pittsburgh Pirates.

St. Louis . . . 7 11 1
New York . . . 0 4 3
Warneke and Bremer; Castleman, Lehman, Coffman, Mancuso and Danning.

Cubs 2, Dodgers 3
BROOKLYN, July 27-(AP)—After being blanked for eight innings, the Dodgers landed on Clay Bryant for three runs in the ninth tonight to nose out the Chicago Cubs, 3 to 2, ending the Cubs' four-game winning streak.

Chicago . . . 2 8 2
Brooklyn . . . 3 7 1
Bryant and O'Dea; Posedel, Tamulis and Campbell.

Reds, Bees Split
BOSTON, July 27-(AP)—With Danny MacFayden and Lou Fette pitching five-hit ball in their respective games, Casey Stengel's Boston Bees today stepped out of the jinx column, winning a doubleheader over the Cincinnati Reds, 1-0 and 5-1.

Cincinnati . . . 0 5 1
Boston . . . 1 7 0
Weaver, Schott and Herbsberg; MacFayden and Lopez.

Builders Winners Over H-L Outfit

Though outfit nearly double. Building Supply last night at Legion park, 11 to 10 Industrial league victory over Hansen-Liljequist.

Building Supply . . . 11 8 5
Hansen-Liljequist . . . 10 15 4
Richie and Taylor; Bahlbuz and DeGeer.

League Standings

COAST LEAGUE (Before Night Games)			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	69	50	.580
Sacramento	65	51	.571
Seattle	62	56	.525
San Diego	61	57	.525
San Francisco	61	59	.509
Portland	56	62	.475
Hollywood	55	65	.458
Oakland	43	77	.353

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	52	29	.644
Cleveland	51	30	.630
Boston	48	33	.593
Washington	46	44	.511
Detroit	42	46	.477
Chicago	35	39	.473
Philadelphia	31	45	.432
St. Louis	25	55	.310

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	54	31	.635
New York	51	35	.573
Chicago	50	35	.563
Cincinnati	45	40	.525
Brooklyn	41	47	.465
Boston	38	45	.458
St. Louis	37	48	.435
Philadelphia	26	58	.310



Swimming, Diving Title Meet Nears

August 12 Set as Date of City-Wide Competition at Leslie Pool

August 12 has been set as the date for the city-wide swimming and diving championships, to be held at Leslie pool beginning at 2:30.

Entrants must file their names by August 10, and no late filings will be accepted.

Each entrant will be limited to three events, diving included. The meet will be run off in four age groups, separate groups for boys and girls but events identical. Ribbons will be given for first, second and third places in each group.

12 and under—50 meter freestyle; 50 meter breaststroke; 50 meter backstroke.

14 and under—50 meter freestyle; 50 meter breaststroke; 50 meter backstroke; 100 meter freestyle; diving.

16 and under—Same as 14 and under.

18 and over—Same as 14 and under.

Softball League To Open Friday

New Organization Formed by Churches, Firemen and West Salem

Organized and presided over by Keith Clark in conjunction with the city playgrounds setup, a new four-team softball league will begin play Friday night of this week and continue through August 26.

The league, composed of Knight Memorial church, Jason Lee church, the City Firemen and West Salem, will be known as the National league. It will use Salem Softball association rules, play nine men and all games will start promptly at 6 o'clock on Olinger's two diamonds. Diamond No. 1 is in the southeast corner and diamond No. 2 in the northwest part of the team.

July 23—K. Memorial vs. W. Salem, No. 1; Firemen vs. Jason Lee, No. 2.

Aug. 5—Jason Lee vs. W. Salem, No. 1; K. Memorial vs. Firemen, No. 2.

Aug. 12—Jason Lee vs. K. Memorial, No. 1; Firemen vs. W. Salem, No. 2.

Aug. 19—Firemen vs. Jason Lee, No. 1; K. Memorial vs. W. Salem, No. 2.

Aug. 26—Firemen vs. W. Salem, No. 1; Jason Lee vs. K. Memorial, No. 2.

Young Hutch Best Hurler in Coast

LOS ANGELES, July 27-(AP)—Freddie Hutchinson, 18-year-old Seattle twirler, is the outstanding pitcher of the Pacific coast league to date, on the basis of figures made public today. He is credited with 16 victories against only five defeats, for a percentage of .762.

The youngster has pitched 190 innings and allowed but 48 earned runs for an average of 2.27, and has done mound duty through 13 complete games.

Win Ballou, San Francisco.

Mt. Angel Lassies Clout Salem Bees

The Salem Bee softball sisters dropped a 10 to 2 Willamette Valley league decision to Mt. Angel last night on Olinger. Angel pitcher Welton adding her own cause with a circuit clout.

Mt. Angel . . . 10 8 4
Salem Bees . . . 2 4 12
Welton, Sconetz and Hensing; Vickers, Huntington and Gallscher, Vickers.

Rookie Leads Yanks to Win

Steve Sundra Saves Tilt With Pitching, Hitting for 7-5 Victory

ST. LOUIS, July 27-(AP)—Rookie Steve Sundra, who has been pretty much in "bust" all season, came through in a large way today and personally led the New York Yankees to a 7 to 5 victory over the Browns.

Rushed into the game in the sixth inning, when the Browns had the score tied one out and the bases loaded on young Joe Vance, Sundra tossed hitless ball over the last 3 2-3 innings. Then he hit a homer in the seventh to break the tie, and in the ninth he singled to drive in the final run. Lou Gehrig also hit a homer—his 16th of the year.

New York . . . 7 11 0
St. Louis . . . 5 13 3
Vance, Sundra (6) and Dickey; Johnson and Heath.

Silverton Wins 2nd Series Tilt

SILVERTON—The Silverton Red Sox made it two in a row here last night over Medical Lake, Washington semi-pro champs, in their five game series for the inter-state championship and right to go to Wichita for the national semi-pro congress tournament.

The Silverton team, winners 13 to 2 in the first game, won 5 to 1 last night behind four-hit pitching. Only one more win is needed for the Red Sox to clinch the series.

Bonney's triple in the second started Silverton off. Cameron "squeezed" Bonney home and then Roy Hejser singled to drive in Cameron.

Silverton's single and two infield outs brought another run in the third; Koch's single scored Baker in the fourth and singles by Pesky and Bonney brought another in the eighth.

Nationals Win in Park Field Meet

WOODBURN—The "Nationals" under the direction of Leslie Erb, walked off with most of the places in the field meet held at Legion park Tuesday afternoon. Pete DeGuire was in charge of the "Americans."

The meet opened with sack races and a tug 'o war and was climaxed with a five inning baseball game which was won by the "Nationals" by a score of 12-4. The "American" Juniors defeated the "National" Juniors 12-3 in a three-inning softball game.

Cutler's Shutout Parrish Nine 10-0

Casper & Cutler continued its unchecked swath through the Playground league by last night lambasting Parrish Market 10 to 0 behind Cutler's one-hit pitching.

Casper & Cutler . . . 10 11 2
Parrish Market . . . 0 1 1
Cutler a 4; Harnas; Yarnell, Warren and Warren, Yarnell.