Caps Stem Rally, Get Opener 5-4

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

I'm not mad, or am I? You ask me—am I mad?

I'm peeved anyway, which is a little to the leeward of mad. In fact I'm almost peeved enough to be mad.

Things like this statement, lifted from the Wenatchee World, are what is making me so peeved: "Excepting Lefty Isekite, he's (Wenatchee's Jack Hawkins) just about the lone lefthander in the league this year."

GENE FENTER

See what I mean? Now here at Salem we think we have a couple of pretty fair lefthanders in Roy Helser and Gene Fenter, and along comes a brash statement like that! It's enough to make a man mad. Or plenty peeved.

Especially when just a few minutes before you see a piece like that no less a personage than Bubblin' Biddy Bishop, business manager, groundskeeper and erstwhile pitcher of our Senators, assures you that 18-year-old Fenter is without doubt a $50,000 prospect.

Biddy didn't see the Wenatchee statement or he'd be mad, too. Well, peeved anyway, because Biddy is pretty firmly convinced Fenter will be saleable material no later this fall. "He's got more right now than Larry French ever had as a busher," declares Bubblin' Biddy.

Softball Peeve, too.

I don't get cooled off from that World crack when, taking a gander further down the line of type, I see this one:

"With Nanny Fernandez gone, the best fielding shortstop in the league - - -"

That really brought the bristles up on end. For everybody, with the possible exception of Wenatchee, this side of Portland, Maine, knows that our own Bunny Griffiths has no peers as a fielding shortstop. Not only in this league, but in any league this side of the majors. Not so long ago, in fact, he was voted by baseball writers as the best fielding shortstop in baseball.

All my peeve isn't wrapped up in Wenatchee. The rest of it comes from an AP story out of Alameda, Calif., to wit:

"The Alameda girls' softball team crushed the Lind and Pomeroy team of Portland, Oregon State girls' championship outfit - - -".

Oregon state champions, huh? Some nerve, that, when the LPs were buried under some 16 or 18 runs in the state championship final by our Pade-Barricks last year, and when the L-Ps haven't come close to beating the P-Bs for three years!

It's enough to make a fellow a little perturbed.

13,000 at Spokane.

Our Senators played to a net paid gate of 13,091 in their three-night stand at Spokane, a new mid-week record for the city that holds the class B attendance record. Had the series fallen upon a weekend, Spokane Business Boss Monty Montgomery felt certain they would have set a new minor league record for any one series.

Wednesday night's paid attendance figure was 6431, one of the largest crowds ever to assemble in Ferris field, which is noted for its big turnouts.

Notes on the series, via Biddy Bishop: Antelope Al Lightner looked like "a million dollars" (wonder why he always puts things in terms of dollars and cents?) on first base. . . Bucky Harris booted home four runs the first night he returned to the rightfield post but after that got back in the groove to play a sensational game. . . Positively, he looked like a $100 bucks (there it goes again!)

More: Both Helser and Brewer looked like cash in the bank (listen to the money rattle!) in their wins Thursday night . . . Gene Fenter had the scouts licking their chops and reaching for their checkbooks (does this go on for ever?) . . . Spokane scorers robbed our Senators of at least $85 (oh, me!) worth of hits.

Lights, Bees Bother.

Know why Hal Clemence, the school teacher with the swift one, hasn't been pitching of late? Or of early, either? Whether you did or not, I thought it was a bit strange the righty with the rare back delivery wasn't taking his turn when he'd won his last six starts.

Well, fellows, Clemence hasn't been in any condition to pitch right lately. Or right early. On the way to Wenatchee 10 days ago Hal's head powdered a dome light in "Bucket of Bolts," the Solon bus, with the head suffering almost as much as the light.

Almost well from that mishap, Clemence was scheduled to pitch the exhibition bill against Walla Walla last Monday when he was waylaid by a bee—again Clemence came out second best. The bee lost it's stinger and the bee's loss was Hal's gain, but Hal had so much gain it bothered his pitching motion.

League Baseball

Senator Batting Averages

	B	H	Pct		B	H	Pct
Helser	78	30	.384	Grfths	274	64	.333
Harris	314	117	.375	Barker	140	31	.222
Wilson	199	74	.371	Knoll	68	13	.191
Wil'ms	77	27	.350	Oliver	33	6	.181
Lightr	317	94	.296	Kralovth	6	1	.167
Pet'sn	252	71	.281	Clem'ce	27	4	.148
Cosc't	317	80	.252	Brewer	48	7	.145
Fenter	25	6	.240	Davis	27	3	.111

Roseburg Anglers Fight Extension

ROSEBURG, July 12—(AP)—The Roseburg Rod and Gun club said today it will "fight vigorously" against extension of the commercial fishing season in the lower Umpqua region.

Harris Ellsburg, Roseburg publisher and president of the club, criticized commercial fishermen of "vicious deception" in proposing to revise the net fishing season.

Under the proposal, Ellsworth said, the netting season would be extended 30 days, and the escapement of game fish would be greatly reduced. He branded contention of the commercial operators that steelhead were depleting the Umpqua river of food for trout as "fantastic."

The truth is," Ellsworth declared, "that there is so much natural food in the Umpqua river that sports fishermen have great difficulty in getting fish to rise to surface lures. What we need is more fish in the stream to dispose of surplus food so that fish will rise to flies."

Kamrath Is Upset By B. Carrothers

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12—(AP)—Bobby Carrothers, of Coronado, Calif., seeded seventh, upset third-seeded Robert Kamrath of Houston, Tex., today in quarter finals of men's singles in the western tennis tournament. Scores were 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Bobby Riggs of Chicago, seeded first, advanced to the semi-finals over Ronald Lubin, of Los Angeles, 6-4, 6-2. He will meet Bill Talbert of Cincinnati in the first semi-final match tomorrow afternoon.

Welby Van Horn of Los Angeles, seeded second, needed three sets to drop John Shostrom of Chicago in another quarter-final match 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Greenberg Still Tops Net Tourney

NORTH CONWAY, NM, July 12—(AP)—Seymour Greenberg, national public parks champion from Chicago, continued his role of "giant killer" today by upsetting fourth-seeded George Toley, of Los Angeles, 6-4, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5, in the gold racquet tennis tournament semi-finals.

Frank Novacs, of Oakland, Calif., only seeded star left in the field, will fight it out with Larry Dee of Stanford university for the privilege of meeting Greenberg in the final. Dee disposed of Bob Decker, of Newton, Mass., to reach the semi-final bracket.

Marshall Favors Compulsory Drill

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—The war department went on record as favoring compulsory military training Thursday, as Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, expressed the view that the armed forces could not be built up to "essential" strength by voluntary enlistments.

Marshall is scheduled to testify tomorrow before a senate committee on the Burke-Wadsworth training bill, and he indicated in talking to reporters that the war department would endorse it with "minor" amendments.

"God Bless America" to Be Sung by Republicans; Author Gives Permission

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(AP)—Irving Berlin, writer of the song "God Bless America," today granted the republicans the right to use the song in the Wendell Willkie campaign.

It was sung at the recent republican convention by Margaret Speaks, opera star.

Leaders Fall, City Softball

'Makers Upset Dealers, 6-5 in 10 Innings; Waits Down Kids

City Softball League

	W	L	Pct.
Square Deal	7	9	.778
Kennedy's	6	4	.600
Pheasants	5	4	.556
Paper Mill	5	4	.556
Waits	5	5	.500
Schoens	0	9	.000

Led by the pitching and hitting of Windmiller Bob Willis, the Papermakers upset the league leading Square Deal team in a 10-inning melee last night by a score of 6 to 5. Willis held the Dealers to seven hits, struck out 11 batters and poled out a home run.

In the nightcap, the Waits Meatmen took up where Square Deal left off Wednesday, and walloped Kennedy's Kids 7 to 2.

The Papermaker-Dealer tiff was a thrilling game throughout. The Dealers took an early lead in the third inning when they scored three runs on two hits, a fielder's choice, and two 'Maker errors. Weisner, leading off for Square Deal, singled. He went to second and H. Singer was safe at first on a fielder's choice. Then Bob Dunn, 'Maker shortstop, made his first error of the season, allowing Weisner to score. An infield out and another hit scored the other two runs of the inning.

Take Lead in 5th

The 'Makers got one run in the third, one in the fourth, and went into the lead with two in the fifth. The Dealers tied the score in the sixth, scoring one run on two errors, a walk, and a fielder's choice.

The lead went to the 'Makers again in the eighth but the Dealers tied it up in the last half of the ninth. In the 'Maker half of the tenth, Dutch Schnuelle, lead-off man, connected for a tremendous triple. It would have been a home-run for any one else but it was all Dutch could do to make a triple out of it. He scored the winning run a minute later on R. Gentzkow's bobble of McGee's ground ball.

Nightcap Listless

The nightcap was a rather lifeless affair. Waits was on top from the opening inning in which they scored two runs off two hits and two errors. They scored single runs in the sixth and ninth and three tallies in the eighth.

The Kids scored one run in both the sixth and ninth innings. Joe Herberger led the Kid attack with two singles and a double in three trips to the plate. Ike Eisminger got two bingles in two appearances at the plate for the Meatmen.

Papermakers	6	12	5
Square Deal	5	7	3

Willis and Schnuelle; Mickenham, H. Singer (7), and Larson, L. Singer (7).

Waits	7	12	4
Kennedy's	2	7	4

Cutler and McCaffery; Bulkley and Comstock.

Flier and Woman Passenger Killed

LODI, Calif., July 12—(AP)—A student flier and his young woman passenger were killed when their plane crashed and burned at the edge of an airport five miles north of Lodi late today.

The victims, authorities said, were Howard White, 27, of Stockton, the pilot, and Mrs. Meta West Daniels, 24, daughter of City Attorney Glen West of Lodi.

Sheriff's Deputy Andy Hasten said White apparently crashed when he came down with the wind, instead of against it.

The plane, a three passenger Fairchild cabin ship, was destroyed by fire. Both victims were badly burned.

Mull Hurls No-No

Behind the no-hit, no-run pitching of Mull, who also starred with a pair of home runs, the Hazel Dell nine Thursday scored a 15 to 0 Commercial league triumph over Pohle-Staver.

Hazel Dell	15	14	2
Pohle-Staver	0	0	5

Mull and Williams; Pettit and Brinkley.

Monmouth Beats Coquettes

Monmouth downed Salem's Coquettes, 10 to 9, in a Willamette Valley loop softball game Thursday night that was featured by Goffrier's three-base hits and Ball's one.

He Captains the Capilanos

It's Manager Jimmy "Doc" Crandall of the Vancouver Capilanos, who are in our town for a Western International league series with the Little Skipper's crew. Crandall, who can also serve the ball, aids with the receiving chores for the Canadian cannonaders.

Bob Feller Hurls One-Hitter; Olsen, Club Rookie, Does Well

National League

	W	L	Pct		W	L	Pct
Cincin.	47	28	.671	Pittsbg	29	40	.420
Bro'klyn	45	24	.652	St.Louis	27	41	.397
N. York	41	28	.594	Boston	26	41	.388
Chicago	40	38	.513	Philadel	25	45	.357

American League

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Clevel'd	47	29	.618	Chicago	33	38	.457
Detroit	44	28	.611	St.Louis	33	45	.423
Boston	42	31	.575	Wash.	31	46	.403
N. York	38	34	.528	Philadel	29	45	.392

CHICAGO, July 12—(AP)—Verne Olsen, rookie southpaw, set the Boston Bees down with five hits today to give the Chicago Cubs a 2 to 0 victory before a ladies day crowd of 16,000.

Olsen's sinker ball baffled the invaders throughout, but his seven bases on balls kept Boston in the game. The yearling pitcher, however, was effective in the pinches, leaving 12 runners stranded on the bases. He also struck out seven batters.

Bill Posedel yielded only six hits to the Cubs, but Chicago bunched two of these for a run in the third inning.

The victory was Olsen's fifth as against as many defeats. (The Cubs with two wins in three games in this series play the Bees again Saturday in the finale.

Boston	0	5	1
Chicago	2	6	1

Posedel and Berres; Olsen and Hartnett.

Mahan Phils' Hero

PITTSBURGH, July 12—(AP)—Art Mahan's looping single to right with the bases filled in the fifth inning—one of his four hits—was the deciding blow which gave Philadelphia a 6 to 3 victory over Pittsburgh tonight before 9042 fans.

Philadelphia	6	12	3
Pittsburgh	3	7	1

Mulcahy and Atwood; Bowman and Lopez.

Bundy Wins 1st Match

DENVER, July 12—(AP)—Defending Champion Dorothy May Bundy, seeking her fourth women's singles title at the 50th Colorado open tennis tournament, lost her first games of this year's meet today but had strokes to spare in beating third-seeded Pearl Harland of Los Angeles, 6-3, 6-3.

UO Hoopers at Astoria

ASTORIA, July 12—(AP)—An Astorian basketball committee obtained an agreement from Coach Howard Hobson today under which the University of Oregon basketball team will play two games here next December. The opponents were not selected.

Medford Signs McDonald

MEDFORD, July 12—(AP)—Alex McDonald, 25, shortstop of the Medford state league baseball team, signed to coach baseball in Medford high school today.

Padre Rally Nips Angels, 11 to 3

Pacific Coast League
(Before night games)

	W	L	Pct		W	L	Pct
Seattle	64	36	.640	S. Fran.	49	53	.480
Oakland	60	45	.571	Sac'mto	50	56	.472
L. Ang.	59	50	.515	Holly'd	48	57	.457
S. Diego	55	51	.510	Portlnd	35	64	.354

SAN DIEGO, Calif., July 12—(AP)—San Diego scored seven runs in a seventh-inning outburst to trounce Los Angeles, 11 to 3, in a Coast league game today.

The score was tied at 3 all when the Padres tallied seven times on three hits, with the assistance of two Angel errors and three walks.

Los Angeles	3	9	3
San Diego	11	11	0

Bonetti, Flores (7) and Hernandes; Humphreys and Salkeld.

East Hillers Win Loop's 1st Half

SILVERTON — The Silverton Recreational Softball league completed its first half with the East Hillers the victors, having won four and lost but two. South Siders were second with three wins and three losses. Business Men and West Hillers tied for cellar positions; each with two wins and three losses.

The second half of the league play opens Monday and will continue through the month.

The local recreational project has been extended to August 9, according to announcements made this week by Ray Goates, director.

Members of the Parent-Teacher association committee reports that the project has proved so successful under Goates' direction that they are glad to extend it. Sufficient funds are available to finance the extra time, it was said.

Ward Advances To Semifinals

National Amateur Champ Overcomes Pine Tree, Bush and Goodman

MINNEAPOLIS, July 12—(AP)—Bud Ward of Spokane today proved he was of the stuff champions are made of when neither a pine tree, a bush nor such a golfing figure as Johnny Goodman of Omaha could keep him from entering the semi-finals of the annual western amateur tournament at the Minneapolis Golf club.

The national amateur champion spilled Goodman, former holder of both the nation's amateur and open crowns, one up, after the pine tree cost him a hole at a crucial moment and was partly responsible for the loss of another, while the bush nearly permitted his opponent to pull up to even terms late in the match.

Other Dramatic Matches

That was but one of three spectacular quarter-final matches with Jim Ferrier of Sydney, Australia, nosing out Wilford Wehrle of Chicago in a dramatic finish 2 up and George Victor of Chicago defeating Earl Larson, Minneapolis, 1 up. The fourth match found Harry Todd of Dallas, defending champion, crushing Bill Kosteicky, of Fargo, ND, 6 and 4.

Victor, who defeated one of the big favorites, Art Doering of Chicago, in the third round 5 and 4, scored a medal 71 to outlast Larson and will be Ferrier's opponent in a 36-hole semi-final match Saturday. Ferrier won from Elmer Freed of Cleveland, Ohio, 6 and 4, in the third round.

Ward gets another stiff test in the other semi-finals match Saturday when he meets the tournament's defending champion, Todd. Todd defeated Larry Moller of Quincy, Ill.

Homers Help Win, Industrial Loop

Coomler and Cox hit homers as Montgomery-Ward blasted Civil Service 13 to 0 in an Industrial league softball session last night. Miller allowed the CS boys but three hits—two to Scott and one to Shedeck.

Mont-Ward	13	10	0
Civil Service	0	3	3

Miller and Beaver; Shedeck and Thompson.

Senators' Box Score

Vancouver

Samhammer, m	3	3	3	0	0
Orteig, 3b	4	2	1	0	0
Stewart, r	4	0	2	2	0
Quinn, 1b	4	0	0	11	0
Callteaux, 2b	5	0	0	6	6
Edy, l	3	0	0	2	0
Lloyd, c	3	0	1	1	0
Shimer, s	2	0	0	5	5
Osborn, p	4	0	0	0	6
Smith, r	0	0	0	0	0
Total	32	5	7	27	17

Salem

Wilson, m	4	1	0	2	0
Knoll, 2b	2	1	0	1	0
Coscarart, l	5	2	4	3	0
Harris, r	4	0	1	3	0
Petersen, 3b	5	0	2	0	4
Williams, c	5	0	1	5	0
Lightner, 1b	5	0	2	13	0
Griffiths, s	4	0	1	0	5
Clemence, p	3	0	1	0	2
Kralovitch, p	0	0	0	0	0
*Helser	1	0	0	0	0
Fenter, p	0	0	0	0	0
**Barkery	1	0	0	0	0
Total	39	4	12	27	12

*Batted for Kralovitch in 8th.
**Batted for Fenter in 9th.
Errors, Shimer, Orteig.

Vancouver	002	020	100—5
Salem	100	000	201—4

Winning pitcher, Osborn; losing pitcher, Clemence. Balk, Clemence. Innings pitcher, Clemence, 7 plus, Osborn 9, Kralovitch 1, Fenter 1; at bat off Clemence, 27, Osborn 39, Kralovitch 2, Fenter 3; hits off Clemence 7, Osborn 13, Kralovitch 0; runs scored off Clemence 5, Osborn 4, Kralovitch 0; runs responsible for, Clemence 5, Osborn 4; struck out by Clemence2, Osborn 1, Kralovitch 1, Fenter 1; base on balls off Clemence 6, Osborn 5, Kralovitch 1; wild pitches, Clemence; passed balls, Lloyd; left on bases, Vancouver 9, Salem 14.; two-base hits, Orteig, Stewart 2; runs batted in, Coscarart, Orteig, Stewart 2, Callteaux, Williams 2, Petersen; sacrifice, Knoll, Stewart, Shimer; stolen bases, Samhammer 2, Coscarart; double plays, Shimer to Callteaux to Quinn. Time: 2:15. Umpires, Nenezich and Colex.

Solons Outhit Brown's Boys But Timely Blow Is Lacking

By RON GEMMELL

Although our Senators got five more hits than the Capilano clouters, they lacked just one lone single at the right time to win a ball game as they opened their three-game series with the Vancouver boys here last night.

They were beaten, 5 to 4, with the bases loaded in the last half inning of the ball game. Cliff Barker, called up from the dugout to hit for Gene Fenter, pitcher number three to see service for our Senators, with two away and the satchels jammed, got hold of a piece of one of Don Osborn's slants all right, but it went right into the eager hands of Shortstop Shimer, who made an easy forceout at second.

Extra Base Blows Count

Extra base hitting tucked the opener away for Ruby Bob Brown's boys from across the line. They clubbed in all five counters off Hal Clemence, who worked the first seven frames. Two counted in the third as Sammy Samhammer got the first of three bingles in three official trips, followed by Ray Orteig's two-base blow and the first of a pair of doubles by big Ed Stewart.

Two more in the fifth for the Caps, Clemence wild pitching one across and Callteaux's long fly scoring the second. They were put on by a hit and a base on balls and advanced on Stewart's sacrifice. Samhammer's third bingle, Clemence's balk and Stewart's second double scored Vancouver's final run in the seventh.

Solons Take Lead

Our Solons got off to a one-run lead, Brother Steve Coscarart getting the first of his four bingles for the night to drive home Wilson, who had walked, in the first, but Don Osborn held them scoreless from there to the seventh.

No time in the game did our Senator sluggers get hold of Osborn's slants solidly, the slender righty keeping plenty of stuff on the ball and the ball out of the groove. A walk to Knoll and singles by Coscarart, Petersen and Williams scored the seventh inning pair—Williams bingle driving them home.

Coscarart led off the last inning with his fourth one base blow, Harris grounded out weakly to first and Petersen bingled home Brother Steve, who advanced on Harris' out. Johnny Williams flied out, but Antelope Al Lightner beat out a bouncer to third base to send Petersen to second. Skipper Griffiths, working the count to three and two, and then fouling off a couple of pitches as he protected the plate, dribbled one to Orteig that the Capilano third baseman muffed to fill the bags.

Helser Already Used

Roy Helser, our Solons' chief pinch hitter, had already been used in the eighth, going in for Ive Kralovitch, who had replaced Clemence. So the Little Skipper called up Barker, who hit the ball but not into safe territory. Gene Fenter worked the final inning for the Solons.

The series continues tonight with a single game starting at 8:30, and winds up Sunday night with a doubleheader beginning at 6:15 p. m. A ladies' night crowd of 1333 was in the stands last night.

SPOKANE, July 12—(AP)—Tacoma's Tigers wound up their Western International league baseball game against Spokane tonight with a catcher pitching, a first-baseman catching, a robber on first base and a 20 to 4 defeat on the scoreboard.

The Spokane Indians included three home runs in their 17-hit assault on four Tacoma flingers, but the lopsided victory cost them a player, possibly for the remainder of the season.

Catcher Jack Roche hooked a spike as he slid into third base and twisted his ankle. He was taken to the hospital, where X-rays were to be made to determine if the ankle was broken.

Ned Stickle smashed a one-run homer for the Indians in the fifth and Smead Jolley and Frank Falconi poled successive round trippers in the sixth. Stickle also had a triple and single in his five times at bat, and Dwight Aden poled two doubles and two singles in five trips.

Murray O'Flynne gave the Tigers but one hit for seven innings, then was touched for five blows and Tacoma's four tallies.

Brenner, starting Tacoma catcher, was the finishing pitcher, following First Baseman Garretson to the hill and pitching to O'Brien, who had relieved Garretson at first. Medeghini, a pitcher, was on first base when the game ended.

Tacoma	4	7	5
Spokane	20	17	2

Albanese, Oppelt (1), Garretson (6), Brenner (7) and Brenner, O'Brien (7); O'Flynne and Roche, Lake (7).

Chiefs Wallop Yaks

WENATCHEE, July 12—(AP)—Two big innings brought the Wenatchee Chiefs a 16 to 8 victory over the Yakima Pippins as the two teams opened their Western International league series here tonight.

Three walks and four hits brought in five Wenatchee runs in the sixth inning and three walks, a hit batter and two hits accounted for five more in the eighth.

Howard Johnson, Yakima pitcher, struck out eight men and was ordered out of the game for arguing in the eighth by Umpire Nelson.

Doving and Reese homered for Yakima and Escobar and Jewell hit the circuit for the Chiefs.

Yakima	8	11	5
Wenatchee	16	12	2

H. Johnson, Holt (9) and Schinbing; Bahr and Volpi.

Western International

	W	L	Pct.
Spokane	50	33	.602
SALEM	44	38	.537
Yakima	43	40	.518
Tacoma	41	40	.506
Vancouver	35	45	.438
Wenatchee	34	51	.400

Friday Results
Salem 4, Vancouver 5.
Spokane 20, Tacoma 4.
Wenatchee 16, Yakima 8.

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A Big Treat for a Dime

Pony Players to Get Break (or Go Broke, as Usual)

By CHARLES DUNKLEY

CHICAGO, July 12—(AP)—Horse players, called the most gullible suckers in American sport, are going to get a break at last.

The be-whiskered, 100-year-old rule which stipulates that a horse is a starter in a race once the animal has stepped on the track undoubtedly is to be changed in the 22 states where racing is legal. This probably will be done at the next national convention of the state racing commissions.

The rule already has been changed in Rhode Island, home of Narragansett park. Illinois, with four major tracks—Arlington park, Washington Park, Lincoln fields and Hawthorne—was the next state to fall in line.

At Narragansett park a horse is not a starter until the race is off—which means when the horses have bounded out of the starting gate. In the event a horse is injured or for other reasons is unable to get away, the wagers on that horse are refunded.

In Illinois, the state racing commission has empowered track stewards to excuse a horse if injured or otherwise found to be unfit before the actual start of a race and to refund the money wagered from the pari-mutuel pool.

This change in Illinois racing law was started by "boos" from a holiday crowd of 50,000 at fashionable Arlington park July 4 when a horse named Porters Mite, on which $12,708 had been wagered, was prevented by a last-minute injury from running in the $10,000 added stars and stripes handicap.

The horse, while parading to the post, was frightened by hand-clapping spectators at the rail. It wheeled, jumped the track rail, and became lodged on its back between that barrier and the public guard rail. Twelve men worked to haul the horse free. It suffered cuts and bruises and was led back to the barn. The thoroughbred was excused from the race but bettors who had tossed $12,708 into the mutuel machines lost their dough because of the iron clad rule which called the horse a starter since it had stepped on the track.

The ancient rule, according to Robert Shelly, racing secretary at Narragansett, Arlington and other major tracks, was designed to protect the old time bookmaker who established his prices on a huge blackboard for the betting gentry. In the event of an injury to a horse parading to the post, the old-time bookie would have found himself in a mess, Shelly pointed out, without time to change his odds before the race started.

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