

# Sports

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## From the BLEACHERS

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Larry French, the "old" (he's all of 33) lefthanded gent who's being acclaimed the successor to Whitlow Wyatt as the reason Brooklyn's belligerent Bums are what and where they are, accredits his comeback success to three things. In an interview with J. G. Taylor Spink, editor of the Sporting News, the one-time Portland Beaver says, "When I broke in with Portland more years ago than I like to recall, I pitched a knuckler. My catcher, Frank Tobin, said, 'Larry, a knuckle ball fools nobody but the catcher—forget it! I forgot it for 16 years.'"

Last spring I began to think of that knuckler again, and with a lot of help from the ace knuckleballer of them all, Freddie Fitzsimmons, I mastered the pitch and now it is invaluable. With the knuckler added to my old stuff—and the realization that a pitcher at 33 should have plenty of cunning rather than brute strength—well, it's worked."

French claims reason number two can be blamed on an accident in a softball game, of all things, which broke the thumb on his pitching hand after the 1940 season.

"When it was healing I did something inexcusable—went on a hunting trip with Roy Johnson and knocked the thumb out again. It never was right until '31 spring.

### Lippy Leo Blamed Too

Larry claims the most important detail in his comeback rests directly within the Brooklyn club itself and squarely on the ever doing something shoulders of Manager Lippy Leo Durocher.

"He's the only manager I have ever worked for," says Larry. "This Durocher makes the Brooklyn team operate the way it does. He will out-holler any holler guy. He will out-pepper any pepper guy. He will out-fight any fighting manager or player. He never stops. With a live-wire like Leo, a club simply cannot run into a serious losing streak. He's a gambling fool, insofar as baseball is concerned—a chance-taker, and he knows when to take his chances."

Strange notion that—a knuckleball, a busted thumb and a dose of Durocher, of whom very little good is often mentioned, but French's record backs it up. Twelve wins against one loss isn't exactly stinko.

### Real Legion Fans

Albany's State Junior legion baseball titlists are on their way to regional playoffs in Stockton, Calif., usually the scene of the annual district sessions, and a real hotbed of Legion ball if ever there was one. Out of that hotbed have sprouted such stars as Ernie Bonham, with the Yankees, Mike McCormick, with the Cincinnati, Mel Mazera, formerly with the St. Louis Browns, and now with San Diego, and Bob Joyce, once with Connie Mack's A's and now with the San Francisco Seals.

The San Joaquin valley village of some 70,000 is so Legion junior baseball minded that it couldn't support and hold its franchise in the class C California loop, now defunct, but has and will turn out some 3000 strong, cowbells and all, whenever the juniors play a game.

### Grounders & Pickups

Word comes via a letter to Salem friends that former Bearcat griddler Joe Holland, now in the service, has been transferred from Camp Hahn, in California, to the Yale university campus in New Hampshire to play football for the army service team, now quartered and working out there. . . . James Vittone, ex-Vik athlete has been advanced to the Dalton, Virginia bombsight school as a mechanic.

Leroy Pierson, assistant under Hal Chapman, ex-head coach at Woodburn, now at Corvallis, has been assigned to his former boss' spot. . . . Floyd "Bill" Bevens, Independence swiftly hurling for Hollywood, is now a father to a recently born son. . . . Howie Johnson, former sidewheeler righty with Yakima, fired a no-run no-batter in an industrial league game near Tacoma the other evening. . . . And Jimmy Robertson is in the home stretch of his pre-flight training at St. Mary's—maybe Lefty Jack Richards will take over Jimmy's spot when he's moved to flight training. . . . Wonder what's happened to all the talk about having a barnstorming world series this year?

### Dad Outgrows Son

DENVER, Aug. 13.—(P)—A Denver dad took his son to the cleaners Thursday and the father, Silas Newton, who has played golf in all parts of the world, thereby strode into the finals of the Colorado amateur tournament.

## Caps' One-Two Punch Smacks Spokane Again

Mallory and Maddern Gang Up in 9th, Keep Indians Submerged

SPOKANE, Aug. 13.—(P)—In a carbon copy of Wednesday night's 11th inning, Mal Mallory and Clarence Maddern teamed in the ninth Thursday night to chase home a run and give Vancouver a 5 to 4 Western International league baseball triumph over the Spokane Indians. Vancouver won Wednesday night, 4 to 3.

Mallory opened the frame with a single, advanced to second on a sacrifice and scored center field. The victory gave Vancouver a 3-1 edge in the current series.

The visiting Capitanos were coasting along with a 4-0 lead in the sixth when Spokane suddenly broke away to tie the count on a walk, three singles and a double by Joe Russo. Trailing in the ninth, Spokane got two men on base and Ronnie Bryant went to the pitcher's box for Vancouver. He tossed one ball for the final out, Johnny Stamper hitting a slow roller to the infield.

Bill Wright led the Cap hitters with two blows in three appearances and Vic Buccola topped Spokane with a triple and single in four.

Vancouver.....002 011 001-5 9 0  
Spokane.....000 004 000-4 9 2  
Elliott, Bryant (9) and Sueme; Bushman and Cameron.

## Angels Smear Bevos, 12-0

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(P)—Jim Lynn whitewashed the Portland Beavers with a three-hit, 12-0 win Thursday night to give the league-leading Los Angeles an even break in the four-game Pacific Coast wheel split series.

The Angels jumped on Bill Schubel for three runs in the first inning, another in the third and two more in the sixth before Bob Fitzke came to the rescue. He fared little better, however, as the Californians pounded across five more tallies in the ninth.

Los Angeles 301 002 105-12 17 0  
Portland.....000 000 000-0 3 1  
Lynn and Campbell; Schubel, Fitzke (7) and Leovich, Bergstrom (6).

## Candy for Her Caddy



Little Mariene Bauer, only eight years old and competing in the Women's Western Amateur golf meet at Chicago, offers candy to her caddy, Leonard Schmitt, 15, as she sought to qualify with top-flight girl golfers in their "teens" and "20's." Mariene, who lives in Aberdeen, SD, weighs only 70 pounds, but she drives up to 150 yards and generally shoots in the 90's. But the qualifying round was a bad one for Little Mariene and she came trudging in at dusk to confess haltingly: "I—guess—I shot—3—3—a hundred and fifty five."

# Tacoma Takes Two From Solons; Fails to Push 'Em in Dungeon

## Hockett's Hit Snaps Tribe's Losing Streak

Three-Run Double in 9th Gives Indians 3-2 Nod Over Tigers

CLEVELAND, Aug. 13.—(P)—With two men out and the bases loaded in the ninth, Oris Hockett came to bat Thursday and smashed out a double that drove in three runs, enabling the Cleveland Indians to edge out the Detroit Tigers 3 to 2 and climb back in the victory column.

It was the tribe's first win in its last eight starts and was scored at the expense of Virgil "Fire" Trucks, who had held Cleveland to four hits in eight and two-thirds innings. The Indians previously had tied one and lost three games in the five-game series.

The victory was the 13th for Bagby, who allowed six hits. Detroit.....010 001 000-2 6 0  
Cleveland.....000 000 003-3 5 1  
Trucks, Wilson (9) and Parsons; Bagby and Desautels.

## Clift Star as Browns Clout Chisox, 8-3

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 13.—(P)—Third Baseman Harold Clift of the Browns smacked out a homer and a double good for four runs and scored another today in his team's 8 to 3 victory over the Chicago White Sox for a sweep of the 3-game series.

He also got a couple of singles and made two errors—which didn't hurt. Wally Moses of Chicago had four for five too, but his blows were not as potent.

The Browns ended a long home stay with a record of 12 victories and 12 defeats and a firmer grip in fourth place. Chicago.....001 010 001-3 13 0  
St. Louis.....240 010 10\*-8 11 2  
Dietrich, Haynes (6) and Tresh; Sundra, Hollingsworth (8) and Ferrell.

## Passeau Racks No. 16, Cubs Clout Cards

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—(P)—The Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals engaged in a long drawnout swiftest Thursday and when the smoke had cleared the Chicago team had a 13 to 5 victory and Claude Passeau had won his 16th triumph of the season.

The Cubs lambasted four Cardinal pitchers for 13 hits while Passeau was pummeled for 10, including Terry Moore's fourth home run of the season in the third inning.

Included in the Cubs' attack was Bill Nicholson's 11th homer of the season with a runner on base in the eighth inning.

Also included in the Chicago celebration were a double and two singles by Dominic Dalesandro.

St. Louis.....001 000 004-5 10 2  
Chicago.....300 210 52\*-13 13 3  
Dickson, Polette (5), Krist (7) and Oden; Passeau and Hernandez.

## Babich, Soderburg Fail To Miss Abbott's Wand

TACOMA, Aug. 13.—(P)—Tacoma's second place Tigers, paced by Outfielder Morry Abbott's slugging, swept a baseball double-header from the Salem Senators here Thursday night, 7-5 and 13-6, to even their Western International league series at two apiece. Tacoma came from behind in the early innings of both games and gained a half-game on the league-leading Vancouver Caps, who were downing Spokane, 5-4. The double defeat failed to push Salem back into the loop basement.

The story of the two tilts was simply too much Abbott for Salem's George Babich and Paul Soderburg, respective pitchers. He connected for a home run in each game, one double and three singles, driving in a total of seven runs, four of them in the close seven-inning first game.

The homers were No. 12 and 13 for Abbott, to put him farther ahead as the league's home run leader. He drove in two runners ahead of him with a third inning wallop in the first game to change any ideas Babich had of winning his ninth game of the season, and one was on base when his big Bertha drive came in the fifth frame of the ninth-inning nightcap off Soderburg.

For Salem, Outfielder Sam Taormina and Firstsacker Jack Richards lashed out circuit wallops in the first game, both coming with nobody on base. Those were the big blows off Fred Bradley. Alf Caliteaux' double drove in two Salem tallies.

The Senators had their big chance in the sixth heat of the opener, filling the bases with only one out. But Manager Charlie Petersen rapped into the second Tiger double play of the game to nullify the rally.

Soderburg was touched for a total of 18 blows in the second game, five runs on six of the base-knocks starting the Tigers off on the rout in the third inning. Salem collected 10 hits off Lefty Chet Johnson, who got better as the game progressed and merely coasted in.

First game (7 innings.)  
Salem (5) B R H O A E  
Robbe, s.....3 1 0 1 2 0  
Taormina, 1.....3 2 1 2 0 0  
Richards, 1b.....3 1 1 9 0 0  
O'Connell, r.....2 1 0 0 0 0  
Caliteaux, 2b.....4 0 2 1 3 0  
Leininger, m.....3 0 1 2 0 0  
Salstrom, 3b.....3 0 1 1 3 0  
Petersen, c.....3 0 1 2 1 0  
Babich, p.....3 0 0 1 0 0  
Total.....27 5 7 18 10 0

Tacoma (7) B R H O A E  
Youngman, m.....4 1 1 1 0 0  
LaForte, s.....4 2 3 3 5 2  
Lilly, 2b.....2 1 0 4 3 0  
Abbott, 1.....3 2 2 2 0 0  
Brovia, r.....4 0 0 0 0 0  
Schanz, 1b.....2 1 1 7 2 0  
Molitor, 3b.....2 0 1 2 2 1  
Spurgeon, c.....1 0 1 1 0 0  
Bradley, p.....3 0 0 1 1 0  
Total.....25 7 9 21 13 3

Salem.....200 020 1-5  
Tacoma.....103 021 -7  
Runs responsible for, Babich 7, Bradley 3. Struck out by Babich 2, Bradley 1. Bases on balls off Babich 5, off Bradley 5. Wild pitches, Babich, Left on bases, Salem 8, Tacoma 7. Home runs, Abbott, Taormina, Richards. Two-base hits, LaForte, Abbott, Caliteaux, Schanz, Youngman. Runs batted in, O'Connell, Caliteaux 2, Abbott 4, Taormina, Schanz, Spurgeon, LaForte, Richards, Sacrifices, Richards, Spurgeon, O'Connell, Lilly. Double plays, LaForte to Lilly to Schanz 2. Time 1:35. Umpires, Neuzich and Heinrich.

(Second game)  
Salem.....031 010 001-6 10 2  
Tacoma.....015 021 40x-13 18 0  
Soderburg and Petersen; Johnson and Stagg.

Player Wanted for Portland Grid Team  
PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(P)—Candidates were called Thursday for the Portland entry in the proposed northwest war industries professional football league.

Larry Wolfe, coach of the team sponsored by the Boiler-makers' union, issued the call. Organization of the league probably will be completed at a meeting Friday at Tacoma.

Acorns Crack Sacs  
OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 13.—(P)—Oakland salvaged one victory in its three-game Coast league series with Sacramento Thursday night, beating the second-place Senators 5 to 3.

The Oaks scored two runs in the first inning off Herschel Lyons on hits by Emil Malibo, Hugh Luby, Fern Bell and Ham Schulte. They added two more in the fifth off Frank Nelson without a hit, combining three walks with two Sacramento errors.

Sacramento.....000 000 030-3 7 3  
Oakland.....200 020 10\*-5 9 0  
Lyons, Nelson (3) and Mueller; Kleinknecht, Chelini (8) and Raimondi.

Second Bevo-Army Ball Tilt Set  
PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(P)—The Fort Lewis soldier baseball team will come here for a return engagement with the Portland Beavers Monday night.

The Pacific Coast league club won the first encounter, 5 to 0. Proceeds will be used to purchase athletic equipment at northwest military posts.

Don McDonald Dies  
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13.—(P)—Donald McDonald, 73, well known in Pacific coast boxing and wrestling circles a decade ago, died at his home here Thursday.

AB H Pct. AB H Pct.  
O'Connell 52 18 348/800 3.6 217  
Richards 246 78 324/800 24.4 217  
Taormina 143 41 289/800 28.4 217  
Petersen 230 100 279/800 36.2 217  
Salstrom 26 24 279/800 8.6 217  
Coles 232 100 279/800 36.2 217  
Leininger 400 100 243/800 41.5 217

## Montgomery, Zivic Punch Wins Easily

Bob Takes Nod Over Ruffin, Fritz KO's Young in 6th Heat

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—(P)—Bob Montgomery, the plugging Philadelphia negro who has been up close to the lightweight "throne room" for the past couple of years, drew a little nearer to a title shot Thursday night by punching out a clear-cut decision over Bobby Ruffin in Madison Square Garden. Montgomery weighed 135½; Ruffin, 135.

Taking over after ex-Welterweight Champion Fritzie Zivic had slashed US Marine Garvey Young's face and stopped him in six rounds of the co-featured ten-rounder, Montgomery slowed the New Yorker down with a vicious body attack, floored him once, cut his right eye and won off by himself.

The Associated Press score card gave Montgomery seven rounds, called two even and voted just one for Ruffin.

In the Zivic-Young go, as far as it went, Fritzie was 'way out in front. Of the six completed rounds, the Pittsburgher won five. Young's only edge came in the third, when he scored with lefts to the mid-section and a couple of short rights to the face.

In another ten-rounder in the "triple-header" card, Cleo Shans, 131½, Los Angeles negro, was awarded a decision over charging Maxie Shapiro, 132½ pound local better, after a sizzling slugging duel. The decision was greeted by a loud round of mingled boos and cheers.

Sanders Cox, 178½ pound Dallas Youngster, reversed a recent defeat by flooring Wiley Ferguson, 167, Lynchburg, Va., five times and easily taking a four-round decision in the opening preliminary.

A crowd of 14,964 contributed to a gross gate of \$32,366 to see the "triple-header" show which featured three ten-rounders.

## Eugene Meets Bend Nine in Crucial Tilts

EUGENE, Aug. 13.—(P)—The State league individual batting championship as well as the team pennant will be at stake Saturday night and Sunday at Bend where the league-leading Eugene Athletics meet the third-place Bend Loggers in the final series of the 1942 season.

Joe Decker, Bend outfielder, has an excellent chance of wresting the batting lead from Spencer Dean of Silverton, who last week moved ahead of Manager Ken Manning of the Silver Sox, leader for the past month. Dean has an average of .457 as compared to Decker's .440, and Joe Leptich of Eugene, Bill Moye of Albany, and Hank Make of Bend, all batting .396.

The Athletics need a single victory against Bend to capture the flag. A double defeat at the hands of the Loggers would send the A's into a title playoff with the Portland Firemen, who trail by a single game.

The league's batting leaders:

Ployer, Team G AB H Pct.  
S. Dean, Silverton.....9 46 21 457  
J. Decker, Bend.....6 25 11 440  
Manning, Silverton.....11 39 17 436  
Tait, Silverton.....12 47 19 404  
Eagleson, Albany.....8 15 6 400  
Leptich, Eugene.....14 53 21 396  
Moye, Albany.....13 53 21 396  
Make, Bend.....12 48 19 396  
Hatch, Bend.....12 44 17 386  
Shinn, Silverton.....11 43 16 372  
Gordon, Bend.....12 32 19 365  
M. Dean, Eugene.....9 21 11 344  
Carlson, Bend.....12 48 17 354  
Whitley, Silverton.....12 46 16 348  
Hamel, Portland.....12 44 15 344  
Roelandt, Portland.....13 44 15 341  
Koch, Portland.....15 62 21 339  
Teyena, Silverton.....6 25 8 320  
Kirsch, Eugene.....12 47 15 319  
Bubalo, Portland.....15 49 19 317  
Parks, Eugene.....14 51 16 314  
Churchill, Portland.....14 46 14 304

## Mine Access Road Contract Awarded

Contract for grading and oiling 5.99 miles of the Seven Devil Chrome mine access road west of Coquille in Coos county Thursday was awarded by the state highway commission to the Tru-Mix Concrete company of Medford. The low bid was \$34,034.60.

## Senator Swat:

(Averages include only first game of Thursday night doubleheader at Tacoma.)  
AB H Pct. AB H Pct.  
O'Connell 52 18 348/800 3.6 217  
Richards 246 78 324/800 24.4 217  
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## BACK IN ACTION - By Sords



## Hogan Shoots Hot Round to Lead T-U Open

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Aug. 13.—(P)—Little Ben Hogan made a shambles of the first round of the \$5,000 Times-Union open Thursday by exploding a six-under-par 64—four strokes better than his nearest opponent.

Hogan, golf's leading money winner, was over regulation figures but once—that on the 462-yard par four seventeenth. In bettering Oak Hill's competitive record of 66, he carded eight birdies, nine pars, and had nine one-putt greens.

Behind him with a smashing 68 came Sam Byrd, Ardmore, Pa., the ex-big league baseball star. Bracketed in third place with 69s were Jimmy DeMaret, Detroit; Harold "Jug" McSpaden, Philadelphia; Horton Smith, Springfield, Mo., and Harry Wetzelblad, Avon, Conn., a comparative unknown among the top-notchers.

Craig Wood, Mamaroneck, N.Y., winner last week of the Canadian Open, finished with an even-par 70, while Clayton Heafner, Linville, N.C., Jimmy Hines, Lakeville, and Ray Hill, Hershey, Pa., carded 71s.

## Emlen, Scales Turn in Golf Tourney Wins

John Emlen was both the hero and the "goat" of Thursday's round of novelty play by members of the Salem Golf club. Emlen lead 18 qualifiers over 30 contestants off the nine holes of regular play with a net score of 33 for medalist honors, then proceeded to cop the consolation prize after match play on the putting greens—between the 18 qualifiers.

George Scales downed Millard Pekar in the finals of the putt-off, and Emlen had to beat out Jim Hague for the consolation honor.

War Stamps were given Emlen and Scales for their wins, and the club announced that it had surpassed the \$100 mark in issuing the stamps since the weekly sessions got under way some time ago.

## Padres 5, Twinks 2

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 3.—(P)—Young Norm Brown, property of the Boston Red Sox, pitched San Diego to a 5-2 victory over Hollywood Thursday night while the

## Fishing Said Fair

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(P)—The state game commission predicted Thursday that fishing in Oregon this weekend would be only fair.

The forecast was based on the following county reports:  
Lane — McKenzie and Willamette rivers poor for trout but limit catches of bass reported on lower Willamette.

Tillamook — Few trout being taken from Nehalem river.  
Lincoln — No good trout catches reported but trappers taking some salmon in Yaquina and Alsea bays.

Curry — Steelhead and salmon fishing good in Rogue. Good catches of large cutthroat taken from Elk river.  
Coos — Streams only fair but Coos bay good for bass.

Douglas — North Umpqua fair for trout.  
Jackson — Rogue still yielding salmon and steelhead fishing improving. Fish lake good.

Josephine — Fishing generally poor but nice catches of cut-

## How They STAND...

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL  
Vancouver to 45 501 Salem 47 61 439  
Tacoma 62 51 540 Spokane 46 63 425  
Thursday's results:  
At Oakland 5, Sacramento 3  
At Tacoma 7-13, Salem 5-8  
At Spokane 4, Vancouver 5.  
COAST LEAGUE  
W L Pct. W L Pct.  
Los Ang 31 51 384/800 38.4 463  
Sacram 78 56 382/800 70.2 463  
Seattle 72 61 541/800 59.76 437  
San Diego 69 61 511/800 61.375 439  
Thursday's results:  
At Portland 0, Los Angeles 12  
At Seattle 4, San Francisco 2  
At Oakland 5, Sacramento 3  
At Hollywood 2, San Diego 8.  
AMERICAN LEAGUE  
W L Pct. W L Pct.  
New York 73 34 664/800 56.75 479  
Boston 60 50 545/800 49.58 458  
Cleveland 61 53 533/800 46.61 439  
St. Louis 59 56 513/800 47.75 439  
Thursday's results:  
Cleveland 3, Detroit 2  
St. Louis 6, Chicago 3  
New York-Boston postponed.  
Washington-Philadelphia postponed.  
NATIONAL LEAGUE  
W L Pct. W L Pct.  
Brooklyn 78 33 667/800 56.437 473  
Boston 60 50 545/800 49.58 458  
Cincinnati 58 51 618/800 47.86 418  
New York 58 53 527/800 47.75 422  
Thursday's results:  
Chicago 13, St. Louis 5  
Brooklyn-Boston postponed.  
Cincinnati-Cleveland postponed.  
(Only games scheduled.)

## Rainiers Romp On Seals in Series Finale

SEATTLE, Aug. 13.—(P)—Seattle made it three out of four over San Francisco in an abbreviated Pacific Coast league series by rallying to defeat the Seals 4 to 2 Thursday night.

The game was a pitching duel in which each team got only six hits, but Seattle bunched half its blows in the fifth inning for three runs. The rally was set off by Shortstop Ned Stickle's triple.

The Seals also bunched half of their hits off Larry Guay in the third, but converted them into only two runs. Bruce Ogdrowski singled, Pitcher Bob Joyce doubled and both scored on Don Trower's single.

Ray Harrell relieved Joyce in the fifth and kept the third place Rainiers in check the rest of the way.

Seattle opens a four-game series here Friday night with the league-leading Los Angeles Angels. San Francisco moves to Portland.  
San Fran'co 002 000 000-2 6 2  
Seattle.....010 030 00x-4 6 0  
Joyce, Harrell (5) and Ogdrowski; Guay and Kearse.

Padres' batters were making the most of eight hits off Freddy Gay and Whitey Hilcher.

## Fishing Said Fair

throats reported from Illinois and Applegate rivers.

Wasco — Deschutes good for trout and on lower reaches for steelhead. White river and lower Badger creek still yielding limit catches of small trout.  
Deschutes — Conditions continue poor.

Baker — Lakes only fair and streams poor.

Union — Big Minam producing fine catches of flies and bait. Little Minam yield some limit catches, mostly on bait. Good catches reported from Catherine creek and lower Grande Ronde river.

Lake — Campbell and Blue lakes fair for flies and trolling for eastern brook. Drews and Thompson Valley reservoirs fair for rainbow with bait.

Grant — Good catches reported on John Day river. Strawberry and Slide lakes good. Streams poor.