

Death Claims Fabulous Jim Thorpe at Age 64; Heart Attack is Fatal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jim Thorpe, one of the nation's great all-around athletes of a bygone era, died Saturday of a heart attack.

Thorpe, 64, suffered the attack in his trailer at suburban Lomita. A fire department rescue squad futilely attempted to revive him.

Thorpe, the famed Carlisle Indian, was an almost legendary figure in the sports world. In the early years of this century he distinguished himself as a great football player.

And in the 1912 Olympic Games at Stockholm he won fame as the greatest all-around track and field performer of his day. He won both the decathlon and pentathlon.

Thorpe was eating a meal in his trailer with his wife, Patricia, when he collapsed.

Her screams brought a neighbor, Colby Bradshaw, running. He administered artificial respiration until a fire department rescue firemen said that for a moment during artificial respiration, Thorpe regained consciousness and seemed to recognize his wife, then slipped away.

Three years ago in an Associated Press poll, sports writers voted Thorpe as the greatest male athlete in the first half of this century.

After making Walter Camp's All-American team for two years as a sensational runner, kicker and passer at Carlisle (Pa.) Indian Institute, in 1911 and 1912, he played professional football and baseball for 16 years. For six years he was in the big leagues.

But in the autumn of his life he met economic reverses. In 1931, he was revealed to be flat broke and a charity case in a Philadelphia hospital. He had undergone surgery there for removal of a lip cancer.

Various movements were started to aid him. Baseball raised a substantial sum. A group of sportsmen and businessmen organized the Fair Play for Thorpe Committee.

His fabulous career was depicted in a movie, "Jim Thorpe, All-American."



JIM THORPE
Heart attack fatal.

Thorpe's Son At Chemawa

CHEMAWA — One of the four sons of Jim Thorpe, who died Saturday, is a student at Chemawa Indian School. He is John Thorpe, 15, a sophomore and second-stringer on this season's Chemawa basketball team.

His older brother, Richard, 18, joined the Navy two years ago after starring on the Chemawa football team. Two other sons of Thorpe are now in Korea.

The great athlete had never visited Chemawa. His son, John, last visited with his father in California last summer.

Solons Open Spring Tuneups Monday 51st Coast League Season Starts on Tuesday

Seattle Liked For Flag Win

Bearers Placed 2nd In Guessing Effort

By RUSS NEWLAND
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pacific Coast League baseball gets under way Tuesday for its 51st season.

The big guessing contest is going full blast. Everybody wants to know the winner of this year's baseball derby.

This corner can't say for sure but here's one prediction: Hollywood won't repeat. The Stars lost too many good players, including two pitchers who between them won 39 games last season.

The crystal ball shows this is going to be a Northern year. It looks like Seattle in the top spot and Portland right behind.

Seattle, winner in 1951, appears to be coming up with a well-balanced club. Bill Sweeney should be the manager who receives the big salute.

Portland, on paper, seems to need only one more outfielder. The team was off to a slow start last season but finished strong for skipper Clay Hopper.

We pick them to finish in this order:

Final Standing

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1—Seattle | Hollywood |
| 2—Portland | Oakland |
| 3—Hollywood | Seattle |
| 4—Oakland | Portland |
| 5—Los Angeles | San Diego |
| 6—San Diego | Los Angeles |
| 7—San Francisco | San Francisco |
| 8—Sacramento | Sacramento |

Seattle gets the call on overall strength. It has good pitching although lacking in depth. Vern Kindsfater and Al Widmar, reliable right handers, should be mainstays.

Jim Davis and Cliff Scroggins, the latter purchased from the Red Sox via Louisville, figure to hold up the southpaw end. Bill Evans, bought from Oakland, and Art Del Duca, holdover, will help.

The infield catching are solid. The outfield is o. k.

Ray Orteig, from San Francisco in a trade will bolster the catching. Gordon Goldsberry, first baseman purchased from the St. Louis Browns last week, should make the infield click defensively. If he hits, the offense should be adequate.

Artie Wilson at second, Leo Thomas at third, and Merrill Combs, with Cleveland last year, should round out a winning combine.

The Seattle outfield has sharp left handed batting power in Walt Jonich, Jack Tobin and George Schmeck. The latter from the Red Sox after a 1951 whirl with Hollywood. Clarence Maddern is a right handed hitting veteran.

Portland has plenty of pitching strength, experienced catchers and probably the best defensive infield in the league.

It may be tough to get them through Hank Art at first, Eddie Basinski at second, Frank Austin at short and Don Eggert at third.

The outfield is the weakest part of the Portland club.

Kansas Runner Tops in Meet

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Slender, chop-striding Wes Santee, the runniest machine ever to step on Kansas to domination of the twenty-sixth Texas Relays Saturday as he anchored two more relay teams to victory.

The great Kansas distance ace, acclaimed the outstanding athlete of the big circular path carnival, thus had hand in four winning team performances. Two of the teams set records — one a world's mark and the other an American standard.

And all the boy from the wheat country did was:

1. Run a mile in 4:08.7.
2. Run an 880 in 1:49.4.
3. Run another 880 in 1:51.9.
4. Run another mile in 4:19.2.

His individual efforts contributed most to one of the record-smashing relays. During the two days of the meet, five records fell and two were tied.

Williams Punches Out Ring Victory

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ike Williams, former lightweight champion from Trenton, N. J., won a unanimous decision over Vic Cardell, Hartford, Conn., welter, Saturday night in their 12-round bout at the Met.

Williams outweighed Cardell by four pounds at 152.



Advance guard of an expected record crowd began seeping into the Salem Armory shortly after 1 p.m. Saturday as the third annual Salem Isak Walton League Sports Show got under way. Visitors from faraway points in the Willamette Valley were on hand along with many local sportsmen. All were getting a first hand glimpse

of 1953 outdoor merchandise covering just about everything from cork bobbers to new model glass boats. Don (Chief) Smith of Hubbard (right), offers variety as a full dressed paleface. Today promises to be a full turnout day for the fish-hunt happy who want to beat their wives to the Easter Hat department.



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Houbregs Stars With 17 Points

NEW YORK (AP) — Villanova's Larry Hennessey and Richie Regan at Madison Square Garden.

The triumph scored before 17,187 fans gave the East a 4-3 edge in the series and broke the West's two game victory skein.

Trailing at halftime, 31-30, the East came to life in the third stanza to completely outclass the scrappy Westerners.

Regan, who was voted the game's outstanding player, notched 10 points in the third period, as the East pulled out in front, 51-44. Hennessey took over in the fourth session and tallied 11 points for the victors.

Bob Houbregs, Washington's All-America hook shot artist, starred for the West with 17 points.

The triumph topped the 15th annual basketball game played for the benefit of the Shriner's Crippled Children Hospitals.

Rousey scored 26 points to lead the scoring. Dick Kaufman of Kansas State took runner honors with 21. Mike McCutcheon, scrappy captain of the University of Washington team, contributed six.

It was a real contest until the early minutes of the third quarter when the West began to pull away. The East, led by Irv Bemoras, University of Illinois, with 16 points, made it a goal-for-goal contest and was behind only one point at the intermission 43-44.

West '5' Wins In K-City Mix

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The West, led by the great all-around play of Kansas State's little Bob Rousey, defeated the East all-stars 91-77 Saturday night in the second annual basketball game played for the benefit of the Shriner's Crippled Children Hospitals.

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Beavers Down Navy Team 5-0

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — The Portland Beavers easily defeated the North Island Navy Sky Raiders 6-0 in an exhibition baseball game here Saturday.

Lefty Jehosie Heard, who opened for Portland, limited the Navy team to three hits. Lyman Linde, who pitched the final three innings, gave up four.

Heard also was top hitter for Portland. In two times at bat he collected two singles, one of which — in the second inning — brought in two runs. Portland scored one more run in the third and two more in the sixth.

General Manager Bill Garbarino reported that Portland has purchased Outfielder Bob Moniz from Victoria of the Western International League.

Atkinson Loses In Golf Tourney

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Ken Venturi, San Jose State, Saturday captured the Northern California Intercollegiate golf championship by edging Fred Brown of Stanford on the 19th hole.

Earlier in the day in semi-final matches, Venturi eliminated Robert Atkinson of Oregon five and four while Brown was outting Bill Krause of San Jose State, three and one.

Neyland Out With Ailment

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gen. Bob Neyland said Saturday he has a liver ailment which will keep him out of the football ranks indefinitely.

The veteran University of Tennessee athletic director — football coach returned Friday night from the Army's Walter Reed Hospital in Washington where he said a mysterious illness — which had forced him to give up coaching — had been diagnosed as a "moderate impairment of the liver."

The 61-year-old Neyland retired from his coaching job in January for the 1953 season. He was succeeded by backfield coach Harvey Robinson, his chief assistant.

Snead Clings To Golf Lead

GREENSBORO, N. C. (AP) — Sam Snead put together a pair of two under par 33s Saturday to increase his Greensboro Open golf tournament lead to two strokes at the halfway mark.

The White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., slammer tacked four under par 66 onto Friday's 67 for 133 and a two-stroke lead over Ernie (Porky) Oliver of Palm Springs, Calif., going into Sunday's 36-hole windup. Oliver had 67 today to retain second place, although dropping another stroke back.

In third place with 136 was Doug Ford, Harrison, N. Y., who matched Snead's 66 Saturday. Three players had 137 to tie for fourth place, four strokes back of Snead. They were Fred Wampler, former National Intercollegiate champion from Indianapolis; Art Wall Jr., the hole-in-one artist from Poccano Manor, Pa., and Skeel Riegel, Tulsa, Okla., a former National Amateur champion.

Salem 'Y' Loses In Final Clash

Salem's entry in the National YMCA tournament at High Point, N. C., Saturday lost its consolation flight final with the Buffalo, N. Y., basketball team by the score of 75-68. Accounts of the game, along with the big score, were not made available.

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Big Race Won By Early Mist

AINTREE, England (AP) — Early Mist, an Irish gelding who fell at the first fence last year, won the 107th running of the Grand National Steeplechase in the mist and rain Saturday by an astonishing 20 lengths.

A wildly cheering crowd of 250,000 saw Mont Tremblant literally stagger home a gallant second in the world's sternest test for jumpers under top weight of 173 pounds — 17 more than Early Mist carried. Irish Lizard ran third, four lengths behind.

Only five horses out of a starting field of 31 finished the grueling four-mile, 886-yard grind over 30 of the worst jumps in steeplechasing. Overshadow came in fourth and Senlac Hill fifth.

All others spilled and two of them, Cardinal Error and Parosol II, were so seriously injured they had to be destroyed. Jockey Jerry Foster, who fell aboard Baire, suffered a broken collar bone.

This is the race which determines the winners in the giant Irish Hospital Sweepstakes.

Early Mist covered the course in 9:21 2-5, one and a fifth-seconds off the record, to win \$26,407, plus a \$1,400 silver trophy for owner J. M. Griffin, a 35-year-old wholesale grocer from Templeogue, near Dublin.

Cougars Still Lead Ski Meet

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — University of Utah skiers snared first place in the downhill and slalom events of the National Intercollegiate ski championships Saturday but Washington State College held a narrow lead in the point tabulations.

Denver University's Marvin Crawford whipped across the soft, slushy snow in 1 minute 44.2 seconds to win the slalom event, but three Utah slat men finished among the first ten to give the Utes team honors.

Dick Mitchell of Utah sped to victory in the downhill, barely beating Crawford by four-tenths of a second. Mitchell was timed in 1 minute 57.2 seconds; Crawford in 1:57.6.

Squad to Face 3 Weeks Work

LYBY OPTIMISTIC ON EVE OF TRAINING RUN

CALISTOGA, Cal. (Special) — The Salem Senators open their 1953 spring training run at the Fairgrounds here Monday morning, the second straight year the club has tuned up for its Western International League games at Calistoga.

Manager Hugh Lyby, starting his third season as skipper of the Senators, will call the roll at 10 a.m. Monday. The weather has been sunny and warm lately, and the forecast is "fair" for the next few days.

Optimistic over the forthcoming season, after his lengthy swing through the Coast League training camps the past three weeks, Lyby expects to have "about twenty" players on hand Monday. A number will be rookies.

Play Game Thursday

The Senators won't have much time before their first exhibition game, which is slated for next Thursday, April 2, with Pocatello of the Pioneer League. The game is to be played here. Salem will then launch a "Grapefruit League" slate of 10 games with the Pocatello, Victoria and Vancouver clubs which are training in this area.

The Senators are scheduled to stay here until April 17 when they head for Salem. An April 19 game is slated at Silverton, and on April 20 the Salems play San Diego's Padres at Salem. The WIL season opens at Salem April 24.

Lyby continues to have contract troubles with Pitchers Bob Collins and Jack Hemphill, and Shortstop Gene Tansell, all Salem regulars last season. The manager expects all three to be on hand during the first week of drills, however.

Signed and Ready

Those signed and ready for Monday's turnout include Pitchers Bill Bevins, Wayne Rick and Jim McGhee, the latter a rookie recommended by Detroit Scout Bernie DeViveiros. Infielders Fred Keller and Outfielders Les Witherspoon and Bill Nelson. Rookie Lou Scrivens of Salem will also be on hand, and may be forced to do all the club's catching inasmuch as the Senators haven't a receiver on hand.

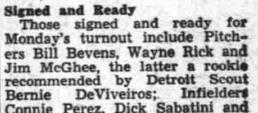
Bob Nelson, the Senators' No. 1 catcher last year, is still with Sacramento and Art Thrasher, the No. 2 maskman of 1952 has announced his retirement from pro ball.

Lyby expects player help to arrive from the San Diego and Sacramento clubs, and possibly from San Francisco also. DeViveiros intends supplying the Senators with some help, just as he did last year when he was instrumental in the club's landing of Pitchers Collins, Ted Edmunds and Bud Francis.

The Senators will headquarter at the Fior 'D Italia Hotel while in Calistoga.

HOOP TITLE WON

The Ted Chambers Junior Hi-Y Club basketball team won the YMCA Junior Hi-Y basketball league Saturday. The Chambers team had a perfect record of eight wins and no losses.



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SPORTSLIGHTNER

Household moving is generally a distinct pain. And that goes for cleaning out a newspaper sports department in preparing to move it. Old letters, pictures, books, phone-numbers, pamphlets, etc., can stack up rather deep in the span of a dozen years.

During those 12 years we've reserved a desk drawer for nothing other than special letters we've received from time to time, and perhaps a few excerpts from same will suffice as today's columnistic effort. Have a look:

"April 20, 1945. Dear Mr. Lightner: If that was Salem's second string that we played April 19, where was their first team? It surely wasn't sitting on the bench. It is our belief or idea that you can't take a beating from a smaller and less important team. It isn't much of a feather in Salem's hat, is it? Your article was full of nothing but alibis for the so-called Salem second string. We don't think it shows very good sportsmanship on the part of the sports editor. Very truly yours, (Signed) Harlan Oster, Darel Stetern, Bud Kemper, Dale Krug, DeWayne Johnson, Ralph Steffen, Dale Bennett, Clarence Byer, Dick Bier, Tom Hartley, The Silverton Baseball Team."

(We might add that this one came via special delivery and that our fingers burned for two days after opening it.)

"November 12, 1944. Dear Al: Your controversy with Dick Strite of Eugene regarding a football game between Salem High and Eugene in 1908 provided the excuse for these few lines. The game was played here in Salem on WU field November 7, and was won by Salem 6-0. The Salem team was composed as follows: Ends, Pappy Krebs and Eric Kay, Tackles, Holly Hollingsworth and Allan Bellingger. Guards, Herb Savage and Doc Leon Barrick. Center, Chuck Eyre. Quarterback, Cliff Farmer. Halfbacks, Johnny Parsons and Toos Richardson. Fullback, "Angel Face" Hunt. Coach, Chauncey Bishop. We had four subs, Tubby Hofer, Kady Roberts, Cliff Smith and Meyers. Parsons is the same one that played on the famous Oregon Rose Bowl team with Holly Huntington later on. On the Eugene team was the famous Fats Bailey at tackle. When they gave him the ball on a tackle—around play the only way to stop him was for a man to tackle each leg and hope the rest of the team could shove him over. Very truly yours, Charles E. Eyre."

Sacs Played Camp Adair Here in 1943

"June 11, 1943. Dear Al: We have just been advised that the Army has ordered a Pullman for us and that we will arrive in Salem at 3:55 p.m. in time for the game with Camp Adair. Will you contact Jack Knott and advise him we will have 21 men with baggage, and also three trucks. We are looking forward to playing the Timberwolves in Salem. Signed, Ken Fenner, Manager, Sacramento Baseball Club."

"April 1, 1943: Hello Al: Just a line to say hello. Have met a lot of golfers here, some of them great. . . Drop me a line about the bowling in Salem, and also the golf. Signed, Pvt. Walter M. Cline, Camp Crowder, Mo."

"August 5, 1943: Dear Al: I have been doing fine this season. Have been in every inning. Not bad for an old man. . . Bet you missed (Continued on next page)

SBC to View Series Films

The Salem Breakfast Club will view moving pictures of the 1952 World Series as the feature item for Monday morning's meeting at the Senator Hotel, it has been announced. Salem Senators Business Manager Deke Walker has secured the official series films.

Club President Bill Phillips announces that the breakfast and meeting will be open to the public, since many may wish to view the baseball movies.

Meeting time is 7:30 a.m.

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Taft, Oregon—March, 1953 (compiled by the U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.):

Pacific Standard Time

| March Time | HL | Time | HL |
|---------------|-----|------------|-----|
| 29 12:00 noon | 5.5 | 9:05 a.m. | 1.1 |
| | | 6:06 p.m. | 1.3 |
| 30 12:10 a.m. | 6.0 | 8:30 a.m. | 0.7 |
| | | 12:40 p.m. | 2.4 |
| 31 12:31 a.m. | 6.1 | 7:13 a.m. | 0.4 |
| | | 1:21 p.m. | 3.2 |
| | | 6:58 p.m. | 1.9 |

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