

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.

Annual Sports Show Opens Two-Day Run at Armory



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

Squad to Face 3 Weeks Work



1953 outdoor merchandise covering just about everything from cork hobbles to new model glass bats. 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.

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 Flor '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	8:59 a.m.	0.7
		12:40 p.m.	1.4
31 12:21 a.m.	6.1	7:13 a.m.	0.4
		1:21 p.m.	1.9

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