

Protest Prolongs Jr. Legion Series



New Champions Here are the Corvallis Elks, newly-crowned Oregon state softball champions. Front row, left to right, Hal Wehmeier, Jack Sprick, Ed Wilson, Bob Quisenberry, an unidentified member of the sponsoring Elks club, Bill Harper, Bob Labhart and Carl Gustafson. Back row, from left, Keith Shinn, Dick Sprick, Lou Stagg, Dr. Rodney Smith (umpire), Bob Bareinger, Jim Nordyke, John Reardon and Dow Poling.

Corvallis Scores Double Shutout to Win Crown

Mill City (U.P.) — Corvallis reigned Thursday as Oregon's new softball champion, thanks to a pair of nifty pitching performances by Hal Wehmeier who blanked Eugene's perennial titleholders 8-0 and 5-0.

Portland Suffers First Loss in Six PCL Games

(By The Associated Press) The Seattle Rainiers turned in their first Pacific Coast League victory in six games Wednesday night, while the Portland Beavers received their first setback in as many starts.

Caggy Steve Nagy exercised plenty of southpaw wizardry as he twirled Seattle to a 5-1 decision over Oakland and dropped the Oaks a full game behind Hollywood.

Nagy limited the heavy hitting Aarnolds to five blows, while the Rainiers drove Al Gettel out in the seventh.

Nagy bashed in the first Seattle run with a bases loaded single in the fifth, and Seattle sewed up the game in the seventh on a hit batsman, a walk, a double by Nanny Fernandez and a squeeze bunt by Bob Boyd.

Nagy now has beaten the Oaks five times in six starts against them this season.

Los Angeles snapped out of a slump that had seen them win only one of their last 11 games.

The Angels blanked up-and-coming Portland, 5-0. Lefty Joe Hatten, ex-Chicago Cub, allowing but three hits.

Hatten had remarkable control for a portside. He didn't get behind a single batter until the eighth, walked his first man in that inning, and then in the ninth almost lost his control completely.

He walked three men in or-

Base Stealing Is Lost Art

New York (AP)—"Base stealing is a lost art."

"That's what some of the veteran baseball observers have been saying about the knack of pilfering baseball sacks. The figures bear them out.

To date, there have been only 579 bases stolen in major league play, 299 in the National League and 280 in the American. With only five weeks of the season still to go, it's unlikely the total will come near last year's aggregate of 866.

The evidence shows that only the Boston Red Sox and the Pittsburgh Pirates are ahead of their 1951 theft efforts. The Sox, who stole only 20 sacks last season, already have 38 in the till this season while the last place Pirates with 39 have surpassed their '51 total of 29.

Lowry Listed As Kid Foe

Boise, Idaho (AP)—Tiger Ted Lowry of New Bedford, Mass., will be Harry Matthews' opponent when the Kid starts his comeback in a 10-round bout here Sept. 1.

Lowry was selected Wednesday to face the Seattle heavyweight.

It will be Matthews' first time out since he was kayoed by Rocky Marciano in Yankee Stadium last month.

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National Headquarters Backs Up Waipahu Beef

By CHRIS KOWITZ, JR. Yakima, Wash. — Salem and Waipahu, Oahu, were playing this afternoon at Yakima in an unprecedented post script to a regional American Legion junior baseball tournament.

Salem defeated Waipahu twice last night, 4-3 and 9-5, and from all practical standpoints, had wrapped up the regional crown and a trip to the sectional tournament at Hastings, Nebraska.

However, a protest by Hawaii over an umpire's minor ruling was approved by American Legion national headquarters in Indianapolis, and last night's second game must be replayed.

So the Capital Posters, who thought they had the tournament won for about 60 glorious seconds last night, will have to win this afternoon, too, in order to gain the trip to Hastings.

The protest was lodged by Hawaii coach Joseph Low in unorthodox fashion, and on a play which had no bearing whatsoever on the outcome of the game. What's more, Salem coach Vince Genna was not notified that the game was being played under protest until several innings after the protest had been submitted.

The whole incident started in the top half of the first inning, with Salem at bat.

Wink Pederson, first up, walked on four straight pitches. Mike Campbell, next batter, laid down a bunt to pitcher Tautomo Oshiro of the Hawaiian team.

In bunting, Campbell stepped on home plate. Buck Labissanere, umpiring behind the plate, called Campbell out for stepping out of the batter's box to hit a ball. That call was correct. Pederson moved to second on the bunt, and Labissanere allowed him to remain there.

That call was incorrect. According to baseball rules, the ball should have been declared dead as soon as Campbell stepped on the plate. Pederson, then, could not have advanced to second. He should have been ordered back to first.

(Pederson later scored. Had the play been called properly, and Pederson sent back to first, the run would have scored anyhow, because Phil and Curt Jantze each had solid singles with two out later in the inning. The play that was the subject of the protest thus had no bearing on the score at all.)

Waipahu manager Low, after conferring with his catcher Keiji Tsuchiko, came out on the field to talk to Labissanere. Low said later that he went on the field with the intention of filing a protest, but that Labissanere apparently didn't understand that he was protesting the game.

Low, realizing that the umpire had evidently misunderstood, went directly to Earl Chandler, the American Legion national representative in charge of the regional tournament.

Chandler, who had full authority to rule on the protest, decided instead to telephone Earl Miller, national Legion baseball chairman, at Indianapolis, Ind.

Chandler and Miller talked for 35 minutes over the telephone. After consulting several sections of the baseball rule book and American Legion baseball rules, Miller finally decided that the protest was in order, that it should be

allowed, and that the game must be replayed.

Members of the press box fraternity (including this writer) learned midway in the game that Miller had allowed the protest from his bedroom in Indianapolis.

Word of the approval came to us before we had been notified that a protest had even been lodged. Dave Adams, the tournament official scorekeeper, never received any notification whatsoever of a protest.

Genna, the Salem coach, wasn't notified that the game was being played under protest until the fifth inning, after Salem had battled their way into an 8-3 advantage.

Late in the game, when a Salem victory seemed apparent, Chandler got Miller out of bed at Indianapolis again. He just wanted to double check. Miller assured him that the protest should be allowed, so Chandler announced to the crowd after the game that the game would be replayed today.

As soon as Salem hurler Ken Pingle got the last Hawaii man out in the ninth inning, the entire Salem team, dozens of Salem fans, parents of the players, etc., swarmed on the field in a wild celebration.

Their shouts of joy were stunted into silence moments later when the announcement of the protest was made.

Genna at first announced that he refused to let his team play an extra game today, because they had already played four nine-inning games in two days.

This morning, Genna announced in a telephone conversation to the Capital Journal, that his team would definitely play the game.

Genna was the recipient of several phone calls and telegrams from Salem people this morning. Some of them urged that he play the game, some of them urged that he pack up and come home.

"I just left it up to the boys," said Genna. "They want to get out there and beat them again."

Co-Captains For Upstate Team Named

Portland (U.P.) — Doug Simmons, Astoria center, and Dick Knight, Grants Pass halfback, have been elected co-captains by the State all-star football team for Saturday night's Shrine game against Portland all-stars at Multnomah stadium.

Coach Mel Ingram pronounced his state team in top shape with the exception of John Harbort, Grants Pass tackle, who will not be able to play because of an injury.

Saturday night's game will be the "rubber" game between State and City as the teams have each won two apiece.

Redskins Face Rams

Los Angeles (AP)—Washington's Redskins face the Los Angeles Rams, champions of professional football, in a charity football game Thursday night in Memorial Coliseum. It is the seventh pre-season exhibition game between these teams, each having won three, and every game has been a crowd drawer. About 85,000 are expected to sit in on the festivities.

SPORTS

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Francis Twirls Seventh Win As Vancouver Falls 3 to 1

Bud Francis, 20-year-old rookie righthander, held the Vancouver Caps to four hits to help the Salem Senators gain a 3-1 decision last night.

It was Francis' seventh win as against two losses in his professional baseball career.

He allowed only two hits during the first eight innings.

Eddie Urness Out for Season With Injury

The Dailies, Ore. (AP) — An ankle injury has sidelined Eddie Urness, Boston Red Sox bonus baby, for the remainder of the baseball season.

Urness, young high school pitcher signed by the Red Sox for a reported \$80,000, was sent home this week by the Roanoke, Va., team in the Piedmont league.

Urness twisted an ankle while backing up home plate. Club officials sent him home since there are only three weeks left in the season and he would not regain full use of the ankle in time to see action again.

Double No-Hit Game Played In Pony Loop

Batavia, N. Y. (AP) — One of baseball's rarest feats—a double no-hit game—was turned in by two Class D Pony league pitchers Wednesday night with Bradford defeating Batavia, 1-0.

Frank Etchberger, a Philadelphia Phillies farmhand, gained the decision over Jim Mitchell as Bradford put together a walk, sacrifice, wild pitch and an infield out for the lone run in the eighth inning.

Etchberger fanned six and walked five. The 19-year-old Mitchell struck out five and passed one.

The only double no-hit game in the major league record book was turned in by Fred Toney of Cincinnati and Jim Vaughn of Chicago in 1917. The Reds broke Vaughn's spell in the 10th and won 1-0.

West Virginia U's basketball team scored 100 points twice and 99 points once during the 1951-52 season. All three wins were on opposition courts.

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WIL Standings

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Victoria 29 40 .421 10 1/2

Spokane 23 35 .397 10 1/2

Vancouver 40 37 .509 18

Salem 40 42 .488 21

Yakima 37 45 .448 24 1/2

Leviston 27 48 .451 28

Tri-City 35 48 .421 28

Yenatchee 31 70 .302 39

Wednesday's Results:

Wenatchee 12, Leviston 6.

Tri-City 6, Victoria 0.

Spokane 8, Yakima 3 (first game).

Spokane 2, Yakima 1 (second game).

Salem 3, Vancouver 1.

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nightcap. Just to keep in step, Spokane scored its winning run in the second game in the fourth inning as Jim Brown scored on an infield out.

Official Box

Vancouver (1) (2) Salem

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Moore 3 0 1 2 Luby 4 1 2 4

Went 2 1 0 1 Peral 3 1 3 2

Bennick 3 1 3 0 Spatter 4 0 2 1

Ritchey 2 0 2 1 Bartle 3 0 1 0

Locke 4 1 1 0 White 3 1 1 0

Durett 3 1 1 1 Deyo 3 1 1 0

H. Trans 2 0 3 3 Thrasher 2 1 2 1

Gulberg 2 0 2 3 Francis 2 1 0 2

Leavitt 1 0 0 0 Edmunds 0 0 0 0

Totals 36 42 10 Totals 28 67 16

X-Pouled out for Gouldberg in 9th.

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Salem 000 010 208—3 6 0

Pitcher in ab 3 r 4 3 0 0

Gulberg 2 8 4 3 2 2

Francis 8 25 4 1—2 8

Edmunds 1 0 0 0 1

Hit by pitcher: Thrasher. Wild pitches: 1.

Left on bases: Vancouver 8.

Salem 4. Errors: Puroto. Two base hit: Thrasher.

Runs batted in: Tanasella, Thrasher, Francis, Durett, Sacrifices: Gulberg, Double plays: Tran to Moore.

To West. Batted unassisted, Luby to Bartle.

Time: 2:01. Umpires: Hanich and Lukask. Att.: 942.

Victoria 000 000 000—0 4 1

Tri-City 000 110 048—6 12 1

Salem and Donahue: Conant and Sheela.

Yakima 101 001 001—2 5 3

Spokane 000 006 208—8 7 1

Thompson, Jarrett (6) and Donahue: Conant and Sheela.

Yakima 000 100 0—1 7 1

Spokane 010 100—2—2 6 0

Savage and Donahue: Palm, Roberts (7) and Hitts, Sheela (7).

Wenatchee 000 075 000—13 3 1

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Dahl and Pookay: Schultz, Clancy (1) Powell (6) Brenner (6) and Lundberg.

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Red Sox Rack Up 6-3 Win Over Eugene

Silverton — The Silverton Red Sox defeated Eugene 6-3 in an Oregon State League baseball game here last night.

Wally Flager, manager of the Silverton team, rapped three hits in three trips to the plate, and had five runs batted in.

Silverton meets Bandon of the Southwest Oregon league at 8 o'clock Saturday night, and again at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Bandon is replete with ex-professional talent, including former Portland Beaver pitcher Al Liska.

Silverton meets Salem News Agency in a State league game at 8:30 Sunday night.

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Silverton 000 201 000—6 11 4

Seavain and Roth: Awe, Stearns (2) and Ritchey.

Gardner Sets More Records

Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah (U.P.) — Col. A. T. Goldie Gardner Wednesday pushed his MG "Mighty Midget" special race car to four new national and international speed records here.

Unofficially timed for one stretch of the race at 202.48 mph, the grey, 61-year-old Briton boosted to 18 the number of new records he has set in two runs on the granite-hard salt flats of western Utah.

The records claimed Wednesday were the Class "F" five mile and 10 kilometer records. Unofficial times, yet to be verified by the American Automobile association race timers, were 193.36 for the five mile stretch and 186.49 for the 10 kilometer. The records were made on the 13-mile straightaway of the Salt Flats from racing starts.

The new records top earlier marks set by Gardner in his runs on the Salt Flats last year.

Gard