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UNDER THE BLEACHERS

(By Mark Seeley)

Many strange things are often discovered, sometimes after they have been apparent or down in black and white for years and years. So it is in baseball, and I'll wager that not one fan in a hundred, for a low estimate, knows of this rule that I'm going to explain. It fooled Bill Fortier, it fooled me, and it had most of the Loggers on the guess.

Consultation of the "Worth Official Base Ball Rules Book" shows the following:

"A fairly delivered ball: Rule 28. Section 2—If, with no one on base, the pitcher delivers the ball while off the pitcher's plate, and the batsman strikes at such illegally delivered ball, it counts either as a strike or whatever play may follow."

That's the content of the rule and it reads the same in the Spalding manual, so the printers haven't made a mistake. Of course, if the batter doesn't swing, the call is a ball.

The rule is fine, too, because it offers protection all around. It would be mighty peculiar, however, to see the pitcher hide behind the second baseman and suddenly cast off in the general direction of home plate. For that matter he could chase himself out to center field and try a long distance heave.

Ned Lawrence is now on his annual visit with his brother, "Count." Ned is a great sports follower and being a citizen of Oakland, California, he hasn't liked one bit the way the Portland Beavers manhandled the Oaks in the twelve game series in the Rose City last week. But Ned gives full credit to the "Bevas" and says they must have a great ball club.

Ned told me a great deal in a few moments about football games he sees around the bay district. Now Ned is a Stanford fan, but he has plenty of bouquets for Oregon, and especially for Mike Mikulak, the former webfoot fullback. Mr. Lawrence really things that Big Mike was one of the greatest ever on the coast. Also he put in plenty of cheers for Johnny Kitzmiller and Frank Micheck, but Mikulak is the boy who took his eye.

Ned's description of the pitiful scene portrayed when twenty-five Oregon players ran into Kezar stadium to meet a squad of St. Mary's pigskinners totalling fifty or more only goes to explain again the great odds the northern institutions have to face. Ned is in favor of a roster limit in order to better equalize things.

My little talk with Mr. Ned Lawrence let me know that he's a keen follower of sports and that he might be able to tell "Count" a few things about what to tell Bill Fortier when dictating the fortunes of the Coquille Loggers.

The boys are here again! This time Sir Whitey Waldberg, labeled as the champion of the Pacific coast in the middleweight division, is going to meet another stooge, Mr. Navy Al Williams, in the top go of the wrestling matches tonight at the Community Building.

Supporting these two sissies are Walt Tinkit "Sneeze" Achiu, Abdel Kahn, Mike London and George Bennett, four of the best little rehearsers you have ever seen.

Promoter Harry Elliott is bringing the best available talent to Coquille. In Portland, Hollywood, in the East, and all over, his wrestlers are top attractions.

Since his last card here, Elliott has entered the ring once, losing a "grudge" match to Danny McShane in Portland.

Crescent City will smart for days over the beating that Coquille gave the club of the California city last Sunday by a score of 9 to 6. The smarting will be all the more severe because it was a home town boy, "Rocky" Peterson, who was the hero of the game and the big reason why the Loggers won.

It was in the third inning that "Rocky" entered the game to relieve Marion Fischer, who had been slapped around miserably by the opponents. Crescent City had scored once in the first and four more were in in the third when Peterson stopped the rally cold with two on base.

For the remainder of the game he handcuffed Crescent City players, allowing two lone bingles. All he used was a variety of slow stuff that had the batters swinging at thin air.

Coquille scored two in the first and one in the fourth and was trailing, 5 to 3, in the seventh when the Logger barrage broke loose. The local hitters blasted the ball all over the park in a great display of hitting.

Lineups:

Coquille	B	R	H	O	A	E
Pulford, rf	6	3	2	2	1	0
Calvert, c	4	2	2	2	1	0
Foss, ss	5	2	2	2	4	0
R. Peterson, 2b	5	1	3	1	2	1
Woodyard, 3b	5	0	3	1	1	0
Duncan, lf	5	1	0	5	0	0
Kolstad, 1b	3	0	1	9	0	0
Fischer, p, 2b	4	0	0	4	4	0
Bailey, rf	5	0	2	1	0	1
Totals	42	9	15	27	13	2
Crescent City						
Yack, cf	5	0	0	2	0	1
Miller, 1b	5	2	2	10	1	0
Spann, lf	5	1	2	1	0	0
Johnston, c	4	1	2	7	0	0
Reynolds, rf	4	1	1	1	0	1
Gorbett, 2b	4	0	1	4	1	1
J. Peterson, ss	4	0	0	2	6	1
Caravelli, 3b	4	0	0	0	2	3
Deo, p	3	0	0	0	2	3
Koskela, p	1	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	6	10	27	12	7

Coquille	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	2	0	—9
Hits	3	0	0	2	2	0	4	3	2	—15
Crescent City	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	—6
Hits	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	—10

Summary—Two base hits, R. Peterson, Kolstad, Miller, Johnston, Gorbett; three base hits, R. Peterson, Woodyard; home run, Calvert; sacrifice hit, Calvert; stolen bases, R. Peterson, Woodyard, Koskela; bases on balls, off R. Peterson 1, off Deo 1, off Koskela 3; struck out, by R. Peterson 1, by Deo 3; winning pitcher, R. Peterson; losing pitcher, Koskela.

Championship Wrestling Belt At Stake Here Tonight

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Just what variety of blood courses through the viens of Kahn is unknown, but he speaks a gutteral sort of English. Kahn depends mostly on his trusty fists for his wins.

The preliminary is really another main event, for both London and Bennett are main eventers. The papers dubbed him, "Cry Baby" because of his voluble protestations, but London prefers the moniker of "Murderous Mike." George Bennett is a former University of Oklahoma amateur wrestling champ. He learned his trade from that most famous of amateur wrestling coaches, Gallagher from Oklahoma, who was recently written up by Ripley as the dean of coaches who had never actually wrestled a match himself.

All the wrestlers are new to Coquille except Achiu who wrestled here on the last card.

Reserve seat tickets on sale at Bill's Place. The first match starts promptly at 8:30 o'clock. The belt has been on display in Coquille today.

Donkey Ball Pays 20-30 Club

The Coquille 20-30 Club netted $103 from the two donkey ball games held in Athletic Park here last Saturday and Sunday. There was a good attendance the first day, and over 900 paid admission to see the Sunday game.

The Coquille Aerie of Eagles helped make the Sunday affair a success if they did lose the game by a close score. They were on hand for the game and did not flunk out as did the American Legion team from Bandon which had agreed to come up for the Saturday game in return for the 20-30 boys from here playing them at Bandon last Wednesday. A pick-up team filled in and gave the 20-30 boys a close game on Saturday, the sponsors finally winning out, 5 to 3.

Most of the donkeys were gentle enough but there was one base runner which ditched every player who mounted him.

Ross Kistner had a hot time at third base when supper time came and two colts trotted up to the donk he was riding to get their evening's rations.

As an entertainment the show was in a class by itself and the spectators enjoyed it. The 20-30 club appreciates the support given them, as it has enabled them to clean up all outstanding indebtedness.

A Wonderful Trip Up Rogue

Anyone who has not taken that 64-miles boat trip up the Rogue from Gold Beach to Agness and return has something to look forward to. Even with the thermometer standing at 88 on Frank Lowry's porch, half way between Gold Beach and Agness, and the sun beating down on the river with all the strenuosity of a midsummer day, the trip was most worth while to ten Coquillians and guests who made it last Sunday.

The river is low at the present time so that the boats cannot run the additional four miles to Illahe, and it is said that that stretch offers still more in the way of grandeur and picturesque scenery, but the 32 miles up to Agness brings forth many an exclamation of delight in the grandeur of nature.

The water will get no lower for a little later the dam above is opened and the fall rains are due in less than two months.

One can hardly realize as he passes through the canyon down river from Agness that when the Rogue goes on a tear that it sometimes rises 60 feet above its present stage for those few miles of canyon. This is the point where there has been some talk of establishing a hydro-electric plant.

The boats on the river are staunch, driven by Buick engines, will seat a dozen people comfortably, and the trip up to Agness is made in a little over two hours. It requires considerably less to return.

Only One Softball Game

Only one game of the Coquille Softball League scheduled games was played this week, the Stevens Hardware youngsters defeating the 20-30 Club, Monday evening, by a score of 16-7.

No game was attempted Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday only a part of each team—Don Estes' and Garry Ellison's—showed up, so the players present patched up two teams for a game. Poor Joe Axtell has been walking with a limp since.

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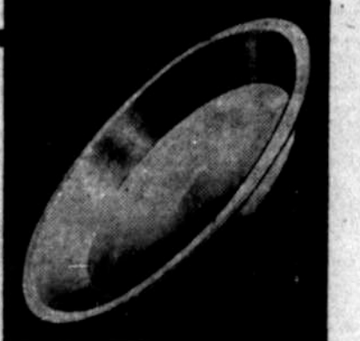

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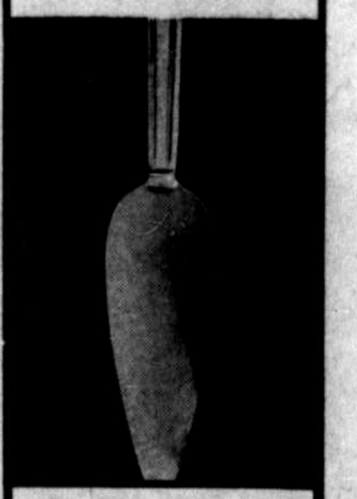

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