

# Fans say Luplow made baseball's greatest catch

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Cleveland outfielder Al Luplow was in the middle of baseball's latest controversy today and there's about as much hope of settling this one as there is of proving which came first, the chicken or the egg.

The only point everyone agrees on is that Luplow turned in the catch of the year Thursday when he flipped over a five-foot fence and landed in the Boston bullpen while snaring Dick Williams' 400-foot drive.

The Indians, who won the game, 6-4, called Luplow's fantastic seventh-inning catch one of the greatest in baseball history.

Some of the Red Sox went along with that, but to a man they insisted it was illegal because Luplow actually was outside the playing field at Fenway Park.

### Makes Official Protest

"As far as I know, the rules say you've got to be on the playing field," said Red Sox manager Johnny Pesky, who officially protested the game, believing that Williams was entitled to a home run.

Two Boston runners were on base at the time and one of them, Lou Clinton scored from third base after the catch.

"Hell, a home run means three runs to us and it ties the game at 6-6," Pesky said.

Umpire Joe Paparella ruled Luplow's catch valid. He said he "saw Luplow catch the ball falling into the bullpen. I saw the play all the way. He disappeared behind the fence but came up almost instantly, carrying the ball. He couldn't have dropped it. He didn't have time."

Some of the Red Sox players in the bullpen at the time, including pitcher Chet Nichols and coach Al Lakeman, conceded Luplow never dropped the ball but argued with Pesky that the catch actually was made in the bullpen.

So American League president Joe Cronin, who will find Pesky's protest on his desk today, will have to rule whether Luplow caught the ball before or after he landed in the bullpen. Good luck, Joe!

Anyway, the victory, credited to Cleveland starter Barry Lutzman, snapped a four-game Red Sox winning string. Mike De La Rosa produced the Tribe's winning margin with his third hit of the game, a two-run single off reliever Dick Radatz in the eighth. Rookie Wilbur Wood was the loser, however.

Jerry Kindall, Max Alvis and Gene Green hit homers for the Indians while Carl Yazstrzemski and Russ Nixon connected for the Red Sox.

In other AL action, the Chicago White Sox moved within eight percentage points of the first-place New York Yankees by beating them, 6-0, on Ray Herbert's sixth shutout of the season. Minnesota drubbed Detroit, 10-6, and Washington clipped Kansas City, 4-2, in the only other scheduled contest.

Only one game was played in the National League where Johnny Callison of the Philadelphia Phillies drove in four runs with a homer, triple, double and a single in a 13-4 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

# Legion faces Lebanon tonight

Coach Bill Bauer's Bend Legion team faces a tough Lebanon nine tonight in a single game at municipal ballpark.

Lebanon will stay here overnight for a doubleheader against the locals tomorrow. Saturday will also see North Salem here for a single game.

Game time tonight is 8:30. Bend managed to get in only one of two ball games this week while on the road. The trouble is, the locals neither won it or lost it.

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BEETLE'S EYE VIEW—Bend Baseball Leaguers must appear as giants to animals of the creep and crawl variety as this one did to Bulletin photographer Nate Bull while lying on his back. Poised in grim determination is catcher Phil Prodent. Bantam Leaguers are one notch smaller than Little Leaguers.

# 2 U.S. team berths at stake in decathlon

CORVALLIS, Ore. (UPI) — A national championship and two berths on the U.S. track team which will compete in Moscow next month were the prizes sought by 25 athletes as the national AAU decathlon championships opened today.

Most track experts predicted a four-man battle among Paul Herman of the U.S. Army, Steve Panley of Oregon State University, Dave Edstrom of the Air Force and Phil Mulkey of Birmingham, Ala.

The meet lost some of its glamor when world record-holder C. K. Yang of UCLA withdrew last weekend to take part in a European tour for his native Formosa. Yang's action undoubtedly made the championship battle much closer, however.

None of the entrants is expected to approach his world record of 9,121 points. Herman's 8,961 is the best this year by any of the competitors.

Mulkey, the former Memphis State star, scored 8,709 in 1961 but finished second to ex-Oregon spike star Edstrom in this spring's Kansas Relays.

Competition was to be held in the 100 meters, broad jump, shot put, high jump and 400 meters today at Oregon State University's Bell Field. Saturday's schedule includes the pole vault, the 110-meter high hurdles, discus, javelin and 1,500-meter run.

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# Rookie League sees 14-10, 10-0 wild fray wins

Things were really slap-happy in Bend Rookie League action last night.

Central Oregon Roofers downed Oregon Equipment 14-10 in a slugfest at the municipal ballpark, and Murray Brothers tore apart Lecco, 10-0.

In the first slugfest, action came in all innings for the Roofers, but Oregon Equipment's big frame was the fifth in which the losers gained seven runs.

All of the Oregon Equipment runs in that fifth frame which was a scorer's nightmare, were caused by seemingly unending Roofers errors. Bob Shoemaker led the hitting parade for the Oregon Equipment nine, going three for four times at bat. Mike Fasset and Steve Bergseng led the Roofers with three for three and three for four records, respectively.

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# Major leagues

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American League

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	41	27	.603	.....
Chicago	44	30	.593	.....
Boston	39	30	.565	2 1/2
Minnesota	40	32	.556	3
Cleveland	37	35	.514	6
Los Angeles	39	37	.513	6
Baltimore	38	37	.507	6 1/2
Kansas City	33	37	.471	9
Detroit	27	43	.386	15
Washington	23	53	.303	22

### Thursday's Results

Cleveland 6 Boston 4  
Minnesota 10 Detroit 6  
Chicago 6 Kansas City 0  
Washington 4 New York 2  
(Only games scheduled)

### National League

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	43	30	.589	.....
Los Angeles	42	30	.583	1/2
San Francisco	42	32	.568	1 1/2
Cincinnati	40	33	.548	3
Chicago	39	34	.534	4
Milwaukee	36	36	.500	6 1/2
Philadelphia	34	40	.457	9 1/2
Pittsburgh	33	39	.458	9 1/2
New York	29	45	.392	14 1/2
Houston	28	47	.373	16

### SIGN TWO LINEMEN

REGINA, Sask. (UPI) — Two American linemen—Dick Quinn, a 6-foot, 7-inch 310-pound giant from Tulsa University, and Art Haage, a mere mortal of 6 feet, 2 inches and 235 pounds, have signed with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Canadian Football League.

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