

Bend drops two at The Dalles in season finale; Columbia River crew gets district Legion crown

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THE DALLES — Bend's Murray Bros.-sponsored American Legion baseball team put on one of its better performances here this weekend when it finished out its season with the district championships.

The Dalles won them both however, capturing Saturday's night encounter 6-5, and noosing out the blow-hot-blow-cold Central Oregonians, Sunday, 11-9.

Paul Wardlaw and Bob Warrington did a yeoman's task on the mound in the first one, but when the dust had cleared Bend was tabbed as the loser.

Sunday — though more of a slug-fest in which Bend needed the efforts of three tossers — saw the Murray Bros. nine in its finest hour. Coach Bill Bauer's crew came on with renewed vigor in late innings, but two four-run tallies in the eleventh hour were not enough.

After a rather good performance the night before, Bend started out Sunday like baseball was already out of style. As a matter of fact, some fans offered the possibility that Bend wasn't even there. The Dalles couldn't have done better had they been playing Grandma Grunt's garden crew. And it all happened to poor Bill Bauer, Bend's towering left-handed chucker from Madras.

His first inning was a nightmare. Even an enthusiastic hometown The Dalles crowd felt sorry for him. He was pulled in the first inning after The Dalles had clobbered the ball all over Quinton Street ballpark to score seven runs. The Dalles had batted around before there was more than one down. In that dearth of base hits, center fielder Bill O'Gorman rapped a double and tosser Bob Kelley added to his own cause with a tremendous triple to left center.

It might have gone out of sight, but Bend suddenly applied the stopper which should have been instituted before the whole shooting match got started. The Dalles' third sacker, Steve Huff, hit into a double play. Derald Parsons came onto the mound for Bend to finish out that first frame.

A king-sized task was upon him before he even got started. Parsons, a summer Legion additve from Redmond High School, stayed with it hard and fast until the eighth when Coach Bauer replaced him with fresh veteran Bob Warrington.

The Dalles sagged off, and Bend fought hard to keep its composure. The Dalles added one in the second to pad its lead, before Bend showed any "gumption" at all. In the top of the third Mike Clark belted a single to score Dave Shelton from third. Shelton got aboard when The Dalles' third sacker was asleep on the infield grass and failed to nip him at first. Once Shelton was aboard the bases, The Dalles' Bob Kelley had a problem. Shelton stole second, and then third before Clark put some wood on the ball.

The Dalles, however, remained unscathed by Bend's lone tally, adding one more in its half of the third.

Bend went right to work in the fourth frame. It all started when Larry Barnes went down swinging and The Dalles catcher Mike Bertrand let the ball slip past him and roll against the back stop. Barnes turned on the speed and was aboard safely before Bertrand threw the ball.

The Dalles' apparent sluggishness and Barnes' alertness set the mood for the whole inning. Parsons was the next batter, and shaky hurler Kelley put him aboard with four balls in five tosses.

Shelton then got aboard via the same route, and the sacks were full with only one down. Clark added to Kelley's troubles when he slapped a blooper past Joe Miller at second base. While Miller was chasing the ball, Barnes and Parsons scored.

Don Watrous, another Bend additve from Redmond, connected with the third-pitched ball and sent it into left field. Shelton and Clark scored, and Watrous went into second when Ken Jacroux tried to play Clark at home.

Kelley, in trouble, came right back to get himself out. He fanned Bend catcher Val Lewis and then slipped three fast ones past Chris Kirby, to retire the side.

With the margin thus reduced at 9-5, what first appeared to be a Sunday school picnic for the hometowners had turned out to be a serious matter.

Scoring-wise, nothing more hap-

pened until the eighth inning. In the sixth, however, a brief rhabar developed when Coach Bauer and half of the Bend team came rushing onto the mound to protest an official's call on a fly ball to center field. The Dalles

right fielder John McClaskey tagged a shallow fly to center. Shelton raced in and "trapped it" at his shoe strings. The "catch" was ruled a base hit, as the umpire said the ball hit the ground first and Shelton caught it on the

bounce. Shelton, Bauer, the rest of the team claimed that Shelton caught it a healthy six inches off the ground.

Bend's eighth inning just about collapsed the apple cart for The Dalles. The Murray Bros. nine

exploded for four more tallies. It took a pinch hiter of minute stature to do it. Mike Metke came to the batter's box in place of Jerry Wetle, and promptly brought fans to their feet with a long double to left center. Barnes then grounded out to second. Watrous took a strike and then

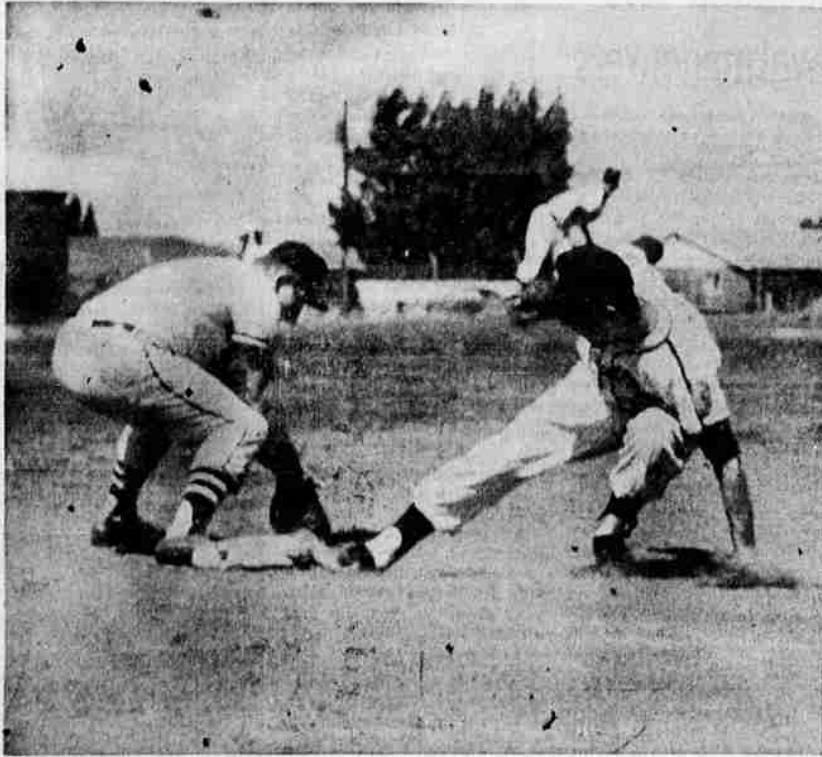
pasted a fly pitch over the center fielder's head to score Metke and put himself aboard at second with a double. No relief was in sight. Val Lewis then got mean and did the same. His two-bagger scored Watrous. The Dalles was in a serious spot with two down, the score knotted at 9-9 and hard-hitting, husky Chris Kirby facing Kelley. Kirby belted two long foul balls before he swung and missed. It was what The Dalles needed to stay alive.

Ken Jacroux and Paul Duus slapped doubles, and Shelton dropped a fly ball, enabling The Dalles to put across the two winning runs in the bottom of the eighth.

It took the wind out of Bend's sails. In the ninth: George Woodworth took a called strike to go down swinging. Metke grounded out to short. Barnes kept hopes alive when he rapped a single, but tosser Bob Warrington struck out to end it all.

Murray Bros. thus finished out its 1963 season with 14 wins against 25 losses. (Unofficial). The Dalles now faces winner of the Pendleton-Ontario series for the American Legion eastern Oregon area championship and the right to compete in the state finals.

Linescore (Sunday's game): Bend 001 400 040—9 10 4 The Dalles 711 000 02X—11 13 3 Bauer, Parsons (1), Warrington (8), and Lewis; Kelley and Bertrand.



BETTER GET BACK! — District American Legion baseball playoffs had its share of action at The Dalles this weekend. Bend pitcher Derald Parsons Sunday was stingy on giving up stolen bases. Here he chases back an unidentified The Dalles player to first base. Bend first sacker at left is Chris Kirby. Bend dropped both tilts, 6-5 Saturday night and 11-9 Sunday. (Mike Stahlberg photo).

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The Scoreboard

Major Leagues PCL standings

American League				Northern Division				
	W	L	Pct. GB		W	L	Pct. GB	
New York	58	34	.630	—	Spokane	62	42 .590	—
Chicago	52	42	.553	7	Tacoma	58	45 .563	3
Boston	51	42	.548	7½	Portland	50	52 .490	10½
Minnesota	52	43	.547	7	Hawaii	48	53 .475	12
Baltimore	53	46	.535	8½	Seattle	43	62 .413	19
Cleveland	46	50	.479	14	Southern Division			
Los Angeles	47	52	.475	14½		W <td>L<th>Pct. GB</th></td>	L <th>Pct. GB</th>	Pct. GB
Kansas City	42	52	.447	17	Oklahoma City	55	46 .545	—
Detroit	39	52	.429	18½	Dallas Ft. W.	54	50 .519	2½
Washington	34	61	.358	25½	Salt Lake City	49	49 .500	4½
National League					San Diego	51	55 .481	6½
	W	L	Pct. GB		Denver	43	58 .426	12
Los Angeles	60	37	.619	—	—			
St. Louis	54	43	.557	6	NW League			
Chicago	52	43	.547	7		W <td>L<th>Pct. GB</th></td>	L <th>Pct. GB</th>	Pct. GB
Cincinnati	52	46	.531	8½	Salem	15	8 .652	—
San Francisco	52	46	.531	8½	Lewiston	14	8 .636	½
Philadelphia	52	47	.520	9½	Yakima	15	10 .600	1
Pittsburgh	49	47	.510	10½	Wenatchee	12	12 .500	3½
Milwaukee	49	48	.505	11	Tri-City	8	13 .381	6
Houston	36	64	.360	25½	Eugene	6	19 .240	10
New York	32	66	.327	28½				

Gal golfers name winners

Central Oregon's women golfers last week did their share of playing at the Bend Golf Club.

Last Wednesday the local gals hosted women ball smackers from Madras.

Winning Class A division low gross honor was Mrs. James Barlow. Mrs. Farley Elliott captured Class A low net honors. Other winners were: Mrs. Elmer

Panner, Class B low gross; Mrs. Don Bagley Class B low net; Mrs. Don Thompson, Class C winner.

And Mrs. Bill Lackoff captured the nine hole crown.

This Wednesday's play will be four-ball, best ball competition. It is the fourth OWGA play. Team captains are Mrs. Carl Erickson and Mrs. Bob Thomas.

Bend men golfers held a regular sweepstakes Thursday. Neal Goldsmith carded a 75 for low gross. Vern White won second low gross with a 78. Third low gross was Des Currie with an 80. Low net honors were split between G. E. Wiley and Ted Gibbons who both shot 72's. Don Dyer was also low with a 73 after deducting handicap.

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Bend Radio Station KBND, however, will broadcast the tilt. The fight is slated for 7:05 p.m. PDT. KPRB, KRCC, and KRGL will not carry it.



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Hal Connolly saves narrow U.S. track win over Soviets

MOSCOW (UPI) — American track and field athletes showered their thanks today on hammer-thrower Hal Connolly for saving a narrow team victory over the Russians men, but many wondered out loud, "who'll save us in the 1964 Olympics?"

A 1-2 finish in the 1,500-meter run by Daryl Burleson and Tom O'Hara was the highlight of five Sunday victories that enabled the Yanks to edge the Soviet men, 119-114. This was the narrowest American margin of victory in the five meets that have been held between these two leading world track and field nations.

Russian women swept the 11 events on the two-day program to rout their United States counterparts, 75-28.

From the Soviet standpoint, the most heralded achievement was Valery Brumel's world record high jump of 7 feet, 5 1/2 inches. The Russians won six of the final day's 11 men's events but could not overcome the 61-54 advantage the Yanks had piled up in Saturday's competition.

Still, the United States might have lost this meet for the first time had it not been for Connolly's unexpected victory in Saturday's hammer throw.

The 32-year-old Connolly, now teaching in Finland with his wife, Olga, had notified U.S. officials that he would be unable to compete against the Russians because of a back injury. He changed his mind at the last minute and came to Moscow for the meet.

Had it not been for Connolly's victory, the U.S. undoubtedly would have lost the men's competition, 117-116.

As it was, the Russians' 10 victories in 22 men's events was their best showing in this series and posed a serious threat to American track and field supremacy at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo.

Payton Jordan, the U.S. coach from Stanford, praised the Russians as being "perfectly prepared for the meet." And he added that "we are pleased with everything — the weather, the wonderful Moscow spectators and the showing made by many of our sportsmen."

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Jack Nicklaus sinks long putt for PGA title win

DALLAS (UPI) — Jack Nicklaus, at 23, figured today he was "a grown man."

For now he has won 'em all that he set out to win when he turned professional golfer a year and a half ago. He won the U. S. Open in June of 1962, and the Masters last April.

After that victory he said he didn't think he still had arrived. "Wait until I win the PGA," he declared. "When I win that one, I'll consider myself a man."

He won that Sunday when he broke the hearts of those chasing him with a 30-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole of the heat-seared Dac Country Club course before a 110-degree sweat-soaked crowd of 12,500.

The triumph swelled his bankroll \$13,000 to a total of \$75,140, leaving him only \$10,815 behind Golden Boy Arnold Palmer, who finished in a tie for 40th place—and \$410 prize money — as once again he failed to win the only major golf tournament that has eluded him.

McGUIRE SIGNS CONTRACT

BOSTON (UPI) — Connie McGuire, former Southeast Oklahoma State star, has signed his first professional contract with the Boston Celtics of the National Basketball Association. The 6-8, 200-pound native of Stigler, Okla., was the Celtics' fourth round draft choice this year.

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