

Larry Shepard, Ex-Medford Hurler, World's Best on Won-Lost Averages

San Francisco—(U.P.)—The best pitcher in the world, if you want to go on won and lost averages, is a fellow very few people have heard about.

His name is Larry Shepard and he hurls for the Hollywood Stars. He has a 4-0 record—the first time he ever has pitched in anything above class C ball.

But mention Larry's name in Billings, Mont., or Medford, Ore. and such way-placers, and right away they'll agree with you that Larry is quite a guy.

Larry is no spring chicken. He has been in professional baseball since 1941—with time out for four years with Uncle Sam in World War II.

As of right now, he has a lifetime record of 134 victories against 52 defeats. That's a healthy .720 average. Most pitchers are lucky to have a .600 average.

On top of being a pretty fair country hurler, Shepard has been managing clubs the last four years—three of them with Billings of the Pioneer league, class C.

Let's look at the record of this 33-year-old "rookie" of the PCL: Medford Record 22-3

1941—Three Rivers, Canadian-American league, won 15, lost 11; 1946—Nashua, New England league, won 12, lost 5; 1947—Pueblo, Western league, won 15, lost 10; 1948—Medford, Far West league, won 22, lost 3; 1949—Billings, Pioneer league, won 21, lost 6; 1950—Billings, won 22, lost 6; 1951—Billings, won 24, lost 11.

With that kind of experience behind him, the Hollywood club drafted him and he has proved a success. Could he be can still make it to the majors.

This week Shepard probably will see action for the Stars against the San Francisco Seals. If he continues to be successful it may be that Branch Rickey of the parent Pittsburgh Pirates will call on him for help in the National league.

Elsewhere around the circuit, Portland visits Seattle, Los Angeles goes to Oakland and Sacramento to San Diego.

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Rookie Willie Luna, San Diego; Hal Gregg, Oakland, and Larry Shepard, Hollywood, are tied for the Pacific Coast league pitching leadership with records of four wins, no losses each.

Al Benton, San Diego, and Bob Muncief, San Francisco, a pair of expert firemen, are right on their heels with 3-0 records.

In the batting department, outfielders Joe Grace of San Francisco and Cliff Conatser of Portland are tied for the lead with .333 averages. Al Lyons, Seattle, is tops in runs-batted-in with 25; and Max West, Los Angeles, leads in homers with eight.

Dick Wagner Slated To Fight Bobby Wise

Portland—(U.P.)—Dick Wagner, an Oregonian who has returned to Portland to show the local fans what he learned in the Eastern flistic wars, was scheduled to meet San Francisco's Bobby Wise in a 10-round National Boxing club main event here Tuesday night.

All of Wagner's family and many of his friends will be on hand to see the light-heavyweight bout.



PITCHER LARRY SHEPARD Headed for Major Leagues?

Stanky "Pushing" Incident Brings Ump's Resignation

Cincinnati—(U.P.)—Umpire Scotty Robb, who was fined two weeks ago for allegedly pushing Manager Eddie Stanky of the St. Louis Cardinals, turned in his blue uniform to National League President Warren Giles Tuesday.

Giles, in announcing the resignation, said Robb had been asked to continue on the National

league's staff "if he felt he could work efficiently."

"Since he feels there is an existing situation which prevents this, we accepted his resignation," Giles said. "Anything further on this matter must come from Robb. It is a closed matter with the league office."

Robb's one-sentence letter of resignation to Giles read: "Please accept this as my resignation from your umpire staff as of today."

The incident which apparently led to Robb's resignation occurred in the third inning of a game between the Cardinals and Reds on April 22 in Cincinnati.

Shortstop Solly Hemus and Stanky protested a third strike called on Hemus and Robb banded both from the game. Stanky denied he had shoved Robb and Giles, who saw the game, apparently believed it was the other way around.

He fined Hemus \$25 and Stanky \$50 and said Robb had been fined "an amount far in excess of the total amount fined the two players."

Cougars Tip Oregon State

Washington State held a one-game advantage over Oregon State as the two teams met Tuesday for the second game of their Northern Division baseball series.

The Cougars whipped the Oregonians, 5-3, Monday as Bud Roffler homered with one on in the eighth inning. WSC was held scoreless until the seventh frame when the Cougars tallied twice on two hits and three Beaver miscues.

The tying run came in the eighth as Bill Mayberry singled and scored on an error and a long fly. Then came Roffler's game-winning blow.

Scores Yesterday

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Cleveland 4, Boston 2 (10 innings)
St. Louis at Washington (night, no score received)
(Only games scheduled)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
New York 3, Chicago 2
Brooklyn 3, Pittsburgh 1 (call end 8th, rain)
(Only games scheduled)

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
Vancouver 6, Victoria 5 (13 innings)
(Only game scheduled)

Standings

TEAM	W	L	Pct.	GB
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
New York	12	4	.750	
Brooklyn	11	4	.733	
Cincinnati	12	6	.677	1 1/2
Chicago	11	7	.611	2
St. Louis	9	9	.500	4
Boston	7	12	.368	6 1/2
Philadelphia	5	11	.313	7
Pittsburgh	3	17	.150	11
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Boston	12	5	.706	
Cleveland	12	7	.632	1
Washington	9	7	.563	2 1/2
St. Louis	9	9	.500	3 1/2
New York	8	8	.500	3 1/2
Chicago	7	10	.412	5
Philadelphia	6	9	.400	5 1/2
Detroit	4	12	.250	7 1/2
WESTERN INTERNATIONAL				
Vancouver	9	3	.750	
Spokane	9	5	.643	1
Lewiston	7	6	.538	2 1/2
Vancouver	6	5	.545	2 1/2
Wenatchee	6	8	.500	3
Tri-City	6	8	.428	4
Salem	5	9	.357	5
Yakima	4	10	.285	6

Salem Solons Open Yakima Series Today

All teams were scheduled for action Tuesday as the Western International league baseball season entered its third week.

Salem will be at Yakima, Spokane at Lewiston, Tri-City at Wenatchee, and Victoria will continue its series at Vancouver.

In Monday's only game, Vancouver nipped the Tyes, 6-5, in 13 innings. Four successive singles, the last by catcher Don Lumley, brought the winning run across the plate.

Vancouver held a 5-0 lead going into the seventh inning, but then the Islanders came back with three in that frame and two more in the ninth to tie the score.

Van Fletcher, who came on in the ninth, was credited with the win. Ben Lorino took the loss, which cut Victoria's lead over second-place Spokane to one game.

Oakland, Calif.—(U.P.)—The Oakland Oaks have announced the optioning of right-handed pitcher Charles Oubre to Wenatchee of the Western International league.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Recruiting Code Broken By Sooners

Norman, Okla.—(U.P.)—Oklahoma University President George L. Cross said Monday night his school was deliberately violating a Big Seven conference ban of football player recruiting, and "will continue to do so" until September.

Dr. Cross said he doesn't "think the Big Seven will do anything about the clause" which forbids a coach from contacting high school athletes, even when visiting in the boys' town for speeches or on business.

"There's a difference of opinion as to whether we are actually breaking the rule," he said.

He pointed out that stiff new North Central Association rules which prohibit all colleges from contacting athletes and alumni offering financial aid go into effect September 1.

"We are prepared to follow these regulations when they become effective," he said.

Junior High Results Told

Tracksters of Medford junior high overhauled all opposition in meets on Saturday.

The ninth graders scored 95 1/2 to 49 1/2 by Klamath Falls and 4 by Ashland. Eighth graders piled up 61; Ashland 44 and Klamath 18. The seventh ran over Ashland 65 to 23.

Medford ninth thincads won 11 out of 14 first places, the eighth five out of 12 and the seventh eight out of nine.

- MEDFORD WINNERS (Ninth Grade)**
High hurdles—Braun, first; Kalapus, third.
75-yard dash—Kastner, first; Rector, second.
Three-fourth mile—Evans, second; Depain, fourth.
330-yard dash—Oglesby, first; Owsley, third; Frohreich, fourth.
Low hurdles—Kastner, first; Braun, third.
150-yard dash—Oglesby, first; Rector, second.
660-yard run—Poole, first; Peterson, third; Coppel, fourth.
High jump—Clark, first; McCay, tied for second.
Broad jump—Kastner, first; Rector, third; Owsley, fourth.
Pole vault—Eckle, second; Jacobs, third; McCay, fourth.
Shot put—Dyer, first.
Javelin—Oglesby, second; Dyer, third.
Discus—Johnston, first; Jacobs, second.
Relay—Won by Medford.
- (Eighth Grade)**
High hurdles—Hawkins, first; Bosworth, second; Neal, third.
75-yard dash—Cearly, second; Miller, fourth.
330-yard dash—Tucker, second; Henderson, fourth.
Low hurdles—Hawkins, first; Miller, second.
150-yard dash—Tucker, second; Cearly, third.
660-yard run—Fellows, first; Butts, third; Bosworth, fourth.
High jump—Henderson, fourth.
Broad jump—Tisdell, Perkins, tied for third.
Pole vault—Tisdell, second.
Shot put—Cearly, second; Shaffer, fourth.
Discus—Shaffer, first; Butts, third.
Relay—Won by Medford.
- (Seventh Grade)**
75-yard dash—Griffin, first; King, second; Larson, third.
330-yard dash—Griffin, first; Willard, second.
Low hurdles—Larson, first; Green, third; Thomas, fourth.
150-yard dash—Willard, first; Griffin, second.
660-yard run—Bourne, first; Walker, tied for third.
High jump—Larson, first; Green, second; Walker, tied for third.
Broad jump—Willard, first; Close, second.
Shot put—Miller, third; King, fourth.
Relay—Won by Medford.

Clues Hint Identity of GOP Boxer

Several clues to the identity of the prominent Jackson county Republican who will box an equally prominent Democrat on the YMCA card on May 15 were obtained by a Y reporter recently.

The reporter went to the Republican training camp in a pear orchard near Ashland to conduct an interview. He said he found the well-proportioned fisticuff attired in immaculate orchid boxing trunks and a black mask.

The interviewer asked, "Is it true that you learned to fight in the Army, the Navy and the Seabees during World War II?" This question brought some objection from his trainer and manager, Frank Van Dyke. But, it was learned from the mystery fighter that he was known as the "one man task force."

Father of Three
Republican's staunch upholder is father of "three fine little Republicans," the reporter was told.

When asked concerning his chances against the Democrat defender, the Republican mystery man became intensely ferocious and declared, "I'll knock out the bum in the first round."

The first Jackson county resident to correctly identify the mystery fighter will be awarded a pair of rinside seats for the election night fight card at the Y. Answers may be mailed to the Medford YMCA.

Junior McDonald, Medford, and Doyle Hall, Roseburg, two young lightweights, will be featured on the card.

Two Champions Will Sign Today For June 23 'Fight of the Year'

New York—(U.P.)—Champions Joey Maxim and Sugar Ray Robinson were scheduled to sign Tuesday for their "fight of the year" at Yankee Stadium on June 23.

Their 15-round match for Maxim's light heavyweight championship was finally made Monday, according to announcement by Promoter Jim Norris.

Odds-makers said Maxim of Cleveland would be an early favorite at about 7-5 over middleweight champion Robinson of New York. Maxim will outweigh slender Ray about 172 pounds to 161.

The 30-year-old champions were slated to sign international

Former Champ Takes Stride On Comeback

Columbus, Ga.—(U.P.)—Former featherweight champion Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn., took another stride along the comeback trail Tuesday with a 10-round decision over rugged young Kenny Leach of Baltimore, Md.

Pep, the master boxer, showed his famed left jab to full advantage all the way Monday night to record an easy triumph. He was unable to floor his young rival, who never has been knocked out in 38 fights, but he did have him in trouble several times.

Leach was bewildered most of the time by Pep's footwork and the flashing left hand that never left his face. But he did stun the former champ in the third round with a hard right and again in the ninth with a pair of lefts.

It was the second straight victory for Pep since he lost his world title to Sandy Saddler last September. Willie's hopes of regaining the crown are dim at present, since Saddler has just begun a two-year hitch in the Army and the title has been "frozen."

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