

# Rainier, Solon Split Mars Seattle Debut For Fred Hutchinson

Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland Beavers were to make another try today to get in their 1955 home baseball opener against the San Diego Padres but the weather man promised more showers.

Yesterday's "showers" turned into an all-day rainfall that finally resulted in postponement on both openers here. More than 5000 fans were in the stands and an attempt was made about 3 p.m. to get the game started. But after one third of an inning, the umpires decided it was too wet.

**By PETER HAYES**  
**United Press Sports Writer**

Freddie Hutchinson, who won 25 games and a ticket to the majors with Seattle in 1938, returned to his old home town as manager of the Rainiers Tuesday only to see his hopes of a doubleheader sweep dashed by a flashy young rookie who appears headed for a big season himself.

Hutch made a rousingly successful home debut as manager yesterday afternoon as Seattle pounded out a 14-3 win over Sacramento, currently leading the Pacific Coast league.

But Solon righthander John Briggs tamed the Rainiers, 1-0, in the night game to register his third straight win without a loss, and his second shutout.

**Other Games**

In the only other PCL game played, Ed Winceniak clouted two homers for a total of five runs in Los Angeles' 11-2 rout of Oakland. A San Diego hit at Portland day-night twin bill and the Hollywood at San Francisco night game were rained out.

The largest crowd of the season, 15,354, saw the Rainiers enjoy a feast of runs in the first game but suffer a famine in the second.

Seattle rapped five Solon pitchers in the opener for 11 hits, including a bases-loaded homer by Ray Orteig and a solo blast by Marv Williams. Seattle jumped on Sac starter Chet Johnson (1-0) for five runs in the fifth and broke loose for seven in the sixth.

Larry Jansen, slender righthander signed after he was cut loose by the Giants, limited the Sacs to seven hits in the first seven innings. Hutch replaced him with Howie Judson to avoid overting him in his first outing of the year. Judson held Sacramento hitless.

**Briggs Fires**

Briggs, who won 20 games with Salem of the Western International league last year, set the Rainiers down with seven hits in going the distance in the second game. He struck out four and walked three and wiggled out of a one-out, man-on-second situation in the last of the ninth.

Sacramento scored its lone run in the top of the ninth on a squeeze play. With the bases loaded and one out, Dan Baich laid down the bunt off Bill Kennedy (0-1) and everybody was safe.

Los Angeles climbed into a tie with San Diego for second place by virtue of its lop-sided win over the last-place Acorns before 1294 in Los Angeles.

Joe Hatten (2-1) was nipped for 11 hits but never more than two in one inning. Los Angeles batsmen collected 10 safeties off four Oak pitchers, driving starter Karl Drews (0-2) to cover with a four-run flurry in the first.

Oakland's George Metkovich singled in his first two trips to

mark his ninth consecutive hit. But Hatten ended the streak on this third time at bat when he struck him out. The record is 12, shared by Minor Heath, Hollywood, 1930, and Ted Beard, Hollywood, 1953.

**LINESCORES:**  
(1st game)  
Sacramento . . . 000 201 000—3 7 2  
Seattle . . . 005 017 10X—14 11 0  
Johnson, R. Jones (5), Speck (6), Harriet (8) and Sheely, Jansen, Judson (9) and Ortel.

(2nd game)  
Sacramento . . . 000 000 001—1 6 1  
Seattle . . . 000 000 000—0 7 0  
Briggs and Baich; Duren, Kennedy (7) and Ginsberg.

Oakland . . . 000 020 000—2 11 2  
Los Angeles 403 040 000X—11 10 1  
Drews, Beamon (1), Murphy (6) Van Cuyk (8) and Neal; Hatten and Fransa.

## Release of Vic Raschi Impending

St. Louis, Mo. — (U.P.) — Vic Raschi, an old pro whose pitching arm has fallen behind his stout heart, took the news of his impending unconditional release from the St. Louis Cardinals calmly today.

His manager, Eddie Stanky, voiced the feeling of the ball club "We admired him as a great competitor."

Raschi, oldest man on the team at 36, was shelled out of the box in the second inning Monday night by the Cincinnati Redlegs. And it appeared today that as far as the St. Louis front office was concerned it was his make-or-break chance.

He was hit hard, escaping a first inning score only on a great catch by Wally Moon. In the second, Ed Bailey led off with a triple and when he scored on Wally Post's single, Cards' relievers scampered into action in the leftfield bullpen. Raschi's shoulders seemed to sag a bit when he heard the solid thumps of the balls in the bullpen catchers' mitts and persistent jeers from the stand.

**Didn't Have It**

"Get him out of there" and "let's put in a pitcher" were the mildest shouts.

He refused to look back, hitching up his pants and returning to work. But he just didn't have it. Joe Nuxhall singled, Johnny Temple sacrificed one run home and Glen Gorbous drove in another with a double. That was all for big Vic.

There was a ripple of applause — along with the boos as he trudged off the field — apparently from those who remembered the brilliant Raschi of the New York Yankees.

The younger Vic of that day was a fireballer who righthanded his way to a New York mark of 120-50. He won five and lost three World Series games in his years with the Yanks.

But a sore arm plagued him last year — his first with the Cards — and he ended his first losing major league season at 8-9.

**Adams Quits Basketball Post at LaGrande High**

La Grande — (U.P.) — Vic Adams, head basketball coach at La Grande high school, has resigned the position but will continue as a teacher here, school officials said today.

No replacement has been named. Adams formerly coached at North Bend.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

## Brooklyn Bumps Phils 7-6 for 8th Straight

**By FRED BROWN**  
**United Press Sports Writer**

Rookies Don Zimmer and Ed Roebuck threw their weight in Brooklyn's early "pennant push" today as the rampant Dodgers sought a ninth straight victory which would equal the major league record for a fast getaway.

Zimmer, filling in for the ailing PeeWee Reese, blasted a two-run homer which produced the winning margin Tuesday night while Roebuck, a 24-year-old right-hander, came through with a fine relief performance for the second straight game in the Dodgers' 7-6 win over the Philadelphia Phillies.

The victory ran Brooklyn's winning streak to eight games — one short of the record for a season's opening shared by the 1918 New York Giants, 1940 Dodgers and 1944 St. Louis Browns.

Manager Walt Alton has nominated Billy Loes, a 13-game winner in 1954, to oppose the Phillies at Ebbets Field tonight. The Phillies will counter with Steve Ridzik, who has a 1-3 lifetime record against Brooklyn.

**Zimmer Hits First Homer**

Zimmer, who played in only 23 games for Brooklyn last season, hit his first major league homer off Curt Simmons in the eighth inning to give the Dodgers a 7-4 lead. Willie Jones' two-run homer off Jim Hughes cut the margin to 7-6 in the bottom of the inning but then Roebuck hustled out of the bullpen to preserve the lead, and earn Don Newcomb his second win.

Brooklyn's sizzling opening pace has shaken Alton's slugs loose from every other team in the circuit except the pennant-minded Milwaukee Braves, who squeezed out a 3-2 win over the Chicago Cubs Tuesday. The Braves, combining sound pitching with a dangerous attack, have won five of their seven games to stay within 2½ games of the Dodgers.

No other team in the circuit is more than one game over .500 and the world champion Giants trail the Dodgers by 5½ games.

**Conley Wins First**

Right-hander Gene Conley struck out seven batters to gain his first win of the year for Milwaukee when Bob Rush cracked in the eighth inning and forced in the winning run with four walks. Hank Aaron, who has hit safely in all the Braves' games, tripled home a run and scored on Bobby Thomson's single to give Conley a 2-0 first-inning lead. The Cubs battled back with single runs in the fifth and eighth innings only to suffer their third straight loss. They had opened the season with four wins in five games.

The St. Louis Cardinals beat the Cincinnati Redlegs, 6-5, on Bill Sarni's bases-filled single in the 11th inning in the only other National League game. In the American League, the Kansas City Athletics rallied for five runs in the ninth inning to beat the Cleveland Indians, 8-7.

Sarni's single came after two errors and Bobby Stephenson's bunt-single enabled the Cardi-

nals to fill the bases without hitting a ball out of the infield. The Cardinals seized an early 5-0 lead but the Redlegs battled back to tie the score with the aid of homers by Ted Kluszewski and Gus Bell.

Bill Wilson's single with the bases filled and two out climaxed the Athletics, rally which snapped a five-game losing streak. Two homers by Al Rosen and one by Ralph Kiner helped give rookie Herb Score a 7-3 lead in the ninth but he faltered and the Athletics went on to win against Mike Garcia.

**LINESCORES:**  
National League  
Chicago . . . 000 010 010—2 8 0  
Milwaukee . . . 200 000 01X—3 4 1  
Rush (10-1) and Chitt; Conley (1-0) and Grandall.

Brooklyn . . . 100 013 020—7 10 2  
Philadelphia . . . 000 000 020—6 12 0  
Newcomb, Hughes (7), Roebuck (8) and Campanella; Owens, Lovenpath (9), Simmons (8), Miller (9) and Lopata. Winning pitcher—Newcomb (2-0). Losing pitcher Owens (0-1).

(11 Innings)  
Cincinnati . . . 000 004 001 00—4 8 3  
St. Louis . . . 011 030 000 01—6 10 1  
Valentine, Lane (6), Hooper (8), Klipsstein (11) and Semnick, Bailey (11), Hedrick, Smith (9), Schultz (10). Winning pitcher—Schultz (1-0). Losing pitcher—Hooper (0-1).

American League  
Cleveland . . . 200 100 022—7 13 0  
Kansas City . . . 000 120 005—8 13 0  
Score, Garcia (9) and Folles, Hegan (8), Boyer, Bishop (9) and W. Shantz. Winning pitcher—Bishop (1-0). Losing pitcher—Garcia (1-1).

## City Grade Meet Slated Thursday If Weather Oke

Medford's all-city grade school track meet is scheduled for Thursday at 2:45 p.m. if weather is warm enough. The meet will be at the high school stadium.

Lee Ragsdale, Medford school physical education supervisor, said that wet or cold weather tomorrow will mean postponement probably until sometime next week.

Bad weather has forced cancellation of two other grade track tussles so far. They were the Roosevelt-Washington test planned last week and the Lincoln-Roosevelt-Jackson triangular which was slated for last Monday.

Ragsdale said that postponement of the city meet may mean some curtailment of the baseball program because of lack of time.

The grade meet can't be held this Friday because a Medford Junior high dual struggle with Grants Pass is set for the senior high stadium. Seventh, eighth and ninth grade division will compete in the cinder event. Events will start at 3 p.m.

## CONSCIENCE HURT

El Centro, Calif. — (U.P.) — Harold Church, athletic director at Central Union High school, said today that a pair of binoculars, two starting guns and a stopwatch stolen from the gym office have been returned through the mails with the following note: "Our consciences hurt us—we have returned."

## Standings

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE				
Team	W.	L.	Pct. GB	
Sacramento	9	5	.643	
San Francisco	8	7	.533	1½
Los Angeles	8	7	.533	1½
Seattle	8	8	.500	2
Portland	6	6	.500	2
San Francisco	6	7	.462	2½
Hollywood	6	8	.429	3
Oakland	5	8	.385	3½

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Team	W.	L.	Pct. GB	
Brooklyn	8	0	1.000	
Milwaukee	5	2	.714	2½
Philadelphia	4	3	.571	3½
St. Louis	4	3	.571	3½
Chicago	4	4	.500	4
New York	2	2	.500	4
Cincinnati	2	6	.250	8
Pittsburgh	0	6	.000	7

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Team	W.	L.	Pct. GB	
Boston	4	2	.667	1
New York	4	2	.667	1
Cleveland	3	3	.500	2
Chicago	3	3	.500	2
Detroit	3	3	.500	2
Washington	2	5	.286	3½
Kansas City	2	5	.286	3½
Baltimore	0	6	.000	5

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**  
Pacific Coast League  
Seattle 14, Sacramento 3 (1st)  
Sacramento 1, Seattle 0 (2nd)  
Los Angeles 11, Oakland 2  
San Diego at Portland, rain.  
Hollywood at San Francisco, rain.

(How Series Stand)  
Seattle 1, Sacramento 1  
Los Angeles 1, Oakland 0  
San Diego 0, Portland 0  
Hollywood 0, San Francisco 0

National League  
Milwaukee 3, Chicago 2  
Brooklyn 7, Philadelphia 6 (night)  
St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 5 (11 innings, night)  
Pittsburgh at New York, ppd., rain.

American League  
Kansas City 8, Cleveland 7  
Washington at Boston, two games, ppd., rain.

(Only games scheduled)  
**THURSDAY'S GAMES**  
National League  
Philadelphia at Brooklyn  
New York at Pittsburgh  
(Only games scheduled)

American League  
Chicago at Detroit  
Baltimore at New York  
Boston at Washington  
(Only games scheduled)

## Boxing Results

**By UNITED PRESS**  
Salt Lake City, Utah: Rex Layne, 20-0, Salt Lake City, Utah, stopped Willie Jackson, 18-0, Alberta, Canada (1).

## GP-Medford Baseball Fray On Thursday; Rain Forces Postponement Yesterday

Wet weather forced postponement of three high school baseball contests which had been scheduled for yesterday.

The victims of Jupiter Plusvius were Medford at Grants Pass, St. Mary's at Prospect and Glendale at Rogue River.

Grants Pass comes to Medford for a Southern Oregon Conference game on Thursday. Date of the make-up fracas will be decided at that time. However, the Thursday mix also could fall victim of the rains.

St. Mary's tangle in the Jackson County B league previously had been postponed from April 8. Plans now are to play next Tuesday. Glendale against Rogue River was non-conference.

**Reinking Sick**

Either Duane Sides or Ed McCullough could be the Medford mound choice if the fray with the Cavemen is contested Thursday.

An adjustment in the Black Tornado infield is anticipated for the scuffle. First Baseman Ed Reinking was reported down

## Jim Carter, Zulueta Vie

Washington — (U.P.) — Jimmy Carter, the erratic world lightweight champion who specializes in losing and regaining his title, is a 3-1 choice to defeat Cuba's Orlando Zulueta tonight in their 10-round, non-title fight.

Carter is a busy boxer who has fought 95 times and is the only man who has ever regained a world title twice. The New Yorker takes a 69-17 record into the bout which CBS will televise from the Uline Arena at 10 p.m., EST.

Although Carter's 135-pound title won't be at stake, Manager Willie Ketchum figures his prize meal ticket may not be treating Zulueta with proper respect. The Cuban has scored only six knockouts but he is a clever and experienced boxer with a shock absorber jaw and good resistance to cuts.

## Washington Baseball Club Bounces Idaho

Moscow, Ida. — (U.P.) — The University of Washington opened the Northern Division Baseball season by taking both ends of a double header from Idaho yesterday.

The Huskies won the regulation length opener 12-6 and the six inning nightcap 4-3.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 1 a. m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

## Simmons Beaten But Satisfied

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Lame-armed lefthander Curt Simmons of the Philadelphia Phillies, rapped for a clinching, two-run homer in Tuesday night's game with Brooklyn in his first appearance this year, said today he was "satisfied that I had good stuff."

Simmons said Don Zimmer hit a fast ball inside when he slammed his first major league homer with Carl Furillo on base in the eighth inning to pave the way for a 7-6 Dodger triumph.

## Caddy's Head Hard

Baton Rouge, La. — (U.P.) — Albert Taylor, caddy master at the Baton Rouge Country club, was charged Tuesday with breaking a six iron over a caddy's head.

## Pfeiffer's Nab Lead in ABC Tourney

Fort Wavne, Ind. — (U.P.) — Two-time champion Pfeiffer Beer of Detroit today were within striking distance of a third title in the American Bowling Congress.

The Pfeiffers, who won in 1952 and 1953, rolled a whopping 3136 last night to take a 93-pin lead in the team division. The effort sparked a series of major upheavals in the team competition.

Modern Bowler, also of Detroit, rolled 3043 to take third place and Mady's Lanes, St. Paul, Minn., fired 3020 to move into fourth.

It was the third time in ABC history that three 3000 games were turned in by one squad. By comparison, there were only four such games in all of last year's meet.

The Pfeiffers opened with games of 1068 and 984. The third game, which had proved the downfall to many other top-flight fives, proved their best, a 1074.

**Gibson Leads**

Therm Gibson, who collaborated with teammate George Young, to win the national doubles championship last week at Louisville, Ky., led the Pfeiffers with 680. Lou Sielaf had 647, Fred Bujack 627, Young 598 and Bill Lillard a 584.

Modern Bowler, led by Graz Castellano's 841, rolled games of 1021, 978, and 1046. Mady's Lanes fired 941, 1061 and 1018.

In other activity, Roy Jurus and Eddie Brickell, Fort Worth, Tex., moved into sixth place in the doubles with a 1273 total. Jurus had a 647 series.

Joe Paulus of Detroit tied for seventh in the singles with a 686 series, hitting 221, 233 and 232.

Chuck Ciardo, veteran Milwaukee bowler, hit 10 straight strikes and then drew a 6-10 split for a 288 game, tying Joe Morys of Detroit for runner-up high singles game of the tourney.

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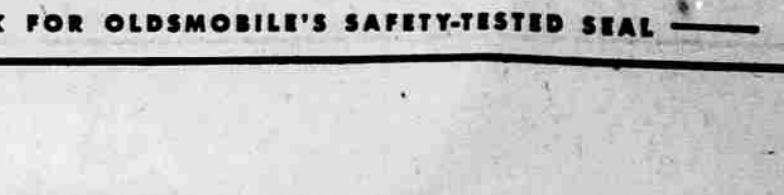
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