

## Ed Merseeth Scores 3rd Win in NWL

By UNITED PRESS  
Ed Merseeth nailed up his third straight pitching victory last night and his Tri-City teammates used one big inning to get him a 9-1 Northwest league win over Spokane.

In the only other loop action, second-place Lewiston nosed out Wenatchee 4-3 to move a half-game closer to Yakima, rain-out victim at Salem.

The Braves, playing in miserable cold weather in Spokane, put together four singles, Ernie White's double, two Indian errors and a wild pitch for all nine runs in the third.

Joe Rossi spoiled Merseeth's shutout bid with a stinging double to score Ronnie Johnson, who got on compliments of the Tri-City infield, in the eighth.

Two Jacobs, second baseman Joe and pitcher Jerry, were the winning combination at Lewiston. The Braves tied it up, 3-3, in the fifth of the scheduled seven inning contest. Jerry hurled a no-hit ball against Wenatchee the last six innings.

In the ninth, Joe Jacobs powdered one of Gene Shortledge's offerings out of the park to sew up the contest. The second game was called off because of the weather.

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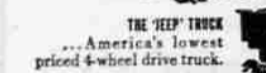
CLOSING WITH tremendous sprint in final 200 yards, Ron Delany (left) of Villanova overtakes and defeats Denmark's Gunnar Nielsen by yard in 3:59 in feature event of Compton Invitational Meet. Nielsen was also clocked under four minutes. (International)

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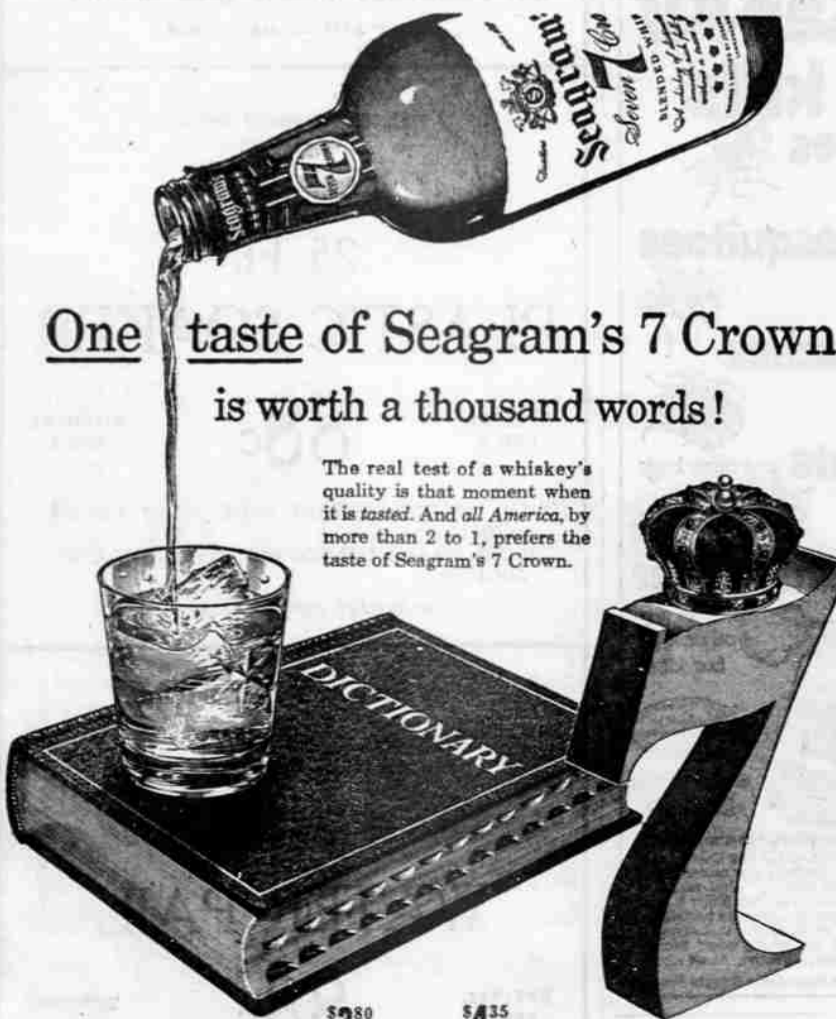
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# SPORTS

## Operation of TV Cameras At Baseball Game Outlined; College Fray First Tried

(Second of a series of three)

By WILLIAM EWALD

United Press Correspondent

New York — (U.P.)—Television and baseball met on a college field here on a sunny Wednesday afternoon in 1939.

The meeting was a shy, fumbling affair. It is doubtful whether it could be classified as love at first sight.

The principal parties in the matter were Princeton and Columbia, the home team. Also present were one NBC camera, which was stationed behind third base, and Bill Stern, an experienced sportscaster who approached the task with some trepidation.

The date was May 17. The place, Baker Field. The station was W2XBS, AN NBC project.

"We were stationed on a hill overlooking a field," recalls Stern. "The field was about 100 feet away and about 10 feet below us. It was the second game of a double-header.

"I didn't have a mirror so I never knew at any time what the camera was shooting. Half the time, I was talking about things that weren't even within camera range.

"The only people who saw the game, I think, were back at Radio City. We did the whole thing

to find out what we could do outdoors with a TV camera—I think it was the first time a camera was taken outdoors.

Talks Too Much

"After the game, John Royal, the program manager of NBC, told me I had talked too much. And I did. I still do, as a matter of fact."

Princeton won that game in 10 innings, 2-1. They also took the first, untelevised game, 8-6.

Afterwards, the NBC engineers present suggested that two cameras might serve the cause of baseball better.

They did get two cameras when the first major league game was televised on Aug. 23, 1939, from Ebbets Field in Brooklyn with Cincinnati the visiting team. Again W2XBS did the honors, with Red Barber calling the plays.

Nowadays, the televising of baseball games is considerably more complex. There may be three or four cameras on the field and a couple of others under the stands for interviews and commercials. The cameramen are ball fans themselves, since the trickiest part about televising baseball is trying to anticipate the plays.

WPIX in New York is a prime example of a baseball-conscious TV station. This year's WPIX schedule calls for the casting of 77 Giant and 77 Yankee home games and 16 Yankee road games—the heaviest such assignment in TV.

At the Polo Grounds, where the Giants play, WPIX stations four cameras on the field. Two are behind home plate—one to cover the infield and pitcher-catcher area, the other to follow batted balls to the outfield and scan the bullpen.

Another camera is behind first base—it follows the lead runner. The fourth is set up along the foul line in right field and is used for color shots of the crowd, the dugout areas and the catcher racing back to the screen for pop-ups.

There are four cameramen and one relief man, an assistant director who calls the camera shots, and a pair of announcers. Below the stands is the control booth. In it sit two video men who check constantly on picture quality, one audio man who checks the sound quality, a technical director who rides herd on the crew, and the director, who is the brains of the telecast.

The director, assistant director and cameramen all are connected by an inter-com system over which instructions are belted.

The director never sees the actual ball game, but he is the key man in getting it to the fans at home. He sits in front of a series of seven 4-by-3 inch monitor screens—four of which show what the field cameras offer, two of which are used for commercials and one for the names of ballplayers which are superimposed on the screen.

The director must make snap decisions. Looking at his field monitors, 1, 2, 3 and 4, he will rattle off a series of commands: "Stand by, 3. Take 3. Standby 2. Take 2. Take 1."

Sometimes, over the intercom he will call for certain shots: "3—Give me a tight shot of the Giant dugout." He will wait as camera three pans and order: "Take 3."

## Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT  
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Bob Newland, coach of the perennial state champion Medford high school thincad aggregations, will speak at the International Track and Field clinic next week at Berkeley, Calif.

His subject will be "Beginning Javelin."

Newland also will prepare a paper on the subject for a clinic publication which will be distributed throughout the world.

At least 15 nations are to be represented and coaches participating will include some of the big names in world track. As high as 500 college and high school coaches in the United States are expected to attend. Invitation to Newland to take part in the instruction was extended by Bud Winter, San Jose State college mentor and chairman of the clinic. Bill Bowerman, University of Oregon and ex-Medford high mentor, also will be on the teaching staff.

Newland and his family are scheduled to leave Monday for Berkeley.

### DRIVE PROGRESSING

The "Bills for Bill" drive here is meeting a "heartly response," according to leaders of the campaign. Purpose of the move is to raise funds to send Bill Bowerman, the University of Oregon track mentor and his wife to the Olympic Games at Melbourne, Australia next fall. A group of seven men are working as a committee to raise \$1,000 here. It is figured that approximately \$3,000 will be needed to send Bill and Mrs. Bowerman to the games. Drives are underway both in Portland and Eugene.

"The campaign is progressing most successfully," committee members declared. "It is meeting with high favor and a multitude of Bill's friends are arising to the occasion."

Dick Finch is serving as treasurer of the committee. He will accept contributions at Home Appliance company. Donors will sign a list which will be given to Bowerman. Other committeemen in the local drive are Dr. Edwin Durno, Bill Barker, Tom MacLeod, Bob Newland, Otto Frohnmayer and Everett McGraw.

Bowerman brought Medford high to its prominence as No. 1 track power in Oregon. His development of Black Tornado athletes has been credited with establishing track as a major prep sport in the state. Other schools in the state have concentrated more on the sport, gunning for upset of the Tornado.

Concerning the "Bills for Bill" move, L. H. Gregory, sports editor of the Portland Oregonian, has said, "This is a matter of state pride and appreciation."

### COMMITTEE OKEHS SCREENS

Jackson County chapter members of the Isaac Walton league have received word from Washington, D.C., that the Senate appropriations committee has approved the \$208,000 allocation for screening the turbines at Savage Rapids dam. The funds are included in the public works bill which already has passed the House.

Savage Rapids screening is one of the main objectives this year of the local Walton chapter. Unscreened turbines have been termed possibly the No. 1 factor in the decline of salmon and steelhead runs on the Rogue river.

### LEGION ACTION BILLED

Medford high athletes who reached the Oregon A-1 finals in baseball continue right on into American Legion junior ball with hardly a breather. They travel to Roseburg this Friday for their opening game in District 43.

The Medford-Central Point aggregation will compete this summer in a loop which includes Ashland, Grants Pass, Myrtle Creek and Roseburg.

Success of the Medford and Crater high clubs this season is an indication of the fine talent that will be seen on the Legion club and Legionnaires have high hope that their club will get the backing of fans it deserves. It is planned to play most of the games under lights at the fairgrounds but a good gate for each of the games is needed in order to pay for the expense of lights.

Jack Sides is manager and John Kovenz, Medford high mentor, is coach of the Legion team. They have urged all boys eligible in the Medford and Central Point areas to try out for the team. Boys born after September 1, 1938 may participate this year. A practice is slated for 5 p.m. today and another may be conducted Thursday at the senior high field. Information on the team and practices may

## Derby Won By Lavandin

Epsom, England — (U.P.)—Lavandin, the favorite in the field of 27, defeated American-owned Montaval by a neck today in the 177th running of the English derby.

Lavandin was ridden by Australia's Rae Johnstone. The colt is owned by Pierre Wertheimer, millionaire French perfume manufacturer, and gave France its fifth triumph in Britain's blue ribbon racing event since World War II.

Lavandin was the 7 to 1 favorite in the gruelling, mile-and-a-half race over the ancient Epsom course.

Montaval started at 40 to 1. He is owned by Robert Strassburger, a native of Norristown, Pa., who now lives in France. Like the winner, Montaval is a French bred colt.

Roistar, an Irish-bred colt owned by Joe McGrath, was a 22 to 1 shot.

be obtained from Sides by telephoning 2-8119.

A good share of Medford high's players of the past season will be on the Medford-CP club and at least two Crater youths are expected to turn out. Medford high players missing will be Ed Reinking, Larry Guber and Duane Sides who don't meet the age limitation. Jim and Henry Putney are slated to play against Roseburg but won't be available after that. They are moving to Portland.

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RUBBER KNEES—Cary Middlecoff, Memphis, Tenn., gives a deep knee bend trying to curl his putt into the cup on the third green for a birdie. Middlecoff played even for the first three holes during the third round of the \$70,000 Texas International Golf Tournament at Dallas.

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