

Portland Beavers Sue Majors; Seek To Break Monopoly

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Club Seeks \$1,800,000 In Damages

Portland—(UPI)—The Portland baseball team of the Pacific Coast league Thursday filed a suit against the major leagues, seeking to break up the big league "monopoly" on players and the invasion of minor league territory by television.

The suit, filed in federal court here, also sought damages of \$1,800,000.

Named as defendants were Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick, the 16 major league teams, the American and National leagues and the presidents of the two circuits.

Arch Kingsley, president of the Portland team, said the suit was filed after negotiations failed to produce a satisfactory agreement with the major leagues. He said the future of minor league baseball was at stake.

TV Control Sought

The Portland team said minor league teams should be permitted to control television in their own territory.

Clyde Perkins, vice president of the Portland team, said that 10 years ago there were 61 leagues with 8,200 players and that now there were only 23 leagues with 3100 players. Most of these, he charged, are controlled by the majors. He said that in 1941 the minor leagues drew more than 40 million fans and that last year the paid attendance was only 13 million.

Key points of the suit included:

1. That the defendants be enjoined from directly or indirectly violating the 40 player limit and that the defendant clubs be required to dispose of any and all players over and above the 40 player limit.
2. That the defendants be enjoined from "owning, controlling or dominating in any club or league in the minor league system and that any of defendants owning any club be required to dispose of same."
3. That the defendants "be required to respect the territorial rights of the Portland team" and be enjoined from engaging in any unfair competition through television.

Third League Mentioned

The suit, filed by Portland team attorney Don Walker, also seeks to enjoin the baseball commissioner from assuming jurisdiction over minor league clubs until the minors have a representative voice in his selection. It also asked that the majors be enjoined from exercising any "arbitrary authority" in establishment of a third major league or enlargement of the present major leagues.

Kingsley said "the Portland baseball club has for a long time attempted to negotiate and settle serious problems within the baseball family but to no avail. We have come to the conclusion that redress through the courts is our only hope for saving baseball for Portland and the minor leagues."

Portland officials expressed dissatisfaction with a recent agreement whereby the majors offered to pay \$1,000,000 to the minors as compensation for losses through television.

Baptists, Phoenix Remain Undefeated

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE (Second Half) W. L. Pct.

First Baptist	2	0	1.000
Phoenix	2	0	1.000
First Nazarene	2	1	.667
First Methodist	1	2	.333
Westminster Pres.	1	2	.333
Friends	0	3	.000

Phoenix and First Baptist kept their undefeated leads in second half play of the Church Softball league last night.

The Baptists blanked the Friends 13 to 0 while Phoenix nipped Westminster Presbyterian 7 to 5.

First Church of the Nazarene took over third place alone with a 29 to 13 victory over First Methodist.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CASEY

Chicago—(UPI)—President Bill Veeck of the Chicago White Sox presented New York Yankee manager Casey Stengel with a 100-pound 69th birthday cake Thursday.

Veeck's team then ruined Stengel's celebrating by beating the Yankees, 3-1.

Medford Tribunes

Medford Tribunes (7) and Zimmerman; Renfro and Stuehlitz.

Portland 000 011 100-3 6 1
Sacramento 000 000 100-1 7 2
Pillette and Tornay; Stanka and Rosell.

Spokane 114 000 301-10 13 2
Salt Lake 120 100 000-4 7 2
Groh, Wade (2) and Sherry; Hanlon, O'Donnell (3) Post (7).

Seattle 000 001 010-2 8 1
San Diego 000 013 000-4 7 1
Mabe and Jenkins; Striker, Wooley (8) and A. Jones.

SPORTS

Portlanders Rise To 2nd in League

Sacramento—(UPI)—The Portland Beavers fought their way into second place in the Pacific Coast League baseball standings Thursday night with a 3-1 victory over Sacramento. The loss dropped Sacramento to third place.

Vancouver remained in front, one and one-half games ahead of Portland, despite a loss to Phoenix, 4-2. The win left the Phoenix Giants in fourth place, just four games back of Vancouver.

Duane Pillette of the Portland Beavers hurled a seven-hitter to outpitch Joe Stanka, who had to settle for the loss. Both pitchers went all the way.

Nini Torney hit his sixth home run of the season for the Beavers in the fifth inning. Portland scored again in the sixth after Milt Graff reached second on a two-base

Cubs Lead; No-Hitter By Corliss

Ashland Cubs took over lone lead in the Southern Oregon Junior Baseball Pee Wee league and Bob Corliss tossed a non-hit, no-run game for the third place Eagle Point team yesterday.

The Cubs broke a leadership tie with the Medford Wildcats by bouncing that team 9 to 2. Dave Barger threw two-hit ball at the Cats, walking three and whiffing two. Clyde Nelson, Roger Schmalz, Steven Hull and Jan Sussee each got two hits for Ashland and Don Smith tripled and singled for Medford. Ashland got six runs in the third inning on six hits and an error.

Tom Glonning scored the run for Eagle Point in the fourth inning. He hit and went to third base on a single by Don Charley. The Eagles attempted a squeeze play and a wild pitch by Medford's Mark Kinney assured the tally.

In Corliss's no-hitter he fanned seven batters. Kinney whiffed eight in a two-hit job. Neither hurler issued a base on balls.

Victory was the fifth in a row for Eagle Point, which beat the Cubs 6 to 2 last Tuesday.

No report was given on the Central Point Indians-Central Point Braves contest.

The Cubs are 8-2 in the loop, the Wildcats 7-3 and Eagle Point 7-4.

LINESCORES:
Eagle Point 000 10-1 2 1
Med. Tigers 000 00-0 0 0
B. Corliss and D. Charley; M. Kinney and K. Phipps.
Med. Wildcats 000 11-2 2 3
Ashland Cubs 206 10-0 10 2
Eckle and Coss; Barger and Johnson.

Dogs have more neuroses than humans says an expert. The main problems are living in crowded cities, lack of freedom, loneliness, fear and resultant timidity.

Golfers Bunched in Scrap For PGA Tournament Title

By LEO PETERSEN
UPI Sports Editor
Minneapolis—(UPI)—One of the greatest and closest scrambles in golfing history shaped up today for the 41st annual PGA tournament with all of the favorites, headed by U.S. Open champion Billy Casper and Mike Souchak, left in the running.

After the first round firing over the long, tough 6,580-yard Minneapolis Golf club course there were nine players tied for the lead with one under par 69's, nine more players at 70 even par—eight at 71, another 15 at 72 and 14 at 73.

Breathe Down Necks

And the rest of the who's who in America's golfing world were breathing down the leaders' necks.

Fix Charges Bring Suspension for Life

Columbus, Ohio—(UPI)—An attempt at game fixing in the minor leagues has led to the suspension of two Chattanooga players—one for life; one for a year.

Jesse Levan, 32, a first baseman with the Chattanooga Lookouts of the Southern association, was suspended for life Thursday by George Trautman, minor league president, on grounds he served as a go-between for a gambler who tried and failed to fix games.

His teammate, shortstop Waldo Gonzales, was suspended until July 3, 1960 for his part in the affair.

In handing down the suspensions, Trautman said no proof was found during hearings that any games were actually fixed. But he said it was apparent "several players are guilty of not having reported attempts to induce them to throw games."

The hearings were held in Nashville, July 3. Probably the most damaging testimony against Levan was given by Sammy Meeks, first base coach of Mobile in the Southern association.

Meeks said Levan offered him a deal in Mobile. He said Levan told him to watch Gonzales for signals. An erect stance for a fast ball, a crouch for a curve.

Levan in Atlanta, maintained Meeks' testimony waxes "erroneous." He said that "if Meeks was approached, he was approached by a gambler. I did not approach him. I have never seen a contact man for any gambler who tried to throw Chattanooga games, as I understand I have been charged."

Hunt Revealed As Man Behind Grid Proposal

New York—(UPI)—Lamar Hunt, the wealthy young Texan who is backing a proposed new pro football league discussed television and other prospects for the circuit in New York this week, United Press International learned today.

It was learned Hunt met Wednesday with Harry Hagerty, an official of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company; Ollie Tresz, president of the American Broadcasting company television network; Bill Whitehouse, ABC sports director; and Harry Wismer. Wismer has been designated by Hunt to handle radio and TV negotiations for the proposed league.

Hunt admitted Thursday in Dallas that he is the mysterious but rich Texan mentioned earlier in the week as the man behind the proposed league.

Present plans reportedly call for the league to begin play in 1960 with six teams at New York, Los Angeles, Denver, Houston, Dallas and Minneapolis-St. Paul, with two more league cities to be added in 1961.

One of three workers in the U.S. today is a woman.

Undeclared Teams Vie In RV Loop

Two of the three undefeated crews are foes. This attraction will match Grants Pass and Camp White at Grants Pass. The other unmarried gang, Ashland, seeks to keep its record clean in a trip to Glendale. Butte Falls will vie at Riddle to round out the 1:30 p.m. games.

Medford Bowling lanes has a bye.

Camp White and Ashland head the circuit with 2-0 standings and Grants Pass is 1-0.

Two members of the circuit, play a non-league mix this evening at Roseburg. Riddle and Camp White will be rivals. The Whites won a non-counter last week from Riddle.

LITTLE SERIES SET

Williamsport, Pa.—(UPI)—Eight teams will compete in the 20th anniversary year world series of Little League baseball here, Aug. 25-29. The teams represent the United States, Canada, Latin America, the Pacific and Europe.

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But for Charles, it appeared to be the end of the road of a once illustrious career.

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BOWLING

CENTENNIAL ROLLER LEAGUE
Standings: W. L. Pct.

Tattlers	21	7	.750
Pinheads	20	8	.706
Fifty Niners	16	12	.571
Goofers	15	13	.538
Cotton Pickers	13	15	.463
Near Misses	13	15	.463
Left Overs	12	16	.431
Three Squares	11	17	.394
Half Wits	11	17	.394
Krazy Kats	8	20	.286

Results:
Tattlers 3 (Zeffie Graves 488)
1403; Left Overs 1 (Georgia Boardman 437) 1369.
Pinheads 4 (Lucy Turner 431)
1231; Half Wits 0 (Stella Puett 446) 1114.
Fifty Niners 1 (Evelyn Reed 487)
1178; Cotton Pickers 3 (Norma Larson 466) 1265.
Goofers 3 (Dorothy Edwards 466)
1287; Three Squares 1 (Floissie Coffin 432) 1217.
Near Misses 3 (Lucille Cornelius 531) 1293; Krazy Kats 1 (Dolly Weber 387) 1243.

Splits:
Ethel Champion & Evelyn Reed 5-10; Dot Edwards 2-7; Norma Larson 3-10; Dolly Weber 4-7-10; Barbara Bolter 5-6-10.
High Game—Lucille Cornelius 200.
High Series—Cornelius 531.

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