



Sensational Chucking of Sunny Mohler Biggest Factor In Win Of Klamath Pelicans Yesterday

The score stood nine to nothing and the fans began to groan. For the Pelicans seemed helpless. Grants Pass had things all its own.

Then there ambled from the dugout another hurler, cool and calm. Just an ancient Klamath cast-off with a glove within his palm; With a heart that never faltered, With unerring aim, and true He delivered like a thoroughbred—Old "Sunny" pulled us through.

This is the saga of an old man of the baseball diamond: the Odeyssey of an old-timer they thought couldn't come back. By all the inexorable rules of baseball, it should have been his swan-song; but instead, it is his psalm of triumph.

Good old "Sunny" Mohler, who has had his share of ups and downs in bush league ball, was asked by Manager Saunders of the Pelicans yesterday to achieve the impossible. And let it be remembered in song and story that "Sunny" delivered.

The Pelicans today are perched proudly at the top of the Southern Oregon League after a thrilling 11 to 9 victory over the Grants Pass Cavemen yesterday because "Sunny" Mohler rose to the heights in masterly fashion and inspired his fighting, gray-haired team-mates to one of the greatest exhibitions of the national pastime that has ever been seen in Klamath Falls.

The usually dependable Hal Chase, of spitball fame, couldn't seem to get started. On offensive that Grants Pass bunch are always dangerous, with such wily veterans as Al Droulette and Jud Pernoll to lead them.

Biff! Bing! Bang! They landed on the offerings of Chase and treated him shamefully. Before the third inning had much more than got under way Grants Pass had rung the bell for nine scores, with the Pelicans yet to cross the home plate.

It looked like a sad afternoon, indeed, for Mr. and Mrs. Klamath and

all the Klamath kiddies, about 1500 strong in all. It looked like a joyous journey home for the Grants Pass Cavemen.

"Yeah, give us Mohler. Let us get a whack at him," cackled and smirked the exuberant Cavemen when they saw that Chase was to be benched.

Then, to the amazement of friend and foe alike, Manager Saunders wig-wagged Chase from the mound and out strode old "Sunny" Mohler, whose ancient portside arm was flingin' 'em over two decades ago.

It was the same Mohler who chucked for Klamath two years ago. The same even-tempered finger who kept Ashland up in the running last year and who couldn't get recognition from either team this year.

But the game was lost. Nine runs to the bad, two men on bases and nobody out. A fine prospect for an old veteran who was being given a chance!

With the old familiar smile on his face, Mohler stepped out to the firing line, took a hitch at his trousers and then began to give that mob of disheartened fans as great an exhibition of pitching skill as can ever be seen in the bush leagues of this coast.

Not once did he falter. To the old boy out there on the pitching mound, fighting for a chance to earn his bread and butter this baseball season, they all looked alike. The heavy bludgeons of Al Droulette and Jud Pernoll fazed him not a bit. Batsman after batsman swung at the ball and missed time after time.

The game wore on, with "Sunny" mowing them down inning after inning. The wave of disappointment which had settled over the massive grandstand during the early part of the game, changed slowly but surely to a surge of hope. The players, too, became inspired and fought as they never had before.

It was a hard uphill fight from that dangerous third inning on to

the final canto. The Pelicans found their batting eyes and the hitherto invincible Sharrock, who was purchased from the colorful House of David team, began to falter. Slowly but surely the Pelicans began chasing scores over the home plate until that epic eighth inning which brought a Pelican victory.

Sidelights of Game

Director Selak and his municipal band kept the crowd pepped up with their dandy music throughout the afternoon. And how they did play during the heart-rending eighth inning when the Pelicans nosed out in front after a brace of healthy home-run smashes.

Tom Watters is still a good mayor, or umpire, or something. But as a pitcher, the old southpaw isn't there. With Chief of Police Ambrose behind the bat, Tom pitched the first ball of the game. He blamed near hit Al Droulette, Grants Pass behemoth, on the ankle with his wild leave.

Sharrock, ex-House of David twirler, has been freshly shaven and shorn since he appeared here some weeks ago. If the long locks had remained with him yesterday he would have had a much worse afternoon as the Pelicans were even knocking the whiskers off the ball, once they got started.

After he had been relieved by Mohler in the third, Chase was sent to left field where he did some mighty fine fielding. He's too valuable as a hitter to be benched even if the old splitter fails to work on the pitching mound. In the eighth inning he recovered a hard hit ball and made a perfect peg to third base to cut off a runner. His throw beat the runner by three feet but the field umpire didn't cover the play properly and called the runner safe. The runner scored a moment later on a sacrifice fly. This bit of bad umpiring was responsible for the only score made off Mohler.

The Pelicans play the Medford Pear Pickers here next Sunday. Nobody can imagine the Pear Pickers winning after the way the Pelicans came from behind yesterday.

"Sunny" Mohler was in Ashland Saturday asking for a chance to sign up with the Lithian team. They wouldn't give him a "tumble." It's lucky for Klamath that "Sunny" came back over the hill.

Coast League Games Are All Split Yesterday

(By The Associated Press)
Portland and the Missions divided a double header at San Francisco, the Beavers clinching the series by winning the morning game 10-4, and the Bella coming back to take the afternoon encounter 3-1. Batteries: First game: Tomlin, Ponder and Wendell; Ludolph and Whitney. Second game: Kliney and Wendell; Pillette and Whitney.

San Francisco was once again helpless before left-handed pitching. In the morning game at Oakland, Harry Krause turned in his second victory of the week 3-2, but in the afternoon the Seals came out of their lethargy to win by a count of 11 to 4. Batteries: First game: Goary, Turpin and Vargas; Stokes; Krause and Baker. Second game: Mitchell and Vargas; Sparks, Cooper, Hasty and Baker.

Divide Double-Header.
Los Angeles and Sacramento also split a double header, the Angels copping the morning contest at

Stockton 2 to 1, behind high class pitching by Weathersby. Hamilton was no puzzle to Sacramento in the afternoon and they breezed to a 6 to 2 victory. Batteries: First game: Weathersby and Sandberg; Keating and Koshler. Second game: Hamilton, Sander and Hannah; Kallio and Severeid.

Hollywood won her second series of the year by beating Seattle in the abbreviated second game, 1 to 5, after the visitors had registered a 5 to 1 triumph in the first fray. Batteries: First game: Miljus and Schmidt; W. Murphy and Cook. D. Murphy. Second game: Edwards, Brett and Schmidt; Mulcahy, McCabe and Cook.

Medford is Beaten By Boas Sluggers

MEDFORD, Ore., May 16. (AP).—The Boas of the Southern Oregon League defeated Medford 6 to 2 yesterday through opportune hitting and the pitching of Davis combined with errors by the locals at critical stages. Fast fielding by both teams characterized the first half of the game.

Score:
Boas 6 9 1
Medford 2 8 5
Davis and Force; Boston and Baunister.

Chiloquin Council Takes Over Properties of Water Company; Plans Laid For Development

CHILOQUIN, Ore., May 16.—Formal transfer of the properties of the Chiloquin Water company to the city of Chiloquin was consummated at a special meeting of the city council and plans are being made for development of the city's water system.

It is the intention of the city board to at once make necessary improvements and extensions to the system. One of the first improvements to be made will be the erection of a storage tank or reservoir on top of the hill overlooking the city. A blue print of the proposed tank is now in the hands of the city council and calls for the construction of a tank 40 feet in circumference and 12 feet deep, with a 12-inch reinforced wall. This will give a 170-foot fall as gauged from the city bench mark on Main street. This fall would insure a very heavy pressure for fire fighting purposes. It is the purpose of the council to make all necessary extensions and

improvements in the system, and an immediate extension of the city's line is planned for property west of the Catholic church. Other sections of the city will receive early attention and every effort will be made to give the very best service possible. Bids for the construction of the reservoir will be advertised in the near future, and the work started as soon as the contract is let.

Publicity Man in Medford.—MEDFORD, Ore., May 16.—W. V. Fuller of Dallas, director of publicity for the Oregon state board of forestry, arrived in Medford Saturday en route on an official business visit to Klamath Falls. Mr. Fuller was making plans this afternoon to deliver a lecture locally, but when last interviewed had nothing definite arranged. He will speak today at the Southern Oregon Normal school at Ashland on current forest topics, according to present plans.



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