



A DECADE AGO

Ten years ago today in the Olympic stadium in Los Angeles, Ralph Hill, son of a Klamath county potato farmer, ran the greatest 5000-meter foot race ever run by an American before that time or since.

Only to lose to Lauri Lehtinen of Finland by just a stride in the Olympic record time of 14 minutes and 30 seconds.

The race set up the biggest clamor and potentially the ugliest incident in the fraternal 36-year-old history of the world's most revered sports competition.

Those of you around here then remember how the town raised funds to send lanky Ralph to the Tenth Olympiad—lanky Ralph whom the nation's track experts scoffed at. And you probably remember the furor his defeat raised among the 70,000 spectators in the stadium and the more than a million track fans the country over.

If you don't, let's scan the report of the controversial race:

"Lehtinen and fellow countryman, Lauri Virtanen, held the lead throughout the early laps of the middle distance event. Hill moved to third place in the eighth lap. There were then four laps to go. On the next lap he came between the two Finns, passing Virtanen. The American and Lehtinen, the leading Finn, then began a private fight. Hill was chasing Lehtinen, and the European matched his every step. They rounded the turn into the home stretch with Lehtinen leading by a pace. Hill tried to pass him to the right but the Finn edged into the Oregonian's path. Again Hill tried to pass, and again Lehtinen moved over. Then Hill cut to the left, trying to pass on that side, but his stride had been broken by the second cut-over and he couldn't catch his rival."

And 70,000 fans booed. Queried by the United Press as to whether his stride had been broken, Ralph later issued the classic statement which prevented a serious incident in harmonious Olympic relations: "Well, I didn't have much of a stride then."

Asked if he thought it was deliberate, Hill said, "I hardly think so. It seemed that Lehtinen staggered and that was the reason for him getting in front of me."

Ralph neither screamed "foul" nor made any accusations although it was apparent that he had been a victim of a flagrant violation of the rules of track conduct.

Both he and Lehtinen bettered the then-Olympic mark of 14:31 although two seconds short of the world record of 14:28.

The race was later "re-run" in a night tournament in Chicago but ended indecisively with a Pole winning. Lehtinen dropping out and Hill finishing far back.

Today Ralph Hill is married, has a family and is a potato farmer in the Henley district. The Olympic race and the following Chicago meeting marked his last appearances as a competitive middle-distance runner.

But to the country and Klamath county in particular the American conduct of Ralph Hill in modestly denying a foul, when 70,000 persons were screaming for Finnish blood, still lives.

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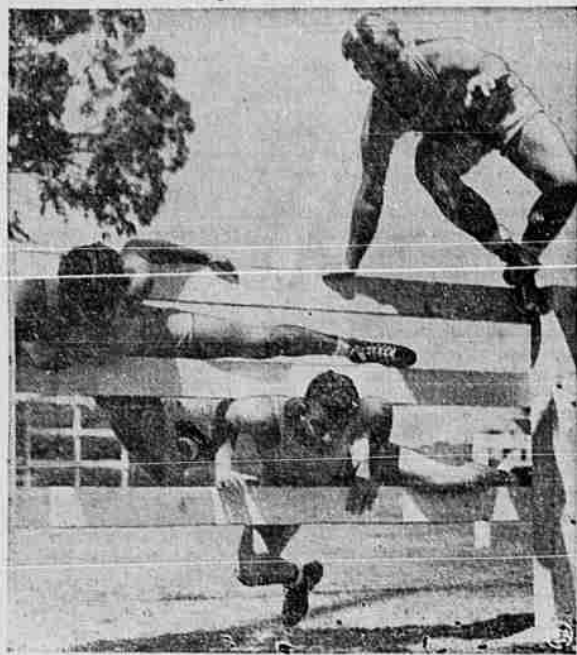
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Pacific Coast Night Sports Banned By Army Dim-Out Order; Klamath Not Affected

Three Ways to Take a Hurdle



Southern California obstacle course offers plenty of hurdles, and undergraduates take them in various ways. Left to right, Jerry Whitney, Fred McCall and Dick Danehe make the grade.

Johnny Moore Again Tops Coast Batters

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 4 (AP)—Just as it did a week ago, that redoubtable trio of Johnny Moore, Ted Norbert and Ed Waitkus continued as the one-two-three leaders in Pacific coast league batting averages compiled through Sunday.

Osborn Hurls 17th Victory, Tips Senators

By The Associated Press
Another victory—his 17th—was registered by Don Osborn, ace Vancouver Capilano hurler, last night as he turned back the Salem Senators 4-1 in a Western International league baseball game at Vancouver.

Ex-Coast Leaguer Commits Suicide

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 5.—Lyle R. Bigbee, 45, former Pacific coast league baseball

Oregon Sport Notes

By GORDON G. McNAB
Associated Press Staff Writer
(Pinch Hitting for Fred E. Hampson)

The customary seasonal overlapping of sports is getting a big prod from the war, which has moved football into the picture more strongly than usual in August.

The attention given it by the army and navy supports the contention of those who have long argued that football builds men. But if it's the less polite forms of mayhem that the services are seeking to instill, what's the matter with LaCrosse?

It's our understanding—as a strictly textbook and picture story LaCrosse follower—that anyone who survives a season of LaCrosse would be able to crash through the side of an M-4 tank as readily as an artillery rifle sends its steel-jacketed bullets through armor plate.

An experiment the outcome of which we await with more than normal interest is football at the University of Iowa pre-flight school of the navy. Minnesota's Bernie Bierman is the head man there in football. His rib-shattering teams of recent years have been built around behemoths from the iron range and timber country, but this year he'll field a team of what, to him, will be lightweights. The question we expect to see answered is whether his wizardry can turn a bunch of 170- and 180-pounders, and less, into a machine of pure power, or whether his style of play must be altered to fit the material.

Just as a guess, we'll string along with his time-tested methods on the theory that perfect co-ordination is the Aladdin's lamp that has opened the door to national championships.

Roscoe Hall, once a stable mate of Ace Hudkins when the Nebraska Wildcat was one of the ring's top-notchers, used to remark that a powerful punch was wholly a matter of timing and that a little man could knock out the biggest guy who ever climbed through the ropes, if boxing were just a matter of the k.o. punch. . . . Well, mebbe so.

At the risk of disclosing a secret chapter in his life, we report that Harry Leeding, Journal sportswriter who once was one of the state's most widely known basketball referees, is observed these days engaged in playing the strenuous game known as dominoes. . . . Yep, the regular, old-fashioned game with which we used to tone up our muscles between exhausting encounters at croquet.

player for Seattle, committed suicide with a gun here yesterday. Deputy Coroner Roy L. Crabtree said.

Bigbee who played for the University of Oregon from 1913 to 1916, had been working in a shipyard.

His mother and two brothers, Carson and Morris, all of Portland, survive.

Edict Effective Aug. 20; Coast Loop Hit

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5 (AP)—The army today called a stop to baseball and other outdoor sports at night on the Pacific seaboard, ordering every electric sign and theater marquee extinguished and prescribed some form of shielding for virtually all other types of exterior lighting.

The regulations, defined in a proclamation by Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding the fourth army and western defense command, will become effective August 20 and continue as long as the war lasts.

Specifically, these areas fall within the restricted zone:

Oregon: Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Lincoln, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties; all of Clackamas and Multnomah counties west of Mount Hood national forest; all of Douglas and Lane counties west of the eighth guide meridian west of the Willamette meridian; all of Marion county west of Willamette national forest.

PORTLAND, Aug. 5 (AP)—Western Oregon schools in the dim-out zone today juggled football schedules thrown out of kilter by the army ban of night contests.

Hardest hit was Portland, where a scheduled eight-team high school jubilee starting the night grid season will be called off. The jubilee possibly will be moved up to daytime, as will all scheduled night games.

Astoria, Seaside, Tillamook, Oregon City, Milwaukie, McMinnville and Salem were other major high schools affected by the order.

The State Baseball league will not be affected, since the schedule will be all but completed before the dim-out begins Aug. 20. Remaining will be a two-game series, Bend at Silverton. It probably will be played as a doubleheader Sunday, Aug. 23.

The Portland dog racing meet will end before Aug. 20, but a horse racing program is scheduled at Gresham Aug. 24-30. It will be changed to the daytime.

The state softball tournament, scheduled for Salem, also will be affected. Charles Walker, director of the Portland Softball association, suggested that the tournament be transferred to Corvallis, which is outside the dim-out zone.

Four non-conference college football games, three by the University of Portland, were on the list of Multnomah stadium night games.

At Forest Grove, Roger Folgate, Pacific university football coach, said night games there in the Northwest conference—one with College of Idaho Oct. 31 and one with Willamette Nov. 14—would be shifted to afternoons. Willamette and Linfield college coaches could not be reached for comment, but it was assumed they would follow suit.

Local sports followers said they believed the most serious disruption in the northwest would be at Tacoma where only one field is suitable and is shared by College of Puget Sound, Pacific Lutheran college and three high schools.

Although the College of Idaho and Whitman college of the Northwest conference are outside the dim-out zone, their schedules will be affected by changes at the other schools.

FIGHTS

By The Associated Press
NEW YORK—Pat Barbo, 125, New York, outpointed Johnny Marcelino, 123 1/2, Philadelphia, (5).
NEW YORK—Vinnie Rossano, 150 1/2, outpointed George Kochan, 155, Akron, O. (5).
NEW YORK—Johnny Green, 130 1/2, Montreal, knocked out J. D. Rhana, 140, Los Angeles (5).
PETERSBURG, Va.—Frankie White, 150, Washington, D. C., knocked out Frankie Patello, 149, New York, (5).
SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Quentin (Babe) Brown, 135, Manhattan, K.C., outpointed Don Eddy, 141, Niagara Falls, N. Y., (10).

Bum-Giant Game Again Hit by Dark

Rivals Play 1-1 Tie as Order Halts Game; Brooks Led Stretched to Ten

NATIONAL LEAGUE
W. I. Per.
Brooklyn .22 .30 Pittsburgh .46 .52
St. Louis .42 .53 Chicago .41 .51
Cincinnati .33 .47 Boston .43 .54
New York .34 .49 Philadelphia .39 .50

Tuesday's Results
Pittsburgh 2, Chicago 1 (11 innings).
Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 2.
Philadelphia 4, Boston 2.
Brooklyn 1, New York 1 (tie, game called, dimout, first hour 10:05).

AMERICAN LEAGUE
W. I. Per.
New York .29 .31 Detroit .31 .34
Cleveland .29 .37 Chicago .44 .55
Boston .37 .48 Washington .42 .51
St. Louis .34 .53 Philadelphia .33 .42

Tuesday's Results
Philadelphia 6, Boston 4.
Chicago 2, Detroit 4.
Washington 4, New York 2.

By JUDSON BAILEY
Associated Press Sports Writer
New York fans may never like "twi-night" baseball, but they are now ready to admit that the dimout plays no favorites.

Twice in two nights the struggles of the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants have been prematurely ended by the army regulations which require that floodlights must be extinguished an hour after sundown.

Monday this rule helped beat the Giants 7-4 when darkness smothered a promising rally in the last half of the ninth inning—to the violent displeasure of a crowd of 57,305 fans assembled for the benefit of army relief.

Last night, however, the switching off of the polo grounds lights erased a four-run tenth-inning outburst by the Dodgers and gave the Giants a 1-1 tie which the teams will play off Sept. 6. This time the 15,000 fans accepted the incident without a demonstration, although they had boogied time-killing maneuvers of the rivals throughout the game.

The fans' loss was slight compared to that of Peeewe Reese, the Dodgers' little shortstop, who hit a home run inside the park with the bases loaded to kayo Fiddler Bill McGee in the tenth with none out. It didn't count because the inning never was finished.

The Giants had little chance of getting a turn at bat anyway, and they made certain they would not by some dexterous stalling. Manager Mel Ott was slow in getting Relief Pitcher Ace Adams to the mound. Then Adams walked the first man he faced, made a wild pitch, got a batter on the fly and the game

was over. The playing time was 2 hours and 24 minutes, one minute less than the previous night.

Although the Dodgers didn't win, their National league lead was extended to 10 full games, their largest margin of the season, because the St. Louis Cardinals were set down 4-3 at Cincinnati. The Cards were held to five hits, but bunched three of these for three runs to chase Johnny Vander Meer in the seventh. Then Joe Beggs put out the fire.

The Pittsburgh Pirates captured a 2-1 decision over the Chicago Cubs on Frankie Gustine's only hit of the day, a single with two on in the 11th inning. Bob Klingler held the Cubs to seven hits.

At Philadelphia Jim Tobin limited the Phils to five hits, but was beaten 4-2 because the only runs the Boston Braves scored were on Tobin's own homer with a mate aboard in the seventh inning. This was the big righthander's sixth circuit clout of the year and tied Hal Schumacher's National league record for homers by a pitcher. In winning, old St. Johnson pitched seven-hit ball.

The New York Yankees were beaten 4-3 in a night game at Washington, but received some consolation in that their ailing lefthander, Marius Russo, rejoined the club and pitched two innings of no-hit ball in relief. Each team made seven hits, Sid Hudson going the route for the Senators, but errors, three by the world champions and two by Washington, helped decide the game.

Phil Marchildon, the stand-out hurler of the last place Philadelphia Athletics, held the Boston Red Sox to four hits to achieve his 13th triumph of the year by a 6-4 score. Marchildon caused himself trouble with six bases on balls, but his teammates thumped Charley Wagner solidly.

Rudy York hit his 16th homer but the Detroit Tigers were beaten 5-4 by the Chicago White Sox in a loose pitching battle between two old-timers, Ted Lyons and Tommy Bridges. Cleveland at St. Louis was postponed.

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Consecutive Hit Mark Set by Padres

San Diego Bangs Seven Successive Bingles In Single Inning, Trounce Sacs, 19-8

By The Associated Press
San Diego, barely in the upper division, today holds the new Pacific Coast league batting mark of seven consecutive hits—a record established in a single inning against the second-place Sacramento club last night.

The new baseball feat went on the books in the fourth inning when the Padres scored 13 runs with a 13-hit blast that wrecked the Solons 19-8.

A record of six hits without an intervening out was made June 4, 1926, by the old Hollywood club, forerunners to the Padres, in a game with the San Francisco Missions.

Besides topping this mark last night, the San Diegans by sending

ing as the Seals' Bob Joyce won a hurling duel from Roy Joiner and Whitey Hileher, 4-1.

Joyce yielded six hits while his teammates collected eight safeties.

Seattle and Portland were traveling yesterday but are scheduled to open a series with a doubleheader at Portland tonight.

Hank Greenberg Named Lieutenant In Army Air Force

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Aug. 5 (AP)—Hank Greenberg, formerly of the Detroit Tigers, became a second lieutenant in the army air force upon graduation from the Officers Candidate school today.

Allen Tolmich, former Wayne university hurler, and Chuck Fenske, the miler, also were commissioned as lieutenants after completing their 12-week courses.

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