

Seven Spokane Baseballers Die In Bus Crash

SEATTLE, June 25 (AP)—Seven members of Spokane's Western International League baseball club met death last night in the flaming plume of their chartered cross-state bus from the Snoqualmie pass highway four miles west of its summit in the Cascade mountains.

The driver and eight other players were injured, several critically.

One survivor described the victims as being "scattered all over the hill."

The identified dead were: First Baseman Vic Picetti of San Francisco, who formerly played with Oakland and was described as "the most promising young player on the Pacific coast last season." He died en route to a Seattle hospital.

George C. Risk, 27, infielder, from Hillsboro, Ore.

Frederick T. Martinez, an infielder, from San Diego (3427 Herbert street).

Four bodies were unidentified as they lay in the light of flickering torches at the wreck scene last night. The four not listed on any hospital list and undoubtedly the victims were:

Manager Mel Cole of Wenatchee, Wash.

Bob Kinnaman, former Washington State college pitcher from Brooklyn, Wash.

Outfielder Bob James of Tempe, Ariz.

Outfielder Bob Patterson of San Francisco.

Later today King County Coroner John P. Brill said the remaining four bodies had been "more or less positively identified" after being brought to the morgue here, as Cole, Kinnaman, James and Patterson.

Three of the casualties were reported in poor or critical condition in hospitals. They were: Glen Berg, 24, of Spokane, the bus driver, who was burned severely; Christ Hartje, 30, San Francisco, one-time Brooklyn catcher, severely burned; George Lyden, Tensed, Idaho, a pitcher, head injuries and burns.

The others injured were: Levi McCormack, former Se-

guard ralling and caught fire as it started hurtling and rolling down the precipitous, rocky mountainside.

The fifth place Spokane Indians were en route to Bremerton for a series with the fourth place team from that Puget sound city.

Estimates of the distance of the drop ranged from 300 to 500 feet. The burning bus landed upright. An hour later it was only a twisted steel skeleton.

Darkness settled over the scene shortly after the accident and rescue activities were difficult up the steep slope in the darkness, guided by flashlights and flares.

The more seriously injured had

their clothes burned off and one witness said the seared skin on the worst cases was hanging loose.

Some of the victims were thrown clear of the tumbling bus and injured on the jutting rocks.

Garaghy, who said "I guess I'm pretty lucky," said: "I was thrown right out a window. I took the window frame right with me. I remember flying out the window, but I must have been knocked out because I don't remember landing."

Hallbourg said he was knocked senseless, "came to" inside the flaming wreckage and dived out a window.

Judge Defines Baseball's Responsibility To Ex-GIs

SEATTLE, June 25 (AP)—In a two-hour oral discourse, Federal Judge Lloyd L. Black late yesterday gave his reasons for ruling last Friday that Al Niemiec, former second baseman, must be reinstated or paid his salary for one year.

Niemiec, a naval lieutenant during the war, sued under the selective service act for return after spring training and after playing in five regularly scheduled Pacific Coast league games.

The judge criticized Niemiec's contract, saying it was "reimbursement of chattels" and he observed that if baseball players and "all the others had failed in their job (in the war) there would be no American managed baseball played this year."

"Since it has been argued correctly that baseball is the great national American game that is, it certainly ought to bear its share in meeting obligations to service men."

The judge dismissed the club's contention that Niemiec's age 36, had slowed him up, saying:

"Youth must be served, but not at the expense of men who have worn the uniform, and contrary to law."

Judge Black attacked many of the provisions in the standard baseball contract, but added that "the Rainiers are not to be blamed or criticized for any unilateral provisions. . . . The Coast league take national professional baseball pretty much as it finds it."

Club officials agreed with the judge on a \$4000 appeal bond, if and when they appeal. Attorney Stephen Chadwick emphasized he would neither affirm or deny he would enter an appeal.

Renovated Lineup Brings Yanks Into Better Light

By JACK HAND
Associated Press Sports Writer

Bill Dickey is earning his manager's spurs on his first western jaunt as New York Yankee skipper, picking up 31 games on the front-running Boston Red Sox with a revitalized lineup.

The trip isn't over yet and the Yanks have a rugged afternoon date today with rapid Robert Feller. But seven victories in 10 starts comes under the heading

Coach Given Swim Honors

Earl Graham, coach at Altamont junior high school, received high honors last week at the aquatic school of the National Council of Boy Scouts, Camp Cowles, Wash., after taking a strenuous swimming and life-saving course from June 16 to 22.

The aquatic school is one of the most difficult courses offered by the council, according to R. H. Lamott, director for the Modoc council area.

Graham was honored by the school when Capt. Fred C. Mills, national director of health and safety of the Boy Scouts and head instructor at the camp, asked Graham to instruct in the next year. Mills, just past 61, drew the majority of the rugged instruction himself.

While Graham attended the aquatic school, four other camp leaders from the Modoc area council received training in camp crafts and administration at Camp Easton, Idaho. These leaders were Merle Weidman, Alturas; Harold Talley, Bend; Delbert Yantis, Klamath Falls, and Lamott. All received certificates of merit from the school.



STANDINGS

By The Associated Press
PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Oakland	25	32	.432
San Francisco	24	33	.421
Los Angeles	21	36	.364
San Diego	16	41	.282
Hollywood	12	44	.214
Sacramento	10	46	.189
Portland	9	47	.161
Seattle	8	48	.146

Yesterday's Results
Los Angeles 4, Oakland 1
San Diego 7, Portland 6
(Only games scheduled.)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	38	22	.633
St. Louis	35	25	.581
Chicago	31	29	.517
Boston	30	30	.500
Cincinnati	28	32	.469
Philadelphia	25	35	.417
New York	25	36	.410
Pittsburgh	23	34	.404

Yesterday's Results
Brooklyn 6, Cincinnati 5 (13 innings)
Boston 5, Chicago 0
(Only games scheduled.)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	40	17	.702
New York	37	20	.648
Detroit	33	27	.550
Washington	31	29	.517
St. Louis	28	34	.450
Cleveland	27	36	.429
Chicago	25	35	.417
Philadelphia	18	43	.295

Yesterday's Results
Boston 5, Detroit 3 tie, called end 9th, darkness.
New York 1, Cleveland 0
Chicago 12, Washington 7
(Only games scheduled.)

Major League Leaders

By The Associated Press
NATIONAL LEAGUE

Batting—Walker, Brooklyn, .360;
Runs—Musial, St. Louis, 45; Cavaretta, Chicago, 43;
Hits—Musial, St. Louis, 87; Walker, Brooklyn, 79;
Home Runs—Mize, New York, 13;
Blattner, New York, and Kliner, Pittsburgh, 6;
Pitching—Higbe, Brooklyn, 7-0-1.000;
Kush, Chicago, 5-0-1.000.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Batting—Vernon, Washington, .308;
Runs—Williams, Boston, 61; Pesky, Boston, 52;
Hits—Berardino, St. Louis and Pesky, Boston, 81;
Home Runs—Williams, Boston, and Greenberg, Detroit, 17; Keller, New York, 16;
Pitching—Ruffing, New York, 5-0-1.000; Newhouse, Detroit, 12-0-800.

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Three Players Avoid Accident

SEATTLE, June 25 (AP)—Three Spokane baseball players unwittingly escaped injury or death yesterday, two of them because they made other plans, and a third, because other plans were made for him.

Pitchers Milt Cadinha and Joe Faria decided to drive to the coast with their wives in Faria's automobile, so they did not ride in the doomed team bus.

Third Baseman Jack Lohrke, who has been hitting a lousy .382 while with Spokane on a 24-hour recall basis from San Diego of the Pacific Coast league, was informed of his recall while on the bus. He left the bus at Ellensburg, with 30 miles of the crash scene, and headed back to Spokane to get his gear together for the trip to San Diego.

Angels Still Retain Hope

By The Associated Press

The sound of crooning from the locker rooms of Wrigley field at Los Angeles today was a hopeful note for the faithful followers of the Los Angeles Angels.

It came from Manager William Joseph Sweeney, the Irishman who never counts his ball club out, and it reflected his Angels' humiliation of the Oakland A's, pace-makers of the Pacific Coast Baseball league.

The Angels are still seven and a half games behind Oakland, but their 4-1 triumph last night gave them a series of three games to two, and Sweeney, who traditionally sings in the shower while winning, gave forth a tune. It was the fifth time this season Oakland had failed to win a series.

The San Diego Padres, fourth in the standings, swept a four-game series with the seventh-place Portland Beavers, ending with a 7-6 decision last night. San Diego had a three-run spurge in the fourth inning and put across what turned out to be the winning tally in a two-run fifth frame. Deb Garms opened the fifth-inning attack with a single. Ben Guintini's triple scored him, and Shortstop Stan Brown hit a long fly on which Guintini went home.

Other Coast league teams were idle. Series openers tonight take Hollywood to Sacramento, Seattle to Oakland and San Francisco to San Diego.

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Yakima Mountaineer Makes Fujiyama Top

TOKYO, June 25 (AP)—Fifty-year-old Sgt. Clarence "Pop" Truitt is en route home today to his ranch and ski resort near Yakima, Wash., happy over having added Fujiyama to his mountain climbing achievements.

Truitt refused discharge from the army last January so he could remain here until he had scaled Fuji—31st conquest on his list, which includes such American peaks as Rainier, Hood and Shasta.

With a Japanese guide and selected rations, Truitt led a party of 40, June 6, on the climb. The following morning, as a blizzard howled around Fuji's majestic crest, "Pop" and two others crawled to the summit. At various stations below the Japanese guide and 38 of Truitt's retinue had given up.

A Danish postmaster, Einar Holboell, conceived the idea of the Christmas tuberculosis seal.

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SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Muscles Mildred Feared In Women's Open Golfing

DES MOINES, June 25 (AP)—Babe Didrikson Zaharias, the girl who gets a man's distance with her booming woods, didn't come close to winning medalist honors but she was the most feared player in the field today as match play began in the Women's Western Open golf tournament.

The Babe, erratic for the first time with a 45, swung into stride for a 39 on the inside over Wakonda's hilly layout to give her an 84 qualifying score, five strokes away from co-medalist Patty Berg and Louise Suggs.

Babe has a first round bracket match with Mrs. George Wilcox of Miami, Fla., a 91 shooter yesterday.

Red-haired Patty, the little Minneapolis golfer who has won three tournaments in California

Elks Shaken Up By Vets

In an unexpected softball upset, the league-leading Elks were badly shaken up last night when the Veterans of Foreign Wars hit their top stride to take the favorites 7 to 6 on Recreation field. The Elks made their six runs on seven hits, the VFW took seven runs out of nine hits.

Lusk walloped a homer for VFW, and Brooks of the Elks fanned one into centerfield. Batteries for the game were Myers and Murray for the Elks, Sweet and Olson for VFW.

Ashley also added one more win to his list by defeating the Knights of Columbus 9 to 6 last night on Legion field. Ashley made nine runs on eight hits, the KC's made six runs on seven hits. Homers for the game were made by Erlanson and Young, both for Ashley. McDaniel and Rollon were batteries for the KC's and Bellotti and Derrah were batteries for the Chevrolets.

Bud Ward Out Ahead In Fircrest Shooting

TACOMA, June 25 (AP)—They entered the second half of the 36-hole qualifying round of the annual Pacific Northwest Golf association tournament at the Fircrest Golf club today with a familiar name—Bud Ward of Spokane—out in front.

Ward negotiated the par 71 course in 69 strokes despite a driving rain and gusty winds which lengthened the soggy course considerably and sent scores soaring.

Behind him in the field of 123 was Warren Priem of Seattle with a 72, and Lou Jennings and W. H. Blakely, Portland, and Chester Gordon Jr., Seattle, with 73s.

Softball Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
Moose	3	0	1.000
Elks	4	1	.800
VFW	3	2	.600
Ashley	3	2	.600
Palmerton	2	3	.400
KC	1	4	.200
Merchants	0	4	.000

COURT SCENE

OMAHA, Neb., June 25 (AP)—The dignity of Judge Perry Wheeler's South Omaha police court was suddenly shattered when a two-year-old girl, wearing only a blouse, scampered through the courtroom.

She didn't stop, leaving by the rear entrance, with her mother in close pursuit.

The runaway had been with her mother in the family welfare office across the hall from the court.

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Ref Will Get Help

Two referees will be in the ring, making things more crowded, at the rematch of last week's tag team scuffle which is slated for the armory Thursday night.

The fight last Thursday ended in a very unsatisfactory conclusion for the duo of Martino Angelo and Paavo Katonen over Joe Lynn and Georges Dusette, two falls to one.

In that fight even the few rules which are laid down to govern such goings-on as team matches were cast to the winds and all four rascals spent most of the evening in the ring, when only two should have been in at a time.

At one instance, a fall was awarded to Lynn and Dusette over Martino Angelo who actually wasn't supposed to be in the ring at that moment because Katonen was the active partner, theoretically, of the duo just then. Angelo had sailed through the ropes to help out Katonen without being tagged for relief, and Lynn came in to join Dusette in the battle.

So Promoter Mack Lillard has decided to give Wally Moss a little help for the rematch to try to keep things in line.

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