

Cleveland Pitcher Might Escape May Jinx

Senators Remain In WIL Lead

"Nick O'Time" is the Western International League nickname for pitcher Ted Shandor.

Released by San Francisco of the Pacific Coast League, Shandor arrived at Wenatchee Wednesday night and was put right to work. In a relief in the third inning, Shandor nipped a Yakima rally, then spafed five hits while striking out nine men as the Chiefs downed the Bears 9-3.

The former Calgary Stampeder, the WIL's orphan team, played two of the seven games allotted them in last week's league directive ordering surrender of their owners' franchise. The Stampeder split a day-night doubleheader, losing 6-1 at Spokane in the afternoon and winning 8-7 at night.

Salem and Vancouver also divided a day-night doubleheader at Vancouver. Vancouver won the opener 10-0 behind five-hit pitching by Jack Nicholas and Salem bounced back 11-3 at night. Victoria shaded Tri-City 7-6 and Lewiston outlasted Edmonton 11-8.

While the Stampeder battled through the doubleheader at Spokane, the problem of disposing of their franchise remained the league's No. 1 headache.

Now playing directly under league control, the club will finish up at Spokane Thursday night, then move to Lewiston for a four-game series ending Sunday.

League directors will meet at Spokane Saturday to make a final decision on the franchise. They will vote whether to move it to another city (Tacoma, Wash., Butte, Mont., and Lethbridge, Alta., have been mentioned) whether to make the club a permanent road team, or whether to disband the team.

The Stampeder were left homeless last week when WIL president Robert B. Abel, charging the Calgary owner had "abandoned" the team, ordered the franchise surrendered.

Spokane's Jack Anderson turned in the season's best pitching job—a three-hitter—in Wednesday's opener, and also won his own game with a second inning double that scored Bob Donkerley and Ellsworth Dean.

In the nightcap, the Stampeder scored five times in the sixth inning to knot the game at 6-6. Rookie pitcher Tom Lawson, who relieved Ralph Romero in the seventh, gave up three consecutive bases on balls to force in the winning Calgary runs.

Dick Greco and K Choriton homered in the afternoon game at Vancouver as the Caps scored their second straight shutout over Salem. Jack Bukowski paced the Senators in the nightcap, hitting four for six and batting in three runs.

Victoria tallied four times in the eighth inning to wipe out a Tri-City lead and complete a sweep of the three-game series at Victoria. Tom Perez' three-run homer provided the winning margin.

Lewiston and Edmonton used three pitchers apiece in the slugfest at Lewiston. Edmonton's trio gave up 18 hits and the three sent in by Lewiston allowed 11. Lewiston's win evened the series at a game each.

Tri-City and Salem swap opponents Thursday, the Braves opening at Vancouver and the Senators at Victoria.

Four Bit Day At Hardtops

A special pre-season practice, "Four Bit, Get Acquainted Day," will open the 1954 hardtop racing season at Gem Speedway this Sunday afternoon starting with time trials at 1:30.

Track Manager Sam Neelin cut the price for this special afternoon show to fifty cents for everyone, except those under 12, who are admitted free of charge.

This racing program will give the hardtop fans a chance to see what they can expect from the cars and drivers this coming season, and also let the drivers and officials get a good look at the new track the Speedway houses this year.

The track has been remodeled at the north curve, where there were so many damaging accidents last season. It has been worked over, and in general, the racing oval has been improved.

The afternoon show will consist of several heat races and a main event, plus the time trials that will get the season underway.

After this special program, the prices will return to their normal standings. The outlook for this season is better than last year.

Both teams scored in the opening inning. Sacred Heart loaded the bases, and the Trojans big catcher, Gary Thill, pulled a three run triple to send the visitors off to a win in their last scheduled game of the season.

Bly put together three singles for two runs in the initial frame also.

The Trojans big inning was the sixth when they crossed the plate five times on four hits, a base on balls and a hits batman to send the score to a 11-2 count.

Dino Reginato had a perfect day at the plate with two hits in two times at bat. Dean Michaelis and Phil Collins added two hits in three and four trips to the plate.

Bill Snyder kept the Bobcats at bay with five hits while striking out 11 hitters.

Box score:

	R	H	E
Sacred Heart	13	11	5
Bly	2	5	9

Snyder and Thill; Hadley, Cavan and Cavan, Martin.

Cudd Wins Oregon Open

PORTLAND (U)—Bruce Cudd of Portland fired a 5-under-par 139 for the final 36 holes Wednesday and added the Oregon Open golf championship to his Oregon Amateur and Northwest Open titles.

The 20-year-old college student was 4-under-par for the three-day tournament with a 72-hole total of 284.

Astoria amateur Ralph Dichter was second with 287 for 72 holes and three professionals—Ed Hogan and John Langford of Portland, and Joe Greer of Yakima—tied for third at 288. The pros received \$350 each.

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TIME OUT

Bob Lennon looked at his 4-0 record today, doublechecked the date, and began wondering if this is the season he escapes his May jinx.

The 33-year-old Cleveland right-hander, busiest pitcher in the American League in 1952 and 1953, has won at least 20 games in five of the last six years. But May has been his hard-luck month.

Last night, in his first May appearance this season, he coasted to a 7-2 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics. It was his fifth start, his fourth complete game.

Two years ago he won 22 and lost 11 but he was beaten in two of his first four starts and really hit the skids when May came. He dropped five out of six in a bad spell that ran into June.

Last season he baffled Chicago with an opening-day one-hitter and ran up a 3-0 mark. Game May 1 and he lost his first game. He was beaten in his next three appearances, all in May. Once June arrived he found his form again and finished with a 21-15 record.

He has pitched considerably better than he did last night, but with a 4-0 lead after three innings he never was in serious trouble.

He walked five and the A's reached him for nine hits, including a home run by Vic Power. Dave Philley's three-run homer in the sixth clinched matters for the Indians.

The weather put less of a dent in yesterday's schedule than at any other time this week. Only one game—Detroit at Boston—was postponed.

Washington's Bob Porterfield, the American League's highest winner last season, shaded Bob Keegan of the Chicago White Sox 1-0 for his first shutout. Baltimore's Bob Turley lost a two-hitter for the second time this year, 4-2 to the New York Yankees.

In the National League, Philadelphia made it two in a row over St. Louis 10-3; Milwaukee beat Pittsburgh 4-1; Brooklyn whipped Chicago 7-0; and Sal Maglie of the New York Giants was beaten for the first time after winning four, 7-1 by Cincinnati.

The pitching duel at Washington was broken up in the eighth, inning when Keegan, who had won three in a row, walked Roy Sievers with the bases loaded. Porterfield scattered four hits. Keegan gave up five.

Turley's wildness proved his downfall as Baltimore paid its first visit to Yankee Stadium. The last-

balling right-hander walked the bases full in the fifth, watched one run come home on a sacrifice bunt by Eddie Lopat and then after another walk served up a fat pitch that Joe Collins blasted to deep left center for a three-run triple. The hit was the Yanks' first of the game. The victory was Lopat's fourth straight.

Robin Roberts came back 24 hours after being knocked out by the Cardinals and checked the Redbirds on seven hits. His mates solved five St. Louis pitchers for 13 safeties, including four singles by Earl Torgerson.

The Cubs had hit at least one home run in every game this spring until they met up with their old teammate Russ Meyer. The Brooklyn left-hander shut them out on seven hits for his 11th straight over the Chicagoans.

Eddie Mathews hit his first home run in 10 days and drove in another with a sacrifice fly in the first inning. Pittsburgh bunched three of its six hits for its only run off rookie Gene Conley in the fifth inning. The victory was the first in the majors for the 6-foot-8 right-hander.

Maglie couldn't fool the heavy-

SPORTS IN BRIEF

ROME — Tony Trabert, United States champion, trounced Steven Lazlo of Yugoslavia, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1, and moved into the third round of the Italian International tournament.

LONDON — Doris Hart of Coral Gables, Fla., was carried to three sets by Angela Buxton of England in the fourth round of the Shirley Park Tournament before winning 5-7, 8-6, 6-2.

NEW YORK — Riverina (\$11.70) and Happy Mood (\$21.40) finished in a dead heat for first in the 24th running of the Acorn Stakes at Belmont.

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