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Sox Blank Boston; Braves Beaten

Former National Jockey Champion Killed In Race

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — A spectacular spill in a stakes race at Hollywood Park yesterday brought a violent end to Jackie Westrope's 25-year riding career.

He passed the pack on the outside and was ahead, 70 yards from the wire, when his mount bolted into the rail. Westrope was thrown.

The 40-year-old former national riding champion hit the rail so hard, a track official said, he bent almost double—backward—around it.

He died less than two hours later, despite plasma and oxygen.

Westrope began big time racing at 15 and in that year—1933—rode 501 winners to become national champion. In ensuing years he had 2,439 winners from 17,136 mounts. In many winnings he raked 10th nationally with a total of $8,944,002.

A friend who accompanied him to Centinela Hospital after the accident said:

"There wasn't a mark on him. But he was all broken up inside."

Doctors said he suffered severe internal injuries and fractures of the shoulder, arm, elbow and ribs. An autopsy will be performed.

No inquiry is planned at the track. "The only one at fault was the horse," said a Hollywood Park official.

His mount, a 3-year-old filly named Well Away, began lugging in toward the rail near the end of the $28,350 Hollywood Oaks, a mile and an eighth feature event. Said Wendell Cassidy, presiding race steward:

"Westrope was doing all he could to straighten her—even hitting her alongside the head. Suddenly the filly bolted into the fence, throwing Westrope."

Fred Smith was killed at the same track in 1951. Other spills claimed Georgie Woolf at Santa Anita in 1946 and Richard Thompson at Gulfstream in 1952.

In his quarter-century of riding Westrope booted many a famous horse to victory in big stakes races.

Amont his wins were the 1938 Santa Anita Derby, on Stagehand; the 1939 San Juan Capistrano at Santa Anita, aboard Cravat; the 1954 Jersey takes, with War of Roses.

He rode Honeymoon to victory in the 1946 inaugural of the Hollywood Oaks, the race in which he died.

Westrope had made headlines on practically every big track in North America.

In 1945 he was grounded at Del Mar for a rough ride aboard Ace Hudkins. In 1952 he rode Intent to an apparent victory in the Santa Anita Handicap — but stewards said he fouled Miche in the homestretch and he drew a 34-day suspension.

Westrope was born in Baker, Mont., and rode his first bush track win at Lemon, S.D., when he was 12.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Westrope of suburban Monrovia, were at the hospital when he died.

He also leaves the widow, Cecelia, and four daughters, Pam, 14, Jan, 13, Jackie, 2, and Jill, 3 months. Pam and Jan are daughters by his first wife, actress Nan Gray, now the wife of singer Frankie Laine.

So . . . it's come to this. Yours truly was the recipient of a letter this week . . . from a doubting Thomas (this is not his name). This particular "doubter" was doubting, this time, whether Klamath Falls would ever have a "Little League Park," as such. He even went so far as to issue a challenge . . . something to the effect that I would have a long grey beard before such a park was ever a reality. . . . Maybe you can guess the rest . . . I now get to face the summer (only a portion thereof, I hope) with a beard. I can shave when the first shovel of earth has been turned for the brand new, regulation Little League Ball Park . . . Then, and then only.

As of Saturday morning my trusty Remington (razor, that is) goes into the shop for a much needed repair job. . . . I won't be using it for a little while anyway.

There is a lot to be done before next winter sets in . . . what with the extreme distaste I have for wearing ice cubes, icicles, etc. on my face.

A hurried call to George Jensen of the Redding Searchlight, Redding, already has a Little League park, gave me a rough idea of a plan to follow in order to keep my beard to a minimum of growth.

It seems that in Redding the Kiwanis Club built their ball park as a club project in 1954. Two years later they were joined by the Optimists, the Lions and the 20-30 Club. Today all four of the clubs are banded together in operating and maintaining the park.

Admittedly, they have made a lot of mistakes, but they all agree that the thrill, satisfaction and the fun they have had more than offsets the work they have put in.

The end result of their efforts is that Redding, a city half the size of Klamath, has 18 teams of happy Little Leaguers as compared to six in our town. Remember . . . approximately 35 would-be players were turned away from each of the 15-man teams that were formed here.

Personally, I feel that our "doubting" friend was wrong in his thought that Klamath Falls would never have a home for its Little Leaguers. There must be a lot of others who feel the same way . . . until it gets started, however, I will wear a beard.

WAYNE SCOTT
Now . . . . . . When?

youngsters to minor league contracts. Each of these boys came up through the Little League system. . . . From what we have observed in Little League and Babe Ruth League right here in Klamath Falls so far this season, it won't be too long a time before the scouts would do well to make a trip to the Basin.

The newly started Bantam and Peewee leagues, which play at Kiwanis Park every weekday evening, have set some records that may stand for quite a spell . . . then again they may not. . . . Anyway. . . . The other night Cub Pack No. 4 won with a score of 31-4 from the Eastside Cubs. . . . The next evening the Plumbers and Fitters racked up a count of 35-1 over Cub Pack No. 77. . . . Perhaps the two losing coaches are teaching a philosophy that one ultimately defeats ones' opponent by running him to death. . . .

"Softball with a built-in rooting section" is scheduled for Gem Stadium Saturday night when the Klamath Basinettes tangle with the Sierra Sports from Reno.

The Basinettes are a newly reorganized version of the 1954 Oregon State Women's Softball Championship Team . . . and where do we get the "built-in rooting section" . . . well, you can hardly expect the kids to stay home with

Once around the diamonds.

Overheard from a Little League coach, "So help me, I'm gonna withdraw my team from the league. I just don't see how I can stand much more of this. Work all day, every day, without a care in the world, then two weeks of these 'squeakers,' and my ulcers are getting ulcers." This particular coach had just finished watching a Frank Merriwell victory earned (?) by his club. (P.S. said coach was kidding). . . . A noted doctor recently said, "Little League ball is always the toughest on the adults. The kids take it in stride."

A newspaper report from Kenosha, Wisconsin, states that in the past three years professional baseball scouts hanging around their Simmons Field have signed six

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UTAH HAS GROSSCUP

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The University of Utah football team will use the balanced T-formation next fall. Coach Ray Nagel has star passer Lee Grosscup back for field general duties in Nagel's first year as Utah coach.

Baker Vies With DeJohn

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Mike DeJohn, a handsome heavyweight with a great potential, is a 7-5 choice to whip hulking Bob Baker of Pittsburgh in a television 10 rounder at War Memorial Auditorium Friday night.

A red hot contender eight months ago, the 26-year-old Syracuse Slammer now needs a decisive victory over the 31-year-old Baker to get back in the limelight.

Last October the rangy, hard hitting DeJohn scored a sensational one-round knockout over then unbeaten Alex Miteff of Argentina. Mike appeared to be the dynamic new personality the drab heavyweight division needed so badly.

But the easy-going, fun loving youngster seemed content to rest on his laurels. Instead of bearing down on the rest of the contenders he remained on the sidelines until last April 23 when he met Cuba's Nino Valdes, another happy-go-lucky character.

The big Cuban beat Mike by a narrow, split decison. The one redeeming factor in the loss for Mike was that he rallied strongly in the final round. Usually he's through at that stage.

Mike stands 6-2½ and weighs about 204.

Baker is another friendly fellow who lacks the necessary fire. A pro since 1949, Big Bob has had many chances to fight his way into a title scrap. He was No. 1 contender several times. But when it came close to fighting for a title, Bob wasn't too interested. He said he preferred to be No. 3 instead of No. 1.

DeJohn is now ranked ninth. Baker no longer is ranked. Bob's record is 50-11-1 with 19 knockouts. The 6-2, 215 pounder won his last three fights in 1957 and hasn't fought since December.

DeJohn's record is 34-4-1 with 25 knockouts.

Wynn Gets 2-Hitter Yankees Rap Indians

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Okay, so Al Lopez has made his point. Those winter trades that peddled power for pitching have helped give his Chicago White Sox four shutouts in five games. But they're still seventh in the American League race, 11½ games behind.

Jim Wilson, Dick Donovan and Billy Pierce, three old hands, pitched consecutive shutouts, and after taking a five-home run pounding from Boston Wednesday, the White Sox beat the Red Sox 4-0 yesterday on the two-hit pitching of Early Wynn.

The veteran right-hander, acquired from Cleveland, now has a pair of two-hitters for the season, and owns half of the six shutouts bagged by the Chicago staff. Yesterday's showpiece, in which he faced but 30 men and didn't give up a hit after the sixth, was his 36th major league shutout and his 10th two-hitter in the big time.

Yet the White Sox didn't gain an inch on the first place New York Yankees, who rapped five homers and beat Cleveland 9-3 for a three-game sweep that left 'em nine games ahead of second place Boston. Washington junked its slump at five games, and ended Detroit's winning string at five, with a 4-3 decision. Baltimore jumped into fifth with a 4-2 victory at Kansas City.

In the National League, the Chicago Cubs belted four home runs and handed Warren Spahn his third consecutive defeat 5-4 at Milwaukee. That held the Braves' lead at two games over second place San Francisco, beaten 6-5 at Pittsburgh. Philadelphia beat Los Angeles 9-3. Cincinnati and St. Louis were idled by rain.

EARLY WYNN
. . . hurls two-hitter

Sox 4, Boston 0

Wynn, now 7-5, walked but two and struck out eight. He leads active major leaguers with 1,705 strikeouts in his 18-year career. He gave up a second-inning single by Frank Malzone and a sixth inning single by loser Frank Sullivan (4-2). Wynn fanned Ted Williams for the last out.

Early, 38, scored the only run he needed himself, on Billy Goodman's third-inning sacrifice fly.

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Sullivan, Kiely (8) and White. Wynn (7-5) and Lollar. Loser—Sullivan (4-2).

NY 9, Indians 3

Andy Carey hit two of the Yankee homers, giving him eight. Both were off reliever Bob Lemon. Home runs by Enos Slaughter and Elston Howard gave New York a 3-0 lead in the second against rookie Gary Bell, who lost his first in three decisions. Hank Bauer got the other Yank homer, while Rocky Colavito hit his 11th, with one on, in the ninth for the Indians. Johnny Kucks (5-3) went all the way with an eight-hitter.

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Kucks (5-3) and Howard. Bell, Lemon (4) and Nixon. Loser—Bell (2-1). HRs — Slaughter, Howard, Carey 2, Bauer, Colavito.

Orioles 4, KC 2

The Orioles, in last place before sweeping three at Kansas City, took it on Gene Woodling's two-run homer in the eighth off Ned Garver, who has lost three in a row. Ken Lehman won it in re-

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Klamath Kubs Slate Two Baseball Foes

Klamath Falls' Kubs, with all their new talent on hand, are scheduled for two outings this weekend starting Friday night at Camp White. The Kubs travel to Camp White for a single game then Sunday make a jaunt to Dunsmuir for a Northern California League game in hopes of holding their slim half-game league lead.

Manager Irv Whitt announced this week all hands will be ready for action this week with the exception of third baseman Mike McKenzie who is still at National Guard camp. But shortstop Dorm Martin and relief pitcher Wayne Haronaka are both eligible for league play after sitting out one week with the club.

The Kubs carry a half-game lead into their game with Dunsmuir and hope to make it two straight over the Merchants this season. In the first round, Klamath posted a 20-11 nod over Dunsmuir in a game played here.

Other Northern Cal action finds second place Mount Shasta at Weed and Yreka visiting Scott Valley's winless stars. All games are billed for 2 o'clock Pacific Daylight Time.

PHILLIES CONTRACT FOUR

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — The Philadelphia Phillies have signed four players for minor league affiliates. Tom Morgan, of Hegins, Pa., will be assigned to Tulsa of the Texas League. Johnson City, Tenn., of the Appalachian League will receive Al Meningall of East Orange, N.J., Ed (Curly) Worden of Baltimore, Md. and James Lalley of Washington, N.J.

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New York	38	19	.667	—
Boston	31	30	.508	9
Detroit	28	30	.483	10½
Kansas City	28	30	.483	10½
Baltimore	27	30	.474	11
Cleveland	29	33	.468	11½
Chicago	27	31	.466	11½
Washington	27	32	.458	12

Thursday's Results
New York 9, Cleveland 3
Chicago 4, Boston 0
Washington 4, Detroit 3
Baltimore 4, Kansas City 2 (night)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	32	23	.582	—
San Francisco	33	28	.541	2
Cincinnati	27	26	.509	4
Pittsburgh	30	29	.508	4
St. Louis	28	28	.500	4½
Chicago	29	32	.475	6
Philadelphia	26	31	.456	7
Los Angeles	25	33	.431	8½

Thursday's Results
Chicago 5, Milwaukee 4 (night)
Philadelphia 9, Los Angeles 3 (night)
Pittsburgh 6, San Francisco 5
St. Louis at Cincinnati, night postponed (rain)

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
Vancouver	41	25	.621	—
Phoenix	40	28	.588	2
San Diego	37	28	.569	3½
Salt Lake City	35	29	.547	5
Portland	26	34	.433	12
Spokane	28	38	.424	13
Sacramento	25	37	.403	14
Seattle	27	40	.403	14½

Thursday's Results
Phoenix 2, Sacramento 1
Spokane 5, San Diego 3
Seattle 7, Salt Lake City 1
Portland 2, Vancouver 1

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Lewiston	37	18	.673	—
Wenatchee	32	26	.552	6½
Yakima	30	27	.526	8
Tri-City	25	28	.472	11
Eugene	21	31	.404	14½
Salem	20	35	.364	17

Thursday's Results
Salem 4, Tri-City 2 (12 innings)
Eugene 9, Yakima 4
Wenatchee 4, Lewiston 2

Devils Lake Hosts Boaters

DEVILS LAKE, Ore. (AP)—Competitive outboard motor boat races will be held on Devils Lake here Saturday and Sunday, to be followed Monday by record attempts. Some 200 entries are expected.

Hugh Entrop of Seattle will attempt to top his own Class F Hydroplane record of 107½ miles an hour set recently on Lake Washington in the outboard speedster Cabover.

Chicago Tops Spahn; Giants, Dodgers Bow

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First Stan Musial. Then Willie Mays. Now it's Warren Spahn, Milwaukee's standout southpaw, who has been hit by the slump epidemic sweeping the National League.

Spahnie, one of the all-time great left-handers, was off on a streak in pursuit of his ninth season of 20 or more victories. He was the first to win eight, May 31. He hasn't won since.

He lost his third in a row last night, again beaten by a gopher ball, as the Chicago Cubs hammered four home runs for a 5-4 decision that held the Braves' first-place edge to two games. Rookie Tony Taylor's first major league homer was the clincher in the ninth.

It was the 11th homer given up by Spahn in the three-game slump, nine of 'em by the Cubs—who started his skid with five home runs in a 9-6 decision June 10.

Second place San Francisco — with Mays sent to a New York hospital for a check-up—was beaten 6-5 at Pittsburgh. Philadelphia rapped Los Angeles 9-3. Cincinnati and St. Louis were idled by rain.

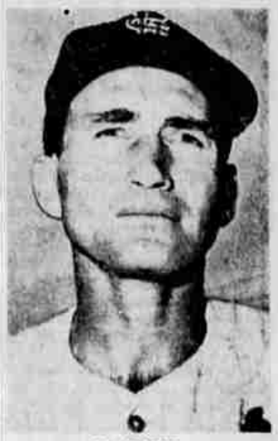
In the American League, the New York Yankees hit five home runs for a 9-3 victory at Cleveland, Early Wynn tossed a two-hitter that beat Boston 4-0 for the Chicago White Sox, Washington ended Detroit's winning streak at five games 4-3 and Baltimore defeated Kansas City 4-2.

Cubs 5, Braves 4

Spahn now 8-4 has given up 18 home runs this season, 14 of them in the games he lost. He allowed only 23 homers all last year.

Walt Moryn, who now has hit 15, counted a pair off Spahn last night and Al Dark got the other. But it was Taylor who was in Spahn's hair. He stole home for a 1-0 lead in the first inning, then cracked a 4-4 tie with his homer that chased Spahn with one out in the ninth.

Spahn, whose single was the only hit off Cub starter John Briggs for three innings, made his 20th career home run, first of the year, good for two runs as the Braves took a 3-2 lead in the fourth. Right-hander Glen Hobbie, third Cub pitcher, squared his record at 5-5, blanking the Braves on



AL DARK
. . . homers off Spahn

three hits in his four innings.

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Milwaukee	000 310 000—	4 11 0

Briggs, Henry (4), Hobbie (6) and Neeman. Spahn, Trowbridge (9) and Rice. Winner — Hobbie (5-5). Loser — Spahn (8-4). HRs—Moryn 2, Spahn, Dark, T. Taylor.

Phils 9, Bums 3

Right-hander Ray Semproch won his eighth for the Phils and had a no-hitter for 6 1-3 innings. He had a three-hit shutout until the ninth, when Joe Pignatano, who hit his first major league

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