BACK IN TIME — Grant centerfielder screeches back to first base just in time to avoid being picked off by Wilson pitcher Gary Anderson in the tournament opener at Gem Stadium Thursday. His big effort was futile, however, since the Wilsonians won 3-1. First baseman Gene Curtiss nails the throw while the white shirt at right belongs to base umpire Joe Papuli.

Klamath Falls, The Dalles, Wilson, Madison Babe Ruth Nines Opening Round Winners

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Of the original eight teams of Oregon Babe Ruthers entered in the 1959 State tournament now in progress in Gem Stadium, only four, two of which are from Portland, remained in the championship bracket at the close of the opening day.

Dark horse Wilson, of Portland, upset the vaunted Fernhill (Grant) nine, 3-1, in Thursday's opener after which Madison, Portland, toppled the pre - tourney favorite, shaky Cleveland, also of Portland 7-2 in the second half of the afternoon twinbill.

In Thursday evening action, little-considered Mid-Columbian, The Dalles, busted the Northeast Americans, 6-5 in a thrilling come-from-behind win.

Klamath Falls, the only other non-Portland entrant, with the exception of The Dalles club, bombarded Tualatin 15-6 in the nightcap final.

Today's play found Fernhill and Cleveland squaring off in the first game of the consolation round beginning at 1:30 in Gem followed by a match between Northeast and Tualatin, slated for 3:30 p.m. The second game is also a consolation test.

At 7 o'clock this evening Wilson and Madison squabble in the first game of the second round in the championship bracket, followed by a mix-up pitting Klamath Falls against the Mid-Columbians.

Winners of tonight's contests meet Saturday evening at 9 o'clock for the state championship and the right to represent Oregon in the coming regional playoffs slated for Victoria, B.C., next week.

The losers will vie for third and fourth places while today's consolation victors tangle for the number five spot Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. The consolation finals had been originally slated to start at 4 p.m. Saturday but the time was moved up by tourney officials to allow sufficient time to square away the diamond prior to Saturday championship play.

KF 15, Tualatin 6

Sparked by a pair of inside-the-park homers off the bats of winning pitcher Sherm Allen and his batterymate, catcher Rod Sparlin, the powerful KF nine exploded for a total of 14 hits in handing the Tualatin squad the unceremonious dumping.

After the K. Falls team had notched a 2-0 lead in the upper half of the first off two Tualatin miscues, Allen stepped to the plate in the second canto and followed Ken Hunsaker's single with a homer that rattled the right field wall.

A Tualatin double play stifled any further KF second inning threat but everything broke loose in the third.

Third sacker Dave Stippich opened the stanza with a resounding triple and scored when Sparlin smashed one to center field that buried itself beneath the scoreboard for the second KF four-master. Before the frame was over the KFers scored four more markers off singles by Henry Herrera, Hunsaker, and second baseman Marv Edwards, coupled with a walk, a fielder's choice and another Tualatin error.

Tualatin starter, Dave Meldrum, the losing pitcher, sought the relative security of first base with no one out in the third inning, replaced on the hill by Steve Smith.

Smith, an aggravatingly slow left handed chucker, was charged with two KF second inning scores, two in the sixth and three in the seventh. Smith gave up seven hits, fanned three Klamath batters and walked three in finishing up the rest of the game.

Meldrum allowed eight KF scores, seven hits, including both home runs, fanned one and walked two batters.

Allen allowed nine hits, walked two and struckout six in going the distance. He permitted no extra-base knocks.

Hunsaker and Edwards were the top hitters for Klamath Falls, each poling three singles in four at bats. Sparklin, right fielder, Henry Herrera, and shortstop Ted Crutchfield were the only other KF players to collect more than one hit. Crutchfield notched the only double of the game while Stippich's three-bagger was the only one of its kind.

Catcher Terry Dahlquist led the Tualatins with three hits in four trips to the plate.

Klamath Falls bobbled the ball four times while Tualatin was credited with a total of eight untimely errors.

Klamath Falls (15)	AB	R	H	RBI
Crutchfield, ss	5	1	2	0
Stippich, 3b	3	3	1	1
Sparlin, c	5	2	2	3
Herrera, rf	4	2	2	2
Tacchini, rf	1	0	0	0
Kemnitzer, 1b	4	1	0	0
Hunsaker, lf	4	1	3	1
Allen, p	3	1	1	3
Pätzke, cf	3	1	0	0
Murray, cf	0	1	0	0
Edwards, 2b	4	2	3	1
Totals	36	15	14	11

Tualatin (6)	AB	R	H	RBI
Mardock, lf	4	1	1	0
Serven, 1b	0	0	0	0
Smith, p	2	2	1	0
Barron, 3b	4	2	1	1
Meldrum, p, 1b	4	0	1	1
Grow, cf	2	1	0	0
a-Butterfield	1	0	1	0
Dahlquist, c	4	0	3	2
Stapleton, ss	3	0	0	1
b-Lenhardt	1	0	1	0
Hanners, rf	3	0	0	0
c-Hamilton	1	0	0	0
Hutson, 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	33	6	9	3

a-Butterfield singled for Grow in 7th.
b-Lenhardt singled for Stapleton in 7th.
c-Hamilton, fielders choice for Hanners in 7th.

		R	H	E
Klamath Falls	226 002 3—	15	14	4
Tualatin	002 031 0—	6	9	8

E-Crutchfield, Stippich, Edwards 2, Meldrum 3, Dahlquist 2, Stapleton, Hanners, Hutson; B - Crutchfield; 3B-Stippich; HR-Allen, Sparlin; SB-Stippich 2, Sparlin; BB-Allen 2, Meldrum 2, Smith 3; SO-Allen 6, Meldrum 2, Smith 4; DP-Grow to Stapleton to Dahlquist; Winner-Allen; Loser-Meldrum. Umpires-D. Derrah, Duracha, Hatfield.

Dalles 6, Northeast 5

Northeast got away in a 3-0 first inning breeze but ended up seeing Mid-Columbian hook the count with three in the last of the second. The Northeasterners recaptured the lead with one in the third, but the Columbians matched that in the fourth and then moved out from 6-4 with two in the fifth.

The Portland nine managed one in the sixth but it wasn't enough.

The Victory was credited to the Dalles' Dave Roberson who allowed five singles, walked one and struckout four over the entire distance.

The loss became the property of Northeast's Al Panek who gave up seven hits, including a game-winning triple by centerfielder Mike Lease.

Lease' blow scored catcher Herb Snodgrass who had singled in the bottom of the fifth. Lease romped home with the winning tally on a single by rightfielder Bob Smith.

Snodgrass and Lease led the winners with two hits in three trips while Northeast secondsacker, Bud Donald, topped the losers with three for four.

The Mid - Columbians were charged with four errors while the NE nine garnered only two.

The Dalles team, in their first year of Babe Ruth competition, were forced to do without the services of manager Noel Aronson who was stricken with the flu in The Dalles late Wednesday.

Northeast (5)	AB	R	H	RBI
McLauren lf	4	0	0	0
Donald, 2b	4	2	3	0
Panek, p	3	1	1	0
Dahlager, c	3	2	0	0
Haberman, 1b	3	0	1	0
Lovely, rf	3	0	0	0
Adams, ss	2	0	0	1
Clark, cf	3	0	0	0
Cortez, 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	27	5	5	1

Mid-Columbia (6)	AB	R	H	RBI
Jensen, 2b	3	1	1	0
Miller, ss	4	0	0	0
Piland, lf	4	0	0	0
Eveland, 3b	3	1	1	0
Snodgrass, c	3	2	2	0
Lease, cf	3	1	2	1
Smith, rf	2	1	1	1
Vass, 1b	3	0	0	1
Roberson, p	3	0	0	0
Totals	28	6	7	3

		R	H	E
Northeast	301 001 0—	5	5	2
Mid-Columbia	030 120 x—	6	7	4

E-Dahlager, Adams, Jensen, Miller, Piland. Eveland; 3B-Lease; SB-Donald, Panek, Jensen; BB-Roberson 1, Panek 3, SO-Roberson 4, Panek 6. Winner-Roberson; Loser-Panek; Umpires-D. Derrah, J. Derrah, Hatfield.

Madison 7, Cleve. 2

In the second game of the afternoon warfare the Madison hurler, Vic Brewer, turned in one of the best performances of the day, restricting the Clevelanders to a mere two hits, one a third inning double by second baseman Ted Amato.

Amato and losing pitcher Wayne Peterson each scored in the third off a pair of successful bunts, an error and a walk.

Brewer walked five and struckout five for his win.

Peterson's loss included 10 hits, a triple by Vic Ross and a two-baser by Tom Walker. He walked two and fanned three while watching his ball club commit six errors.

The winners were charged with three bobbles.

Madison catcher Ken Tester poled three singles while Dick Noel and Brewer each rapped a pair.

Third baseman Jim Schmidt col-

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Ingo-Floyd Repeat Still Puzzle; Investigation Continues In NY

PARIS, France (AP) — World Heavyweight Champion Ingemar Johansson said today he is ready and willing to meet Floyd Patterson in their title return bout in New York on Sept. 22.

The champion said in an airport interview he came to Paris Thursday to discuss the muddled heavyweight situation with Bill Rosensohn, promoter of the June heavyweight title bout in which the Swede dethroned Patterson with a third round knockout.

Asked if he would meet Patterson in a rematch on Sept. 22 at New York's Yankee Stadium, Johansson replied:

"Yes, that's the way it looks now."

When Johansson arrived Thursday he went into seclusion. Newsmen were unable to locate him, and where he met with Rosensohn remained a secret.

He was vague about where the meeting with Rosensohn took place. Was it the plush hotel (Prince De Galles) where New York's Truman Gibson, head of National Boxing Enterprises stayed?

Johansson replied:

"I didn't notice where we were. I had a long talk with Mr. Rosensohn and I didn't notice the surroundings."

Rosensohn himself still was among the missing.

Gibson denied his presence in Paris had anything to do with fighting.

Back in New York the district attorney's office continued its investigation of the promotion of the Johansson-Patterson June fight by questioning Charley Black, pal of Cus D'Amato, manager of Patterson.

These were the late developments in the baffling picture of the promotion of the June 26 affair and plans for the rematch, which tentatively had been scheduled for Sept. 22.

Edwin Ahlquist, Johansson's adviser, previously announced he and Ingemar would fly to New York "some day next week" to discuss fight plans and find out what all the squabble is about.

Gibson, who with Johansson and Rosensohn did a disappearing act shortly after arriving in Paris, later returned to his hotel and said he was surprised to learn that the champion and the promoter also were in the city. Before leaving New York Wednesday night, the former head of the defunct International Boxing Club said he had turned down an offer to purchase Rosensohn's one third interest in the Rosensohn Enterprises, Inc., which holds Johansson's contract for the rematch.

Ortega To Meet Toughie

NEW YORK (UPI) — Welterweight contender Gaspar Ortega meets a lusty substitute for a substitute tonight in a TV 10-rounder with Cuban Benny (Kid) Paret at Madison Square Garden.

Although Paret is unranked, his speed and skill are so highly regarded that wagering on the bout is at "even money."

Their fight will be televised and broadcast nationally by NBC at 10 p.m. e.d.t.

Mexican Ortega is only 23, but he is struggling to get back up among the top-rankers, after losing two of his four bouts this year. The lanky Indian from Mexicali is rated sixth by the NBA and ninth by the Ring Magazine.

Well-built Paret, 22, was training to fight in tonight's 10-round semi-final at the Garden; but he was drafted for the main event after the originally scheduled Ortega opponent, Florentino Fernandez of Cuba, withdrew because of a virus. Then his replacement, Charley Scott of Philadelphia, discovered he couldn't get into shape.

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