

Sports Hy-Lites

By HY ZIMMERMAN

Slumberless Ritchie Puts 89ers to Sleep—But Fast

Despite lack of slumber, the Seattle Rainiers got the nod last night—Jay Ritchie put the Oklahoma City 89ers to sleep.



Because of the Pacific Coast League's straitjacket schedule, the Rainiers flew all night from Hawaii and arrived home yesterday morning. All hit the sack for a few hours of nap.

So, last night, in a hurry to get back to serious snoozing, Ritchie took only 1 hour 42 minutes to beat the 89ers, 1-0. He struck out SIXTEEN in 8½ innings of assistance to Jerry Stephenson, who strained his elbow.

The strain was discovered when one of Stephenson's pitches sailed and hit Jim Beauchamp in the head. Beauchamp dropped right now and got up too quickly. His legs had become rubber.

Ritchie got the baseball and had a ball.

If you haven't seen Jay, he's slim, almost starved-looking. One could mistake him for a fugitive from an iron lung or a recipient of C. A. R. E. packages.

And this despite a 15-pound increase in weight, or so he insists.

He's tall, 6 feet 4 inches, and has a prominent Adam's apple. This latter may have been confused with the baseball by the 89ers.

ANYHOW, JAY RITCHIE, once down-graded in the Boston Red Sox organization, pitched two-hit ball with those aforementioned strike-outs against as strong a club as there is in the league.

As Manager Edo Vanni said and as Earl Averill and Billy Gardner and other veterans echoed, Jay's was one of the best relief jobs they ever had seen in their long careers.

Ritchie did it with two cruel pitches. His curve was snaky, his fast ball sneaky. In the dressing room afterward, the slim one said:

"When you have stuff like that, you just throw. I've never been this sharp in my life, never struck out so many before."

"I didn't know how many K's I had until I got in the clubhouse. It was one of those nights but one I'll always remember. It has to be my biggest thrill in baseball."

"And I never worried about losing this game, even when it was scoreless. I just felt good; even the two hits they got were not solid. So, I figured we would beat them sooner or later."

FOR RITCHIE, this is the fourth and longest hitch with Seattle. He had a 3-3 record with the Rainiers in 1961, when he was shipped to the Eastern League.

In 1962, he trained with them but did not stick. He did not hide his disappointment or depression—or was it disgust? He contested the point with Neil Mahoney, Boston farm director, but reported to the Eastern League for a 13-11 season.

In 1963, he again did calisthenics with the Rainiers but again was labeled for the Eastern League. And again Jay remonstrated with Mahoney, who again won his point.

Jay went to Reading and rolled up a 6-4 record. The Rainiers recalled him in midseason and got a 6-6 mark from him, including a 2-0, three-hit shutout of the hated Tacoma Giants.

Ritchie, the epitome of frankness, recalled the ups and the downs: "I've never had a losing season in the organization. I felt I was getting a tough bounce being sent down so many times. Did I squawk? Well, you might say I had some heated discussions."

"This past spring was the first time I felt safe in the Rainier camp. I knew I could help here and just needed a good chance to show it."

"I've been feeling good all season and, I think, I've pitched pretty good ball most of the way. What has hurt me has been a bad pitch here or there."

"I've got more confidence and more weight. I may not have been strong enough before. I am now, for I've got 190 pounds."

"How did I put on those 15 pounds? It's been simple—I've been eating more."

VANNI, PLAGUED by injuries to his starters, often has been on the verge of making a starter out of Ritchie. Last night's 8½ innings of toil probably attest to Jay's ability to linger longer than a mere reliever.

Which does Ritchie prefer, starting or relieving? "I don't care," said Ritchie. "It's whatever Edo prefers or needs."

Vanni, though strongly tempted, probably will keep Jay in the bullpen, except, perhaps, for spot starts. Jay should remain a fireman, we think, because he's a natural in the job.

In the off season, he works for a rubber-hose company.

From A to Y in Mother Goose



FILLIES FROLIC: In New York yesterday—Larry Adams, aboard Screee, left, beat out Manual Ycaza, riding Face the Facts, center, in the 1½-mile Mother Goose Handicap at Aqueduct. Just Fancy That, right, finished third. Screee won a purse of \$58,646 in the second leg of the "triple crown" for fillies.—A. P. wirephoto.

RITCHIE WHIFFS 16

Rainiers Bid for 5th Straight Win Tonight

By HY ZIMMERMAN

This was not relief; this was real rich living.

Jay Ritchie, the gaunt right-hander, last night emerged from Seattle's bullpen to strike out 16 in 8½ innings of relief.

He yielded only two hits, both singles, and walked no one to make the Rainiers' fourth straight victory—a spectacular, 1-0 triumph—on a squeeze play—over the powerful Oklahoma City 89ers, leaders of the Pacific Coast League's Eastern Division.

Afterwards, Edo Vanni, Rainier manager who has been around since Sicks' Stadium opened in 1938, said:

"This was one of the best relief jobs I've ever seen."

VANNI'S VAGABONDS tonight will shoot for their fifth successive triumph behind Fred Holmes (2-1), who will face Dave Guisti (2-0). Holmes is just off the disabled list.

Bies, Umbinetti

Qualify For P. G. A. Meet

PORTLAND, June 2. — (A.P.)—Don Bies of Seattle Golf Club and Harry Umbinetti of Mount Si qualified yesterday for next month's Professional Golfers' Association golf tournament in Columbus, Ohio.

In doing so, they took a back seat to Tom Marlowe of Portland, who won a playoff for the Northwest P. G. A. title.

Marlowe, Bies and Boots Porterfield of Grants Pass tied for first place with 36-hole totals of 144. Marlowe shot two pars on the extra holes to win the playoff.

Neither Marlowe nor Porterfield had entered the qualifying competition for the national tournament.

Umbinetti joined Bies on the qualifying list after winning a five-hole playoff with Bob Duden, Portland, and Ben Doyle, Tacoma. The three had tied for third place at 145.

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He had been out with a pulled muscle in his rib carriage.

Last night, another former wounded pitcher, Jerry Stephenson, tried out his arm. But he strained his elbow with two out in the first inning to set the scene for Ritchie's tremendous act. Before he left, Stevie had struck out an 89er, so the Rainiers totaled 17 whiff victims, high for the league so far this season.

It also was Seattle's third shutout in four victories.

RITCHIE'S OPPONENT, Ben Johnson, also pitched creditably. He yielded seven hits but, as the score attests, he scattered them. It took a double by Pete Jernigan, an 89er error which still glares, and Rico Petrolcelli's desperation bunt in the seventh inning to clutch the conquest.

Jernigan led off the inning by knocking on the left-field fence with his two-base swing. Pete took an arrogant lead and Joe Wooten, 89er catcher, tried to pick him off.

Wooten's throw bounced in the dirt and squirted into center just far enough to let Jernigan hustle to third.

PETROCELLI WAS up next. Johnson threw him a bad pitch but Rico had his orders — and carried them out to perfection. He reached up with his bat and sent that first pitch toward third base while Jernigan rushed home.

Jim Mahoney, the third baseman, charged and scooped cleanly but had no chance to get Pete.

It awarded Ritchie, who has become a bullpen beauty, his second victory in four decisions. Ben Johnson took on his third defeat against five triumphs.

THESE WERE the two hits

Yankees Sign Ferndale Youth

BELLINGHAM, June 2. — (A.P.) — Terry Oakes, 17, shortstop at Ferndale High School, has been signed by the New York Yankees for an unannounced "modest bonus."

This was announced yesterday by Eddie Taylor, Yankee scout. He said Oakes would be assigned to an instructional league at Sarasota, Fla. Oakes, a 6-footer, hit close to 400 for Ferndale, champion of the Whatcom County League.

Devil Patrol Wins

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Qvale Raps Rookie Award; 'My Driver Deserved It'

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2.—(A.P.)—A car owner said today his driver, Walt Hansgen, deserved the "rookie of the year" award at the Indianapolis 500-mile race.

Kjell Qvale asserted Hansgen, who finished 12th in his MG Liquid Suspension Special, was doing much better, until he had fuel-system trouble, than Johnny White, who finished fourth and received the award.

"That's ridiculous," said Qvale. "They must have gone strictly on the order of finish—not driving ability."

Foyt to Drive

In Mosport

TORONTO, June 2. — (A.P.) — A. J. Foyt of Houston, Tex., winner of the Indianapolis 500 last week-end, has confirmed he will compete in Saturday's 200-mile Mosport International car race, it was learned yesterday.

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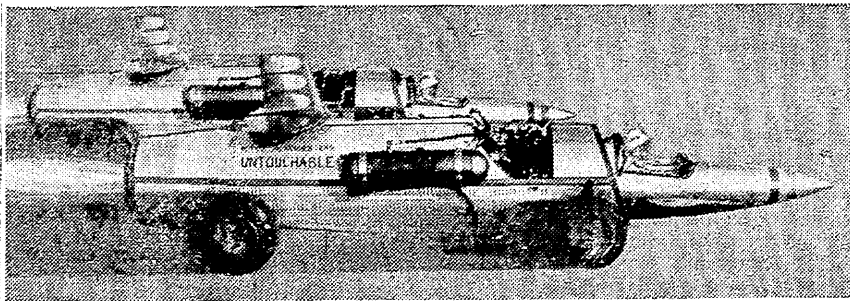
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