The Stadium: Is Seattle A Town of Amateurs?

'One of Portland's leading sports figures doubts Seattle

will pass its stadium issue September 20.
Harry Glickman, co-owner of the Rose City's hockey Buckaroos and promoter of professional-football exhibitions, acknowledges Seattle's giddy growth, its capacity

to support any and all major-league sports, yet firmly believes the issue is doomed. Asked why, he said simply:

"It's a town of amateurs." The manager of the Portland Beavers, Johnny Lipon, Holds

holds similar opinion. He said: "Seattle is beautiful and big It is growing, has everything. But it lacks something. If Portland were as big as Seattle, it already would be in the big leagues."

THEN, SOME wistfulness by mail comes from Alfred W. Bock, a Seattleite visiting in Fosston, Minn. He writes:

'We are back here on vacation and find that our relations, and almost everyone, are very much interested in the Minnesota

"They think nothing of driving 300-400 miles, four or five times a year, to go to the games. 'So, you could see how far away we (Seattle) could

BACK TO Glickman. A few years ago, Harry stated

flatly that Portland would get a National Football League franchise before Seattle. At the time, that appeared plaus-

Multnomah Stadium, for all its chinks and cracks, could accommodate upward of 35,000 fans. Seattle, completely lacking in lodging, could not even negotiate.

Even then, though, the N. F. L. rulers preferred Seattle, because of its larger size, its prime geograph-

Now, with Seattle's economic spurt, the preference is even more pronounced. And, with new stadiums rising in other likely cities, Portland's case has been weakened. Multnomah no longer can suffice as a home for major-

Additionally, Portland is beset by the same problem which was solved here last year, when the city bought Sicks' Stadium and helped keep professional baseball.

THE MULTNOMAH Athletic Club, owner of the Portland park, wants out and has threatened to sell to commercial interests. Many plans for public acquisition of the property have been advanced, but none accepted.

The M. A. C. is asking slightly more than \$2 million for the property, prime real estate on the edge of the downtown district.

set. If the city does not react favorably to the situation soon, Portland baseball could go into limbo, and the city's slim chance for the big time would evaporate.

But the slim chance does exist. Multnomah Stadium could serve as an interim facility - if Seattle does not act. The Portland future may be predicated on what happens here September 20.

It reminds one of San Diego's honed interest in our 1960 attempt to get an all-purpose stadium. The first thing next morning after the ballot, a San Diegan called to ask the result. To his delight, it was negative.

at the time, San Diego considered Seattle its barrier to major-league baseball. Seattle still may be.

antee — not even a promise — of a franchise.

San Diego, then, is not a town of amateurs. Neither is Seattle. The 360 stadium issued did not Drove the contrary. The campaign on its behalf was fairly ramshackle, was fairly ramshackle, lacked proper leadership. 🛣 And Seattle may not have

en ready then. imate is right, the availability of franchises tas risen. No one is

shooting in the dark. And there may be han some stadium op-

ponents realize. Incidentally, Mr. Bock, we hope your vacation is over by September 20.

Yan Arsdale Signs NEW YORK, Aug. 4. AP) — Dick Van Arsd

(AP) — Dick Van Arsdale, Tetball Association's only in-brother act, signed for coming season with the New York Knicks yesterday. brother Tom is with De-



By HY ZIMMERMAN

"That's how you win pennants-with that kind of re-

lief pitching. The speaker was a Seattle starter, Jim Coates, who just had been helped to his tenth victory by Ken Turner and Andy Messersmith,

Messersmith struck out three of the five Tacomans he faced; to give Coates and the Angels a 4-2 conquest of the Cubs last night in Sicks'

Manager Bob Lemon said: "I was glad to see Jim get ly predicted the Angels

that win. He's pitched in a lot of tough luck, actually should have 14 or 15 vic-

IN THE matter of pennants, the triumph by Coates, who last spring flat-

One Man Show Wins N.W. Open for Mengert

By GIL LYONS Times Sports Writer

TACOMA, Aug. 4.—If golfers were horses, someone would strap a hundredpound weight on Al Mengert's back.

While Mengert was accepting plaudits today for his runaway victory in the Northwest open, the boys back in the clubhouse were figuring a way of handicapping the Tacoma pro.

Mengert, 37, made it a one-man show yesterday to win the Northwest cham-pionship by eight strokes. Smooth and confident, he shot a six-under-par 66 in the third round to open an insurmountable lead. Then he coasted home, after only a brief moment of concern, with a 73.

Mengert's 275 total, 13 under par, left the rest of the field battling for second place. The runnerup spot was shared by Don Bies and an amateur, Elwin Fanning, both of Seattle, at 283.

MENGERT'S only serious threat yesterday came from portly Ted Denham of Fort

Denham started the final round eight strokes behind Mengert. He dropped farther back with a bogey on the first hole, but then picked up three birdies in a row.

While Denham was making his move, Mengert's game suddenly went sour. Al missed a two-foot putt at the second hole and took a double-bogey six at the third when he hit into an unplayable lie. Until then, Mengert had

played 56 holes with only one bogey. But he took another when he trapped his tee shot at the fifth, and Denham trailed by only three strokes.

When Mengert "jailed" himself at the eighth with a drive into a dense thicket, the tension mounted. But Al got himself out of that jam when he chipped onto the fairway, hit a wedge ten feet behind the hole and sank the putt for a par.

MENGERT GAVE himself some breathing room at the ninth. He trapped his

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AL MENGERT

second shot, but holed a 12foot putt for a birdie five.

After that, the contest

suddenly was over. Denham went six over par from the 11th to the 15th, and Mengert was home free.

The victory was Mengert's second. He won the title in 1952 as an amateur, setting an all-time record 265 at Spokane's Downriver. While Denham was slip-

ping, Bies moved into sec-

ond place with a 71 to earn he \$900 runnerup check. Fanning, Pacific Northwest Golf Association chamfollowed his thirdround 70 with a closing 74 to edge Wayne Vollmer, a-Amot

Vancouver, B. C., amateur

honors by three strokes.

all should quit," maintained Seattle's 4½-game lead over

Tonight, Jim McGlothlin (2-1) will defend that lead against Tacoma's Billy Connors (4-9). If he does so successfully, the Angels will take a series win into Tacoma, where the teams meet tomorrow night.

Last night, Coates, not only got help from his bullpen buddies, twilight was on his side. The first Seattle run, in the fifth inning, resulted from two misjudged doubles.

The culprit on both was

the Cub center fielder, Don Young, who might have grown somewhat old in that inning. With no one out, Jim Campanis drove a fly to left center. Young lost it in the eerie light for two bases.

Ernie Broglio, Cub starter and loser, struck out the next two Angels, then Coates sent a fly to center. Young misjudged it-for two more bases, with Campanis scor-

That tied it, 1-1. The Cubs had scored in the fourth on singles by Don Davis and Ken Hunt and Young's sac-

rifice fly.

The Cubs moved out, 2-1. in the sixth on Shorty Raudman's 13th homer.

The Angels retied it in their half on consecutive singles by Bubba Morton, Al Spangler and Felix Torres.

THE HALOS, in the seventh, got their two-run margin and displaced Bro-

Coates opened by drawing a walk and was sacrificed to second by Don Wallace. Morton's hard shot to the mound hit Broglio in the

hind short for a single that put Coates on third.

Charlie Hartenstein placed Broglio, and the Ta-coma infield drew in to try and cut off the run. Because it was drawn in, Spangler's grounder near second base became a run-scoring single and sent Morton to third.

From there, he scored on Felix Torres' infield out. In the eighth, Norm Gigon

opened on Coates, who now was laboring, with a single to center. Lemon called on Turner,

a southpaw, to face Raud-man, a left-handed batter. Raudman forced Gigon at second. Now, Lemon came with Messersmith, the kid righthander. Andy struck out the next two Cubs and the first

one he faced in the ninth. He got the two others on a pop fly and an infield tap.

Broglio suffered his sec-

ond defeat in two decisions. TACOMA SEATTLE

Totals 32 2 8 2 Totals 31 4 9

> See Page 61 for last night's other Pacific Coast League box

Jets Drop Evans

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Aug. 4. — (AP) — The New York football Jets dropped Jim Evans, a flanker who was in his third season, and cut the squad to 65 yesterday.

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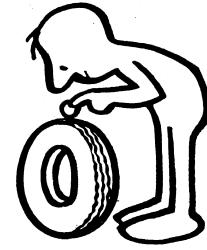
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