

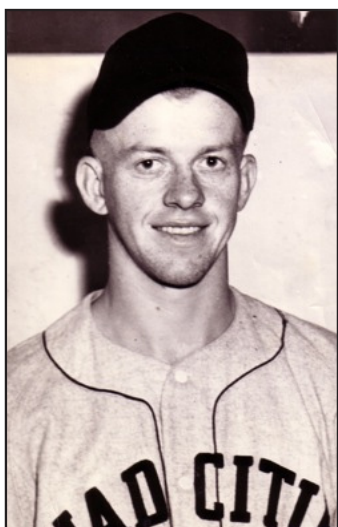
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## Costly Victory...

Before 2,851 home town fans attending on a "pay what you like" basis, Tri-City pitcher Dale Bloom picks up his first victory of the season with five scoreless innings of relief as the Braves rally from an early four-run deficit to beat the Wenatchee Chiefs 10-9 in a Western International (A) League contest.

Bloom's happiness is short-lived when after the game he discovers that his watch and wallet, containing \$50, has been stolen from the club's locker room.

Two days later, after learning of the theft, Braves fans pass the hat and collect \$150 for the 20-year-old.



### **Tri-City Tops Chiefs 10 to 9 In WIL Contest**

KENNEWICK (AP) — Young Dale Bloom extinguished a Wenatchee hitting spree Thursday night as Tri-City overcame a four run margin held by the Chiefs to give the Braves a 10-9 Western International League baseball win.

It was a rousing finish for the 2,851 home town rooters who were attending on a "pay what you like" basis which balanced one previously held in Wenatchee. The home town team takes all the gate receipts.

Wenatchee 012 600 060—9 12 3  
Tri-City 011 603 992—10 14 0  
Stanford, Palmer (5) and Bartolomeo;  
Tanner, Michelson (4), Bloom (5) and  
Pesuk.

Born September 23, 1931, in Tacoma, Washington, Bloom will finish 1953 (his second season of professional baseball) with a 7-11 mark and a 4.78 ERA ... the 6-4, 195-pound right-hander will pitch two more years in the minors, finishing up with Tri-City and the Edmonton Eskimos in 1955.

Pitching for Tacoma's Stanley Shoemen in 1956, Bloom hurls the state, regional and national championship games leading the Shoemen to the

American Amateur Baseball Congress national championship, marking the first team from the state of Washington to win the crown.