

Roy Bliss, "California Hurlsmith & Nomad"

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San Francisco native and high school prodigy Roy Bliss appears destined for greatness, signing his first contract at the early age of 15 with the McDonald's and Collett semipro team of his hometown on August 2, 1913. The talented teenager makes his presence felt immediately when he pitches a three-hitter and strikes out 14 within in his first week on the roster.

However, over the next 18 years, the slightly-built lefty (5-foot-9), touted on several occasions as "the greatest southpaw of the coast" will appear in only 39 minor league games (33 at the Class B level) over three years, posting a less-than-impressive 6-19 mark.

The youngest of three brothers to play professional baseball - Jack Bliss, a catcher with the St. Louis Cardinals and "Toots" Bliss, a minor league catcher of note in various West Coast minor leagues, Roy's career progression is hindered by a persistent lack of control.

"Bliss, a few years ago, was touted as the greatest southpaw on the coast, and only for the fact that he had the great southpaw weakness - wildness - he would have probably been in the big show years ago." - Healdsburg Tribune, June 7, 1922

Born May 9, 1886 in San Francisco, Bliss will pitch three seasons in the minors with the Salt Lake City Bees (1916-1917) of the Pacific Coast (AA) League, the Great Falls Electrics (1917) of the Northwestern (B) League and the Moose Jaw Millers (1921) of the Western Canada (B) League.

Over 18 seasons in California's vaunted year-round semipro leagues, the nomadic Bliss will don

The Olympic Club Trio of Slabsters



"Peaches" Martin (L), Roy Bliss (C), Al Sohammel (R)
1916 Winged Olympics

uniforms for 36 different semipro teams with imaginative nicknames such as the Colts, Cotton Millers, Coyotes, Elks, Maulers, Outlaws, Pippins, Prune Packers, Prune Pickers, Timekeepers and Sugarites.

Bliss will play on teams representing an athletic club, a Chamber of Commerce, a state hospital, a jeweler, a butter company, an oil company, a man's clothier and a grocery store. Thrown in for good measure are stints with Naval Reserve and Harbor Patrol nines during his time in the military in 1918.

BLISS CHRONOLOGY

August 2, 1913

A 15-year-old Bliss inks his first contract, signing with the McDonald's at Collett team of San Francisco.

August 1913

Pitching for McDonald's at Colletts in the San Francisco City semipro league, Bliss grabs media attention striking out 14 and allowing only three hits.

July 1915

Bliss turns down several professional contract offers and announces plans to enter Santa Clara University in the fall.



Roy Bliss, 1913

Roy Bliss [2 of 6]:

Classy Southpaw Discovered.

Another phenom has bobbed up in the California Independent ranks for whom several Coast League clubs are bidding. His name is Roy Bliss and he is a southpaw pitcher. Recently pitching for a San Francisco independent team, he scored two shut-outs in one day. In the morning he blanked his opponents with one hit and in the afternoon he allowed three hits and not a run.

August 10, 1915

Bliss, "who has done satisfactory work" for Chico, will appear in a Colts uniform one more time when the team travels for a game with the Oroville Olives in three days ... Bliss has enrolled in Santa Clara University and "wants a rest" before going to class.

August 13, 1915

Bliss will not leave the Chico Colts after all, having made arrangement to come to Peckville from Santa Clara every Sunday during the season.

August 14, 1915

Chico improves to 3-1 on the season as Bliss allows six hits in a 5-2 complete game win over Marysville.

August 17, 1915

Oraville edges visiting Chico 7-6 as Bliss allows eight hits and seven walks in absorbing the loss.

August 19, 1915

Two days after Bliss is hit freely by Oraville, Chico management decides that it no longer wants to pay for Bliss' transportation to and from Santa Clara University to the site of the Colts' games ... to replace Bliss in the pitching rotation, the Colts come to terms with Russell Peek of the Golden Popples, considered to be one of best pitching prospects in the valley.

September 1915

Santa Clara University athletic officials advise Bliss to "forgo" playing baseball with semipro teams until the spring college season is over ... it is anticipated that he will play a key role in the team's success.

October 1915

A pair of left-handers, Bliss and Tom Hickey, are expected to be the mainstays of the Santa Clara pitching staff in 1916 ... Hickey, 6-foot-2, 200-pounder and a baseball and rugby star and pursued by the Phillies and Cubs, will enlist in the Army Air Corps in 1917 ... Hickey will eventually pitch two games (0-0, 3.00) for the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League in 1919.

Roy Bliss Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Level	W-L	GP	INN	H	BB	SO	ERA	
1913	McDonald's at Collett	San Francisco City	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1914	San Francisco	San Francisco League	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1915	Modesto	--	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Sebastopol	County	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Willows	Sacramento Valley	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Mitchell-Murphy	Mission	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Chico Colts	California Trolley	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Santa Clara Univ. Freshmen	California Collegiate	College	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1916	Sperry Flour	City	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Chamber of Commerce	Oakland Commercial	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Colusa Prune Pickers	Sacramento Trolley	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Richmond Athletic Club	Oakland City	Spro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Santa Clara University	California Collegiate	College	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Agnews State Hospital	--	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Salt Lake City Bees	Pacific Coast	AA	0-0	2	5.1	6	5	1	3.38	
1917	Salt Lake City Bees	Pacific Coast	AA	1-0	4	14.0	12	8	2	1.93	
	Great Falls Electrics	Northwestern	B	3-5	10	71.0	-	65	-	---	
	Lodi Outlaws	--	Spro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1918	Hanlon	--	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	US Naval Reserve	--	Military	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	San Diego Harbor patrol	--	Military	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Timekeepers (Union Iron Works)	Tribune	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1919	Shoshone	Southern Idaho	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Timekeepers	Tribune	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Olympic Club	--	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	First National Bank	Banker's	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Crockett Sugarites	--	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Granat Brothers	San Francisco Mid-Winter	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1920	Watsonville Pippins	Mission	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	California Cotton Millers	Oakland Tribune	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	San Rafael	Native Sons	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Madera Coyotes	Northern San Joaquin Valley	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1921	Mayrose Butter	S.F. Chronicle Mid-Winter	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Standard Oil Company	--	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1921	Moose Jaw Millers	Western Canada	B	4-14	23	-	-	-	-	---	
1922	J.H. Neubauers Grocers	S.F. Midwinter	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Healdsburg Prune Packers	--	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Standard Oil Company	Chronicle Industrial	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	San Rafael	Native Sons	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1923	J.J. Kriegs	Almaeda Country Winter	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	J.H. Neubauers	Almaeda Country Winter	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1925	Walnut Creek	--	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
	Concord Maulers	Three-C	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1926	Concord Maulers	Three-C	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1927	Concord Maulers	Three-C	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1929	Richmond Elks	Northern California Elks	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
1930	American Trust Company	A.I. Banking	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	---	
Minor League Totals											
					3 Seasons	8-19	39	90.0	18	78	3

August 10, 1915

Roy Bliss, Pitcher, Will Quit Chico After Sunday

Roy Bliss, who has done satisfactory work on the mound for the Chico Colts the short time he has been a member of that aggregation, will appear in a Colt uniform the last time when the Colts go to Oroville next Sunday.

Bliss will enter Santa Clara University this coming semester. He says that he wants a rest before going to the Mission Town. The San Francisco boy is conceded to be one of the best young prospects in the cisco area. According to Sheehan, who will captain the Santa Clara squad, Lou Guisto, the 1914 slugging Oroville first-sacker, and Benny Hamilton, an ex-Oak, will also register this season at the Mission college. Guisto is an all-around athlete, having been chosen Manager Peek is already negotiating on the all-American rugby team last year.

That Bliss has decided to register

Roy Bliss [3 of 6]:

Bliss, Bush Phenom, to Enter Santa Clara

Young Roy Bliss, the young southpaw pitcher who has been setting the fans on fire in the "bushes," will register at Santa Clara University next semester, according to a letter received yesterday by a San Francisco friend. Bliss has received offers from Portland, San Francisco and the St. Louis Nationals, but has made up his mind that he prefers to go to Santa Clara. At present he is playing ball with Sebastopol.

October 1915
Bliss and Hickey are among several amateurs that refuse to sign contracts with Pacific Coast League teams.

February 21, 1916
Bliss makes his collegiate debut in Santa Clara's season opener against archrival Stanford ... relieving Hickey, Bliss absorbs the loss in a 10-8 setback to their arch rival.

Roy Bliss
1916 Santa Clara University



STANFORD, 10—SANTA CLARA, 8

[Republican A. R. Leased Wire]
SAN JOSE, Feb. 22.—Santa Clara varsity came from behind repeatedly and tied the score in a free hitting baseball game with Stanford today, only to be nosed out at the finish.
Score: R. H. E.
Stanford10 10 1
Santa Clara 8 14 6
Batteries—Hoever, Wickersham and Dent: Hickey, Bliss and Bricea.

April 15, 1916
After watching Bliss pitch in several games for Santa Clara, San Francisco Seals manager Justin Fitzgerald is of the opinion that Bliss will ready for the Pacific Coast League with another year of "seasoning."

Southpaw Bliss Is Holding Attention in Bush Baseball

Lad Throws Pair of Shutout Games in One Day—Other News of the Semi-Pros

April 30, 1916
Pitching for Sperry Flour of San Francisco, Bliss pitches two shutouts on the same day ... Bliss begins the day allowing only one hit and striking out 11 in a 6-0 win over the Stockton Sperry team ... Bliss takes to the mound in the afternoon and whitewashes the Fresno Sperry team 5-0, allowing three hits and striking out seven.

June 1916

Chas. Pruiett Thinks It Fun to Play in Bushes



May 18, 1916
Bliss succeeds Bill Tozer as a pitcher for the Colusa team in the Trolley League and follows Tozer's lead and after "one good beating" returns to his native San Francisco to play there.

400 Wild-Eyed Colusa Fans Coming to Root Against Woodland Oaks

May 19, 1916
One day after Bliss' resignation, Colusa signs former major leaguer and current Oakland Oak left-hander Charley "Shotputter" Pruiett

The Osgood, Indiana, native is 4-18 with a 2.83 ERA record in two major league seasons (1908-09) with the Boston Red Sox. Prior to the 1916 season, the 5-foot-8 portsider is a holdout with the Oakland Oaks, causing an exasperated manager Rowdy Elliott to say, "I'd trade him in a minute, but who wants him." Pruiett eventually signs and is 0-1 with a 7.71 ERA when Elliott sells his overweight pitcher to the Salt Lake Bees. Unhappy with the terms of the deal Pruiett refuses to report and signs with the Colusa Prune Pickers of the California Trolley League.

Prune pickers in San Jose orchards, circa 1910.



August 1, 1916
Bliss is reported have signed with the Salt Lake City Bees of the Pacific Coast League.

August 3, 1916
Still a free agent, Bliss would prefer to sign with the Portland Beavers and has written team owner Walter McCredie, who expressed an interest in signing the Santa Clara southpaw a couple of weeks earlier.

September 13, 1916
Bliss officially inks a contract with the Salt Lake City Bees but will not play with the Bees until the rosters are expanded on the 15th.

Roy Bliss [4 of 6]:

September 16, 1916

Three days after signing with Salt Lake, Bliss makes his professional baseball debut pitching two scoreless innings in relief of Bert Hall ... allows three hits and one walk while striking out one in a 10-3 loss to the Los Angeles Angels.

September 24, 1916

Bliss is left off of Salt Lake's travel roster as the Bees begin a season-ending 14-game road trip to Los Angeles and Vernon.

January 21, 1917

Agnews Hospital Grounds, San Jose, Calif.

AGNEWS STATE HOSPITAL.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
"Chet" Esola, lf	2	2	0	2	0	0
M O'Brien, cf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Murray, c	4	0	2	2	1	0
Lamatra, ss	4	0	1	0	3	0
Connelly, 3b	4	0	0	0	2	2
Allen, 2b	4	1	0	2	0	0
Lackey, 2b	4	0	0	1	0	0
Downey, rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Roy Bliss, p	3	1	1	1	0	0
Totals	30	5	5	27	3	2

MIKE'S COLTS

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Saxe, lf	4	0	1	0	1	1
Gerow, ss	4	1	0	2	2	1
Bill Paul, 2b	4	0	0	0	2	0
Ferry, 1b	4	0	0	6	1	2
Ed O'Brien, c	2	0	0	2	1	0
Munjar, of	3	0	0	6	0	0
Paul Bea, 2b	1	0	0	3	3	0
Long rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Egense, p	2	0	0	3	1	1
Totals	29	1	0	24	10	4

SUMMARY.

Threebase hit—Murray Stolen bases—Allen, Bliss Double play—Paul to Perry. Error on base—Off Bliss 2, off Egense 3 Struck out—By Bliss 21 by Egense 2 Hit by pitcher—Esola Wild pitch—Egense Left on base—Agnews 4, Mike's Colts 3 Time—One hour, 35 minutes. Umpire—Petree. Score—Egense 1 Cunan

January 21, 1917

Pitching for the Agnews State Hospital, Bliss strikes out 21 en route to no-hitting Mike's Colts in a 5-1 decision.

May 17, 1917

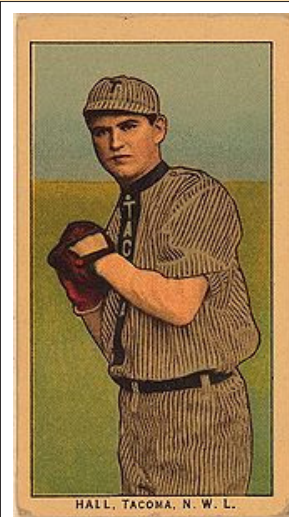
Bliss is 1-0 with a 1.93 ERA in four appearances when Salt Lake City releases Bliss to the Great Falls Electrics of the Northwestern (B) League.

July 4, 1917

Continuing to be plagued by wildness (65 walks in 71 innings) with Great Falls, Bliss is returned to Salt Lake.

January 18, 1918

Bliss signs with the Sacramento Senators of the Pacific Coast League.



HALL, TACOMA, N. W. L.

Bert Hall pitches in seven games for the Philadelphia Phillies in 1911, going 0-1 with a 4.00 ERA. It has been suggested that the Portland, Oregon, native may have been the first major leaguer to throw a fork ball. On the back of his 1911 Obak card says "is the only pitcher who has mastered the fork ball."

September 16, 1916
Salt Lake City, Utah

Heavy Hitting in Two Frames Gives Los Angeles Win; Bliss Makes Debut

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Sept. 16.—Los Angeles pounded Bert Hall in the fourth and eighth innings for four runs each time, while Zabel had little difficulty in preventing the Bees from scoring in the fifth. The score was 10 to 3. Roy Bliss, the recruit, hurled fair ball. Two games will be played here today.

LOS ANGELES.			SALT LAKE.					
AB.	R.	H.P.	AB.	R.	H.P.			
Maggert, cf.	5	1	2	3	Gislason, 2b.	4	1	5
Ellis, lf.	4	1	2	0	Rath, 3b.	3	0	1
Wolter, rf.	5	1	1	4	Brief, 1b.	3	1	0
Koerner, 1b.	5	1	2	0	Ryan, lf.	4	0	0
Schultz, 2b.	6	1	2	2	Quinlan, cf.	4	0	2
McLarry, 2b.	5	2	4	2	Bayless, rf.	4	1	1
Bassler, c.	4	1	2	5	Orr, a.	3	0	1
Davis, s.	3	1	2	4	Sheely, c.	4	0	0
Zabel, p.	5	1	1	1	Hall, p.	3	0	1
					Bliss, p.	0	0	0
					Hoff	1	0	0
Totals	42	10	18	27	Totals	33	8	7

Score by Innings:										
Los Angeles	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	4	0	10
Base hits	0	0	2	4	2	1	8	5	1	18
Salt Lake	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3

SUMMARY.

Errors—Schultz McLarry Davis, Orr, Sheely. Home run—McLarry. Three-base hit—Bayless. Two-base hits—Schultz, McLarry, Wolter, Quinlan, Orr, Gislason. Stolen bases—Bassler, Maggart, Hoff, Rath. Sacrifice hits—Ellis, Rath, Orr. Double plays—Bassler to Davis to Bassler; Gislason to Orr to Brief. Struck out—By Zabel 3 by Hall 1, by Bliss 1. First base on called balls—Off Zabel 4, off Hall 5, off Bliss 1. Ten runs, 15 hits, 33 at bat off Hall in seven plus innings; out in the eighth, 2 on, none out. Runs responsible for—Hall 9, Zabel 5. Charge defeat to Hall. Hit with pitched ball—Ellis by Hall. Wild pitch—Bliss. First base on errors—Los Angeles 13, Salt Lake 3. Left on bases—Los Angeles 13, Salt Lake 9. Umpires—Brashear and Held. Time of game—2h. 13m.

February 26, 1919

Bliss is on the Sacramento Senators' preseason roster.

Pitcher Roy Bliss Farmed Out to Great Falls

ROY BLISS.



May 18, 1919

Bliss pitches a no-hitter as the Olympic Club beats the Oakland Elks 3-0.

August 13, 1920

Bliss informs Watsonville manager Dan Keefe that he has received an offer to pitch in the Valley League at \$50 per game ... it is opined that the Pippins will not meet his terms and will allow him to leave.

October 28, 1920

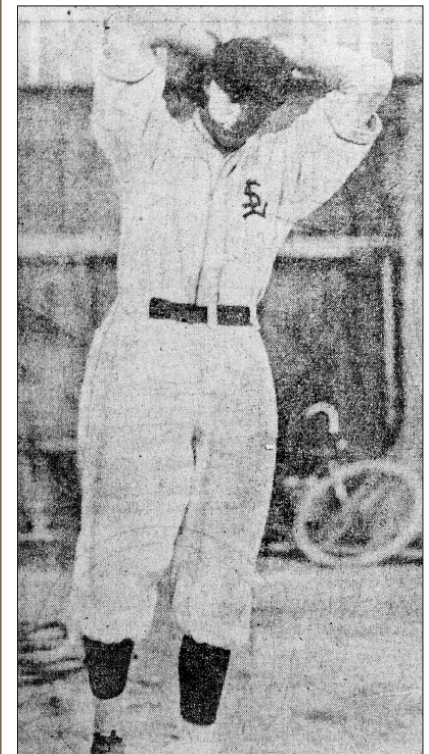
Four days after being signed by the California Cotton Millers of the Tribune League, Bliss is released when the team signs "Dutch" Rock, recently released by Almaeda.

Olympic Club Beats Oakland Elks, 3 to 0

The Olympic Club baseball team yesterday afternoon defeated the Oakland Elks on the Oakland grounds by a score of 3 to 0. Roy Bliss pitched a no-hit game for the Olympians. Anderson caught.

Podder Dolan allowed the Olympians twelve hits. The scoring was done in the first and third innings.

Roy Bliss
1917 Salt Lake City Bees



Roy Bliss [5 of 6]:

July 6, 1921
Exhibition Park, Moose Jaw Saskatchewan

EDMONTON						
	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A. E.
Apperson, c.f.	5	2	2	2	0	0
Stokke, s.s.	5	1	2	0	1	1
Manush, i.f.	5	0	1	0	0	0
Stuart, r.f.	5	0	2	2	0	0
Herman, 1b.	5	0	2	7	0	1
Gola, 3b.	2	0	1	3	1	0
Watson, 2b.	3	0	0	2	1	1
Gleason, c.	3	1	0	3	0	2
Douglas, p.	3	0	0	0	2	0
x Pillett	1	1	1	0	0	0
xx Gleichman	0	0	0	0	0	0
	37	5	11	24	5	5

MOOSE JAW						
	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A. E.
Johnson, r.f.	5	1	2	3	0	0
O'Shaughnessy 3b	4	2	2	2	1	1
Lang, i.f.	3	1	2	0	0	0
Leifer, c.f.	4	0	0	2	1	0
Walters, 1b.	5	1	1	10	1	0
Shandling, 2b.	5	1	2	0	1	1
Koenig, s.s.	3	0	1	2	5	0
Leake, c.	4	0	2	7	1	0
Bliss, p.	4	0	0	1	2	0
	37	6	12	27	12	2

x Batted for Watson in ninth.
xx Batted for Douglas in ninth.
Score by innings:
Edmonton 001 000 013-5
Moose Jaw 400 000 11x-6

July 6, 1921
Pitching for the Moose Jaw Millers of the Western Canada League, Bliss strikes out six, allows 11 hits and walks three in a 6-5 complete game win over visiting Edmonton.

June 14, 1922
In a key California County game between Santa Rosa Standard Oil and the Healdsburg Prune Pickers, a "tight pitchers' battle" between Bliss and "Pop" Arlett takes place at Healdsburg's University Street Grounds ... Bliss allows only three hits and strikes out eight but is the victim of three unearned runs in the fourth inning due in large part to a throwing error by veteran first baseman Babe Danzig.

August 7, 1925
Bliss, pitching for the Concord Maulers, strikes out 13 and allows only six hits en route to a 9-0 white-washing of visiting Livermore ... Livermore is minus the services of Jim McGlinchey, who is hunting deer, and Percy Chavez, who is "absent for reasons known to himself alone."

Roy Bliss
1917 Salt Lake City Bees



Concord tallies four unearned runs, but as the Livermore Journal opines, "In all fairness to the Livermore boys it must be stated that the Concord ball field has no opposition in claiming the honors of being the worst diamond in California, bar none. The infield is a smooth field of loose gravel and in the outfield the gravel is hidden by a growth of grass, six inches high and ten times as slippery as ice. A cinder track encircles the diamond and the outfielders have to dodge the wooden sides of the track in going after fly balls."

September 12, 1972
Bliss dies in Santa Clara, California at the age of 76.

May 28, 1920
**Break Threatened
In Valley League**

At meeting of the San Joaquin Valley League, a resolution is passed by a 16-1 vote to expel the Hanford franchise from the league unless the team dismisses recently signed pitcher Tom

Seaton. Seaton has just been released from the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League by team president Charles Graham citing rumors of Seaton possibly being involved in betting on games. Hanford had been given a two-week grace period in which to play Seaton which expired on May 26.



In the Northern San Joaquin Valley, Chowchilla fans, "disgusted" at the play of their team, have said they will refuse to contribute further toward support of their team. Despite every player drawing good pay, Chowchilla remains a "loser" in Northern Valley League play.

Later in the season (August 18) league president D.C. Leshner announces that the Madera franchise will not be allowed to play Hal Chase and Harl Maggett and that the results of the one game they were allowed to play in will not be counted in league standings.

May 28, 1920

Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar

"There's a funny argument going the rounds of disappointed (Santa Rosa) Rosebud boosters concerning last Sunday's game. It is to the effect that Santa Rosa really should have won the game, for the county seaters scored six earned runs, the (Healdsburg) Prune Packers only two. In this connection, it is well to bear in mind that "earned runs" are scored against the pitchers' records, not the teams'. A baseball game is a contest between two teams of nine men each, and not between two pitchers. The number of earned runs determines the most effective pitching, the number of runs scored the best baseball team."



SAN JOSE BUSH BALL.

SAN JOSE, Jan. 23. — Roy Bliss of the Agnews State hospital pitching staff, who next season will be a member of the Salt Lake Bees, let Mike's Colts, a picked team from San Jose City and Valley leagues, down Sunday without a hit and struck out twenty-one. The only run scored was due to two errors by Connelly in the seventh inning. Bush Egense on the mound for the Colts also pitched good ball. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Agnews	5	5	2
Mike's Colts	1	0	4

Batteries—Bliss and Murray; Egense and Ed O'Brien.

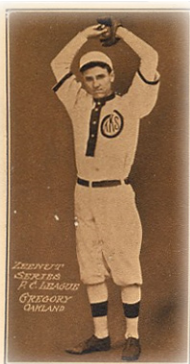
October 1, 1922

NAPA TEAM BEATS PRUNE PACKERS IN LOP-SIDED GAME

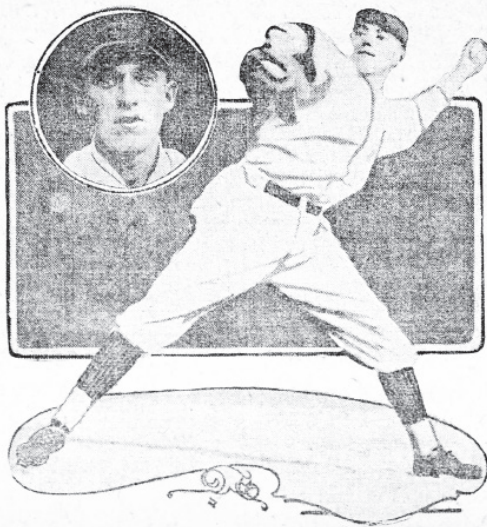
LOCAL PLAYERS UP TOO LATE HELPING THE LEGION INAUGURATE

The Prune Packers players of Healdsburg, California, with the exception of Tom Goldenson, attend the opening dance of the town's new American Legion building the night before and from the local newspaper's report, "all enjoyed the function. Much more, in fact, than they enjoyed the game."

Napa, behind a seven-hit complete game by 34-year-old Howard Gregory, beat the homestanding Prune Packers 10-3, touching Pop Arlett for 15 hits. Gregory, coming off a 22-win season with the Wichita Witches of the Western (A) League, will win 248 games in 17 minor league seasons.



Roy Bliss, Whose Work Yesterday Was Highly Gratifying to Fans



July 27, 1925
Stockton, California

ROY BLISS IS DEFEATED.

Roy Bliss, former Salt Lake hurler, was batted from the mound by St. Joseph's Athletic Club and Walnut Creek was beaten, 13 to 3. West allowed the losers four hits.

WALNUT CREEK			S. J. A. C.		
A.B.R.H.			A.B.R.H.		
Gore, rf	4	0	Bassit, 1b	5	2
Nune, 3b	4	1	Lemos, 3b	4	2
Cox, 2b	4	0	Prola, ss	5	1
Larkin, 1b	4	1	Mingo, 2b	4	2
Bliss, p	4	1	Silveria, c	4	2
Davis, lf	4	0	Campbell, lf	5	2
Ackman, cf	3	0	Pedro, cf	4	1
Mills, c	4	0	George, rf	4	0
Wybs, ss	4	0	West, p	4	1
Totals.....35 3 4			Totals.....39 13 22		

Home runs—Bassit, West. Three-base hit—Silveria. Two-base hits—Lemos, Silveria, Prola, Pedro, Campbell.