

On This Date

May 31, 1926

In a game marred by the protests of Twin Falls manager [Carl Zamloch](#), the homestanding Pocatello Bannocks, behind [Cliff Osborne's](#) three hits, including a sixth-inning home run, annex their fifth-straight victory, defeating the visiting Bruins 15-6.

In the middle of the Bannocks' eight-run sixth inning, Zamloch files an official protest with official scorer Johnny Kane, to playing the game any further with the baseballs provided by Pocatello. Zamloch contends the baseballs are rough and too soft, giving the pitcher an advantage.

Zamloch also complains that the Bannocks provided only six baseballs to start the game and it was only after his protest that more balls were put into play.



Copper League product and Salt Lake City native Cliff Osborne opens the 1926 season with Twin Falls before being released on May 24 and signing with Pocatello, where he hits .308 with five home runs in his only season in professional baseball.

A former gridiron star at the University of Southern California, Twin Falls catcher Pete Thompson hits a career-high .357 with 38 doubles and seven home runs with the Bruins in 1926. Coming out of USC, Thompson had a tryout with the Cleveland Indians in 1925.

The game is further delayed at the end of the sixth inning when Twin Falls catcher [Pete Thompson](#) refuses to let [Bill Simmons](#), the Pocatello receiver to use his equipment to start the seventh inning. The Bannocks are forced to send someone to a residence in town to borrow some equipment so the game can continue.