# Today's News of Sport

## BOSTON'S LEAD IN NATIONAL LEAGUE CUT TO 3.5 GAMES

### Beaten by Waner Brothers' Batting — Both N. Y. Teams Win With 4-Base Swats.

By HERBERT W. BARKER
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

Victories for three of the four eastern teams in their frays with the invaders from beyond the Alleghenies yesterday served to so tighten the national league race that Boston, in first place now is removed from Philadelphia, in last, by only three and one-half games.

Boston's Braves, who have astonished not only the baseball world but themselves by holding on to the league lead, were the only eastern club to meet defeat. The Braves, despite a two-run rally in the ninth, dropped a 4-3 decision to the Pittsburgh Pirates who vaulted into fourth place in the standings. The Waner boys drove in all the Pirate runs and were terrors to Brave batsmen on the defense.

The Phils nosed out the Chicago Cubs, 6 to 5. Pinky Whitney's single with the bases loaded in the ninth breaking up a pitching duel between Claude Willoughy and Sheriff Blake.

**Scores All Homers**

The New York Giants finally beat St. Louis but needed three home runs to pull out a 3 to 1 verdict. The Giants made eight other hits off Clarence Mitchell but circuit clouts by Terry, Jackson and Fullis were the only ones that counted in the scoring. Bill Walker, young southpaw, held the Cards to six hits, one of them Jimmy Wilson's homer in the ninth.

The reformed Brooklyn Robins clouted May and Kolp for 15 lusty hits and buried Cincinnati under a 12 to 3 score.

Seven runs were scored in the tenth inning of the American League game between the Yankees and Chicago Whitesox but the Yanks tallied four of them and won the battle, 7 to 6. With the score tied at 3-all at the end of regulation play, Bob Meusel smote a homer with the bases full in the Yanks' half of the tenth to carry the count to 7-3. The Sox came back with a three-run drive that sent Heimach and Wiley Moore to the showers. Hoyt stopped the rally one short of a tie.

Harry Heilmann's two home runs helped the Detroit Tigers down Boston for the third straight time, 8 to 4.

Minus Walter Johnson, who is ill with influenza, the Washington Senators nevertheless played good ball in swamping Cleveland, 13 to 5.

Philadelphia and St. Louis were kept idle by rain.

## MISSIONS BEST BALANCED TEAM, 1929 RACE SHOWS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

Pacific Coast league clubs shifted scenery today to begin a new lap in the race for the 1929 pennant.

The seventh week of the Coast league pennant series finds the San Francisco Missions far ahead, with a lead they have maintained for four consecutive weeks. The consistent work of the Mission Reds has kept them ahead of their nearest rivals, the Los Angeles Angels, by several games. They now stand 26 won, and 11 lost. The Angels have to their credit 23 games won, with 18 lost.

This week the Seals will be at home to play the Seattle Indians; the Missions play in Sacramento; the Hollywood Stars play at Oakland, and Portland plays the Angels in Los Angeles.

Competition in the league has been growing keener with each passing week, marked by better playing on all sides, particularly in the pitching sections. However, the series play thus far has proved that the Mission Reds have the best balanced team of the eight clubs, and with the same consistent effort for the rest of the season, should cop the banner.

The Hollywood Stars stand third in the rankings, with the San Francisco Seals fourth, the Oakland Oaks fifth, Sacramento's Senators sixth, Portland seventh, and the Seattle Indians last, a position they have occupied since almost the start of the season.

## HUSKIES DEFEAT OREGON—O. S. C. CONQUERS IDAHO

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

EUGENE, Ore., May 7.—Eddie McDowell, Washington State hurler, pitched an excellent brand of baseball here yesterday to defeat Oregon 5 to 2.

The score:

| | R | H | E |
|---|---|---|---|
| Washington State | 5 | 10 | 2 |
| Oregon | 4 | 4 | 6 |

McDowell, Jones and Huzzard; MacDonald, Fuller, Schoeni and Woodie.

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 7.—Oregon State college won the first of a two-game series from Idaho here yesterday, 7 to 1. Hatenfeld rapped out a homer in the seventh inning with the bases loaded. The score:

| | R | H | E |
|---|---|---|---|
| Idaho | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Oregon | 7 | 8 | 2 |

Lawrence and Price; Nightingale and Maples.

## MAJOR LEAGUES' LEADING PLAYERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
(Including games of May 6.)

**National League**

Batting—Stephenson, Cubs, .452.
Runs—Stephenson, Cubs, Hornsby, Cubs, 35.
Runs batted in—Wilson, Cubs, 20.
Hits—Stephenson, Cubs, 28.
Doubles—Grantham, Pirates, 8.
Triples—L. Waner, Pirates, 3.
Homers—Jackson, Giants, 5.
Stolen bases—Flowers, Robins, 7.
Pitching—Malone, Cubs, won 4, lost 0.

**American League**

Batting—Foxx, Athletics, .426.
Runs—Gehringer, Tigers, 22.
Runs batted in—Heilmann, Tigers, 23.
Hits—Gehringer, Tigers, 29.
Doubles—Alexander, Tigers, 8.
Triples—Gehringer, Alexander, Tigers; Blue, Browns; Cissell, White Sox, 2.
Homers—Gehrig, Yanks, 6.
Stolen bases—Averill, Fonseca, Indians, 4.
Pitching—Uhle, Tigers; Hoyt, Yanks won 4, lost 0.

## HOW THEY STAND IN PENNANT RACES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

**National League Standings**

| | W | L. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 8 | 4 | .667 |
| Chicago | 9 | 6 | .600 |
| St. Louis | 9 | 6 | .600 |
| Pittsburg | 6 | 7 | .462 |
| New York | 5 | 6 | .455 |
| Brooklyn | 6 | 8 | .429 |
| Cincinnati | 6 | 9 | .400 |
| Philadelphia | 5 | 8 | .385 |

**American League Standings**

| | W | L. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 10 | 4 | .714 |
| New York | 9 | 4 | .692 |
| St. Louis | 11 | 5 | .688 |
| Detroit | 10 | 9 | .526 |
| Cleveland | 7 | 10 | .412 |
| Chicago | 6 | 10 | .375 |
| Washington | 4 | 9 | .308 |
| Boston | 4 | 10 | .286 |

## MAYOR OPENS NEW ATTACK ON CITY COUNCIL

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tion work such as has gone to pieces, or a part of it at least, in less time than one year.

**Opposes Action.**

Gentlemen of the council, I want to go on record as strictly opposing any such procedure, going into the expense of thousands of dollars to buy expensive machinery for the purpose of repairing the city streets, which I am certain if left alone, will last for many years to come. My idea, if there be any holes in the paving, is to cut a square opening around the same, dig down 18 inches or two feet, fill the same with concrete and put on the top dressing, which the present paving outfit is ample to do without buying thousands of dollars worth of expensive machinery, which will stand around for nine months out of the year, without usage and undergoing depreciation.

Since the last council meeting I am advised, that the members of the council have all signed a contract, or order, using the credit of the city, to buy a road roller, and that without my approval. The city charter provides that the mayor has general supervision over all matters pertaining to the city, and shall from time to time advise the city council. I want to say to you gentlemen of the council, you are over-reaching your latitude of authority when you attempt to use the credit of the city, unless it be at a regular meeting of the city council, and in the expenditure of the city funds the same has to be done by resolution or ordinance. If you do not conform to that mode of doing business for the city, you are personally laying yourselves liable to foot the bills, in the event of the matter being questioned or brought into the courts for adjustment.

**Would Let By Contract.**

In my opinion if the city is to go to the expense of thousands of dollars to buy equipment, machinery, etc., for the purpose of repairing a few pot holes in the city street pavement, it would be much cheaper to let the work be done by bid or contract, and by those who already have the necessary road and street machinery to do the work, than to carry out the policies of the past, which are expensive, extravagant, and a very unsatisfactory way of procedure. I am confident that the taxpayers of the city certainly need some relief at this hour.

Gentlemen of the council, I hereby submit to you for your due consideration, telegrams and letters, which are self-explanatory, regarding your recent order for road roller for the city of Roseburg, Oregon.

Copy of telegram sent to the Austin-Western Road Machinery company, date of April 18, 1929:

"Contract signed by city council for road roller is hereby countermanded until further notice."

"(Signed) E. V. HOOVER,
"Mayor, Roseburg, Ore."

The Austin-Western Road Machinery Co., 354 Belmont St., Portland, Oregon.

I wired you April 18 countermanding order for five ton roller. Have received no reply. No ordinance has been passed authorizing the purchase of a roller. There is a question as to whether the city council has the right to purchase without first passing an ordinance where that amount of money is to be spent.

Order for roller is hereby cancelled. Answer by letter requested.

(Signed) E. V. HOOVER,
Mayor City of Roseburg.

The Austin-Western Road Machinery Co., 354 Belmont St., Portland, Oregon, April 29, 1929.

Mr. E. V. Hoover, Mayor of City of Roseburg, Oregon.

Dear Sir: We have your wire of April 27th, in regard to the roller for your city. We also received your wire of April 18th, but instructions had already gone to our Chicago office for shipment of this machine.

Furthermore, the order was not taken subject to cancellation and we have never been advised by any of the members of the city council who signed this order that shipment was to be cancelled.

We, therefore presume that the members of the council signing the order still desire the shipment of this roller and we will expect to live up to our part of the agreement.

Yours very truly,
Austin-Western Road Machy. Co.
By F. B. McBath, Branch Mgr.

The Austin-Western Road Machinery Co., F. B. McBath, Branch Manager, 354 Belmont St., Portland, Oregon.

Sir: I have your letter dated April 29th, in answer to my night telegram dated April 27, 1929, reference to road roller supposed to be purchased by the City Council of Roseburg, Oregon, order being dated April 16th, 1929.

I refused to sign this order when presented to me by your local agent for the reason that I desired more time in which to investigate the matter, as I did not consider that there was any necessity for the City of Roseburg to purchase a roller at that time, also questioned the right of the City Council to use the credit of the city without the matter first being presented to the City Council at a regular meeting and going through the regular course of business and without passing a resolution or ordinance authorizing such a purchase.

My first telegram countermanding the order was in your hands in plenty of time to stop shipment and if your company makes delivery of the roller, after having received the notice of cancellation of the order which it has received, from the Mayor of the City, you do so at your own risk and the city will not be liable for payment for same.

You are again notified not to make delivery until this matter is settled by the City of Roseburg, Oregon.

Yours respectfully,
E. V. HOOVER.
Mayor of the City of Roseburg, Oregon.

**Orders St. Commission Out**

With reference to the city street commissioner, whose term of office expired, and was vacated on the 7th day of January, 1929, and who has without my approval or appointment, held the position since said date, and that, under my protest or order, has continued to stay on the job; by what authority, or by whose order, I have not been able to determine up to this time, and that with official notice that his salary would stop by a specified date. Such a procedure prompted me to serve him with a written notice, said notice being recorded on the files of the city, the following is a copy which I bring to your attention.

To George Frew, Roseburg, Oregon:

Your term of office as street commissioner of the city of Roseburg, Douglas county, Oregon, having expired on the first Monday in January, 1929, and you not having been reappointed to that position by the present executive department of the city.

You are hereby notified and requested to deliver to the executive department of the city of Roseburg, Oregon, all keys now held by you to city property and all equipment belonging to said city which you have in your possession and claim to exercise control over.

You are further notified that the city of Roseburg, Oregon, and the executive department thereof will not be responsible to you for any salary or wages which you might claim for work or labor performed or services rendered to the city after this date.

Dated at Roseburg, Oregon, this 19th day of April, 1929.

(Signed) E. V. HOOVER,
Mayor of the city of Roseburg.

**Night Officer to Be Chosen**

Since the last regular meeting of the city council, the regular night police has ceased to serve, the vacancy was filled temporarily by another officer until such time that the matter could be brought before the council to be acted upon. To avoid further friction or contention, and not wishing to cause any embarrassment to the parties whose names are to be submitted for your confirmation at this time, I have concluded to let the majority of the council decide who is to continue on the job as night police, their names are as follows: C. F. Bennet, A. H. Wilson, A. W. Gilcier, W. E. Poole, Grant Wilcox, Raymond Rausch, Charles Chamberlain.

On the first day of each month warrants are presented to me for my signature for several monthly allowances charged to the city, one in the sum of $225 per month for city library, $100 per month for fire department. This is an allowance or order which was passed upon by resolution of the former city council.

It is my advice that this expense be investigated, and a report turned in to this council, at its next regular meeting, setting out the facts and necessity of this expense to the city of Roseburg, Oregon.

I therefore appoint as the investigating committee, Councilmen Kidder, Shoemaker, Harris, Dent.

E. V. HOOVER, Mayor.

**Roller Matter Referred**

The matter of the purchase of the street roller was given brief consideration. It was pointed out by the city attorney that such contracts can be signed only in an open meeting, but the council can at any time adopt a resolution or ordinance authorizing the expenditure. A resolution was proposed and is to be drawn by the city attorney and submitted at the next meeting.

The proposition of selecting a night police officer was left open for further consideration.

**Council Tries New Move**

The council made a new attempt to settle the matter of appointing a street commissioner by the introduction of a resolution authorizing the payment of salaries to the street commissioner and electrical inspector.

Mayor Hoover has attempted, since taking office the first of January, to oust George Frew as street commissioner and Henry Worthington as electrical inspector, but both have been kept in office, as the council has refused to ratify any of the mayor's appointments to those jobs. The mayor has steadily refused to sign the warrants for these men, so that the warrants have been going through without the mayor's signature.

The mayor claims that these two men cannot legally serve without his consent, while the council contends that they cannot be removed unless the council agrees. Consequently the employes have remained on the job during the deadlock. Both the mayor and council have tried various means to settle the deadlock and last night the council hit upon a new idea.

A resolution was presented declaring that the work of both employes is of a satisfactory character and giving authority to the recorder to pay their monthly salaries.

Mayor Hoover, however, refused to put the resolution to a vote, but referred it to the city attorney to determine whether or not the action is in order, claiming that it is destroying the mayor's appointive power.

## ENOS A. WALL DEAD

Enos A. Wall of Medford, formerly a resident of Glendale for many years, died at Portland May 5, after an extended illness which a surgical operation failed to relieve. He was 55 years of age. His widow and several brothers and sisters survive.

C. C. Gunther of Bandon was an out of the city visitor here yesterday.


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