

Baseball Discards Lead in Triumphs Over Ex-Bosses

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Castoffs Johnny Mize, Eddie Lake and Ed Stanky were licking their chops today following "vengeance victories" over their former bosses.

Mize, traded by the St. Louis Cardinals to the New York Giants in 1942, homered with two aboard in the third at the Polo Grounds yesterday to start the Giants to a 7-2 victory over his former mates. The slugging first baseman has made only eight hits this season, but seven of them have been home runs.

Young Monte Kennedy went the route for the Giants, who vacated the National League cellar in favor of the world champion Redbirds. The Cards now have lost six straight, their longest losing streak in seven years.

Eddie Lake, the pint-sized Detroit shortstop who was obtained from the Boston Red Sox following the '45 season, banged three hits, including a triple, and scored three runs to help the Tigers defeat his former mates 8-3 in Detroit. Lake slid home on a double steal and also scored all the way from second on a caught foul fly.

Dodgers Stretch Lead
Stanky, the firebrand Dodger second baseman who was shipped to Brooklyn by the Chicago Cubs in 1944, highlighted a seven-run inning with a two-run double to aid the Dodgers in a 10-6 victory over the Bruins at Ebbets field. Stanky also singled and scored two runs. The victory increased the league-leading Dodgers' margin to two games over second-place Chicago.

Outfielder Hal Peck of Cleveland did his best to beat his former Philadelphia mates by belting a homer and a single, scoring twice and driving in another run to account for all the Indians' tallies in Cleveland. But the Athletics led by Heinie Majecki, former New York Yankee and Boston Brave, and George Binks, ex-Senator from Washington, eked out a 4-3 win.

Other "discarded" gents who fared well yesterday included Hank Greenberg, veteran Detroit castoff, and Bob Elliott, Pittsburgh's gift to Boston.

Elliott hit three and scored once as Southpaw Spahn blanked the Cincinnati Reds, 4-0, and Big Hank hammered his third home run for his Pittsburgh club with one aboard, to feature a four-run third inning which gave the Pirates a 6-2 win over the Phillies in Philadelphia.

Two American League scheduled games between New York and St. Louis and Washington and Chicago were washed out.

LaBelle, Ross to Battle in Next Mat Headliner

Douglas County wrestling followers can expect one of the most spectacular professional mat battles in several months at the Roseburg Armory Saturday night when Tony Ross meets Pierre LaBelle in the headline attraction of Matchmaker Don Owen's weekly show.

LaBelle, the Frenchman who held the coast championship before entering the service of the U. S. Navy at the beginning of the war, made an impressive "homecoming" showing last weekend when he defeated the rough and tough Benny Trudell, bewiskered French-Canadian lumberjack, in two out of three falls.

Ross was even more impressive in disposing of Pedro Cortez

in two straight falls. The semi-final skirmish will bring together Georges Dusette, muscular French-Canadian, and either Buck Weaver or Ruben Gracia, the latter a newcomer from Mexico.

Both Ross and LaBelle are campaigning for shots at Billy Weidner's Pacific Coast junior-heavyweight championship. The Gray Mask, holder of the coveted coast light-heavy crown, has departed on a tour of the Southern and Eastern states and his title will be in the "mothballs" until his return in several months.

Ross is an out-and-out villain and although his repertoire includes such legitimate holds as his winning back-breakers, he uses fistic tactics effectively. LaBelle is capable of handling himself against the toughest of meanies and has shown his ability to absorb as well as hand out punishment to his rivals.

The headliner should be jam-packed with action and color and is expected to attract a capacity crowd. Local fans have been urged to make early reservations to insure good ringside seats.

Beavers Drop to 2nd Spot; Angels Take Top Position

(By the Associated Press)
Los Angeles came out of a ninth-inning diamond row and a tenth-inning thriller with a 4 to 3 victory over last place Seattle to snatch leadership of the new Pacific Coast League race today.

Portland dropped into second place, a game behind the Angels, by losing to San Francisco, 3 to 1, last night, while San Diego found itself tied with Portland after beating Hollywood, 6 to 3. Sacramento also was only a game behind the leaders, having thumped Oakland, 6 to 4.

The Angels' outfielder, Tuck Stainback, tripled with two out in the 10th to send Bill Schuster home with the winning run. In the commotion at the plate, Umpire Bob Kober was felled as he and Catcher Bob Stagg collided and had to be helped off the field with a twisted knee.

Two innings accounted for all the scoring in the Portland-San Francisco contest. The Seals got their three in the second on three hits, a long fly and an error. The Beavers counted in the seventh on Muratore's double and Raulovich's grounder into center.

San Diego knocked out 10 hits while their winning pitcher, Ed Vitalich, held Hollywood scoreless until the stuns put on a three-run, too-late rally in the ninth after two were out.

Picketing Resumed By Fruit Firm Salesmen

PORTLAND, April 29.—(AP)—Salesmen of the Pacific Fruit and Produce Company returned to the picket line here today asking a guarantee of \$3,600 a year, two weeks vacation and a \$50 a month car allowance.

Eddie J. Hawes, international representative of the AFL Retail Clerks, reported the principal issue of the dispute was the car allowance and said all other Portland wholesale produce firms had signed contracts for similar terms.

Hawes said AFL clerks and cooks have been asked not to handle any of the struck plant's products. The pickets appeared last week briefly, then were withdrawn.

Oregon Jobless, Employers Aided By Six New Laws

Six unemployment measures, mainly administrative in effect but of considerable import to employers, employees and the public, were approved by the recent Oregon legislature.

Opening of a new benefit year July 1, 1947, automatically closing upwards of 40,000 claims filed this year, will mark the start of the new benefit and base year relationship. Claims during the 1947-8 benefit year will be based on workers' earnings during the calendar year that ended December 31, 1946.

During the transition period claimants may draw twice against earnings during the first nine months of 1946, but employers' accounts will be charged only once. All benefit years hereafter will start in July, eliminating the year-end claims peak.

Changes made in the experience rating system also will allow a six-months' lag period for calculation of new tax rates for each calendar year. New 1948 rates will be based on the period closing June 30, 1947.

Saving For Employers
Lowering of reserve ratios necessary for reduced tax rates is expected to save covered employers nearly a million dollars a year. Beginning in 1948, employers will need to accumulate only 7 per cent instead of 8 per cent of their average annual payroll in order to qualify for rates lower than the normal 2.7 per cent. To qualify for the lowest rate of 0.5 per cent will require reserves of 13 per cent instead of the previous 14 per cent.

Increasing the maximum weekly benefit amount to \$20 instead of \$18 is expected to cost the fund about \$150,000 a year. Claimants with earnings over \$1,440 a year will be affected. Elimination from benefits of workers earning between \$200 and \$300 in their base years, will save the fund about \$63,000.

Disqualifications of claimants for failure to apply for suitable work, voluntary quitting, marriage or pregnancy will be penalized by a flat period of from four to eight weeks instead of the previous requirement of securing a subsequent bona fide job.

A new labor dispute disqualification also covers workers in two or more plants owned by the same employer. Charges will not be made against employers' accounts in cases involving voluntary quitting or failure to apply for suitable work.

Other New Provisions
Other changes include widening of the "seasonal employee" definition to cover additional workers employed in two or more plants classified as seasonal; elimination from coverage of certain bulk oil distributors; changing "wages payable" to "wages paid"; allowing employers to become exempt from coverage at any time instead of the present 30 days after January 1 each year; fixing the period during which adjustments may be made in employers' accounts; elimination of duplicate contributions on wages over \$3,000 a year paid to an individual working in two separate states; and even dollar payments for seasonal and partial benefits.

Two proposals were defeated. One would have eliminated the waiting week required before benefits are drawn; the other would have extended coverage to employers with one or more em-

ployes instead of the present requirement of four or more. All measures approved by the legislature have not yet been signed by the governor, but most amendments are expected to take effect with the beginning of the new benefit year July 1.

During May an intensive program will be undertaken by the commission to instruct deputies in 28 local employment offices with regard to changes in the law.

Gunmen Rob Crap Game, Loot Safe At Gaming Club

FREEWATER, Ore., April 29.—(AP)—Four masked men broke up a crap game here early Sunday and today police reported the odds were all with the bandits.

The four gunmen, clad in G. I. coveralls, robbed 40 or 60 patrons and the safe of the Pastime Gaming Club near here of approximately \$10,000 cash and jewelry—and left no clues, police Chief George Hays reported.

Hays said the four men entered the club, an old house three miles from town, where a dice game was in progress about 11 P. M. Saturday. They robbed the players of their money and jewelry and tied them securely.

Then the bandits stationed themselves just outside the club's door and gave the same treatment to other prospective customers as they arrived during the next five hours.

Finally, Hays said, Hodie Timmons and Dick Craver, club operators, arrived. The gunmen forced the pair to reveal the club safe's combination, took about \$2,500 from the strong box and robbed Craver of an \$1,800 diamond ring.

After robbing the safe, the bandits checked the roped victims—now numbering about 40—and after letting air from one tire on each car, escaped.

None of the victims could tell which way the bandits went, Hays reported.

And no one could furnish a description of the gunmen. The police chief said the victims reported that every time someone tried to get a good look at their captors they received a rap on the head with a revolver—and instructions to keep their eyes elsewhere—"or else."

Baseball Standings

(By the Associated Press)
NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	8	2	.800
Chicago	7	5	.583
Pittsburgh	7	5	.583
Boston	6	5	.545
Cincinnati	7	7	.500
Philadelphia	6	7	.462
New York	3	7	.300
St. Louis	2	8	.200

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
New York	7	4	.636
Chicago	5	4	.556
Detroit	6	5	.545
Cleveland	5	5	.500
Washington	4	4	.500
Boston	5	6	.455
St. Louis	4	6	.400
Philadelphia	4	6	.400

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	17	12	.586
Portland	15	12	.556
San Diego	15	12	.556
Sacramento	13	14	.481
San Francisco	15	14	.517
Oakland	13	16	.448
Hollywood	12	17	.414
Seattle	11	18	.379

Budget Cut Hits Wildlife Program

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated today it will have to close eight instead of 18 fish hatcheries under House-proposed appropriations for 1948.

Albert M. Day, director of the service, told a reporter the hatcheries to be closed will not be determined until after Senate action upon the House appropriations bill.

The alternative to closing some hatcheries, Day said, would be to operate all of them on a custodial or token basis—"a wasteful

and inefficient action we do not propose to take."

Day estimated that the agency will have to dissolve three of its 10 cooperative units for training

personnel in wildlife management and research, and will have to discharge 34 employees in the field of wildlife management, including 28 trained technicians.

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