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### Athletics Upset Critics by Gaining League's 3rd Spot

By JOE REICHLER  
Associated Press Sports Writer  
The 1947 major league season has produced many surprises, but the most confounding of all has been the amazing brand of baseball produced by the Philadelphia Athletics.

Picked almost unanimously by the experts to finish a solid last in the American League race, Connie Mack's commiserated Athletics climaxed a stubborn fight to stay in the first division today by wrestling third place away from the Detroit Tigers.

The Mackmen are only a game and a half behind the defending champion Boston Red Sox who occupy second place 13 games back of the league-leading New York Yankees.

One of the reasons for the A's surprising showing has been the fine work of their young pitchers, Coleman, Scheib and McCahan. Another has been the great all-around playing of rookie first baseman Fain and outfielder McCosky.

McCahan, McCosky and Fain collaborated last night to lead the A's to an 8-5 victory over the Browns in St. Louis.

**Cardinals Lose Ground**  
The Brooklyn Dodgers gained a half game on the St. Louis Cardinals and increased their National League lead to five full games by defeating the Cincinnati Reds, 8-1, while the Cards were held to a split in a doubleheader in Philadelphia.

The Cards not only lost ground to the Dodgers but also lost the services of their star outfielder Slaughter, who was carried off the field on a stretcher with a concussion. He collided with shortstop Greger. He was expected to be back in the lineup in several days.

The Phils, behind Judd won the opener 9-2, but the Cards came back to win the nightcap, 13-3.

The third place Boston Braves moved within six and a half games of first by taking the measure of the Chicago Cubs twice, 8-2 and 6-4. Sain of Boston set some kind of a record for pitchers when he singled as a pinch hitter to extend his consecutive hitting string to 14 games.

**Yankees Stretch Lead**  
The Yankees moved 13 games ahead of the Red Sox by defeating the Indians, 9-3. Billy Johnson batted four hits in five times at bat including a home run to make things easy for Pitcher Bevens.

The White Sox nipped the Red Sox, 3-2, staving off a ninth inning threat when Dom DiMaggio slammed into a game-ending double play.

Washington snapped its 11-game losing streak with a vengeance as they thumped the Tigers twice, 3-2 and 5-3.

The New York Giants won over Pittsburgh, 4-1, on Hartung's two-hitter.

### Oaks Again Down Angels as Seals Trim Hollywood

By BILL BECKER  
(Associated Press Sports Writer)  
Whoever staggers to the Pacific Coast League pennant—and that might not be Los Angeles—may come home with the lowest winning percentage racked up by a top club in this loop.

The Angels' 8-2 defeat by Oakland, which trimmed their lead to 4 1/2 games, also slashed their percentage to .559.

This would be the lowest winning mark since Portland's .549 in 1936. The league low for a pennant club is Seattle's .545 in 1924.

The obstreperous Oaks again unloaded their heavy artillery, including a three-run homer by Workman, to drub the leaders a second straight night. Bearden was touched for 13 Angel hits, but was stingy in the clutches.

Making it three in a row over Hollywood, San Francisco's Seals routed two star pitchers, Krakauskas and Hufford, with nine runs on eight hits including Luby's full-house triple in the fifth. "That made it 10-0 and the Seals coasted to win, 10-7, despite three Holly-

wood homers, including Lupien's 19th.

Portland remained in a third place tie with Oakland, seven games off the faltering pace, by edging Sacramento, 3-1. The Beavers made the most of six hits, while the old submariner, Liska, was scattering 10 by the Solons.

Homers by West—the loop leader's 34th—and by Pitcher Seuts gave the San Diego Padres a 5-2 victory over Seattle and vaulted the Padres into sixth place, while Hollywood and Sacramento backslid into joint possession of the cellar.

Seals held the Rainiers to seven hits and also bagged a double and single. Conner drove in both Seattle runs, one with a round-tripper.

### Davidson, Carter Billed for Opener On Mat Program

Buck Davidson, the rough-tough Texas cowpoke, and Jack Carter, young Australian, will meet in the one-hour preliminary match at the Roseburg Armory Saturday night. Heading the card will be a tag team match between a pair of villains, Stocky Knellson and Leo Karlenko, against a pair of cleanies, Tex Hager and Jack Kiser.

Carter, campaigning for a crack at Herb Parks in a Pacific Coast junior heavyweight match, won't be fooling with the rugged Texan. Davidson, who says he fears no man, confidently predicts a victory—with or without legal tactics.

In any event the bout looms as a lively show and when coupled with the tag team match the best in wrestling entertainment.

Kiser, who defeated Pierre LaBelle in last week's card, and Hager, the popular Creswell lad, will be the fans' favorites in the team match. Both are clean, talented grapplers and in ability probably possess and edge over their two villainous rivals.

Knellson, the bewiskered Tennessee hillbilly, and the mad Russian, Karlenko, are no "weak sisters" and will give the other pair no end of trouble in their quest for a win.

The way the tag team match lines up only one member of each team is permitted in the ring at a time. When one tires he tags his partner and he steps in and takes over.

In the past wrestlers have been aiding their partner without first being tagged but Owen states that any such infraction of the rules would bring immediate disqualification this time and the violator's partner would have to finish the match unassisted.

### Tri-City Edges Out Medford Rogues, 10-9

Tri-City's baseball club edged out Medford's Rogues, 10-9, Wednesday night to raise their Southern Oregon League standing to an even .500 with 6 wins and 6 losses.

Sharing in the 21 hits by Tri-City with triples each were Kenny Laurance and Forest Loghry. Medford's McDonald also connected for a three-sacker to lead the Rogues, who slammed 15 bingles.

Sunday the Tri-City crew travels to Ashland, and play their final scheduled league game, August 31, on their home grounds with Grants Pass.

Next to the United States Sweden uses the telephone more than any other country.

### Squirts Defeat Springfield, Gain State Bill Entry

Scherner's Squirts, winner of the 1947 city league crown, will be the first softball team of Roseburg to enter the state tournament, having defeated Springfield's Richardson-Allen club Wednesday, 5-1.

The Squirts will meet Bend, winner of District 11, in the first round of state tournament play at Corvallis Sunday at 12 noon. Final game for the state championship will be played Thursday night.

The 11-2 defeat at the hands of Springfield in their first round rain game for the district play last week proved more than sufficient grounds for revenge throughout Wednesday's fray on the Allenmen's diamond, as the Squirts played their best ball of the season.

Considerably strengthened by the addition to the lineup of Bud Roundtree, Sutherland, and Ward Cummings and Billy Shapiro, J. V. R., the Squirts' win was credited to Babe Graham, pickup hurler from Sutherland's club. Hiltz was the losing Springfield moundman in the pitchers' battle which saw each club get five hits, while Roseburg errored but once against their opponents' four misplays.

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Graham and F. Scherner; Hiltz and Boqua.

Complete list of first-round pairings Sunday at Corvallis:  
12 A. M. Roseburg vs. Bend.  
1 P. M.—Dist. 13 (Hood River, The Dalles) vs. Dist. 5 (Salem, McMinnville, Silverton).

2 P. M.—Dist. 12 (Pendleton, Baker, LaGrande) vs. Dist. 6 (Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Beaverton, Tillamook).

3 P. M.—Dist. 14 (Astoria, Seaside, Rainier) vs. Dist. 16 (Corvallis).

4 P. M.—Dist. 1 (Portland No. 1 team) vs. Dist. 10 (Ashland, Medford, Klamath Falls).

7:30 P. M.—Dist. 15 (Major league winner, Portland) vs. Dist. 7 (Lebanon, Albany).

8:30 P. M.—Dist. 8 (Eugene) vs. Dist. 2 (Portland No. 2 team).

9:30 P. M.—Dist. 3 (Portland No. 3 team) vs. Dist. 4 (Eastern Multnomah, Oregon City, Oswego).

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Challenge of the Roseburg Jaycee's "Cuties" softball team was accepted today by the Rotary "Roses" to cross bats for seven innings on a neutral field at sundown the fourth day of the eighth month of the year 1947. Game time is 8 P.M. on Finlay Field next Wednesday.

According to publicity agents of the two civic clubs, mutual insults between the two organizations' presidents were many in agreeing upon an adequate but moderate admission fee to defray expense for wide-spread publicity of the event.

The Jaycee prexy claimed the spectators' fee should at least take care of the nylons expected to be ruined during the fray as they will be gaudily attired in feminine apparel.

The Rotarian chieftain declared that his crew of diamonders' bare-knees and hairy legs will be the big crowd-drawer even if the Junior Chamber of Commerce nine fails to show up at game time.

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