

CHIEFS, MEDFORD READY FOR BASEBALL SEASON'S OPENER

Los Angeles Goes To Coast League Top by Half-Game

Team	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	15	10	.600
San Francisco	12	8	.600
Oakland	12	11	.522
Portland	11	11	.500
San Diego	12	12	.500
Sacramento	9	11	.450
Hollywood	8	12	.400
Seattle	8	12	.400

(By the Associated Press)

The Los Angeles Angels supplant the San Francisco Seals as Pacific Coast League leaders today by a 1½ game margin.

Actually the teams are tied on percentage, at .600 each, but Los Angeles has a half game edge by virtue of having played five more games than the Seals.

Los Angeles moved up front by trimming San Diego, 5-2, last night while San Francisco split a doubleheader with Sacramento.

Adams held the Padres to seven hits while his mates got eight.

The scores were the same, but reversed, in the two Seals-Solons contests. Sacramento won the seven-inning first game, 6-2, on a 13-hit attack as pitcher Cecil limited the Seals to six hits.

In the regulation length second game San Francisco won, 6-2, and in this case their pitcher, Perez, allowed Sacramento only six hits. The Seals rose up in the fifth inning to score four times.

Oakland moved into third place in the standings by beating Portland, 7-2. Earl Jones, who shut out Seattle last week, extended

his string of scoreless innings to 16. It wasn't until the eighth inning that a high pop fly fell safe, permitting a Portland run to score.

The Oaks benefitted by three errors by Portland shortstop Ratto.

Hollywood and Seattle, tied for the cellar, set out to play a doubleheader but the first game, supposed to be a seven-inning affair, lasted 12 before Seattle won, 4-3. They started the second game but had to quit in a 1-1 tie after the fourth inning because of the PCL time limit.

RHS Tennis Team Trims North Bend

The Roseburg High School tennis team made a successful home debut yesterday in pouring rain on the local courts, by defeating North Bend racket wielders, 6 to 1.

Only North Bend man to capture a match was Shattuck, who defeated Bill Anderson 8-6, 8-6 in the longest match of the day.

The Indians travel to Eugene today to play Eugene High School.

Other scores of yesterday's matches:

Dick Lytle (R) won over Gouley (NB) 6-1, 6-3.

Bill Anderson (R) lost to Shattuck (NB) 6-8, 6-8.

Bob Berrie (R) won over Gouley (NB) 6-1, 6-1.

Ron Strickling (R) won over Hughes (NB) 6-2, 6-2.

Gordon Dompier (R) won over Egenhoff (NB) 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles: Lytle and Anderson (R) defeated Gouley and Gomes (NB) 8-6, 6-3.

Berrie and Strickling (R) defeated Shattuck and Egenhoff (NB) 6-4, 6-1.

Stojack-Dusette Bout Tonight Of Titular Character

The coveted Pacific coast junior heavyweight wrestling championship will be at stake tonight before an expected capacity crowd at the Roseburg Armory, where Frank Stojack of Tacoma risks his title against the challenge of Georges Dusette of Canada.

The weekly mat show, featuring two one-hour battles, will open at 8:30 p. m., when Glen Knox, the villain from Tennessee, tackles Gust Johnson, the Seattle Scandanavian, who will be making his first appearance here in several months.

But it will be the Stojack-Dusette skirmish that will probably pack the arena to the rafters. Although both men are fundamentally scientific grapplers, there will be nothing missing in the way of fireworks—Stojack's high-touted airplane spin against Dusette's much-feared full-nelson.

Elton Owen will be on hand to officiate both bouts, despite Knox' warning to "keep out of my way." Owen disqualified the meanie in a bout against Al Szasz here last week.

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At Boston, the New York Giants

spoiled opening day festivities for the Braves as Post pitched the Giant to a five-hit 3-1 triumph.

Marshall, with two singles and a double, drove in two runs to provide the Giants with their margin of victory.

The Cincinnati Reds defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates, 5-3, to pull to within a half game of the deadlocked Cards and Phils.

Blackwell pitched the first seven innings and received credit for his second victory of the season, Cleveland tops American.

Meanwhile, the Cleveland Indians took over sole possession of first place in the American League.

The Indians, making their second start of the season, crushed the Tigers, 8-2. The Indians are the only undefeated team in either circuit.

Keltner batted in four runs and hit two homers to lead the Indians' offensive. Doby and winning pitcher Lemon also batted homers. Freddy Hutchinson was the loser.

The Los dropped the Tigers into a three-way tie with the Philadelphia Athletics and Washington Senators for second place. The Senators beat the A's, 5-3, in ten innings at Philadelphia.

The Boston Red Sox shut out the Yankees, 4-0, at New York. Ted Williams put the visitors' attack with a homer and two singles.

The Chicago White Sox and the St. Louis Browns were not scheduled.

Swapped Players Put Phillies, Cards At National's Top

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Associated Press Sports Writer

The Dick Sisler-Ralph La Pointe trade is shaping up as a good deal for both sides. Sisler's hitting is helping the Philadelphia Phillies and La Pointe is plugging a gap in the St. Louis Cardinal infield.

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Age Retirement Held Pernicious

SAN FRANCISCO.—(AP)—Are you through at 65? Listen to Dr. Edward L. Bortz—and get back on the job.

Society, said Dr. Bortz, president of the American Medical Association, is literally killing men by making them retire too early.

For many, the years between 50 and 70 are the most useful. Yet society, he lamented, insists on pinning the "antique" label on men at 65.

"The whole system is pernicious," said Dr. Bortz in an interview. "I am against all present retirement programs."

Men should be retired not on the basis of their chronological age but on the basis of their physical and mental age.

Medical science now is making it possible for people to live longer and healthier lives. The present life expectancy of 68 will also probably be increased still further by new medical advances, he said.

LaVon Baker Gets Assignment As Starting Hurler

The Southern Oregon Baseball League will make its debut this Sunday, weather permitting, with the Roseburg Umpqua Chiefs playing Medford here Sunday at 2 p. m. on Finlay Field. Tri-City goes to Grants Pass. Other teams in the league that will play Sunday include: Central Point, Klamath Falls, Ashland, Crescent City, Grants Pass, Old Timers, and Central Point Stars.

Player Manager Doug Taft today announced his starting lineup, subject to change. LaVon Baker is slated for the pitching spot, although Wallace Richardson, a young fellow from Myrtle Creek who played American Legion baseball and pitched for an independent team last year will be ready for a relief job. He has a fast ball but lacks experience.

Behind the plate will be Jerry Huggins. Ward Cummings is slated for first and Lovell Baker for third.

At second base will be either Bert Avery or Virgil Sanders. Sanders' usual spot is shortstop, but Bill Shapiro, a new-comer to the team, is listed for the starting shortstop position by Taft.

Ralph Montgomery from Oakland is listed for right field; Del Hoff, formerly with the Cascade League, center field, and Elmore Hill, left field.

Lovell Baker will be lead-off man in the hitting department, followed by Avery or Sanders, Hoff, Cummings, Shapiro, Hill, Montgomery, Huggins and LaVon Baker or Richardson.

Relief men on tap are Willard Reitzman, pitcher; Phil Telford, pitcher and first base; Jim Clayton, catcher; Charles Hopkins, outfielder; and Arthur Lavasseur.

Bill Scherner, a regular at second base, is in the hospital, and Ray Long, originally slated as starting pitcher, will not be available this Sunday.

Commerce Dept. Refuses House Demand for Report

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(AP)—William C. Foster, acting Secretary of Commerce, told the house today that he cannot give it an FBI loyalty report on Dr. Edward Condon. He cited President Truman's order directing that such reports be kept secret.

The House demanded the report in a resolution adopted Thursday by a vote of 300 to 29.

Foster wrote that he must "respectfully decline to turn over the document and was referring the whole matter to President Truman."

Peacetime Draft Said Opposed By Legion Members

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(AP)—A country preacher from Indiana said yesterday that American Legion leaders are pushing for a peacetime draft without the support of their own members.

E. Paul Weaver, who called himself a rural pastor in Huntington County, Ind., made that argument to the House Armed Services Committee. The group is holding hearings on draft legislation.

"I am told that the American Legion, in speaking for 3,200,000 members, has not since 1919 polled its membership on universal military training or selective service," he said.

"In the Fifth (congressional) District of Indiana we have about 25,000 Legionnaires. A petition favoring GMT was sent to every post in the district recently. Every Legionnaire was exhorted to sign up."

"Yet scarcely 1,100 Legionnaires have signed the petition," Weaver said John T. Taylor, speaking previously for the American Legion, had endorsed the draft bill but "asked for a blanket exemption for every member of his organization."

Weaver said he was a missionary in Africa during World War II.

The bill before the committee was introduced by its chairman, Rep. Andrews (R-N. Y.).

The Andrews bill was opposed also by Charles F. Boss of Chicago, executive secretary of the Commission on World Peace of the Methodist Church. He said he represented seven major

churches' approximately 8,500,000 boards and agencies of the 600 adult members.

Rain Cancels Scouts' Tree Planting Program

The Boy Scouts tree planting program scheduled for today in the Glendale area of the Umpqua National Forest was canceled because of rain, reported Harold J. Yivisaker, County Scout Executive.

It is probably now that the planting will have to be called off altogether for this year, as the season is getting so late. It is feared that any trees planted after May 1 will not have enough moisture to grow, according to forest service officials.

A check of the forest and weather conditions will be made, and if the situation warrants, another tree planting date may be arranged, it was announced. An earlier date had to be postponed

because of snow in the mountains.

About 60 Boy Scouts from Douglas County attended the first of a series of three swimming classes at the University of Oregon Friday night. A class is scheduled next Friday and the following week.

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