

Three Clubs Crowd Boston Braves In National Loop Race

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Major league baseball fans, goggle-eyed over the closest race in American League history, finally have begun to realize that the National is having a whizzer of its own.

Slowly but surely, the New York Giants, St. Louis Cardinals and Brooklyn Dodgers are creeping up on the pace-setting Boston Braves. Whereas only two weeks ago the Braves were sailing serenely along on an eight-game spread, today their margin is only five games.

Yesterday it was the Cardinals' turn to gain ground on the leaders. Enjoying their biggest batting day of the year, the Redbirds tied off on five New York pitchers for 20 hits to humiliate the Giants, 21-5.

The victory enabled the Cards to virtually tie for third place with the losing Dodgers, who own a slim one percentage point bulge over the Redbirds. Both are only a game behind the Giants and six off the pace.

The lowly Cincinnati Reds handed the Braves their third loss in their last four games, 3-1, as southpaw Johnny Vander Meer bested rookie righthander Vern Bickford in a pitching duel.

Johnny Schmitz outpitched four Brooklyn hurlers to give the Chicago Cubs an 11-inning, 4-2 victory over the Dodgers.

The Phillies and Pirates enjoyed a day of rest.

In the only American League game, the St. Louis Browns got off to an early 7-0 lead, then

staved off a late rally by Washington to defeat the Senators 7-5.

Major League Baseball Leaders

(By the Associated Press)

National

Batting — Musial, St. Louis, .390; Dark, Boston, .328.
Runs batted in — Mize, New York, 82; Musial, St. Louis, 81.
Home runs — Kiner, Pittsburgh, 28; Sauer, Cincinnati, 27.
Pitching — Jansen, New York, 14.5; Breen, St. Louis, 11.4, 733.

American

Batting — Williams, Boston, .385; Boudreau, Cleveland, .346.
Runs batted in — DiMaggio, New York, 24.
Pitching — Fowler, Philadelphia, 10.2, 893.

Ben Hogan Wins Western Open Golf

BUFFALO, N.Y., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Ben Hogan, Hershey, Pa., won the 1948 Western Open yesterday by one of the widest margins in big-time golf history.

Hogan trounced Ed (Porky) Oliver of Seattle by nine strokes in their 18-hole playoff. They finished the regulation 72 holes over the 6,600-yard Brookfield Country club layout all even at 281.

Hogan thus became the first man to hold the National Open, the Western and the PGA simultaneously. His playoff round of 64 was eight under par and smashed the course record by two strokes.

The rout became so bad that Oliver lost five strokes on the back nine while shooting par golf.

Bantam's Ben's first prize of \$2,500 brought his winnings for the year to \$25,297.50, which tops the list.

Americans, Turks, Swede Winners In Olympiad Events

OLYMPIC POOL, WEMBLEY, England, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Mrs. Victoria Manalo Draves, 33, from Pasadena, Calif., won the women's Olympic springboard diving championship today for the United States.

Seventeen-year-old Zoe Ann Olsen, American springboard champion and high school senior from Oakland, Calif., was runner-up in the event.

Patricia Ann Elsener of San Francisco placed third to give Uncle Sam's niece a sweep in the specialty, just as America's men divers earlier had achieved.

Bruce Harlan, Miller Anderson and Dr. Sammy Lee won the first three places in the men's Olympic springboard diving last Saturday.

Turks Top Wrestlers
The brawny Turks supplanted the United States for free style wrestling honors.

Only two Americans, Glenn Brand of Clarion, Iowa, and Henry Wittenberg, New York's grappling policeman, could boast gold medals in the mat game after the Turks got through.

Four firsts and two seconds gave Turkey 26 points and team honors, while the defending champions from the United States had to be content with 14 points and second place.

The 24-year-old Brand, an Iowa State College student, captured the middleweight division, while Wittenberg won the light-heavyweight honors.

Sweden's W. O. G. Grut virtually assured himself of the modern pentathlon title in the games by capturing the fourth event on the program—swimming.

The 34-year-old artillery captain swam the 300-meter (327 yards) test in four minutes, 27 seconds.

He earlier had won first in cross-country horse back riding and tied for first in fencing and finished fifth in pistol shooting.

U. S. Hoopsters Barely Win
The United States basketball team was forced to stage a last half rally to turn back a tough Argentine club in the preliminaries today, 59 to 57.

The Argentines led, 33 to 26, at intermission and Uncle Sam's boys had to unhook a fire-truck finish to keep their record clean.

Musial Still Far Ahead In National Bat Mark

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Stan Musial, slugging outfielder of the St. Louis Cardinals, has lost ground to his battle to join baseball's 400 hitters, but still managed to stay far in front in the National League race.

Through games of Sunday, Aug. 1, Musial owned a .391 average, 61 points more than Alvin Dark of Boston, his closest pursuer. Dark, the Braves' flashy rookie shortstop, wrested second place away from Chicago's Andy Pafko with a .330 figure.

Pafko dropped 22 points during the week to slip a notch to third place, only two degrees ahead of Ritchie Ashburn of Philadelphia with a .326 batting average. Tommy Holmes of Boston, the early season pace setter, was in fifth place with .319.

Umpqua Chiefs Lose To Klamath Falls, 7-6

Roseburg's Umpqua Chiefs dropped a close 7-6 decision on the Klamath Falls diamond Sunday in a Southern Oregon League encounter.

The K. Falls team jumped on Pitcher Bruce Hamilton for five hits in the first inning to drive across five runs. Three more hits and another run were registered off Hamilton in the second inning.

The Chiefs tied the score in the top of the seventh inning but the Klamath Falls club chased across the seventh tally in their half of the eighth and blanked Roseburg in the final inning.

R H E
Roseburg 6 7 1
Klamath Falls 7 14 2

"Doc" Wagner



Audrey Wagner, Kenosha, Wis., Comets leftfielder is pacing the All-American girls' professional baseball league with a batting average of .370 at the halfway mark. Last year she won the home run crown and missed the hitting championship by one point. A pre-medical student at Elmhurst, Ill. college, she will use the \$100-a-week salary to further her studies towards a doctor's degree.

Ted Williams Slips But Retains Swat Lead in American

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Boston's Ted Williams still led the American League batting parade today despite a six-point slump last week to .385.

Williams led runnerup Lou Boudreau, Cleveland's manager-shortstop, by a 42-point margin as the Indian pilot slipped to .343.

At Zarella of St. Louis moved up from fourth to third spot with .336 through Sunday's games.

Walt Evers, Detroit, was fourth with .332 and Cleveland's Dale Mitchell fifth with .323.

Joe DiMaggio of New York continued to dominate the runs batted in bracket with 90, and shared the top in two other specialties with Ed Stewart of Washington, each with 10 triples, and with Cleveland's Ken Keltner in homers at 24.

Boston's Dom DiMaggio topped the runs scored department with 75, while Boudreau led in hits with 120.

Dick Fowler, Philadelphia, remained the leading pitcher with an .833 percentage on 10 triumphs and two losses. Cleveland's Bob Feller led the strike-out division with 100.

Three Games On Chiefs' Schedule

The Umpqua Chiefs make their first of three local appearances tonight when they meet the Tri-City nine on Finlay Field at 8 o'clock. In regular Southern Oregon League play, the two teams have split in their previous encounters. The Chiefs lost a close 3-2 decision in the first game at Myrtle Creek but came back to post a 7-4 win a week ago on the Roseburg field. Tonight's game will be a non-league affair but both clubs will be gunning for a victory in the decisive third clash.

Chief Secretary Elmore Hill said yesterday that final arrangements have been made with the Guistina Reds of the Cascade League for a King's-X encounter between the two clubs Thursday night on Finlay Field. The traveling Eugene team will arrive Thursday evening and the game will be played under the lights starting at 8 p. m.

Next Sunday afternoon at 2, Ashland will meet the Roseburg club in a regular Southern Oregon League game on the Roseburg diamond.

R H E
Umpqua Plywood 2 4 4
VFW 5 6 2
Schermer's Squirt 1 2 8
Sutherland Pastime 13 10 3

Baseball Standings

(By the Associated Press)

NATIONAL

Boston 56 40 303
New York 48 44 322
St. Louis 46 45 321
Pittsburgh 44 45 303
Philadelphia 42 48 305
Cincinnati 42 55 433
Chicago 40 57 412

AMERICAN

Philadelphia 50 40 306
Cleveland 48 38 291
New York 47 40 286
Boston 46 40 284
Washington 41 53 427
St. Louis 38 56 391
Chicago 31 64 326

Vets Vanquish Plywood, Pastime Troupes Squirts

The City Softball League race was scrambled even further last night when the Vets breezed past Umpqua Plywood, 5-2, in the first game of a doubleheader, and Sutherland Pastime shoved Schermer's Squirt back into second place with a 13-1 beating.

By virtue of their wins, VFW and Sutherland are tied for the league lead with three wins and a loss apiece. Both teams have two games remaining on their schedules.

The scoring in the first game was confined to the second and fifth innings but in both frames the Vets came through with the most runs. Umpqua Plywood took a short-lived lead in the top of the second on Todd's single and a Vet error. But the Vets bounded back in their half of the inning to chase across three runs on singles by Foster and Kiles White. The Vets registered with a double and a single in the next two innings but were unable to score. An error put the only Plywood runner on base during the two innings.

With one away in the top of the fifth, Plywood's center-fielder singled to reach first and scored on Reitmair's long double for their second tally. Larson, the Vets' first baseman, slammed a home run to bring in the final two runs of the game.

While Sutherland's pitcher, Ralph Montgomery, was blanking the Squirt batters in the first three frames, his teammates chased across seven of their runs in the second inning.

Sanstede Hits 4-Run Homer
The first two Pastimes to cross the plate scored on Jones' single and the second of three second-inning Squirt errors accounted for the third run. Consecutive walks filled the bases and the stage was set for Ralph Sanstede's grand slam homer and ran the one-inning total to seven.

A double and another Squirt error chased across two more Sutherland runs in the last of the fourth inning.

And in the last of the sixth, another scoring spree started with Montgomery's home run off relief pitcher Kenny Laurence's first pitched ball. A single and a pitcher's error pushed across another run before the Squirts' starting pitcher, Swede Vang, came back to take over the mound duties. But two more runs scored before Vang could retire the side.

The only Squirt run came in the top of the fourth inning after Fred Schermer collected the first of two Squirt hits and scored on Pleuard's error.

Montgomery, who started the season as a Sutherland outfielder, pitched near-perfect ball during the evening. Although he struck out only three of the 23 batters who faced him, none of the Squirt batters could work him for a walk. In six of the seven innings the Squirts came to bat. Montgomery and his teammates set them down in order. None of the Squirt batters were hit by a pitched ball and neither of the two runners who got on base advanced by way of a wild pitch. Incidentally, Montgomery handled five fielding chances without an error and four of his assists were attempted hits.

Although Squirt pitcher Vang recently pitched the first no-hit, no-run game of the season, the Sutherland boys hit just about everything he tossed over the plate. Three of the 10 hits were for extra bases, including Pleuard's double and a home run apiece for Sanstede and Montgomery.

Scores: R H E
Umpqua Plywood 2 4 4
VFW 5 6 2
Schermer's Squirt 1 2 8
Sutherland Pastime 13 10 3

Eugene Thiessen Winner of Title At Motorcycle Meet

Bill Love, local motorcycle racing enthusiast, returned from Olympia, Wash., Monday with glowing reports of the latest in cycle racing.

According to Love, Eugene Thiessen, who appeared in the last King Kobra Klub-sponsored races in Roseburg, outran the field to win the Pacific Coast T.T. championship last Sunday. He defeated Red Rice, another of the country's top racers who was on the Roseburg race list. Rice has held the trophy cup for the past three years and needed only this win to keep the cup permanently. But the young rider from Eugene, Oregon, toured the 30-lap, half-mile Olympia track in the record time of 47 minutes, 48 seconds to capture first place honors.

Although Thiessen fell twice trying to negotiate the tortuous curves, he retained an early lead and was ahead of the field by half a lap when he crossed the finish line. Thiessen will be one of the featured riders for the next race scheduled at the Douglas County Fairgrounds August 22.

Of special interest to Love was the fact that Thiessen was riding the type of motorcycle sold in Love's shop in Roseburg—the English-built BSA. In fact, Love said the BSA dominated in all events. The winners in the novice, amateur, and expert classes were astride the English vehicles.

Woodling's .377 Tops Coast League Batters

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—(AP) Gene Woodling, San Francisco outfielder, topped the Pacific Coast Baseball League's batting average list today with a percentage of .377.

The list included games of Sunday, Aug. 1.

John Barrett, San Diego outfielder, was second with .370.

Jack Graham, still out with an injury, held his home run record with 46. He was ahead with runs batted in, too, with a total of 120, but Gus Zernial of Hollywood was pressing with 115.

The islands of the Philippine archipelago are largely volcanic.

Bobbin' 'Round
By Bob Pemberton

Here's a good idea. Instead of the first place team of the Roseburg City Softball League going into the Cottage Grove district finals this year, an All-Star team be voted by the seven league managers to wear the uniform of the team placing first at the end of the season. Fans, whose your line-up?

King football is just around the corner, so let's talk about the University of Oregon eleven that threatens to cop PCC honors and play in the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1920.

This year's squad is built around Norm Van Brocklin, who placed sixth in the nation last year in forward pass completions with an average of .432. Receiving from Van Brocklin will be second-string All-Coast end Dan Garza and basketballer Dick Wilkins balancing the other end.

Although fleet-footed Jake Leight has been lost to professional ranks, transfers from the Southland more than fill the gap. There's John Finny from Compton, J. C. Woodley Lewis from Los Angeles, C. C. and Spence Hanley from L. A. High. Lewis averaged 13 yards per try last season!

The schedule opens against Santa Barbara, Sept. 18, at Eugene, but the Ducks will not meet stiff opposition until they travel to Ann Arbor to meet last year's Rose Bowl Kings, the Wolverines from Michigan, on Oct. 2.

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So I show him around... show him my driveways, my lawn, my grease rack and tools. He even peeks inside the restroom. "Looks like you're right," he says seriously. "It is Spring. And guess I need some of your Spring service on my car."

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