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Kell Noses Out Ted Williams By Decimal In Taking Batting Leadership In American Loop

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—George Kell of Detroit was credited today as the first third baseman ever to win the American league batting crown—and he did it with the closest finish on record.

The 170-pound Tiger, collecting two hits on the final day of the 1949 season, shaded Boston's Ted Williams, who has held hitless in his last game, .3429 to .3427. Williams missed becoming a five-time winner of the crown by two ten-thousandths of a point in the slide-rule windup.

There have been one point margins before, but never has the edge had such a decimal decision as this one. Goose Goslin of Washington grabbed the 1928 title by one point. Buddy Myer of Washington had the same close shave in 1935.

The 27-year-old Kell, who was nabbed by Philadelphia after hammering .396 for Lancaster, Pa., of the Interstate league in 1943, gathered 179 base hits last season in 522 times at bat in 134 games.

Williams appeared in 155 games, had 194 hits in 566 trips.

He had led the league since the first week in August until the Tigers' third sacker caught and passed him on the last day.

Although shaded for the diadem, Williams topped the circuit in home runs with 43; runs scored, 150; total bases, 368, and in two base hits, 89 — one more double than Kell. This sweep in specialized hitting helped give Williams "player of the year" honors.

Others in .300 Bracket.

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PITCHING FOR THE WEST—Coach Matty Bell of the West team, said "all my backs can and will pass." In the backfield pitching the leather, are left to right: Ernie Johnson, UCLA; Ken Carpenter, Oregon State; Dick McKissick, SMU; Eddie LeBaron, COP; Lindy Berry, TCU; Don Paul, Washington State; Bill Martin, USC; Emory Mitchell, Stanford, and Dick Gray, Oregon State. In the line, left to right: Ken Ross, Stanford; Don Narrall, TCU; Carl Killgard, Idaho; Jack Halliday, SMU; Jim Castagnoli, Stanford; Warren Wood, Puget Sound, and Harry Kahuanui, Hawaii. West team will meet the East team in the annual Shrine game to be played in San Francisco on Dec. 31. Both teams are holding workouts in San Francisco. — (AP Wirephoto).

Bowling Scores

Three teams of the Commercial bowling league ended in a three-way tie for first place after first half bowling in that league went in the record book last night at the Roseburg bowling alley.

Coen Supply Co., D & L Stationers and Lockwood Motors will play off at a later date, to determine the first half winner.

Second half bowling in the Commercial league will start after the first of the year, after which the first half winners and second half winners will play off for the Commercial league championship.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

Team	Standings	Won	Lost
Coen Supply Co.		20	16
D & L Stationers		20	16
Lockwood Motors		20	16
Huddleston Shoe Store		24	21
Umpqua Dairy		22	23
Rig Felt		21	24
Umpqua Cleaners		21	24
Waynes Shoe Store		21	24
Harris Plumbing		19	26
Cal Pac. Utilities		18	27
Todd Hdg. Const.		18	27
Yoncalla Merchants		18	27

Games December 23

Umpqua Cleaners 2, vs. Yoncalla 1.	Sig Felt 2, vs. Todd Hdg. Const. 1.
Huddleston 2, vs. Coen Supply Co. 1.	D. & L. Stationers 2, vs. Cal. Pac. Utilities 0.
Waynes Shoe Store 2, vs. Harris Plumbing 0.	Lockwood Motors 2, vs. Umpqua Dairy 0.

Remarks

High individual game score: D. Bell, 288. High individual series score: D. Bell 611.

Team	Umpqua Dairy	881-2719
Tomashek	146	160-475
Krell	174	155-482
Mills	180	145-463
Ashworth	122	121-428
Pattison	181	119-444

Team	Lockwood Motors	104-401
Kirk	148	121-398
Nelson	118	117-398
Murphy	150	145-414
Schlick	213	197-520
Bell	195	190-511
Handicap	103	133-368

Team	Cal. Pac. Utilities	854-895
A. Mills	140	203-583
A. Bowen	149	145-407
M. Cowin	127	116-328
J. Schaefer	139	158-441
E. Stancliff	168	170-490
Handicap	101	101-283

Team	D & L Stationers	809-963
Blahop	107	135-448
Durham	99	110-324
Colley	120	150-406
Lewis	146	130-381
Sargent	181	190-524

Man, 106, Looks Forward To His 107th Birthday

OREGON CITY — (AP) — Mike Thralls wants to live at least 26 more days—so he can celebrate his 107th birthday.

The Civil War veteran moved here a few days ago from Nampa, Idaho, to make his home with a grandson. He thinks he'll live un-

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Smeared Threat Fails To Disturb Union President

FRANKLIN SQUARE, N. Y., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Joseph Curran, president of the CIO National Maritime union, found the words, "Death to Curran," smeared all over his garage in red paint yesterday.

"You know I've been carrying on a fight—just a little fight—with the Commies," Curran told a reporter. "I think they had a hand in this."

He added that "neither I nor my family scare easily."

Curran has been active for many months in purging communist elements out of the big seamen's union. Recently left-wing groups took possession of the NMU headquarters in lower Manhattan and staged noisy demonstrations.

The NMU head lives with his wife and son here.

Eyesight of the kingbird is so keen he can spot a tiny insect 50 yards away.

Greetings

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