

# Nevers Named All-Time Fullback

## Rumors Say O'Doul Might Resign Post

By The Associated Press

One 31-year man in the Pacific Coast league got his walking papers yesterday and there are rumors of similar treatment for another—so how low can baseball salaries get?

Dwindling attendance, a constant specter before the eyes of club owners these days, was blamed in part for reports that Manager Lefty O'Doul, whose San Francisco Seals lost 13 straight games, might resign.

Sports Columnist Al Wolf of the Los Angeles Times cited the rows of empty seats which he said "all too plainly indicated that most of the citizenry had given up on O'Doul and Co." Wolf and sports writer Alan Ward of the Oakland Tribune both reported that O'Doul might resign.

O'Doul immediately denied that he planned to resign. Seal owner Paul Fagan and General Manager Joe Grengo also denied the reports.

At the same time, Dick Wakefield, outfielder, asked for and was given an unconditional release. Wakefield, who hadn't started a game this season, said he quit because he felt he wasn't getting anywhere. He will try for a job in the minors.

Both Wakefield and O'Doul operate under \$1-a-year contracts which permit their clubs to base their actual remuneration on results.

If anything can start the turnstiles twirling, it ought to be tonight's series-opens at Hollywood and Oakland. It'll be cross-town feuding, with Los Angeles playing the Stars and San Francisco visiting the Oaks. As an additional filip for the circuit, Seattle and Portland make their first home appearances against Sacramento and San Diego, respectively.

**SAN FRANCISCO** — (AP) — Manager Lefty O'Doul of the San Francisco Seals denied headedly today that he's been called on the carpet by his boss, or that he plans to resign.

The Seals opened Lefty's 17th

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# SPORTS

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## HOSPITAL BOUND

### Rizzuto, Page, Reynolds On Yanks' Disabled List

DALLAS, Tex. — (AP) — Phil Rizzuto, Joe Page and Allie Reynolds are hospital bound today.

On the results of their physical checkups at Johns Hopkins may hinge the New York Yankees' chance for another American league pennant and world's baseball championship.

Rizzuto has a torn cartilage in his left side; Page, a sore left shoulder, and Reynolds a bad elbow.

Page, the Yankee's brilliant right pitcher in 1949 was a disappointment last year, but before arm trouble popped up this spring, he flashed his old form.

**Reynolds' Arm Bad**

Reynolds, a 16-game winner last season, hasn't been able to do much at all this spring because of his arm.

Rizzuto, the American league's most valuable player, said he didn't think his injury was serious. "I expect to be on hand opening day," he said last night.

Rizzuto said he hurt his side playing and yesterday when tried batting practice "it was a little bad."

But he insisted, "it's nothing serious. I'll be okay."

The three players were to leave here today by plane and expect to arrive at Baltimore, Md., tonight.

Rizzuto, who hit 324 last season, was given an orthopedic belt to wear.

The Yankees start defense of their world's championship next Monday in Washington. Without Reynolds they have only two regular starting pitchers — Vic Raschi and Ed Lopat.

**Rizzuto Not Worried**

Page and Reynolds could not be reached for comment on their injuries.

## Roseburg Primary Softball, Track Slates Announced

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## Indian Great Fourth Star In Backfield

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. — (AP)

Ernie Nevers, who lent pulverizing power to the great Stanford team of the early twenties, was named fullback today on college football's all-time all America.

This dream eleven plus second and third teams, first ever chosen on such a broad and representative scale, are being picked in a nationwide poll by the Associated Press to provide nominations for the national football Hall of Fame.

No player has yet been named to the \$5,000,000 shrine planned at Rutgers university here, but it is probable most if not all the players named on these three teams will be among the early selections.

**Not Final Selection**

The honors court of the Hall of Fame will make the final selection. The shrine has been endorsed by the National Collegiate Athletic association.

Nevers completes a backfield that includes Walter Eckersall, the famous little running and kicking star of Chicago, at quarterback and the immortal Red Grange of Illinois and Jim Thorpe of the Carlisle Indians at halfbacks.

This line-splitting ball-carrier adds goal-line punch and all around efficiency to a foursome that has no weakness.

The ruddy-faced, blond bulldozer played at Stanford in 1923, 1924 and 1925 under Coach Glenn S. (Pop) Warner, one of the sport's eminent pioneers.

**Beat Out Blanchard**

Warner reportedly said Nevers was the greatest football player he ever saw. During the three years Nevers was in the backfield, Stanford won 21 games, lost 5 and tied one.

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**Exhibition Baseball**

By The Associated Press

Boston (AP) 4, New York (AP) 4  
Brooklyn (AP) 8, Asheville (TR) 8  
Chicago (AP) 6, Little Rock (SA) 1  
Washington (AP) 2, Cincinnati (N) 1  
New York (N) 4, Cleveland (A) 4  
Chicago (A) 15, Chattanooga (A) 7  
Pittsburgh (N) 8, Philadelphia (N) 7  
Detroit (AP) 10, St. Louis (N) 7  
Philadelphia (A) 15, Fayetteville (O) 8  
St. Louis (A) vs. St. Louis (N) (night) canceled, rain.

**Robinson Knocks Out Don Ellis In Bout**

OKLAHOMA CITY — (AP) — Middleweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson floored Don Ellis twice in the first round last night to gain a knockout in their non-title bout.

The champion met Ellis' wild charge with a jarring right to the jaw that sent him to the canvas.

With only 96 seconds gone, Sugar Ray hooked a left to the body that proved to be the knockout punch.

**Fights Last Night**

By The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Sugar Ray Robinson, 157, New York, knocked out Don Ellis, 148, Washington, N. C., in the first round.

HOLYOKE, Mass. — Paddy de Marco, 128 1/2, Worcester, knocked out Harry Laane, 132 1/2, Houston, Tex., (10).

HUNTINGTON, West Va. — Jimmy Welch, 160, Columbus, O., outpointed Herman Harris, 162, Asheville, N. C. (11).

BALTIMORE — Ross Virgo, 147, Rochester, N. Y., outpointed Chick Williams, 144, Washington, D. C. (12).

WASHINGTON — Jimmy Cooper, 126, Washington, and Leo de Bruin, 124, Brooklyn, draw (13).

NEWARK — Jimmy Ceszila, 161, Houston, outpointed Tony Amat, 157, Guttenberg, N. J. (14).

NEW ORLEANS — Jimmy Slade, 127 1/2, New York, and Henry Rial, 125 1/2, New Orleans, draw (15).

TORONTO — Armand Savine, 124 1/2, Montreal, outpointed Allan McFarlar, 157, Toronto (16).

SALT LAKE CITY — Anton Radick, 168 1/2, Etowah, knocked out Sam White, 170, West Jordan, Utah (17).

SAN FRANCISCO — Alex Amador, 147 1/2, San Francisco, outpointed Dick Wolfe, 146 1/2, Klamath Falls, Ore. (18).

George Mikán, America's No. 1 basketball player, was the marble champion of Will County, Illinois, when he was ten years old.

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## Indian Tracksters Leave For Grants Pass Today

Over 40 Roseburg Indian trackmen left for Grants Pass this afternoon to participate in a combination varsity and reserve meet at the southern city.

Coch Frank Purdy announced Monday night that the traveling squad includes 19 varsity men and the remainder reservists.

This meet opens a crowded week of activity for the local trackmen. The reserves are slated to face the Canyonville squad tomorrow afternoon. On Saturday, the varsity participates in a triangular meet with Eugene and University high of Eugene.

## Cubs Pick Up Rookie 'Find'

By The Associated Press

The Chicago Cubs don't figure to go far in the National league but it appears they have come up with the best "draft" bargain in more than a decade in rookie right-hander Omar (Turk) Lown.

Lown, drafted from Brooklyn's Montreal International league team for \$10,000, is the apple of Manager Frank Frisch's eye.

Lown pitched the Cubs to a 6-1, five-hit victory over Little Rock yesterday in the southern association city. He worked the first eight innings and never was headed after the fifth when Hank Sauer potted a three-run homer.

**Pitching Duel**

Another neat pitching job was turned in by little Con Marrero of Winston-Salem, N. C. Marrero hurled Washington to a 2-1, two-hit victory over Ken Raffensberger and the Cincinnati Reds. Marrero fanned nine. Rookie shortstop Gene Vele drove in both runs with a seventh-inning double.

The New York Giants slaughtered the Cleveland Indians, 16-4, at Pine Bluff, Ark. Whiteley Lockman socked two homers and Monte Irvin, Hank Thompson, Al Dark and Ed Stanky each to lead the Giants' bombardment.

The Brooklyn Dodgers also utilized the home run as they edged Asheville, 9-8, at Asheville, N. C. Roy Campanella chouted two and Jackie Robinson and Gil Hodges one each. Rex Barney started for the Dodgers but left after he had walked 11 batters in three innings.

**Spain Humbles Yanks**

Lefty Warren Spain scattered 14 hits as he pitched the Boston Braves to a 8-4 triumph over the New York Yankees at Dallas, Tex. The Braves scored six runs in the first four innings off Vic Raschi to lock up the decision. Yank manager Casey Stengel was tossed out of the game by umpire Augie Donatelli in the third inning.

The Chicago White Sox trounced the Chattanooga Lookouts, managed by their former boss, Jack Onslow, 15-4, at Chattanooga. Al Zarilla blasted a three-run homer for the Sox in the fifth.

Harry Taylor and Bill Evans scattered 11 hits as they pitched the Boston Red Sox to an easy 9-3 decision over the Chicago at Memphis. The Sox sewed it up with four runs in the sixth inning.

## Scribe Picks Philadelphia For National Loop Pennant

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK — (AP) — The National league race looks like a three-team squabble with the well-balanced fighting Phillies picked to beat out Brooklyn and New York Giants.

Sure you remember last September. How the Whiz Kids wobbled and the awakened Dodgers almost nipped them at the wire. How Leo Durocher's Giants, with Sal Maglie and Jim Hearn flinging shutouts, surged to third place in a galloping finish. How the Phils lost four straight to the yanks in the world series.

There has been a tendency to write off the Phils as "some time jobs" of last season. To deride the champs. That's risky business.

**Simmons' Loss Hurts**

Loss of Curt Simmons, the 22-game winner now in the army, was a major blow. But Manager Eddie Sawyer has the men who could pick up those wins in Russ Meyer, Ken Johnson and Ken Hentzleman.

The Phils should be a better club with more experience for Whiz Kids like Willie Jones, Robin Roberts, Bubba Church, Bob Miller, Mike Goliat, Granny Hamner and Richie Ashburn. They have a little more infield insurance. Still the regulars must avoid serious injury if they're to win again.

Sawyer and spirit, synonymous with the Phils, is an important factor. Perhaps the big reason. There can be no complacency on a club that just staggered home and lost the series in four straight. But the fire that drove them to their first pennant since '15 could be banked. Count on Sawyer to maintain the Phils' boyish zip.

**Brooklyn Runnerup**

Del Ennis, Andy Seminick, Dick Sleser, Jones and Hamner are the key hitters. Roberts, a sure fire 20-game winner, and Konstanty are the backbone of the pitching staff. Hamner, fast becoming the new Mr. shortstop, and ballhawk Ash-

burn in center, are the defensive stars.

Here's the way the National league looks from here:

1. Philadelphia
2. Brooklyn
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6. Cincinnati
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Brooklyn has the batting power, defensive skill and speed to win a pennant but the pitching still is questionable. The Giants have a tight defensive club with good pitching. Scoring runs will be Leo Durocher's main headache. If he gets the punch he can win it all.

## Baseball Squad Faces Sutherlin

The Roseburg high school baseball team will be shooting for its fourth straight win this afternoon on Finlay field when it hosts Sutherlin.

So far this season the locals have posted Yoncalla twice and taken a league game from Klamath Falls.

Coach Ray Stephens has announced that the probable battery will be Bob Sullivan and Louis Ripperger. He noted that he will save star twirler Mickey Coen for Friday's league contest with Grants Pass.

Tentatively slated for positions in the infield are: Frank Olson at first, Dick Hempenius at second, Don Stumbo at short and Lloyd Stumbo at third. Outfield chores are slated for Howard Stumbo, Gene Henry and a third man yet to be named.

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**FAMILY FLING**—John Van Cuyk, left, and brother Chris are together again as members of the left-handed division of the Brooklyn pitching staff. John, 29, was brought back from the Montreal farm. Chris is 24. (NEA)

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## Tiger Runners Edge Yoncalla

Point Makers Topped By Dick Cloud's 13

Canyonville's track team edged visiting Yoncalla, 53 1-6 to 50 5-6 Saturday afternoon.

The Tigers won six first place ribbons and tied for another while Yoncalla took five firsts and a tie for first. Dick Cloud was high point man with 13 points. He set a new school record in the discus event with a heave of 111 feet, 10 inches. Louis Hayter, also of Canyonville, set a second school record in the high jump. He made a leap of five feet, four inches. Other noteworthy performances were made by Rust of Yoncalla with a 41-foot 10-inch effort in the shot put event and Cloud's 137 foot 8-inch javelin toss.

**SUMMARY:**

100yard dash — Hoffee (C), Waters (Y), Fast (Y). Time: 1:14.  
220-yard dash — Hoffee (C), Waters (Y), E. Hyatt (C). Time: :25.  
440-yard dash — Lloyd (Y), Springfield (C), Hardy (C). Time: 1:02.  
Mile — Curl (Y), Johnson (Y), B. Hyatt (C). Time: 5:31.  
Shot put — Rust (Y), Wheeler (C), D. Curl (Y), Distano (A) 10'.  
Pole vault — Means (Y), Hayter (C), E. Hyatt (C), Wise (Y), three way tie for second. Height: 7' 5".  
Broad jump — Hayter (C), Cloud (C), Fast (Y). Distance: 16' 7".  
880-yard run — Wheeler (C), D. Curl (Y), B. Hyatt (C). Time: 2:25.  
Javelin — Cloud (C), Hardy (C), Fast (Y). Distance: 137' 8".  
High jump — Fast (Y) and Hayter (C) tie. Height: 5' 4".  
880-yard relay — (Y), Lloyd, Curl, Fast, Waters.

## Entry Blanks Mailed For Hayward Relays

EUGENE — (AP) — More than 250 high schools in Oregon, Washington and California have received entry blanks for the 14th annual Hayward relays to be held at the University of Oregon April 20-21.

April 18 is the deadline for filing entries. Ray Hendrickson, general chairman, said.

All defending champions are expected to be on hand. They are Medford, Class A; Ashland, Class B; and Pleasant Hill, Class C. More than 500 competed in the two-day event last year.

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