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Coast League Teams Split Initial Games

By United Press

With only three games played out of the 1945 schedule of 183, there wasn't an undefeated team in the Pacific Coast league today. Underdogs turned on favorites in yesterday's double-header to scramble the league race — even at this early stage. And to lend a touch of optimism to the whole proceedings, 62,000 fans poured through the turnstiles for the first two days of competition.

Seals, Angels Split

At Los Angeles, the Angels and San Francisco Seals split yesterday, 2-1 for the Sweeney club in 15 innings, and 4-1 in the nightcap after the Seals had annexed the inaugural Saturday by a 9-5 count. Seattle Rainiers divided with the San Diego Padres, 4-5 and 2-0, after the northerners had won Saturday, 10-2.

Hollywood Stars came back with a bang to sweep a double bill with Sacramento, 10-8 and 4-2 at Sacramento, after the Solons had captured the inaugural Saturday, 4-1.

Beavers Top Oaks

Portland Beavers won Saturday from the Oakland Oaks, 5-2, then split a double bill yesterday, 10-14 and 11-8.

Outstanding achievement of the first two days of play was the one-hit pitching performance turned in by Glenn Elliott of the Rainiers. The lone blow was Padre Catcher Del Ballinger's single in the second.

In the first Padre-Rainier Sunday tilt, the border city lads rallied in the ninth inning to score the winning tally as Shortstop Jack Dumphrey crossed home plate when Pitcher Joe Demoran made a wild heave. Saturday the Rainiers victory was featured by Ted Norbert's two home runs.

Two new pitching acquisitions from the New York Giants chalked up victories for the San Francisco Seals in their first three tilts with the Angels. Ken Bronfeldt won the Saturday tilt — although touched for eight hits, including a pair of triples by Lou Novikoff. Ken Miller annexed the seven-inning game yesterday by a 4-1 count.

Young Southpaw Wins

The 15-inning thriller was hurled by Ken Hicks, young left-hander, who outlasted two Seal moundsmen. The winning run was scored when Novikoff's pop fly fell for a hit to left Ray Viers score.

Base hits were a dime a dozen at Emeryville yesterday, with the sluggers on the Oakland and Portland teams pounding out a total of 60 hits. They had 19 more in the opener Saturday for a total of 79 in the first three days of play.

Extra Bases Numerous

There were 21 extra-base blows yesterday, including home runs by Ted Gullie and Frank Demaree of Portland, and Jake Caulfield of the Oaks, in the opener; and another circuit clout by Tom Hafe of the Oaks in the nightcap.

At Sacramento the Solon pitching couldn't hold up against the heavy slugging by the Hollywood Stars yesterday. Manager Buck Fausett had a big day at bat, getting four bingles in six trips to the plate in the 10-8 opening victory, and coming back with two for four in the final. Butch Moran had a double and a pair of singles in the second tilt. Saturday the Seals had gotten off to a good start with Guy Fletcher tossing a six-hitter and Norman Schleuter getting two doubles and a single in four times up.

In 1920 he scored the grand slam of golf, winning the British and U. S. amateur and open titles. For years before that he had put the professionals of his day to shame. From 1923 through 1939 he won 13 major titles — five American amateurs; one British amateur; three British opens and four American opens.

It was a feat few thought possible and there are plenty of persons who will give you an argument that Jones in his heyday could not have whipped such stars of today as Byron Nelson and Sammy Snead. But he was as good as he had to be and until someone comes along to duplicate his grand slam he still will be the champion of champions in golf. He never scored sensational, but his rounds always were steady enough to win.

He had color, too—and Calamity Jane, the most famous club in golfing history. It was a goose-necked putter. It and his driver were Bobby's chief tools in the trade.

Handicapped Heaver Stops Navy Nine

NORFOLK, Va., April 2 (UP)—Lt. Bert Shepard, the American air ace who lost a leg over Germany, offered preliminary proof today that the Washington Senators made a mistake when they gave him a contract as a relief pitcher.

Shepard stopped the Norfolk, Va., naval team cold in the seventh inning yesterday and held them scoreless through the eighth after they made four runs off his predecessor, Marino Piretti. Shepard's stint was too late to save the game, however, the navy boys winning, 4 to 2.

Nelson Comes from Behind to Take Golfing Tourney

DUBHAM, N. C., April 2 (UP)—New evidence — if any is needed — was available today to back up the folks who think Byron Nelson is one of the greatest competitive golfers who ever lived. The indomitable Ohioan had to beat a game little guy from his home state, Tony Penna, and he had to win the hard way yesterday, but victory was his when he came up with a record 276 for the 72 holes of the Durham open.

Nelson, who gained his seventh major tournament victory, started out sluggishly in the tournament, improved slowly and didn't go in front until the final round. Then he was unbeatable, finishing with a five under par 65 to beat Penna, the little Dayton veteran, by five strokes.

Penna's 281 gave him second money ahead of another outsider, Jim Gauntt of Ardmore, Okla., who was third with 282. Sam Byrd of Detroit, who led the field at 5 holes, blew his advantage with a five over par 75, finishing in fourth place with 285.

Leonard Dodson of San Francisco had a 286 and Joe Zarhardt of Norristown, Pa., and Sam Snead of Hot Springs, Va., 288's.

The score was tied at 5-all at the end of the sixth inning, and in the final frame both teams scored. North Powder taking the long end for a victory.

Batteries were Chandler and Wiles for Elgin, and McAllister, Taylor and Pearson for the local nine.

Sinkwich Receives Pro-Grid Honor

CHICAGO, April 2 (UP)—Quarterback Frankie Sinkwich, the heart and head of the Detroit Lions' grid machine last season, today was named the National football league's most valuable player for 1944.

The award marks a great comeback for the 24-year-old Georgia fireball. One of the most publicized college players to ever make his debut on pro grid fields, Sinkwich was a flop in 1943, his first year. However, he warmed up last season to become the league's top all-around back and his season-long stardom earned him the nod by two points over Don Hutson, Green Bay's veteran end.

Tijuana Track Mark Is Set By Parasang

TIJUANA, Mex., April 2 (UP)—C. U. Yeager's favorite Parasang today held a new track record of 1:41 1/5 for the one mile, 70 yard \$3,000-added La Jolla handicap at the Tijuana racetrack.

Parasang scored by a nose over Circle V stable's Bizerte. His time was two-fifths of a second under the old mark. Sammy Angott from the Sunland stable was third.

Smelt Return After Absence of Year

PORTLAND, Ore., April 2 (UP)—The smelt run started in the Sandy river today, with state police announcing that fishing will not be allowed until after midnight tonight.

The run looked quite heavy from the bridge. The first fish were spotted in the vicinity of Sun Dial beach on the Columbia river near the mouth of the Sandy.

The run did not materialize last year.



PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE BASEBALL GETS UNDER WAY—Governor Earl Warren of California (with coat removed) handles the usual opening day honors by pitching the first curve as more than 10,000 fans jammed Emeryville Park in Oakland for the Pacific Coast League opener between the Oakland Oaks and the Portland Beavers. Portland won over Oakland 5-2.



PORTLAND WINS OPENER WITH OAKLAND—Larry Barton, Portland first baseman, crosses the plate to score the first run of the season as Pacific Coast League baseball got under way at Emeryville Park in Oakland. Standing by is Catcher Bill Raimondi of Oakland Acoms. Portland won over Oakland 5-2 before an overflow crowd of more than 10,000 fans.

Dempsey Has Front Row Invasion Seat

GUAM, April 2 (UP)—Cmdr. Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight champion, saw the Okinawa invasion from a ringside seat.

Dempsey, who is in charge of the coast guard's physical fitness program, made the invasion "to observe the value to men under fire of the physical training program."

He was aboard a coast guard-manned assault boat.

Portugal to Wage War On Japanese

LONDON, April 2 (UP)—Portugal is preparing to declare war on Japan and take an active part in the Pacific campaign, according to reports reaching diplomatic quarters here.

Portugal is reported to be assembling troops and material in Mozambique to use in an offensive to regain Portuguese Timor which was occupied by the Japanese early in the war.

IRONMEN WIN 5-2
PORTLAND, April 2 (UP)—Seattle evaded the northern division, Pacific Coast league hockey series with Portland by a 5-2 win last night.

Coming from behind in the third period, the Ironmen swept five goals into the net to snatch victory from defeat.

Coal Mine Strike Averted, Pay Pact Parley Continues

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (UP)—The nation was assured today of at least another month of strike-free production in the soft coal fields.

The threat of an immediate strike was removed when President John L. Lewis sent Easter day telegrams to his united mine workers, asking them to stay on the job another 30 days under their old contract while he and the mine operators continue efforts to work out a new one.

The old contract expired at midnight Saturday. The government, aware of the miners' policy of "no contract, no work," appeared ready to seize the mines yesterday when Lewis announced he had requested UMW members to stay on the job.

The mine chieftain said he was doing so because he was "conscious of the imperative necessity of continuing the production of coal for war."

He and the operators arranged to continue discussions today, with the war labor board ready to take a direct hand if there is no substantial progress within a week. The first 30 days of negotiations failed to bring agreement on a single issue.

The depot, only one of its kind in the European theater of operations, has repaired more than 250,000 instruments of various kinds, working with testing equipment made from salvage materials, headquarters of the air service command announced.

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