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Beavers Win, Retain League Leadership

By United Press

The Portland Beavers continued to hold the Pacific Coast league leadership today, one game ahead of the Los Angeles Angels and two in front of the Seattle Rainiers.

The Beavers trimmed the Sacramento Solons last night 5-1 while the Angels chalked up their second win over the Rainiers by a score of 4-2. The Oakland A's came through with a 9-8 victory over the Hollywood Stars and the San Diego Padres squeezed through a 3-2 win over the San Francisco Seals.

Three Solon errors helped the Beavers down the Seals. Ted Heller went the route for Portland, giving up seven scattered hits and blanking the Solons until the ninth.

The Angels scored twice in the second inning when Roy Easterwood singled to left with the bases loaded to bring in Lou Novikoff and Mel Hicks. Novikoff scored their final run in the fifth on a single to right by Jim Tyack. The Seals scored in the ninth when Chuck Aleno and Joe Dobbins came home as Bob Gourbould doubled.

The Oakland A's turned back a Twink sixth inning threat. Pinch hitter Ken Richardson, batting for Hurler Don Weldon, slammed out a home run with the bags loaded. The Oaks, however, came back in their half of the inning to tally four runs and were never headed after that. Butch Moran honored for the Twinks in the first with one on.

At San Diego, Carl Dumler, Padre hurler, held the Seals to two runs and then scored the winning run in the last of the seventh to cinch the game. San Francisco scored its only runs in the fifth when John Trutta tripled in Willie Enos and Gus Suhl. John Kreevich scored the Padres' first run when he homered in the opening frame. In the seventh Dumler doubled to bring in Pepper Martin and Frank Cifricke.

Big Attendance Is In Prospect In Major Leagues

CHICAGO, April 6 (UP)—Booming pre-season ticket sales of record proportions are being handled by baseball clubs throughout the American and National leagues.

Reports from the 16 major league clubs indicate that one of the greatest attendance years in the history of baseball will be recorded during 1945.

The sudden and unexpected boom is all the more amazing, considering the fact that the caliber of major league baseball is expected to be far below par this season. The famed stars, who had large followings, are in the service now and raw rookies and oldsters will be dotting each team's lineup.

Dodger Outlook Is Fine
Nevertheless, Business Manager John F. Collins of the Brooklyn Dodgers reported that "advance sales far exceed last year for season tickets as well as opening day. The demand is terrific and the advance sale possibly may exceed last year's by 25 per cent."

The Chicago Cubs' front office said, "Opening day sales are five times as great as last year; actually the demand is sensational."

In St. Louis, the home of the champions, the fans apparently are last-minute buyers. The Browns and Cardinals surprisingly reported that sales are the same as last season.

All of the teams reported sales to be better or as good as 1944, which means one of the greatest years in major league annals.

The American league drew 4,798,158 fans last year for one of the best marks in history and a 25 per cent increase over 1943. The National league drew 4,173,744 fans which was a five per cent increase over '43.

Smelt Above Dam Present Puzzle

PORTLAND, Ore., April 6 (UP)—Mystery surrounded the presence of Columbia river smelt above the Bonneville dam, the first time the small fish have been reported above the dam since 1936.

Col. Ralph A. Tudor, U. S. district engineer, offered the suggestion that the fish may have bypassed the dam through the tunnel exits or through the spillway, but he said he was unable to determine the cause.

In 1936 the smelt passed through an opening left before the dam was completed.

Millions of smelt were fighting upstream through the Bonneville fish ladder on the Washington side, but they had gone only part way today. Engineers increased the flow of water over the ladder to give the fish a better chance.

TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

By LEO H. PETERSEN
United Press Sports Editor

NEW YORK, April 6 (UP)—They are starting on the home stretch for the Stanley cup in Detroit tonight with the best team in hockey on the sidelines as spectators.

It is going to be a hollow trophy this year for the cup that is supposed to be emblematic of the world's hockey championship is going to go to either the Detroit Red Wings or the Toronto Maple Leafs.

They were also rans during the regular season to the Montreal Canadiens, regarded as one of the best hockey teams of all-time. Not only were the Canadiens the only club of pre-war quality in the circuit, but they dominated the play to such an extent that the only question was which teams would qualify with them for the cup playoffs.

It is an old story in play-off competition for more often than not the team which has stood the test of time and proved itself superior over a long run hits a slump in the series with the chins down.

It isn't the pressure. It's the law of averages. It happens in the Shaughnessy baseball playoffs as regularly as it occurs in hockey.

This year the closest team to the Canadiens was the Detroit Red Wings, who have won 30 of their 50 games, losing only eight and tying four for a total of 68 points. Yet in the preliminary championship series they were eliminated by a club which played just a little better than 500 hockey—the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The answer is that the slump which usually hits any athletic outfit, no matter how great, finally caught up with the Canadiens—a time when Stanley cup dollars were riding. They had gone along all season without losing form but when the playoff came they could not get going.

So Toronto and Detroit are fighting for the championship. The players on those two teams will be the first to admit that they don't deserve the cup.

The time may come when the National hockey league will see the light and award the cup to the team which wins over the long haul. It could still retain the playoffs for the only reason they were invented—extra dollars in the coffers of the club owners. But the award to the winner should be in the form of a consolation prize and not the highest honor in the sport.

Seattle Leads In Hockey Playoffs

SEATTLE, April 6 (UP)—The Seattle Totems hold a 3-2 lead in the northern division, Pacific coast hockey league playoffs as the result of downing the Portland Eagles, 6-2, here last night.

Seattle needs one more win to earn the right to play the Boston Olympics in the National amateur playoffs. The sixth game of the northern division series will be played in Portland tonight and a seventh, if necessary, here Sunday.

The Boston sextet will play a warm-up series with the playoff losers prior to the national amateur test next week.

Nelson Takes Long Golf Tourney Lead

ATLANTA, Ga., April 6 (UP)—Byron Nelson, the golfing marauder with the red-hot "shootin' iron," threatened today to make a run-away of the \$10,000 Atlanta Open long tournament, taking a five stroke lead after his opening day round of 67.

Sam Snead tied for second with Harold (Jug) McSpady. They had par 71.

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Cage Scandal No Surprise: Some Hoop Stars Couldn't Even Be Trusted as Pros

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK, April 6—In Panama, Sgt. John O. Jones is startled to learn how shocked was New York about its basketball scandal which led to Brooklyn's current John Doe investigation of gambling on college sports.



what New York expected in view of the background of its college players, which is hardly lily white.

"I know a lot of those boys personally, and their attitude in regard to sports," writes the Saratoga Springs sports editor transplanted to the coast artillery publication, "The Jungle Mudder."

"You couldn't even trust them in a pro game. Hire one for \$25, and if he made 15 points he'd ask you for a big raise just before the next game started. Unless he got it, he would refuse to go on the floor, leaving you in a hole. Some tall stories could be told without stretching the truth one iota.

"As publicity director for an entry in the New York state professional basketball league, I observed too well the tactics not only of metropolitan stars, but their coaches as well.

"Clubs in the pro league were Albany, Troy, Glen Falls and Saratoga Springs, in upstate New York, and Pittsfield, Mass. Each had one or more New York college luminaries. One was practically all college talent.

"Pro hoops in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine drew talent from the rich New York college field.

"The practice of college players performing with the pros under aliases was generally overlooked by the coaches of New York university, Brooklyn, St. John's, Fordham, City College of New York, Brooklyn college, Brooklyn St. Francis and Long Island university.

"In fact, one coach made only the stipulation that his ace floorman should not compete professionally the night before his college club went into action. His only objection was having a tired player for an important college contest.

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Work Authorized On Power Facilities

PORTLAND, Ore., April 6 (UP)—Clearing of right of way will begin in May for the ultimate construction of a 48-mile wood pole 115,000 volt transmission line for the Bonneville power administration between Albany and Toledo, it was announced today.

State Manpower Director L. C. Stoll said a clearing crew of 25 men has been authorized for the project, with bids for clearing work expected to be issued late this month.

The authorization also permits terminal facilities at the Albany substation and a new substation at Toledo.

Star Athletes of Navy Ordered To Overseas Duty

WASHINGTON, April 6 (UP)—The navy is breaking up its all-star athletic teams in this country in a dual move to bolster morale of personnel overseas and to end "adverse criticism" at home, it was learned today.

The order opens the way for many nationally known stars in navy uniform to be sent overseas, thereby giving servicemen away from home an opportunity to see high class athletic competition.

But it rings down the curtain in this country on such outstanding sports outfits as the Bainbridge, Md., training station football team and the Great Lakes baseball nine coached by Bob Feller of Cleveland Indian fame.

In an order to all naval commands in this country, the navy said it no longer favors "deliberate concentrations of professional or publicly-known amateur athletes within the continental United States for the purpose of exploiting their specialties in athletic team competition."

The navy said it believed that the "overall morale of the navy is enhanced by the wide dispersal of well-known athletes in routine service with active units."

even enrolled as a student. Had not the Brooklyn college players stumbled into the garment heat they no doubt would have gone on until the season's end working their way through college by throwing basketball games.

As Sgt. Johnny Jones stresses, with cheating overlooked, if not encouraged, by coaches, players gradually reached the point where they believed in their own invincibility.

Women Golf Champs Will Meet Sunday

LOS ANGELES, April 6 (UP)—Betty Jameson, the two time national women's golf queen, said today, between practice swings for her coming golf duel with Mildred (Babe) Dickrickson Zaharias, that it would take more than the Babe's reputation to stop her.

Miss Jameson, of San Antonio, Tex., will meet the long driving Babe in a 36-hole match Sunday at the Los Angeles country club. All proceeds go for rehabilitation of war veterans through construction and upkeep of golf courses at military hospitals.

This is the second meeting of the queens of golf. Their first match took place in 1937, when Betty took the Babe, 5 and 4, in the semifinals of the Texas open.

La Grande Girl Is Honored at College

Roberta Jordahl, freshman at Linfield college, is a nominee of Phi Beta Mu sorority or the honor of being "Sweetheart" at the inter-collegiate Knights' festival April 20 and 21.

Miss Jordahl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Jordahl, 1603 Oak street.

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