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Beavers Move Into Coast League Lead

By United Press
Manager Mary Owens' Portland Beavers, splitting a double-header with the Hollywood Stars Sunday, moved into leadership of the Pacific Coast league as the Seattle Rainiers dropped two games to the Oakland Acons.

The Beavers won their first game, 16-1, but dropped the second 10-2. Meanwhile, the Acons were getting some first-class pitching and downing Suds by 3-1 and 3-2 counts.

Seals, Padres Win
The San Francisco Seals won their first series of the infant season by annexing a double bill from the Sacramento Solons, 9-5 and 12-5 and the hot San Diego Padres thumped the sinking Los Angeles Angels twice, 12-1 and 9-4.

Portland used up all its run-powder in the first game against the Stars. The Beavers pounded out 21 hits, including seven doubles. During the day first baseman Larry Barton collected 11 bases on six consecutive hits. In the second tilt Jack Smith, Mel Steiner and Meyer Chosen drove in all the 10 Hollywood runs. More than 13,000 fans saw the game. Portland won the series, five games to two.

Hits Are Bunched
In the second tilt they crossed the plate nine times in the sixth inning, while in the first they counted in only two frames — once with four scores, another time with five.

Veteran Del Young led the Seals' attack in both games, getting three for four in the first and two in the second.

Lou Vazulich, slugging outfielder of the Padres, clouted two home runs — each time with the bases loaded — to lead the border town gang to the twin victories.

Champion Browns Trounced as Cards, Reds Split Pair
NEW YORK, April 23 (UP)—The wall of a week-old baby girl more than the roar of the crowd spurred Paul (Dizzy) Trout of the Detroit Tigers today in putting his pitching time table more than two weeks ahead of a year ago when he won 27 games.

The infant with the lusty lungs is Diane Ruth Trout, who arrived last week only a few hours before her daddy pitched his first victory of the 1945 campaign, an 11 to 0 shutout over the Browns in St. Louis. Yesterday he notched victory number two, a 6 to 3 six-hit job over the Cleveland Indians before 23,063 appreciative home fans.

Browns Drop Two
The White Sox won a double bill at Chicago from the St. Louis Browns, 4 to 3, and 5 to 3. Steady pitching paid off in both White Sox victories, Joe Haynes and Orval Grove each going the route to turn in eight-hit jobs.

The New York Yankees won their fifth game in six starts in Washington defeating the Senators, 5 to 2, on three-hit pitching by Hank Borowy.

Athletics Win
Russ Christopher won his second game for the Philadelphia A's, 6 to 1, holding the Red Sox to five hits as they lost their sixth straight at Boston.

The Chicago Cubs set the pace in the National, upsetting the Pirates in both ends of a double header at Pittsburgh, 3 to 0, and 5 to 2.

Braves, Phillies Split
The Braves and Phillies split at Philadelphia, Boston winning the opener, 2 to 0, Elmer (Butch) Nieman's two run homer for the Braves in the ninth of the second game went to waste when the Phillies made three runs in their half to win, 7 to 6, on two walks, an error, a double by Buster Adams, and a long foul fly by Johnny Peacock.

The Dodgers salvaged the final game of their series with the Giants at the Polo grounds, winning, 3 to 1, on the fine pitching of Curt Davis, who has won two of the three Brooklyn victories thus far.

The Cardinals dropped to third by splitting a double header with Cincinnati at St. Louis, winning the opener, 2 to 0, and dropping the second, 9 to 7, in 10 innings.

Baseball Standings

American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	5	0	1.000
New York	5	1	.833
Detroit	4	2	.667
Philadelphia	4	2	.667
Washington	3	3	.500
Cleveland	1	4	.200
St. Louis	1	4	.200
Boston	0	6	.000

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	5	2	.714
Chicago	4	2	.667
St. Louis	3	2	.600
Brooklyn	3	3	.500
Cincinnati	3	3	.500
Boston	3	4	.425
Philadelphia	2	4	.333
Pittsburgh	2	5	.285

Pacific Coast			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Portland	16	7	.696
Seattle	15	8	.652
San Diego	12	11	.522
Oakland	12	11	.522
Sacramento	11	12	.478
San Francisco	11	12	.478
Los Angeles	9	14	.391
Hollywood	6	17	.261

Maple Leaf's Win Hockey Title Play

DETROIT, April 23 (UP)—The Toronto Maple Leafs, battered champions of the hockey world, took an equally battered old mug home in triumph today after winning the final game of the Stanley Cup playoffs from the Detroit Red Wings, 2 to 1. Detroit won Saturday night 1-0.

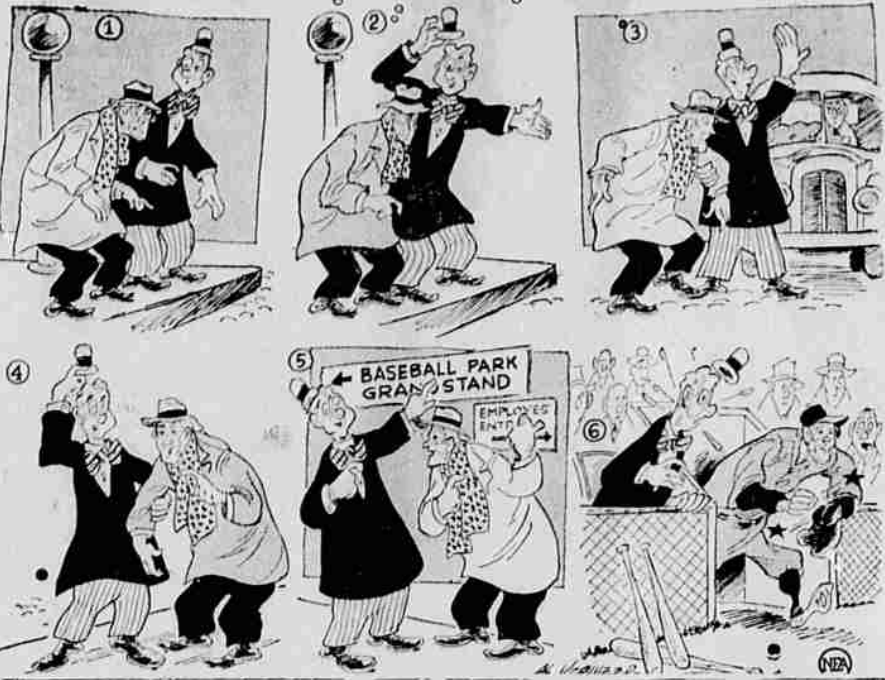
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TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

By LEO H. PETERSEN
United Press Sports Editor

NEW YORK, April 23 (UP)—The first returns are in from the 1945 major league pennant races and with but two exceptions they are not surprising.

It is, of course, far too early to draw an accurate line from the few games played thus far, but it looks like it is going to be pretty much the same old story—with both American and National league strength again centered in the west.

They may only be flowers that bloom in the spring, but the Chicago White Sox are at the top of the American league standings—a position far loftier than had been forecast for the hitless wonders from the south side of the windy city. And as surprising as their success has been, the performance of the champion St. Louis Browns has been just as disappointing.

Last year, Manager Luke Sewell broke the Browns off the barrier with nine straight victories. Baseball men called them the usual spring morning glories and pointed out that games won at the start of the season didn't mean too much. Maybe not, but those nine straight in the long run meant the pennant for the Browns. Thus far they have been able to win only one out of six games and if another tight race develops like the 1944 campaign those early losses could mean the difference.

The White Sox, on the other hand, were considered the weakest of the western clubs. All they have done thus far is win five straight from Cleveland and St. Louis.

Otherwise the American league standings today are pretty much in accordance with the pre-season predictions. The New York Yankees have been feasting on the relatively weaker eastern opposition, beating Washington and Boston. The chief resemblance of those two teams to major league clubs is in their names. They would have a hard time finishing in the first division of the pre-war double A leagues.

The rest of the clubs in the junior circuit—Detroit, Philadelphia, and Cleveland—have been performing about as expected.

In the National, to the surprise of no one, the world champion St. Louis Cardinals again have shown their usual power although they aren't in their accustomed position, first place. But it may not be too long before they take over the lead. The Chicago Cubs and the Pittsburgh Pirates still look like the clubs which will give the Cardinals their most trouble, although Frankie Frisch's crew dropped five of its first seven games. But the power is there and eventually will show.



WHOPPER!—Here's a sizable channel bass, also known as the red drum or redfish, on his way to a table. Average weight is 10 pounds, the record 75. They swoop up the Atlantic coast in spring, usually appearing in mid-April at Cape Hatteras, where they are taken by trolling and surf casting.

Grant High Is Winner of State Track Carnival

EUGENE, Ore., April 23 (UP)—Grant high school, Portland, today boasted the championship of the eighth annual Hayward relays, having won over a field of 17 other class A track and field teams from all sections of Oregon. Grant garnered 32½ points.

Grant set the only new record of the day in winning the General's 440-yard relay, clipping half a second from the 1939 Madford time of 48.1.

Jefferson's Democrats, 1944 winners, were second, with 19 points.

Scappoose clinched the B title with 18 points; Beaverton, the 1944 B champions was second with 16 points.

In the class A group, points scored by other teams were: Salem, 9½; Klamath Falls, 8½; Oregon City, Benson Tech 7; Washington 4; Bend 4; St. Helens, University (Eugene), Eugene high and Hillsboro 3 each; Springfield 2½; Milwaukie 2 and Roosevelt and Franklin 1 each. Not making a single point were Albany, Grants Pass, Corvallis, Commerce and Hood River, the last two scratching probable entries.

Champion Passes Up Palm Springs Golf

PAL SPRINGS, Cal., April 23 (UP)—Babe Didriksen Zabarhis will not defend her title this year as 150 golfers gathered today for the 10th annual Palm Springs women's invitational golf tourney.

Mrs. Zabarhis is to play a benefit match with Betty Jameson in San Antonio, Tex., next weekend and so passed up the tourney here when she won so easily last year.

Cars Are Damaged In Highway Crash

Automobiles driven by E. M. Wallace of Walla Walla and C. H. Cullen were badly damaged when they side-swiped Saturday evening 17 miles west of La Grande on Highway 30.

Cullen reported to city police that he was driving eastward when his car was struck by that of Wallace, which ran off the embankment on the wrong side of the road. Wallace reported he was blinded by bright lights.

Albert A. Little of Hermiston reported his truck was damaged when it ran off the road while making a turn two miles east of Union Priddy.

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OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Anderson, 1209 Willow street, have been notified of the citation to their son, James Orval Anderson, navy seaman first class. The citation says:

"As a member of the ship's company during the grueling and extended Iwo Jima campaign, February 19 to March 6, 1945, in which this vessel was frequently under fire, was required to be in constant state of readiness for air attack and charge with the responsibility of landing troops and cargo through heavy seas and surf over an insecure beach, constantly under enemy fire, and calling for the utmost in effort and loyalty from the members of this command. He performed his duties in a gallant and outstanding manner in recognition of which the citation is presented."

Anderson is aboard the first ship to land combat troops in an amphibious operation of the war, in the Solomon Islands, August 7, 1942.

Flight Officer Oliver E. Tudor, a former La Grande resident, who was killed in France in a plane accident December 5, was a nephew of Mrs. F. W. Daugherty of 1606½ Y avenue. He lived here with his father about 10 years ago and attended the local school.

Sgt. Talbert Bennett, lower ball gunner on a B-24, is home from the Pacific area after completing 40 missions, representing more than 400 flying combat hours, and is visiting his wife, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Bennett. Sergeant Bennett served a year in the Pacific theater of operations and came to the United States directly from Saipan.

Besides the Pacific theater ribbons, he wears the air medal with five clusters, and the soldier's medal. He will leave May 1 to report to Santa Monica, Calif., for reassignment.

A bulletin from the Fifth army headquarters in Italy announces that Staff Sgt. Steven J. Hippe of Union is en route home on a furlough after being overseas more than two and a half years.

He participated in the invasion of North Africa, served through the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, and took part in the major battles of Kasserine pass and Cassino and the assault on the German's Gothic line in northern Italy.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hippe of Union.

NAMED FOR PRINCE PHILIP

The Philippine islands received their name in 1542 when a Spanish military leader who tried to conquer the islands named some of them the Philippines, in honor of Philip, heir apparent to the Spanish throne. The entire group was named the Philippines when Spain finally took over the islands in 1565.

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Pyle Looks on As Marines Capture Badly Scared Japs

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have come out shooting. But, thank goodness, these were of a different stripe. They were so petrified the marines had to go into the bushes, lift them by the shoulders and throw them out in the open.

My contribution to the capture consisted of standing to one side looking as mean as I could.

One Jap was small, and about 30 years old. The other was just a kid of 16 or 17, but good-sized and well-built. The kid had the rank of superior private and the other was a corporal. They were real Japanese from Japan, not the Okinawan home guard.

They were both trembling all over. The kid's face turned a sickly white. Their hands shook. The muscles in the corporal's jaw were twitching. The kid was so paralyzed he couldn't even understand sign language.

We don't know why those two Japs didn't fight. They had good rifles and potato-masher hand grenades. They could have stood behind their bushes and heaved grenades into our tightly packed group and got themselves two dozen casualties, easily.

The marines took their arms. One marine tried to direct the corporal in handbook Japanese, but the fellow couldn't understand.

The scared kid just stood there, sweating like an ox. I guess he thought he was dead. Finally we sent them back to the regiment.

The two marines who flushed these Japs were Corp. Jack Ossege of Silver Grove, Ky., across the river from Cincinnati, and Pfc. Lawrence Bennett of Port Huron, Mich.

Okinawa was the first blitz for Bennett and this was the first Jap soldier he'd ever seen. He is 30 years old, married and has a baby girl. Back home he was a freight dispatcher.

The Jap corporal had a metal photo holder like a cigaret case. In it were photos which we took to be of three Japanese movie stars. They were good looking, and everybody had to have a look.

Ossege had been through one Pacific blitz, but this was the first Jap he ever look alive. As an old hand at souvenir hunting he made sure to get the Jap's rifle.

That rifle was the envy of everybody. Later when we were sitting around, discussing the capture, the other boys tried to buy or trade him out of it. Pop Taylor, the black-whiskered corporal from Jackson, Mich., offered Ossege \$100 for the rifle.

The answer was no. Then Taylor offered four quarters of whiskey. The answer still was no. Then he offered eight quarts. Ossege weakened a little. He said, "where would you get eight quarts of whiskey?" Pop said he had no idea. So Ossege kept the rifle.

So there you have my first two Japs. And I hope my future Japs will all be as tame as these two. But I doubt it.

Lyle G. Sanderson Is Given Promotion

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle G. Sanderson, who have made Spokane their home for the past two years, have returned to La Grande. Sanderson, who has been employed by the Union Oil company for the past nine years, was recently promoted to retail representative of the Walla Walla district, which includes eastern Oregon and Washington and western Idaho.

While residing in Spokane, Mrs. Sanderson, the former Sophia Gietlhuber, was collection teller at the Washington Trust company.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson are graduates of Eastern Oregon college.

Contributors to Red Cross War Fund Are Listed

The final list of La Grande contributors to the 1945 war fund drive of the American Red Cross was announced today by the Union county chapter headquarters as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Larson, H. S. Overpeck, Henry Gore, D. L. Hutchison, Roy E. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hendrickson, J. E. McManus, J. M. Thomas, Joan Ruckman, California Packing corporation, Nephil Combs, G. R. Williams, Smith Conkey reunion ass'n., Marjorie Birchmier, Ann Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Detrick, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carroll, Daughter of Union Veterans, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Beickel, Mrs. Ruth Fisher, Mrs. Joe Leek, Wyatt Starmer and C. M. Hutchinson.

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Treason Sentence Is Set Aside By U.S. Supreme Court

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The court found that the overt acts charged by the government against Cramer were not sufficient to support a conviction for treason.

The 5 to 4 decision was read by Justice Robert H. Jackson. Justice William O. Douglas' dissent was signed by Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone and Justices Hugo L. Black and Stanley Reed.

Chamer was sentenced to a 45-year prison term by the federal district court at New York.

It charged that Cramer committed overt acts of treason by meeting with Werner Thiel and Edward John Kerlin—two of the eight Nazis landed by submarine at Florida and Long Island—accepting money for safe keeping and concealing their identity from federal bureau of investigation agents.

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