

Beavers Lengthen Lead by Winning Three-Game Series

By United Press
The "pressure kids" from Portland were back with a four and one-half game lead in the Pacific Coast league race today as the result of an action-filled weekend in which they took three straight from the San Diego Padres.

While the runner-up Seattle Rainiers were dropping two out of three to Sacramento, the Beavers knocked over San Diego 4-3 on Saturday and twice Sunday, 5-1 and 4-2.

Seals Take Pair
Meanwhile, San Francisco was consolidating its third-place position by taking two out of three from Hollywood, 4-1 on Saturday and splitting Sunday, winning the first, 7-0 and dropping the second 3-4.

Los Angeles took the odd game of the week-end from Oakland, copping Saturday, 1-0, dropping the first game Sunday, 3-11, and winning the finale by another 1-0 count.

Seattle won from Sacramento Saturday, 2-1, but dropped a twin bill Sunday by scores of 5-4 (in 10 innings) and 2-0.

It was the second consecutive week-end in which the pitchers were able to whittle down the batting averages.

Comellas Blanks Oaks
Jorge Comellas, the Angel hurler who was returned by the Chicago Cubs just a few weeks ago, came up with a two-hitter in the nine-inning nightcap against the Oaks for the best of the Sunday performances. In the opener, the Oaks collected 14 hits, including Gabby Stewart's home run. Rip Russell clouted one for the Seals in the same tilt.

The Beavers got two fine mound performances yesterday from the veteran Syd Cohen and lean Don Pulfur, the latter racking up his 12th win of the campaign. In the two games the Padres got only 11 hits.

Gene Bannit posted a three-hit shut-out for Sacramento in the short game at Seattle. In the first tilt Ted Norbert clouted his 11th home run for the year to tie the score and send the battle into an extra inning.

At Hollywood, Frank Seward lurled a shutout for the Seals in the opener, allowing only 13 hits as the Seals pounded out five off four Star moundsmen. In the second, Vern Reynolds, Hollywood shortstop barely missed on a chance for the coveted unassisted triple play.

With runners on first and second, Gus Suhr lined the ball to Reynolds, who tagged second and then set out to catch Emil Malibu coming down from first. But he lost ground and was forced to throw to first for the out.

Stella Walsh Beats Own Sprint Record

CLEVELAND, June 25 (UP)—Stella Walsh, former Olympic track star rounding out 20 years of competition, held a new world record for women in the 100-meter dash today with a time of 11.2 seconds.

Smashing her own mark of 11.5 by three-tenths of a second, she made the run in the northeastern Ohio senior women's amateur athletic union championships.

FLAGER INJURES LEG

PHILADELPHIA, June 25 (UP)—Shortstop Wally Flager of the Philadelphia Phillies awaited the outcome of x-rays today to learn whether his leg was broken when he stumbled rounding third base in the first game of Sunday's double header with the Giants.

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Yanks Win Two On Metheny's Slugging

NEW YORK, June 25 (UP)—Yankee fans were willing today to forget about Arthur (Bud) Metheny's disappointing past if he will just break loose a few more times like he did in Sunday's double victory over the Athletics.

Metheny, an anemic hitter ever since he came up from Newark in 1943 hailed as a second Charley Keller, was the busiest batter in the lot yesterday in the 13 to 5 and 6 to 3 Yankee victories. He batted in eight runs in the two games with his first two homers of the season, a double and single, and boosted his batting average

16 points, to .238. The two wins, vital because Detroit also swept its twin bill at St. Louis, left the Yankees a game and a half behind the leading Tigers. Hank Borowy won his ninth game in the opener as Bob Newsom was losing his 10th for the A's.

14 Horses Remain On Starting List in Santa Anita Derby

ARCADIA, Calif., June 25 (UP)—Only 14 horses out of an original 62 possible starters remained today as candidates for Saturday's \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap, the turf's richest race.

J. K. Housell's Bymeabond, ridden by Jockey George Woolf to a surprise victory in Saturday's \$50,000 Santa Anita derby, will be shipped east and will not compete. Louis B. Mayer's filly Busher, second place winner in the derby, will probably pass up the big handicap.

Mayer, however, will have Thumbs Up entered Saturday. Thumbs Up, to carry top weight of 130 pounds, will probably be the post time favorite.

Woolf, whose great ride on Bymeabond beat out the favorite Busher, will be on Gay Dalton, the Mexican Cinderella horse so far yet to be impressive in two starts.

Charles S. Howard's Sea Sovereign, scratched from the derby, will probably have a crack at the Santa Anita handicap.

Remaining on the list are Best Effort, third in the derby; Brice-a-Bac, Paperboy, Lou-Bre, another Howard horse, Broadcloth, War Allies, Triplicate Shut Up, Bull Reign, Sirde and Autoerac.

Baseball Standings

By United Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	37	22	.627
St. Louis	33	25	.569
Pittsburgh	32	26	.552
New York	33	28	.541
Chicago	29	25	.537
Boston	28	28	.500
Cincinnati	24	30	.444
Philadelphia	16	48	.250

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	35	22	.614
New York	33	23	.589
Boston	30	27	.526
Chicago	31	28	.525
Washington	27	28	.491
St. Louis	25	29	.463
Cleveland	23	31	.426
Philadelphia	20	36	.357

PACIFIC COAST			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Portland	51	33	.607
Seattle	46	37	.554
San Francisco	43	42	.506
Oakland	42	43	.494
Sacramento	42	43	.494
Los Angeles	41	43	.488
San Diego	41	46	.471
Hollywood	33	52	.388

Hal Newhouser kept ahead of his 1944 pitching time table by winning his 11th game, 5 to 1, for the Tigers in the opener. Paul (Dizzy) Trout won the second, 4 to 3, in a three-inning relief stint.

Ferriss Wins Again
Rookie stars Dave Ferriss of the Red Sox and Marino Piretti of the Senators won their games at Washington. Ferriss gained his 10th triumph for Boston, 6 to 5, in the opener and Piretti won his seventh for Washington, 5 to 2, in the second game to split the bill. Eddie Lake's three-run Boston homer provided the margin in the opener.

Steve Gromek won his eighth game for the Indians, 7 to 3, over the White Sox at Cleveland, but Chicago put on a seven-run rally in the third to win the second game, 7 to 4.

Dodgers Hold Lead
Brooklyn maintained its three and a half game lead in the National, winning its eighth straight game, 9 to 6, from the Braves before the streak ended with a 3 to 1 Boston victory in the second game. Vic Lombardi, getting 12-hit support, breezed to his fifth victory in the opener.

Giants Down Phillies
The Giants were the only National league team to show a profit for the day, winning both of their games at Philadelphia, 7 to 6 and 5 to 1.

Joe Bowman, waiver-priced pitcher from the Red Sox, won his fifth straight game since joining the Reds, beating Pittsburgh, 4 to 3, in the second game after the Pirates took the opener, 7 to 5. Manager Bill McKechnie of the Reds started Elmer Riddle for the first time since May, 1944 in the opener and witness kept the one-time star right hander from being effective.

Truett (Rip) Sewell won his ninth game for the Bucs. Pete Coscarart got a two-run homer for Pittsburgh in the second game.

The currently hot Cardinals won their fourth straight at Chicago, 8 to 2, before dropping the second game, 6 to 3. Charley Barrett won his fifth game since coming to the Cards from the Braves while Claude Passeau picked up his sixth victory for the Cubs.

Sam Byrd Takes Golf Medal Match From Byron Nelson

DETROIT, June 25 (UP)—Sam Byrd, who couldn't beat Byron Nelson on the winter golf circuit, agreed today that there's no place like home—the Plum Hollow course where he whipped Nelson by nine strokes to win the big fore medal match title.

Byrd's 72-hole total was 269—19 strokes under par. He set a new course record of 64 on Saturday and tied it in yesterday's morning round. Nelson's first round Sunday was the one that hurt, an over-par 75 that put him 12 strokes behind the former New York Yankee outfielder who has made good as a golf professional. The Toledo, O., shotmaker picked up three strokes on Byrd in the afternoon round.

It was a contest between Byrd and Nelson all the way. Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Sanford, Me., and national open champion Craig Wood, Mamaroneck, N. Y., fell far behind during Saturday's shooting. McSpaden ended with 286, two under par, and Wood soared to 312—24 over par.

Wood's erratic play nullified Byrd's sparkling shotmaking and enabled Nelson and McSpaden to retain their unofficial professional "doubles" championships by a single stroke. To winners were five down to Byrd and Wood starting the final 18 holes, the Wood blew sky-high.

Perched from the Detroit matches, witnessed yesterday by 5,000 persons, go to Percy Jones, a 40-year-old right-hand army convalescent hospital at Battle Creek, Mich.



PRESIDENT GOES FISHING—President Harry S. Truman is pictured above as he fished in Puget Sound, but the picture below is not part of his catch. He caught only a single dogfish, and the big salmon he holds was a gift, which is being admired by U. S. Senator Magnuson of Washington. Accompanying the president on his profitless fishing expedition was Gov. Mon C. Wallgren of Washington, who is second from the right in the upper camera shot.

Coasting Along

By JULES MAITLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25 (UP)—Stanford university's one-time all-American fullback Bobby Grayson, who romped to football glory in 1933, '34 and '35, may again play a prominent role in his alma mater's football history.

Grayson, now a lieutenant commander in the navy got his start in the city of roses at Jefferson high, winning honors in 1931 as the city's most valuable high school grid star, along with 14 other assorted sports letters, trophies and medals.

Since then the ol' scrap book has expanded. It contains clippings of his first days at Stanford in 1932—and from there the rest is history.

Stanford went to the Rose bowl for three successive golden years in 1933, '34 and '35 on the strength and prowess of Grayson's unstoppable ball-packing. Football, Grayson, Stanford and Rose bowl became synonymous in the world of sports.

In 1935 Grayson was made assistant to Coach Tiny Thornhill at Stanford, resigning in March, 1939, to go into business.

Since the start of the war, Stanford has neglected football entirely. The recent withdrawal of head coach Jim Lawson, a navy lieutenant, to join the professionals; and reports that March Schwartz, the heir apparent, would not return to the Cardinals, shifts the spotlight to Grayson.

There has been quite a bit of serious talk that Bobby may be the next Stanford choice—a selection that would be popular, say the sports writers, because of his seemingly "eternal" youth.

With Stanford holding back this fall as all other Pacific coast conference clubs except Montana return to action, Stanford will need that popularity.

Who'll grab him first is a question. Reports persist that Grayson has been offered "top spot" coaching jobs by two eastern colleges. But the "wise money" says he'll grace the practice fields of Stanford again.

Lassie Sequel Is Shown at Liberty

Sequel to the original film story of the collie, Lassie, "Son of Lassie" is the current attraction at the Liberty theater.

Donald Crisp and Nigel Bruce are seen again in the roles of "the best dog man in Yorkshire," and the Duke of Rudling, respectively, while in the role of the boy, Joe, created by Roddy McDowell, is Peter Lawford, who is seen as the grown-up counterpart of the boy. Elizabeth Taylor has the role of Priscilla, granddaughter of the duke.

On the same bill is another film in the "This Is America" series, which deals with discharged veterans and the GI Bill of Rights.

Okinawa Victory Gives U. S. Base for Final Stab at Heart of Jap Homeland

Editor's Note: Okinawa island is now ours, but at heavy cost in American lives. What we learned there, what the island is worth to us, and what the payoff will be are covered in the following dispatch by William F. Tyree, veteran United Press war correspondent who has been with American forces in the Pacific since Pearl Harbor.

GUAM, June 25 (UP)—The conquered island of Okinawa is America's springboard to victory in the Pacific.

The United States' land, sea and air forces are now established for the first time deep inside Japan's inner defense ring and the stage is set for the climax of this long and bloody war—the invasion of the enemy's homeland or China or both.

The Japanese who doesn't know this is living in a military vacuum. The fiery handwriting already is appearing in the skies over Tokyo.

Everywhere, in the Pacific, GI's and generals feel the same way about it: "This is the time. This is the place."

They say: "It's been one damned island after another, but now we've got a toe-hold where we want it."

Okinawa is a jaw in the jagged-toothed trap of islands stretching northward from Formosa to Japan, ready to close when American commanders feel the victims have had sufficient beating from the air.

Superfortresses blows already are raining regularly on the enemy's home islands. But now the way is clear for a drumfire bombardment and tight blockade that will lay the Japanese open to invasion.

From Okinawa, it is 325 miles to Japan, 450 to Korea, less than 500 miles to the China coast, and all these are now threatened.

In other words, the capture of Okinawa is a long step toward Tokyo and victory. It means airfields for fighters and bombers, harbors for warships and supply

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