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Standing Switches Loom as Coasters Open New Series

By United Press
The Pacific coast league's 1945 baseball campaign neared the half-way mark Tuesday with the Portland Beavers still well up in front.

Manager Marv Owen's club has had its losing streaks, but somehow always has managed to recover enough to retain an advantage. This has varied from a full six games to a fraction of a point. At present it stands at four-and-a-half games.

This week the Beavers travel to Sacramento to open a seven-game series tonight. The fourth place Solons just finished knocking off Seattle, runner-up in the league standings, twice Sunday, and are out for blood.

There is plenty of room for major changes in the standings of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth place clubs. Only three games separate sixth place San Diego from the third place Seals. In between are Oakland and Sacramento, tied for fourth at a game behind San Francisco, closely pressed by Los Angeles, a game-and-a-half behind the Seals.

The cellar-dwelling Hollywood Stars, under new management, paradoxically may turn to be rough hosts to Oakland, and it may not be all beer and skittles for the Rainiers at San Diego.

The Los Angeles Angels make their first appearance of the season in San Francisco in what promises to be one of the liveliest series of the week.

GIs in Europe May See Baseball Stars in Action

PARIS, June 26 (UP)—There was mounting evidence today that the annual American major league all-star game may be brought to the European theater by air transportation to be played before more than 100,000 service men.

Col. Kenneth E. Field of Boston, director of the European theater athletic program, said in revealing a huge slate of sports for war-weary G. I.'s that Frank McCormick of Minneapolis, the former director, had gone to the United States in an attempt to get the all-star baseball game transferred to Europe.

Because of the increased rail transportation burden in the states, the all-star game, scheduled for Boston on July 9, was cancelled.

The game would be played in Germany's Nuernberg Nazi party stadium, which has a seating capacity of more than 100,000 and which is centrally located for most of the soldiers in occupation armies.

The football program would be climaxed this fall in a game between men picked from the third and seventh armies in the Nuernberg stadium.

Baseball competition is broken up into leagues with nine divisions of the seventh army having selected teams for games to be played in various Bavarian parks. Representatives of track and field competition, golf, tennis, and swimming are being selected in every unit.

What Goes Up Must Come Down



New Batting Stars Rise on Horizon Of Major Leagues

NEW YORK, June 26 (UP)—Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown—at least as far as the various major league baseball champions of 1944 are concerned.

With the current season drawing close to the half-way mark today, most of last year's individual leaders were bogged down while new and sometimes surprising gentlemen have risen to take their places.

Swinging a bat with plenty of hits in it, Tommy Holmes of the Boston Braves indicates that he means business in his efforts to annex the major league batting championship. And as far as last year's champ, Fred (Dixie) Walker of the Brooklyn Dodgers is concerned, Holmes apparently doesn't need to worry. The Boston outfielder has a .386 average while Walker is 29th among National league regulars with a puny mark of .278.

Boudreau Drops Behind
Lou Boudreau, Cleveland Indians' manager and 1944 American league leader, is little better off. Replacing him is the amazing Tony Cuccinello of the Chicago White Sox. Cuccinello has a .342 mark and Boudreau is 24th among American league regulars with a .265 figure.

One of the few likely to succeed himself is Hal Newhouse, crafty Tiger southpaw, who is ahead of his 1944 pitching time table with 11 victories and four defeats. Going at that pace he will win more than 30 games whereas in 1944 he picked up 29 wins while losing nine times. Russ Christopher, the one-man pitching staff for Philadelphia's white elephant Athletics, has won 11 while losing only two and rookie Dave (Boo) Ferriss of the Boston Red Sox tops Newhouse in percentage with 10 triumphs and two losses.

Mort Cooper Leads
In the National league Ted Wilks of the Cards, who won 17 and lost four, has equalled his 1944 record on the losing side with four defeats, but he has mustered up only four wins to go with them. His ex-team mate, Morton Cooper, now of the Braves, is the current National league leader with six triumphs and one loss, but that is a long way from big Mort's 1944 total of 22 and 7.

Then of course there are the Browns and Cards. The 1944 in sixth place and second respectively pennant winners, they now are tively in their current campaigns. There were no major league games in either league yesterday.

Eddie Leishman to Coach Acorn Nine

OAKLAND, Cal., June 26 (UP)—There is a strong possibility that general manager Vic Devincenzi of the Oakland Acorns has scored another ten-strike.

The big poobah of the Oaks has signed Eddie Leishman as a full-time coach and scout. Eddie is rated by many to possess one of the keenest baseball minds in the major leagues.

Leishman has inked a contract as a "full time, year-around" scout and coach with the Oakland entry in the Pacific coast league for the remainder of the year, officially joining the family July 1.

Eddie in his day was one of the finest infielders in the land, but he never could hit the size of his hat and despite his fine fielding and baseball instinct, he languished in the minors all through his career except, as he says, "for a cup of coffee" with the New York Yankees in 1933.

His way-stops, all in the Yankee farm chain, included El Paso in the Arizona-Texas league; Erie, Penn., in the Central league; Binghamton, N. Y., in the Eastern; Newark in the International; St. Paul in the American, and Seattle and Oakland in the Pacific coast.

Court Order Halts Ward Case Action

CHICAGO, June 26 (UP)—Montgomery Ward & Co.'s feud with the government over labor policies assumed a status quo position today after the U. S. circuit court of appeals stayed a mandate reversing a lower court ruling that government seizure of Ward's was illegal.

The stay was ordered "until further notice" while the company appeals to the supreme court. The mandate instructed Judge Philip L. Sullivan to issue a judgment upholding federal seizure of Ward property.

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VERSATILE—Charles W. Bidwell, manager of Chicago Bluebirds of National Girls' Softball league, gives last-minute instructions to pitcher Agnes Schleuter, of St. Louis (right), and catcher Betty Moczynski, of Milwaukee, his Bluebird battery. Bidwell also owns Chicago Cardinals pro football team, five dog racing strips in Florida and is director of Hawthorne race track. Otherwise he's a man of leisure.

Today's Sport Parade

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NEW YORK, June 26 (UP)—Brooklyn, that beautiful borough of churches and chowder houses, a paradise of its natives and a paradox to the rest of the world, provided baseball today with what could be one of the greatest diamond mysteries of all time—"dem breath-taking bums, the Dodgers."

There always is something new and different in Brooklyn—never a dull moment—but the evolution of Manager Leo Durocher's seventh place "dodderers" of 1944 to the current crew of dandies who are threatening to steal the National league pennant takes every slice of cake on the place.

Always before the team was supposed to be good and the Eb-bets field faithful went to the park to swear at and not by the players when they failed to live up to expectations. This year the whole thing is in reverse. The baseball experts, viewing the Dodgers in spring training at Bear Mountain, N. Y., shook their heads sadly and said that the fans would have to "wait 'til next year."

So what has happened? With only scattered changes, few of which were supposed to have been for the better, "dem bums" rise to heights sublime. They have been in first place for nine days now.

In the recent set of games with their eastern rivals they won 16 out of 19 games, a pennant pace in anybody's league. During that time they had winning streaks of eight games and seven games, but of course both of those were "small stuff" for this year's Dodgers. Earlier in the season they ran up an 11-game string, and though they have had their losing lapses, the most they have lost is a skein of six games on their last western junket.

Goody Rosen, who wasn't even a regular last year, is leading the hitters with a .366 mark and the help of Luis Olmo at driving in runs can't be overlooked. R.'s leading the league in that important department with 54.

Yet the Dodgers have only three regulars, Rosen, Olmo, and infielder Eddie Basinski hitting above .300. The tipoff, though, may be in the fact that collectively the club now leads the league in batting with a .273 mark.

Afield, however, they still are the Dodgers, seventh in team fielding with only the Jaybirds Phillies outranking them in making errors.

The pitching, which was supposed to have been collapsible and may be the team's "Achilles heel" is made up on a staff that is "very old" at one end and "very young" at the other. Key men are older Curt Davis, who has won six and lost six, and youngster Hal Gregg, who has won nine and lost four, but the miseries in his back prevent him from being at his best.

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Civilians Told to Stay Off Trains; Crisis Faced

WASHINGTON, June 26 (UP)—Faced with the greatest transportation crisis in the country's history, the government today put in a rush order for construction of new rail lines.

OUR NATION faces, these next few months, a cross-country transportation job of magnitude unprecedented in all history. Present battle plans require that our armies be transferred to the Far Pacific within 10 months. This means civilian travel slashed to a trickle! President Truman himself recently asked that no one take summer trips this year. Naturally, this does not mean no vacations. It can mean the best vacation you've had in the best of all possible places... right here in our own Pacific Northwest. Start planning your vacation at home with as much care as you ordinarily plan a vacation trip... and see the fun you can have!

- There's your garden**
Up to now you've only had time to work in it. Now take the time to enjoy its beauty!
- And your car...**
give it a break! Spend a little time washing, waxing and polishing!
- Don't forget the odds and ends around the house**
Those countless little things that you've never had time to do... oiling squeaky doors, refrigerator motors, putting up screens, painting. It's lots of fun to putter.
- Get acquainted with your family**
Everyone has been so busy these last few years it's high time you slowed down and took a good look around you. The kids are growing up... and they're developing into pretty swell people. Your wife's been working hard—she'll welcome your help around the house—and your company, too!
- And you'll find that your neighbors are pretty grand citizens**
When you get to know them.
- Yes, there are lots of interesting things here to do at home**
When you stop to think about it. How long has it been since you picnicked in one of the parks, visited the public library, or did the scores of interesting things there are to do right in your own home town.
- After all, what is a vacation but a rest and a change and a happy mental attitude! ALL OF THAT you can get right here... in your own home town... in your own home.**

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