

# SPORTS

Complete Local Reports

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## Baseball Standings

By United Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	54	41	.568
Washington	54	42	.563
New York	50	43	.538
Chicago	50	47	.515
Cleveland	48	48	.500
Boston	48	49	.495
St. Louis	45	49	.479
Philadelphia	31	62	.340



## TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

By JACK CUDDY  
United Press Correspondent

LONDON, Aug. 7 (UP)—Now the holocaust of war is just a bitter memory to the thousands of American servicemen still in Europe, the army is ready with the biggest and most concentrated sports program in history to make them forget battles and their burning desire to come home.

There are two million men, mostly combat veterans, who are awaiting redeployment which necessarily must be delayed for many months because shipping facilities are so urgently needed for the Pacific theater.

## Explains

Maj. Gen. Ben Sawbridge, chief of the athletics division of the army special services, explained what the army intended to do.

"All of these men wish to return home right away which is impossible," he said. "But we can't let them rot. They deserve top treatment while they are waiting. It is our job to keep them happy and to prevent homesickness."

"Now they no longer are in combat, we can't keep drilling constantly. Hence we must burn their energy with athletics, the kind where all compete. And we must entertain them with progressive competitions wherein finally the best compete in big tournaments inspiring divisional pride."

## No Chance

Sawbridge said he saw "no possibility" of the American world series baseball teams coming to Europe to put on their classic for servicemen.

"The weather after September is too rainy and uncertain to attempt anything like that," Sawbridge said.

Sawbridge, a former Stanford university student who said he never made the first team anywhere although he tried out for everything, is a tall well-built veteran with graying brown hair. He is assisted by Col. Ken Fields, former army athlete from West Point. Fields was halfback in the early '30's, being graduated in 1934. Also on the staff is Col. Frank McCormick, former director of athletics at Minnesota, who recently returned from America.

## Informal

Now being distributed as fast as transportation facilities are made available are huge stockpiles of softball, baseball, and volleyball equipment. The staff also is involved in the supervision of numerous tournaments now in progress. They include baseball, soft ball, golf, tennis, track and field, archery, horse shoe pitching, and swimming.

Boxing now is being carried on informally throughout the seven European sports commands but will be included with football as one of the major phases of the winter program.

## Bob Joyce to Try For 25th Win In Oakland Series

By United Press

Bob Joyce bids for his 25th victory of the Pacific Coast league season tonight as his teammates on the San Francisco Seals enter their "make or break" series with the Oakland A's.

Both teams are tied for fourth place, four full games behind the third-place Sacramento Solons and 19 games behind the top spot Portland Beavers. A clear-cut series victory for either might go far toward securing a berth in the post-season playoffs for the winner and tumbling the loser into the second division permanently.

In other games tonight the Sacramento Solons invade San Diego, while Hollywood and Los Angeles battle for undisputed possession of the loop cellar.

## Stiner Starts On All-Civilian Team

CORVALLIS, Aug. 7 (UP)—

Coach Lon Stiner today is working on the problem of constructing the Oregon State college 1945 football team exclusively from civilians, navy officers having served notice navy students will not be available for play.

An ROTC unit will be established at OSC in September, but navy regulations stipulate the students under ROTC must be in residence one quarter before becoming eligible for intercollegiate sports. Thus, the navy men will be eligible for winter and spring sports teams.

For OSC's first varsity football team in three years, Stiner is counting heavily on freshmen to form the bulk of his squad, with additional help from discharged veterans. Practice opens Sept. 8, with the first game slated with the Klamath Falls marines Sept. 29.

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## Pennant Fever In Detroit Halted By Bad Chills

Tigers Lose More Than Won Last Month

By CARL LUNDQUIST

NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (UP)—Detroit's pennant fever was complicated with severe chills today, brought on by a month of mediocre play in which only two clubs, the Red Sox and Athletics, have lost more games than the first place Tigers.

Since July 7 the Tigers have won 13 games and lost 14, hardly the pace with which to win a pennant. That they still remain in the lead, although by only a half game, is an indication of how tight the race has become since mid-season.

The Washington Senators, now in second, were playing just so-so ball themselves until they ran into five double headers in as many days and won nine of the 10 games. That gave them a record of 16 wins and 13 losses for the month, about the same pace as the White Sox set in leading the western half of the circuit with 15 victories and 11 defeats. The Cleveland Indians were next with 16 victories and 13 losses.

Losses More  
Even the trouble-beset Yankees did better than the Tigers, winning 12 and losing 12. The seventh place Browns, who were leading the league at this time a year ago, played at exactly the same pace as the Tigers, winning 13 and losing 14.

The Red Sox were just a shade worse, winning 13 and losing 15 while the A's won 10 and lost 17 to bring up the rear.

The Tigers broke even in a double header with the White Sox at Chicago yesterday, muffing an opportunity to gain on the idle Senators. Al Benton, who has won five of the 13 Tiger victories during the month, gained his 11th win against two defeats in the opener, beating the Sox, 6 to 2.

Browns Lose  
It was Detroit's first victory in five games with the Sox, but they couldn't stand the pace and Johnny Humphries shut them out on four hits, 7 to 0, in the second game.

The champion Brownies dropped to a new low for the season, losing two to the Indians at St. Louis, 9 to 7 and 8 to 4, to go all alone into seventh place.

Previously the Browns and Indians had been tied for sixth, but the double win moved Cleveland into fifth place ahead of Boston. The Browns suffered a blow worse than defeat in the opener when third baseman Mark Christman was hit in the head by one of Allie Reynolds' fast pitches and suffered a brain concussion.

He is in a serious condition in a St. Louis hospital. Homers accounted for both Cleveland victories, Pat Seery and Frankie Hayes delivering in the opener and Mickey Rocco and Jeff Heath connecting in the second game.

No other American league games were scheduled and all in the National were rained out.

## Hagg, Andersson Will Visit in U. S.

LONDON, Aug. 7 (UP)—Swedish distance ace Gunder Hagg and Arne Andersson said today they both definitely will come to the United States for the indoor track season next winter in an effort to set new world marks for the mile and two mile runs.

"You can tell Dan Ferris, the secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union, that we are all set," Andersson said. "We are making the arrangements now."

## 'INSECT SUBMARINES'

Caddis fly larvae were building submarines millions of years before man came on earth. These tiny worms encase themselves in an armor of silk, stones and shells in this undersea craft, they roam about the ocean, rising to the surface or sinking, at will.

## Talbert, Bets In Top Seeded Places In Rye Tourney

RYE, N. Y., Aug. 7 (UP)—William Talbert of Wilmington, Del., and Pauline Betz of Los Angeles were seeded No. 1 today in the men's and women's division of the eastern grass court tennis championships which open at the Westchester country club tomorrow.

Lt. Gardner Mulloy was seeded No. 2 in the men's singles with Francisco Segura No. 3 and Elwood Cooke No. 4. Margaret Osborne was seeded second among the women followed by Mrs. Sarah P. Cooke and A. Louise Brough.

The opening round paired Talbert against Nick A. Buzolic of San Pedro, Cal.; Segura against Harry Buttimer of San Francisco while Mulloy and Cooke drew byes.

In the women's singles first round Miss Betz will meet Betty Rosenquest of South Orange, N. J.; Miss Osborne plays Connie Clifton of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; Mrs. Cooke goes against Lillian B. Lopus of New York and Miss Brough meets Edna Steinbach of Richmond Hill, N. Y.

The men's division drew 24 entrants, the women's 32.

## Russia Will Renew Finnish Relations

By United Press  
Finnish and Rumanian broadcasts said last night Russia has decided to resume diplomatic relations with Finland and Rumania.

The decision was taken "in view of the fact Finland has so far loyally complied with the terms of the armistice agreement" signed last September, the Finnish broadcast said.

Radio Bucharest said a similar memorandum was given Rumanian Premier Petre Groza by Col. Gen. Ivan Z. Susaikov, Soviet chairman of the allied control commission in Rumania.

## Moscow Papers All Carry Bomb Stories

LONDON, Aug. 7 (UP)—Radio Moscow said all Moscow newspapers published President Truman's statement on the atomic bomb today. Morning newspapers in London filled their front pages with details and sidelights on the new weapon. Editorials praised the work of scientists, but expressed grave fears for civilization.

## MacKenzie King Elected to House

ALEXANDRIA, Ont., Aug. 7 (UP)—Prime minister W. L. Mackenzie King held a seat in the house of commons today after a landslide victory over Dr. Richard Monahan in a Glengarry riding by-election.

The liberal party leader's vote yesterday was 4,623 against 327 for Dr. Monahan, an independent liberal.

The by-election was made necessary by King's defeat in the Canadian general election in June, which King's party won. To continue as prime minister he needed a commons seat.

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# Many Men Took Part in Developing Bomb



**AERIAL BOXCAR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.**—Gigantic aerial boxcar, first North American Aviation-built C-87 packer after maiden flight 30 days ahead of schedule has wingspread great enough to shelter AT-6 Texan trainer (left) and P-51 Mustang fighter. The Fairchild-designed cargo plane is being produced for army air forces at North America's Texas plant.

## Australians Push Toward Vital Oil Port on Borneo

MANILA, Aug. 7 (UP)—Australian units found an opening today along the well-guarded road to Samarinda, vital oil port in southeast Borneo, knocking out defensive positions with accurate mortar fire.

Seventh division Australians, in the area north of Balikpapan, followed the mortars with rifles and hand grenades as the enemy slowly withdrew to the north.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique announced more than 400 far eastern airforce bombers and fighters on Sunday dumped tons of jellied gasoline on Tarumizu, on the eastern shore of Kagoshima Bay in southern Kyushu.

Returning pilots reported their bombs and rockets left smoke columns visible 30 miles away.

Fifth and seventh airforce Liberators, B-25s, and A-26s, escorted by Mustangs and Thunderbolts, also participated in the attack.

## Frau Goering Says Hitler Blocked Peace Parley

By CURT RIESS  
NEAR GERMAN CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER, August 7 (NNEA)—Frau Emmy Goering believes if Adolf Hitler had not held up a message from Winston Churchill, her husband could have prevented world war II.

Hermann Goering was opposed to the war, she claims, but she did not give me any idea what he could have done about it.

Albert Forster, later gauleiter of Danzig, was in England shortly before hostilities broke out in 1939, Emmy told me. He was asked by Churchill to tell Goering that the Briton (not yet prime minister at that time) would like to talk to him.

"Tell Goering to come to England," Churchill urged Forster, according to Emmy.

The message was relayed to Hitler, and Goering heard nothing about it until a year later, Emmy says. Forster mentioned it to Goering only after the war was in full swing.

"Why didn't you tell me," the Reichsmarshal asked then. "This might have prevented the war!"

Goering soon realized the air blitz of England could not win the war, she told me. He wanted to discontinue it. He would argue that his crews were too tired to go out again, or that the weather was unfavorable, but Hitler would insist on more raids.

"The Fuehrer wants me to send my men into certain death," Goering would lament. And often he would ask, as allied planes increasingly devastated the reich:

"What can I tell the German people?"

The naive explanations and excuses made by Emmy, however unconvincing to others, seem worth repeating because they probably foreshadow the defense her husband will make when he goes on trial.

"If the allies kill Hermann they must kill all of their own soldiers," she cried. "He did only what they did—obeyed orders."

## Allied Troops Meet Savage Jap Battle

CALCUTTA, Aug. 7 (UP)—Allied troops operating between Myitkyo and the old Sittang river channel in the flooded area of southeastern Burma are meeting with savage Japanese resistance, a southeast Asia communique said today.

Other allied troops have cleared enemy elements from astride the Pegu-Martaban railway. A Japanese attack on a village situated on the south bank of the Sittang channel, 20 miles east of Pugu, was repulsed.

Air command Spitfires and Thunderbolts supported ground units.

## Airport News

### Salem Girl Goes Home After Her First Solo Flight

Jane Pearmine of Salem has returned to her home after making her first solo airplane flight at the local airport, terminating two weeks of instruction.

Flying to Portland Monday were Judy Moore of La Grande, and Dr. S. Ballentyne and Dr. C. W. Taylor, both of Portland, who flew here Saturday.

Flying to Portland today were Myron Fleser of Minam, Roth McCullough of Haines and Mae Shanks of Union.

Pilots checking in at the local airport over the weekend were: Clay Porter, flying a Piper cub, Cy Gallogley, in a Cub cruiser, and H. H. Hart, in a Taylorcraft, all of Pendleton; E. C. Welch, of John Day, flying a Taylorcraft; Virgil Davis, and Arthur A. Hertel, both flying Luscombes, and both of Walla Walla; H. E. DeVore of Ontario, in an Interstate; Ardis Brinton and Raleigh Munkers of Baker, and both piloting Taylorcraft; Charles Freeman of Vernal, Utah, in a Taylorcraft, and A. Johnston of Seattle, who was ferrying a Stinson from Oklahoma to Seattle.

## Contract Cutbacks Reach 15 Billions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (UP)—War contract cutbacks, affecting 1945 and 1946 production schedules, totaled more than \$15,000,000 up to July 28, the war production board reported today.

The WPB emphasized, however, that this figure was not adjusted to reflect new contracts that have been or will be let for war work or of any increase in production due to rescheduling.

The board said that its production readjustment committee had processed cutbacks totaling \$1,599,000,000 in war contracts affecting 1945 schedules and a total of 6,725,000,000 affecting 1946 schedules.

About three-fourths of the 1945 cutbacks take effect in the last five months of the year, when they will average close to \$1,300,000,000 a month.

## Portlander Escapes Having Throat Cut

PORTLAND, Aug. 7 (UP)—Millard M. Spratt, 53-year-old Albany, Ore., railroad worker, probably will think twice before accepting rides from now on.

Spratt told police he met a man Sunday who took him riding in an automobile. After the two had a few drinks and were about five miles out of Portland, the stranger stopped the car and remarked: "I think I'll cut your throat."

A struggle ensued and Spratt finally escaped a 1 1/2 inch suffering knife wounds in his throat. He walked back to the city and was given first aid at St. Vincent's hospital.

## B-29 Engine Plant Closed by Strikers

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 7 (UP)—U. S. Conciliator James McNamara today renewed his efforts to end a five-day walkout at the Lockheed, O., plant of the Wright Aeronautical corporation which has idled 27,000 workers and halted production of B-29 engines.

McNamara met separately yesterday with officials of the company and the United Auto Workers (CIO) but neither would make the first move to end the strike. The strike began Friday when 14 employees refused to accept lower-paying jobs.

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Selby G. Weaver, 27, corporal in the air corps at De Ridder, La. He is the son of Mrs. Pearl Weaver, Wallowa, and attended grade school and high school there. He attended Moler barber college and before entering the army on November 27, 1942 was employed in the O. K. barber shop in La Grande.

He was married October 6, 1940 to Ruth U. Dene Igo, who is at present living in De Ridder, La.



William F. Youmans, Y2/c, USNR, 503 M avenue, and Dallas D. LeGore, S 1/c, USNR, 1415 Y avenue, La Grande, fought at Okinawa aboard the venerable man o' war, USS West Virginia, the only battleship which has taken part in every major landing operation in the Pacific in the last six months.

Blasted at Pearl Harbor by two bombs and at least six torpedoes, the old battleship was resurrected and repaired, then joined the fight against the Japs with a vigor that has won her a reputation as the "one ship task force."

## Capt. Johnny Groupe

of La Grande, who has been through four battle fronts, North Africa, Italy, France and Germany, had his closest call after the cessation of hostilities in the European theater, he wrote his father, Charles O. Groupe.

He said recently while riding on the Autobahn, (Germany's superhighway) near Heidelberg in a jeep, the vehicle was struck by a two and one-half ton truck. The jeep turned over once throwing the driver and another captain out, but Captain Groupe was still in the jeep when it stopped rolling. The two captives suffered only cuts and bruises though their driver sustained a broken back which will require months of hospitalization.

## Sgt. Desmond O. Larson

has returned to La Grande after 16 months service in the European theater with a medical detachment.

Enroute to La Grande he visited in Salt Lake City, and will spend the rest of his 30-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orin L. Larson. At the termination of his furlough he will report to Fort Douglas, Utah, for reassignment.

## Jack Zanders Plan To Make Home Here; Recently Discharged

Jack Zander and his bride are in La Grande to make their home. He recently was given an honorable discharge from the army on the strength of his 122 points and five and one-half years of service.

Three years and 15 days of that time were spent in the South Pacific where Zander participated in the Papuan, New Guinea, Bismarck archipelago, Netherland East Indies and Philippines campaigns.

He has the award of merit, the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon the Pacific-Asiatic, and American Defense ribbons.

Mr. and Mrs. Zander are at the home of his father, Henry K. Zander.

## Prize Crew Brings Jap Ship to Port

AN ALLIED PACIFIC PORT, Aug. 7 (UP)—A navy prize crew from two seventh fleet destroyers brought the Japanese hospital ship, Tachibana Maru, into an allied harbor Monday after it had been discovered to be carrying arms, ammunition and other contraband.

The navy turned over 1,562 patients, 13 officers and 63 men of the crew to U. S. army authorities.

It was the largest single haul of prisoners in the Pacific war. Navy crews are still digging out contraband hidden in the ship's hold.

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