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Tigers, Cubs Appear In as League Champs

By CARL LUNDQUIST
NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (UP)—Barring a miracle, the Detroit Tigers and Chicago Cubs were "in" today as 1945 major league champions.

Although baseball is a sport where "anything can happen," it would take simultaneous "once-in-a-lifetime" comebacks by the Washington Senators and St. Louis Cardinals to overtake the current leaders.

The Tigers were in front in the American league by two and a half games and the Cubs held a four-game margin in the national, but Detroit, despite of the narrower margin, has the more secure position at the moment.

Must Win All
With three victories in four games to date in their crisis series at Washington, the Tigers now can lose four of their remaining nine games and still clinch a tie for the pennant, even if the Senators win all of the six they have left to play.

The Cubs have 12 more to play, five with the Cardinals, and can clinch at least a tie in winning eight, even though St. Louis takes all 12 of its remaining games.

The imminent passing from the pennant picture of the Cards and the Senators represents the end of one of baseball's greatest dynasties and a "near miss" on what would have been the best recovery in baseball since the Braves won the 1914 pennant after being in last place on July 4. The Cards, who won three straight flags, may be only temporarily out of the picture since they appear to have material to come back. The Senators, last place waifs of 1944, nearly accomplished what no other team has ever done, made a leap from bottom to top in one season.

Stopped Rally
The clock apparently struck midnight for Washington in the ninth inning of the second game

yesterday when they had a chance for a double win. The Nats had beaten Detroit's ace, Hal Newhouser, 3 to 2, on Roger Wolff's five-hit pitching, coming from behind after the Tigers made two unearned first inning runs. But Detroit took the second, 5 to 4, when Paul (Dizzy) Trout came in to quench a two-run rally in that fatal ninth.

The Cubs won two from the tough Dodgers at Chicago, 3 to 2 and 4 to 2. It was their 18th double header victory of the season for a new major league mark.

The lowly Phils, who have won nine games from the Cards, gained a split at St. Louis. They won, 4 to 3, when Manager Ben Chapman pinch-hit two runs in the ninth with a single, lost 10 to 3, as the Red Birds made 15 hits.

Splits
The Giants and Pirates, battling for fourth, split at Pittsburgh. Elvin Roer pitched a 3 to 2 win for the Bucs after which Jack Brewer got 13-hit support to win for the Giants, 9 to 2.

Cincinnati missed a chance to take sixth from Boston by splitting with the Braves. Boston won the opener, 4 to 3, when Whitey Wittmann singled with the bases full. Frank McCormick's double and Al Lakeman's single gave the Reds a 5 to 4, 11-inning victory.

Spud Chandler won his own game with a two-run single to give the Yanks a 5 to 4 edge over the Browns at New York after St. Louis won the first, 6 to 2.

The White Sox won two at Boston, 5 to 3 and 6 to 1, by taking advantage of inept Red Sox fielding. Thornton Lee and Orval Grove were the winners.

Cleveland blanked the A's at Philadelphia, 3 to 0, Steve Gromek pitching a five-hitter for his 17th victory. The Athletics took the second game, 7 to 5, sewing it up with a five-hit, five-run rally in the fifth.

Today's Sport Parade

By JACK CUDDY

United Press Correspondent

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (UP)—Jolting Joe DiMaggio was radiant as the roar of the crowd embraced him. The expression on his lean, dark face revealed he was listening to mighty sweet music—the spontaneous howling yells of 40,421 fans welcoming him back to Yankee stadium.

This outburst came in a late inning of the opener of Sunday's doubleheader with the St. Louis Browns. The Yanks were in process of losing the opener, 6-2, and perhaps the announcer figured the fans needed a cheerful carol over the loud speakers. So he notified the crowd the Frisco Kid was present. Whereupon the fans really cut loose.

New Suit
Joe loved it. Wearing civilian clothes for the first time since February, 1943, he sat there in Larry MacPhail's mezzanine box, waving his right hand through the roar and grinning as if to split his face. His left hand was busy preventing his very active son, Joe No. 3, from bounding out of the box. No. 3—who has the hatchet profile of "Jolting" No. 2, plus a trend toward red hair—will be four years old next month. Mother Dorothy, a platinum blonde, sat with them.

Between games, the great DiMaggio stood in the stadium club-room shooting the breeze with baseball writers. He was dapper in a new gray suit and mottled blue tie. The erstwhile staff sergeant of the army air force wore his civvies with relish, after nearly three years of G. I. raiment. Slender, dark-haired DiMag—the Yanks' greatest player since the heyday of Babe Ruth—looked happy and healthy, although thinner than before entering service.

Next Year
He explained that he had lost 14 pounds while in the army, parking him to 190 pounds. Stomach ulcers had caused this reduction, he said, meanwhile preventing him from playing service baseball since late June, 1944, at Honolulu, and ultimately putting him in a hospital for six weeks at St. Petersburg, Fla., from where he received his discharge last Friday.

Joe confirmed the report he will not play this season with the Yanks, who are threatened

with finishing in second division for the first time since 1925. Yankee-president MacPhail gave DiMag an assist on the explanation. Larry said, "Joe was willing to play. He offered to help us. But I turned thumbs down on that. He hasn't played any ball for more than a year; he's under weight and he's not hardened. Although his presence in the lineup for the rest of the season would attract a lot of fans, we'd be taking needless chances on his being injured. We want him back in good shape next season, when we'll have our regulars back—when we'll have a real Yankee team—a pennant-winning team."

Four Jobs Filled On Webfoot Team

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 17 (UP)—Tex Oliver today launched his University of Oregon Webfoots on their second week of practice with four berths virtually filled for the coming game against the University of Washington.

Ex-service man John Kauffman of Long Beach, Calif., and Harry Reiton of Portland, 270-pound freshman, were certain for the guard positions. Another freshman, Bob Anderson, looks sure for right end, while alternating at center have been Bill Anderson of Long Beach and Bill Davis of Ashland.

CORVALLIS, Sept. 17 (UP)—Oregon State today opened a one-day program of scrimmaging, the green team having spent the first week in learning football fundamentals. Lon Stiner is not optimistic about the team's prospects, owing to the lack of experienced talent.

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TONIGHT and TUESDAY
Two Feature Attractions



Portland Clinches League Pennant In Double Win

Seattle Splits in Sacramento; First Flag Since 1936

By JACK DAILEY

Portland clinched its first Pacific coast baseball league pennant since 1936 Sunday when it swept a doubleheader from San Diego by scores of 2-1 and 4-2.

The flag was assured the Beavers by virtue of Seattle's split with Sacramento. The Sacs won the nightcap, 5-1, after the Rainiers captured the opener by the same score as Hal Turpin notched his 19th pitching victory.

Jackie Mooty outpitched Carl Dumber to win the first game for Portland. Mooty aided his own cause with a double in the seventh to tie the score. Glen Crawford tallied Mooty with the winning run on his hit. Wendall Mosser bested Bob Ferguson in a pitcher's duel in the finale. The Beavers scored their four runs in the sixth.

Turpin triumphed over Joe Valada in the first game when the Rainiers jumped into a three-run lead in the first inning and maintained it all the way. Bud Beasley outthrew Bob Elliott in the second tilt with George Mandish hitting a home run off Elliott in the seventh.

Newt Kimball registered his 18th victory in the opener, 4-3 when he outpitched the Seals' boy Hoyce. Frank Seward permitted Hollywood four hits in the second game while San Francisco raked Joe Mishasek, John Intlekofer and Earl Embry for 13 and a 11-1 win.

Portland Open to Start Sept. 27

PORTLAND, Sept. 17 (UP)—Eight amateurs became eligible today to participate in the \$14,333 open, scheduled for Sept. 27 to 30, at the Portland golf club after going through a practice session Sunday.

Bill Langley of Portland was low scorer with a 73. Ninety-eight amateur golfers participated in the tryouts.

Meanwhile some of the nation's golf greats were heading into the Pacific northwest for crucial golf play-offs at Spokane, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle.

Big event of the golf tour will be the Portland Open, where Robert A. Hudson, sponsor of the Portland event, has announced Slammin' Sammy Snead, defending Portland open champion, and Byron Nelson, biggest money maker of golfdom, will be on hand. Hudson also disclosed he had reason to believe Craig Wood, duration national open champ, will compete.

Franchises of Four Holdovers Confirmed

TACOMA, Sept. 17 (UP)—Franchises of the four hold-over western international league baseball clubs were confirmed and Victoria, B. C., was admitted as fifth member, league president Robert B. Abel announced following a directors' meeting last night.

When the league resumes operation next spring, Spokane, Tacoma, Vancouver, B. C., and Salem, will take up where they left off when the loop folded in 1942.

Decisions on whether six or eight teams will compose the willingness on another meeting of the directors scheduled for Sept. 30 in Seattle.

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Sam Snead Chief Challenger Now To Byron Nelson

TULSA, Okla., Sept. 17 (UP)—Sam Snead loomed today as the chief challenger to Byron Nelson's golf supremacy after winning the \$10,000 southwestern invitational meet for his second straight tournament victory.

The hard-driving West Virginian led all the way and finished the 72 holes in 277 strokes—nine better than Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., and Vic Ghezzi of Deal, N. J. Nelson, all-time money-winning champion and victor in virtually every tournament this summer, finished with a 288.

Only Snead of the 32-man field—20 professionals and 12 amateurs—was able to better the par figure of 284. Hogan and Ghezzi were two over par for the tricky Southern Hills course.

Snead picked up \$2,000 in war bonds for his victory. He has won \$18,910 in prize money this year since returning from navy service. Hogan and Ghezzi each won \$1,200 and Nelson took \$800.

Jimmy Hines and Ky Laffoon of Chicago were tied at 291, and Jimmy Demaret of Houston, Tex., and Gib Sellers of Hot Springs, Ark., carded 293.

U. S. production of 100-octane aviation gasoline during 1944 averaged 390,000 barrels a day. At the end of the war, production reached 500,000 barrels daily.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	85	60	.588
Washington	84	64	.568
St. Louis	76	68	.528
New York	74	68	.521
Cleveland	68	70	.493
Chicago	70	74	.486
Boston	66	78	.458
Philadelphia	51	92	.357

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	90	52	.634
St. Louis	86	56	.607
Brooklyn	78	64	.549
Pittsburgh	80	67	.544
New York	76	68	.528
Boston	60	82	.423
Cincinnati	59	83	.415
Philadelphia	44	101	.303

PACIFIC COAST			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Portland	109	68	.619
Seattle	100	75	.571
Sacramento	94	81	.537
San Francisco	92	84	.523
Oakland	87	89	.494
San Diego	80	95	.455
Los Angeles	73	103	.415
Hollywood	69	107	.392

CARDINALS TIE

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 17 (UP)—The Chicago Cardinals offered pre-season evidence today they may no longer be the doormats of the national professional football league. They put on a belated fourth period drive yesterday to tie the Washington Redskins, 7 to 7, in a non-championship game before 11,936 fans.

John Bowman, 46, Champion Cowboy At Pendleton Show

PENDLETON, Sept. 17 (UP)—John Bowman, 46-year-old Oakdale, Calif., cowboy, counted his winnings today after taking the all-around cowboy championship and \$5000 Sam Jackson trophy in the closing hours of the 34th annual Pendleton round-up.

Bowman, who has been in the cowpunching business for more than 30 years, won first honors in steer roping and calf roping late Saturday, coming from behind other favorites to take round-up honors.

Bill McMacken, Florence, Ariz., who had been a strong contender for the Sam Jackson trophy, met tough luck in every event except the bucking contest in which he was first.

Gene Rambo, Shendon, Calif., 1944 all-around cowboy winner, lost out when he drew no time in his calf roping.

The round-up officially closed with the selection of Melinda Tillicquots of Toppenish, Wash., Yakima Indian reservation, as the American beauty of 1945.

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'Hotel Berlin' Now at Liberty

"Hotel Berlin" playing today and Tuesday at the Liberty theater, tells the story that has been smoldering behind the West-wall for more than five years of total war. And a grim tale it is, depicting the machinations of the men and women who plan future wars in the shadow of today's dead.

Laid against the bomb-blasted backdrop of the Nazi capital,

"Hotel Berlin" is concerned with Martin Richter (Helmuth Dantine), an underground leader, and his struggle to bring understanding to a people diseased by years of Nazi ideology. It tells of exquisite Lisa Dorn (Andrea King), the spoiled darling of the German stage, and of the weak and shallow love she bore for Richter. Moving through the rooms of this great hotel, the film lays bare the lives of generals and statesmen, poets and shopkeepers; revealing for all the world to see, the corruption of the Nazi world.

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