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Washington, Detroit Back Toward Flag

By CARL LUNDQUIST
NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (UP)—The "turtle derby" for the American league pennant lacked only the strains of slow music today with the Detroit Tigers and Washington Senators funeral-marching along as if to their doom instead of to fat money payoff of the world series.

The bedraggled ball clubs, finding it hard to regain the sizzling pace that made them contenders in the first place, were doing a fine job of backing into the pennant after their "all-out" series at Washington over the weekend.

Loss Five
The Senators looked like "nine old men" in losing their fifth straight game at Yankee stadium to New York, 6 to 1, yesterday, playing with their eyes on the scoreboard to see whether the Tigers were faring any better at Cleveland.

They weren't. The Indians made it two straight over Detroit, also by a 6 to 1 score. All of their runs came along with a deluge of rain in the eighth inning.

The Tigers salvaged more out of their defeat than the Senators, because they now can clinch the pennant on any combination of five victories or defeats. They need to win five of their six re-

Nelson Takes Two Stroke Lead in Spokane Open

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 21 (UP)—Byron Nelson's two-stroke lead in the \$10,000 Emerald golf open goes on the firing line for 73 challengers in second-round play over the rolling Indian Canyon course here today.

Nelson, Toledo, O., umbrella salesman, blasted a six-under-par 66 through rain and hail squalls yesterday to pace golf-dom's greatest masters in the first 18 of a 72-hole medal tourney ending Sunday.

Close behind Nelson, winner of 17 tournaments this year, is 26-year-old Ed Furgon of Detroit, who posted a 68, and Jack Cagle, newly-turned pro from San Bernardino, Calif., with 69.

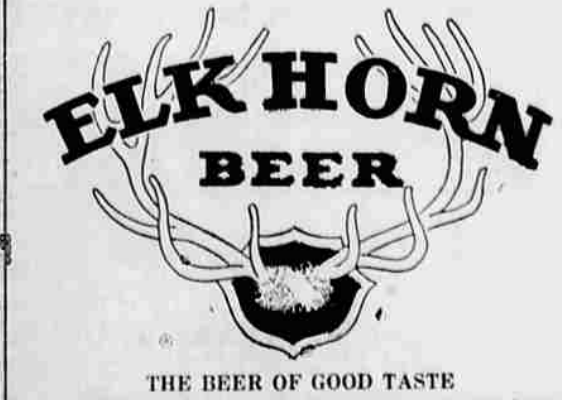
Bunched at 70 at the end of the first round were Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa.; Harold (Jug) McSpaden, San Antonio, Mo.; Newt Bassler, Carmel, Calif.; Joe Hunter, Santa Anita, Calif.; Fred Wood, Vancouver, B. C. and Marsh Hammond, Spokane amateur.

Slammin' Sammy Snead, who coasted to easy victories in the last two big shows at Dallas and Tulsa, got off to a shaky start with a 73, one over par. Snead had trouble on the fast, sloping green, needing 37 putts in his first round.

Among the 10 others who scored better than pre-tourney favorite Snead were Leonard Dason, Kansas City, and Al Zimmerman, Portland, with 71s, and Jimmy Hines, Chicago; George Fazio, San Francisco, and Harry Givan, Seattle amateur and defending champion.

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San Francisco Cinches Fourth As Acorns Lose

By United Press
San Francisco Seals sewed up their fourth place position in the Pacific coast league standings Thursday night by stopping Los Angeles, 4-1, while the Oakland Acorns, who had been a potential threat to the bay city team, dropped two games to Hollywood, both by 4-3 scores.

The Seals whittled the gap between themselves and third-place Sacramento to 1½ games as the Solons' contest with pennant-winning Portland was cancelled because of wet grounds.

Seattle stood at 7½ games behind Portland after dumping San Diego twice, 3-2 and 4-1.

San Francisco scored four runs in the fourth inning as they routed Paul Lammers, who was replaced by Bud Merkle. Los Angeles scored its one run in the fourth, also.

Jerry Nelson, 17-year-old San Diego pitcher, met Seattle's Glen Elliott in a mound duel, and was charged with the defeat in their nightcap although he held the Rainiers to six while his team mates were pounding 11 off Elliott.

Baseball Standings

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | |
|-----------------|----|----|
| | W. | L. |
| Detroit | 85 | 63 |
| Washington | 85 | 65 |
| St. Louis | 78 | 68 |
| New York | 75 | 70 |
| Cleveland | 70 | 70 |
| Chicago | 71 | 75 |
| Boston | 70 | 79 |
| Philadelphia | 51 | 95 |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | |
|-----------------|----|-----|
| | W. | L. |
| Chicago | 91 | 55 |
| St. Louis | 89 | 57 |
| Brooklyn | 80 | 65 |
| Pittsburgh | 80 | 67 |
| New York | 78 | 69 |
| Boston | 64 | 83 |
| Cincinnati | 60 | 85 |
| Philadelphia | 44 | 103 |

| PACIFIC COAST | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|
| | W. | L. |
| Portland | 110 | 68 |
| Seattle | 103 | 76 |
| Sacramento | 95 | 83 |
| San Francisco | 94 | 85 |
| Oakland | 89 | 91 |
| San Diego | 80 | 99 |
| Los Angeles | 73 | 105 |
| Hollywood | 71 | 109 |

TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

By JACK CUDDY
United Press Correspondent

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (UP)—Without benefit of spectacles, Clark Griffith's greenish-brown eyes blazed at the reporter as he said, "We'll win the pennant yet. Detroit has more games to play than we have — so Detroit has more games to lose — with a tired out pitching staff."

Griffith, a sawed-off oldster with bristling gray brows and a mop of white hair, is president of the Washington Senators. He will be 76 years old in November. Because of his age, he rarely travels with the club. But he came to New York yesterday "on a hunch" and he will stick with his club until it wins or loses the American league pennant.

Not Surprised
When a guy is approaching 76, and he is forced to watch his club lose, 6-1, to the Yankees in a crucial game, one might expect to find Griffith with his feet in a pair of hot water, and with ice packs on his head. Such was not the case with Clark Griffith, when he bearded him in his Hotel New Yorker room, to which he hurried after the Senators-Yankee game.

The reporter said, "Even if your club finishes second this year, will you be surprised at its remarkable showing?"

Griffith, of the brown-striped suit, marched up and down the room, then looked scornfully at the reporter and said, "I was disappointed last year when my club finished in last place. I believed that club would go to town, but it didn't for various reasons. Naturally, I am not surprised when that same club — with a few embellishments — does this season what I expected of it in 1944."

Will Be Surprised
"My only surprise now will be if we do not win the pennant. I will be surprised because I know we have the best team in the American league. And we will win out because I have suddenly joined the club, on a hunch, to sit in on victory. Sure — I'll go with the club to Philadelphia — until this thing is fought out."

Maybe they cast the oldtimers in a tough mould. Yet investigation discloses Clark Griffith was a sickly kid in the log cabin at Clear Creek, Mo., where he

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SEES NEW YORK FROM WHEELCHAIR—Jerry Wrinn, eight-year-old victim of muscular dystrophy—a disease almost always fatal, that has baffled science—sits in a wheelchair upon arrival in New York City, from Miami, Fla., where he has flown with his mother, Mrs. Frank Wrinn (right), for treatment.

Your GI Rights Problems of Men In Service

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Here are some general questions from veterans and their relatives:

Q. My husband has been in the army four years. He was drafted out of college. I want him to go back and finish with government aid but he says we won't get enough to live on and support our three children. Won't we get an allotment for him to go to school at least as much as we have been getting while he was in service?

A. No. The maximum you will get is \$75 according to the present law. There are several bills pending in congress, however, which may provide more for living expenses.

Q. They tell me that the Government is only hiring veterans and that is the best place to get a good steady job for as long as you want to keep it. I want to be sure about what I am getting into, however. Where can I get all the available information?

A. Write to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. State your problem and they will give you all the necessary information.

Q. Was a serviceman required to file a federal income tax return for 1944?

A. If he had a gross income of \$500 or more for 1944, he should have filed a return regardless of whether he was single or married, a minor or an adult. In computing gross income, he may disregard tax-exempt receipts.

Q. Is the amount paid to the beneficiary of a deceased officer or enlisted man representing six months' gratuity pay, taxable income to the beneficiary?

A. No. This amount represents a gift by the United States and need not be included in income.

Q. May a relative who is actually dependent upon a missing serviceman or servicewoman obtain an allotment of pay?

A. Yes, if actually dependent and a relative within the recognized degree.

Q. Following official announcement of death of a man in service, what benefits begin for a dependent?

A. Death gratuities and insurance payments begin immediately.

was born. But he apparently apparently became calloused and tough — the firebrand of professional baseball — as he fought his way up from bat boy to semi pro, to minor leagues, to big leagues, to manager, to magnate. He was a pitcher who had nothing on the ball except his finger prints and his cunning. But that combination was so potent they called him "Old Fox." Now, the Old Fox has come out of his Washington lair to watch his knuckle-balling club back into the American league pennant — he hopes.

Six of Navy's Air Stations Will be Declared Surplus

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (UP)—Six of the navy's air stations in the northwest will be declared surplus during the last quarter of this year, assistant secretary of the navy for air John L. Sullivan said.

Full operations will be maintained at the Astoria, Ore., and Widby island, Wash., air stations, he said. Future status of the Astoria air station will be decided soon.

Tillamook air station will be placed in caretaker operation status, Sullivan disclosed.

Stations to be released by the navy are:

1. Naval auxiliary air station at Corvallis.
2. Naval air station at Klamath Falls.
3. Naval air station at Lakeview.
4. Naval auxiliary air station at North Bend.
5. Naval auxiliary air station at Quillayute, Wash.
6. Naval auxiliary air station at Shelton, Wash.

Layden Says U. S. Football Teams To Play Aussies

CHICAGO, Sept. 21 (UP)—Commissioner Elmer Layden of the national football league said today arrangements are being made to bring Australian football teams to America next year to play a series of exhibition games with N. F. L. teams. The games would be part of the National league's training schedule before the pro teams opened their regular league season. Layden also wants to study the possibility of putting the games on an annual home-and-home basis.

WINTER VISIT
MEDFORD, Sept. 21 (UP)—Visitors may be allowed to visit Crater Lake National park this winter, Superintendent E. P. Leavitt disclosed today.

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William F. Youmans, yeoman second class, USNR, 503 M Avenue, and Dallas D. Legore, seaman first class, USNR, 1415 V Ave, serve aboard the famous old battleship USS West Virginia, which went safely through many months of a campaign in the Pacific, then suffered her first combat casualties on the day of the Okinawa invasion when she was struck by a Japanese suicide plane. The plane was in a formation of four aircraft that flew over the Okinawa transport anchorage at dusk, 12 hours after the first U. S. troops had gone ashore. One plane was shot down by the West Virginia's gunners, but another penetrated the anti-aircraft fire, reached a position above the big ship, and came down in an almost vertical dive.

George Decker, who has been serving with a medical detachment in France and Germany, is enroute to his home here. His wife, the former Ann Stange, and their small child live here.

Sgt. Al Mackin, local business man before entering the army three and one-half years ago, yesterday called La Grande stating that he was leaving today for Fort Lewis to receive an honorable discharge. He has been overseas two years with the signal corps of the 12th air force in north Africa and Italy.

Elvin King, infantry, stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, who has spent the past 12 days here on furlough visiting his wife and three sons, and his mother, Mrs. Helen King, has received a four day extension to await some word from his father Fred King. The elder King has been held prisoner by the Japanese since the fall of Wake Island, where he was employed by a civilian construction company, and word is expected from him any day. When he leaves here the younger King will report to

Payments to Cut State's Bonded Indebtedness

SALEM, Sept. 21 (UP)—State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott will deposit with the state's fiscal agency in New York \$1,767,560.40 with which to pay principal and interest on state highway, veterans' aid and district interest bonds. It was announced today. The deposit will be made Oct. 1.

Payments will be as follows: state highway bonds, \$664,000 principal, \$105,076.99 interest; veterans' aid bonds, \$700,000 principal, and \$255,056.25 interest; district interest bonds, \$42,750 principal and \$677.16 interest.

During October the state treasurer will pay at his office \$29,000 in principal and \$12,027.50 in interest on bonds issued by the state board of higher education.

The principal payments will reduce to \$5,053,000 outstanding highway bonds; the veterans' aid bonds to \$11,275,000, district interest bonds to \$1,198,590, and to \$1,257,000 the outstanding bonds of the state board of higher education.

On Oct. 1, the total state general obligation bonded debt will stand at \$17,517,590. The net general bonded debt of the state on Oct. 1 will be approximately \$3,500,000.

FOREST OPENED
PORTLAND, Sept. 21 (UP)—The Wenatchee national forest, closed since July 12 because of fire hazards, was reopened to the public Thursday the Forest Service announced today.

Camp Adair, Corvallis, and is scheduled for the army of occupation.

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HALSEY RETURNS
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