

# Sacramento Holds Position On Double Power Failures

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Two large scale power failures moved the Sacramento Solons three games in front in the Pacific Coast League race Thursday night.

The first, an electrical type which blackened the Sacramento ball park after the first inning, caused postponement of the Solon game with the Portland Beavers.

The second power failure struck the San Diego batting order. It blackened the hopes of Padre fans who saw their team come up with only eight hits while dropping a double-header to last place Seattle 2-1 and 6-2.

In other action, Vancouver beat Phoenix in a homer derby, 7-6, and Salt Lake won its sixth straight with a 5-4 decision over Spokane.

**Combined Three Hitter**  
Max Surkont and Bill Kennedy teamed to hold the Padres to three hits in the first game of their twin bill. Kennedy, who came on in the sixth, got the win when Paul Pettit singled home Eric Rodin in the tenth inning. Surkont gave up the only two Padre runs when Padre catcher Al Jones homered with a mate aboard.

Mark Freeman, with the help of lefty John McCall, scored the triumph in the second game. Hal Bevan hit a homer for the Rain-

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iers, one of 13 Seattle hits off loser Dick Stigman, who was charged with his ninth defeat.

**Flashy Fielder Hits, Too**  
Brooks Robinson hit two homers to lead Vancouver over Phoenix. Robinson, better known for his sharp fielding at third base, belted a two run roundtripper in the first and a solo shot in the sixth. Jim Pagliaroni and Ron Hanson also homered for the mounties and Jose Pagan, Bill Wilson and Owen Friend hit for the distance for the Giants.

Fred Besana, who needed help

## Oregon Given Chance To Snatch NCAA Title

LINCOLN, Neb. (UPI)—At least five defending champions were on hand today as the annual NCAA track meet swung into action.

Preliminaries in sprints, hurdles, field events and middle distance competition were slated to end with the finals on tap for tomorrow.

The Kansas Jayhawks, with one of the best and certainly the largest squad in the meet at Cornhusker Stadium here, were favored to win the 1959 team title. San Jose State, Oregon and Michigan were given the best chances of upsetting the Kansans.

Southern California, 1958 champion, was ruled ineligible to compete by the NCAA.

Returning individual champions included Elias Gilbert of Winston-Salem, N.C., Teachers in the high hurdles. Gilbert led his team to the NAIA small college track championship last week.

He won the 1958 title at Berkeley, Calif., in 13.9 seconds.

Kansas' Charlie Tidwell captured the 220 lows at Berkeley with a sizzling 27.7 seconds time around a curve and was favored to repeat his victory. The Jayhawks' Ernie Shelby took the broad jump at Berkeley with a jump of 25 feet 3 1/2 inches and was also on hand here.

High jumper Don Stewart of SMU and pole vaulter John Johnston of Purdue were also back to defend crowns.

Ed Collymore of Villanova hoped to defend his 220 title, but pulled a muscle last week and appeared a doubtful starter for tonight's trial heats.

This enhanced the chances for San Jose State, which needed 30 points or so from their sprint duo of Ray Norton and Bob Poynter if the Spartans hoped to upset Kansas.

Alex Henderson of Arizona State, defending two-mile champion, was picked to win the three-mile event this year. But he had not shown up at last call and reports from Tempe, Ariz., were that he was too ill to make the trip.

The 400-meter low hurdles, 3,000-meter steeplechase and hop, step and jump have been added to this year's meet because of their importance in Olympic competition.

Vancouver 29 27 518 4  
Phoenix 29 29 500 5  
Portland 26 27 491 5 1/2  
Salt Lake 27 29 482 6  
Spokane 26 31 456 7 1/2  
Seattle 25 33 431 9 1/2

**Thursday's Results**  
Seattle 2 San Diego 1 (1st-10 inns)  
Seattle 6 San Diego 2 (2nd)  
Vancouver 7 Phoenix 6  
Salt Lake 5 Spokane 4

Portland at Sacramento, postponed, power failure.

**Standings**  
Major League Standings  
United Press International  
American League

W. L. Pct. GB  
Chicago 31 24 .564  
Cleveland 28 24 .538 1 1/2  
Baltimore 29 26 .527 2  
Detroit 26 26 .500 2 1/2  
New York 26 26 .500 3 1/2  
Kansas City 25 26 .490 4  
Washington 24 31 .436 7  
Boston 23 31 .426 7 1/2

**Thursday's Results**  
Kansas City 9 New York 5  
Detroit 8 Boston 1  
Cleveland 2 Baltimore 1, night  
Chicago 3 Washington 1, night

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# Observer Sports

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## Pascual Is Leading Hard-Luck Pitchers

By MILTON RICHMAN  
United Press International

That's two no-hitters Washington now has loused up for Billy Pierce but if you think he's pitching in tough luck; get a load of poor Camilo Pascual.

Pierce, at least, wound up with a one-hitter as the first-place White Sox beat the Senators, 3-1, Thursday night.

Pascual, his mound opponent, wound up talking to himself after losing his third straight game with two out in the ninth inning.

One look at the log of Pascual's last three losses is enough to convince anyone the Washington right-hander is the No. 1 candidate for the hard-luck pitcher of the year.

He had the Yankees shut out with two out in the ninth on May 31 when Bill Skowron beat him with a three-run homer.

Last week, the Tigers also beat him with two out in the ninth, and Thursday night Jim Landis beat him with two out in the ninth by hitting a two-run double.

So Pierce really has no complaints.

The White Sox lefty had a perfect game against the Senators with two out in the ninth last June 27 when pinch hitter Ed Fitzgerald, now with Cleveland, broke up the no-hitter with a double.

**Samford Was The Culprit**  
Ron Samford was the culprit Thursday night. His third inning double was the only hit Pierce allowed en route to his seventh victory. Pierce retired the next two batters, then walked three in a row to force in Washington's only run.

Rocky Colavito, still going strong after his four homers Wednesday night, doubled home the winning run in the eighth inning Thursday night to boost Cleveland into second place with a 2-1 triumph over Baltimore. The Athletics dumped the Yankees back into second division with a 9-5 licking and the Tigers ripped the Red Sox, 8-1, in other American League games.

Milwaukee widened its National League lead to two games with an 8-0 victory over St. Louis; Pittsburgh beat San Francisco, 12-9; Los Angeles crushed Philadelphia, 11-0, and Cincinnati mangled Chicago, 9-0.

Colavito connected for his game winning two-bagger off Milt Pappas after Woodie Held opened the eighth inning with a walk. Winner Don Ferrarese held the Orioles to seven hits and enabled the Indians to move a half-game ahead of Baltimore, which dropped to third place.

**Hadley Got Homer**  
Kansas City ranked an old nemesis, Bob Turley, for seven

runs and 10 hits in four innings to beat the Yankees. Kent Hadley's two-run homer highlighted a five-run fifth inning rally by the A's, who beat Turley for only the third time in his career against 16 losses to him. Ned Garver posted his fifth victory although he gave up homers to Norm Siebern, Marv Throneberry and Mickey Mantle, and finally yielded to Russ Meyer in the ninth.

Ray Narleski limited the Red Sox to five hits in helping the Tigers climb to within a half-game of third place. The only run Narleski permitted was Ted Williams' second homer of the season in the sixth. Al Kaline, Larry Osborne and Red Wilson hit homers in Detroit's 15-hit attack.

The Braves snapped the Cardinals' three-game winning streak with a 12-hit offensive that included home runs by Casey Wise and Del Crandall. Bob Buhl hurled a five-hitter and struck out eight in winning his sixth game. Wilmer Mizell, the loser, now is 7-3.

**Face Wins Ninth**  
The Pittsburgh-San Francisco game was a comedy of errors with a total of 12 miscues. Pittsburgh committed seven and San Francisco five, but the two that hurt most were the ones made by Giant shortstop Andre Rodgers. His first error paved the way for two unearned runs in the seventh and his second helped the Pirates to two more in the eighth when they scored five runs to go ahead.

Reliever Roy Face won his ninth straight game without a loss and his 14th in a row dating back to last year even though he was tagged for a three-run homer by pinch hitter Willie Mays.

Southpaw Johnny Podres of the

## Ample Room For Swimmers On Local Club

There is ample room on the La Grande Swim Club for more swimmers, team coaches said today as the second week of work-

**TWA CLAIMS RECORD**  
LONDON (UPI)—Trans World Airlines today claimed a record for one of its Constellations on a flight between Chicago and London. Officials said the flight Monday took 12 hours and 10 minutes, and broke by 22 minutes a record set Saturday by another TWA airliner.

Dodgers held the Phillies to two hits in winning his seventh game of the season and fifth straight. Podres struck out seven, walked three and never permitted a runner to get as far as second. He also contributed three of the Dodgers' 19 hits. Don Demeter drove in five runs with a pair of homers and two singles. Robin Roberts was the loser.

Practices are held daily, 10 to 12 o'clock, noon in the morning and 5 to 7 p.m., in the afternoon. All workouts are supervised by the pool staff.

Swimmers compete in age group swimming in the following divisions: 10 and under, 11-12,

13-14 and 15-16. Events are free style, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and individual medley in the individual events, and freestyle and medley relays. Diving competition for boys and girls 10 and under on the low board is also scheduled for this season.

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