

Portland Second; Dump Solons 3-1

SACRAMENTO UPI — The Portland Beavers fought their way into second place in the Pacific Coast League baseball standing Thursday night with a 3-1 victory over Sacramento. The loss dropped Sacramento to third place.

Vancouver remained in front, one and one-half games ahead of Portland, despite a loss to Phoenix, 4-2. The win left the Phoenix Giants in fourth place, just four games back of Vancouver.

Duane Pilette of the Portland Beavers hurled a seven-hitter to outpitch Joe Stanka, who had to settle for the loss. Both pitchers went all the way.

Nini Torney hit his sixth home run of the season for the Beavers in the fifth inning. Portland scored again in the sixth after Milt Graff reached second on a two-base error by shortstop Dick Phillip. The Beavers got their third and final run in the seventh inning when Jim Greengrass walked, went to second on a wild pitch, moved to third when Bob DiPietro flied to deep center and scored on another wild pitch.

2 Players Suspended For Fixing

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — An attempt at game fixing in the minor leagues has led to the suspension of two Chattanooga players—one for life, one for a year.

Jesse Levan, 32, a first baseman with the Chattanooga Lookouts of the Southern Assn., was suspended for life Thursday by George Trautman, minor league president, on grounds he served as a go-between for a gambler who tried and failed to fix games.

His teammate, shortstop Waldo Gonzales, was suspended until July 3, 1950 for his part in the affair. In handing down the suspensions, Trautman said no proof was found during hearings that any games were actually fixed. But he said it was apparent "several players are guilty of not having reported attempts to induce them to throw games."

The hearings were held in Nashville, July 3. Probably the most damaging testimony against Levan was given by Sammy Meeks, first base coach of Mobile in the Southern Assn.

Meeks said Levan offered him a deal in Mobile. He said Levan told him to watch Gonzales for signals. An erect stance for a fast ball, a crouch for a curve.

Levan in Atlanta, maintained Meeks' testimony was "erroneous." He said that "if Meeks was approached, he was approached by a gambler. I did not approach him. I have never been a contact man for any gambler who tried to throw Chattanooga games, as I understand I have been charged."

Meantime in Chattanooga, Lookout President Joe Engle and manager John (Red) Marion said they believed Trautman did the right thing.

"If any players are fooling with gamblers they should be out," Engle said.

ASKS TO STAY DOWN
PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Pitcher Curt Simmons informed the Philadelphia Phillies Thursday he would prefer to remain with Williamsport in the Eastern League for the balance of the season. Simmons explained that steady work would help his recovery from the sore arm that led to his option with the Philadelphia farm club.

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WHEEL OF FORTUNE?—Kurt Mattson just wants to be sure the spare wheel is in good condition. Sweden's top driver will be behind that country's champion trotter, Adept, in the first International Trot at Roosevelt Raceway, N.Y., Aug. 1.

Little Leaguers Crush Opponents In Games

Thursday's Results
Hi-Way Cafe 12
Jr. Old Timers 7
Bohnenkamp's 24
Eldridge's 2
Cardinals 17 Dodgers 4

The park caretaker was looking for a new home plate today after the little leaguers wore it down with runs last night. Bohnenkamp's scored their third straight win after dropping four games by crushing Eldridge's 24-2.

The Cardinals erased the Dodgers' hopes of regaining first place in the Elk's league with a 10 run first inning and a 17-4 win. Hi-Way Cafe squeezed by the Jr. Old Timers in the night's only "close" game, 12-7.

Hi-way jumped into a three run lead in the first inning. The Jr. Old Timers scored once in the first and three times in the second to go ahead 4-3. The Chow-Hounds roared back with four runs in the top of the third to grab the lead and stay ahead.

Another four run burst in the fourth inning clinched the game. M. Oas and Dave Huntsman were Hi-Way's hitting stars.

Steve Malone collected three hits in four trips and Ron Knight was two for three for the Jr. Old Timers. Rauchau was the winning pitcher with 11 strikeouts and Dan Young took the loss with eight whiffs.

Bohnenkamp's went to work in the first inning with five runs. Six runs in the second and a singleton in the third made it 12-0 before Eldridge's could push across a run on a walk to Hilliard and a single by Trice.

Bohnenkamp's got five runs in the top of the fourth and Eldridge's picked up a single run on a fly ball after Ted Hilliard had tripled.

Clark and Ingerson went three for five for the winners and Loveless, who was the winning pitcher, was two for three. Dave Beigel drew four walks and one single in five trips and scored three times.

Every man in the Bohnen-

Bonnie Scott Paces Locals At Swim Meet

Bonnie Scott, La Grande Swim Club diver, continued her winning ways yesterday by sweeping both the junior and senior women's 1-meter diving titles at the 31st Annual Spokane Swimming and Diving Meet. Her nearest competition in both events was Doris McCloud of Seattle, who took the Oregon AAU title and the national AAU 3-meter title last year.

The other trophy winner of La Grande's small group at the Spokane meet was Mike Challis, who placed third in the junior men's 100 yard freestyle.

Individual performances for Thursday's events were: Margaret Gregory did not qualify for the finals in the 100 yard freestyle.

Mike Challis placed third and Art Samson placed sixth in the 100 yard freestyle; Mike Jones failed to qualify for finals.

Susan Fisk did not qualify for the finals in the 100 yard breaststroke.

Jennifer Smith placed fifth in the 100 yard breaststroke.

Mike Challis placed seventh and Mike Jones placed eighth after fouling up in the lane ropes, in the 100 yard breaststroke.

John Moser and Jim Haydock did not place in the junior men's 1-meter diving.

Twenty teams and 197 competitors are entered in the meet which concludes today.

In today's events Gregory and Scott will compete in the junior women's 50 yard freestyle and Challis, Samson, and Jones will compete in the junior men's 50 yard freestyle.

Kansas City Win Streak Ups Athletics To Third Place In AL

United Press International
"We could get kicked in the teeth tomorrow, but right now we're sitting on top of the world."

General manager Parke Carroll said it of the amazing Kansas City Athletics, who now have won 11 in a row and have reached third place in the American League with the longest winning streak of the major league season.

"I'm proud of this club no matter what happens," Carroll added. "We're living from day to day, but if we can keep on going like this who knows, we may have a shot at everything."

The A's moved out in front of the second inning Thursday night and stayed there the rest of the way to hand the Senators their 12th straight loss, 4-1, behind the combined pitching of knuckleballers Bud Daley and Tom Sturdivant.

Lightweights Fight Tonight
NEW YORK (UPI) — Len Matthews, youngest of the lightweight contenders, continues his campaign for a title shot tonight in a TV fight with Marvin (Candy) McFarland at Madison Square Garden.

Both are from Philadelphia, where they fought five times as amateurs. Slick, speedy McFarland—protégé of Sugar Ray Robinson—won four of those bouts.

FIGHT RESULTS
United Press International
LOS ANGELES — Curley Lee 183, Phoenix, Ariz., stopped Paul Andrews, 195, Buffalo, N.Y. (6).

BOISE, Idaho — George Loan, 197, Boise, Idaho, knocked out Edward Charles, 200, Cincinnati, Ohio (8).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CASEY
CHICAGO (UPI) — President Bill Vecek of the Chicago White Sox presented New York Yankee manager Casey Stengel with a 100-pound 69th birthday cake Thursday. Vecek's team then ruined Stengel's celebrating by beating the Yankees, 3-1.

vant. Daley was credited with his 12th victory in 18 decisions.

The club's 11-game winning streak is by far its longest since the franchise was moved from Philadelphia to Kansas City. All the victories have come while coach Bob Swift has led the team in the absence of manager Harry Craft, who had been hospitalized because of fatigue.

Thursday night's victory over Washington lifted the A's to within 8½ games of the first-place White Sox, who defeated the Yankees, 3-1. Cleveland remained within a game of the top by nipping Boston, 4-3, and Detroit walloped Baltimore, 11-2.

The Pirates knocked the Dodgers out of first place in the National League by beating them, 5-4, in 12 innings; the Giants took over the lead with a 7-2 decision over the Phillies; the Cardinals shaded the Reds, 1-0, and the Braves moved into second place with a 6-2 triumph over the Cubs.

A pair of errors by the stumbling Yankees helped veteran Early Wynn turn in his 14th victory for the White Sox. Chicago broke a 1-1 tie in the seventh and put the game out of reach with another run in the eighth when Tony Kubek committed a two-base error and Hector Lopez a wild throw.

Minnie Minoza drove in all four of the Indians runs in his victory over the Red Sox. Minoza broke a 3-3 tie in the ninth when he singled home winning pitcher Larry Locke from second base.

Frank Lary fired a seven-hitter and coasted to his 13th victory when his Tiger teammates raked four Oriole pitchers for 15 hits. Ted Lepcio and Coot Veal each drove in three runs.

Roman Mejias enabled the Pirates to snap a nine-game losing streak when he singled home the winning run against the Dodgers in the 12th inning. Mejias also numbered in the second inning.

Willie McCovey, playing his first game in the major leagues, rapped out a pair of triples and two singles to help the Giants end a four-game losing streak and beat the Phillies.

Like McCovey, rookie pitcher Bob Gibson made an impressive debut for the Cardinals against Omaha of the American Assn., scattered eight hits and pitched his way out of a ninth-inning bases loaded jam to earn his first major league win.

Southpaw Warren Spahn of the Braves won his 14th game of the season and the 260th of his career in setting down the Cubs on five hits. Four Milwaukee home runs made Spahn's job easy.

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