

La Grande Swimmers Pace EO Clubs In State Meet

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Gold-Blue Teams Tie 14-14 In Scrimmage

The Gold team tied the Blue 14-14 as the East team went through its first game scrimmage under the lights Friday night.

The Golds took the ball on their own 20 yard line and marched 80 yards up the field with Bob Lorence, Umatilla, going over from the two to score.

The Blue team came back to score twice and take a 14-7 lead. The Blues started their drive up the field with a 30 yard pass to Dick Ruhl, Heppner. Ruhl scored a few minutes later on a short pass over the line.

Ruhl also scored the second

Pro Gridders Grab Last Second Wins

That "sudden death" classic the Baltimore Colts and New York Giants played last December apparently was just a hint of thrills to come in the National Football League.

NFL teams played four exhibition games during the week end. Each was won by four points or less and each was decided in the final minutes.

Even in steaming August weather, these tight warmups reminded pro football addicts of last Dec. 28. That was the day Baltimore tied New York with seven seconds to go at Yankee Stadium and won the league title in overtime, 23-17, in what some observers call the best football game ever played.

In Saturday night's action, Walt Kowalezyk's 43-yard scoring dash in the final minutes gave the Philadelphia Eagles a 21-17 victory over New York; Zeke Bratkowski's 37-yard pass to Rick Casares with 41 seconds to go enabled the Chicago Bears to edge the Green Bay Packers, 19-16, and John Crow's 71-yard run in the last four minutes gave the Chicago Cardinals a 21-19 triumph over the Detroit Lions.

Just 10 seconds remained when Sunday's only game was decided. Eddie LeBaron, the league's smallest quarterback at 165 pounds, directed a drive that gave the Washington Redskins a 24-20 lead with less than a minute to go. Y.A. Tittle, the bald-headed 32-year-old who runs the San Francisco Forty-Niner offense, then fired a 16-yarder to Clyde Conner with 10 seconds remaining for a 27-24 triumph.

In the only other exhibition matching NFL teams this summer, the Lions and Los Angeles Rams played a 20-20 tie while the Pittsburgh Steelers snipped a 20-20 tie in the final minutes to beat the Cleveland Browns, 34-20.

Those first six exhibitions indicate the league's 1959 division races will be as tight as new shoes.

Standings

United Press International

Major League Standings

United Press International National League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	66	50	.569	—
Los Angeles	64	53	.547	2 1/2
Milwaukee	62	53	.539	3 1/2
Pittsburgh	58	59	.496	8 1/2
Chicago	57	58	.496	8 1/2
Cincinnati	56	62	.475	11
St. Louis	55	64	.462	12 1/2
Philadelphia	49	68	.419	17 1/2

Sunday's Results

Phila. 8 Cincinnati 5 (1st)
Pittsburgh 6 Milwaukee 1 (1st)
Milwaukee 5 Pittsburgh 2 (2nd)
St. Louis 5 Los Angeles 3
Chicago 5 San Francisco 4

American League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Chicago	69	45	.605	—
Cleveland	67	49	.578	3
Baltimore	57	58	.496	12 1/2
New York	58	59	.496	12 1/2
Detroit	57	60	.487	13 1/2
Kansas City	55	62	.470	15 1/2
Boston	54	63	.462	16 1/2
Washington	48	69	.410	22 1/2

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Boston 6 New York 5 (1st)
New York 4 Boston 2 (2nd)
Washington 6 Baltimore 1
Kansas City 7 Chicago 2

Ernie Banks Leads Chicago To 5-4 Victory Over Giants

The Chicago Cubs are banking on Ernie Banks to achieve one of the most unique three-ply feats in National League history.

At the rate that he's been pounding the ball, Ernie could wind up the NL's biggest RBI producer in 22 years, break his own homer record for shortstops, and become the first man ever to win the league's Most Valuable Player award two straight seasons.

All this and help the Cubs finish in the first division for the first time since 1916.

Ignoring a bruised back, Banks hit a two-run first-inning homer and Lee Walls followed with a three-run fourth-inning blast that gave the Cubs a 5-4 victory over the league-leading San Francisco Giants Sunday. The triumph prevented the Giants from widening their 2 1/2-game lead over the Los Angeles Dodgers and gave the Cubs a 5-3 record against the league's three leading pennant contenders.

Banks Swats 36th

Banks' blow, off lefty Johnny Antonelli, was his 36th of the year and raised his runs-batted-in production to 112. Projects that over a 154-game schedule and the

Bevos Split Twin Bill With Bees

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Unless there is a swift change of form, the winner of this year's Pacific Coast League race will finish with the lowest winning percentage in the loop's 56-year history.

Seattle grabbed the flag back in 1924 with a .545 mark, the lowest to date. This season, Portland heads the league with a .528 average with Vancouver and Salt Lake hot on the Beavers' trail with respective marks of .524 and .520.

In addition, this season's chase in which just about every team has had a shot at the challenger's role, may be the closest top to bottom finish in league annals. Only eight games separate the Beavers from the last place Phoenix Giants.

Beavers Split With Bees

Sunday's action well-reflects the race's tightness. Portland and Salt Lake split a pair of crucials. The Beavers nipped the Bees in the opener, 6-5, and the Bees won the afterpiece, 4-3.

Seattle had its 11 game winning streak halted by San Diego, 2-0, in the first game of a twin bill but the Rainiers grabbed the nightcap by an identical, 2-0 score. Vancouver nipped Phoenix, 2-0, and Spokane beat Sacramento, 11-10, with a barrage of homers.

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George Bamberger scattered six hits while pitching Vancouver to its win over the faltering Phoenix Giants.

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The Union team, sponsored by the Western Stud Mill, captured the pee wee league title in the Elgin league. Fire Department third.

In the little league, VFW grabbed top spot with Bob's Grocery second and Snyder's cafe third.

The little leaguers wound up the season Friday night with a watermelon feed on the city hall lawn.

Elgin Little Leaguers Bop La Grande 9-2

ELGIN (Special)—Elgin's Pee Wee All-Stars scored eight runs in the third inning to down La Grande 9-2 under the lights at Elgin Thursday.

Bill Hays pitched the victory for Elgin blanking La Grande until the fourth inning and allowing only two hits. Billy Spence got the loss for La Grande.

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Sacramento	63	64	.496	4
San Diego	63	64	.496	4
Spokane	63	65	.492	4 1/2
Seattle	61	65	.484	5 1/2
Phoenix	59	69	.461	8 1/2

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