

1950 Coast League Baseball Marathon Opens on Tuesday

Bevos Start At Hollywood

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BY BOB MYERS
LOS ANGELES, March 25 (AP)—The Pacific Coast baseball league, with an embattled history that stretches back to 1903, launches its 48th season Tuesday and it may be one of the most successful and certainly the longest in the nation this year.

Two hundred games are on the schedule before the Marathon winds up Oct. 3. That is 14 more than last year and the extra yardage takes the place of the familiar Governor's cup playoff series.

The first curtain goes up with the defending champion pennant winners, Hollywood, playing Portland at the movie town ball park, San Francisco at San Diego, Seattle at Oakland and Los Angeles at Sacramento. All are night games with the exception of the Sacramento contest. It will be played in the afternoon, and strangely enough, is the only game scheduled for daytime at Sacramento all season, Sundays included.

The following week, the clubs switch around and the second opening day ceremonies will find Hollywood at Seattle, San Diego at Los Angeles, Oakland at Portland and Sacramento at San Francisco.

League president Clarence Rowland, who plans to usher in the season at Oakland and have as distinguished guest baseball's high commissioner, A. B. (Happy) Chandler, has predicted a highly successful season, if not the best in coast league annals.

League attendance last year was 3,751,929, and the figure was reached despite the fact that two of the best drawing clubs in the circuit, San Francisco and Los Angeles, came up with seventh and eighth place clubs, respectively, and the poor results were reflected at the gate. The league attendance record is 4,068,432, set in 1947 and which stands as a national minor league record.

Seattle, a red-hot baseball town, led the league in attendance last year, with 545,434, and did it despite a fifth place finish. The champion Hollywood club, hampered by a park that can seat a mere 12,000, turned 'em away last season and came up with one of its best years at the boxoffice—502,445.

There are two new managers this year, and one switch-over. Ralph (red) Kress takes over the Sacramento fortunes, replacing Veteran Del Baker, who will pilot San Diego. Paul Richards, fresh from guiding Buffalo to the 1949 pennant, is managing Seattle. Oldest manager in point of service is San Francisco's man in the green suit, Frank (Lefty) O'Doul, who is starting his 16th season as keeper of the Seals.

Prospects of the championship contenders at this stage are on the vague side. Most all the teams are waiting until the major league clubs let loose some of their talent and route them to the coast.

And with some of the majors it may be 30 days before decisions are made.

Working on the theory of staying with the champ until he's whipped, many are picking Hollywood to repeat.

Manager Fred Haney, in a masterful job in his first year with the Twinks, took a team generously sprinkled with rookies from the Brooklyn system, showed them how to play baseball and guided them to the first pennant this Hollywood organization ever won.

Hollywood has only a working agreement with the Dodgers but it's been working fine and Haney thinks his club will give a rousing try for top honors if Brooklyn supplies a little help.

The same applies to the others—all looking for help from benevolent big league clubs. San Diego has already received substantial aid from Cleveland; Los Angeles has helped itself without waiting for the parent Chicago Cubs to come to the rescue, and the others are still waiting.

Oakland has reinforcements due from the Yankees; Seattle can stand hitting outfielders from, possibly the Red Sox; Bill Sweeney at Portland has no formal connection but is very adept at polishing up the hick a brace he has; the same holds true for Kress and the Sacramento Solons, and the Seals may get a hand from Pittsburgh.

Here, with a prayer and little else is a prediction on the outcome: Hollywood, San Diego, Seattle, Oakland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Sacramento.

NAVY FENCING TITLIST
DETROIT, March 25 (AP)—Navy won the sixth annual NCAA fencing tournament by two points here today. The middies piled up 67½ points in the two-day meet to top co-defending champion Rutgers and three other schools tied for second. Sharing the runner-up spot with Rutgers were New York University, City College of New York and Columbia.

Idanha Feeds Hungry Deer



DANHA, March 25—Marauding cougars in the hills above this Saniam Pass town in the past week drove several deer down into the village, outskirts in search of food. The deer pictured above, more bold than the rest, went so far as to accept food from citizenry. George Wilcox, longtime Idanha resident, coaxes the deer to take a mouthful of subsistence. The winter's heavy snows have also posed a serious food problem for deer.

Yale Runnerup, NCAA Meet

Buckeyes Grab 2nd Straight Swim Toga

COLUMBUS, O., March 25 (AP)—Diver Bruce Harlan and Freestyler Jackie Taylor—both two-time winners—powered Ohio State to its second straight NCAA swimming championship tonight. The Buckeyes scored a team total of 64 points, well ahead of Yale's second place 43.

Iowa trailed in third spot with 25, just one point ahead of fourth-place Michigan.

Although old Eli lost the team championship to the Ohioans, Yale's speedy 300-yard medley relay team set a new NCAA meet record of 2:51.2. The old mark was set in 1948 at Ann Arbor by Michigan.

Two other new NCAA marks were established during the night—100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard breaststroke. However, both events are new to the NCAA meet this year.

Robert Brawner of Princeton, who holds the world record for the 200-yard breaststroke, established the new mark for the shorter breaststroke race. His 59.9 was .5 of a second slower than the world mark and now stands as both NCAA meet and intercollegiate record.

William Sonner of Ohio State set the other new record by winning the 100-yard backstroke in :59.1. Sonner's mark, however, was nearly 3 seconds slower than the recognized world mark.

Olympians Take Title
INDIANAPOLIS, March 25 (AP)—The Indianapolis Olympians stav-

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CCNY Quint, Bradley Win

NCS, Baylor Losers In Sectional Finals

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It was a disastrous season ending for Holy Cross, a team that won its first 26 games in a row. The Crusaders also were trounced Thursday by North Carolina State, 87-74, ending the campaign with a 27-4 mark. Ohio State ranked second nationally, finished with 22-4 record.

Neither Bradley nor Baylor was able to gain a commanding advantage as the score was tied eight times in the first half—sister ended with Bradley ahead 35-32—and three times in the second period before the Braves smashed through for their victory.

The score was tied for the last time at 55-all with seven and a half minutes left. Then came Bradley's drive with Gene Melchiorre, Al Preece and Bud Grover carrying the punch.

Don Heathington, star of Baylor's 1948 western champions, led the scoring with 26 points. He was the big gun in Baylor's drive of the last three and a half minutes that had the southwesters close to one of the bigger upsets of the year.

A packed house of 10,700 cheered the seven-point underdog Brigham Young university team as it led most of the game, gave up the advantage to the Pacific coast champions, 55-54, with less than 10 minutes remaining, then roared away for a decisive victory.

Brigham Young had trailed 41-37 at halftime, one of its few disadvantages of the contest. Nelson, playing his final college game, got his points on 12 field goals and six free throws. Teammate Mel Hutchins, center, scored 21 points before fouling out early in the second half.

Little Eddie Sheldrake, fireball UCLA guard, hit 21, and Forward Allen Sawyer 16 for the Bruins.

It was one of the biggest total scores in the history of the western playoffs.

Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Teft, Oregon—March, 1950 (compiled by U.S. Coast & Geodetic survey, Portland, Oregon).

Mar.	HIGH WATERS	LOW WATERS	
Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.
26	4:42 a.m. 4.7	12:49 p.m. 0.6	
	8:00 p.m. 4.2	11:58 p.m. 3.6	
27	5:33 a.m. 8.7	1:56 p.m. 0.4	
	8:59 p.m. 4.7	1:30 a.m. 3.9	
28	7:08 a.m. 8.7	2:32 p.m. 0.2	
	9:41 p.m. 4.7	2:42 a.m. 3.1	
29	8:18 a.m. 8.9	3:29 p.m. 0.9	
	10:16 p.m. 8.1	2:30 p.m. 0.9	
30	9:23 a.m. 6.1	3:40 a.m. 2.5	
	10:46 p.m. 5.5	4:20 p.m. -0.1	
31	10:21 a.m. 2.1	5:21 a.m. 1.2	
	11:15 p.m. 6.0	4:57 p.m. 0.9	

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Bell vs. Wallick in Special

Truman, O'Riley Vie Tuesday

Handy Andy Truman gets his shot at the Coast lighthouse title belt Tuesday night in the main event of Match Maker Elton Owen's weekly mat party at the armory. It has been a long haul for the popular Truman, undefeated in the local ring since his return from Texas weeks ago. He has been after a title belt-holder Irish Jack O'Riley all the way, but only an order from the local commission finally got it for him. The muscular Aussie who was downed by Truman last week in a non-title mix here, has



Ted Bell

been insisting he needs to take off weight in order to make the 178-pound light heavy limit. Whether he has made it or not by Tuesday, his coveted belt is at stake.

Last week's scrap was a dandy, with Truman tricky coming out over O'Riley earnestness. Truman's intricate rolling grapevine hold was the clincher, applied while O'Riley was arguing with Referee Harry Elliott. Elliott will again referee Tuesday.

Leo (File Driver) Wallick, compiling an impressive win record for himself here also, gets a top-grade opponent in the special. Ted Bell, popular scientific from Jersey, faces Wallick this time. In the 8:30 p.m. opener Leo Grable, who looked good in his appearance last week, goes on with Jack (The Jaw) Lipscomb, noted toughie. All three matches will be 2-of-3 fallers.

Slammer 3 Strokes in Front

Snead Widens Lead In Greensboro Meet

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 25 (AP)—Par golf was good enough for Sam Snead to boost his Greensboro open golf tournament lead to three strokes at the halfway mark today.

The slammer man from White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., matched par on each nine for a 35-35-70 to go along with a first round 66 to lead the field with 136 going into tomorrow's final 36 holes in this \$10,000 test over the Sedgewick country club's 6,720-yard course.

Goldom Czar Idea Discussed

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 25 (AP)—Touring professional golfers are discussing the possibility of operating under a commissioner, an all-powerful final authority who would rule the game in the same manner in which baseball operates under its commissioner. It was learned from a reliable source that a group of pros met here last night after the first round of the Greensboro open tournament to talk over the idea.

MILL CITY — Coach Burton B. Burroughs of the high school has announced that the following Britain is developing crocodile hide production in East Africa.

Freebooter Victor In English 'Chase

Half Brother of Irish Plow Horse Easy Winner; Queen's Entry Trails

By Ben Phlegar
AINTREE, England, March 25 (AP)—Freebooter, a half brother of an Irish plow horse, won the grand national steeplechase today, smashing a 23-year jinx on favorites. Never worse than third, the handsome Coffee-Colored gelding headed home in the brilliant sunshine 15 lengths ahead of Wot No Sun. Action Major was third, another five lengths back in the field of 49 starters.

Pair Capture Tennis Titles

NEW YORK, March 25 (AP)—Don McNeill of New York, and Nancy Chaffee of Ventura, Calif., today won the singles titles in the national indoor tennis championships.

McNeill, winner of these laurels 12 years ago and the 1940 champ at Forest Hills, was too smart for Fred Kovaleski of Hamtramck, Mich., beating the former William and Mary college star, 11-9, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. Miss Chaffee added the singles crown to the mixed women's doubles titles she won last night. The 21-year-old Californian girl, unranked because of illness last summer, defeated Althea Gibson, first Negro ever to be a finalist, 6-0, 6-2, in a 40 minute finale.

Gertrude Moran of Santa Monica, Calif., now on a tour, won the women's indoor title last year while Pancho Gonzales, now a pro, took the 1949 men's crown.

boys have turned out for baseball practice: Lawrence Thornby, Jerry Swan, Phillip Goble, Bill Hoffman, Dick Kanoff, Denny Martella, Gary Peterson, Thad Roberts, Bob Shelton, Harland Gibson, Dickie Syverson, Sonny Nelson, Ollie Muise, Lawrence Poole, Leo Poole and Bob Baltimore.

The first game of the season is scheduled for March 31 with Turner at Mill City.

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