

New Balk Rule Gives 'Em Fits

Mark Already Topped By Coast Pitchers

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4-(AP)—Baseball's new rule on balks has a few of the folks who score Pacific Coast league baseball games somewhat embarrassed.

The league's first week of play—28 games—has ended but nobody agrees on the number of times pitchers have committed infractions of the requirement that they stop for a full second before delivering the ball.

On the other hand, they probably agree very definitely that the number of infractions this season has been astounding, and that all hands are going to have to watch closely from now on to be right.

The statistician of a newspaper here counted 49 balks last week. That's 31 more than the PCL average for the entire season during the past 10 years.

In Los Angeles, League President Clarence Rowland said the box scores showed 21 balks called last week. Even that figure is just seven below the all-time season high, committed in 1946.

And the circuit's statistician, William Weiss, who hadn't received the official boxes yet, said he'd tabulated 44 balks in reading newspaper accounts of the games.

DOGERS WIN

HOUSTON, Tex., April 4-(AP)—George Shuba's three-run homer and Jackie Robinson's triple, good for an equal number of runs, carried the Brooklyn Dodgers to an 8-2 victory over the Houston Buffaloes of the Texas league tonight.



The Sick Golfer in Masters Tourney Three 'Invalids' Eye Title

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 4-(AP)—Beware of the sick golfer in the Masters tournament.

Three big "invalids" will test their aching backs and bruised bones over the long and healthy Augusta National course Thursday through Sunday. And each of the three—Ben Hogan, Sammy Snead, who says "my aching highly regarded by the men who make the odds.

Golf history is spread thick with champions who thought caddies should push them in wheel chairs.

Snead, who says "my aching back" is trouble of long standing.

ditched the Azalea open at Wilmington, N. C., last week to get rest.

Hogan isn't complaining about his recovery from a bus wreck in wintertime 1949. "I don't want to say much about the wreck. I'm not making any excuses." Actually Hogan hasn't anything to complain about so far. His four practice rounds have been a luscious 66 followed by a 68, then a par 72 and finally a 67.

Mangrum had severe shoulder trouble during the winter and says his wing is "stiff." However, he played well and won money at Wilmington last week.

Goats: Commish Wants Some More

BAKER, April 4-(AP)—Now that Oregon has mountain goats, it wants more.

The state acquired six a week ago from the state of Washington. They were released in the Willowa mountains. But Delbert Gilderleeve, Baker member of the state game commission, said more are needed to insure the future of goat herds. The commission, he said, is arranging to trade Oregon goat to Montana for mountain goats.

Jap Mat Star Added to Card

Toski Sakata, star pupil of the famed Professor Higami and master of the judo, sumo, Ju-jitsu and catch - as - catch - can styles of wrestling, has been added to the billing for Friday night's mat card at the armory. Built along the same line as "The Great Atlas"—which is bodily construction with a capital "C"—the Jap-American star also is reputedly one of the strongest matadors in the junior heavy side of the game. Which is the same boast owned by "Atlas."

Sakata is to tangle with Rod Fenton, Vancouver, B. C., mamee who also will be making his first local appearance. They'll go in the semi-windup special, just before the card's main event, a tag team scrap between the Atlas-Tony Ross and Frank Stojack - George Dusette duets.

Ted Bell and Dale Kiser will grapple in the 8:30 o'clock opening match.

"Sakata is a dandy as both a wrestler and strong man." Matchmaker Elton Owen reported Tuesday. "He's just one of many topnotchers I intend bringing into the Salem ring. Should be something to see, inasmuch as Atlas is on the same card."

The noted Atlas will again perform one of his amazing feats of strength Friday also. He has given off with a couple of same in the past and both have been very impressive.

DEMOSSE AGAIN

FRESNO, Calif., April 4-(AP)—Gracie DeMoss of Corvallis, Ore., is the new champion of the San Joaquin valley women's Open golf tournament, succeeding Marlene Bauer. The Oregon girl won her fourth straight golf tournament in California when she defeated Barbara Ransom of Stockton, 3 and 2, in the 36-hole finals.

Locals Annex 6-5 Decision In Inaugural

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, April 4-(Special)—Willamette university's Bearcats took full advantage of costly Oregon State errors today to down the Beavers 6-5 in the first game of the season for Coach Johnny Lewis' Salem team. The Bearcats managed only five hits off Ed Stoltz and Ken Carpenter, while the Beavers lifted 10 off Lou Scrivens, Claude Nordhill, Gordy Lenz and Ray Pointer. But four OSC errors proved the balancer.

Irv Roth was the batting star for Willamette with three of the five hits, one a two-run double in the fifth frame. Both Darrell Nelson and Ed Ferrell had two hits for the Beavers. Roth, a catcher, played centerfield and checked in a bright defensive game also, making one great catch as he hit the fence.

Willamette's first two runs in the opening inning came on an error, a double by Dave Perlman an infield tap and George Matlie's single. Two walks and an error set it up for Roth's smack in the fifth. A hit batter, a walk and another error brought OSC's sixth tally in the seventh frame.

Oregon State tallied twice in the first heat on three hits off Lou Scrivens and twice more in the fourth on four bingles. Willamette next plays Oregon at Eugene Friday in an afternoon doubleheader.

Table with columns for WILLAMETTE (6) and OSC (5), listing players and statistics like H, R, E, B, O, A.

Total 35 57 11 Total 31 10 27 11
WU 200 030 100-6 5 2
OSC 200 200 100-10 10 4
Pitcher: IP AB R HER BB SO
Scrivens 3 13 5 2 1 2 0
Nordhill 2 8 2 2 2 2 0
Lenz 1 3 1 0 0 0 2
Pointer 2 6 0 0 0 0 2
Stoltz 1 3 1 0 0 0 2
Carpenter 5 13 2 1 0 3 4
Winner - Nordhill. Loser - Stoltz. Errors - Matlie, Browner, Snyder, Hendrie (2), Stoltz, RB - Perlman, Roth, Scott, RB - Markoskie, Matlie, Roth 2, Christianson 2, Goodbrod 2, Skimas, Browner. DP - Willamette (1).

Giants Swifty In Challenge

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 4-(AP)—Bobby Thomson, the New York Giants' Flying Scot, stands ready to foot race any other ball player in the National league during the coming season, including Sam Jenethree of the Boston Braves.

"Shucks," he says, "let's find out who's the fastest instead of just talking about it." The Giants' center fielder already has settled one dispute this spring. The Pittsburgh Pirates thought their young outfield rookie, Ted Beard, could scot, but Thomson polished him off by a good 10 yards, going away, in a 75-yard test here the other day.

Baseball Notes:

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., April 4-(AP)—Eddie Miller, veteran shortstop and second baseman, became a member of the St. Louis Cardinals today. His contract, calling for a reported \$13,500, was taken over from the Philadelphia Phillies who had asked for waivers on him. Miller, 33, has been working out with the Cardinals here. He probably will be used as a relief man for Shortstop Marty Marion and Second Baseman Red Schoendienst.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., April 4-(AP)—The Detroit Tigers continued to show their springtime superiority over the New York Yankees today when the Bombers, despite a three-run homer by Joe Dimaggio bowing to the Bengals, 6-4. It gave the Detroiters a clean sweep of the four-game series with the world champions. The Yanks, leading 4-2 at the close of the seventh, had the lead wrenched away in the eighth when the Tigers hopped on Don Johnson for three runs.

BRADENTON, Fla., April 4-(AP)—A three-run ninth inning Boston rally just fell short today as the St. Louis Cardinals whipped the Braves 7-6 in the Tribe's final exhibition here this spring.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 4-(AP)—The Cleveland Indians collected their fourth win in seven exhibition starts against the New York Giants here today, 7-8. Luke Easter, who had walked, scored the winning run in the last of the 9th, coming home on Herb Conyers' right field angle.

SARASOTA, Fla., April 4-(AP)—Boston's Red Sox went through a two hour practice session in 85 degree heat today, winding up their pre-season drills here.

Look and Learn

- 1. Which state ranks third in size, after Texas and California?
2. Who invented the first successful steam locomotive for railroads?
3. What famous European ruler sold the United States enough land at a bargain price to form 17 new states?
4. Is it true that lightning strikes only once in the same place?
5. Which are the two most sparsely populated countries in the world?
ANSWER
1. Montana.
2. George Stephenson.
3. Napoleon, who sold us the Louisiana Territory in 1803.
4. No; it could very well strike the same place more than once.
5. Australia and Canada.

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