Brooks Nab 9th Straight, Tie Mark

Dodger Rally Nips Phillies

Orioles Top Yanks; Red Sox Blank Nats

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brooklyn's Dodgers tied the modern major league record of winning nine straight games at the start of a season in a come-from-behind 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies at Ebbets Field Wednesday night.

Steve Ridzik, who no-hit the Brooks for five innings, tired badly in the seventh and forced in the first Dodger run by walking Duke Snider with the bases loaded. Rookie Lynn Lovenguth replaced Ridzik at that point and was promptly greeted by Gil Hodges' two-run single that gave Brooklyn the two runs they needed.

This is the second time the Dodgers have won nine straight at season's start. The 1940 club did it to tie the record set by the New York Giants in 1918. The late St. Louis Browns were the only other club to turn the trick, doing it in 1944 when they won their lone American League pennant.

Cards, Braves Win

In other National League action, the St. Louis Cardinals beat Cincinnati 3-0 in a night game and Milwaukee out-clubbed the Chicago Cubs 9-5 in an afternoon contest. New York's game at Pittsburgh was called because of rain.

Only two American League games were played. Baltimore won its first of the season, after six defeats, by topping the New York Yankees 6-3 in a day game at Yankee Stadium. And Willard Nixon blanked Washington for league-leading Boston 1-0 in a night game. Rain postponed Chicago's game at Detroit.

Brooklyn was in a spot against Ridzik, just a so-so righthander, and had but one hit until the seventh. They wound up with three hits as Thorn Kipper replaced Lovenguth. Billy Loes was the Brooklyn starter and winner, giving way to the Dodgers' first pinch-hitter of the season in the seventh.

Smith Homers

Baltimore put an end to its less desirable streak on Hal Smith's first major league home run in the fifth. It came after a single by Gene Woodling, who like Smith went to the Orioles from the Yanks in the Bob Turley trade.

Boston rolled on to its sixth victory in seven starts as Nixon five-hit the Senators. Norm Zauchin, rookie first baseman, popped a single to center in the fourth — his first hit in 16 trips — to drive home the lone run. It was the second victory for Nixon, who had to put down a Washington threat in the ninth.

St. Louis also had some nifty pitching as Luis Arroyo blanked the Redlegs on five hits but left when he lost his control in the eighth. Herb Moford mopped up. Rip Repulski drove in the Cards' first run in the opening frame with a single and scored ahead of Joe Frazier, who homered, in the fourth. Art Fowler was the loser for the third time this season.

Thomson Grand Slams

Bobby Thomson grand-slammed in the second and drove in another run with a single as the Braves dumped the Cubs to their fourth straight defeat. Lew Burdette was clipped for 13 hits by the Cubs — including home runs by Harry Chiti and Dee Fondy — while picking up the victory, although Umberto Robinson had to come on in the ninth with three runs in, two out and the bases loaded. Robinson, a rookie righthander, fanned cleanup hitter Hank Sauer to end it.

Moore's Heart Called Sound

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Two more doctors okayed Archie Moore's heart Wednesday as the light heavyweight boxing champ prepared for his May 2 bout here with heavyweight contender Nino Valdez.

That makes a total of four medical men who agree with the 39-year-old Moore's contention that there's nothing wrong with his heart. Three have warned him against further fighting.

Dr. J.C. Cherry, physician for the Nevada Boxing Commission, and Dr. Julius Jensen, a cardiologist, gave Archie an examination Wednesday.

"We found him to be in perfect condition," said Dr. Cherry.

So formal contracts for the 15-round bout were signed and athletic commissioner Cliff Leonard gave licenses to both fighters.

Trio of Salem Senator Pitchers

NAPA, Calif.—Big Bill Dials, center, veteran colorful hurler, shows two other Salem Senator hurlers how he holds ball for his whizzer. At left is Bob Tucker, lefthander on option from Sacramento, and at right is Bud Francis, who won nine games for the 1953 Salems before going into the Army. Manager Hugh Luby has high hopes for all three when the Senators open play April 26 with Eugene. (Photo by Al Lightner)

SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

CALISTOGA, Calif.—Even though we're down in this area to cover the Senators' spring training camp at Napa, which is 27 miles from here, one of the highlights of the entire jaunt is visiting another training site, that being Heavyweight Champ Rocky Marciano's headquarters in this wee Napa Valley village. And the best part of it is, they treat a guy from Salem, Ore., with the same hospitality and friendliness that the big wheels from New York, Chicago and San Francisco get . . . The champion's camp is located in the Napa County Fairgrounds, where the Senators themselves held spring training for the 1952 and '53 seasons. He lives in a sizeable motel on the outskirts of town, along with his wife and family and the numerous gents included in his fight party. They have practically turned the place over to him. Usually a sleepy and noiseless little town with dimensions so limited that a strong-armed ballplayer could almost toss a baseball from one end to the other, Calistoga has been a bustling beehive since the Brockton Blockbuster arrived a couple of weeks ago. Business is booming everywhere and city dads figure his presence amounts to the biggest thing for Calistoga since sunshine first hit the place. Marciano himself is all business as he tunes for his May 6 date with Don Cockell, and is restricted to a rigid daily schedule by his shrewd little manager, Al Weill, and Trainer Charley Goldman, another little guy who fought in over 400 battles during his fistic career and who, as a trainer, has handled four world champions, the others being Lou Ambers, Marty Servo and Joey Archibald . . .

ROCKY MARCIANO
Provides interesting visit.

This being our first visit to a big-time fight camp, we'll pass along that which we learned in the hope that it might give you an idea of what goes on here as the world champion gets ready for a defense of his title. As mentioned, all items are in accord with a time schedule administered by Weill:

Rocky's Day Starts at 7:30 a.m.

Marciano starts his day at 7:30 a.m. After getting out of bed he takes to the hills around here for his road work, running from eight to 10 miles every day. This requires just about 1½ hours. When returning to his motel he "dries out" by taking a half-hour snooze. Then comes breakfast, at 9:30 o'clock. And since he eats but two meals a day, it's a whopper with plenty of meat in it.

Following breakfast the champ takes a walk for digestional purposes. He then returns to bed and sleeps until 2:15 p.m. When awakened, he has 45 minutes to prepare for his gym workout, which

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Noted Trotter Star Released

CHICAGO (AP) — Goose Tatum, $50,000-a-year-clowning star of the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team, Wednesday was handed his unconditional release by owner Abe Saperstein.

Saperstein disclosed that he would not renew the option on the annual contract of Tatum, who disappeared after a 30-day suspension by Saperstein March 15 for breaking team rules.

Tatum was suspended specifically for missing seven scheduled Globetrotter games and Saperstein estimated at the time the layoff would cost Tatum $5,500.

Although Saperstein still doesn't know Tatum's whereabouts, he said his decision to drop Tatum's option means the comedian of the famed Negro team was "unconditionally released as of right now."

The STANDINGS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Sacram	9	6	.600	Portland	6	6	.500
Sn Diego	8	7	.533	San Fran	6	7	.462
Seattle	9	8	.529	Hollywd	6	8	.429
Los Ang	8	8	.500	Oakland	6	8	.429

Wednesday results: At Seattle 3, Sacramento 0; at Los Angeles 2, Oakland 6; at Portland-San Diego, rain; at San Francisco-Hollywood, rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Broklyn	9	0	1.000	Chicago	4	5	.444
Milwkee	6	2	.750	Nw York	2	5	.286
St. Louis	5	3	.625	Cincinn	2	7	.222
Philadel	4	4	.500	Pittsbgh	0	6	.000

Wednesday results: At Brooklyn 3, Philadelphia 2; at Chicago 5, Milwaukee 9; at Cincinnati 0, St. Louis 3; at Pittsburgh-New York, rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Boston	6	1	.857	Detroit	3	3	.500
Clevelnd	5	3	.625	Washgtn	2	3	.400
Chicago	3	2	.600	Kan City	2	5	.286
Nw York	4	3	.571	Baltimre	1	6	.143

Wednesday results: At New York 3, Baltimore 6; at Washington 0, Boston 1; at Detroit-Chicago, rain. Only games scheduled.

Senator Camp Sched Again Hit by Rain

By AL LIGHTNER
Statesman Sports Editor

CALISTOGA, Calif. (Special) — Rain again fouled up the works Wednesday at the Salem Senators' spring training camp. The downpour from the skies washed out a scheduled exhibition twinbill, forced cancellation of much-needed hitting drills and heaped more worries on Skipper Hugh Luby.

The pesky and persistent rains cancelled a Wednesday pair with the Wenatchee Chiefs and the Napa All-Stars. It was the third day in a row the terrible weather has played havoc with the Senators' camp program—and hitting drills have been a particular painful casualty of the prolonged storm.

Some of the Senator personnel did manage to get in some throwing and limbering work in the Calistoga high school gym Wednesday.

Chiefs Again Today

The Salems have an exhibition scheduled with Wenatchee again Thursday, but the continued weather onslaught indicated the teams will be lucky to get that one in, too.

No additional playing help arrived Wednesday from either Sacramento or San Diego—but Luby is hopeful reinforcements will show up in the very near future. When help does come, the Salem manager prays at least one veteran and proven pitcher will be among the lot. That is the crying need at the moment—a hurler who can be counted on as a sure-fire starter.

Among those in camp upon whom Luby is directing praise are a pair of young optionees from Sacramento—Outfielder Jack Steinagel an doutfielder-infielder Tommy Agosta. The Senator pilot figures both have the stuff to land regular posts with the club. Steinagel played briefly with the Sacs in 1952 prior to being called into the service.

Eureka Tilts Set

The Salems have no exhibitions scheduled Friday but after breaking camp they will head north for a pair of games with a Eureka independent team Saturday and Sunday.

If the Senators had gone south two weeks earlier for their drills, they'd have had fine weather. Residents in the area say the current storm is the first rainy spell in months . . . So drenched is this sector that even the country club was closed Wednesday because of the weather. So discovered a would-be golf foursome from the Senator camp.

Tourney Prize Total Boosted

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Sponsors of the golfing Tournament of Champions here next week added $2,500 to the prize money Wednesday, bringing the total to $37,500.

Director Allard Roen said the extra money will be distributed to the also - ran players. The basic prizes remain the same.

The winner will collect $10,000 and every player in the select field of 21 is guaranteed at least $1,000. Each contestant qualified for the tournament by winning at least one major open tournament in the year since the last event.

CHURCH OPENERS DELAYED

Among the many victims of the weather Wednesday were openers in the Junior Church Softball League race. Another group of Church Leaguers will try to open today, weather permitting.

American League

Baltimore ..... 210 020 010— 6 8 0
New York ..... 001 000 200— 3 6 3
Palica, Moore (8) and Smith; Grim, Konstanty (2), Shallock (4), Sturdivant (6), Morgan (8) and Berra.

Boston ..... 000 100 000— 1 8 0
Washington ..... 000 000 000— 0 5 0
Nixon and White; Stobbs, Stone (9) and Fitzgerald, Oldis (8).

Chisox Elated Over Dropo, Nieman

By JOE FALLS

DETROIT (AP) — Manager Marty Marion of the Chicago White Sox says the sensational early season showing of Walt Dropo and Bob Nieman is "no flash in the pan."

"We knew they could hit — that's why we got them," Marion said Wednesday after the White Sox' game with the Detroit Tigers was postponed due to rain.

Seated in front of his locker, wearing that still - boyish smile of his, Marion was more than willing to talk about the trade with Detroit which brought Dropo, Nieman and pitcher Ted Gray to Chicago in exchange for first baseman Ferris Fain, infielder Jack D Phillips and pitcher Leo Cristante.

"If we were going to fight the Yankees and Indians for the pennant, we needed somebody who could drive in runs," Marion said. "In the past we needed a bundle of singles to score just once. Things will be different now.

"Nieman and Dropo will give us a lot of punch. They're off to a good start, and I expect them to keep right on hitting through the season. This is no flash-in-the-pan thing, you know."

Dropo and Nieman, who had mediocre seasons, at best, with the Tigers last year, currently are two of the hottest hitters in the American.

Nieman, a heavy legged outfielder, is thumping at a .545 clip, with three home runs to his credit. Dropo, a hulking, 6-foot-5 first baseman, is hitting .313. His home run with the bases loaded last Saturday gave the White Sox a 9-4 victory over Cleveland.

"Nieman has trouble with his legs," Marion said. "So we put him on a diet. We've cut his weight from 206 to 200 and he's hitting better than ever now."

Dropo and Nieman, returning to their old ball park, didn't talk much about their fast starts.

"I'm just lucky," Nieman said.

"I'm just happy to be playing every day," Dropo said. "That's all I ask."

Marion said the third player in the trade — the lefthanded Gray — would be used in the bull pen in the near future, then possibly as a starter.

"He's ready right now," Marion said. "No sore arm and his back injury apparently is all gone."

In contrast, the Tigers have gotten practically no use out of their players, Fain, hampered by a sore knee, has been in only two games.

Phillips, recovering from a twisted knee, and Christante have not played an inning yet.

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Reds to Start Sport Campaign

Russians Set Search for Top Talent

By EDDY GILMORE

LONDON (AP) — The Russians announced Wednesday they plan a giant program of rural sports meetings in an effort to comb their vast countryside for potential record breakers.

Moscow Radio said in a broadcast heard here that "hundreds of thousands" of country athletes would take part in the first U. S. S. R. rural games, opening in May with competitions on collective farms, state farms and machine tractor stations.

These sporting events will be followed by regional meetings in all of the nation's 16 republics. The athletes who survive these eliminations will be sent to Odessa for the grand finals in October.

Such a thorough hunt for talent means that very few, if any, potential athletes among the Soviet Union's 200 million population will escape the searching eyes of the nation's sports officials.

The program includes track and field events, athletics, swimming, cycling, volleyball and soccer.

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Carter Upset By Cuban Foe

Zulueta Earns Shot At Lightweight Toga

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orlando Zulueta, a left-handed sharp shooter, outboxed lightweight champ Jimmy Carter in a nationally televised bout Wednesday night, earning a split decision and winning a certain shot at Carter's title.

Zulueta, ninth ranking lightweight from Havana, earned the decision on the score cards of referee Harry Volkman and judge Joe Bunsa. Judge Benny Alperstein scored it for Carter. The Associated Press card had Zulueta a clear winner, 97-92.

Carter, a 31-year-old from New York, weighed in at 137, two pounds over the lightweight limit. Zulueta was in at 137½.

Carter really didn't seem to have it Wednesday night. Time and again the clever Zulueta had the champ missing and looking pretty bad. Meanwhile, the Cuban was jabbing away at Carter. It was close up to the last three rounds but Zulueta won going away, outslugging Carter at the finish.

The victory set off a wild celebration among the Cuban contingent in town and Ambassador Miguel Angel Campa jumped into the ring to shake Zulueta's hand.

Senators Set As SBC Topic

The spotlight will be squarely on the Salem Senators at Monday morning's session of the Salem Breakfast Club. The event will herald the Senators' Northwest League opener against Eugene on Tuesday night.

First half of the program will be handled by the Senator Boosters organization, with reports of ticket sales, etc., to be made to the assemblage. Latter portion of the agenda will be devoted to discussion of the ball club's personnel and prospects, with Al Lightner, Statesman sports editor, in the role of main speaker.

The 7:30 a.m. meeting is open to all male fans of the area.

National League

Milwaukee ..... 140 002 002— 9 11 1
Chicago ..... 001 010 003— 5 12 1
Burdette, Robinson (9) and Crandall; Jones, Andre (2), Thorpe (8) and Chiti.

Philadelphia ..... 000 101 000— 2 6 0
Brooklyn ..... 000 000 30*— 3 3 0
Ridzik, Lovenguth (7), Kipper (8) and Burgess; Loes, Labine (8) and Campanella.

St. Louis ..... 100 200 000— 3 7 0
Cincinnati ..... 000 000 000— 0 5 1
Arroyo, Moford (8) and Rice; Fowler, Podbielan (8) and Seminick, Landrith (8).

Bevo Openers Again Delayed

PORTLAND—(AP)—For the second time the Portland Beavers' scheduled home openers with the San Diego Padres were rained out Wednesday and officials said another attempt will be made Thursday. An afternoon tilt will be played at 2 p.m. and another is set for 8 p.m., weather permitting.

Seattle racked a 3-0 decision over Sacramento Wednesday night behind the tight two-hit pitching of Jehosie Heard and Al Gettel hurled Oakland to a 6-2 victory over Los Angeles as he yielded but six hits. Also a victim of the weather was the Hollywood-at-San Francisco game.

Five double plays helped Seattle in the win over Sacramento. All three Rainier runs came in the second inning, two crossing on Gene Verble's single.

Sacramento ..... 000 000 000— 0 2 0
Seattle ..... 030 000 00*— 3 7 2
Daley and Baich; Heard and Orteig.

Oakland ..... 101 021 100— 6 13 3
Los Angeles ..... 000 100 100— 2 6 1
Gettel and Swift; Piktuzis, Tremel (3), Zick (8) and Pramesa.

Waivers Asked On Dave Koslo

CHICAGO (AP) — The Milwaukee Braves announced Wednesday they are asking for waivers on southpaw pitcher Dave Koslo for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

DUCKS RAINED OUT

EUGENE (AP) — Rain forced postponement Wednesday of a scheduled Washington State-Oregon baseball game. A doubleheader is on schedule for Thursday.

NATIONAL LEAGUE—Philadelphia at Brooklyn—Roberts (2-) vs. Meyer (1-0). New York at Pittsburgh—Antonelli (0-2) vs. Bowman (0-0). Only games scheduled.

AMERICAN LEAGUE — Baltimore at New York—Kretlow (0-1) vs. Turley (1-0). Boston at Washington—Brewer (0-1) vs. Porterfield (1-1). Chicago at Detroit — Fornieles (1-0) vs. Garver (1-1). Only games scheduled.

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