

Los Angeles Wins Flag as Pacific Coast League Closes Regular Season

Rainiers Bevos Trail

Playoff Tuesday

(Associated Press) Los Angeles rules to be the champion of the Pacific Coast League, with San Francisco, Seattle and Portland following in order.

Los Angeles wound up its regular season Sunday and will turn immediately to the Shaughnessy playoffs for the President's Cup. The \$10,000 prize money, which will be split between the winners, will open in Seattle.

The Rainiers, who won the championship of the Pacific Coast League, will play the first game of the playoffs on Tuesday. Los Angeles, after the first contest 3-1, finished the season with a 4-2 trip to Seattle.

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Baseball Writer Selects Yankees' Bill Dickey Among Best in American Circuit

By WHITNEY MARTIN
NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—(AP)—He won't get it, of course. After all, nobody ever considers creaky old gaffers going on 37 years old for most valuable player awards, and besides, he'll probably not play in more than 75 games so his current batting average of around .380 is given the old fishy eye.

But it would be nice to see Bill Dickey get at least a few token votes, if only to make up a little for all those years he was just another also-ran despite playing ball which, if it were this year, would win the honors hands down.

There was 1936, for instance, when he hit .362 and knocked out 22 home runs, but there was a big, piano-legged gent playing first base for his team named Lou Gehrig who hit 49 home runs and was voted the American league's most valuable player.

Then there was 1937, when the lanky, knock-kneed guy behind the plate for the Yankees took part in 140 games, in itself quite a performance for a catcher, and connected for 29 home runs while batting .332. But a slick second-baseman with Detroit named Charley Gehringer who hit .371 was awarded top honors.

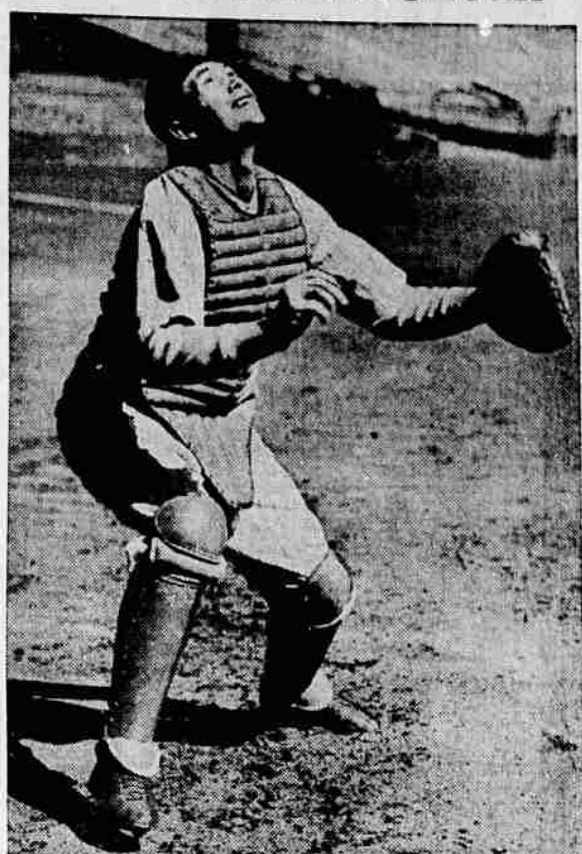
And in 1938 this fellow Bill Dickey played his usual sound game, hitting .313 and getting 27 home runs. But round-faced, keg-chested Jimmy Foxx hit 50 home runs, and was voted the most valuable, although another first baseman by the name of Hank Greenberg hit 58 that year.

Those are just samples of the competition Dickey has been up against, and now, with such competition missing, he himself has reached the stage in his career when he can't get out there day after day and wheedle the pitchers into giving him the best.

The big fellow just came along at the wrong time, that's all. The wrong time from the standpoint of personal glory, that is. From the standpoint of value to the team, Joe McCarthy or any of his teammates would tell you he came along at just the right time.

It's always been our idea that, despite his acknowledged skill, Dickey's value went much, much deeper. He has been the balance wheel, the stabilizer. The guy who was always right when everything was going wrong. When, on those rare occasions, he wasn't right, the whole team was a wet rag.

No, he won't be considered for the most valuable player award. But we have an idea that if Joe McCarthy were naming the man it would be Mr. Bill Dickey.



CATCHER BILL DICKEY will be ignored by experts selecting most valuable American league player, but is vital factor in success of 1943 New York Yankees.

Collegiate Football Makes Bid As Nation's Top-Flight Sport

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The Iowa pre-flight eleven, glimmer team of early 1942, and Michigan, expected to replace the Seahawks in that role this fall, open their campaigns this week-end as the gridiron sport takes another step nearer the center of the stage.

Michigan, its own great collection of manpower increased by navy contributions from Wisconsin and Minnesota, tangles with Camp Grant, 23-0 victors over Illinois last Saturday. Iowa's Seahawks, coached this year by Lt. Don Faurot, oppose the Illini.

On the same day Duke, which got plenty of navy help from Wake Forest, Auburn, Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi State, tangles with the Camp Lejeune marines.

This trio of college elevens may pile up some of the high scores which officials predicted for the coming campaign but which were lacking in last week-end's frays.

Yale had to go "all out" to defeat Muhlenberg, 13-6, after Wayne Johnson, one of Harvard's better backs in 1942 but now an Eli by grace of the naval training program, suffered a severe injury on his first play. Rochester nipped Baldwin-Wallace, 14-6; Swarthmore blanked Ursinus, 12-0; and Presbyterian trounced Fort Jackson, 41-0.

In Friday night encounters, Central Michigan worked out at the expense of Alma, 13-6, and Peru, Neb. Teachers downed Rosencrans Field of St. Joseph, Mo., 7-0.

Southworth, manager of the pennant-bound St. Louis Cardinals, indicated today he is ready to defy World Series tradition again by placing heavy reliance on rookie pitchers for another triumph over the New York Yankees.

Southworth was the target for considerable criticism a year ago when he chose the untested Johnny Beazley to face Ernie Bonham in the second game of the series. But the gamble paid off handsomely when Beazley won 4-3. Johnny then came back to win the fifth and deciding game 4-2 at the expense of the veteran "Red" Ruffing.

That evidence is enough for Southworth so he's planning to give the Yankees more "freshmen phenoms." His two outstanding young pitching performers are a pair of southpaws, Harry Brecheen and Alpha Breeze.

"I've got six pitchers I've been starting regularly recently, and I'll count on them in the series," Southworth said. "There are three right-handers, Mort Cooper, Murry Dickson and Howard Kist, and three left-handers, Max Lanier, Breeze and Brecheen."

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Elmer Riddle Hurls 1-Hitter

Joe Gordon Scores Yanks' Winning Run

(Associated Press) It isn't very often that a one-hitter is pitched in the Major leagues after Labor Day, but Elmer Riddle of the Cincinnati Reds accomplished the feat against the Pittsburgh Pirates Sunday.

In a day marked by superlative mound performances, Riddle's effort was easily the best. Pitted against the 20-game winner, Rip Sewell, in the first game of a doubleheader, Riddle retired the first 22 men to face him. Then, with one out in the eighth, Bob Elliott doubled for the Pirates lone bludge.

Riddle went on to gain his 19th victory of the year with a 1-0 shutout. Only one other Pittsburgh batter got on base. Pinch-hitter Tommy O'Brien walked with one out in the ninth, but was erased in a double play.

Ace Adams Hurls Three-Hitter Cincinnati's one run came in the fourth when Bert Haas walked and crossed home plate on singles by Steve Mesner and Eddie Miller.

Pittsburgh gained a split by taking the nightcap 7-0 behind Xavier Rescigno's four-hit twirling, coupled with Jim Russell's three-run homer in the sixth.

Ace Adams, the New York Giants' workhorse came nearest to Riddle's performance. He beat the Boston Braves 7-2 with a neat three-hitter. In the opener Southpaw Cliff Melton blanked the Braves 3-0 by scattering seven hits.

The New York Yankees swept a five-game series from the Boston Red Sox, 1-0 and 9-6. Ernie Bonham outpitched Joe Dobson in the opener, yielding four hits to Dobson's six. In addition Bonham won his own game, singling Joe Gordon home in the eighth inning. Gordon had doubled and stolen third. Abbie Donald's one-hit five inning relief performance won the nightcap after Charley Wensloff had been knocked out.

Dodgers Win 18 in 21 The St. Louis Browns likewise got good pitching from Bob Muncrief and Denny Galehouse and swept a doubleheader from the Chicago White Sox, 2-0 and 6-2.

Washington moved within two percentage points of the second-place Cleveland Indians by beating the Philadelphia Athletics twice, 4-3 and 9-5.

Fox Hurls 3-Hitter In Homecoming Test

Howard Fox, Lane county's most recent gift to organized baseball, made an impressive homecoming appearance at Civic Stadium Saturday night, but his Glustina Reds dropped a 2-0 decision to the Portland Firemen, Oregon's representative in the recent National semi-pro championship tournament.

Fox, who arrived home from 3500-mile train jaunt only a few hours before taking the mound, limited the Portlanders to three hits, struck out eight and allowed no free bases. But poor support allowed two unearned runs and ineffective scoring plays failed to produce a single run off the Firemen.

The rookie righthander for the Birmingham Barons of the Southern Association, a 14-game winner this season, paced the seven-hit Glustina attack with a triple and single in three trips to the plate. Allie Cooper and Jack Walton also collected two hits each off Bud Fortier, Ray Brooks' new pitching find who fanned seven and gave up two walks. He enjoyed superior fielding support, however.

The Firemen scored their first run in the third when Bob Tate opened with a single, went to second on Fortier's sacrifice bunt, and scored when Elvan Pitney booted an attempt shoestringing catch of Hal Zurcher's fly ball to centerfield.

Fox nearly knotted the count when he led off the bottom half of the third with a triple. After Juel Faubion fanned Fox attempted to score on a squeeze play and was caught at the plate by Joe Fontaine. Cooper later singled, but too late to score the runner.

The only other Portland run came in the ninth after Fox had fanned the first two batters. He served Dick Sinovich, a slow ball on the first pitch, the ball dropped in short center for a single, the runner stole second and then Ray Oberst hit to short where Bill Moye bobbled the grounder, allowing Sinovich to score.

Glustina had two other mild scoring chances — in the second when Ed Wellnitz walked and advanced on a passed ball. Pitney singled Wellnitz to third, but was put out attempting to steal second. Fox led off the eighth with a single, but was thrown out at second by Leftfielder Zurcher.

The game, one of the best played here this season, was the 1943 finale.

Box score: PORTLAND: AR R H PO A E Zurcher, lf 4 0 0 1 1 0 Koven, rf 4 0 0 0 0 0 Koeh, 3 4 0 0 0 0 Sinovich, cf 4 1 1 0 0 0 Oberst, ss 4 0 0 0 0 1 Bowen, 1 4 0 1 1 0 Fontaine, c 3 0 0 1 1 0 Tate, 2 1 1 0 0 0 Fortier, p 2 0 1 4 0 0 TOTALS 33 2 3 27 15 1

Glustina: AR R H PO A E Faubion, lf 3 0 0 0 0 0 Cooper, 1 3 0 15 0 0 Dunn, 3 4 0 0 1 2 Moye, 2 4 0 0 0 0 Phillips, 2 4 0 0 0 0 Wellnitz, rf 2 0 0 0 0 0 Grever, c 1 0 0 0 0 0 Pitney, 1 0 0 0 0 0 Walton, cf 2 0 0 0 0 0 Taylor, c 2 0 0 0 0 0 Fox, p 2 0 0 0 0 0 TOTALS 31 0 0 27 14 3

LaBelle Takes Coast Mat Title

Tony Ross Defeated; Asks Return Match

By VIC HUFFAKER
Tony Ross lost the Pacific coast championship belt to Pierre LaBelle at the Pearl Street arena Saturday night. The two met in a grueling tilt with two of the falls going to LaBelle. After the last fall was given to LaBelle, Ross started complaining that Hollywood actor Pat McKee had given him a fast count. Later in the dressing room Ross made a statement that if LaBelle would meet him in a championship match next week he would buy a \$500 bond in the ring from anybody who had it there ready to sell. It was not known if LaBelle would accept but his contract calls for him to meet Ross before he has a match with another challenger.

The opener was a fast and furious tilt between Ivan Jones and Billy McEuin. The first fall went to McEuin in 10 minutes with a modified Boston crab. After four minutes of the second fall, Jones picked McEuin up bodily and took him for the long ride with an airplane spin. In the last fall it looked like the same thing, but Jones could not hold up the weight of McEuin and they both fell to the mat. Wrestling "heads up," McEuin held Jones down for the count, thereby receiving the fall in five minutes.

George Wagner came through in the semi-final to win with one fall over Jack Kizer. Wagner managed to down Kizer in 24 minutes when he let loose a series of right-handed blows to the body, aided by a few knees in the face. The last six minutes were hard and fast but neither gained a fall. For once Wagner didn't start rough stuff with the referee, for Pat McKee looked like one who could back up his threats if the holds were not broken.

In the main event, the crowded arena rocked with the excited shouts of spectators who filled the building. The first fall went to Ross in seven minutes when he downed LaBelle with punches to the body and a body press. An Australian grapevine brought Ross down in five minutes. The third and last fall went by in four minutes when LaBelle brought Ross off the ropes to double him up and pin his shoulders to the mat for the count. Ross remained in the ring demanding another fall.

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San Francisco	80	86	.374
Seattle	85	79	.568
Portland	79	76	.510
Hollywood	73	82	.471
Oakland	73	82	.471
San Diego	70	85	.452
Sacramento	41	114	.265

NATIONAL

St. Louis	90	44	.812
Brooklyn	74	81	.548
Cincinnati	81	81	.500
Pittsburgh	73	69	.515
Chicago	61	71	.462
Philadelphia	54	75	.420
Boston	54	75	.420
New York	49	84	.368

American

New York	85	49	.824
Cleveland	73	60	.549
Washington	75	62	.547
Chicago	69	63	.523
Detroit	66	67	.496
St. Louis	62	71	.466
Boston	62	71	.466
Philadelphia	44	88	.333

Pitt-Phils Get Kish
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The Pittsburgh-Philadelphia professional football club of the National pro football league today obtained Ben Kish, former University of Pittsburgh halfback, from the Brooklyn football Dodgers, it was announced.

Blisterless Face—Once a water blister on the middle of his pitching hand healed, Hank Borowy of the Yankees matched the pitching of his banner freshman year.

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