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Los Angeles Nine Favored to Win Pacific Pennant

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)
They did it before—and the chances appear that they can do it again.
So the Los Angeles Angels, winners of the 1944 and 1943 Pacific coast league pennant races, will take the field Saturday against the San Francisco Seals favored to win their third consecutive flag in the 183-game race.
Loaded with such stars as Lou Novikoff and Rip Russell; piloted by astute manager Bill Sweeney and in line to get additional material from the Chicago Cubs if they need it, the Angels should be the class of the field.

Out On Limb
However, there appears to be the making of a ding-dong battle over the horizon all through the league and the United Press admittedly goes out on a limb to make these choices:

- 1—Los Angeles Angels.
- 2—Seattle Rainiers.
- 3—Portland Beavers.
- 4—San Francisco Seals.
- 5—Sacramento Solons.
- 6—Oakland Aacorns.
- 7—Hollywood Stars.
- 8—San Diego Padres.

The "upsetting" factor in the 1945 pennant chase may be a great second-line of reserves—something entirely missing from the 1944 contenders.

The Rainiers, who finished fifth last year, but just three games out second, have added a batting punch in the acquisition of Chuck Aleno, Ted Norbert and Bob Finley. If manager Bill Skiff can round out his usually-strong pitching staff, the Seattle club may furnish the major contention.

To Miss Star
Admittedly manager Marv Owen is going to miss Marino Pieretti, the 26-game winner, from his Portland mound corps. But the Beavers have added three good hurlers to take his place and again should be a factor in deciding the big money winners.

Manager Letty O'Doul has the same club of veterans he had in 1944—minus the pitchers—at San Francisco. He pulled a near-miracle in winning the play-offs the last two seasons and may be able

Out Our Way



to do it again—if the new pitchers, Ken Brondell and Ken Miller, live up to advance notices.

The "if" club of the season is the Sacramento Solons. Manager Earl Sheely lined up plenty of talent during the winter months. But his first baseman, slugging Gene Corbett, has been unable to report; and third baseman Jimmy Grant is on the sidelines for a starter.

Aacorns "Maybe" Team
The Oakland Aacorns definitely are the "maybe" team. Manager Dolph Camilli is stacked two deep all through the infield, outfield and behind the plate. His pennant chances appear to hinge on how well the replacements respond, and what the pitchers can do.

Some writers are tabbing the Hollywood Stars for the first division. But manager Buck Faussett still hasn't been able to find anything like a Francis Kellaher for

the outfield; or a Tod Davis for shortstop.

Fiery Pepper Martin appears to have a job cut out for himself if he is able to draw the Padres out of the cellar. The pitching staff has been completely denuded of stars, with very little for replacements showing as the season opens.

Baseball Briefs

(By United Press)

St. Louis, Mo., March 29 (UP)—Pitchers Ted Wilks and Harry Brecheen, who won 33 games between them last season, are the only remaining holdouts among the world champion St. Louis Cardinals, president Sam Breadon said today.

Bloomington, Ind., March 29 (UP)—Manager Bill McKechnie said today that Al Libke, a first baseman and outfielder, had shown enough talent in pitching workouts to rate consideration as a regular hurler for the Cincinnati Reds this year. The Reds may lose catcher Russell Kerns, who was reclassified 1-A by his Cleveland draft board yesterday.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 29 (UP)—Two more pitchers, Bill Dietrich, a 16-game winner, and Earl Caldwell, who had 19 victories at Milwaukee in 1944, were in the fold for the Chicago White Sox today.

Evansville, Ind., March 29 (UP)—The Detroit Tigers are all set and will be in good shape for the opening of the American league season, general manager Jack Zeller said today.

Lafayette, Ind., March 29 (UP)—The Cleveland Indians are counting on pitcher Charles (Red) Embree for regular mound duty, manager Lou Boudreau said today, after his first look at the right hander, whose 19 victories sparked Baltimore to an international league title last season.

French Lick, Ind., March 29 (UP)—The condition of pitcher Ed Hanyzewski's arm was a matter of concern today to Chicago Cub manager Charley Grimm. Hanyzewski complained of soreness yesterday after a three inning workout and although Grimm said he doubted if the trouble was serious, it was in the same spot where he injured it last spring, keeping him out all year.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., March 29 (UP)—St. Louis Brown first baseman George McQuinn nursed a sore knee today, but the injury wasn't serious and he was expected to resume workouts shortly. He was hit by a batted ball on the right knee cap yesterday during a 6 to 6 camp game with the Toledo farm club.

Oklahoma Seeks National Honors

New York, March 29 (UP)—Coach Henry Iba of Oklahoma A. & M.'s new N. C. A. A. basketball champions said today he would rely on his recently-devised "cup defense" to stop George Mikan and DePaul's Blue Demons in tonight's Red Cross game for the mythical national title.

Although Mikan up to now has been impervious to practically any kind of barrier except four strand barbed-wire fence, Iba thinks his Cowboys may have the technique to turn the trick.

Irish Still Seek Coach, Assistant

South Bend, Ind., March 29 (UP)—Notre Dame's coaching staff, which has lost three coaches during the past two months, was still short two men today.

The Irish need a basketball coach and another assistant football coach, who is expected to be named in the near future.

The school's depleted grid staff was bolstered yesterday with the appointment of Kenneth L. Stille, former Irish football star, as line coach. He helped out in spring drills today with head coach Hugh Devore, backfield coach Gene Ronzani and assistants Wally Ziemba and Jake Kline.

Notre Dame has lost acting head coach Ed McKeever, line coach Adam Walsh and basketball coach Clem Crowe, who also served as assistant grid coach, during the past two months.

Maimed Veterans Get Instructions On How to Play

Chicago, March 29 (UP)—"Golf for the blind" is playing an amazing role in the army's rehabilitation of fighters who have lost their sight in the service of their country during the war.

The feat of a blind man playing golf is almost unbelievable. But it proves to him he still can live a life of action and usefulness and that is why army psychiatrists have made the game a vital part of their "play therapy" at Dibble General hospital, near Menlo Park, Calif.

"Play therapy" is a program which includes golf, water polo, swimming, bowling and wrestling and is designed to provide blind men with physical recreation.

Story Is Told
The spectacular part which golf is playing in the rehabilitation work at Dibble hospital is told in the coming April issue of "Golf-dom," a magazine published by the National Golf foundation.

The Stanford university golf course is the laboratory in which blind servicemen are forgetting personal tragedy while they cuss a shanked iron shot or become enthused about a good drive.

"Seeing eye" companions tour the course with the blind golfers. The companion, a golfer himself, describes each shot to his handicapped playing partner. He tells of the layout, the lie of the ball, the distance, the obstacles and other details. He places the clubhead behind the ball and waits for the blind man to get set. Then the blind man is on his own.

No emphasis is placed on scoring. The doctors want that to be proposed by the patient. For once the blind golfer wants to keep score, the treatment has proved a success. That will show the stricken person is ready for everyday life, that his competitive spirit has been revived.

Examined Given
An example of the golfing patients at Dibble is Capt. Claude Garland, Jr., of Pinedale, Wyo., who played in the low 30's before the war. As an army captain, he led one of general Patton's tank companies through France until the day before Christmas. A German shell struck the tank. Garland lost his eyesight.

Garland isn't playing in the low 30's yet, but he is confident that soon he'll be near that score. Other patients who were good golfers in prewar days feel the same way—it won't be long.

One of the "seeing eye" companions reported to the doctors at Dibble hospital that during a recent round, Garland shanked an iron shot, threw his club on the ground and cursed roundly.

That was good news. For when a blind man forgets his troubles which accompany golf, a big step has been taken in his rehabilitation.

SABO JOINS STAFF
Moraga, Cal., March 29 (UP)—Lt. Alexander Sabo, former catcher for the Washington Nationals, Rutgers football coach and Fordham University grid star, has joined the coaching staff of St. Mary's Preflight school here, it was announced today.

Sabo has just completed 17 months of duty in North Africa.

Coasting Along in the Sport World

By Buford Sommers
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Portland, Ore., March 28 (UP)—During any bout of the National boxing club here, no matter how bloody the battle, the saddest man in the ring is gloomy Ralph Gruman, the referee.

With eyebrows drooping at the ends and raised at the middle, his face continually wears an expression of utter anguish, a human mimicry of the mask of tragedy that adorns one corner of the proscenium at the municipal auditorium. He appears to have been born to this role of sorrow. Thus it comes as a surprise to hear him confide:

"I used to be happy and gay once, like you boys out there," referring to the jolly madcaps outside the ropes in the press row.

What, then, turned him into a silent elegy of sympathy? Does it stem from a sympathetic suffering over the beatings the batters take? Or does his sensitive soul sour from the bees that habitually greet his intraring efforts?

"It's the jokes," explains.

For gloomy Gruman, a special policeman by vocation and a ref-

Grand Jury May Call Ned Irish

New York, March 29 (UP)—Ned Irish, reluctant to reveal his earnings for promoting basketball games at Madison Square Garden, may be subpoenaed before a grand jury which will require him to do so, presiding Judge Samuel Leibowitz of Kings (Brooklyn) county court indicated today.

Leibowitz, irritated because Irish refused more than a dozen times yesterday to answer specific questions about money derived from the games at the Garden, said "There is a proper body before whom these questions may be asked and answers must be made."

FIRE DRILL REAL THING
Cleveland (UP)—A local elementary school's 150 young students marched out into the streets in orderly fashion the other day. They thought it was a fire drill, but it turned out that the school actually was burning. The school was emptied in 55 seconds, a new record here.

free by avocation, is philosophically constituted as an amateur humorist. A student of the human comedy, he is saddened and sickened over what passes as wit and humor among the ringside audience. The banal quips, hurled at the boxers week after week is unvarying monotony, have stultified his mind and emptied his heart of any hope for the destiny of man.

In the midst of his chores the only perceptible change in expression is perhaps a deepening of his sadness as he hears:

"Are you two boys going steady now?"

"May I have the next waltz?"

And, during a particularly placid passage at arms, "Oh, stop this bloody carriage!"

Or, when a contestant is out on his feet against an opponent of superior weight, reach and speed, "Box him, Smurthwaite, box him."

Or again, between rounds when a manager seeks to instill some strategy into the skull of his floundering boy, "Get your hands out of his pockets, Sniffley, you've got your 30 cent."

"If they'd only get some new wisecracks," says gloomy Gruman, the tears almost welling up into his eyes, "I might learn to smile again."

"How about telling the pugs to seek the referee?" we suggest.

His melancholy then is beyond expression.

Alumnus Selected To Coach Bruins

Los Angeles, March 29 (UP)—University of California at Los Angeles, passing up several "big name" coaches, today selected an alumnus and high school mentor—Bert La Brucherie—to head the Bruins' football coaching staff.

La Brucherie, 40, will resign as varsity coach at Los Angeles high school to assume his new position at UCLA April 15.

He was chosen unanimously just before midnight last night by the university's board of control after four hours of debate. La Brucherie succeeds Edwin C. (Babe) Horrell, who resigned Jan. 4 after six years.

SALAS TAKES DECISION

Oakland, Calif., March 29 (UP)—Ray Salas, 138, Berkeley, Calif., won an unpopular decision over Alex Vega, 142, Mexico City in the 10-round main event of a fight card here last night.

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