

Portland Climbs To Top of League As Season Opens

YESTERDAY'S SCORES
 Portland 8, Oakland 4.
 Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 6.
 Seattle 10, San Diego 3.
 Sacramento 4, Hollywood 2.

(By United Press)

The dark-horse Portland Beavers today were the first club to hold undisputed possession of the top spot in the infant Pacific Coast League pennant chase.

The Beavers displayed their batting punch again last night by whipping the pitcher-poor Oakland A's, 8 to 4, thereby annexing the season's opening series, four games to one. Manager Dolph Camilli's sluggers pounded out 16 hits off two Portland moundmen, but the winners whacked Al Raimondi, Maury Ayala and Pete Barisoff for 17 solid hits.

Beavers Clinch Game

The issue was decided in the upper half of the seventh when Portland scored three times on four hits, including doubles by Manager Frecck Owen and Johnny O'Neil, Syd Cohen, who relieved Wandel Mossor in the first canto, was credited with the win.

Los Angeles edged San Francisco, 7-6, in a 10-inning duel which was decided Viers' homer over the left field wall.

The Seals' veteran catcher, Joe Sprinz, was knocked out when Jim Tyack ran into him at the plate in the eighth inning. He was taken to a hospital for observation and may be lost to the club for some time. Red Adams, second Angel pitcher, stopped a San Francisco rally in the eighth and copped the victory. Tony Buzzolich the victim of Viers' smash, was charged with the defeat.

Los Angeles took the series, 3-2.

Rainiers Win

The Seattle Rainiers made it four out of five against San Diego by rapping out 10 hits for a 10 to 3 triumph. Chuck Aleno hit a three-run homer in the fourth. Sylvester Johnson, 44-year-old righthander, went the route for Seattle.

Sacramento defeated Hollywood, 4 to 2, to gain an even break in the four-game series. Dale Porter scattered six Hollywood hits. The Solons put over three runs in the seventh and two were down. Jo Jo White racked up a triple and two singles.

Engagements the rest of the week will feature Portland at Sacramento; Seattle at Los Angeles; San Francisco at San Diego and Hollywood at Oakland.

Out Our Way



Coasting Along in the Sport World

By Buford Sommers
 (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Portland, Ore., April 4 (AP)—Fishermen: have you got that pole reworded and varnished and that reel overhauled in preparation for this year's angling season?

If not, this warning comes too late, as the season—for game fish down to six inches in length—opens in 10 days in Oregon, on April 12. That is, in all except Lake county, for reasons that we'll reveal later.

The season closes Oct. 31, but there's no call to worry about that right now. Let's catch a few fish, first.

Few is right. The bag limit is 15 fish but not more than 15 pounds and one fish in any one day, and 30 fish but not more than 30 pounds and two fish in any seven consecutive days or in possession at any one time.

From the way the nimrods have been talking all winter, it's a question whether it's really worth while going out for that scant haul. Most fishermen talk a bag five times that size in any one day during the winter season.

There's one thing to remember: don't try to snare any bullfrogs with your hat or try to spear them. They're classified as game fish and may be taken only by hook and line. The law might as well have included the sinker; too for all the bullfrogs care. Bullfrogs are to be not less than four inches in length, and a dozen is considered enough to have in possession at any one time.

About Lake county: this season has been open there since April 1 in most parts of the county, so, having missed the boat, we're not including Lake county in this expose.

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Rules Outlined

Workers being transported are prohibited from sitting on the bed of a truck with legs dangling over the end of the vehicle or riding on the fenders. The throwing of objects from a truck is not allowed and passengers must wait for the vehicle to stop before dismounting or entering.

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Baseball on V-E Day Wins Favor

New York, April 4 (AP)—A proposal that the major and minor leagues call off their baseball games on V-E day found little support among the game's executives today.

In contrast to D-day when all schedules were cancelled, most league presidents seemed to feel that V-E day should call for celebration with baseball parks a fit locale.

Although the matter is one for the club owners of each circuit to decide, major and minor league heads predicted nothing would be done about it. The proposal was advanced unofficially by Sid Keener, sports editor of the St. Louis Star-Times.

What little support the idea received came from William Harridge, president of the American league, and Billy Evans, head of the Southern association.

"As far as I'm concerned, I'd be glad to close all the ball parks tomorrow if it were V-E day," Harridge told the United Press, adding, however, that no plans had been made and "we'll have to meet that when we get to it."

Evans said V-E day was of "such magnitude that it deserves proper observance," but he wasn't too sure that it should include calling off ball games.

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Bears Get Ready For Track Meet

Central Oregon's first interschool track meet of the 1945 season and Bend's first home competition in three years will be held here Friday afternoon when the Bears, Redmond and Prineville will join in a triangular "warmer upper," in preparation for big meets just ahead: For the past three seasons, the Bears have had to travel far afield for competition, since Redmond and Prineville did not engage in spring sports. As a result, interest in track dropped considerably, with the load carried by a few students.

This year, there has been a decided revival of interest in track, and Redmond and Prineville are developing promising teams. Friday's meet will be the first real workout that many of the local lads will get this spring. Most of the boys took part in only a few turnouts before last week's spring vacation layoff. As a result, the Cowboys and Panthers are expected to be in much better shape, since both held inter-class meets last Friday. However, the Bears will have a few experienced men in Rasmussen, Maudlin, McCauley and Brogan, which should help even up matters. Nevertheless, the meet should be a toss-up. Coach Cook is combing the school for additions to his small squad, and plans to unwrap Don Ferguson, football halfback, as a sprint threat. The coach hopes to dig up another newcomer or two to round out this department.

In Two Divisions

Friday's meet will be held in two classifications. All boys under 16 on April 1 will be junior, all boys over, senior. Separate scores will be kept in each classification. Shortened distances will also be run, since this meet comes so early.

Running events will be the 100, 150 and 300 yard dashes, the 660 yard and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile runs and half distance hurdles. Two relays will be run, a distance medley and the regular half-mile.

School officials were scrambling to get the track in shape for the meet, the first one to be held here since the Bend relays of 1943. Having been used only for training purposes the track has grown over in spots, with grass and weeds. The whole track is expected to be turned over, graded and then rolled, in preparation for the meet.

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