

Portland Beavers Get Top Berth in Week-End Games

(By United Press)
Manager Marv Owens' Portland Beavers, splitting a double-header with the Hollywood Stars Sunday, moved into undisputed leadership of the Pacific coast league as the Seattle Rainiers fell off the pace by dropping two games to the speedy Oakland Acorns.

The Beavers won their first game, 16-1, but dropped the second, 10-2. Meanwhile, the Acorns were getting some first-class pitching and downing suds by 3-1 and 3-2 counts.

The San Francisco Seals won their first series of the infant season by annexing a double bill from the Sacramento Solons, 9-5 and 12-5 and the hot San Diego Padres thumped the sinking Los Angeles Angels twice, 12-1 and 9-4.

Use Up Manpower

Portland used up all its run-power in the first game against the Stars. The Beavers pounded out 21 hits, including seven doubles during the day first baseman Larry Barton collected 11 bases on six consecutive hits. In the second tilt Jack Smith, Mel Steiner and Meyer Chosen drove in all the 10 Hollywood runs. More than 13,000 fans saw the game. Portland won the series, five games to two.

And at San Francisco, with 18,300 fans looking on, the Seals bunched hits for big-inning rallies.

In the second tilt they crossed the plate nine times in the sixth inning, while in the first they counted in only two frames—once with four scores, another time with five.

Veteran Del Young, who has changed his batting grip, led the Seals' attack in both games, getting three for four in the first and two more in the second. Young batted over .500 in the series.

Lou Vezelich, slugging outfielder of the Padres, clouted two home runs—each time with the bases loaded—to lead the border town gang to the twin victory at Wrigley field before 11,000 fans.

Hits Over Fence

Vezelich hit one over the fence in the eighth inning of the first game with three on and duplicated the feat in the third stanza of the second. Carl Dumler, ace righthander of the Padre mound staff, continued at the top of the league pitching standings when he won his seventh consecutive game without a defeat this season.

Rookie Vic Picetti, 17-year-old Oakland first baseman, got the hit that sent in Chet Rosenlund with the first Oak run in the opener, then scored ahead of Frankie Hawkins on Glen Stewart's ringing single. Sad Sam Gibson, admitted nearing the 50-year-old mark, went the route for the miners, allowing only five hits for his first win of the season.

In the night cap, the Oaks had to go two extra innings before coming out on top. They tied the score in the seventh frame when manager Dolph Camilli came in as a pinch-hitter and clouted a home run with one on. The Acorns clinched the contest in the ninth when second baseman Glenn Stewart singled and came around on outs.

Bend Vaulter Ties For State Honors

Eugene, Ore., April 23 (UPI)—Grant high school, Portland, today boasted the championship of the eighth annual Hayward relays, having won over a field of 17 other class A track and field teams from all sections of Oregon.

In addition to placing in all but one of the many events here Saturday, Grant set the only new record of the day. The Generals' 40-yard relay team shortened the time for the event by 3 from the 1939 Medford time of 45.1. No records were set in B or C classes.

The only first place taken by an out-state team was the discus throw, which incidentally was the only event in which the Generals

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Today's Sport Parade

By Leo H. Petersen
(United Press Sports Editor)

New York, April 23 (UPI)—The first returns are in from the 1945 major league pennant races and with but two exceptions they are not surprising.

It is, of course, far too early to draw an accurate line from the few games played thus far, but it looks like it is going to be pretty much the same old story—with both American and national league strength again centered in the west.

They may only be flowers that bloom in the spring, but the Chicago White Sox and their cigar-smoking manager, Jimmy Dykes, are at the top of the American league standings—a position far loftier than had been forecast for the hitless wonders from the south side of the windy city, and as surprising as their success has been, the performance of the champion St. Louis Browns has been just as disappointing.

Last year, manager Luke Sewell broke the Browns off the barrier with nine straight victories. Baseball men called them the usual spring morning glories and pointed out that games won at the start of the season didn't mean too much. Maybe not, but those nine straight in the long run meant the pennant for the Browns. This far they have been able to win only one out of six games and if another tight race

develops like the 1944 campaign those early losses could mean the difference.

The White Sox, on the other hand, were considered the weakest of the western clubs. All they have done thus far is win five straight from Cleveland and St. Louis.

Otherwise the American league standings today are pretty much in accordance with the pre-season predictions. The New York Yankees have been feasting on the relatively weaker eastern opposition, beating Washington and Boston. The chief resemblance of these two teams to major league clubs is in their names. They would have had a hard time finishing in the first division of the pre-war double A leagues.

The rest of the clubs in the junior circuit—Detroit, Philadelphia, and Cleveland—have been performing about as expected. In the national, to the surprise of no one, the world champion St. Louis Cardinals again have shown their usual power although they aren't in their accustomed position, first place. But it may be too long before they take over the lead. The Chicago Cubs and the Pittsburgh Pirates still look like the clubs which will give the Cardinals their most trouble, although Frankie Frisch's crew dropped five of its first seven games. The power is there and eventually will show.

Failed to place. Oregon City's Lin Rinearson hurled the Discus 137 feet $\frac{1}{4}$ inches. All other events were gathered in the Portland bag.

Grant Is High

Five of the 10 first places went to Grant, whose men ran up a total of $32\frac{1}{2}$ points, with a second, third and a fourth place title in addition. Jefferson's Democrats were second, with 19 points going to the 1944 winners.

Scappoose clinched the B title, largely through the efforts of Bob Anderson, who won the discus, broad jump, was on the first place shot-put team, and ran on the second and place sprint medley group. In the class A group, points scored by other teams were:

Points Listed

Salem Senators 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, Klamath Falls Pelicans 8 $\frac{1}{2}$, Oregon City Pioneers 7, Benson Techmen 7, Washington 4, Bend 4, St. Helens, University (Eugene), Eugene 4, Hillsboro 3 each; Springfield 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, Milwaukee 2 and Roosevelt and Franklin 1 each. Not making a single point is Albany, Grants Pass, Corvallis, Commerce and Hood River, the last two scratching probable entries.

In the pole vault, George Rasmussen of Bend tied with Art Bakke of Jefferson for first place at 11 feet, 11 inches.

Portland high schools in their

domination of the state meet Saturday lost only one first place—and they even took part of that first as Art Bakke of Jefferson and George Rasmussen of Bend tied for top honors in the pole vault; at 11 feet, 11 inches. These were the only points Bend picked up in the meet.

MISSIONARIES WIN
Walla Walla, Wash., April 23 (UPI)—The Whitman college Missionaries defeated Washington State college Saturday 8-5 to square their two-game baseball series.

Whitman bunched four hits in the first inning to fashion a lead it never relinquished. The Missionaries held the Cougars scoreless until the fifth.

FLAM BEATS KNEYMYER
Los Angeles, April 23 (UPI)—Herbert Flam, national junior champion, triumphed over Jack Kneymyer, 60, 36, 64, in the feature match yesterday of the Town House tennis tournament that is being held over three-week period. Finals are scheduled for next week.

Moreh Lewis, former Canadian national champion, eliminated Bill Maxwell, 61, 64.

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Daddy Paul Trout Defeats Cleveland In League Contest

By Carl Lundquist
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, April 23 (UPI)—The wall of a week-old baby girl more than the roar of the crowd spurred Ted Wilks took a duel from the veteran Busky Walters and rookie Frank Dasso. The Reds pulled the second game out of the fire by scoring three unearned runs in the 10th to win, 9 to 7. Two errors, a rarity for the smooth-fielding world champions, set up the runs.

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Dodgers Take Over

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Bob Brickert

Bob Brickert, Centralia, Wash., was the second high Cougar scorer, also gathering three firsts and running anchor on the relay team which drifted around the track unopposed.

John Taylor, freshman of Idaho, got three firsts for the Vandals romping home in the hurdle events and winning the broad jump.

Hardwood ashes from the fireplace or stove may contain as much as the equivalent of two-thirds of a pound of ground lime-stone in every pound of ashes, as well as other fertilizer elements other than nitrogen.

Giants at the Polo grounds, winning 5 to 1, on the fine pitching of Curt Davis, who has won two of the three Brooklyn victories thus far. He kept the Giants out of scoring range most of the time, although allowing 10 hits. The Giants remained in first place, however, a half game ahead of the Cubs.

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In competition, Rasmussen had to split first place honors with Art Bakke of Jefferson, both boys going over the bar at 11 feet 11 inches. This, incidentally, was a record for the relays.

After the competition ended, a photographer from the Eugene Register-Guard asked Rasmussen to go over once—just for a picture. Rasmussen accommodated, and the bar was set at 12 feet 3 inches.

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