Senators Defeat Athletics, 5-4; Fans Optimistic

By Carl Lindquist
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, May 5 (UP)—Ossie Bluege's Washington Senators aren't likely to add to life's complexities in the nation's capital by winning the American league pennant this season, but he was chirping a cheery tune today just the same because the boys are performing beyond expectations.

It wasn't like that a year ago when the Senators were top choices of the experts to dethrone the New York Yankees as American league champion. Instead, they went in reverse all season and finished in the cellar, 25 games behind the pennant winning St. Louis Browns.

This year the writers went into reverse themselves and picked the Senators to finish last. Now Bluege figures all he needs to do to complete the cycle is to win the pennant, but he's not that optimistic. He'd settle for a first division berth and he might get it.

Moved Up Notch

The Senators moved into the first division last night by defeating the visiting Philadelphia Athletics, 5 to 4, on the fine "comeback" pitching of Marino Pieretti, a stubby little right hander from Marlia, Lucca, Italy.

Pieretti came to the Senators by way of Portland in the Pacific coast league where he won 26 games last season. He has been effective in most of his appearances to date this year, chalking up his second victory against three defeats in beating the Athletics.

During the first inning, it looked as if he wouldn't get anything out of the game except an early shower. The Athletics combed him for five hits and four runs, but after that they had no luck in solving his tricky delivery.

Meanwhile, the Senators gradually wore down the four run lead and it was Pieretti himself who scored what proved to be the winning run in the fourth inning, hitting a triple and coming home on a fly. Relief pitcher Luther Knerr, who took over for starter Jessie Flores in the second, was debited with the defeat.

Binks Leads Attack

George Binks and Harland Clift, who drove in two runs apiece, led the winning attack.

Also helping to lift Bluege's spirits was the news that the draft case of his ace knuckle ball pitcher, Emil (Dutch) Leonard, had been referred to the war department in Washington by his Illinois local board indicating a preliminary rejection.

Leonard and Mickey Haefner, another regular pitcher, went to Illinois to take pre-induction physical exams this week. Together they won 26 of the 64 games the Senators won last season and without them the team wouldn't be expected to do much better in the race this year.

All of the other scheduled major league games were rained out yesterday.

Joe Kahut Victor Over Jack Dillich

Portland, Ore., May 5 (UP)—Two San Francisco ring battlers went down to defeat—one by the kayo route—before local boys here last night when Jack Dillich suffered a third-round knockout from Joe Kahut of Woodburn, Ore., and Jackie Ryan lost a close 10-round decision to Leo (the Lion) Turner, Portland negro.

It was tough going from the opening punch for the stringbean Dillich, former soldier, who went down for a nine-count in the first round and a five-count in the second. The first blow from Killer Kahut raised a welt over his left eye, and after taking a right hook in the midriff he was in shape to be counted out any time. Kahut, weighing 181 to 180 for Killich, finally put his rival away after one minute and 30 seconds in the third. Kahut, now in the navy, is stationed at Seattle.

Turner Is Victor

Turner, Oregon middleweight title holder, was too ring-wise for the 152-pound Ryan, although it wasn't until the fifth round that his experience began to pay dividends. Low punches he threw in the sixth, eighth and ninth cut down considerably on the margin of his victory.

John L. Sullivan, 173, a local pride of a few weeks ago, lasted only one minute and 22 seconds against Irving (Powder) Proctor, 161-pound Portland negro. Sullivan started out with a bang, but a right hook to the chin ended the scheduled eight-rounder in quick order.

In the curtain raiser, Killy Jackson, 148, Portland, fought a four-round draw with Leroy Durst, 147, Longview, Wash.

FIGHTER KILLED

San Sebastian, Spain, May 5 (UP)—Paulino Uzcudun, former heavyweight boxer, who once fought T/Sgt. Joe Louis for the world championship, has been reported killed by Spanish Maquis, his former manager, Justo Oyarzabal said today.

Out Our Way By J. R. Williams

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Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, May 5 (UP)—Look for Larry MacPhail to break out any day now in a burst of dealing aimed at saving his Yankees from a second-division finish.

Two days of bad weather must have brought plenty of black clouds to the dynamic redhead. Prexy Larry should have had time to digest the plight of his Bronx outfit—a plight that exists despite their tie for first place in the American league standing.

Although the Yanks are sharing top berth with the Chicago White Sox in the adolescent race, they certainly do not shape up now as pennant contenders unless wartime baseball has slipped to a far lower estate than at any time since Pearl Harbor.

The Yankees, with the exception of a few players lost in the military draft, are almost exactly as they were when MacPhail took over in January. There have been some noteworthy pitching performances as the club swung into action, and some fine long-ball hitting by young Russ Derry. Also enough general "pitch and punch" for the Yanks to win eight of 12 games from the admittedly weaker eastern clubs.

But MacPhail has done nothing to remedy some glaring weaknesses while the club has been fattening on the Senators, Red Sox and Athletics. The team is the shoddiest in either league defensively, with a mark of .950. That's 16 points worse than the kid-manned Philadelphia Phillies, who have a fielding mark of .966. Most experts regard the left side of the Yankee infield as a burlesque of major league defense.

The Yankees top both circuits in errors with 25 in 12 games—an average of more than two a game. They are last in the American circuit in the all-important double-play department, with only eight dual-disposals. This is a far cry from the Yanks of old, who in addition to their prowess at bat and on the mound, were always airtight afield.

And where are the hitters—the Bronx bombers of old? Aside from the personal achievements of Derry, who rode the bench last year because he couldn't hit, the team appears to have no sustained punch. Derry has hit four homers (two with the bases loaded) to lead the league. He also leads in runs batted in, with 14.

The only other passable punchers in the array are Georgie Stirnweiss, whose ulcers have affected his fielding but not his batting, and Nick Etten, the first sacker. Stirny is doing allright with the wand at .357, and Etten's batting figure of .326 is acceptable. But they are the only hitters on the club above .300.

Outfielder Hershel Martin is hitting .296; Rookie shortstop Joe Buzas .286; Derry (despite his home run prowess), 267; outfielder Johnny Lindell .255; outfielder Bud Metheny .200; third baseman Oscar Grimes .154; and first-string catcher Mike Barbark, the rock bottom figure of .033. (Shades of old Bill Dickey!) Garbark went 25 times at bat before getting a hit. And the hit he got then was the only one in 30 times up. The club average is .250—fifth best in the league. Couple this with Yankee fielding and you have something of a nine-days wonder that the club is in the race at all.

Meanwhile the menacing Detroit Tigers strengthened their punch by making a deal with the Cleveland Indians for outfielder Roy Cullenbine. Roy may be the replacement needed for Dick Wakefield. The Indians still have unhappy Jeff Heath idle because he can't get along with Cleveland brass hats. Jeff would be delighted to come to New York. The Yanks have a spare pitcher or two, and seven infielders of sorts. Cleveland has indicated its willingness to make a deal.

Shans Is Victor In Wild Battle

Hollywood, May 5 (UP)—Cleo Shans, 138, Phoenix, Ariz., last night outslugged wild swinging Manuel Sierra, 135 pounder from Cuba, to take a sixth round technical knockout win in a knock down, drag out battle at Legion stadium.

The Cuban boxer rallied from a nine count in the second to take the third and fourth rounds by a shade with a windmill slugging attack.

In the wild sixth round, Sierra took two nine counts, slumped to the canvas once from sheer exhaustion for an eight count, and pummeled Shans with poorly placed blows to the body before referee Benny Whitman called it a night.

Gehrman, Ernst Meet in Hospital

T/Sgt. Wayne H. Ernst, who is with the 133 General Hospital office staff on Leyte, has written to his mother, Mrs. William Ernst, 244 Delaware avenue, Bend, that Paul Gehrman, also of Bend, has arrived at the Leyte hospital for treatments. Gehrman, well known here and along the Pacific coast for his prowess as a baseball pitcher, and Sgt. Ernst had a long visit and, reports indicate, reviewed the latest news from home.

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MAY LOSE BOUDREAU

Cleveland, May 5 (UP)—Baseball may lose its first major league manager to the military draft next month when Lou Boudreau, 28-year-old pilot of the Cleveland Indians, takes his pre-induction physical examination, it was revealed today.

SERVICE WOMEN ONLY

Seattle, (UP)—Believed to be the first of its kind in the country, a club exclusive for service women has been opened in Seattle.

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Shopmen Beaten By Abbot Sailors

Fifteen runs scored in one inning without a man being retired, believed to be somewhat of a record for any Central Oregon diamond, enabled the Camp Abbot sailors to defeat the Ordnance shop team 18 to 6 in a softball game played yesterday evening on the Harmon field. The sailors were trailing, 1 to 0, before they brought their main turrets into action, but after the third inning fans who packed the playfield grandstand had little trouble in picking the winner.

Terrific hitting on the part of the entire sailor crew, plus a bit of ragged fielding by the Shopmen enabled the Abbot boys to shove over their 15 consecutive runs. After the hectic third, the army shop squad settled down and played some nice ball, but seven innings proved just too short for them to catch up with the Abbot boys.

To Play Frosh

Manager Tallon of the sailors has announced that another game has been lined up for this coming week, with the Bend high school freshmen to be played on Tuesday at 6 p. m. Yesterday afternoon, the Frosh played the Letermen, and came out on the small end, 9 to 6.

Against the Shopmen yesterday evening, Tallon started the following team: Neumer, 2b; Makarewicz, 1b; Everham, ss; Izzo, cf; Senft, sf; Skinskus, 3b; Cardinotti, lf; Alexander, 1b; Dawson, c; Doolen, rf. Before the game was over, Tallon, Ferla and Henerty also saw action.

The Shopmen started Al Ridderbush as catcher and Leo Petz as pitcher, backed up by the following men: Lewerenz, 1b; Kramer, 2b; Halligan, 3b; Primeau, ss; Morris, sf; Drake, rf; Cone, cf, and Johnson, lf. Hawes went into the lineup for Kramer.

Officials were Dennis Plumel, member of the Shop team who cracked a finger in practice Thursday night, and Bill Lewis, sailor.

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Portland Defeats Hollywood Nine

(By United Press)

The big guns of Dolph Camilli's Oakland Acorns last night gave southpaw hurler Italo (Jake) Chelini fair support to even up their series with the Seattle Rainiers with a 5 to 2 victory.

In other Pacific coast league games the Sacramento Solons blanked the San Francisco Seals 3 to 0 for their third triumph of the current series, the Los Angeles Angels walked all over San Diego 10 to 2 and the league-leading Portland Beavers kept a safe distance ahead of the field with a 7 to 4 win over Hollywood.

Pitches Five Hitter

Chelini pitched a five-hitter, allowing only one single in the first six frames and fanning a total of six Rainiers Gabby Stewart's single in the second off Seattle hurler Joe Demoran drew first blood, scoring Les Scarsella and Frankie Hawkins. In the third Hawkins doubled to score Scarsella and Picetti tripled, bringing in Hawkins.

The hapless Seals outhit the Senators but left eight runners on base in the first five innings. After that Guy (Cry-Baby) Fletcher held them to one safety.

The home team broke a scoreless deadlock in sixth as Gene Handley scored when Jess Landrum's roller to second baseman Del Young was thrown wild to the plate Roy Younker singled to left to send Landrum home. In the seventh Handley came in on McElreath's hit over second

Beavers Win

Joe Valenzuela and Dick Trahd, pitching the final two frames for the Padres fell before a Los Angeles onslaught of five runs on four hits and three walks.

The Beavers hopped on big Newt Kimball of the Twinks, former major leaguer, for five runs in the third on singles by Frank Shone, Ted Gullic, Charlie English, Spence Harris and Eddie Adams plus two Star errors.

In This Corner

By Mickey Myrick

A letter from Germany yesterday tells of some fine German brown trout taken from streams there by a U. S. artilleryman. In absence of fishing tackle the trout were blasted from deep holes in the stream with captured German hand grenades. Each, according to Sergeant D., came to the surface belly-up and wearing a nazi grin—but baked in a field kitchen they tasted just like Paulina lake trout.

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Note to Kenny Roach, game warden: The fine fishing at Wickiup reservoir is proving too much for many fishermen. The eagerness with which the big rainbows and browns take trolled lures creates such great excitement that the anglers suffer lapses of memory—forget how to count. Several over-limit catches, both in numbers and pounds, have been freely reported.

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And last evening the rainbow at Wickiup were surface feeding, taking a bucktail coachman quite readily. Below Bend on the Deschutes gray hackle-yellows were very effective, even in somewhat riley water.

If the weather holds through Sunday, expect some good catches from widely scattered areas. Mayflies are hatching—penniwinkles and helgramites are big and fat!

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The old argument of theory vs. practical experience takes a beating at the hands of a man who is willing to use each to support the other.

We refer to Dr. Paul Needham who, though thoroughly trained in the scientific phases of fish propagation, nevertheless intends to establish a temporary shelter and hatch and raise some rainbow at the proposed Wizard falls hatchery site before giving the green light to hatchery construction there.

Dr. Needham insists that scientific findings be supported by practical experience; and, if we rely upon his record in the field, that is the way to success in the propagation of game fish.

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There are more fishermen now than ever before—and fewer fish. Nevertheless there is some fine fishing hereabouts, at times—but no one helps it any by taking more than his share!

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By the way—don't forget Dr. Needham's talk to Deschutes County Sportsmen's association, scheduled for May 28. If you are not a member, better join up—it will be well worth your dollar's dues to hear Dr. Needham.

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6:00—Jean Goldkette's Orchestra
6:30—Leonidas Witherall
7:00—Canary Pet Shop
7:15—Claude Thornhill's Orch.
7:30—Red Ryder
8:00—Chicago Theatre of Air
9:00—Glenn Hardy News
9:15—Organ Melodies
9:30—Art Kassel's Orchestra
9:45—Don Reid's Orchestra
9:55—Mutual Reports the News
10:00—Ted Straeter's Orchestra

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1945
8:00—Wesley Radio League
8:30—Voice of Prophecy
9:00—Pilgrim Hour
9:30—Lutheran Hour
10:00—Glenn Hardy News
10:15—Moonbeam Trio
10:30—Sweetheart Time
11:00—Baptist Church
12:00—Strings of Melody
12:15—Voice of Dairy Farmer
12:30—Hookey Hall
1:00—Your America
1:30—What's the Name of That Song?
2:00—Let's Face the Issue
2:30—Nick Carter
3:00—Quick as a flash
3:30—Ave Maria Hour
3:45—Dick Brown
4:00—Calling All Detectives
4:30—Here's to Music
5:00—Dinner Music
5:15—Pentecostal Mission
5:45—Gabriel Heatter
6:00—Voice of Missionary Baptist
6:30—Cedric Foster
6:45—Ships of War
7:00—Earl Wilson
7:15—This Is Helen Hayes
7:30—First Christian Hour
8:30—Golden Melodies
8:45—Bernard Levitow
9:00—Glenn Hardy News
9:15—Rex Miller
9:30—Human Adventures
10:00—Old Fashioned Revival

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7:00—News
7:15—Cote Chorus
7:30—Spotlight on Rhythm
7:45—Morning Melodies
7:55—News
8:00—Mal Hallett's Orchestra
8:15—News
8:30—Take it Easy Time
8:45—Today's Bulletin Board
8:50—Cote Glee Club
8:55—Lanny and Ginger
9:00—William Lang
9:15—Songs by Morton Downey
9:30—Rationing News
9:35—Old Family Almanac
10:00—Glenn Hardy News
10:15—Something to Talk About
10:15—Luncheon With Lopez
10:45—News of Prineville
11:35—Lady About Town
11:40—News
11:45—Lum 'n Abner
12:00—Jack Feeney
12:10—Sports Yarns
12:15—Bob Hamilton Trio
12:30—News
12:45—Farmer's Hour
1:00—Al Trace's Orchestra
1:15—Elsa Maxwell's Party Line
1:30—Never too Old
2:00—Home Demonstration agent
2:15—Melody Time
2:45—Lee Castle's Orchestra
3:00—Griffin Reporting
3:15—Concert Hall
3:45—Johnson Family
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:15—Rex Miller
4:30—Sketches
4:55—Central Oregon News
5:00—Sam Hayes
5:15—Superman
5:30—Tom Mix
5:45—Night News Wire
6:00—Gabriel Heatter
6:15—World Security Conference
6:30—The Better Half
7:00—Soldiers of the Press
7:15—Lowell Thomas
7:30—Lone Ranger
8:00—Treasury Salute
8:15—Evalyn Tyner's Orchestra
8:30—Michael Shayne
9:00—Glen Hardy News
9:15—Cecil Brown
9:30—The Feeling Is Mutual
9:45—Mutual Musicale
10:00—Fulton Lewis Jr.
10:15—Sherlock Holmes

League Standings

(By United Press)

	W	L	Pct.
AMERICAN			
Chicago	6	3	.667
New York	6	3	.667
Detroit	7	4	.636
Washington	7	7	.500
Philadelphia	6	7	.462
St. Louis	4	6	.400
Boston	5	8	.385
Cleveland	3	7	.300
NATIONAL			
New York	9	4	.692
Chicago	7	4	.636
Boston	7	5	.583
St. Louis	6	5	.545
Brooklyn	5	6	.455
Cincinnati	5	6	.455
Pittsburgh	5	7	.417
Philadelphia	3	9	.250
PACIFIC COAST			
Portland	22	11	.667
Seattle	19	14	.576
San Diego	18	16	.529
Oakland	17	16	.515
Sacramento	17	17	.500
Los Angeles	16	18	.471
San Francisco	14	20	.412
Hollywood	11	22	.338

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