

Thornton S. Lee Pitching Mystery Of Battling Sox

By Carl Lundquist
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, May 14 (UP)—The best minds in baseball were having little or no luck today in solving a mystery within a mystery—the baffling case of the first place White Sox and pitcher Thornton Starr Lee.

The first part isn't too tough to solve—Chicago is pacing the pack in the American league with fine pitching, timely hitting and the manager Jimmy Dykes' brand of hustle. But it's the "way" of that superior pitching, particularly as regards lefty Lee that calls for detective work.

It was surprising in the first place that Dykes kept Lee after three bad seasons in which he won 10 games and lost 25.

Won 22 Games

The rangy resident of Phoenix, Ariz., had a great year in 1941 winning 22 games. Then he developed arm trouble and became a left-handed liability. Operations for removal of elbow bone chips and a shoulder growth didn't help and finally in 1943 he was signed to a \$1 a year contract, pending recovery of his one-time form. He came back temporarily, enough to get back on the payroll, but last year he slumped again, winning only three and losing nine.

This year, with no more operations and no plausible explanation, he has regained his form and today after a 5 to 1 victory over the visiting Washington Senators, is the team's top winner with four victories and one defeat. He had all his old guile, sweeping curves, change of pace, and excellent control, walking one batter and scattering 10 hits harmlessly.

Sox Reach First

With another veteran, Orval Grove, who won, 4 to 2, in the second game, he collaborated in the day's only double triumph, moving the Sox back into first. Guy Curtwright, with a second game homer, and Oris Hockett, with timely hits in both games, provided the butting punch.

The best pitching in the majors yesterday was on display at Detroit where rookie Dave Ferriss won an 8 to 2 victory for the Boston Red Sox and Alton Benton pitched a threehit 2 to 0 shutout for the Tigers.

The St. Louis Browns salvaged their second game at Philadelphia with a seven run rally in the eighth to win, 8 to 2, after the Athletics won the opener, 4 to 1.

Donald Wins Again

Atley Donald maintained his "hoodoo" over the Indians, pitching the Yanks to a 1 to 0 victory in 10 innings at Cleveland for his 13th win against them since 1939. He has lost only once, to Bob Feller in 1941. Yielding seven hits, he outduelled Charley (Red) Embree, who gave up only five. The Indians knocked the Yanks out of the league lead, winning the second game, 4 to 2, with a four run rally in the third that gave pitcher Steve Gromek a working margin. The decisive blow was Jim McDonnell's double with the bases full.

The New York Giant winning streak ended at eighth but not until the National league leaders had topped the Cards, 4 to 3 in the opener. St. Louis won the second, 6 to 5.

Dodgers Victors

The Brooklyn Dodger-eight game streak remained intact after a 10 to 3 victory over Cincinnati behind veteran Curt Davis, who gave up 11 hits but distributed them well; rain ended the second in the fourth with the Reds ahead, 2 to 1.

Vince Dimaggio drove in three runs to give the Phillies a 6 to 3 victory and an even break over the Pirates at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh winning the opener, 9 to 6, behind Truett (Rip) Sewell. Bill Lee was the Philly winner in the second game.

The Braves topped the Chicago Cubs, 3 to 2, in a seven inning game halted by rain at Boston. Nate Andrews outpitched Claude Passeau. The second game was called off.

Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

Today's Sport Parade

By Hal Wood
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

San Francisco, May 14 (UP)—Clarence (Pants) Rowland, president of the Pacific coast league, long has been an advocate—seriously or jocularly—of making the Pacific coast league a "third major league."

As far as the 1945 season is concerned, it is possible that Rowland has a third major league already, but doesn't know it. In fact, it might be that all he would have to do is declare himself.

League classifications generally are based upon class of play, attendance and population of cities. Admitting that the standards of play in the majors are down again this year (and so it is in the Pacific, too), let's use those three classifications for a basis of comparison.

1—Attendance: on a per game basis, the 1945 Pacific coast league is 'way ahead of either the National or the American league at this writing. Average Sunday attendance will run around 12,000, with some crowds reaching to 15,000 and 20,000.

2—Class of play: there is no exact comparison possible on this subject, but there are examples, to wit:

The San Diego Padres finished last in the 1944 Pacific coast league race, but still had enough talent to send five men to the record should be in danger next year. None of the other Bend entrants were able to place among the top five.

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major league—all of whom appear likely to stick. These were pitchers Frankie Dasso to Cincinnati; Rex Cecil to Boston Red Sox; Chet Johnson to Cleveland; infielder Eddie Wheeler to Cleveland; catcher Bill Salkeld to Pittsburgh. These five men, with considerable other help, couldn't get out of the cellar in 1944. Still, they are doing well in the majors this season.

On the other side, there are the major leaguers, still in their prime, playing in the Pacific coast league this season, who aren't doing any too well: Lou Novikoff, the Los Angeles slugger, who may not do much better at the plate than he did with Chicago; and Charlie Wensloff, a winning pitcher with the New York Yankees a couple of seasons ago, now on "lend-lease" to San Diego, who is taking his bumps.

3—Population: outside the metropolitan area of New York, the other 13 clubs in the majors have a potential drawing population of 18,000,000 persons—or about 1,300,000 per club; the Pacific coast league has a potential of about 900,000 per club, with at least four of the cities with larger potentials than Cincinnati of the National league.

It could be that the "third major league" already is in operation—but the owners don't realize it!

Portland Beavers Get 6-Game Lead

(By United Press)

The Portland Beavers headed for home today with a six-game lead and the confident feeling that they've easily handled the most vigorous opposition their Pacific coast league rivals could offer.

Manager Marv Owen's men defeated San Diego twice yesterday, 4-2 and 3-2, to wind up the week with five victories in seven games with the club that was picked to whittle them down to size.

The Los Angeles Angels finally snapped out of their batting doldrums to annex a twin bill from the Oakland Aorns, 3-1 and 9-1. The Angels had a 4-3 margin for the series.

Lefty O'Doul's San Francisco Seals had their winning streak snapped at five straight when the Hollywood Stars copped the nightcap, 2-0, after the Seals won the opener, 3-2. One game of the series was rained out.

Games Split

The Seattle Rainiers split with the Sacramento Solons. The Rainiers took the opener, 5-4, while the Solons won the finale, 4-2. The abbreviated series went to Seattle by a 4-1 margin.

San Diego tried desperately to pull out a triumph over Portland in their second game. Catcher Del Ballinger clouted a homer to send the contest into an extra inning. The issue was decided when Charley English's long fly brought in Larry Barton from third.

Bob Joyce had to be a hitter as well as a pitcher in the Seals-star opener. Joyce racked up his seventh win of the year by singling the last of the ninth to score Del Young with the tally that meant the ball game. Nowt Kimball gave the staggering Twinkins one of their best hurling exhibitions of the season when he shut out San Francisco in the second game on nine well-spaced hits.

Angels Hit Hard

Los Angeles had a slugger's holiday at the expense of the Oakland mound corps. The Angels swatted 25 hits during the afternoon while Charlie Cuellar and Red Adams held Oakland to nine.

Lillo Maruced hit a homer for Sacramento to end that club's victory famine after Seattle grabbed the opener in the ninth inning by scoring twice. Gene Handley, Solon second sacker, banged out six hits in eight trips during the doubleheader. Chuck Aleno rode one out of the park in the first game for his fourth round-tripper of the week.

Games this week find Sacramento at Oakland; San Francisco at Seattle; Los Angeles at Portland and San Diego at Hollywood.

Jefferson High Is Meet Winner

Corvallis, Ore., May 14 (UP)—Jefferson high school of Portland today held the Oregon state prep track championship for the second successive year after outdistancing a closely bunched field Saturday on the Oregon State college field. Jefferson scored 22 points, followed by Grant high of Portland with 17½ and Klamath Falls with 17.

The meet saw three new records established in field events but rain during both days of the meet prevented outstanding performances on the track.

Scores Listed

Here were the point scores by teams: Scappoose, 16; Washington of Portland, 13; Ashland, 12; Corvallis and Salem, 11 each; Hillsboro, 10; Woodburn 6; Oregon City, 5; Pendleton, Adrian, Coguille and Roosevelt, 5 each; Medford, 4½; University High of Eugene and Forest grove, 4 each; Boardman, Athena, Redmond, Albany, Central Catholic of Portland and Milwaukie, 3 each; Crook county, Roseburg, Eugene, Oakridge, Beaverton and Benson, 2 each; Franklin, 1½; Hermiston, Springfield, Tigard, Molalla, and Columbia prep, 1 each.

Dave Henthorne, Klamath Falls all-around star, was high point man with 13½ points, scored with a first in the 440-yard dash, second in the broad jump, third in the 100-yard run and a lap on the winning relay team. He was badly last starting the anchor lap in the relay but passed the field.

Gets 12 Points

Second high competitor was Bob Anderson of Scappoose, who won 12 points with a first in the discus, second in the shotput and third in the javelin throw.

Three new records were put on the books. Anderson's discus toss of 153 feet 10½ inches beat his former mark of 153-3¼.

Ken Elliott of Adrian high jumped 6 feet 3 inches to break the 12-year-old mark of 6-15-8 of Du Fresnois of Roseburg. Art Bakke, of Jefferson, pole vaulted 12 feet 3 inches to break the 1939 record of 12-1½ held by Nelson of Woodburn. Lloyd Hickok of Grant also pole vaulted 12 feet 3 but lost the record to Bakke because he had more misses in attaining that height.

Win Double Victories

Two men turned in double victories. Dick Edmondson of Corvallis copped both dashes after an average showing in the preliminaries. Doyle of Hillsboro won both hurdle events.

Jefferson placed finalists in only six events but copped two places while runner-up Grant got points in seven events.

The finish in the half-mile relay was Klamath Falls, Washington, Jefferson, Eugene and Pendleton.

Fishing Classes To Open Tuesday, In School Room

Fishing school for junior sportsmen will start Tuesday night at 7 p. m., Wilfred Jossy, chairman of the committee conducting the novel enterprise, announced today.

Tuesday's class will be conducted by members of the state police force for youngsters 10 and 11 years of age. Class will be held in room 306 of the high school building. Similar classes will be held Wednesday night for 12-year-olds, and Thursday night for beginning fishermen 13 and 14 years of age.

Classes next week will be under the supervision of members of the forest service, and in succeeding weeks local sportsmen will give practical instruction in actual fishing methods.

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- 5:00—Sam Hayes
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 - 5:30—Tom Mix
 - 5:45—Night News Vire
 - 6:00—Gabriel Heater
 - 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—Library Hour
 - 8:15—Music for Millions
 - 8:30—Michael Shayne
 - 9:00—Glen Hardy News
 - 9:15—Cecil Brown
 - 9:30—Lew Diamond's Orchestra
 - 9:45—Mutual Musicale
 - 10:00—Fulton Lewis Jr.
 - 10:15—Sherlock Holmes

- TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1945**
- 7:00—News
 - 7:15—Auctioneer
 - 7:30—Spotlight on Rhythm
 - 7:45—Morning Melodies
 - 7:55—News
 - 8:00—Emery Deutsch's Orch.
 - 8:15—News
 - 8:30—Take It Easy Time
 - 8:45—Today's Bulletin Board
 - 8:50—Organ Treasures
 - 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—Glen Hardy News
 - 10:15—Luncheon with Lopez
 - 10:30—Paula Stone and Phil Brito
 - 10:45—Redmond Victory March
 - 11:35—Love Notes
 - 11:40—News
 - 11:45—Lum 'n Abner
 - 12:00—Gloria La Vey & Amison
 - 12:05—Today's Classifieds
 - 12:10—Sport Yarns
 - 12:15—Arlaine Trio
 - 12:30—News
 - 12:45—Farmer's Hour
 - 1:00—Organ Meditations
 - 1:30—Never Too Old
 - 2:00—Meditations
 - 2:15—Melody Time
 - 2:30—Ernie Pyle Memorial
 - 2:45—Rollo Hudson's Orchestra
 - 3:00—Griffin Reporting
 - 3:15—Fasten the Day
 - 3:30—Miniature Concert

Lt. Elwood Cook Beats Schroeder

Los Angeles, May 14 (UP)—Lt. Elwood Cooke, Portland, Ore., flashed the form that carried him to the world's double championship five years ago to score a 3-6, 7-5, 8-6 win over navy flyer Lt. Ted Schroeder, Glendale, Cal., in an exhibition match yesterday.

Loser of the first set and trailing in the second by a 2-5 game score, Cooke staged a rally that had his younger opponent scrambling all over the court in an attempt to return his sizzling drive.

Schroeder, national men's single champion in 1942, displayed a powerful serve but lost the match when his volley placements failed to connect.

In a women's doubles contest, Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Cooke, Boston, Mass., and Mary Arnold of Los Angeles teamed to conquer Louise Brough of Los Angeles and Mrs. Baba Lewis of Hollywood, 6-2, 7-5. Mrs. Lewis substituted for Pauline Betz, three-time national tennis queen, who fainted just before the match and had to be helped off the court.

REPORTER DOUBLE CHECKS

Boston (UP)—A reporter checking on a routine fire story here found to his amazement that the blaze was at his Dorchester home. Damage was about \$500.

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Bend Pole Vaulter Injured in Trials

Old man hard luck struck hard at George Rasmussen, Bend's main hope for points in the state track meet. Competing in the preliminaries Friday, the Bend vaulter who had placed first and second in his two previous years, came up with a pulled thigh muscle. He had been able to qualify for the finals but was unable to run Saturday when they were run off. The event was won by Art Bakke of Jefferson who set a new record of 12 ft. 3 in.

Rasmussen has another year of competition remaining, so this

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AMERICAN			
	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	12	6	.667
New York	13	7	.650
Detroit	11	7	.611
St. Louis	9	9	.500
Washington	10	12	.455
Philadelphia	9	12	.429
Boston	8	12	.400
Cleveland	6	13	.315

NATIONAL			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	16	5	.762
Brooklyn	13	6	.684
Chicago	10	8	.556
St. Louis	9	10	.474
Pittsburgh	9	10	.474
Boston	9	10	.444
Cincinnati	6	11	.352
Philadelphia	5	16	.238

PACIFIC COAST			
	W	L	Pct.
Portland	30	13	.698
Seattle	28	18	.561
Oakland	23	20	.533
San Diego	22	22	.500
Los Angeles	21	23	.477
Sacramento	20	22	.476
San Francisco	20	33	.465
Hollywood	12	30	.285