

St. Louis Teams Disappointment; Dodgers Victors

By Carl Lundquist
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, May 17 (AP)—The second month of major league play begins today after a surprising start marked by (1) failure of the St. Louis teams to bid for a repeat one-city world series as expected and (2) the threat of New York or Chicago teams to do it if the Missourians can't.

J. Monroe Johnson, the office of defense transportation boss, says the world series will be "out of the question" unless both competing teams are from the same city.

At the start, the general expectation was that the Browns and Cardinals would be capable of repeating, but unless both do an abrupt about-face there isn't much chance of either winning out.

Warning Heeded

However, Johnson's warning is being taken seriously by the three New York teams, with the Giants and Dodgers running one-two in the National and the Yankees in second place in the American. And the Chicago teams are cooperating nicely too, with the whizzing White Sox leading the American and the Cubs in third in the National.

But the Cards are in the second division with 10 wins and 12 losses and the Browns are in fourth with an even .500 record of nine and nine.

Even so, it was beyond belief that they would win only two games out of eight to date in their first road trip against the supposedly weaker eastern teams. They hit rock-bottom yesterday, losing two to the Braves at Boston, 5 to 4, in 14 innings and, 4 to 1. The first defeat was caused by a school-boyish miff by Elvin (Buster) Adams in the ninth with two out. Boston scored twice to tie the score and won the game for relief pitcher Charley Barrett on a double by Phil Masi and a single by Dick Culler in the 14th.

Win 11th Straight

Yet the Dodgers, playing as if they were in the world series already, won their 11th straight game yesterday for the longest consecutive streak under the regime of manager Leo Durocher. They beat the visiting Pittsburgh Pirates for the third straight time, 3 to 1, behind Hal Gregg's almost perfect control pitching. Gregg, in notching his fifth vic-

Out Our Way



By J. R. Williams

Oakland Winner In Great Finish

(By United Press)

The Oakland Acoms staged a garrison finish against Sacramento to last night to rack up a 3-2, 10-inning victory and jumped into a virtual tie for second place in the Pacific coast league standings.

In the only other game played, the tail-end Hollywood Stars finally hopped on the San Diego Padres for a 6-3 triumph. The San Francisco-Seaside and Los Angeles-Portland games were rained out. They will play double-headers tonight.

Oaks Revive

Joe Wood, Jr., son of the famous Boston Red Sox twirler, had the Oaks practically beaten in the last of the ninth at Emeryville. With Sacramento ahead, 2-1, and two out, the crowd of 6,000—which purchased almost \$5,000,000 worth of war bonds began leaving the park.

But a pitcher Billy Raimondi led a single to left and went to second when Al McElreath kicked the ball around. Tom Hafey was nominated to pinch hit for pitcher Red Mann and came through with the baselhit that brought Raimondi in with the tying marker.

Floyd Stromme, who received credit for the win, blanked the Sacs in the 10th. Norm DeWeese opened Oakland's half of the frame with a double. Wood purposely walked Les Scarsella. Frank Hawkins' hit a long fly to left and DeWeese went to third after the catch.

Picetti's Grounds

Vic Picetti smashed a ground-er at second baseman Gene Handley who wasted a second tagging out Scarsella, then threw to first in an attempt to complete a double play. But Picetti was safe by a step and DeWeese had scored the tie-breaking tally.

Carl Dumler of San Diego, who had a nine-game winning streak earlier in the season, suffered his fourth straight loss as Hollywood clubbed him off the hill in four innings. Bob Williams had the Padres baffled until the ninth when he had to be relieved by Joe Mishasek.

Ex-Star Receives Term in Prison

Boston, May 17 (AP)—Former Colgate athlete Josiah R. Lancaster of New York was under a two-year federal penitentiary sentence today for failing to report for his army induction.

Lancaster, former Colgate university football and wrestling star, testified he should have been exempted from military service as a conscientious objector.

Sentence was imposed yesterday by Federal Judge Arthur D. Healey after a jury deliberated less than half an hour.

GARDELLA PURCHASED

New York, May 17 (AP)—The New York Giants had the newest brother combination in the majors today when they brought in first baseman Al Gardella from their Jersey City farm club to team with substitute outfielder, Danny Gardella.

5,200 STARS IN CAMPUS FLAG

Pullman, Wash. (AP)—Washington State college has added the 5,200th star to the campus service flag.

Today's Sport Parade

By Jack Cuddy
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, May 17 (AP)—With 11 straight victories to the Dodgers' credit, manager Leo Durocher was mighty happy as he climbed into the gladdest rags worn by any manager in the major leagues—olive green sports shirt, mouse gray slacks and toast-brown sports jacket.

Laughing Leo was surrounded, crowded and emmeshed by sports writers who wanted to know, "How come?"

As Durocher ran the gamut of his garment, he said this and he said that. Most of his conversation naturally had to do with Brooklyn's 3-1 victory yesterday over Pittsburgh. But, while combing his sparse brown hair, he admitted that the Dodgers' recent winning streak was due partly to the club meetings before each game.

He said, "These club meetings are the most serious I've ever seen. Everyone—particularly the new pitchers—bring their brains to bear during these meetings. As a result, they go out onto the field well educated. And they've been living up to that education."

This caused a reported to remark: The "daily win" in the clubhouse is helping the Dodgers achieve a daily win on the field. Durocher put down his hair brush before the mirror and said, "You've got something there."

Durocher knew that "daily win" was applied jestingly to every clubhouse meeting throughout the major and minor leagues. Those meetings, shortly before each game, were held to take the opposing team apart—to study its batting weaknesses and other playing peculiarities—and to change signals if necessary. The brain work in those meetings was supposed to beat the opposition before it took the field. Hence it was a "daily win" before the first pitch.

Durocher said, "I'd be a liar if I said the team wasn't playing better than I expected. It's playing like I figured it might if it went all out. But what manager expects his team to go all out—during the first month of the season. Particularly when you have young pitchers upon whom you can't depend—and a squad that you don't know much about until you shuffle and re-shuffle it."

Lippy Leo said he had got surprising help from such question-mark pitchers as Vic Lombardi, Roy Pfund, Tom Seatz and Hal Gregg. He said, "These questionable pitchers have buckled down at every pre-game meeting—learning everything they could—and remembering it when they faced different batters."

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Here is Suggestion For Idle Afternoon

Salem, Miss., May 17 (AP)—Mike Klity backed into a garage unloaded some building materials and then found the empty truck was too high to get out. He had to reload the materials to compress the truck springs so that it would squeeze under the door. Outside he transferred the load to a smaller truck, drove in again and unloaded.

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Paul Waner Builds Concrete Vaults

Pittsburgh, May 17 (AP)—Paul (Big Poison) Waner, who heckled major league pitchers for 19 seasons, was building concrete burial vaults today—just two weeks after his unconditional release by the New York Yankees.

Waner said he entered partnership with Dr. Jack Munoyon in the vault-building business a week ago and was supposed to be "a sort of promotion man." However, because of the labor shortage, he has been helping in the shop.

Hoppe Holds Lead In Billiard Play

Seattle, May 17 (AP)—Willie Hoppe, challenger for the world's three-cushion billiard title, led champion Welker Cochran by 51 points today as the pair moved on to San Francisco after finishing the Seattle section of their cross-country series.

Hoppe won the final match here 60-52, while Cochran took the afternoon game 60-40.

The scores for 80 games tallied 4,283 for Hoppe and 4,232 for Cochran.

The bat usually has a single young one at a time, and the mother carries it about on her aerial journeys.

Races Sanctioned By State Officials

Portland, May 17 (AP)—Four horse and three dog racing meets were sanctioned today by the Oregon racing commission for 1945.

The Multnomah Kennel club was granted 72 racing days for the greyhounds, which includes the special meetings for the George A. White service men's club and the Oregon war bond committee. The season runs from June 18 to Sept. 24, with competition during the 12 days of horse racing at Gresham during the last two weeks of August.

An 11-day meeting was granted the Northwest Jockey club for Gresham between May 28 and June 16, with a probable opening date of June 5.

Permit Granted

The Multnomah county fair association was given six days during the annual fair between Aug. 20 and 25, and an additional six days between August 27 and Sept. 1.

Portland Downs was given a 30-day meet for 1946, starting on May 1, but the permit is contingent on building of a racing plant in the Jantzen beach area.

Only permit denied was from H. Holland Boyce of Los Angeles, who sought a 30-day harness racing season at Gresham. Chairman Henry Collins said the schedule was too full for another meet.

If the Oregon state fair should resume racing, the races would have to be held at the same time that greyhounds are running in Portland.

Max Schmeling Is Under Arrest

London, May 17 (AP)—An exchange telegraph dispatch from Hamburg said Max Schmeling, former heavyweight boxing champion, was found there today.

An exchange telegraph correspondent said Schmeling was arrested on the Hamburg waterfront by two military policemen of the 53rd Welsh division.

He was in civilian clothes, the agency reported, and said he had been discharged from a paratroop regiment. The MP's who arrested him had seen him in the ring, the dispatch said, and evidently were certain of the identity.

CHIP OFF OLD BLOCK

Amarillo, Tex. (AP)—"Scotch" is the name of a dog owned by Sgt. Tim Ready of Boston, who is in the physical training department at Amarillo army air field. While "Scotch's" ancestry is a little dubious, he is carrying on a great tradition. His mother's name was "Whiskey" and his father's name was "Soda."

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