

SPORTS

Solons Tighten Hold on Top Spot In Coast League

By Paul Cane
(United Press Sports Writer)

San Francisco, May 21 (UP)—As the army recruits wrote home to their college chums, "gee, a lot sure can happen on a week end."

Such was the case in the Pacific Coast league as the eight teams entered their ninth week of competition. Just look at the delightful details demonstrated during yesterday's ball games.

Sacramento, a team so weak even wheaties wouldn't help last year, assumed two-game command of the circuit with slim 4 to 3 and 2 to 1 victories over Hollywood. Terrific Joe Gordon, the Sacs' playing manager, was the difference between the teams.

Portland, an early pace-setter and tied for the lead yesterday morning, is now knotted with Oakland for second place. The Oaks twin-whipped Portland, 5 to 3 and 5 to 6, to go into a tie for second.

Fletcher Gets Release

Hilarly almost ran rampant at San Diego. Grumpy Guy Fletcher, who wears glasses and is kind of soft around the middle, pitched the Padres to a 5 to 2 victory over San Francisco. Fletcher was traded by the Seals earlier this month and had San Diego fans laughing uproariously as the aged right-hander posted his first win of the season.

San Francisco won the second tilt, 4 to 3, but not before an extremely embarrassing situation developed. Another ex-Seal, Jack Graham, poked a three-run homer to get the Pads a 3 to 2 lead in the game. Just when it seemed two ex-Seals would paste their former employers with a double licking, San Francisco's Eddie Lake hit a homer and Joe Grace singled home Jim Brideweser with the tie-breaker. Brideweser, an Yankee optionee, had four hits.

Seattle and Los Angeles split. The Seas winning, 13 to 7 and then losing 8 to 4.

Home Important

Lloyd Christopher, Oakland's big hitter, with a bad knee, drove out a home run in the last frame of the second game to carry the defending champions home. Christopher's club was good for two runs and highlighted a five-run rally.

Bill Ayers, another Oak cripple, made his first start in about three weeks in the opener and had Portland shut out until the ninth.

The twin divide at Los Angeles was saturated with safe hits. Seattle ripped through the Angels in the opener on home runs by Walter Jundich and Jackie Albright. The Angels had two circuit clouts of their own, Les Layton and pitcher Bill Molan getting them, but they could not cope with Seattle's big six-run inning.

In the second affair, Les Peden and Chuck Connors poked home runs to direct the Los Angeles victory offensive.

Gordon Top Hitter

Manager Gordon, top homer hitter in the PCL with 17, and Leo Nighthall accounted for Sacramento's abbreviated first tilt decision with two-run four-base hits. Murray Franklin hit one to Hollywood but his blow couldn't match the Solons' copyrighted homer technique.

In the second tilt, rookie Walter Clough, a kid from the California league, got his fifth triumph of the year. He was matched against a tough cookie, long John Lindell, and came through on a two-run Solon rally in the eighth. Arval Grove pitched the final frame for Clough and protected the youngster's lead.

Boss Gordon, probably the best ball player in the league, pummeled the Stars to defeat in the series. He doubled off the wall in Saturday's game to win for the Solons; his homer in the first tilt won for his boys yesterday and his single in the eighth batted home the Sacs' only two second-game runs.

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SPLAT—This is how it looks when the Giants' Bobby Thomson lays his bat to one at the Polo Grounds. The "picture at plate" outfielder has been more like a statue so far this season, however, batting near .200. (NEA)

Ashburn's Consistent Hitting Ending Slump for Phillies; Pirates Downed Two Games

By CARL LUNDQUIST
(United Press Sports Writer)

New York, May 21 (UP)—Richie Ashburn, strictly a "single hitter," has to take a lot of kidding as his mates bet for distance in pre-game batting practice—but the blonde little speedster looked today like the guy to lead the Phillies out of the wilderness.

They were getting into it pretty deep, too... those proud National league champs who had tumbled into eighth place in the mad current scramble, through it all Ashburn, with his one-base blows and a rare double or triple, was the only consistent hitter on the club.

Yesterday everybody finally broke loose in a 35-hit spree as the Phillies drubbed the Pirates, 17 to 0 and 12 to 4, at Pittsburgh before 36,166 fans, the largest crowd there since 1942. And Ashburn set the pace all the way with eight hits—all singles, to be sure—reaching base 10 times out of 11 and eight times in a row.

Meyer Effective

What was even more encouraging on the opener was the pitching of Russ Meyer, who turned a five-hit shutout, his first blanking since Sept. 28, 1949.

It was the second biggest shutout in National league history, the worst since 1906 when the Giants won 19 to 0, from the Cubs. Robin Roberts also had no trouble winning his fourth game in the nightcap. The Phillies got eight walks in the opener in which Mike Goliat homered. Eddie Pellagrini, Andy Seminick, and Del Ennis hit second game Philly homers.

Brooklyn stayed on top and sent Cincinnati into last place by defeating the Reds, 10 to 3 and 14 to 4. The Cubs remained a game behind in second by winning two squeakers from the Braves, 4 to 3 and 5 to 4.

St. Louis topped New York, 8 to 7.

Yankees Win

In the American league, the Yankees beat St. Louis, 7 to 3. Chicago topped Washington, 5 to 4. Detroit won from Boston, 8 to 4, and the Indians ended a six game losing streak by edging Philadelphia, 5 to 3, after losing, 2 to 1.

Homers by Jackie Robinson and Cal Abrams accounted for five runs and ended ace Ewell Blackwell's five-game winning streak in Cincinnati. Carl Erskine pitched five scoreless relief innings to win his second game. Clyde King, given a 14 to 0 margin in seven (Continued on Page 3)

Strikes and spares: The Korthis sisters of Liverpool, N. Y., may be the championship bowling sister team of the nation. One of them led their 20-team league with a 175 average and a 245 high game. The others averaged 165, 164, 160 and 157... Any challengers?

Note to Rex Barney: On May 21, 1918 Jack Enright of San Antonio of the Texas league against Shreveport, La., walked seven batters, hit one, made a wild pitch and allowed 12 runs—in the first inning. Don't give up, lad!

Washington State Track Team Wins

Pullman, May 21 (UP)—Washington State college's perennially powerful track and field team is back today where it was two years ago—atop the Northern division pinnacle of the Pacific Coast conference.

Coach Jack Mooberry's Cougars extended their undefeated season record through the Northern division meet here Saturday, dethroning the University of Oregon and winning their third title in four years.

The Cougars won a half dozen firsts and exposed four division records to near-miss assaults, scoring 50½ points. The defending champion Oregon Ducks were second with 34, trailed by the University of Washington with 28, the University of Idaho 27 and Oregon State college 25½.

Bend Moose Win From John Day By 5 to 2 Count

A superb four-hit pitching performance by George "Lefty" Jensen and a five-run explosion in the fourth inning gave the Bend Moose baseball team a 5 to 2 win over the John Day Elks in a game on municipal field yesterday afternoon.

The contest was the first for both teams in the newly organized Central Oregon league.

Jensen, pitching his first game for the Moose, kept John Day batters fanning at ozone throughout much of the afternoon as he set down 17 men via the strikeout route. In addition he gave out only one base on balls. Jensen is employed in Bend as a state weighmaster.

One Big Inning

The Moose scored all five of their runs in the big fourth inning on hits by Bill Mayer, Wally Kremers and George Walker and two costly errors by the John Day second baseman. Walker and Mayer got the only extra base hits during the game. Each was credited with a double.

Moose batters backed Jensen's hurling with an eight-hit barrage against two John Day pitchers, Phillips and Hill. Phillips, who was batted out of the box in the fourth inning, was the losing pitcher.

In the field, the Moosemen played exceptionally well and were not charged with a single error.

A crowd of several hundred watched the contest. Following is a summary of the game:

JOHN DAY	AB	R	H	E
Outlive, 2b	4	0	0	1
Potter, 1b	4	0	0	0
Strickland, 3b	4	0	0	0
Sunderhoff, m	3	0	0	0
Mayer, c	4	0	0	0
Trafton, 2b	2	0	0	2
Gustaf, 3b	2	0	0	0
Curran, 1b	2	0	0	0
Phillips, p	1	0	0	0
Hill, p	1	0	0	0
Herman, 1b	1	0	0	0
Carpenter, if	1	0	0	0
Kaplan, if	1	0	0	0
Kelly, 1b	1	0	0	0
Kern, m	1	0	0	0
Trux, cf	1	0	0	0
Walters, 1b	1	0	0	0
Totals	31	0	0	4

BEND	AB	R	H	E
Baughen, 2b	3	0	1	0
Fanelli, 1b	4	1	1	0
Walker, m	4	1	2	0
Herman, 1b	4	1	2	0
McCallough, cf	4	1	2	0
Phillips, 3b	4	0	0	0
Cullison, 1b	4	0	0	0
Boyer, 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	32	5	8	0

John Day 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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Umpires: Hermon and Russell.

American Golf Contingent Set For British Play

Porthcawl, Wales, May 21 (UP)—Defending champion Frank Stranahan, the muscular millionaire from Toledo, O., led a powerful array of 30 American golfers today into the first round of the 1951 British amateur golf championship.

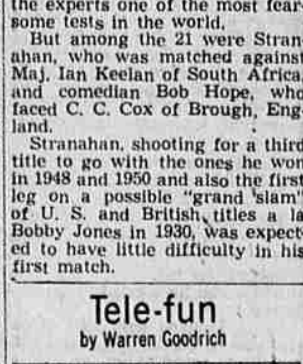
A total of 190 players, on the small side for this event, was entered but interest was centered on the Yanks, who have taken the title home three times in the last four years.

Actually only 21 Americans were slated to see competition in today's first round over the Porthcawl course, a triangle-shaped seaside layout that is rated by the experts one of the most fearsome tests in the world.

But among the 21 were Stranahan, who was matched against Maj. Ian Keelan of South Africa, and comedian Bob Hope, who faced C. C. Cox of Brough, England.

Stranahan, shooting for a third title to go with the ones he won in 1948 and 1950 and also the first leg on a possible "grand slam" of U. S. and British, titles a la Bobby Jones in 1930, was expected to have little difficulty in his first match.

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TOMORROW'S PROGRAM

- 6:00—Mark Trill
- 6:45—Lloyd Hunter Show
- 7:00—Victor Borge
- 7:15—Gabriel Heatter
- 7:30—Cote Ferrarada
- 7:45—Tune Sessions
- 8:00—Sam Hays and The News
- 8:15—Bill Henry News
- 8:30—Musical Personality
- 8:45—Island Serenade
- 9:00—Musical Personality
- 9:15—Let George Do It
- 9:30—Behind The Story
- 9:45—Remember Wases
- 10:00—Music
- 10:15—Melody Merry Go Round
- 10:30—News
- 10:45—Pulton Lewis Jr.
- 11:00—Major League Baseball

Memorial Day Auto Race May Set New All-Time Record

By Kurt Freudenthal
(United Press Sports Writer)

Indianapolis, May 21 (UP)—Willbur Shaw, himself a lead-footed speed demon only a few years back, predicted today "somebody will probably do 140 miles per hour next year" on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway track.

The three-time winner of the 500-mile race made the prediction after pitted-aided Walt Faulkner, the Long Beach, Calif., speed merchant, smashed all qualification marks for the Memorial day auto classic.

Thirteen cars qualified during the week end—the same number as in the first two days of the time trials—leaving only seven positions still open for the 33-car May 30 starting line-up.

The majority of the 68 racers nominated for the 35th annual "500" still remained to make their qualification runs in next week end's final two trial days, and at least half a dozen cars, including that qualified by 1950 race winner Johnnie Parsons, were in jeopardy of being sidelined by faster creations.

"Bumping" Expected

"The bumping is going to be sickening," Shaw said. He predicted some "awfully good cars and drivers" would be "bumped."

"I wouldn't be surprised if somebody hits 140 MPH by next year," he added.

Along with Parsons, the Van Nuys, Calif., driver whose average speed of 132.154 MPH was the fourth lowest thus far, veterans Tony Bettenhausen, Tinley Park, Ill., Walt Brown, Massapequa, N.Y., and Cecil Green, Houston, Tex., might get the "ax." They qualified still lower than Parsons.

Seven of the 13 week-end qualifiers were novice drivers, headed by 36-year-old Carl Scarborough, Clarkston, Mich., who averaged 135.614 MPH.

Others qualifiers in order of their speeds were: Roger Ward, Los Angeles, 134.867; Bill Schindler, Freeport, N.Y., 134.033; national driving champion Henry Banks, Compton, Calif., 133.899; Cliff Griffith, Indianapolis, 133.839; Charles Stevenson, Fresno, Calif., 133.764; Bill Yukovich, Fresno, 133.725; George Connor, Los Angeles, 133.353; Gene Force, Richmond, Ind., 133.102; Mack Hellings, Burbank, Calif., 132.925; Carl Ferberg, Detroit, 132.890; and Johnny McDowell, Santa Monica, Calif., 132.475.

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