

## Homer by Grace Gives Seals 3-1 Win Over Bevos

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 (AP)—The wheel of fortune, its little white ball starting to plip in the wrong places, went spinning around Lefty O'Doul's head Wednesday. But the San Diego manager wagered—and hoped—his luck would hold out a while longer.

O'Doul and his Padres enjoy the altitude of first place, though they seem to be descending slowly.

Oakland sliced the Pads' Pacific Coast league margin to a game and a half Tuesday night, nipping San Diego, 3-1, on lefty Lloyd Hunter's fine pitching performance.

San Francisco turned three hits into a 3-1 victory over Portland because one of the safeties was a homer by Joe Grace with two on.

Angels Win  
Los Angeles nipped Sacramento, 4-3, when Gene Baker doubled to set up the tie-breaker in the eighth. It rained at Seattle and Hollywood and the Rainiers did not play.

The appearance of San Diego as league leader was taken as a temporary thing, even to O'Doul. But Lefty doesn't plan to yield his top spot without a skirmish or two. He's added talent like Alen Richter, Herb Gorman and Lou Stringer to his squad with the idea of maintaining the status quo.

But neither those three, nor any other Padres bothered Little as he went about his workmanlike job. Cracker Jack Graham spoiled his series of zeros by hitting a homer in the ninth. Earlier, the Oaks had picked up three runs in one shot off Willie Luna, the San Diego southpaw.

Hits Home Run  
Grace, the Seals' leading sticker and among the PCL bat leaders, hit his four-master in the first inning. It was the southpaw's first homer of the year.

With the three-run lead on which to work, Bill Bradford turned in a great effort, allowing only four hits.

The win put the Seals at the 300 mark, with 24 wins and 24 losses.

## Cigar Smoking Cuban Cutie Connie Marrero Handcuffs St. Louis Browns, Wins 2 to 0

(By United Press)  
Connie Marrero, who doesn't speak much English, was putting it on his curve ball instead, and hitters were cursing him in different languages all over the American League.

Washington's cigar-smoking Cuban cutie, who is supposed to be more than 40 years old and hurls all winter in Latin-American competition when other hurlers are resting their aching bones, has been a terrific spring winner for the past two seasons. His only trouble is that he gets tired when summer comes and he runs out of gas.

But in the early stages he is unbeatable. Last year he won five games in a row before losing on

May 25. This year has been a repeat pattern. Tuesday night, in one of his greatest jobs, he held the Browns handcuffed in a 2 to 0 victory that put Washington within two games of idle first place Cleveland. It was his fourth straight, without a defeat.

Marrero was so effective with his curves that he struck out eight batters and all but one of the rest went out on pop ups to the infield or were out stealing. Marrero himself retired the only St. Louis batter to go out on a ground ball. He walked only two men.

The only dark cloud on the horizon is that summer is coming.

Last year, after running up an 11-5 record, he faded and didn't score another victory after Aug. 4, being

knocked out of the box on his five final appearances. But if the Senators can provide him with some vitamin-filled cigars or some other energy-producing magic, they might keep right on causing trouble in the American League race.

Because this year, Marrero has added pitching help, plus a better all-around team behind him.

Tuesday night, with one well-timed rally, the Nats got the runs they needed to top Brownie left-hander Tommy Byrne. They bunched three of their nine hits for both runs in the second inning. A walk to Eddie Yost and singles by Jim Busby, Jackie Jensen, and Archie Wilson, all of them Senator newcomers, etched the final score. Byrne was rescued from trouble at other times by four double plays.

In the only other major league game played, right hander Johnny Sain of the Yankees scored his fourth victory against one defeat, by outlasting the White Sox at Chicago, 4 to 3. He gave up only six hits and just one walk, surviving trouble in the late innings.

The Yankees took a 4 to 0 lead in the first five innings, after which the White Sox came to life but Sain staved them off and became the first Yankee pitcher to win four games. Mickey Mantle paced the Yankees at bat with four singles.

Sain pitched hitless ball for four innings. In the fifth Eddie Robinson walked to become the first Chicago base-runner and scored on singles by Sam Mele and Chico Carrasquel. The other Chicago runs were unearned. They came in the sixth when Hector Rodriguez singled with two out and substitute first baseman, Irv Noren, fumbled Robinson's grounder. Ray Coleman singled to load the bases and Mel drove in two runs with another single.

The Philadelphia at Detroit and Boston at Cleveland games in the American League were rained out. In the National the Cincinnati at Brooklyn, St. Louis at New York, Chicago at Boston, and Philadelphia at Pittsburgh games were postponed.

TUESDAY'S STAR — Connie Marrero of the Senators, who pitched a four-hit, 2 to 0 victory over the Browns for his fourth straight triumph.



Gino Nicolini, youthful Italian wrestler, has shown much improvement this spring and is expected to give Bill Melby a hard tussle when they meet in the opening event of the weekly wrestling card at the armory tomorrow night.

## Willie Pep Meets Hammond Tonight

MIAMI BEACH, May 21 (AP)—Willie Pep, former world feather-

weight champion from Hartford, Conn., meets a major obstacle on his comeback trail Wednesday night in hard-punching Claude Hammond of New York.

Hammond has knocked out 12 of his 30 professional rivals, six of them in the first round, and is expected to enter the ring with a considerable weight advantage, about 138 pounds to 130 for Pep.

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## Hairston Picked To Win Bout

DETROIT, May 21 (AP)—Motor City favorite Jake LaMotta found himself in the unusual role of underdog for Wednesday night's 10-round re-match with Eugene (Silent) Hairston at Olympia Stadium.

La Motta, who has lost only one of 20 starts in Detroit, usually enters the ring favorite here.

The betting public like Hairston at 6 to 5.

The two Bronx boxers first met March 5 and battled to a 10-round draw. Hairston has been idle since that time while La Motta pounded out an impressive decision over Norman Hayes of Boston last month.

Mike Miele, manager of the mute Negro puncher, said the rest should help Hairston greatly.

The bout will be televised nationally at 8 p.m. (CST).

## More Big-Time Football Sought

PORTLAND, May 21 (AP)—A move was underway here Wednesday to get more big-time football games staged in Multnomah Stadium.

A committee, headed by Dave Simpson of Portland, has been organized to bring the big-time grid encounters to Portland.

## Yankee Ace Says Stanky Hard Man To Throw Against

NEW YORK, May 21 (AP)—Eddie Stanky is the only man who steals first base—and gets away with it every time—insists Yankee pitcher Bobby Hogue.

"They claim it's impossible to steal first base," snorted the chubby Yankee relief ace, "but Stanky does it right under the umpire's noses."

Hogue, who played together with Stanky on the Boston Braves in 1948 and 1949 and opposed him in both National League competition and 1951 World Series since then, says "The Brat" has the technique down pat.

"He inches up and down in the batter's box," Hogue explained, "he squirms around like an eel. He crouches one minute and gets up on his toes the next. . . he's all over the place. . . you simply can't pitch to him at all."

"He's a genius at getting on base. One way or another, he'll do it."

"I always liked Stanky," Hogue went on, "but I hated to see him come up to hit against me in the World Series. He was up to his old tricks as usual. I think a pitcher has to work three times as hard on him than on any other hitter. And the funny part about Stanky is that he's not a great hitter and probably never will be one."

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