

AMERICAN LEAGUE CLUBS GROUPED IN TIGHT RACE

LEADERS LESS THAN 5 GAMES AHEAD BROWNS

(By the Associated Press)

The whole thing doesn't make as much sense as an insane asylum, but the figures show the American league is off to a closer and more completely unlooked for start than it has been in years.

By the end of the first month last year, five games separated first and fourth place. This season, the race was regarded as New York, Detroit, Cleveland and nothing much else. But so far it's been as close as a mustard plaster—so tight in fact, that only 4 1/2 games separate the leaders of the moment, Cleveland's Indians, from the cellar riding St. Louis Browns.

And most astonishing of all is that the longest of the long shots, Connie Mack's mystifying Athletics, are in second place, leading both the Yankees and the Tigers. They were on top until yesterday, but the Indians licked the tar out of the Boston Red Sox, 16-5, while the A's dropped a 3-2 defeat to the Tigers, which gave the Tribe the pace by a percentage margin.

Hottest of all right now are the reviving Washington Senators—and their sudden form reversal is just as explainable as the rest of the league's ways. Although their pitching still is in a sorry state, the Nats are starting to hit, and on this strength alone have won their last four to climb from eighth to fifth place. It took two twirlers and 12 innings before they finally overcame the Browns yesterday 3 to 4 on Ozzie Bluege's timely single.

Thursday's games:

National—Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 2; Boston 4, Cincinnati 1; Chicago 6, Brooklyn 1; New York 7, St. Louis 4; American—Cleveland 16, Boston 5; Washington 5, St. Louis 4 (12 innings); Detroit 3, Philadelphia 2; Chicago 3, New York 1.

WALTONIANS MOVE TO BEND COUNTRY

Portland, May 21 (AP)—More than 100 members of the Portland Isawk Walton League travel into the central Oregon "fishing belt" this weekend to test the reputation of the Deschutes country as one of the most famous sport centers of the west.

The "mass movement" of anglers represents the largest outing of the season. Special cars will take the Portlanders to Deschutes River Saturday morning. They return Sunday.

The weekly fishing bulletins from the state game commission office listed conditions this week-end as "only fair." The reports included:

Lane county—High water and melting snow has reduced prospects in the eastern part of the county. Spinners are bringing a few catches on the McKenzie. Fair bags taken with salmon eggs on Winbery creek. Week-end outlook fair on lower McKenzie and Willamette if cool weather holds out. Stillaw good. Triangle lake and Lake Creek fair.

Yamhill county—Good catches of crappies and perch reported from Carlton lake.

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WELCHES, OREGON

Sad Sam Adds Eighth Straight Win; Beavers Win Over Senators, 7-4

(By Associated Press)

Sad Sam Gibson dolefully added another shut-out to his record to run his season's wins to eight straight, the best showing any Pacific coast league pitcher could boast today.

The aging hurler, who hasn't cracked a smile on public for years and years, limited the Los Angeles to five singles, issued one pass and fanned three as the San Francisco Seals won 6 to 0 to take a firmer hold on the league leadership yesterday.

Sad Sam's pitching was so good for an old man (he's 26), Manager Truck Hannah of the Angels altered his line-up in a vain effort to get some run producing hits. Arnold Stutz, lead off man for the Angels since the season started, was janked from centerfield in the seventh inning and Cleo Carlyle moved from right to center. Chunky Murray Howell went into rightfield, Steve Messner, just returned from Chicago, was put on third and Fred McWilliams took over Ed Holt's job at second base.

Pacific coast league pitching was surprisingly above the 1937 average yesterday. Otho Nicholas of the Missions kept the slugging Oakland Aconia under control at the Reds scored an easy 6 to 1 victory in their cellar series.

Seattle reversed Wednesday's 5 to 0 score when Dick (Kewpie) Barrett limited the San Diego Padres to six hits, fanned eight and his teammates reached three San Diego pitchers for ten hits, including a three-bagger by Alan Strange.

Portland nixed two Sacramento pitchers for 13 bingles, including four doubles to win, 7 to 4. Ad Lukka allowed the Solons nine hits, three in the last inning when they scored all of their runs.

Thursday's results:

Portland 7 13 0
Sacramento 4 9 1
Laska and Cronin; Newsome, Seats 6; and Clark.
Seattle 5 10 0
San Diego 6 6 2
Barrett and Basler; Hebert, Pullette (2), Chaplin (8) and Starr.
Los Angeles 0 5 2
San Francisco 6 10 1
Prim and Collins; Gibson and Monzo.
Missions 6 11 0
Oakland 4 9 1
Nicholas and Sprinz; Breuer, Olds (9) and Baker.

Sport Slants

A pair of ball games do not make a season. But in the case of Cliff Melton, the New York Giants' rookie left-hander, two games were enough to make the lanky hurler the most-discussed new pitcher in the National league.

In his first two starts as a Giant, Melton fanned 22 Boston Bees. He lost the first game by a slim margin to Guy Bush, then turned the tables on the same hurler in the second battle.

Giant Catcher Gus Mancuso insists the mighty man from Black Mountain, N. C., is the fastest left-hander in the senior circuit since Bill Hallahan's fireball smoldered out. Gus should know. He caught Hallahan when Will Bill was hottest—with the Cardinals.

Giant bench chatter brings out a great variety of opinion. Melton has supporters who feel certain he has as much speed as Van Mungo of Brooklyn. Even those not willing to concede Cliff has as much speed as the league's latest admit the rookie has the makings of a real mound star.

Melton reminds one of Lefty Grove, when Grove first came up to the Athletics from Baltimore. Grove was a fireball pitcher then. If anything, Melton has a bit more control than Grove showed in his early games for Connie Mack.

Melton, 24 years old, started his career with Asheville in 1931. Baltimore purchased him before the end of the season. He was usually an Oriole for the next five years, with side trips to Erie, the Yankees, Newark and Birmingham. His work showed steady improvement. Last season he turned in 20 victories for Baltimore.

HUSKIES ROUT TWO BEAVER PITCHERS

Seattle, May 21 (AP)—The Husky baseball team of the University of Washington ended a two-game series with Oregon State college with a second victory over the Orangemen, routing two pitchers and winning 13 to 2.

The Huskies landed on Kalibak, Beaver moundsman, for two runs in the first and four more in the third. Fenger, who relieved Kalibak, had no better luck, giving way to Younce after yielding four hits and three walks which let in six more counters.

The Staters scored two in the sixth and another in the ninth.

Oregon State 3 7 1

Feller to Remain On Bench Balance Trip Through East

Washington, May 21 (AP)—Manager Steve O'Neill announced today that Bob Feller, the Cleveland Indians' youthful strikeout king, would do no further pitching on the club's current eastern trip which ends May 27.

O'Neill's announcement came after Feller reported his "million dollar" right arm felt weak and that some trace of soreness remained.

The Iowa youth has made only one appearance since he suffered the injury in his first American league start of the season, at Cleveland April 21. Against the Boston Red Sox Tuesday in a relief role he walked a batter on five pitches and was replaced immediately.

Washington 13 11 4
Kalibak, Fenger, Younce and Solter; Budnick and Marlowe.

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SILVER FALLS PLAYS EUGENE

Silverton — On Sunday, May 23 the Silver Falls baseball team will travel to Eugene to meet the Drakes, the oldest members of the Oregon State league.

Silver Falls won from the Sweet Home team, 10 to 5, coming from behind to score 7 runs in the 8th and 9th innings, while Eugene lost to Bend, 6 to 5.

Silver Falls plans to reinforce its team with a number of last year's players, including Orren and Moe of Willamette and Jerry Gantman formerly of Willamette. Silverton hopes to have Bonney and A. Schwab who have been playing great ball for the O.S.C. rooks.

The probable line-up for Silver Falls Sunday will be Brady I. Johnson ss, Sears 2b, A. Schwab 1b, Bonney cf, O. Schwab rf, Orren 3b, Moe c, Burch p.

Utility men are Bourbonnais and Gastineau, pitchers; Wattier, c; Reed, outfield; Williams, Oester and F. Sears, infield, and Buckman either infield or outfield.

Silverton's first home game will be May 30, Decoration day, when Silver Falls will meet Hills Creek.

BEARCATS LOSE 1ST GAME, 13-0

Walla Walla, May 21 (AP)—Hammering Walt Weaver, ace Bearcat pitcher, from the mound in less than three innings, the hitman college baseball team blanked Willamette university 13 to 0 in the first game of the Northwest conference championship series.

Jonas, for the Missionaries, allowed but four scattered hits.

Willamette will depend upon Jerry Gastineau today to even the count and keep the Bearcats in the running for the title they won last year. Schneidmiller will pitch for Whittman.

Score:

Willamette 0 4 8
Whittman 13 11 1
Weaver, Nunnenkamp, Sutton, Beard and Weisgerber; Jonas and Edwards.

BISHOP'S OFFERING PRIZES FOR TROUT

Three prizes with a combined value of \$20 will be awarded by Bishop's for the three boys between the ages of 7 to 16 who catch the largest trout from May 22 to July 1. The first prize will be a \$10 sport coat; second, \$6 leather jacket, and the third a \$4 pair of sport oxfords.

To be eligible to take part in the competition, boys must either register personally at Bishop's or must mail in their names and addresses. All of the trout entered must be weighed at Bishop's store.

WEBFOOTS TURN IN WIN OVER IDAHO

Moscow, Idaho, May 21 (AP)—Scoring in all but two innings, the University of Oregon baseball team moved nearer the northern division title with a 10 to 7 victory over the University of Idaho here Thursday.

Mullen, Webfoot third baseman, accounted for four of his team's 13 hits with a triple, a double and two singles in five times up.

The Vandals gathered steam as they went along, scoring three in the seventh and two in the ninth, but failed to overcome the commanding lead granted the Oregonians early in the game. Score:

Oregon 10 13 4
Idaho 7 9 4
Lewis and McLean; Jenkins, Broadhead and Baldwin.

A ninth-inning run brought victory to the visitors in the final which was tied up at the end of the scheduled seven stanzas.

Pacific and Normal Divide Ball Games

Forest Grove, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Pacific university and Oregon Normal school finished all even in a baseball double-header here, the visiting Wolves losing to the Badgers, 5 to 4, in the opener and winning the nightcap 3 to 2.

The Badgers bunched their hits in the sixth to score all their runs in the first game. Diericks holding the Wolves to six hits.

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Parker's Beaten by Pade's, 2 to 1 Score

Pade's defeated Parker's 2 to 1 and St. Joseph's outscored Alpha Psi 8 to 3 in Junior division softball games on Sweetland field. The first game went nine innings before the deadlock was broken. St. Joseph's pushed over five runs in their half of the seventh, taking advantage of several Alpha Psi errors.

Parker's 1 3 2
Pade's 2 4 2
Smither and Taylor; Comstock, Guthrie and Hastings.
Alpha Psi 3 8 3
St. Joseph's 8 11 0
Moses and Quesseth; K. Larson and B. Larson.

TOWNIES PLAY HILLS CREEK

Woodburn—The Woodburn Townies will play the Hills Creek Lumber company team of Eugene at Woodburn Sunday afternoon in the second State league game, beginning at 2:30.

Manager Bomhoff states he is perfectly satisfied with the showing made last Sunday by the Townies and will start practically the same lineup for this Sunday's game.

The team hitting average for the first game was 366 with two errors, which was very good considering the dampish weather and the fact that no team practice was held prior to the game. Claud Gant, first baseman, was particularly effective at bat, getting 3 for 4 including two two-base hits. The keystone combination of Salstrom and Cody shows promise of a strong defense.

Heine Zimmerman pitched very effective ball with little exertion and will be on the mound again with Voget, peppery catcher, on the receiving end.

STAYTON JUNIORS PRACTICE SUNDAY

Stayton—Candidates for the local American Legion Junior baseball team will go through their first drill of the year at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Stayton ball field in preparation for the season's campaign which they hope will carry them to the county title. The committee directing the junior baseball stars this year is headed by Leonard Jordan.

The Stayton team will present a tighter infield and an improved list of hitters this year over the club last season, according to indications. Two hurlers are being groomed to handle the mound work for the campaign.

The first contest of the season has been slated for a week from Sunday with Silverton, always a strong county entry, presenting the opposition.

This is the second win for Dallas this week over Independence.

DALLAS WINS

Independence — The Dallas high school baseball nine cleaned up on the local team here Wednesday evening by a score of 7-5. Kirk pitched the entire game and showed good form except in a little "flare-up" in the eighth inning when Independence ran up three tallies.

Crabtree was drawn out of the game at the 7th inning and replaced by Housley as pitcher. He held them for no further runs throughout the eighth and ninth innings.

Idaho Issues Free License to Blind

Boise, Idaho, May 21 (AP)—Blind Charles W. Merkle of Piler, went fishing today with a free license—first issued in Idaho under a new statute which exempts the sightless from paying the regular \$2 fee.

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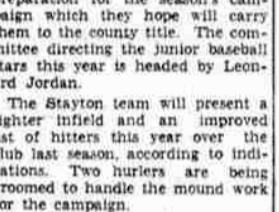
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