

# The Wizard of Odds Rates Majors

By LEO GUILD

If this baseball season runs true to form, there'll be plenty of ifs and buts before it's over. Nevertheless, here is the way I see the odds on the major league contenders:

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
 Braves—even odds  
 Dodgers—5 to 1  
 Cardinals—2 to 1  
 Pirates—3 to 1  
 Phillies—15 to 1  
 Reds—25 to 1

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
 Red Sox—2 to 1  
 Yankees—3 to 1  
 Tigers—3 to 1  
 Athletics—3 to 1  
 Browns—10 to 1  
 Senators—15 to 1  
 White Sox—20 to 1

Looking further ahead when the two Boston teams meet in the World Series, this is the way the odds should show them:

If leading team leads in the series, odds favoring the leading team are:  
 1 game to 0 21 to 1  
 2 games to 0 11 to 1  
 3 games to 0 5 to 1  
 4 games to 0 3 to 1  
 5 games to 0 2 to 1

The chances of a pitcher pitching a no-hit game during this coming season are 1 in 2,577. Odds are 12,500 to 1 against his pitching a perfect game (without hits or bases on balls). There have been only four perfect games in the 50,000 major league battles.

Each time a major league ball

player swings at the ball, the odds are 610 to 1 against its being a home run.  
 The odds against an ordinary mortal picking the eight teams of either league in their proper order are 40,320 to 1.  
 And remember this—if you go to a baseball game, the odds are 5 to 4 "your team" will win, for home teams win 5 of every 9 games.



**'Pop' DiMaggio Dies** Joseph Peter "Pop" DiMaggio (right), shown here with two of his famous baseball playing sons, Joe (left) of the New York Yankees and Dom (center) of the Boston Red Sox, died at Franklin hospital in San Francisco. DiMaggio, 76, had been under a physician's care for some time. (Acme Telephoto)

## SCORES IN THE ALLEYS

**MERCHANTS LEAGUE**—Dudman's Auto scored a 2022 series while Meyer, of Mayflower Milk scored a 221 game and Jickman of the Davidson crew scored a 480 series.  
 Haze Bros. No. 1 (2)—Westfall 478, Backle 341, Clau 474, George 408, Lutz 478, Johnson's Plumbers (1)—Wilkins 341, Ansove 309, Little 426, Kelly 451, Osborne 321.  
 Curry's Dairy (2)—Willard 450, Hoff-etter 408, Edlund 424, Volk 413, J. Miller 508, Mayflower Milk (3)—Harrison 452, Woodford 483, Schmit 448, Mocarre 439, Meyer 490.  
 Davidson's Auto Rebuilders (3)—P. Smith 335, B. Smith 335, Purdock 432, Gray 440, Hickman 390, Nicholson's Insurance (2)—McCallister 421, J. Cracoff 401, Merchant 409, Buisman 462, B. Cracoff 478.  
 Salem General Jobbing (2)—Brough 366, Hunt 407, Cressy 492, Fouchek 399, Ross 459, First National Bank (1)—Drizza 420, Mary 306, Herby 335, Myron 449.  
 Higgins Insurance (2)—Schnell 397, Cockett 414, Milford 468, Reeves 462, Crivell 497, Haze Bros. No. 2 (1)—Coe 484, Johnson 351, Baker 353, Lenabur 481, Carter 428.  
 Oregon Steamship (2)—Pace 423, Farley 464, Stone 461, Reilly 343, Comstock 468, Beck & Wadsworth (3)—Wadsworth 450, Anderson 462, Kanneki 397, Ireland, Aor-stein 467.  
**LADIES LEAGUE**—The Golden Phoenix team scored a 2202 series while individual scoring marks were posted by Virginia Garbarino with a 514 series and Marie Williams with a 304 game.  
 Alexander Jewellers (2)—Swanson 402, Whitford 321, Johnson 383, Mock 379, Prather 403, Quisenberry Drugs (1)—McElmery 399, Evans 398, Vose 356, Black 337, Kennedy 464.  
 Montgomery Ward (1)—Herman 375, Wicks, R. 420, Wackens, L. 420, Wood 318, Greer 330, National Battery (2)—Hodge 358, Margie Colvin 307, Loken 385, Mary Colvin 404, Cameron 378.  
 West Salem Merchants (1)—Watson 377, Whitaker 301, Lemson 359, Pugh 336, Witt-worth 375, Keigley (2)—Dawson 429, Lane 406, Stone 387, Anderson 425, Putnam 439.  
 McEwan's Photo Shop (2)—Chambers 378, Wicklander 479, Blustaff 380, Thomp-son 404, Roland 344, Cupboard Cafe (1)—Glott 435, Elliott 397, Pease 450, Stone

## Woodburn Squads To Start League Golf Competition

Woodburn—League play will get under way this week at the local golf club with 10 five-man teams participating. Captains are Clifford Shrock, Frank Chappelle, Walter Lawson, Pat DeJardin, Tony DeJardin, Matthew Mochel, Clyde Smith, Corey Eastman, Wallace Lee and Walter Miller. Play will last for nine weeks with one round, of 18 holes being played each week, based on handicaps which will change each week.  
 Other events in the offing are a Woodburn Golf club jamboree, to be held in the near future; a best ball tournament June 18; the third annual Woodburn Independent handicap tournament July 16 and 17; and the club championship tournament beginning August 20. George Jones will be in charge of the championship tourney, Tony DeJardin the handicap play and Dave Cavett the best ball tournament.

**Duckpin Bowling**  
 (Complete Results)  
**WEST SALEM LEAGUE**—The Tweedie girls posted a 1993 series and a 754 game, but their score honors were shared with the Pumlille Block squad. Bill Gauthier scored a 483 series and James Delaney recorded a 181 game.  
 Tweedie Oil (2)—Frank 473, Flood 349, Delaney 430, Van Dusen 320, Rickard 397, Cummins (2)—Pawley 352, bye 387.

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**Parrish Drubs West Saalem in Dual Track Meet**  
 Parrish junior high track men slapped resounding defeats on teams from West Salem Thursday in dual meets held on Olinger field. The ninth graders posted a 78-26 win, eighth graders a 71-15 victory and seventh graders a 51-8 decision.  
 The featured ninth grade contest was sparked plugged by Dwain Rankins for Parrish who scored first in the 50 and 100 yard dashes.  
 Ninth Grade results:  
 50: Dwain Rankin (P), Simmonton (WB), Gattelman (P).  
 100: Dwain Rankin (P), Simmonton (WB), Gattelman (P).  
 200: Dwain Rankin (P), Hoadley (P), Gattelman (WB).  
 400: Hicks (P), Smith (P), Smith (P), Reinhold (WB).  
 Relay: Won by Parrish (Dwain Rankin, Hoadley, Smith and Dwain Rankin).  
 High Jump: Wicket (P), Backstrand (P), and Webb (P), tied for third.  
 Broad Jump: Fisher (P), Smith (P), Dewitt (WB).  
 Discus: Backstrand (P), Jaquith (WB), Heaton (P).  
 Vault: Walker (P), Church (P) and Jaquith (WB), all tied for first.

## Defective Switch Blamed for Fire

Moro, Ore., May 6 (AP)—A short-circuited electric switch was blamed today for setting off a \$350,000 blaze that destroyed a huge grain elevator and its store of 10,000 bushels of wheat. The grain still was smoldering today. The fire broke out at 12:15 p.m. (PST) yesterday and finally was brought under control five hours later.  
 The stock of grain was part of the 1948 bumper crop that failed to reach a port for shipment because of lack of storage space in Pacific northwest dock areas.  
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