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By Walt Ditzon

Portland's Bevos Battle For PCL's First Division

By HERB WILHOIT (Associated Press Sports Writer) Look up and down the Pacific Coast league today and you'll find the excitement in Portland. There the busy Beavers are chewing away at the barrier between their sixth place spot and the extra cash they'll earn if they climb into the first division. And if the Beavers continue their winning streak, now 11 straight games, it'll be hard to keep 'em out of the top four. San Francisco couldn't stop them last night, Portland winning two abbreviated games, 4-3 in seven innings and 5-0 in the nightcap called after six innings by the league curfew rule.

PCL Standings

Table showing PCL Standings with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., and GB. Includes teams like Oakland, San Diego, Hollywood, Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, and Sacramento.

That cavoring left Portland only a game behind fifth place San Francisco, two back of fourth-place Seattle and five in arrears of third place Hollywood. Other results: Oakland shaved Sacramento 3-2 in a 10-inning day game; San Diego trimmed the fading Hollywood Stars, 7-5, and Los Angeles smacked Seattle 8-3.

Portland and San Francisco were tied 3-3 in the last of the first game's seventh inning when, with two out, Pinch Hitter Dale Clay doubled to score Eddie Barr with the winner. Barr was running for Joe Brovia who had doubled. In the nightcap the Beavers scored all five runs in the fifth inning, including Mickey Rocco's three-run homer.

The powerful bat of Oakland's Earl Rapp won again for the league leaders. He swatted his 21st homer in the 10th for the victory. He has now hit in 18 consecutive games. Sacramento's Marv Williams had tied the count with a homer in the ninth. Five Seattle errors practically handed their game to Los Angeles. The Angels counted all their runs off Starter Skinny Brown. He was relieved in the seventh by Dewey Soriano, righthander purchased last night by Seattle to strengthen the Rainiers' bid for a first division spot. Soriano has been president and occasional pitcher of the Yakima club in the Western International league where he won pennants the last two years.

San Diego used five pitchers and Jack Graham's two-run ho-

mer in the ninth, also Whitey Wietelmann's first inning round-tripper, to blast the Stars. In the last of the ninth the Stars scored three times and had the bases loaded when Frank Keliher hit a fly for the last out.

Short scores table for PCL games, listing teams and scores.

Official Box

Official Box table showing player statistics for various teams like San Francisco, Oakland, and Portland.

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Here's How PCC Teams Shape Up

By HAL WOOD (United Press Sports Writer) San Francisco, Sept. 21 (U.P.)—The Pacific Coast conference shapes up like this for the 1950 football season: Best offensive team—Stanford. Best defensive teams—California and Oregon State. Best balanced team—Southern California.

korian and Dick Horn; he has a flock of halfbacks, but not one experienced fullback. Southern California is supposed to be knee-deep in all kinds of talent. But Coach Jeff Cravath has borne that cross regularly ever since he took over the Trojans. El Trojan has a lot of material left from a good club last year; and he has the pick of the jaycee transfers, including Al Carmichael, a vaunted ball

packer. There is a good quarterback in Wilbur Robertson and other fine halfbacks in Johnny Fouch and Ed Demirian. At California Pappy Waldorf's No. 1 quarterback is Brent Ogden, who has had only 90 seconds of varsity playing time. However, the sophomore crop looks good. If Pappy can fit the pieces together, he still may make his third visit in a row to Pasadena.

Ted Williams' INSIDE BASEBALL

However, there are other important factors to consider: 1—California has nearly intact the full defensive team that made the Rose Bowl for each of the last two years. 2—Oregon State has returning practically the same team that won its last four games in a row in 1949, ending up with wins over powerful Michigan State and Oregon. 3—Washington has one of the finest backfields in the West, headed by passer Don Henreich and fullback Hugh McElhenny.

The American League race this year has run fairly close to form. My four-season estimate that the clubs—New York, Boston, Detroit and Cleveland—had a chance to win the pennant and would battle down to the wire has held up. It has been a different story in the National League. When the season started I figured that either Brooklyn or St. Louis would win the flag with Philadelphia having no more than an outside chance. The Phillies have been more consistent winners than I expected. On the other hand, neither the Dodgers nor the Cardinals have lived up to expectations. The biggest surprise has been the complete collapse of the Cardinals. This team has fallen apart during the second half of the campaign. Injuries to key players have been a contributing factor, but not the whole story. Time has apparently caught

up with such exceptional players as Marty Marion and Enos Slaughter. They haven't been able to play close to their customary game. When such outstanding players suddenly slip, any team is bound to feel the effects of the decline in their efficiency. The Cardinals have been one of the top teams in the National League for some time because they've been blessed with three or four exceptional ball players. Guys who know how to play ball in tight competition. Without them, they have been no stronger than the other teams in the league. So it's not surprising that the Cards couldn't keep up with the pacemakers when their star performers started to slip. Next to the collapse of the Cardinals, the late season drive of the New York Giants has featured the National League race. This team looked like a fifth place club at best at the start of the season. And it played second division baseball during the first half of the campaign. But during the past two months, the Giants have been the only team keeping pace



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The four clubs that may furnish an upset or two, but are doubtful candidates for the Rose Bowl are UCLA, Washington State, Oregon and Idaho. Montana no longer is a member of the conference. Stanford has a key crew of about 17 men. Actually, there are 75 on the squad, and there is a lot of bulk. There is a big division in quality. The chances are that Coach Marchie Schwartz will have to play about five or six men on both offense and defense. These include end Bill McColl, center Dick Abraham, guard Jesse Cone, tackle Russ Pomeroy, end Bruce Van Alystine and tackle Gordy White. Schwartz has four fine quarterbacks, headed by Gary Ker-

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