

Better pitching

Seattle closing in on Tacoma in PCL

By Ren Supinski
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Good-pitch, fair-hit Seattle is daily drawing the noose tighter on good-hit, fair-pitch Tacoma in the scramble for the top of the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast League.

The Rainiers again proved Wednesday that a stingy pitcher usually has the edge over a solid hitter. Seattle's Billy Spawick allowed the little Giants only three hits in leading the Rainiers to a 7-1 win over the third-best hitting team in the league.

Spawick struck out 11 and walked 2 in raising his record to 3-1. Don Gile, Bobby Gene Smith and Dalton Jones each got three hits while Billy Harrell socked his fourth homer for the winners.

On Monday Seattle pitcher Bob Heffner blanked Tacoma on eight hits. Heffner (4-2), Wilbur Wood (5-1), Smith (3-3), R. G. Smith (2-2) and Spawick have accounted for 17 of Seattle's 21 victories. Seattle also leads the league in combined earned-run averages with Wood showing the way with 0.71.

Wednesday's win left Seattle only a half game off the pace of league-leading Tacoma.

In other contests, a five-run first inning carried Oklahoma City past Dallas-Fort Worth 6-3, last-place Denver ran its win streak to four in a row with a 10-2 rout of Salt Lake City. Bobbie Knopp's three-run homer gave Hawaii a 7-6 edge over Spokane and Portland scored nine runs in two innings to nip San Diego 9-8.

Dave Roberts and Von McDaniel socked first-inning homers for Oklahoma City to help right-hander Jerry Nelson win his second game against one loss.

Denver's Ethan Blackaby smacked a three-run home and two singles to drive in four runs to ignite the Bears to their longest win streak of the season. They sent 12 batters to the plate in the Salt Lake.

With Hawaii behind 3-5, Knopp whacked his three-run homer in the bottom of the sixth to put the Islanders ahead to stay. Reliever Bob Duhla (2-0) gave up one unearned run in four innings for the victory.

John Werhas of Spokane, one of the leading hitters in the PCL with an average of around .350, collected four hits. Spokane's Dick Berardino went 3-for-4, including a bases-empty homer.

The Portland Beavers tallied nine runs in the second and third innings and then withstood a San Diego home run attack for the

victory.

Padre outfielder Mel Queen whacked two home runs and third baseman Gene Freese, who came to San Diego when catcher Don Pavletich went to Cincinnati, contributed a two-run homer.

The Padres hit eight home runs in two games at Portland to give them the league lead with 48 team homers.

Portland second baseman Dick Green slammed three doubles, including one in each of the Beavers' two big innings. San Diego had the bases loaded with one out in the ninth, but reliever Rudy Hernandez forced Rog Alvarez, a .368 hitter, to bounce into a game-ending double play.

Player limit in NFL extended to 37 at conclave

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — The National Football League Wednesday increased the player limit for 1963 to 37 and appointed a veteran Los Angeles law enforcement officer as "watchdog" to keep an eye on player associations and "undesirable elements."

The 14 club owners, winding up their two-day spring meeting today, were set to discuss one of the more pleasant aspects of the game—future television policy and how to divide the \$250,000 for the 1963 championship game between the players' benefit plan and the players' pool.

Contract's Final Year

The NFL is currently entering the final year of a two-year pact with the Columbia Broadcasting System that brings the league \$9.3-million.

At Wednesday's meeting owners decided to try a 37-man player limit per team for the 1963 season only. The league operated with a 36-man limit in 1961 and 1962, after operating with 38 men per team in 1960.

The proposal finally worked out was a compromise from the suggested return to the 38 men.

Earlier, Commissioner Pete Rozelle announced that James E. Hamilton, 33, would begin work June 1 as the league's roving watchdog to help prevent future incidents such as the Paul Hornung and Alex Karras cases.

Upheld Title Award

In other developments the league: —Reaffirmed the awarding of the 1925 championship to the Chicago Cardinals—thereby overruling objections by Pottsville, Pa.

—Revised the cutdown numbers. This year rosters must be cut to 43 players by Aug. 27; to 40 by Sept. 3; and to 37 by Sept. 10.

—Ordered clubs to make injury reports to the league office in order to study various injuries with a view to taking preventive measures.

—Approved a sudden death finish for the annual Playoff Bowl game at Miami, Fla.

Yanks win; Mantle hits longest ball

By United Press International

The deadline was New York, May 22—Gordie's day and Mickey's night.

Astronaut Gordon Cooper "owned" the big town Wednesday during a tumultuous tucker-tape parade and dinner, but the night belonged strictly to fellow Oklahoman Mickey Mantle.

Of course, Mantle, or anyone else for that matter, would have to go a long way to match Gordie's 22 trips around the world in a capsule, but Mickey came close to accomplishing what no other major league player ever has done in the 40-year history of Yankee Stadium, and that includes such stars as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Joe DiMaggio.

Mantle almost sent a baseball into orbit when he crashed a homer—"the hardest hit ball of my life"—against the uppermost facade of Yankee Stadium, a liner at least 100 feet in the air and 350 feet from the plate. The drive, which still had "rise" when it bounced off the facade, gave the Yankees an 8-7 victory over the Kansas City A's in 11 innings.

Had the ball cleared the facade atop the third tier it would have been the first ball ever hit out of the mammoth stadium. As it was, it topped any of the tape-measure homers the Oklahoma kid has unloaded in a brilliant major league career, even the celebrated 565-foot homer he hit in Washington in 1953.

Orioles Stop Tigers

In the other American League games the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Detroit Tigers 2-1, behind the effective pitching of Steve Barber and Wes Stock; the Chicago White Sox whipped the Washington Senators 9-3, with new Nats' manager Gil Hodges watching from the stands; the Los Angeles Angels nipped the Cleveland Indians 7-6 in 11 innings, and the Minnesota Twins defeated the Boston Red Sox 3-1 on Jim Kaat's seven-hit pitching.

The Los Angeles Dodgers swept to their eighth straight victory, beating the New York Mets 7-3, the San Francisco Giants downed the Philadelphia Phillies 10-2; the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Houston Colts 4-3, and the Chicago Cubs nipped the St. Louis Cards 7-6 in 11 innings. Cincinnati at Milwaukee was rained out.

By winning, the Orioles and White Sox remained tied for first place in the American League.

Major leaders

By United Press International

Player & Club	G.	A.	B.	R.	H.	Pct.
Causey, KC	29	129	16	43	358	
Wagner, LA	40	152	25	52	342	
Robinson, Chi	37	136	25	46	338	
Schilling, Bos	35	145	21	48	331	
Malzone, Bos	35	130	15	43	331	
Boyer, NY	33	132	19	43	326	
Kalene, Det	36	143	23	46	322	
Fox, Chi	33	143	22	45	315	
Allison, Minn	38	137	28	42	307	
Robinson, Balt	39	147	14	45	306	
Hrshbrgr, Chi	30	98	21	30	306	

National League

Covington, Phil	33	103	21	38	362
Fairly, LA	40	143	22	50	350
Groat, StL	41	170	25	58	341
Aaron, Mil	40	153	35	50	327
White, StL	41	166	26	53	319
Cepeda, SF	41	157	26	50	318
Demeter, Phil	36	133	21	42	316
Edwards, Cin	34	114	19	36	316
Gonzalez, Phil	37	119	24	37	311
James, StL	34	88	8	27	307

Home Runs

American League — Wagner, Angels 13; Allison, Twins 10; Mantle, Yanks 9; Gentile, Orioles; Powell, Orioles; Nicholson, White Sox, and Stuart, Red Sox, all 8.

National League — Aaron, Braves 13; Cepeda, Giants; Covington, Phils; Bailey, Giants; F. Alou, Giants, and Howard, Dodgers, all 8.

Runs Batted In

American League — Wagner, Angels 37; Nicholson, White Sox 31; Allison, Twins 30; Stuart, Red Sox 27; Robinson, White Sox 27.

National League — Aaron, Braves 34; Robinson, Reds 31; Fairly, Dodgers; Boyer, Cards, and White, Cards, all 30.

Pitching

American League — Pappas, Orioles 4-0; Fischer, Athletics 6-1; Herbert, White Sox 5-1; Bouton, Yanks 5-1; Buzhardt, White Sox 4-1.

National League — O'Dell, Giants 6-0; Koufax, Dodgers; Perranoski, Dodgers; Simmons, Cards, and Maloney, Reds, all 6-1.

TELEVISION MILE RACE

NEW YORK (UPI) — The "dream" mile race between world record holder Peter Snell of New Zealand and American titlist Jim Beatty will be televised live from the California Relays at Modesto, Calif., Saturday night by the American Broadcasting Company (ABC).

The telecast will start at approximately 10:45 p.m. EDT, following the nationally televised fight between Ruben Carter and George Benton.

Major leagues

By United Press International

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Chicago	24	15	.615	—
Baltimore	24	15	.615	—
New York	20	13	.606	1
Boston	19	16	.543	3
Kansas City	20	17	.541	3
Cleveland	16	17	.483	5
Los Angeles	19	23	.452	6½
Minnesota	17	21	.447	6½
Detroit	14	23	.378	9
Washington	14	27	.341	11

Wednesday's Results

Minnesota 3 Boston 1
NY 8 KC 7 (11 inns, night)
Baltimore 2 Detroit 1 (night)
Los Ang. 7 Cle. 6 (11 inns, night)
Chicago 9 Washington 3 (night)

National League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	25	15	.634	—
Los Angeles	25	16	.610	1
Chicago	20	19	.513	5
St. Louis	21	20	.513	5
Pittsburgh	19	19	.500	5½
Cincinnati	18	18	.500	5½
Milwaukee	19	21	.476	6½
Philadelphia	17	22	.436	8
Houston	18	24	.429	8½
New York	16	25	.390	10

Wednesday's Games

Chicago 7 St. Louis 6 (11 in.)
San Francisco 10 Phila. 2
Cincinnati at Milw., night, ppd.
cold weather.
Pittsburgh 4 Houston 3, night
L. Angeles 7 New York 3, night

RANGERS GET WING

NEW YORK (UPI) — Dick Meissner, a 23-year-old right wing who scored 28 goals for Hershey in the American Hockey League last season, has been obtained by the New York Rangers from the Boston Bruins.

The acquisition of Meissner completes the deal of last Feb. 4 which sent Dean Prentice of the Rangers to Boston for Don McKenney.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Baseball group meeting changed

Bend Youth Baseball's board of directors will convene tonight at City Hall instead of at the Harmon Hobby House, City Recreation Director Vince Genna said today.

Tonight's parley is the last one before the baseballers start season play. Coaches, score keepers, umpires, and anyone else interested in working with the youth baseball program this summer are urged to attend.

A large turnout is expected.

Good catches by some fishermen at Odell Lake

Special to The Bulletin

CRESCENT LAKE — Sunday fishing at Odell Lake has been a little slow, the resort reports, but good catches were taken by fishermen who knew the lake and how to fish it.

Several mackinaw were taken, along with a few Dolly Vardens. The mackinaw now average from 5 to 8 pounds.

SUMNER QUILTS VIKINGS
MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — Defensive safety Charlie Sumner has quit the Minnesota Vikings of the National Football League to accept a coaching position with the Oakland Raiders of the rival American League.

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Izaak Walton League to meet at Prineville

PRINEVILLE — The Izaak Walton League is meeting tonight, at 8 p.m., in the Crook County Courthouse.

Items on the agenda include reports on legislation, teacher scholarship applications, and arrangements for improving the league's target range.



LIKE THIS, SPORT—Vince Genna, left, Bend city recreation director, gives pitching tips to aspiring Rookie League tosser. Action was Monday evening, when the league had player tryouts. Rookie Leaguers will begin play Saturday in the jamboree.