

### NATIONAL LEAGUE RAGE GROWS HOT IN HOME STRETCH

#### Three Teams Battle for Lead—Pirates Threaten Comeback—American League Walkaway for Yankees

By Hugh S. Fullerton, Jr. (Associated Press Sports Writer.) It is hard to imagine a pennant race any warmer than the current National League affair in which the last place team is only 15 games behind the first, and three teams are battling for the lead within a space of two and a half games, but there are various signs and portents that it will become even more heated before the season ends.

Despite 15 defeats in 17 games, many chargeable to left-handed pitching, the Pittsburgh Pirates were only two games behind the league-leading Chicago Cubs today, with the charging Brooklyn Dodgers another half game back. And Pittsburgh was threatening to stage a comeback while the danger signals were flying for Chicago.

It took just about everything the Cubs had yesterday to turn back the Boston Braves, now holders of sixth place. They waged the longest battle of the major league campaign—19 innings—before Chicago finally won out, 3 to 2.

Although Brooklyn closed the gap between second and third to a half game with a 4-1 victory over Pittsburgh, the Buca showed plenty of fight.

In the third National League game, Bill Terry of the New York Giants outted a homer, two doubles and two singles, while Jim Mooney was holding Cincinnati to four hits, and the Giants won easily, 8 to 0. Rain halted the Phillies and Cardinals.

Perhaps to emphasize the difference between the American league chase and the National, the New York Yankees, leaders of the junior circuit, won their tenth straight game, defeating Detroit 9 to 3.

The triumph increased the Yankees' lead to 11½ games as the Philadelphia Athletics retained second place from Cleveland with a 11 to 0 triumph over the Indiana Lefty Grove's four-hit hurling brought him his 18th victory and his fourth shutout.

Washington, in fourth place, but far out of the picture, turned back the Chicago White Sox, 4 to 2, with a seventh inning rally that netted three runs. A six-hit mound performance by Paul Andrews and three 'kisses' by Dale Alexander and Smedley Jolley netted the Boston Red Sox a 7 to 3 triumph over the St. Louis Browns.

**GOLFER'S LEG BROKEN BY CAVING SAND TRAP**

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Earl Rasmussen, 26, Portland, was the victim of a new golf hazard yesterday that sent him to a hospital. While he was playing golf at a Portland course, a sand pit caved in on him, breaking his leg.

### Practice Habit Contains Menace



By Johnny Farrell. (As told to Artie McGovern.)

You often hear a remark to the effect that a prize fighter has left his stamina in his training quarters, and this same theory applies to the golfer who wastes his best shots on the practice tee.

Some practice is necessary, of course, but hitting balls off a practice tee for several hours at a time is not going to improve your game. Ten minutes each with the woods, the irons and the putter, is a fair amount of practice, but more than half an hour only brings about unnecessary physical exhaustion, blistered hands, and an additional mental hazard in the realization that your game is far from perfect.

One of the best methods of practice is to go out on the course at a time when it is not crowded and play three balls on each hole. This gives you an opportunity to study the various shots, different lies and distances, and since you play alone, you can take your time and not rush your shots.

### BASEBALL RESULTS

Team	R	H	E
Coast			
Portland	1	2	2
Hollywood	10	17	0
Batteries: Nelson, Freitas and Cox, Botterani; Shores and Palmisano, Lpi-anovic.			
American			
San Francisco	11	11	2
Hollywood	0	5	3
Batteries: Davis and Walgren; Yde, Kinney and Mayer, Franks.			
National			
Los Angeles	3	8	4
Missions	3	2	2
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Oakland	0	4	3
Sacramento	9	11	1
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### LEATHER PUSHERS POLISH KNOCKOUTS FOR JACKSONVILLE

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However, the small army of leather pushers performing before the crowds at the outdoor training camp in Medford is just hitting the peak of their training grind. They have been doing a lot of pounding on their own accord, but unlike the carpenters, they are pounding on the punching bags or any willing sparring partners.

Local interest in Saturday's card is very keen. At least one fighter in every bout is a past favorite with the local fan's fraternity.

Due to many requests from business men and those working in the stores late Saturday, the fights will not begin until 9:15 p. m.

Promoter Mack Lillard has stated that he fully expects every one of the five fights to end in a knockout, as all of the scrappers carry TNT in their gloves. It's just a gamble which boy lands his haymaker first.

Here's the lineup: Six rounds, light heavies—Terry Kileen, Medford, vs. Jack Gibbs, San Francisco.

Six rounds, lightweights—Herb White, Boise Falls, vs. Neal Staton, San Francisco.

Four rounds, lightweights—Spider Fields, Jacksonville, vs. Orlando Farmer, Eugene.

Four rounds, heavyweights—Bob Christian, Medford, vs. Bill Drumm, Medford.

Four rounds, lightweights—Roy Harris, Phoenix, vs. Carl Jones, Salem.

### HOW THEY STAND

Team	W	L	Pct.
Portland	80	59	.576
Hollywood	77	62	.554
San Francisco	75	61	.551
Los Angeles	75	62	.551
Sacramento	69	70	.496
Seattle	64	76	.464
Oakland	59	80	.424
Missions	53	85	.384
American			
New York	79	35	.693
Philadelphia	70	47	.598
Cleveland	66	47	.581
Washington	63	51	.553
Detroit	58	54	.518
St. Louis	53	61	.465
Chicago	36	75	.324
Boston	29	86	.252
National			
Chicago	62	50	.554
Pittsburgh	61	53	.536
Brooklyn	63	56	.529
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St. Louis	56	57	.496
New York	53	60	.469
Cincinnati	51	69	.425

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### HILL AND FINN RUN AGAIN IN POST-OLYMPIC EXHIBIT

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Lauri Lehtinen and Ralph Hill meet again tonight. The two, whose close battle in the 5000 meters race prompted one of the loudest gallery storms of the recent Olympic games, were matched over the same distance again tonight in a feature event of a post-Olympic exhibition involving track and field stars from 15 nations.

Lehtinen won the 5000 meter Olympic title for Finland but forced the officials into a long huddle before they decided that he didn't purposely cross in front of Hill, University of Oregon star, twice in the final sprint. Both were credited with the same time of 14:30 for the event.

Luigi Beccali of Italy, who captured the Olympic 1500 meters championship, was out tonight to shatter the world record. At the Los Angeles games he was officially timed in 3:51.2, a fifth of a second short of a world mark. Bill Miller, Stanford Olympic champion, and Bill Graber of the University of Southern California, also were here for a pole vault duel.

Babe Didrikson, the "Texas Tornado," and Stella Walsh, competing for Poland, were entered in the women's events. The Texas girl decided to confine her activities tonight to the field events. She won the javelin throw and the 80 meters hurdles championship at the Olympic games, while Stella Walsh was crowned Olympic champion in the 100 meters event.

### PORTLAND ENJOYS OPEN AIR GRAPPLE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Ed Don George, at one time heavy-weight champion, defeated Dan Koloff, Bulgaria, two out of three falls in Portland's first outdoor mat show at Multnomah stadium last night.

George took the first fall in 24 minutes, 30 seconds, with a flying tackle, after both men had applied some hard holds. Koloff evened it in eight and a half minutes with a crotch and half-nelson. Koloff was prepared to execute the same hold in the final session when George placed a hefty poke to the Bulgarian's stomach. Koloff let go all holds and fell over backwards with the New Yorker on top.

Ted Tye, shoulder-butted and wristlocked his way to victory over Wallace Muevecich with two straight falls. Bob Kruse won over Nick Elich with two straight falls, the first a body slam and the second with a wristlock. John Freiburg and Harold Rumberg went 30 minutes to a draw in a rough bout.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 18.—(AP)—A tight pitching performance on the one hand and some timely hitting on the other—these sent the Portland Lincoln Cardinals, Oregon champions, and the Seattle University Post, Washington state title holder, into the finals of the northwest regional American legion Junior baseball tourney today.

With 12 strikeouts to his credit, Leven, Portland hurler, led his mates in downing the Miles City, Mont., team in yesterday's semi-final here. Three errors by the Montana boys were costly, although their own pitcher, Mariana, turned back the Portland lads with only seven hits.

Meanwhile, the Seattle team was garnering 12 hits off two pitchers for the Pocatello nine, Idaho champions, driving across four runs in a big seventh-inning, to make an 8-to-2 victory.

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### BEAVER HURLER FANS 15 INDIANS TO WIN, 16 TO 1

(By the Associated Press)

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The victory kept the Ducks at the top of the league by a margin of three games. Portland made 17 hits off two Seattle pitchers.

Behind the brilliant five-hit pitching of Curtis Davis, the San Francisco Seals shut out Hollywood, 11 to 0, and only sheik batter got as far as third base. The victory put San Francisco within three percentage points of the second-place Stars.

Meanwhile, the Angels went into a tie with the Seals for third place by squeeze out a 3-to-2 victory over the Missions.

Lauri Vincil kept Sacramento on the winning trail by pitching a four-hit game to shut out the Oaks, 9 to 0.

### COCHET ARRIVES SEEKING REVENGE

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Henri Cochet, who considers himself still the world's greatest tennis player, despite his defeat by Ellsworth Vines, Jr., in Davis cup play, arrived today on the liner Champlain to seek revenge in the United States nationals, September 3-10.

Accompanied by his youthful compatriot, Marcel Bernard, Cochet started at once for Boston to begin practice for the national doubles at Brookline next week. After that he will return to New York to practice for the national singles at Forest Hills, where he hopes to lift Vines' title.

### CENTENARIAN RIDES EARLY TRAIL AGAIN

OMAHA, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Back tracking over a trail she rode on a pony 82 years ago, Mrs. Minerva Hastman, 100 years old, is en route from her home in San Francisco to Washington, D. C. She passed through here yesterday, unaccompanied, traveling on a transcontinental bus.

At Washington Mrs. Hastman will celebrate jointly the bicentennial of George Washington and her own 100th birthday. Asked for an interview by newspapermen, she replied that "folk aren't interested in me."

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