



### ERRATIC DODGERS TEND TO BUSINESS AND LEAD LEAGUE

#### Stengel's Crew Troupe Phillie, 12-5, in Great Home Opening Performance—Cards, Giants Win

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The Brooklyn Dodgers, erstwhile daffiness boys of the National league, have put away such childish things as stealing already occupied bases and cutting legitimate home runs to singles by failing to touch a base or two or passing another runner on the base paths.

They're tending strictly to their baseball knitting, winning games by hard, timely slugging, especially by Danny Taylor, Linus Frey, Sam Leslie and Joe Stripp, and sharp, clean fielding marked by 12 double plays in seven games. Five of these they have won.

**Dodgers Trim Phils**  
A crowd of 30,000 welcomed Casey Stengel's men to their home park yesterday and howled in glee as the Dodgers assailed four pitchers for 13 hits, trounced the Phillies 12-5, and took undisputed possession of first place.

The world champion St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Giants, meanwhile, moved up to take second and third places. The Cardinals wiped out the Chicago Cubs 9-5, behind Paul Dean's seven-hit pitching while the Giants ruined Babe Ruth's homecoming by beating the Boston Braves 6-5, in the eleventh on Mel Ott's single. Ruth, making his first New York appearance in his Braves uniform, attracted 50,000 to the Polo grounds but failed to get a hit.

Pittsburgh dove Tony Freitas out of the box 11th sixth with a four run assault to beat the Cincinnati Reds 4-3.

**Red Sox Still Going**  
Developments in the American league were marked by the Boston Red Sox's sixth victory in seven starts. A 7-4 conquest of the New York Yankees, Red Ruffing allowed only one hit in the first 2-1-3 innings but had to retire because of a lame back. Johnny Murphy came in and was slugged for eight hits and all Boston's runs in the next three frames. A crowd of 20,500 saw the Red Sox home opener.

Joe Vosmik's triple was the big blow in the ninth inning rally that gave the Cleveland Indians two runs and a 7-6 victory over the St. Louis Browns that left the Indians in second place with four triumphs against one defeat. Chester Morgan, rookie outfielder of the champion Detroit Tigers, dropped a fly with the bases filled and two out in the fourth and the Chicago White Sox went on to score five runs and win the ball game, 7-2, behind Sam Jones' effective pitching. Washington turned back the Philadelphia Athletics, 6-4 with a three run rally in the eighth.

**LOS ANGELES**—Oscar Rankin, 166, Los Angeles, outpointed Milford "Suede" Berzlund, 162, (10); Freddie Main, 142, Long Beach, Calif., outpointed Glenn Lee, 145, Edison, Neb.

### BABE PROVES "BUST" IN GALA HOME OPENING TILT

By EDWARD J. NEIL  
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NEW YORK, April 24.—(AP)—The ancient Babe Ruth rode the bases in the Polo Grounds again, with 50,000 cheering his return to the once green pastures of the Polo Grounds—but somebody else was hitting the home runs.

The return of Ruth as a member of the Boston Braves, planned as one of the baseball dramas of the day, was pretty much of an artistic bust, to put it baldly.

Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia was there. Governor Hoffman of New Jersey, the Babe's old boss, and Jack Ruppert were there too. Evergreen was cheering for him, hoping for him.

But the unshakable Bambino fooled everybody. He swung four times against the curses of fat Fred Fitzsimmons and Al Stout, and he never once got the ball out of the infield. He trotted around the bases again, as he did so many times in the past, but he rode around ahead of Pinkie Whitney in the sixth, when the Braves' third baseman hit a home run into the stands after the Babe had walked, only time he got on base.

"I was sick," growled the Babe, sicker still at heart. "I had a lousy cold and my leg hurt. I'll get many a belt here before I'm through."

For the first time in his 20 years of major league ball, it actually seemed as though the tenseness of the occasion got the big fellow. He was nervous as the crowd, one of the greatest of the season, gave him one personal tribute after another, cheered every move he made on the practice field. He wouldn't sign score cards. He pleaded with the cameramen: "Give me a break."

**G. PASS CANCELS GAME WITH LIONS**  
Bud Conlin, manager of the Jacksonville Gilmore Lions baseball team, announced today that for some unknown reason the Grants Pass Merchants have canceled their scheduled game with the Lions, to have been played Sunday. "They were all for playing us before we trimmed Ashland," Conlin said, "and now they don't want to play."

The cancellation came at such a late date that the Lions almost despair of getting another game for Sunday, but a telegram was sent to Grants Pass company today to see if that organization has an open date. Offers for games have also been forwarded by the Lions to the House grounds but failed to get a hit. Pittsburgh dove Tony Freitas out of the box 11th sixth with a four run assault to beat the Cincinnati Reds 4-3.

**ELKS FIGHT CARD AGAIN POSTPONED**  
Due to the fact that CCC enrollees are being moved from the Medford CCC district this week, it was impossible for officers to line up a good fight card for the Elks' smoker to be postponed. It is felt that it is better to wait until the camps are settled before choosing the contestants, so that only the best talent is picked. The card will be held in the near future.

At the regular lodge meeting Thursday night special entertainment has been arranged by students of senior high school, it was announced by Secretary Ernest Scott. This promises to be a worth-while show, and lodge members are urged to be on hand for it at 8:30 sharp.

### DUCKS CUT LEAD OF ACORNS WITH 9 TO 8 TRIMMING

By the Associated Press  
Oakland was a mere half game out in front of the Coast league today, as a result of their second defeat of the season.

Buddy Ryan's Portland Ducks administered the beating, 9 to 8, in a close-fought contest that was anybody's game right up to the end of the ninth. With the score 9 to 8, the Acorns staged a three-run rally in the eighth inning, but were unable to make further progress against a lightened Portland defense.

Los Angeles edged closer to first place by downing the San Francisco Seals, 9 to 7.

Scoring all their runs in the eighth inning, the Seattle Indians defeated Sacramento, 8 to 4. Hal Spindel, 19-year-old catcher recently out of U. C. L. A. college team, knocked a homer with two on to help along the tribe's rally, and got a single in three other times at bat.

Lloyd Johnson, tall Mission south-paw, hurled Gabby Street's men to their first victory in 14 starts last night when he handed Hollywood a 6 to 1 defeat.

**TEN CHINOOK TAKEN AT HILTON HOP YARD**  
GRANTS PASS, April 24.—(Sp)—Ten Chinook salmon in the Rogue river near Hilton's hop yards Monday yielded to fishermen and were landed without much difficulty, according to anglers returning in the evening.

O. E. Holloway with Fred Popkin, local river guide, returned to Grants Pass Monday evening after two hours fishing with a 19½ and a 12 pound salmon taken about seven miles below town.

**MAN MOUNTAIN'S HEAD INJURED BY BROWNING**  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—(AP)—Man Mountain Dean, 317-pound wrestler from Georgia, today underwent repairs to his head as a result of a brief bout last night against Jim Browning, 235, Verona, Mo., former claimant to the world's heavyweight title.

Dean injured his head so badly blood flowed profusely when he threw himself out of the ring while attempting to toe Browning. He was unable to continue, and Browning was awarded the bout.

**MARTIN AND HIGHWAY OFFICIALS TO VISIT**  
SALEM, April 24.—(AP)—Governor Martin, accompanied by Henry F. Cabell, chairman of the highway commission, and R. H. Badcock, state highway engineer, will leave tomorrow for a trip over southwestern Oregon.

Among the addresses Governor Martin expects to make are one at the Medford Chamber of Commerce tomorrow night, and one at Marshfield Saturday.

### HOW THEY STAND

(By the Associated Press)  
Coast

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Oakland	11	2	.846
Los Angeles	12	4	.750
Hollywood	8	6	.571
Portland	7	8	.467
San Francisco	7	7	.500
Sacramento	6	10	.375
Seattle	5	9	.357
Missions	3	13	.188

National

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	5	2	.714
St. Louis	4	3	.567
New York	3	2	.600
Cincinnati	4	3	.571
Pittsburgh	3	4	.429
Boston	2	4	.333
Chicago	2	4	.333
Philadelphia	2	4	.333

American

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	6	1	.857
Cleveland	4	1	.800
Chicago	4	3	.571
Washington	3	3	.500
New York	3	4	.429
St. Louis	2	3	.400
Detroit	2	5	.286
Philadelphia	1	5	.167

### WRESTLING CARD WILL PROVIDE CONTRAST IN TECHNIQUE MATMEN

Tomorrow night's neck-twisting party at the Armory promises a contrast in wrestling, with one bout of clean, smooth matwork, and the other a session of more gory, if not faster, grappling.

For those who prefer their mat shows strictly on the mat, the match between Joe Hubka and Jim Healy should prove a crackerjack. Hubka is in fine shape despite bruises he received last week when he tumbled through the ropes, and promises to give the big San Franciscan a thorough lacing. Healy, however, who has been beaten by the "Iron Man" before, thinks he has the Nebraska number this time and is confident that he can outlast him if not pin him.

The unorthodox type of grappling will be dished out by Angelo Cistoldi of Italy, a new face, and Glen Wade, big grappler from Winalee, Neb., who defeated Hubka in his first appearance here last week.

**Science for Change In Salem Grapple**  
SALEM, April 24.—(AP)—Stacy Hall and Dick Trout wrestled fans to a bit of scientific wrestling as the two battled cleanly to a one-hour draw here last night.

Hall won the first fall with a continued application of wristlocks and hammerlocks, but fell victim to a headlock in the second.

Robin Reed took two straight falls from "Whiskers" Adams of St. Helens, and Del Kunkle and Sailor Bill Watkins fought to a 30-minute draw.

### WOMEN GOLFERS NAMED FOR TRIP

day the members who will make the trip.

Resides Mrs. Vawter, there will be Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Mrs. D. R. Wood, Mrs. Anne Fusan, Mrs. F. G. Bunch, Mrs. George Godding, Miss Anne Mae Fusan, Mrs. Larry Schade, Mrs. Dave Wilcox, Mrs. Ray Moran, Miss Roxane Buhl, Mrs. Gordon Green, Mrs. Leland Clark and Mrs. W. S. Thurlow.

The Grants Pass team will return for a match on Rogue Valley course May 15, according to plans.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

### MILEAGE YOU CAN MEASURE

Qualifying rounds for the spring handicap tournament will be held at Rogue Valley golf course next Saturday and Sunday, and the first match play will be held the following week-end. Pro Jack Hueston announced today. A beautiful trophy has been donated by John and Frank Perri for the event, which, it is planned, will be held annually hereafter during May.

Sixty-four golfers will qualify, then be eliminated to 32 during the first week of match play. One bracket will be held each week, so that the finals will be staged May 30, Decoration day.

Beside spring, there is a good deal of golf in the air, according to the pro, and the event promises to be the biggest of the year so far.

The trophy must be won three times for permanent possession, which assures at least three repetitions of the tournament, and officials predict that it will probably be several years longer before the trophy finds an owner.

### WRESTLING! MEDFORD ARMORY Thurs. Nite

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