

SPORTS

NATIONAL LOOP
RUNNER-UP MAY
HAVE LOW MARK

Slimmest Percentage in History is Possible For Second Place Outfit.

By Jack Cuddy
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New York, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—If Brooklyn, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh continue dippy-doodling around second place, the ultimate occupant of that berth may finish with the lowest won and lost percentage of any runner-up during the 67 years of National league history.

Brooklyn, now holding second place, has an average of .543. This ties the all-time low second-place figure of .543 registered by Brooklyn in 1902, when Pittsburgh won the pennant.

The 1943 National league campaign has been unusual. The senior circuit is famous for its close pennant fights. Rarely has any National club so out-distanced the pack as the current St. Louis Cardinals, who clinched the pennant Sept. 18, with 15 days of the season remaining.

Cards Far Ahead
Today the Cardinals are 18 games ahead of the second-place Dodgers, who are only one game ahead of Cincinnati and two ahead of Pittsburgh. Weaknesses developed by the three clubs now struggling for second place caused them to drop far back of the fast-stepping Cards.

caused them to carve out unusually low won-and-lost percentages.

The Pirates of 1902 clinched the pennant earlier than any National league outfit before or since. They wrapped up the flag on Sept. 16, with 19 days remaining. That year the season ended on Oct. 5, two days later than the current campaign. The Chicago Cubs of 1929 did their clinching with 18 days to go; the Reds of 1919, with 12 days; and the Cardinals of 1931, with 11 days.

Although the 1902 campaign established records for early clinching by the Pirates and a low runner-up average by Brooklyn, the next lowest second-place figures were registered in 1914 and 1915. In '14, the Boston Braves—who were in last place on July 19—made the most amazing surge in baseball history and won the pennant. The New York Giants came second, with an average of only .545. The following season, 1915, the Phillies took the flag, and runner-up Boston had a mark of .546.

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Now Its Income Tax Difficulty Bothering Lippy

St. Louis, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—Leo "Lippy" Durocher will face new legal difficulties—this time a process server with a notice of a suit for state income tax on \$14,545, which he earned during his first year as manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers—when he arrives with his team today for a series with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The state charged that Durocher failed to file a return for 1939 and owes \$893 in taxes for that year. J. Jules Brinkman, attorney for the state auditor's office, said a suit seeking \$554 in taxes already was pending against the Dodger pilot on his 1938 income.

SEALS AND SUDS IN FINAL PLAYOFF

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—The San Francisco Seals meet the Seattle Rainiers Thursday in the opener of the Pacific Coast League President's Cup finals, Jack MacDonald, Seals' spokesman, announced last night.

The Seals clinched their right to play in the finals when they won their fourth-straight victory over the Portland Beavers yesterday 6-5.

Starting pitchers, MacDonald said, will probably be Joe Demoran for Seattle, and Bob Joyce for the Seals. Seattle won its place in the finals by four consecutive wins over Los Angeles.

The teams, seeking the championship cup and \$5,000, will play single games Thursday, Friday and Saturday, a double-header Sunday and, if necessary, a doubleheader Monday. The loser of the scheduled seven-game series will receive \$2,500.

FRESNO TEAM IS SOFTBALL CHAMP

Detroit, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—Jax Maids of New Orleans claimed the girls' world softball championship for the second straight year today while the Raiders of Hammer Field air base, Fresno, Calif., held the 1943 men's crown undefeated this year by the Deep Rock Oilers of Tulsa, Okla.

The Maids unleashed an 11-hit attack to defeat the Phoenix, Ariz., Ramblers 7 to 0 for the girls' championship at University of Detroit stadium last night, while the Raiders, relative newcomers in the 11-year history of American Softball association tournaments, eked out a 1 to 0 victory over Briggs Bombers, Detroit Metropolitan champs, to take the men's title.

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TIGERS TO FACE YREKA THIS WEEK SANS JACK BAKER

Medford high will open its 1943 football season against Yreka, Calif., high here next Friday night without the services of Jack Baker, blocking quarterback and a regular last year.

Coach Lorne Arnold said today that Baker suffered a shoulder injury Monday which may keep him out of the lineup for the entire campaign. The injury to Baker has necessitated the shifting of Bob Watson, junior high right halfback last year, to the blocking back post, Arnold said.

Remainder of the Black Tornado backfield will probably see Dippel and Niedermeyer at the halfbacks and Doug Plumley at fullback. The line is shaping up thusly: Doty and Tumy, ends; Plaskett and Sheldon, tackles; Corcoran and Lynch, guards; and Miller, center.

The Tornado will go into its first game with a few plays which Arnold hopes will operate effectively from the Notre Dame box, the "T" and a short punt formation, same system used for the past three years.

Practice sessions this week will be devoted mainly to fundamentals and sharpening of the limited offensive maneuvers for the throw against the Miners, who are an unknown quantity.

"WONDER" TEAM TACKLE PASSES

Los Angeles, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—Funeral arrangements were being made today for Stewart (Stew) Beam, 43, famous member of the University of California "Wonder" football teams of 1921, '22 and '23, who died yesterday after a three-month illness.

Beam flashed to football fame under the guidance of the late Andrew Latham Smith, coach of the wonder teams, who said Beam was one of the greatest tackles he ever coached.

Prior to his death he was an insurance salesman. He is survived by his widow, Jane Beam.

Football Briefs

Fullman, Wash., Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—New strength for Washington State's languishing football squad was forthcoming today with arrival of five new players, swelling Coach Babe Hollingbery's roster to 28.

The new arrivals were Bill Beal, 6-foot, 3-inch end from Los Angeles, Harry Dooley, Glendale, Calif., and Glen Sandstrom and Al Hagman, both from Spokane.

The lanky Beal was expected to make an excellent receiving partner for Stewart Ferguson, 6-foot, 4-inch flanker from Aberdeen, Wash.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—The center position is the real pivot position for Coach Ralph (Pest) Welch's style of play and so the University of Washington coach was concentrating today on grooming three squad members for the key post.

Gordon Berlin, former Seattle high school star; Vern Oliver, transfer from Washington State college, and J. E. Nelson, Buhl, Idaho, aspirant, were Welch's main backstays for the center role.

Berkeley, Cal., Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—The University of California's much-talked about new formation probably will remain a secret until the Golden Bears meet St. Mary's College Saturday at Berkeley. A scrimmage was planned for today. The Bears worked on the new formation yesterday.

Moraga, Cal., Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—The St. Mary's Gaels were slated for heavy workouts in preparation for Saturday's game against California. Coach Jimmy Phelan worked the 4-Fs and 17-year-olds hard yesterday, using Hawaiian Heran Wedemeyer as the spearhead of the team's running and passing attack.

WINNER GETS BIVINS
Washington, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—The heavyweight fight between Al Hart of Washington and Gus Dorazio of Philadelphia, originally scheduled for last night, will be held tonight.

The winner of the bout has been promised a match with Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland Negro, who holds the NBA's "duration" heavyweight crown.

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Mussolini With Nazi Paratroops Who 'Rescued' Him



Benito Mussolini, center, ex-Duce of Italy, is shown with German paratroopers, who, Nazis say, rescued him from a small mountain hotel north of Rome and took him under their "protection" to set up a new puppet Government. Photo radioed from Stockholm to New York.

7 National Leaguers Named On Mythical All-Star Club

By Glen Perkins

United Press Staff Correspondent

New York, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—With the Major league activity confined to traveling today, this seems as good a time as any to present our 1943 all-star team.

We selected only four American leaguers as against seven National leaguers, the first time in years that the senior circuit has dominated a dream team.

The team, and batting order: Bob Elliott, Pirates, 3b; Billy Herman, Dodgers, 2b; Luke Appling, White Sox, ss; Stan Musial, Cardinals, cf; Bill Nicholson, Cubs, rf; Rudy York, Tigers, 1b; Dick Wakefield, Tigers, lf; and Walker Cooper, Cardinals, c. Our pitching assignments were drawn by Spurgeon (Spud) Chandler, Yankees; Rip Sewell, Pirates; and Mort Cooper, Cardinals.

The outfield gave us a little trouble, but only in the matter of placing the players. We placed Musial in center field a position he has played about 12 times this year, in order to make room for Nicholson in right and Wakefield in left.

The first eight hitters have a combined batting average of more than .315 with three of them—Musial, Nicholson and Wakefield—batting from the port side.

The only selection that offered much trouble was in picking Bob Elliott over Arky Vaughan of the Dodgers at the hot corner. Either would fill the bill.

The pitching staff is an all-right-handed corps, but could mow down most of the batters in the Majors. Chandler has a record of 19 victories and only four defeats and his 1.75 earned run average is the lowest in the Majors. Sewell has won more games than any other Major league pitcher, boasting a record of 21 victories and nine defeats. Mort Cooper, despite his inability to beat the American league, has recorded 20 victories and nine defeats.

IDAHO TOYS WITH GIVING UP GAME

Moscow, Ida., Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—With their own college rumored on the verge of abandoning football this season because of a light turnout, University of Idaho fans eyed with more than usual interest today the announcement that Oregon had withdrawn from coast conference football.

Officials indicated that Idaho was unlikely to abandon its football schedule until a definite decision was received from the navy on a request that sailors at the radio training school here be permitted to turn out.

The Vandals were hopeful that navy permission would be granted for the sailors to bolster the Idaho squad.

Under Reciprocal Aid, Britain provided U. S. forces in the United Kingdom with 1,121,000 ships' tons of supplies between July and December, 1942, including 300,000 camouflage nets, 15,600 bombs, 2,000,000 pounds of barbed wire, millions of sandbags, hospitals with a

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FOUR ANGELS GET CHICAGO CHANCE

Los Angeles, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—Four members of the Los Angeles Angels headed for Chicago today to finish the 1943 season with the Cubs.

President Clarence Rowland of the Angels announced that the four had been sold to the Cubs for cash and players. They are Outfielders Andy Pafko and Johnny Ostrowski, Catcher Billy Holm and Shortstop Bill Schuster.

Pafko hit 358 in the Coast league, collected 17 home runs and drove in 116 runs. He is 4-F in the draft.

Flowers of the coffee tree have a little known fragrance all their own that is now being sought after by perfume makers. Studies by the Puerto Rico agricultural experiment station have shown that coffee growers can remove a good percentage of coffee blossoms for perfume oil extraction without disturbing the regular output of coffee in the bean.

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Stassen Endorsed By GOP Yearlings

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—The Young Republican League of Minnesota today endorsed Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, former governor, for the republican presidential nomination next year.

At its annual convention, the league praised Stassen for foresight in providing legislation for the care of returning servicemen and said he had the "courage and character necessary to lead the party."

WACS WELCOMED FOR DUTIES IN ENGLAND

A U. S. Army Replacement Center in Britain, Sept. 21.—(U.P.) Col. James A. Kilian, Highland Park, Ill., commanding this army post, today welcomed 188 of the second contingent of WACS to Britain, assigning them to barracks which had been painted mauve in their honor. The girls will be sent to headquarters of the army's European theater of operations as clerks and stenographers to release soldiers for front-line duty.

Almost the whole record of known geological time is visible in the rocks of the Death valley region.

Blast Hurls Rocks On Frisco Plants

South San Francisco, Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—Seven persons were injured today by an accidental explosion during blasting operations on a hillside, police reported. Two war plants were showered with flying rocks and debris.

Most of the injured were employees of Bethlehem Steel company's South San Francisco plant.

A boulder smashed a home three-quarters of a mile from the blast.

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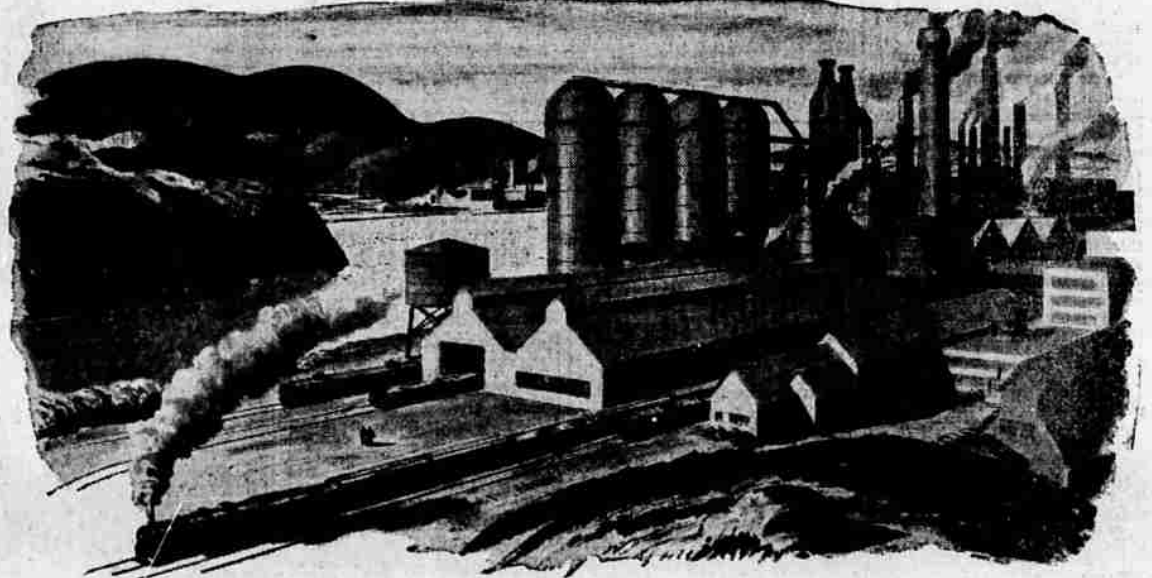
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Today 51 per cent of America's shipbuilding industry is on the West Coast. Aircraft factories here turn out about half the nation's planes.

A steel mill in California now makes 900 tons of pig iron daily and the state produces a mounting tonnage of steel. Steel plate is also made in Utah... Texas is humming with war industries. Entirely new are the great aluminum plants of the Pacific Northwest... magnesium plants in California, close by prune and apricot orchards.

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