

SPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE RACE WIDE OPEN SAYS NATS' BOSS

Bluege Claims All Clubs
Have Pennant Chance—
Boston, Tribe Liked.

By Carl Lundquist
UP Staff Correspondent

New York, June 20.—(U.P.)—Manager Ossie Bluege, who doubts his Washington Senators will add to the commotion in the national capital by bringing the world series there this fall, said today he believed the American league pennant would go to "any team that can keep together the players it has now."

"It looks as if we will all be losing players from now on and the loss of just one key man will be a vital factor to any team," he said.

Taking an off-day audit of the standings after his Monday game with the Yankees was rained out, Bluege said the pennant still was within easy grasp for any club, provided they can "put on an occasional winning streak of five or six games and keep their pitching staff in shape."

"We've been up against it because we lack a power hitter and because we are shorter on pitchers than any other team in the league," he said. "We have to take a good licking every so often just to let some of our pitchers get rested up."

Yanks Unmentioned
Bluege, who significantly omitted the world champion New York Yankees from any of his specific references, said the batting punch of the Cleveland Indians and Boston Red Sox might pay off in a pennant for either club.

"Any team that can win nine in a row like the Red Sox just did has to be reckoned with this season," he said. "They were going along in the second division and all of a sudden started winning games and they haven't

cooled off either." The St. Louis Browns with what he described as a "wonderful winning spirit" may have their troubles from now on, he said.

"They had more players than any of us before they had to cut down to make the player limit," he said. "They had two sets of outfielders for every position, giving them a chance to alternate against right and left handed pitching. And what is very important, they have the same infield they had a year ago and that is something that you can't say for very many clubs this year. However, things may be different for them from now on, especially with a long road trip coming up."

SLIPPING BEVOS TROUNCED AGAIN

By United Press

The Los Angeles Angels took a 5-1 win over their Portland hosts in the only Monday activity in the Pacific Coast league as the Beavers made three errors and failed to hit in the pinches.

With their eighth consecutive defeat, the Beavers dropped in to fourth place behind Hollywood, with the Seattle Rainiers runner-up to the leading San Francisco Seals as the league moves into the 11th week of the 1944 baseball season.

The Seals stay home this week to meet the cellar champions, the Sacramento Solons, while the seventh place Oakland A's go to Seattle. Portland entertains Los Angeles while Hollywood plays host to San Diego.

Yesterdays score:
Los Angeles..... 5 12 1
Portland..... 1 7 3
Comellas and Sarni; Sullivan and Campbell.

VAUGHAN OUT
New York, June 20.—(U.P.)—Any lingering hopes that the Brooklyn Dodgers had held for the return of Infielder Arky Vaughan this season were dispelled today when it became known that Vaughan's request to be placed on the voluntary retired list had been granted by Commissioner Landis.

Closing time for classified ads 9 a. m. — Too Late to Classify, 12:30 p. m.

GIANTS WALLOP RIVAL DODGERS BY 10-2 SCORE

New York, June 20.—(U.P.)—As far as New York National league fans are concerned, the baseball season is a success if the Giants win more than half of their games from the Brooklyn Dodgers and today they were reasonably certain that this season would be a whopping triumph.

The Dodger-Giant rivalry probably is the most bitterly contested in baseball today and of the 10 games the clubs have played this season, the Giants have emerged on the long end of the score seven times. The two meet 22 times over the campaign and at their current pace, the Giants stand to win 14 or more of the meetings.

In the 10 games played the giants have scored a total of 79 runs as compared with the 44 the Dodgers have chased across the plate—the most humiliating defeat coming April 30, when nearly 60,000 fans saw the New Yorkers trounce the "bums," 26-8 to establish a seasonally high scoring mark.

Last night, playing at Ebbets field in heavy weather the New Yorkers swamped Durocher's daisies in their own back yard, 10-2. The victory put the driving Giants within a half game of the second place Pittsburgh Pirates, extended their current victory string to four games and marked their 17th triumph in their last 22 games.

Harry Feldman recorded his sixth victory of the campaign and his third over the Dodgers as he scattered eight hits in his evening's chore. But more pleasing to New York fans, who would miss a chicken dinner to see a Brooklyn player commit an error, was the fact that the Dodgers mishandled three chances.

HOW THEY STAND

American	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	32	25	.561
Boston	30	24	.556
Detroit	29	28	.509
Chicago	24	24	.500
Washington	26	28	.481
New York	25	28	.472
Philadelphia	25	30	.455
Cleveland	26	30	.464

National	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	35	16	.686
Pittsburgh	28	21	.571
New York	30	25	.545
Cincinnati	28	25	.528
Brooklyn	26	29	.473
Philadelphia	21	29	.420
Boston	24	34	.414
Chicago	17	30	.362

Pacific Coast	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	41	30	.569
Seattle	38	34	.528
Hollywood	38	25	.521
Portland	37	35	.514
San Diego	37	38	.493
Los Angeles	35	37	.486
Oakland	34	37	.479
Sacramento	28	41	.406

Townsendites To Meet Friday Night

By Lea Parker

Next Townsend club meeting will be Friday, June 23, in Townsend hall, 219 West Main street, with everyone welcome. A. O. Soholm, Townsend organizer, will meet with Medford clubs at 7:30 p. m. Friday, June 30. All Townsendites and their friends are urged to attend.

Townsendites enjoyed an interesting meeting June 16 when Townsend bulletins from Washington were read reporting that the drive for signers for a state petition for \$60 per month pension to all over 60 years old had been a complete success.

"Passage To Marseille" Coming



Michele Morgan and Humphrey Bogart in a scene from their latest and timely motion picture, "Passage To Marseille," which opens at the Craterian Wednesday.

Eight-Club Pro Coast Grid Loop To Hold First Confab

By Gene Friedman
United Press Staff Correspondent

Los Angeles, June 20.—(U.P.)—And the American Professional Football league, brainchild of W. L. (Big Bill) Freelove, emerges from its hothouse consistency into full bloom with the two-day league meeting Thursday and Friday.

Eight clubs, each of which has one or more backers of the solid flesh variety, will be represented at the meeting, actually the first organization meeting of the league, since up until recently the league's membership was in doubt.

At this writing there are eight clubs (a nice even number)—Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Oakland, San Diego, Hollywood and two Los Angeles teams, one of which is unnamed and the other of which is Freelove's own Mustangs.

Among other things the meeting will be to decide whether Los Angeles is capable of supporting three professional football teams in the same league. It may be decided to transfer the franchise elsewhere, perhaps Spokane, but at the moment, there are still three Los Angeles teams.

Jerry Giesler, who has signified assent, will be selected officially president and commissioner of the league. The selection of Giesler to head the league is expected to strengthen the league, not only as to leadership, but in prestige.

A constitution and by-laws for the league are among the other important matters that will come up and it is expected that both a constitution and by-laws will be adopted at the two-day session.

In addition a schedule will be devised for the convenience of the eight contestants. League play is expected to open sometime early in September, but even that general date is only tentative. Games will be played on Wednesday nights and on Sunday afternoons, as long as the weather permits, but that again is something that will be thrashed out at the meeting.

Eligibility of players—what college players will be permitted to play, what former pro players, mostly ex-National leaguers will be allowed to play—these are also matters that are expected to come up.

There will be a frank discussion of what Gene Doyle, press relations man for the league, terms "territorial rights," or the right of franchise, mostly revolving upon the odd situation which finds Los Angeles supporting or hoping to support three teams.

There are many enthusiasts who still expect the American league to be as strong or stronger than the veteran National league, who expect the National league eventually to be forced into yearly playoffs with this "child prodigy."

The old refrain can still be used—"watch us grow!"

Chamber Delivers 300 Certificates

Framed membership certificates are being delivered this week to members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. This is an innovation with the chamber, membership cards having been used in the past. Frank Hull, manager of the group, states that more than 300 of the certificates are being presented to individuals and firms in all parts of the county.

HICCUGHS PLEA WINS
Houston, Tex.—(U.P.)—Haled into county criminal court to face a drunken driving charge, a 45-year-old motorist presented a new, and convincing, defense. His snazish driving, he said, was due to a violent spell of hiccoughs, not whisky. The jury, in sympathy with the hiccough victim, returned a verdict of innocent.

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MURRAY DECISIONS SHEPPARD IN 12

Baltimore, June 20.—(U.P.)—Hard-hitting Lee Q. Murray, of Norwalk, Conn., recognized by Maryland as "duration" heavy-weight champion, today held a 12-round decision over Curtis Sheppard of Pittsburgh.

Murray, weighing 185½, gained the decision here last night before 10,000 at Oriole park as he relied mainly on his greater ring experience and an occasional hard left hook to ward off Sheppard's rushes. There were no knockdowns and neither fighter appeared in serious trouble at any time.

The bout had not been expected to go the limit since each fighter has demonstrated a punishing attack in previous bouts. Sheppard weighed 207½.

FREE TICKETS TO BOND PURCHASERS

Tickets for the bond show, "The Call of Freedom," are to be secured through headquarters of the Fifth War Loan drive, 21 North Central avenue. It was announced today. The show, being staged by men of the Western Personnel Reassignment center, Camp White, will be given at the Craterian theater Friday night of this week.

Admission to the show will be by bond purchase only, and persons desiring the tickets are to present a bond, dated not earlier than June 19, at the drive headquarters. The headquarters are open from 12 noon until 4 p. m. and from 6 to 8 p. m. Bonds of any denomination are acceptable.

FM STATION ASKED
Washington, June 20.—(U.P.)—The Consolidated Broadcasting Corp., Ltd., today asked the Federal Communications commission for permission to construct a new FM station at Los Angeles.

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Thunderbolt Base Set Up In France

London, June 20.—(U.P.)—Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton announced today that Ninth air force Thunderbolt fighter-bombers now are permanently based in France, the first elements of any American air force to take up permanent stations there.

Maj. Gen. E. R. Quesada, commander of the Ninth tactical air force, established his headquarters in France last week.

It was previously announced that Thunderbolts based in Britain were landing on French airfields during all-day operations to refuel and rearm.

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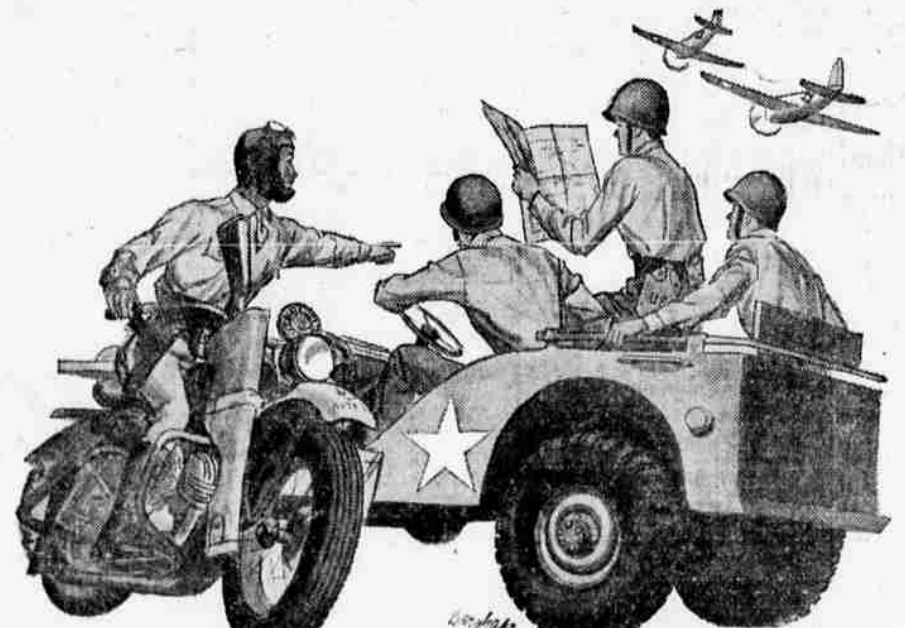
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