

SPORTS

COOPER DEFEATS WYATT, OLD FOE TO MARK ERA END

Cards Wallop Dodgers, 14-3 Before Small Crowd—Browns Increase Lead

New York, Aug. 2.—(U.P.)—The idea was inescapable today that the small crowd which saw Morton Cooper of the St. Louis Cardinals beat his old enemy, Wyatt of the Brooklyn Dodgers, 14 to 3, yesterday was in on the end of a baseball era.

From the 1941 season until mid-way last year, the Cards and Dodgers represented about all that was powerful in the National league and Cooper and Wyatt were their respective pitching aces.

Until the Dodgers began to crack up in the middle of the 1943 season, a duel between Cooper and Wyatt was sufficient to draw capacity crowds and the big right-handers never failed to provide a full measure for the admission price. In 1941, late in the season, Wyatt won a 1 to 0 duel over the Cardinal fire-ball expert that was regarded as the turning point in the race, with the Dodgers going on to win the pennant. Like wise in 1942, Cooper was an 11-inning victor in a 2 to 1 duel at St. Louis in which both teams went scoreless for 10 innings.

The Cards went on from there to capture the pennant was more than slightly significant.

The Cards played their role as overlords of the National league to perfection, pummeling Wyatt and his four successors for 17 hits. Yet the idea persisted that the game found the Cards at their peak and the Dodgers at lowest ebb. The Cards, liquidating some of their far-flung farm holdings are not likely to go on dominating the league indefinitely.

Three Homers
The Cincinnati Reds defeated the New York Giants, 5 to 4, with first baseman Frank McCormick continuing his hitting spree with a three-run homer to pace the offensive. The Giants maintained a bare lead in fourth place over the Chicago Cubs who were idle at Philadelphia in the midst of a seven-game winning streak because of a transportation strike which caused postponement of a double header.

The suspended game bugaboo complicated the standings again at Boston with Pittsburgh leading the Braves, 12 to 8, in a game called in the eighth inning to permit the Bucs to catch a train.

The St. Louis Browns moved five and a half games in front in the American league by winning their fourth straight from Washington, 11 to 6.

Detroit defeated the New York Yankees, 8 to 4, knocking Ernie Bonham out in the third inning. Cleveland defeated Boston's ace pitcher, Cecil (Tex) Hughson, 8 to 4, in his bid for his 17th victory.

Irv Hall's second extra-inning triple in as many days again provided the winning run for the A's over the Chicago White Sox in the 10th, 2 to 1.

ATHERTON IN HOSPITAL
Los Angeles, Aug. 2.—(U.P.)—Edwin N. Atherton, Pacific Coast conference athletic commissioner, enters the Santa Monica hospital today for a gall bladder operation.

Atherton has been ill for several months.

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ALL-SCIENTIFIC MAIN GRAPPLE ON THURSDAY'S CARD

It's been a long time since an armory main event wrestling match pitted a pair of scientific operators against each other, so Thursday night's feature attraction will come as a welcome change to many fans.

Promoter Mack Lillard, in selecting his top-spot combatants, couldn't have done a better job had he had his choice of any two scientific matmen now in action on the Pacific coast.

Paavo Katonen, of course, is rated the best clean wrestler on the western seaboard and one of the greatest in America. Not far behind is Jack Kaiser of Vancouver, Wash., who will provide the opposition.

Kaiser appeared here three times in May and delighted the customers with his sensational speed and knowledge of legitimate holds. He has been in the Los Angeles area for the past five weeks and ran up an unbroken string of victories. He is considered the most promising light-heavyweight on the coast and possesses a very efficient pinning hold in his alligator clutch. He is en route back to the north-west and was induced to stop off here for the match against the big Finnish gent.

Katonen, as befits his status as coast light-heavy champ, will probably be the slight favorite. Few grapplers can match Katonen's skill along scientific lines, but Kaiser may do just that and score an upset victory.

Unlike the one-hour main event, the four-round center bout will see a roughneck, in the person of Tony Morelli, meeting Herb Parks, the Canadian light-heavyweight titlist.

Pat O'Dowdy, a rather uncouth character, will face Tex Porter, a scientific grappler, in the three-round opener.

HOW THEY STAND

American				
	W.	L.	Pct.	
St. Louis	59	42	.584	
Boston	52	46	.531	
New York	50	48	.521	
Cleveland	51	49	.510	
Detroit	49	50	.495	
Chicago	46	50	.479	
Philadelphia	44	55	.444	
Washington	42	56	.429	
National				
	W.	L.	Pct.	
St. Louis	69	28	.726	
Cincinnati	54	42	.563	
Pittsburgh	50	40	.556	
New York	46	51	.474	
Chicago	42	47	.472	
Boston	39	56	.411	
Philadelphia	37	55	.402	
Brooklyn	38	58	.396	
Pacific Coast				
	W.	L.	Pct.	
Los Angeles	62	53	.539	
San Francisco	62	54	.534	
Hollywood	59	58	.504	
Portland	58	57	.504	
Oakland	58	58	.500	
Sacramento	56	60	.483	
Seattle	56	61	.479	
San Diego	54	64	.458	

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Pro Grid War Breaks Out In Earnest As Teams Seek Men

By Walter Byers
United Press Staff Correspondent

Chicago, Aug. 2.—(U.P.)—The National Professional Football league declared today that the professional football war, which has been in the skirmish stage for several months, now is on in earnest.

Prompted by action of the American league, composed of Pacific coast cities, National league headquarters here sounded a warning to players of its own league not to be too hasty in accepting offers of newly-organized competitive leagues, "nebulous or otherwise," and indicated that new leagues should not be too ambitious when eyeing players in the National circuit.

Battle lines began to form a short time ago when several new leagues took shape on paper and announced: (1) They had plenty of fresh money, and (2) they needed football players to form teams. The first newcomer to promise open competition to the National was the United States league, whose president is Roland D. Payne, a Pittsburgh industrialist unknown to the sporting world.

The American league plans to operate this year and recently asked Elmer Layden, National league president and commissioner, to protect its property and players until the far west is able to compete with the National, which is 24 years old this season and firmly established as a going concern.

However, an announcement by the American league yesterday that National league players have been assigned to Pacific coast teams touched off the fireworks and ended affiliation prospects between the National and American.

The west coast outfit received application blanks from prospective players, pooled the players for a workout and then assigned them to three of its teams in a cooperative venture new to professional football. They also propose to pool their expenses.

Noting that Dean Hillick and Bill Flisk, Detroit Lion players, and Vic Carroll, a New York Giant member, were in the pool, George Strickler, National league publicity director, warned all players in that league that such fickleness might end their playing days in the major leagues.

"Any National league player who accepts a contract with any other league," he explained, "will be ineligible to play in our league for five years and none of our teams can play another team which has on its roster such a player. For older players, it may end their careers so far as the National league is concerned."

Strickler said there was room for another major professional football league, indicating that the present crop of aspirants—notwithstanding their grandiose plans—don't appear to be qualified. The National league, itself, harbors post-war plans for the west coast, ultimately planning to establish franchises at Los Angeles and San Francisco.

TRAIN DERAILED

Los Angeles, Aug. 2.—(U.P.)—A broken rail was blamed today for the derailment near Saugus, Cal., last night of 11 cars of the slowly-moving San Joaquin Daylight, Southern Pacific passenger train en route from San Francisco here. The locomotive and seven cars passed the broken rail but the following cars went off the track. None overturned and no one was hurt.

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Satchell Paige Calls For Player Strike In Protest Money Split

Chicago, Aug. 2.—(U.P.)—Leroy (Satchell) Paige, who boosted negro baseball to its present moneyed position with his skinny right arm, today was soliciting fellow all-star members of the negro National and American leagues to join a strike Aug. 13, the day of the east-west all-star classic at Comiskey park.

A prominent star in eight of the 12 east-west games, the "Satch" is organizing the strike in protest against the management of the two leagues who refused to follow his suggestion that 100 per cent of the game's proceeds go to war relief.

"The big boys are greedy," Paige said. "Negro baseball has grown up to where it is big time and paying us about \$600 per game. I built this game up and I want to help the soldier boys, white and black both."

After more than 2,000 days of pitching toll, the tall, 38-year-old negro remains as one of the greatest pitchers of all time, regardless of race. He suggested last spring that the war relief chest be the recipient of the classic's proceeds this year and when the managements ignored his advice, "Satch" walked out for G. I. Joe.

MARINE NINE TO PLAY HERE TWICE

The Marine Air Base Wingers, who downed the strong U. S. Naval Air Station nine of Klamath Falls, 9 to 8 two weeks ago, will meet the Medford-Camp White league All-Stars in a two-game series here next week-end. The Saturday night tilt will start at 9 o'clock, that Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

The Wingers will be the best team to show at the fairgrounds park this season. They handed

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the navy files their only loss of the campaign. The fliers last Sunday whipped the All-Stars, 12 to 7.

PILCHARDS NEEDED

Washington, Aug. 2.—(U.P.)—Coordinator of Fisheries Harold L. Ickes said today that the Pacific pilchard fishing season, which opened yesterday in California, must yield more than 1,000,000,000 pounds to meet the demands from military, civilian and lend-lease agencies.

PLAN OAKLAND TUNNEL

Washington, Aug. 2.—(U.P.)—Rep. Albert E. Carter, R., Calif., said yesterday that plans and specifications for a new \$6,500,000 tunnel from Oakland to Alameda, Calif., have been prepared and that a contract for its construction could be let "at short notice" after the war.

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