

SPORTS

BROWNS DIVIDE
WITH BOSOX IN
CRUCIAL SERIESDoerr's Homer Gives Boston
Victory In Opener—Rex
Cecil Winning Pitcher

New York, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—The American league was in a state of agitation today regarding the St. Louis Browns and their six and a half game lead in the league race, but, oddly enough, nobody seems to be able to do anything about it.

The Browns circuit doormats for so long that they established squatters' rights in the cellar, began their current eastern trip with a six and a half game lead and the margin hasn't varied a bit in six games already played. Without benefit of higher mathematics it's obvious that a continuation of that lead will result in the first American league pennant in history for the St. Louis club.

The Browns opened their road jaunt by knocking off the champion Yankees three times out of four—a feat which should have stretched their margin. But the second place Boston Red Sox kept pace by turning the same trick against Chicago to keep the same margin. Then yesterday, when the two clubs opened their four-game series with a double-header, each team won a

game and the margin remained intact.

Yesterday's opener in Beantown was a game expected of two top clubs. It was decided in the 13th inning on Bobby Doerr's 15th homer which gave Boston a 7-6 edge. Rookie Rex Cecil, recently purchased from the San Diego club of the Pacific Coast league, arrived in town shortly before game time and pitched the last four innings to gain the decision in his first major league game. The second game was called at the end of five innings because of Massachusetts' Sunday law and the Browns, with Nelson Potter pitching, gained a 6-1 triumph.

Yanks Split
Chicago and New York shared at Yankee stadium in a pair of lopsided ball games. Rookie Mel Queen crowned the Sox with a five-hitter in the opener to win his first major league game. 10-1. Orval Grove pitched the Sox to an 11-3 win in the finale.

The Philadelphia Athletics halted the winning streak of the Detroit Tigers at nine games by beating them 6-1 in the first of their two games at Shibe Park. Dizzy Trout, however, became the first major league pitcher to record 19 decisions in the nightcap when he pitched the Tigers to a 6-0 shutout.

Washington's Senators snapped out of their five-game losing streak taking both ends of a twin bill from the Cleveland Indians in the capitol. 2-1 and 4-1.

The National league had a feast or famine day with all clubs either winning or losing two. The leading St. Louis Cardinals provided home fans with a double win over the Brooklyn Dodgers that slid the "Bums" back into the senior circuit basement. Max Lanier pitched a six-hitter for a 4-1 win in the opener. Harry Brecheen won the nightcap for the Red Birds, 7-3.

The Philadelphia Phillies came out of the cellar with 3-2 and 7-6 triumphs over the Chicago Cubs at Chicago. The Cincinnati Reds bested the New York Giants, 4-3 and 9-2, before a home crowd. Rip Sewell pitched five-hit ball and clouted a home run to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to an 8-1 victory in their opener against Boston in the Smoky City. Frank Colman's two-run homer in the eighth inning of the second game supplied Fritz Ostermuller with the margin of triumph in a 3-1 game.

TOP PROS OPEN
PGA TOURNAMENT

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 14—(U.P.)—The nation's top active professionals and a host of hopefuls teed off today in the 26th renewal of golfdom's most coveted tournament, the national P.G.A. championships.

Today and tomorrow's 18 hole rounds over Manito course will be medal play and will whittle the field to 32 who will begin match play on Wednesday for the \$20,000 prize money offered by the Spokane athletic round table.

Favored to be around for the finals and quoted at 3-1 in the betting were Byron Nelson of Toledo, O., and Harold (Jug) McSpaden of Philadelphia, top money winners of the year, thus far. Second choice and bracketed at 4-1 were Craig Wood of Mamarene, N. Y., and Sammy Byrd of Detroit.

BEAVERS WALLOP
SEALS IN DOUBLE
BILL; TAKE 3RD

By United Press

Three Pacific Coast league teams swept double-headers yesterday afternoon, but the best of the league-leading Los Angeles Angels could do was to gain an even split with the Sacramento Solons.

The Solons grabbed the first game 3-2 but dropped the second 6-3. In other games, the Portland Beavers extended their mastery over San Francisco by winning a twin bill, 4-3 and 3-0; San Diego took a pair from the shoddy Oakland A's, 4-0 and 7-2, while Hollywood walloped Seattle, 11-4 and 10-3.

In series opening tomorrow, Seattle visits Portland, San Diego invades Sacramento. Oakland calls at Los Angeles and Hollywood travels to San Francisco.

In San Francisco, the pitching staff of the Portland Beavers had another big day, trimming the Seals in the 14-inning opener and then coming right back to blank the O'Doul club in the finale. The first game saw Mario Pieretti best Bob Joyce in a slab duel, while in the nightcap the veteran Ad Liska chalked up his second shutout of the series.

The Beavers swept the seven-inning engagement and to add insult to injury, while knocking the Seals down the league pennant ladder, turned in four shutouts in the six-day stand.

Scores:
Portland..... 4 14 1
San Francisco..... 3 10 1
Pieretti and Adams; Joyce and Spranz.
Portland..... 3 7 1
San Francisco..... 0 4 0
Liska and Adams; Gibson and Ogdrowski.

TALBERT, BROUGH
COP NET TITLES

Rye, N. Y., Aug. 14—(U.P.)—Billy Talbert of Indianapolis, Ind., and Louise Brough of Beverly Hills, Cal., today held the singles titles of the eastern grass court tennis championships completed here yesterday and both gained their crowns with upsets.

Talbert, seeded second in the tourney, defeated heavily favored and top-seeded Francisco (Pancho) Segura of Ecuador in a straight set match for the men's crown, 9-7, 6-4, 6-4, and Miss Brough bested National Women's Champion Pauline Betz of Los Angeles in straight sets 6-3, 6-1.

In the double finals, Segura and Talbert teamed to win as expected from Charles Oliver of Perth Amboy, N. J., and Nick Buzich of Los Angeles, 6-4, 6-2. The women's doubles went to Miss Brough and Miss Margaret Osborne of San Francisco, defending singles champion, who defeated Miss Betz and Doris Hart of Miami, Fla. 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

There were 770 million pounds of vital food crops lost in California's fields and orchards in 1942 because of the harvest labor shortage.

Football on Coast This
Year to Have Much Color

By Hal Wood

United Press Staff Correspondent

San Francisco, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—The quality of play may not be quite up to what professional football should be, but sure as shootin' there will be two big-time professional gridiron circuits operating along the Pacific slope this fall—all dire predictions of disaster to the contrary notwithstanding.

In fact, there will be so much football—college, service, high school, American league and Pacific Coast league—that a dyed-in-the-wool fan will be able to absorb as much football as the average baseball fanatic.

And what the games lack in quality, they may make up in color.

Many of the college teams again will star big names from other colleges; the revered Amos Alonzo Stagg will be back at College of Pacific with what he hopes will be another powerhouse; the service teams will be mixing big-name college stars with standout professionals.

And last, but not least, the professionals will be offering the dandiest conglomeration of talent you ever saw.

There will be youngsters still in their 'teens, ex-college stars who hold down defense factory jobs, husky All Americans from the army, navy and marines playing under assumed names to escape publicity that might make their company commander put a ban on their picking up that extra dough.

And just a few of the boys who know very little about football but who make good copy for the sports writers.

The Oakland and Hornet-San Francisco Clippel pool has come up with the best item along this line. The lad is Robert (Tarzan) Bootsie, a young nature lover from the Sonoma hills.

Bootsie showed up at the first tryout all decked out in a flowing beard—and in bare feet. It seems that the husky lad was exposed to the grid game once while picking up a meager education and it so fascinated him that he got hold of a pigskin and did a little practicing in his mountain hideout.

Now, the clubs' publicity states, Tarzan plays without shoes or helmet and can "thread a needle with a football at fifty yards."

WEST WINS SANS
SATCHEL PAIGE

Chicago, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—Despite the absence of Leroy (Satchel) Paige, the greatest Negro pitcher of them all, the 12th annual Negro East-West baseball classic was played last night before a crowd of 48,247 fans who jammed Comiskey park to see the West win 7-4 and even the series to six games each.

Paige, star hurler of the Kansas City Monarchs, who has done much to boost Negro baseball to its present position, announced August 1 that he would lead a 16-player walkout unless 100 per cent of the game's proceeds were turned over to war relief.

But last night, Paige was the only player missing and his team won without him.

TONY, LIPSCOMB
WILL MEET AGAIN

It's on!
Tony Morelli and Jack Lipscomb will meet again in the Medford armory grappling ring next Thursday night in the top bout of another double main event.

Promoter Mack Lillard announced today he had signed the two wrestlers for another contest, this time with the winner to take all the dough ordinarily split equally between the pair. Paavo Katonen will face Harold (Ruck) Davidson in the lower half of the double main go, and Jack Kaiser will meet Pat O'Dowdy in the three-round opener. Both main events will be for one hour or two out of three falls.

COMMISH OPPOSES
DAMS ON ROGUE

Portland, Ore., Aug. 14—(U.P.)—The state game commission announced today that about 10,000 acres of a hunting preserve at the Summer Lake swamp would be thrown open to public shooting.

The area, a waterfowl wonderland, has been controlled by private ownership which charged as high as \$2.50 a day for shooting on the land. The game commission said that in order to defray costs of supervision, it would collect a fee of \$1 from each hunter admitted into the preserve.

Thousands of waterfowl drop into the lake area every fall and it is expected the numbers would be greater this season than at any time since the turn of the century.

The commission also went on record as opposed to construction of any dams or other structures which tend to impede the migration of salmon, trout or other game fish on Rogue river and its tributaries. The U. S. bureau of reclamation already has surveyed sites for 33 dams on Rogue river and its various branches.

CAMP KEARNS IN
SEMI-PRO UPSET

Wichita, Kan., Aug. 14—(U.P.)—Camp Kearns of Utah turned in the first major surprise of the 1944 national semipro baseball tournament here last night by whipping the 20th armored division team from Kentucky by a 3-2 score.

Brown, on the mound for the Utah post team, whiffed 14 tank men and only his wildness kept him from scoring a shutout. Lefty Johnson, handling the chugging chores for the Kentucky nine, also was wild. Kearns took its winning margin in the second frame on two walks and a hit. The Kentucky team was a pre-tournament favorite.

Lowry Field of Denver, loser of a first round game to the highly-touted Enid, Okla., army air field, remained in the tourney last night, ousting the Key Field, Miss., army post team by a 13-1 score.

BOWLING ALLEYS
OPEN TOMORROW

Renovated and redecorated, the Medford Bowling Alleys will open Tuesday, Aug. 15 under the new ownership of N. E. "Bill" Johnson, who recently purchased the establishment from Ed Jones.

Johnson announced he had installed Lee Denzer as manager, and said that the alleys and all other equipment had been refinished and conditioned with the newest Brunswick products.

FEATURE BOUT

New York, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—An east-west welterweight match between Jimmy McDaniel of Los Angeles and young Aaron Perry of Washington, D. C., at Madison Square Garden Friday night features this week's national boxing schedule. The bout is slated for only eight rounds because of Perry's age, 18.

See Mail Tribune Want Ads.

WENDELL VAUGHN,
OF TRAIL, AMONG
FIRST IN FRANCESeaman Aided in Blowing Up
Obstacles On Normandy
Beach; Under Heavy Fire

A U. S. Naval Base in England, July 31 (Delayed)—A 19-year-old Trail, Ore., store clerk, survivor of one of the most desperate missions of the Allied invasion of France, today told how he and other members of the U. S. Naval Combat Demolition unit crawled up the Normandy beaches to blow up great steel, concrete and explosive obstacles constructed by the German army.

He is Wendell M. Vaughn, seaman, first class, USNR, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vaughn of Trail, who with eight other navy men and five members of the U. S. army engineers landed on the shores of Normandy in the wake of the first wave of American assault forces.

Explosives Carried
Carrying special tools and TNT strapped to his chest, the young Oregonian landed in a small invasion craft, swam through shallow water and crawled up dunes to destroy enemy obstacles.

"How we ever made the beach and how we ever carried out our mission," said Vaughn, "will always be a mystery to me. Before our vessel touched the shores of France the Germans opened up with mortars, big guns, machine guns and oil bombs."

"We knew from photographs and charts what we were to expect. But there are no pictures or maps in the world which can describe those obstacles. Some were ten feet high and eight feet wide built like a pyramid out of heavy, standard railway tracks."

Each of the three rails was sharpened at its upper end. Some were under the water and others were further up the beach just at the high tide mark. Any landing craft, big or small, which came in contact with them would have been wrecked.

"Sneaking up the beach on our stomachs we placed our charges, wired them up and then took cover from the enemy shells which seemed to follow our every footstep."

"Seeing those obstacles blown up and knowing that we had completed our mission was one of the most happy and proudest moments of my life."

Vaughn with other members of his unit used every trick to carry out their mission. On one occasion several members of the unit found two abandoned bulldozers which they appropriated. "Two men," continued Vaughn, "both of them former Seabees, knew how to operate the bulldozers. In the face of all kinds of fire those two men hooked strings of cable to the end of the machines and after we had loosened them with explosives, used the bulldozers to drag them up the beach out of the path of other waves of assault troops and vehicles which were beginning to arrive." Others called upon army tank units for the same assistance.

Each unit was assigned a section of an American invasion beach. Upon the elimination of the enemy obstacles depended largely the success of subsequent landings of larger invasion craft such as the LCT's (landing craft, tanks) and later the LST's (landing ship, tank) all of which carried powerful forces of infantry, tank and artillery units backing up the assault forces.

Brother In Army
Vaughn, whose brother, Donald R. Vaughn, is a private in the U. S. army, formerly was employed by Mrs. Mary Greive at a store in Prospect, Ore. Shortly after enlisting in the

Blue Moon Stellar Rarity
But Really Seen Sometimes

By J. Hugh Pruett

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"Once in a blue moon," we say, meaning "almost never," or even "not at all." A prominent eastern astronomer recently remarked that he did not believe a blue moon could occur since there are no known meteorological or optical reasons for it. We know that smoky air will show a red moon.

Another eastern writer said the term doubtless comes from the use of the words "blue moon" to indicate an occasional 13th full moon in a year, which occurs about once in three years. In olden times each full moon was given a special name, such as Lenten moon, egg moon, harvest moon, hunters moon, etc. The extra one, which might occur any month, was termed blue moon.

But every time a scientist writes that the moon cannot appear blue, strong refutations come back from a few laymen. Four of these claims of actual observation have been published in the magazine Sky and Telescope during the past five years. One said that the half moon in the south had a decided bluish tinge 20 minutes before sunset and that its reflection in a quiet pond was even bluer. Another described his moon as green-blue.

Seen By Another

The present writer considered blue moons likely due to constitutional disorders of the observers until he and several others witnessed this very phenomenon shortly after sunset on July 28, 1944. The half moon in the south was thinly veiled by gorgeous red cirrus clouds. The thought occurred that the moon might simply appear blue by contrast, but when a little later it floated out into a very clear sky, the strikingly blue color was still there, and required no imagination. Presently as darkness came on, our blue moon turned into pale yellow.

No explanation is offered. A blue moon may be a sight of a

U. S. naval reserve, he volunteered for the Naval Combat Demolition unit and was sent to Ft. Pierce, Fla., for an intensive course of training. He also participated in a number of maneuvers in England.

DOROTHY GERMAIN
CHAMPION AGAIN

Chicago, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—After six days and 106 holes of golf, Dorothy Germain of Philadelphia won the women's western amateur golf title for the second consecutive year, and after six days and 63 holes of golf Betty Jean Rucker of Spokane, Wash., established herself as one of the most promising stars the distaff side has given golfdom.

The fame of this year's tournament went to Miss Germain, Saturday, when she defeated Phyllis Otto, Omaha, Neb., in the finals, 5 and 4, to become the sixth woman in the 44-year-old tournament's history to win the crown two years running.

GENERAL WORRIED

Los Angeles, Aug. 14—(U.P.)—Brig. Gen. Ray W. Hays, state guard adjutant general, today called for recruits, declaring the state guard would be needed to defend the coast against a possible last-stand vengeance attack by the Japs.

AMERICAN HEROES
BY LEFFBUY
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TODAY to assure victory and peace in days to come!

A B-25 was taking off somewhere in North Africa. It crashed and burst into flames. Private Eugene A. Genter rushed forward with three other soldiers to aid the crew. The heat was overwhelming but Genter and his companions, drenched from the hoses of rescue apparatus, rescued three crew members from the blazing ship. Then Genter returned to remove loaded 50 caliber machine guns. He won the Soldier's Medal. Such are the men your War Bonds fight beside.

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