

SPORTS

BROWNS SURGE TO FIRST PLACE TIE IN JUNIOR WHEEL

Nelson Potter Blanks Bosox With Two Blows After Tigers Lose to Mackmen.

New York, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—The Detroit Tigers and the St. Louis Browns begin what virtually amounts to a six-game baseball season today insofar as the pennant hopes of each club is concerned.

The Browns, crediting the giant-killing Philadelphia Athletics with a big assist, threw the scrambled American league stretch battle into a state of confusion last night when they climbed into a first place tie with the Tigers by beating the Boston Red Sox, 3-0. Earlier in the day the seventh place Athletics, who defeated the Browns three-out-of-four when St. Louis was on top and later, knocked off the then league leading New York Yankees in three straight games, did it again by edging the front-running Tigers, 2-1.

With the Detroit loss confronting him, St. Louis Manager Luke Sewell knew that he had to win "this one" and sent his ace, Nelson Potter, to the mound. Potter came through with a two-hit performance to score the shutout and push the Browns back into a share of the driver's seat.

Thus, the two clubs start all over in their quest for the flag, for the Browns, their first in history, and for the Tigers, their first since 1940.

18th Victory

Potter's exhibition, his best of the season, netted him his 18th victory, the Browns, their sixth straight and ninth out of their last 11 starts since opening their final home stand, September 15.

Russ Christopher, ace of the Athletics' mound staff, limited the Tigers to four hits in helping the Browns climb the ladder.

The New York Yankees took advantage of the situation to pick up a game and a half on the Bengals and draw within three games of the pace-setters by winning a pair from the Chicago White Sox, 3-1 in the 12-inning opener, and 5-4 in the nightcap.

The Cleveland Indians used the four hit pitching of Ed Killeman to shutout the Washington Senators, already consigned to last place, 4-0.

In the National league the champion St. Louis Cardinals scored twice in the ninth inning to beat the Brooklyn Dodgers, 3-1, and the New York Giants tallied once in their last frame to edge the Cincinnati Reds, 2-1. Pittsburgh's Pirates got official credit for winning a game they started on August 1, when they defeated the Boston Braves 13-8 in the completion of a suspended contest but the Braves took the regularly scheduled game, 5-4. The Chicago Cubs won a two-night doubleheader from the Philadelphia Phillies, 7-6 and 4-1.

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CARD BOSS SHOWS STRAIN OF CLUB'S LACK OF SPIRIT

By Jack Cuddy
United Press Staff Correspondent

New York, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Billy Southworth seems to be "Whistlin' past the graveyard" when he assures reporters that his Cardinals have snapped out of their slump.

That's the impression we got while shooting the breeze with Billy-the-Kid in the dugout before yesterday's game at Brooklyn.

The middle-sized manager in the gray road uniform had just come out of a clubhouse meeting with his players at which, we understand, he had tried to whip up more pep. Beneath the veneer of his smile, his nerves were raw. One could almost feel his "edge."

Turning on a grin, as if with a faucet, Southworth said, "I'm glad to see the boys snapping out of it—the way they're doing. We were in a pretty bad slump before we started this eastern trip. We had our ears pinned back—good. It was our only slump of the season. It was to be expected. And I believe it did the whole club a lot of good—giving the boys something to work out of before the series."

That monologue may look good in print, but it didn't sound as good as it looks—coming from a guy who was just about as convincing as Maxie Baer at Speculator, N. Y., when he was training for his fight with Joe Louis. Baer was one up on Southworth because he knew, at least, for whom he was conditioning.

Southworth isn't sure whether the opponent will be the Detroit Tigers or St. Louis Browns, now deadlocked in the American league flag race.

But he knows that both clubs are hot from the stretch brawling in the junior circuit; and he knows that the Cards—who were given yesterday's 3-1 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers—have made just one legitimate tally in 28 innings. They beat the Dodgers yesterday on three official errors and a few other unofficial miscues that did not reach the boxscore.

The "tainted" victory ran the league champion's string to six but they were not the type of wins to bring ready smiles to the face of the usually genial Southworth. All were recorded against clubs floundering in the second division and four were by one run margins.

HOW THEY STAND

American	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	84	64	.568
Detroit	84	64	.568
New York	81	67	.547
Boston	74	74	.500
Cleveland	71	77	.480
Chicago	69	79	.468
Philadelphia	68	80	.459
Washington	61	87	.412
National	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	102	46	.689
Pittsburgh	88	60	.593
Cincinnati	84	63	.571
Chicago	72	75	.490
New York	65	82	.442
Boston	61	87	.412
Brooklyn	60	88	.405
Philadelphia	58	89	.395

Gambling "Fix" Threatens To Hurt Sports In Hawaii

By Dan McGuire
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Honolulu, Sept. 25—(U.P.)—The "fix" in Honolulu has reached a stage where even professional gamblers are getting suspicious of each other.

A few people, particularly Vernon (Red) McQueen, sports editor of the Honolulu Advertiser, want the authorities to stage a clean-up drive because they are afraid football, basketball and baseball events here will become involved in such scandals the public will refuse to have faith in the integrity of athletics.

Gambling is so widespread and involves such vast sums that it staggers the imagination. Thousands of dollars are bet on high school football games. Last fall, a prep star was offered \$300 to throw a game and a coach was offered a new sedan if he took it easy on the opposition.

As McQueen points out, it isn't the gambling itself that is the primary danger—it's the "fix." Basketball games last season were so obviously fixed that even the fans became disgusted.

Most of the gambling is on points, or runs, not winning or losing. It is well known that there is a "syndicate" operating and that it can get to many professional athletes, no matter in which sport they are participating.

Sports mean a lot here, especially at this time when thousands of servicemen are on hand. The city goes wild over football in particular. High school games draw overflow crowds to the local stadium, which holds 25,000.

The opening game of the year, between a couple of semi-pro teams, was sold out. Scalpers were doing a rushing business.

The stands were sprinkled liberally with khaki and whites—sailors and soldiers didn't care who won—they just wanted to see a football game.

It looked like it was on the up-and-up. Maybe it's too early for the gamblers to be out.

HAGG, ANDERSSON TO RUN IN STATES

Stockholm, Sept. 27—(U.P.)—The American legation announced today that Swedish distance runners, Gunder Hagg and Arne Andersson had accepted an invitation to fly to the United States for two months of competition in connection with a war bond campaign.

Legation spokesmen said that the invitation was made by the United States treasury through the foreign office. Haakon Lidman, a hurdler, also accepted an invitation to make the trip.

The announcement came less than a day after Hagg's return from Helsinki, when he disclaimed knowledge of any such invitation and said he doubted whether such a tour could be made until after the war.

The three athletes are expected to leave Sweden early in October.

Football Briefs

Los Angeles, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Coach Jeff Cravath today drilled his USC Trojans on teamwork to eliminate the frequent penalties for offside and backfield in motion which marred last Saturday's game with the UCLA Bruins.

Don Burnside, brilliant 17-year-old back drilled as quarterback the key running spot in the Trojan system.

Quarterback Jim Hardy, Left end Don Hardy, Left Guard Wally Crittenden, and Center Russ Antles were ready to go after a day's rest on the bench, Cravath said.

Los Angeles, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—The UCLA Bruins went through a dummy scrimmage and signal practice today as the team prepared to bear down for the University of California game at Berkeley this Saturday.

Coach Babe Horrell said he will know tomorrow whether George Phillips, who is taking exams, will be eligible for the Bruin-Bear tilt.

Berkeley, Cal., Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Bill Duncan, 190-pound stand-out University of California tackle, will be lost to the Bears for two or three weeks as the result of injuries received in the 31-7 win over St. Mary's. Coach Stub Allison said today.

Center Roger Harding was elected captain for the game against UCLA here Saturday.

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BEAVERS BEATEN IN FINAL CLASH

Los Angeles, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—The Los Angeles Angels, Pacific Coast league pennant winners for the second year in a row, moved into the finals of the Governor's Cup playoffs against San Francisco by defeating the Portland Beavers 3-2 last night with a ninth inning rally.

Los Angeles win gave them a 4-2 series victory, qualifying the Angels for the final playoff against the Seals, defending Governor's Cup holders, starting in San Francisco tomorrow night.

The first three games will be played at Seals stadium and the remainder of the seven contests in Los Angeles starting Sunday. San Francisco polished off Oakland, four games to one, to enter the finals.

Two old reliables clinched the Angel win, Johnny Moore getting a pinch single in the ninth inning and Cece Garriott driving in Stan Gray, running for Moore, with the winning run after two were out.

The linescore:
Los Angeles..... 3 10 0
Portland..... 2 10 0
Adams and Sarni; Pieretti and Adams.

BIG SIX ELEVENS VIE WITH BIG 10

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Having drawn two blanks in last Saturday's efforts against southwest conference teams, representatives of the Big Six conference turn this week-end to the east and north for another try at extra-curricular luck, this time against Big Ten teams.

Missouri, in need of kicking if one can judge by the results of the Arkansas fracas in the mud at St. Louis, heads for Ohio

Red Skelton in Craterian Show



Red Skelton is shown in a comical scene from "Bathing Beauty," a musical technicolor with Esther Williams and Harry James. The picture opens tomorrow at the Craterian for a four day program.

In Rialto Role



Olive Barber's Observations

Coming to the Rialto Wednesday for four days, Acquafetta and J. Carol Naisi co-star in "Jungle Woman," with Evelyn Ankers. Scheduled as the companion feature, Johnny Mack Brown and Raymond Hatton appear in "West of the Rio Grande."

State, Nebraska, still the lowly figure in the midlands circuit, takes on Minnesota.

Kansas makes the trip to Denver for a game Friday night against Denver university. The defending conference flag-wavers, Oklahoma, play their backyard opposition, the Norman Naval Zoomers, while Kansas State meets Wichita U., and Iowa State plays host to Gustavus Adolphus.

BOWLING

In Classe league games last night, Jim's Super Service defeated Rolling Pin, 2 to 1 (R. Pruitt 605, R. Pruitt 221). Murray's Maid-Rite defeated Domestic Laundry, 3 to 0 (Sims 619, Sims 234 and Medford Feed and Seed defeated Signal Oil, 2 to 1 (Simmons 557, Simmons 212).

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dustrously scratching teacher. So we itched and scratched our way through the winter and the times tables.

I learned to waltz that winter, to the strains of Over the Waves at the all-night country dances. "One, two, three," counted the blond and gigantic shingle bolt cutter—"a long step on count one, shorter steps on two and three." He also taught me to two step to Red Wing. He was a strong man. He had to be for I was always on the heavy side, even as a girl. Once I caught what my untutored but instinctively Puritanical nose told me was a whiff of hard cider. I quit him cold, right in the middle of the floor. Which left him free to dance with maidens of lighter weight and whose steps needed the mathematical guidance.

I don't believe school teaching is what it used to be.

QUITS OWI

Washington, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Robert E. Sherwood today re-

signed as director of the overseas branch of the Office of War Information to return to private life and take an active part in the fourth-term campaign of President Roosevelt.

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