

# Portland in Undisputed Command of League Race

By United Press  
Managers Marv Owens' Portland Beavers, splitting a doubleheader with the Hollywood Stars yesterday, moved into undisputed leadership of the Pacific Coast league as the Seattle Rainiers fell off the pace by dropping two games to the speedy Oakland Acorns.

The Beavers won their first game, 16-1, but dropped the second 10-2. Meanwhile, the Acorns were getting some first-class pitching and downing Suds by 3-1 and 3-2 counts.

The San Francisco Seals won their first series of the infant season by annexing a double bill from the Sacramento Solons 9-5 and 12-5 and the hot San Diego Padres thumped the sinking Los Angeles Angels twice, 12-1 and 9-4.

Portland used up all its run-powder in the first game against the Stars. The Beavers pounded out 21 hits, including seven doubles. During the day First Baseman Larry Barton collected 11 bases on six consecutive hits. In the second tilt Jack Smith, Mel Steiner and Meyer Chozen drove in all the 10 Hollywood runs. More than 13,000 fans saw

the game. Portland won the series, five games to two.

**Scores:**  
First games  
Sacramento ..... 5 15 1  
San Francisco ..... 9 12 1  
McCarthy, Babbitt, LeGault and Marcucci, Orella and Sprinz.

Oakland ..... 3 6 1  
Seattle ..... 1 5 2  
Gibson and Fenech; Demoran and Finley.

San Diego ..... 12 10 3  
Los Angeles ..... 1 5 2  
Dumler and Ballinger, Abbott; K. Hicks, Glore, Lammers, Slotter and Esterwood.

Hollywood ..... 1 6 2  
Portland ..... 16 21 1  
R. Smith and Hill; Liska and Adams, Nordger.

**Second games**  
Sacramento ..... 5 10 2  
San Francisco ..... 12 12 2  
Powers, Antanario and Marcucci; Seward and Ogdrowski.

Oakland ..... 3 11 2  
Seattle ..... 2 6 0  
Gilmore and B. Ralmondi; McLaughlin and Finley.

San Diego ..... 9 10 5  
Los Angeles ..... 4 6 2  
Brillheart and Ballinger; Colombo and Kreitner.

Hollywood ..... 10 9 0  
Portland ..... 2 10 4  
Weldon and Hanson; Frede-meyer, Windsor, Carr and Adams.

## BABE ZAHARIAS NOT TO DEFEND GOLF LAURELS

Palm Springs, Cal., April 23.—(U.P.)—Babe Didrickson Zaharias will not defend her title this year as 150 golfers gathered today for the 10th annual Palm Springs women's invitational golf tournament.

Mrs. Zaharias is to play a benefit match with Betty Jameson in San Antonio, Tex., next weekend and so passed up the tourney here which she won so easily last year.

# TROUT PITCHES SIX-HIT VICTORY OVER CLEVELAND

## SCORES YESTERDAY

**American**  
Detroit 6, Cleveland 3.  
Chicago 4, St. Louis 3.  
New York 5, Washington 2.  
Philadelphia 6, Boston 1.

**National**  
Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 0.  
Boston 3, Philadelphia 2.  
Philadelphia 7, Boston 6.  
Brooklyn 3, New York 1.  
St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 0.  
Cincinnati 9, St. Louis 7.

New York, April 23.—(U.P.)—Paul (Dizzy) Trout of the Detroit Tigers today put his pitching time table more than two weeks ahead of a year ago when he won 27 games. Yesterday he notched victory number two, a 6-to-3 six-hit job over the Cleveland Indians before 23,063 appreciative home fans.

Continuing their role as the surprise team of the early season, the White Sox won a double bill at Chicago from the St. Louis Browns, 4 to 3, and 5 to 3. The New York Yankees won their fifth game in six starts at Washington, defeating the Senators, 5 to 2, on a three-hit pitching stint by Hank Borowy—his second victory.

**Philadelphia Wins**  
Russ Christopher won his second game for the Philadelphia As, 6 to 1, holding the Red Sox to five hits as they lost their sixth straight at Boston.

The Chicago Cubs set the pace in the National, upsetting the Pirates in both ends of a double header at Pittsburgh, 3 to 0, and 5 to 2.

The Braves and Phillies split at Philadelphia, Boston winning the opener, 3 to 2. Elmer (Butch) Nieman's two-run homer for the Braves in the ninth of the second game went to waste when the Phillies made three runs in their half to win, 7 to 6.

**Davis Beats Giants**  
The Dodgers salvaged the final game of their series with the Giants at the Polo grounds, winning, 3 to 1, on the fine pitching of Curt Davis.

The Cardinals dropped to third by splitting a double-header with Cincinnati at St. Louis, winning the opener, 2 to 0, as sophomore Ted Wilks took a duel from the veteran Bucky Walters and rookie Frank Dasso. The Reds pulled the second game out of the fire by scoring three unearned runs in the 10th to win, 9 to 7.

**HOPE TEAM WINS**  
Arcadia, Cal., April 23.—(U.P.)—Comedian Bob Hope teamed with Olin Dutra and Babe Zaharias to defeat Crooner Bing Crosby, Lt. Ben Hogan and Betty Jameson, 6 up, in a golf benefit match over the sporty Santa Anita golf club links yesterday. The six celebrities attracted 5,000 milling fans, who donated \$3,500 to the A.W.V.S. for its war welfare work.

Waterproof matches, used in jungle areas and at sea, will light after being under water many hours.

## Sport Chips



Harry Chipman  
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Along with advent of spring and warm evenings comes talk of a softball league for Medford. Athletic events during the summer months will of necessity be slim in the valley so a league would give players and spectators a diversion from their daily chores.

Harry Morris of Ashland is reported to have a team lined up and the Elks club from the sister city is said to be flirting with the idea in an effort to get a league underway in that city. Inter-city games, which have always proved interesting in the past, would be a possibility.

The plan doesn't necessarily call for young athletes, but is a game which can be played by the older gents as well. It seems there are enough young and old men around Medford to get up four or five good teams to make up a round-robin schedule through the summer months.

Al Simpson, the Medford high mentor, told us the other day he is vitally interested in formation of a softball league and would be a logical man to handle such a plan, in our opinion. Someone has to take the initiative and contribute a lot of hard work to get such a plan organized and working, but surely there is someone in Medford who is interested enough in a softball league to undertake the chore.

Why doesn't somebody call a meeting of all interested in playing or sponsoring teams and get the set-up all ready to roll when our weather settles for the summer months?

## 409,287 WITNESS BIG LEAGUE TILTS

New York, April 23.—(U.P.)—Major league baseball, which in late January considered giving up for the duration because of manpower shortages and possible public disapproval, drew 409,287 paying spectators and thousands of non-paying servicemen during the first week of the season, a United Press survey revealed today.

The National league drew 214,227 fans to 25 games and the American league 195,060 to 23 games. The average of better than 8,500 fans per game was considered highly satisfactory in view of the weather, which in many cities has been cold and damp.

Largest crowd of the young 1945 season was the 30,871 which attended the Brooklyn-Giant game at New York's Polo Grounds yesterday in near freezing weather. The 30,069 at the Cincinnati opener was a close second. The Giants are far ahead in total attendance so far with 53,600 present for three games.

**JAP DRIVE HALTED**  
Chungking, April 23.—(U.P.)—The Japanese drive on the 14th U. S. Air Base at Chingkiang in Hunan province has been halted, a Chinese communique said today, and Chinese forces have pushed the enemy back more than 18 miles.

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## TONY MORELLI TO MEET GRAY MASK

Answering the request of many wrestling fans, Promoter Mack Lillard announced today that Tony Morelli has been signed to meet the Gray Mask in the top main event of Medford armory's wrestling program next Thursday night.

Walter "Sneeze" Achieu, the great Chinese mat star, and Gust Johnson, former coast champion will meet in the semi-windup. It is a rematch of last week's spectacular match which Achieu won. The winners of the main event and the semi-windup will probably meet in the top match the following week, Lillard said.

Harold (Blood and Guts) Davidson, the tough little ex-marine, will collide with Terrible Tony Ross in the three round opener.

## SEATTLE CLAIMS NATIONAL TITLE

Seattle, April 23.—(U.P.)—The Seattle Ironmen today held the national amateur hockey championship after coming from behind in their seven-game series with the Boston Olympics to win four straight victories.

The Ironmen garnered the title last night by swamping the easterners 9-1 after spotting the losers the first goal midway through the first period. Seattle countered with two goals before the period ended, however, and it was no contest thereafter.

## TORONTO FINALLY WINS HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Detroit, April 23.—(U.P.)—The Toronto Maple Leafs, battered champions of the hockey world, took an equally battered old mug home in triumph today after winning the final game of the Stanley Cup playoffs from the Detroit Red Wings, 2 to 1.

## HANDBALL MEET STARTS

Chicago, April 23.—(U.P.)—Matches for quarter final berths in the national AAU handball tournament at the Town Club open tonight. New York's Frank Coyle and Chicago's Joe Platak, handball's top ranking players, moved toward a repetition of last year's final match by easily winning second round encounters yesterday.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 9:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

## HOW THEY STAND

National	W.	L.	Pct
New York	5	2	.714
Chicago	4	2	.667
St. Louis	3	2	.600
Cincinnati	3	3	.500
Brooklyn	3	3	.500
Boston	3	4	.428
Philadelphia	2	4	.333
Pittsburgh	2	5	.286

American	W.	L.	Pct
Chicago	5	0	1.000
New York	5	1	.833
Detroit	4	2	.667
Philadelphia	4	2	.667
Washington	3	3	.500
Cleveland	1	4	.200
St. Louis	1	5	.167
Boston	0	6	.000

Pacific Coast	W.	L.	Pct
Portland	16	7	.696
Seattle	15	8	.652
San Diego	12	11	.522
Oakland	12	11	.522
Sacramento	11	12	.478
San Francisco	11	12	.478
Los Angeles	9	14	.391
Hollywood	6	17	.261

## SEA SWALLOW WINS

Tijuana, Mex., April 23.—(U.P.)—Sea Swallow was established today as one of the best racers to be sired by the mighty Seabiscuit after winning an easy victory in the \$10,000 added Tijuana derby at the Hipodromo here. Owned by Charles S. Howard, Sea Swallow yesterday ran the mile and an eighth in 1:51-1-5 to far outdistance four rivals.

## DENIES "UNDRESSED"

Hollywood, April 23.—(U.P.)—Mona Ray, beautiful singer and actress denied heatedly today that she had been found either "undressed" or clad "only in a sweater" with her sister's husband, Josef Montague, screen writer.

## LATINS ARRIVE

San Francisco, April 23.—(U.P.)—Ambassadors of 12 Latin Ameri-

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