

Detroit Hangs Onto Lead Despite Slump At Plate

New York, July 17—(U.P.)—It is risky to pick flaws in a pennant favorite right after it apparently has shaken a serious slump, but the wonder of it all today is that the tottering Tigers still are in first place.

A browse through the books reveals that they are suffering from a serious case of base hit anemia. That wasn't surprising since the prevailing belief has been that prize pitching has kept up in the race. But, it was a shock to learn that the club has only three dependable starters at present and that it is without a top flight relief pitcher.

Even with a 12-hit attack which produced a 9 to 4 victory over the Yankees at New York yesterday, the Tiger lineup has a season average of only .248.

The victory, coupled with double deflation of the Senators by the Browns at Washington, 7 to 3 and 5 to 1, put the Tigers three full games ahead.

Unpredictable Bobo Newsom won his second straight after losing 12 in a row, a two-hit, 7 to 1 triumph which gave the Athletics a split after the White Sox won the opener, 6 to 2.

Cleveland made all its runs in the sixth, two of them on a homer by Pat Seery, to top the Red Sox at Boston, 3 to 2. Allie Reynolds won his ninth game.

The Cubs scored twice in the last of the ninth to beat the Giants, 4 to 3. It was Chicago's fifth straight win and their 16th in 17 games.

The runner-up Cardinals kept pace at St. Louis with a 2 to 0

shutout by Harry Brecheen over the Braves. Brecheen, who has been out with arm trouble was making his first start since June 23. He gave up six hits.

Tom Seals, shelved as a starting pitcher by Manager Leo Durocher when the Dodgers were winning, came back now that they are losing to win his second straight assignment, beating the Pirates at Pittsburgh, 8 to 4.

Philadelphia and Cincinnati were not scheduled in the National.

Ponies Set to Fly To Nation's Tracks In Post-War Period

San Francisco, July 17—(U.P.)—The ponies are going to really fly after the war.

You may have your doubts about that last nag you wasted \$2 on, but the pitch is that Bay Meadows, northern California's race track, is planning a post-war air field for the convenience of race horses and patrons.

General Manager Bill Kyne says 230 acres of the track's property next door to the racing strip will be used for the construction of a class three airport which will accommodate 1,500 planes for parking and housing.

Preliminary work will be started in August, proving it is all no pipe dream.

HOW THEY STAND

City Softball League			
	W	L	Pct.
Camp White	4	1	.800
Junior Chamber	3	2	.600
Littrell Parts	3	2	.600
Silver Dollar	2	2	.500
752nd MP	2	3	.400
Ordnance Shop	2	3	.400
Jennings	2	3	.400
State Guard	1	4	.200

Southern Oregon League			
	W	L	Pct.
Navy	6	0	1.000
Marines	4	1	.800
Medford	3	3	.500
Central Point	2	4	.333
Ashland	1	4	.200
Butte Falls	1	5	.167

American			
	W	L	Pct.
Detroit	44	32	.579
Washington	40	34	.541
New York	41	36	.532
Boston	41	36	.532
Chicago	40	39	.506
St. Louis	37	38	.493
Cleveland	36	39	.480
Philadelphia	26	51	.338

National			
	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	48	29	.623
St. Louis	45	34	.570
Brooklyn	45	35	.563
Pittsburgh	41	38	.519
New York	42	41	.507
Boston	39	40	.494
Cincinnati	37	38	.493
Philadelphia	21	63	.250

CAMP WHITE LEAD PUT ON BLOCK IN SOFTBALL LEAGUE

GAMES TONIGHT
Jennings vs. Ordnance Shop.
Silver Dollar vs. Camp White.

Silver Dollar Grill and Camp White will battle tonight for leadership of the City Softball league when they clash in the second game of a doubleheader at the high school field.

Silver Dollar, now in a second place tie with Junior Chamber of Commerce and Littrell Parts, will move into a tie for first place if they can stop Camp White, while a win by the soldiers will extend their lead two games ahead of the field.

Jennings Tire Shop, losers of three games in a row, will go against Ordnance Shop in the first half of the dual program, starting at 7:45 p. m. They are tied with 752nd MP's for third place in the loop with the losers slated to be sole occupants of the fourth place spot.

Jennings started out like champions to win their first two games but slipped into a slump which has stuck with them for their past three contests. City softball experts figure the club is due to win and might pounce on the Ordnance men to break their jinx.

Nelson Retirement From Tourney Golf Is Denied by Star

Dubuque, Ia., July 17—(U.P.)—Byron Nelson, new Professional Golfers' Association champion, has denied rumors that he may retire from tournament golf to rest an ailing back.

Nelson, here for an exhibition match with Harold Jug McSpaden, Sanford, Me., told reporters yesterday, "my back is all right—after all, I won the PGA title yesterday after seven full days of golf."

Nelson and McSpaden are scheduled to appear in Sioux City, Ia., today and will conclude their series of exhibition matches tomorrow at Rochester, Minn. Both planned to tee off Thursday in the St. Paul open tournament.

Nelson, who pulled a back muscle during a driving contest at the recent Chicago Victory National open, said he might stop at the Mayo clinic for a checkup while in Rochester. But he said he had every intention of playing in the St. Paul match and the \$80,000 All-American open which starts at Chicago's Tam O'Shanter club July 23.

SUGAR ROBINSON BOUT IS SET FOR CHICAGO

Chicago, July 17—(U.P.)—Promoter Jack Kearns said today that he had arranged for a 15-round bout at Chicago between Ray (Sugar) Robinson, negro welterweight, and Jake Lamotta, middleweight title contender. Kearns said the date would be set as soon as the two fighters, both New Yorkers, agreed on the weight.

BEAVER-SEATTLE COMBINATION IS ALL-STAR WINNER

Pacific Coast League baseball teams took a busman's holiday yesterday by doubling up to play two all-star games for the benefit of the Association of Professional Ball Players of America.

At Wrigley Field in Los Angeles, Los Angeles and San Diego teamed up to score a 3-1 victory over Sacramento and Oakland. A Seattle-Portland combination trounced a Hollywood-San Francisco team 13-3 at Portland.

The southern game saw the squads dueling scoreless for six tight innings. The Angels and the Padres cut loose in the seventh when Mel Hicks and Mickey Krellner of Los Angeles singled with two men out. Guy Miller scored them both with a long double to left field corner. The northern squad finally scored in the ninth when Al McElreath, Sacramento, doubled and scored on a single to right by the Solon's Joe Marucci.

The northern clubs hopped on John Marshall for six runs in two innings and were never headed. The winners tagged 17 hits, including six doubles. They were threatened only once during the evening when they got three runs on one hit, two walks and an error. Seattle's Carl Fischer was credited with the win while Marshall, a Hollywood right hander, was charged with the defeat.

The PCL pennant race resumes in earnest today with Seattle meeting San Francisco at Seattle, Hollywood at Portland, San Diego at Oakland and Sacramento at Los Angeles.

Lightweight Champ Hurt in Car Wreck

Phoenixville, Pa., July 17—(U.P.)—Physicians at Valley Forge General Hospital said today that the injuries of lightweight champion, Cpl. Bob Montgomery suffered in an automobile accident were not serious and would not affect his boxing career.

Montgomery, home on furlough from Luke Field, Ariz., suffered muscle strains on the back and right shoulder and a lacerated right knee when the car he was driving overturned near Princeton, N. J., as he was going from New York to Philadelphia. His wife and three year old son also were injured.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By United States
New York—Queensboro Arena—Danny Kapirow, 146½, New York, stopped Ernest (Cat) Robinson, 147½, New York, (6).

Newark, N. J.—(Meadowbrook Bowl)—Georgie Parks, 185, Washington, stopped Jimmie (Shamus) O'Brien, 178¼, Philadelphia, (9).

Pittsburgh—Juste Fontaine, 136, Pittsburgh, stopped Pedro Hernandez, 133, New York, (5).

LONDON FAVORITE
London, July 17—(U.P.)—British Heavyweight Champion Jack London was a slight favorite at 5 to 4 odds to retain his title against Bruce Woodcock, young railroad worker whom he meets tonight in the Tottenham football stadium before an expected crowd of 50,000.

IRISH PRACTICE
South Bend, Ind., July 17—(U.P.)—Eight lettermen from the 1944 Notre Dame football squad and 102 other gridiron aspirants have reported for summer practice, Coach Hugh Devore said today.

NINTH NAZI DIES
Ft. Douglas, Utah, July 17—(U.P.)—The death toll from a berserk American army guard's shooting orgy last week at the branch German prisoner of war camp at Salina, Utah, today had risen to nine. Ninth Service Command officials here reported that German Pfc. Friedrich Ritter died Friday from wounds suffered when Pvt. Clarence V. Bertucci, New Orleans, turned a mounted machine gun on the POW camp enclosure.



THE LAND OF THE FREE—American soldiers repatriated from Germany wave joyfully as they get first glimpse of New York skyline. The men, all with crutches, are aboard Swedish exchange liner Gripsholm headed for Jersey City pier. Of the 1,208 repatriates, 463 are exchanged American prisoners, 632 are civilians, 42 are merchant seamen and 78 are Canadians. (U. S. Navy Photo.)

Mussolini Needed Her Only In Adversity Widow Sums Up Life With Former Leader

(The following exclusive interview is one of the few public statements ever made by Mrs. Benito Mussolini. It is her first to an American correspondent since the death of her husband and her removal to a British internment camp.)

By Ann Stringer
(United Press Correspondent)
A British Internment Camp, Terni, Italy, July 17—(U.P.)—"I was never close to him when he was high; I was always near him when he was down."

With that weeping epitaph, Benito Mussolini's gray-haired widow summed up her life with the flamboyant Duce who left her for a younger, prettier mistress at the height of his Fascist power.

Pouring out her words between choking sobs, Donna Rachele revealed in an exclusive interview that she spoke to the doomed Duce by telephone only six hours before he was slain by a band of Italian Partisans near Milan last April.

In British Custody
We spoke informally in the six-room apartment in an abandoned synthetic rubber factory where she and her two youngest children are being held in British protective custody.

Throughout the interview, Donna Rachele defended her dead husband against every accusation—except his final infidelity with Clara Petacci, who shared his death and humiliation in the bloody public square in Milan.

For the red-haired Clara, Mrs. Mussolini had nothing but hatred and a fierce satisfaction that Benito's mistress was dead.

Her eyes literally flashed when Clara's name was mentioned. She pushed herself far back in her chair, sat up straight and spat out:

"They've done well to hang her. She was the only one around Mussolini who had anything really to do with the Germans."

Then, speaking even more furiously and pounding the table before her, she almost shouted:

"Mussolini (she always referred to him that way) never had anything to do with women. He never let them have any influence over him. That was propaganda just to ruin him."

"Mussolini at the most had five minutes with a woman, then he would leave her."

Widow Defends Duce
She trembled with anger and emotion as she spoke. But the frail widow, still attractive in spite of her 56 years, maintained her dignity, presenting a far different picture from the hulking, peasant-type woman I had been led to expect.

"I last saw Mussolini about eight days before he was killed," she went on, holding a clenched

handkerchief before her face. "I talked with him by telephone about six or seven hours before he met death."

"He called me at 3 a. m. at Como that morning and told me to try to get into Switzerland, but that if I failed, to turn myself and the children over to the American authorities."

"Of course I knew something was wrong. I knew he was in danger, because he told me he was with the Partisans. But I did not know he was going to be killed."

Planned U. S. Home
"We should have gone to America when we first got married," she said. "We had planned to and we talked much about it. We planned to live there and

mistress is now living in Switzerland with millions of dollars."

Examinations Will Be August 25 For State Office Jobs

Salem, July 17—New examinations for clerical and casework personnel have been scheduled by the merit system council. The examination date has been tentatively set for August 25. Examinations will include advanced and beginning clerical and stenographic series including administrative secretary, stock control clerk, and telephone operators; beginning and advanced caseworkers, assistant casework supervisor, and casework supervisor with the State Public Welfare Commission.

Vacancies exist in all covered agencies; State Public Welfare Commission, State Board of Health, Unemployment Compensation Commission, and the Crippled Children's division of the University of Oregon Medical School.

Applications for these examinations must be received by August 9. Detailed information may be obtained by writing Professor William Griffith, 816 Mead Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

Legion Head For Immigration Ban

Hollywood, July 17—(U.P.)—Homer L. Chaillaux, American Legion field director, yesterday asked that all immigration be prevented until America's 10,000,000 or 12,000,000 servicemen have found jobs and readjusted themselves.

STILL FRIENDS

Hollywood, July 17—(U.P.)—Navy Lt. Walter Kane, former husband of Screen Star Lynn Bari, and his wife, Muriel Morris, announced today plans to end their three months marriage in the divorce courts. Lt. and Mrs. Kane said personality differences caused the marital breakup but added they would remain friends.

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