

SPORTS

Seals Tip Beavers 2-0 In Coast Loop Opener

By PAUL CANE
San Francisco—(U.P.)—A wave of optimism trickled through Pacific Coast league stadiums Wednesday, inspired by some good crowds and good baseball at the PCL's opening games.

The PCL, 50 years old, turned a leaf on its 180-game 1952 schedule, Tuesday and Tuesday night. And when that first flap was pushed back there were many thrilling things for a baseball fan to see.

Cold weather kept the opening-night throng to about 8,500 at San Francisco's Seals stadium. But those who braved the chilly air were rewarded by witnessing Seal Bill Reeder's auspicious PCL pitching debut. The gangly, 6 foot, 5 inch Texan fashioned a spiffy one-hitter in gaining San Francisco a 2-0 decision over Portland.

New Pilots Appear
Two new-to-the-league managers made appearances: Tommy Heath led the Seals; Clay Hopper directed the Beavers.

A record crowd—13,621—sat in sunshine at Sacramento to watch Gov. Earl Warren toss out

the season's opening ball. However, the Solon fans were later disappointed where it went. Doubles by Chuck Connors and Max West gave Los Angeles a 1-0 nod over Sacramento.

Frank "Lefty" O'Doul, for 17 years boss of the Seals, opened his 1952 business at a new stand. He masterminded the San Diego Padres to a 6-2 victory over high-regarded Oakland, as nearly 9,700 watched his bow as a Padre. They were thrilled to see two old-timers, grumpy Guy Fletcher and Al Benton, conspire to pitch three-hit ball for the win.

Fight Video
Hollywood, fighting television home-viewers, lured only 3,825 through the turnstiles for its opener against Seattle. The Rainiers, defending champions now managed by Bill Sweeney, cubbed Hollywood for 13 hits and a 6-3 triumph.

Huge Johnny Lindell suffered the entire 13-hit Seattle attack. The Rainiers clubbed him for five safeties and three runs in the second panel to develop the margin of victory. Sud veteran Charley Schanz pitched the victory, working steadily as he allowed seven hits.

LINE SCORES:

Portland	000 000 000-0	1	0
San Francisco	000 000 000-2	6	1
Adams, Linde 8 and Robinson; Reeder and Ortig.			
Los Angeles	100 000 000-1	7	0
Sacramento	000 000 000-0	7	1
Chandler and Peden; Flores, Gables 9 and Smith, Kinman 8.			
Oakland	000 000 200-2	3	1
San Diego	002 010 300-2	8	1
Gettel, Buxton 7, Van Cuyk 7 and Davis; Fletcher, Benton 7 and Kerr.			
Seattle	030 010 110-6	13	3
Hollywood	000 012 000-3	7	3
Schanz and B. Wilson; Lindell and Sandlock.			

Standings

COAST LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.
San Diego	1	0	1.000
San Francisco	1	0	1.000
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000
Seattle	1	0	1.000
Oakland	0	1	.000
Hollywood	0	1	.000
Portland	0	1	.000
Sacramento	0	1	.000

Tuesday's Results
Los Angeles 1, Sacramento 0
San Francisco 2, Portland 0
Seattle 6, Hollywood 3
San Diego 6, Oakland 1

Shoot Slated Sunday at CP

Central Point—Central Point Sportsmen's club will hold a pre-Easter shoot Sunday, April 6, at its grounds west of town.

The event is the second in a series of four American Trap-shooting association shoots. Trophies will be furnished by the club for A, B, C and D classes, handicap and doubles. There will be competition and ham and bacon prizes for non-shooters.

Practice will start at 9 a.m. with registered shooting to begin at 10 a.m. Participants may register and practice Saturday afternoon. Scores will be printed in three publications.

Handicaps Slated
Members of the clubs said they are holding the only ATA registered shoots in southern Oregon. They allow the shooters to register ATA targets before the state ATA shoot.

Among the Sportsmen's club's coming events are the President's handicap on April 27 and the Brown and Skeeters handicap on May 11.

A new electric trap has been installed and, reportedly, will speed up squads and throw better targets.

IBC Plans Fight Cards in Chicago

Chicago—(U.P.)—The International Boxing Club has announced a weekly series of 15 top fights in Chicago this summer that could make the Windy City the nation's boxing capital for the season.

The IBC did not reveal the contestants, but President James Norris said the fights would feature "the best possible matches between challengers and champions in the various weight divisions."

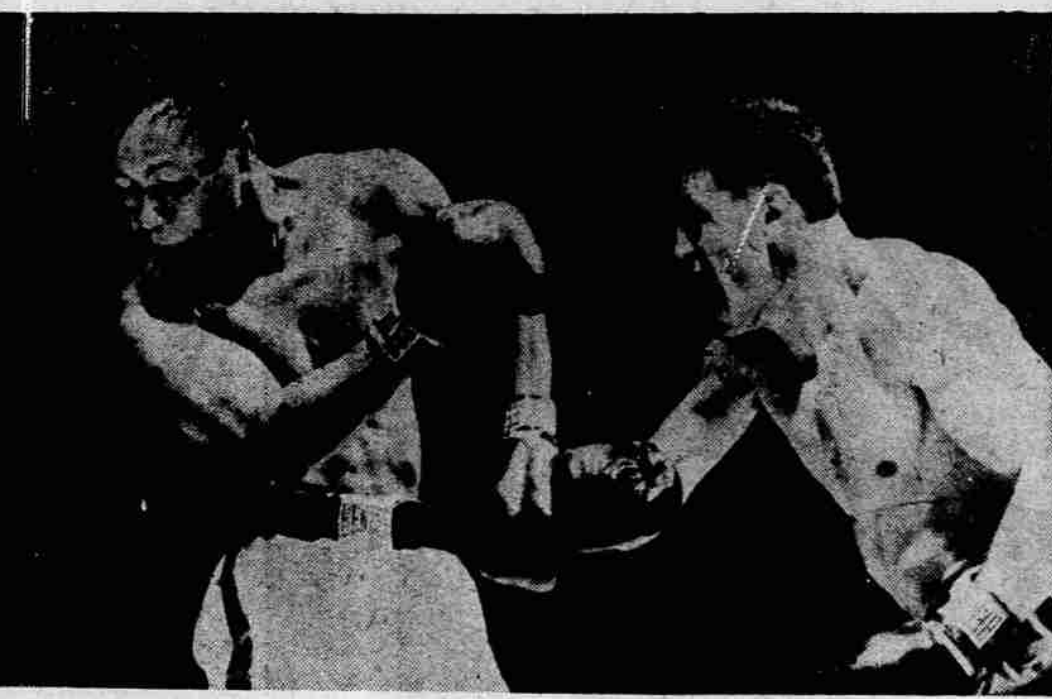
The series will start June 4 and run through Sept. 14. It will be suspended for two weeks during the Democratic and Republican national political conventions in Chicago.

Oregon State Schedules Three Diamond Tussles

Corvallis—Oregon State college baseball fans may gain some idea of how the Beavers will fare in the defense of their northern division championship this year when Coach Ralph Coleman takes his club to Eugene Friday for the first of two non-counting practice tilts with the Oregon Webfoots.

Also on the weekend slate is a single tilt with the highly regarded Willamette university Bearcats here Thursday, and a doubleheader with Lewis & Clark college here Saturday.

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CASTELLANI TURNS TIGER—Johnny Bratton of Chicago (left) recoils from a hard right thrown by Rocky Castellani in their middleweight 10-round at New York. Castellani "turned tiger" to impressively win an upset unanimous decision.

Rogue Valley Baseball League Session Thursday

A Rogue Valley Baseball league meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday at the Homestead tavern, Rogue River.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a team in the circuit is invited, league officials said.

Seven and possibly eight teams are now lined up for the loop. It was indicated that nine clubs would be an ideal number. That would mean some byes for participants. They would not have to play every Sunday.

Teams now in the league are Glendale, Cave Junction, Rogue River, Butte Falls, Ashland, Central Point and Eagle Point. Prospect is a possibility. In addition, a Medford group has indicated interest but at last report was still hunting sponsors.

New officers probably will be elected Thursday.

Carter Wins Title Bout

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—A virtually unmarked Jimmy Carter is still world lightweight champion but the game little hombre from Mexico, Lauro Salas, who lost a unanimous decision to Carter, was still champion of Los Angeles.

A great "heart" fighter, the out-weighted and out-fought Salas, scored a "moral" victory in the minds of the crowd of 7,678 when he floored the champion for three-count in a wild-swinging 15th round Tuesday night.

Salas Agrees
A much battered Salas, his right eye cut, left eye nearly closed and his nose a bloody mass, agreed with the jeering crowd when questioned in his dressing room after the bout.

"I won this fight," said Salas through puffed lips. "The referee gave the decision to Carter just when Mexico had a chance."

The fight officials were of unanimous opposition opinion. Judge Frankie Van scored the bout 87-78 in favor of Carter. Judge Joe Stone 84½ to 80½ and Referee Abe Roth 85-80.

Denver—(U.P.)—Take it from the New York Giants—Larry Doby should make the fans forget his disappointing 1951 season and the Cleveland Indians stand an excellent chance of ending the New York Yankees' three-year reign over the American League. The Indians have been unbeatable this spring as far as the Giants are concerned. They scored their seventh straight triumph of the spring over the National League champions, 7 to 4, Tuesday as Doby and Al Rosen hammered homers.

Pirate Management Expresses Pessimism

By MILTON RICHMAN

Houston, Tex.—(U.P.)—Pity the pathetic Pittsburgh Pirates, who are starting out badly and show every promise of winding up even worse.

No one among the Pirates—not even general manager Branch Rickey or field manager Bill Meyer—can muster any honest optimism over the team's chances in the 1952 National league pennant race.

"Frankly," declared Rickey, "we're strictly a seventh-place club. We simply don't have the material to finish much higher, not this year, anyway. In a couple of years, we'll certainly be among the contenders, but as for this year, it's entirely out of the question."

Unenviable Job

Meyer is equally pessimistic. Unquestionably, Meyer has one of the most unenviable managerial jobs in baseball.

The grey-haired Buccaneer boss is faced with the task of taking a so-so pitching staff, a shoddy infield and two long ball hitters, Ralph Kiner and Gus Bell, and molding a unit from these that might be mistaken for a legitimate big league ball club.

The pitching staff is as big a problem as any the Pirates have. Murray Dickson, the pint-sized 20-game winner, stacks up as the club's act but the Pirates openly admit they would gladly trade him for "three or four promising young ball players."

"Tested" Hurlers

Southpaw Howie Pollet and fastballer Mel Queen are the other "tested" starting pitchers with young Bob Friend and Don Carlsen also slated for regular turns on the mound.

After that, it's strictly a scramble with such assorted hurlers as

Jim Suchecki, obtained from the Browns, Royce Lint, Forrest Main, Joe Muir and veteran Clarence (Hooks) Iott seeking berths. The relief pitching department should be attended to capably enough by Ted (The Cork) Wilks and Bill Werle.

One of the better looking rookies has been chunky Bob Del Greco, a muscular 18-year-old outfielder who batted .302 with Hutchinson of the class C Western Association last season.

Battle for First

The first base job will be turned back to either George Metkovich or Jackie Phillips.

Second base has been entrusted to hustling Jack Merson, who reported to Pittsburgh last September and whaled the ball at a fancy .360 clip. Meyer experimented with draft choice Clem Koshorek at shortstop this spring but the five-foot, five-inch rookie from Little Rock probably will relinquish the spot to holdover George Strickland.

Pete Castiglione will be back at third base unless Leo Wells, a lanky, bespectacled rookie from Modesto of the Class C California league, chases him off the bag.

Kiner Fixture

Kiner and Bell, of course, are outfield fixtures, with Bill Howerton and Erv Dusak available for part-time duty, if necessary.

Joe Garagiola will do most of the catching although ancient Clyde McCullough and Eddie Fitzgerald will be around, also. It is difficult to visualize how the parties will make trouble for anybody this year, unless, of course, it's for themselves.

SCHOENDIENST HURT
St. Petersburg, Fla.—(U.P.)—Shortstop Red Schoendienst probably will be lost to the St. Louis Cardinals when they open their National League season against the Pittsburgh Pirates April 15. X-rays taken by Dr. Erwin Feinbach revealed that the versatile 20-year-old infielder is suffering with a pin-point fracture of the third finger on his throwing hand. Schoendienst injured the finger attempting to pivot on a double play in Monday's exhibition game with the Philadelphia Phillies.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—(U.P.)—The St. Louis Cardinals' pitching staff which accounted for only nine shutouts all last year have marked up its sixth shutout of the spring exhibition season. The Cardinals achieved No. 6 Tuesday when Cliff Chambers and George Munger combined to limit the Detroit Tigers to five hits in a 5 to 0 victory. Chambers now has pitched 20 consecutive exhibition innings without allowing an earned run.

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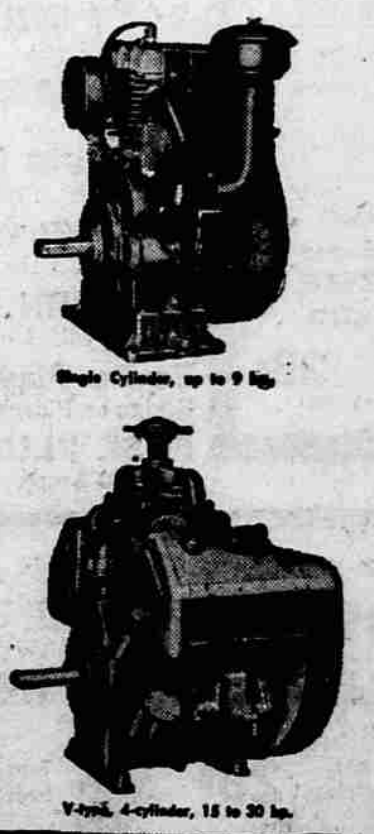
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