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SPORTS

Singleton Pitches 12 1/3 Innings of No-Hit No-Run Ball for Seals, But Loses

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Thin Elmer Singleton shrugged his bony shoulders Thursday and described a brilliant but unsuccessful pitching performance against Sacramento as "just one of those things."

The 31-year-old San Francisco righthander, who gripped his

first baseball in the Mormon country of Ogden, was tired but philosophic about pitching the best—but losing—game in the Pacific Coast league in 14 years.

Singleton curved and fast-balled his way through 12 1/3 innings of no-hit, no-run baseball last night. But in the 13th, Elmer grew arm weary, gave up three straight singles and lost the ball game to Sacramento, 1-0.

Three Days Rest
The mound veteran, unbeaten in three starts, worked against the Solons with but three days rest. He pitched and won for the Seals Sunday. Singleton issued three bases on balls, one intentionally, during the 13 frames. He struck out seven.

Four other clubs were extra-inning minded. Sammy Chapman singled in the 10th to gain Oakland a 3-2 win from Seattle; and Jim Russell blasted a 380-foot homer in the 17th to secure Portland a 6-5 triumph over Los Angeles. In a regulation game, Hollywood tallied nine times in the fourth inning to liquidate San Diego, 9-0.

Near Record
Singleton came within one out of tying the all-time PCL record of 12 2/3 innings of no-hit, no-run pitching, set by Dick Ward, of San Diego, on Aug. 30, 1938. Ward eventually beat Los Angeles, 1-0, in 16.

Singleton had the misfortune to oppose tough Jess Flores, who spun an eight hitter and was stingy in the clutches. Flores earlier this year came within one pitch of notching himself a no-hit, no-run game.

North Division Track Meets Set

By United Press
Washington's Huskies play host to Oregon State and Idaho meets Oregon's high-flying Webfoots at home Saturday in Northern division track meets.

For Washington, it's the first home meet of the season. Oregon can just about wrap up the 1952 dual meet championship with a victory over the Vandals.

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Fast Early Pace Shown By Red Sox

By UNITED PRESS
The Boston Red Sox, almost unnoticed so far in the furor over the surprising showing of the St. Louis Browns, were blazing along at their fastest early pace since 1946, the last year they won a pennant.

It could be that the Red Sox, and not the Browns, will turn out to be the "surprise" outfit of the year—a "team of destiny" fashioned by Lou Boudreau out of raw rookies and a handful of powerful veterans.

Big Shots Benched
Boudreau, who never did things according to the conventional rules anyway, has been benching such big shot talent as Ted Williams, Vern Stephens and occasionally Johnny Pesky and Billy Goodman, and he's getting away with it.

He knows that Williams will be lost to the Marines next week anyway, and he also knows that in past years the Red Sox frittered away great opportunities in the spring and lost ground they never could make up.

Two Key Wins
Against the World Champion Yankees, still the team that has to be knocked down in the long run, the Red Sox put on the pressure and won two key games in a row.

Thursday, winning their ninth game against only two losses so far, the Red Sox came from behind to top the Yankees, 3 to 2, in 11 innings.

In the only other game played Thursday, the Braves wiped out a 3 to 0 deficit with a three-run rally in the eighth, then went on to beat the Giants, 6 to 3, in the 10th as rookie reliever Lew Burdette pitched five scoreless innings.

Cagers Contend For Pro Diadem

Minespolis, (U.P.)—The Minneapolis Lakers and New York Knickerbockers battle each other Friday night for the national professional basketball title and the "pot of gold" that goes with it.

The string in the best of seven series has run out—with each team holding three victories. New York knotted the series Wednesday in New York with a 76 to 68 victory.

To the winner Friday night goes the loop trophy and prize money of \$7,500.

Both teams were at full strength. The Lakers announced that forward star Jim Pollard, who missed his first and sixth games because of a wrenched

Wagner To Fight In Portland Ring

Portland—(U.P.)—Light-heavyweight Dick Wagner, claimed by both Oregon City, Ore., and Tappanish, Wash., will fight Bobby Wise of San Francisco in a 10-rounder here May 6.

Wagner, who has been fighting in the East for four years, became one of the leading attractions at Madison Square Garden.

Wagner has said he hoped to earn a bout with Harry Matthews of Seattle while in the Northwest. Wise, 23, served as chief sparring partner for Ezzard Charles in San Francisco last December.

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HE'S A LONG WAY FROM HOME—Jack Cusick of the Boston Braves is tagged out at home by Giants' catcher Wes Westrum. Cusick tried to score from first on Gene Conley's hit to leftfield in the second inning of game at New York. Giant leftfielder Hank Thompson's throw to Westrum was in time to nab Cusick.



YOU'D be thrilled too if you were John and Stephanie Brodie, 5 and 6, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and you met Ted Evans, 9 feet 3 inches, when he arrived in New York from England for circus appearance. (International)

Frank Stranahan In Semi-Finals Of Golf Tourney

Pinehurst, N. C.—(U.P.)—Frank Stranahan, the Ohio strong boy who is seeking his third North and South Amateur golf title was to play Mal Galletta of St. Albans, N. Y., in the top semi-final match Friday over the 7,000-yard No. 2 course at the Pinehurst Country club.

Frank Strafaci, Flushing, N. Y., was to meet H. H. Haverstick, Lancaster, Pa., in the other 36-hole semi-final.

The survivors will decide the championship in another 36-hole match play grid Saturday.

Best of Tourney

Stranahan, who won the title in 1946 and 1949, played the best golf he has shown in the tournament to eliminate defending champion Hobart Manley Jr., Savannah, Ga., 4 and 3, Thursday.

Billy Joe Patton, last year's runner-up from Morgantown, N.C., also was ousted. He dropped a 1-up decision to Haverstick.

Stranahan lost the first two holes to Manley but played brilliantly after that and was 1-under-par when he closed out the match on the 15th green with a par 3 against the Georgian's boxer 4.

Three Changes Among Leaders In ABC Rivalry

Milwaukee—(U.P.)—The American Bowling Congress scoreboard showed three changes in the top 10 places Friday.

A team of radio station employees from Detroit put on the hottest show Thursday night and moved into fifth place in the team division with a 3,004 series.

Fred Wolfe, disc jockey and television performer, got 604 at leadoff for the WSYZ-TV squad, and Henry Nosakowski sparked the team with a 629.

Eighth Spot

Carl Deetken, Seattle, Wash., added a 698 doubles series to a 384 singles series and 616 team score to grab eighth place in the all-events division.

And the Milwaukee doubles team of John Beranek and Joseph Iding moved into a 10th place tie with a score of 1,270.

The ABC board of directors chose Seattle, Wash., for the site of the 1954 tournament, despite a strong bid by Ft. Worth, Tex. The 1953 session will be at Chicago.

Wallace, Ida.—(U.P.)—John Gill, asleep in a doghouse while his barking hound awakened neighbors, was jailed on a charge of disturbing the peace.

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Bowling Tournament Continues; Local People Shine at Delake

Seven Medford teams and the Oak Street Tankers of Ashland are scheduled to roll this weekend in the second section for the four-week-end Southern Oregon Handicap Bowling tournament.

Team rolling will start at 7 p.m. Saturday at Medford Bowling lanes. Sunday activity will begin at 2 p.m. with team, doubles and singles activity slated.

Medford bowlers had a successful time of it last week-end at the Delake tournament.

Harold Vessey and Ed Leaming went into the senior division lead in doubles with a 1303 score. Horace Green took over third spot in singles in senior competition with a 686. The White City Lumber crew of Green, Vessey, S. Strauss, Leaming and Jerry Burroughs gained third spot in junior team standings with a 2660. They participated on a scratch basis.

Heads Division

Leaming accumulated 1745 in all events for lead in the junior division. Bud Wilson and Green were close to the top in all events.

Women bowlers from here also did well at Delake. Clara Teter and Audrey Swoape rolled into third in doubles with a senior division score of 1081. Dorothy Virtue's 520 ranked her second so far in junior singles. Clara Teter pulled into second in junior all events with a 1497.

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Trapshoot On Sunday

Central Point—A 100-target, 16-yard shoot, a 50-target handicap and 25-pair doubles will be shot Sunday at the Central Point Sportsmen's club traps west of town.

It will be an American Trapshooting association registered event, the third this year sponsored by the Central Point organization. Trophies will go to winners in all events, including A, B, and C classes in the 16-yard event.

There will be participation for non-shooters. The public is invited. Lunch will be available at the grounds. Events will get underway at 10 a.m. Practice traps will operate starting at 9 a.m.

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Gushing Oil Shines In Derby Warm-Up

Lexington, Ky.—(U.P.)—Sam E. Wilson Jr. already has announced that Gushing Oil will win the Kentucky Derby next week and the chestnut colt's last warm-up for the Chirchill Downs classic indicated that his rich owner may turn out to be a good prophet.

Gushing Oil defeated Cold Command, C. V. Whitney's top Derby hope, by a length in Thursday's muddy running of the \$31,150 Blue Grass stakes as Keeneland closed its most successful spring meeting.

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