

SPORTS

Acorns Gain On San Diego As Hittle Tosses 3-1 Win

San Francisco (U.P.)—The wheel of fortune, its little ball starting to plop in the wrong places, went spinning around Lefty O'Doul's head Wednesday. But the San Diego manager waded—and hoped—his luck would hold out a while longer.

O'Doul and his Padres enjoy the altitude of first place, though they seem to be descending slowly.

Oakland sliced the Pads' Pacific Coast league margin to a game and-a-half Tuesday night, nipping San Diego, 3-1, on Lefty Lloyd Hittle's fine pitching performance.

Homer Beats Portland San Francisco turned three hits into a 3-1 victory over Portland because one of the safeties was a homer by Joe Grace with two on.

Los Angeles nipped Sacramento, 4-3, when Gene Baker doubled to set up the tie-breaker in the eighth. It rained at Seattle and Hollywood and the Rainiers did not play.

The appearance of San Diego as a league leader was taken as a temporary thing, even to O'Doul. But Lefty doesn't plan to yield his top spot without a skirmish or two. He's added talent like Allen Richter, Herb Gorman and Lou Stringer to his

squad with the idea of maintaining the status quo.

Nothing Bothered

But neither those three, nor any other Padres bothered Hittle as he went about his workmanlike job. Catcher Jack Graham spoiled his series of zeros by hitting a homer in the ninth. Earlier, the Oaks had picked up three runs in one-shot off Willie Luna, the San Diego southpaw.

Grace, the Seals' leading stickler and among the PCL ball leaders, hit his four-master in the first inning. It was the southpaw-swinging's first homer of the year. With the three-run lead on which to work, Bill Bradford turned in a great effort, allowing only four hits.

THE LINESCORES: San Francisco 009 000 001—1 5 1 Oakland 001 101 003—3 8 0 Luna, Smith (8) and Kerr; Hittle and Neal.

San Francisco 300 000 000—3 3 0 Portland 000 000 010—1 4 0 Bradford and Ortega; Pieretti and Robinson.

Sacramento 011 001 000—3 7 2 Los Angeles 000 120 014—7 2 2 Elliott and McKeegan; Moisan, Watkins (6) and Peden.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds at 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Hurler Says Eddie Stanky Steals First

New York (U.P.)—Eddie Stanky is the only man who steals first base—and gets away with it every time—insists Yankee pitcher Bobby Hogue.

"They claim it's impossible to steal first base," snorted the chubby Yankee relief ace. "but Stanky does it right under the umpires' noses."

Hogue, who played together with Stanky on the Boston Braves in 1948 and 1949 and opposed him in both National league competition and 1951 World Series since then, says "The Brad" has the technique down pat.

Squirms Like Eel

"He inches up and down in the batters' box," Hogue explained. "he squirms around like an eel... he crouches one minute and gets up on his toes the next... he's all over the place... you simply can't pitch to him at all."

"He's a genius at getting on base. One way or another, he'll do it. And the umpires don't do a thing about it because all of his tactics are perfectly legal."

"I always liked Stanky," Hogue went on. "but I hated to see him come up to hit against me in the World Series. He was up to his old tricks as usual. I think a pitcher has to work three times as hard on him than on any other hitter. And the funny part about Stanky is that he's not a great hitter and probably never will be one."



CONTINUING SPECTACULAR PLAY which began when New York Yankees traded him to Washington, Jackie Jensen, former University of California star, steals second base in first inning of game at Chicago with White Sox. Carrasquel got ball a shade too late. Umpire is Stevens. Senators won 2-1.

Solons Climb As Marrero Shuts Out Brownies 2-0

By UNITED PRESS Connie Marrero, who doesn't speak much English, was putting it on his curve ball instead, and hitters were cursing him in different languages all over the American league.

Washington's cigar-smoking Cuban cutie, who is supposed to be more than 40 years old and hurls all winter in Latin-American competition when other hurlers are resting their aching bones, has been a terrific spring winner for the past two seasons.

His only trouble is that he gets tired when summer comes and he runs out of gas.

But in the early stages he is unbeatable. Last year he won five games in a row before losing on May 25. This year has been a repeat pattern.

Tuesday night, in one of his greatest jobs, he held the Browns to four hits in a 2 to 0 victory that put Washington within two games of idle first place Cleveland. It was his fourth straight, without a defeat.

Many Pop Ups Marrero was so effective with his curves that he struck out eight batters and all but one of the rest went out on pop ups to the infield or were out stealing. Marrero himself retired the only St. Louis batter to go out on a ground ball. He walked only two men.

The only dark cloud on the horizon is that summer is coming. Last year, after running up an 11-5 record, he faded and didn't score another victory after Aug. 4, being knocked out of the box on his five final appearances.

But if the Senators can provide him with some vitamin-filled cigars or some other energy-producing magic, they might keep right on causing trouble in the American League race. Because this year, Marrero has added pitching help, plus a better all-around team behind him.

Tuesday night, with one well-timed rally, the Nats got the runs they needed to top Brownie left-hander Tommy Byrne. They bunched three of their nine hits for both runs in the second inning. A walk to Eddie Yost and singles by Jim Busby, Jackie Jensen, and Archie Wilson, all of them Senator newcomers, etched the final score. Byrne was rescued from trouble at other times by four double plays.

Sain Outlasts Sox In the only other major league game played, right hander Johnny Sain of the Yankees scored his fourth victory against one defeat, by outlasting the White Sox at Chicago, 4 to 3. He gave up only six hits and just one

Medford Baseballers Head for Tournament

The Medford high school baseball squad left early this afternoon for Albany where it will take part in the state prep tournament starting Thursday.

Fifteen players, two managers, Coach Alex McDonald and Assistant Mentor Frank Roelandt made the Albany jaunt.

Medford will face The Dalles Thursday at 1:30 p. m. in the opening fracas of the tournament. The two teams will be taking up, in a way, where they left off last year. In the 1951 meet, Medford lost to The Dalles 2 to 1 in the last tourney game for the schools, giving The Dalles third place.

Brackling Changed The Black Tornado beat Salem 3 to 2 in its opening state play-off mix last year but was eliminated from championship running by a 5 to 1 loss to Grant of Portland.

In other Thursday games a Roosevelt of Portland meets Central Catholic at 3:30 p. m., West Linn faces Lincoln of Portland at 7 p. m. and Albany tangles with Junction City at 9 p. m. Games are one daylight time.

According to pre-season bracketing, Medford would have run into Junction City in its first game. However, that bracketing announced in February, was discarded and a drawing for opening opponents allowed. The drawing was conducted by tournament officials in Albany.

Finals Saturday Semi-final games are set for Friday and the finals for Saturday.

Medford squad members on the tourney roster are Terry Maddox, Dick and Derald Woolton, Ned and Ted Landers, Curt Holzgang, Terry Sherwood, Dennis Connor, Max Lindley, Tom Rodgers, John Niles, Lloyd Hart, Dale Cook, Jack Antonsen and Dick Atterbury. Jim York and Bob Lyons are managers.

Medford, so far, has been defeated only twice, once by the University of Oregon Jayvees and once by Klamath Falls.



PLENTY of thoughts are running through Virgil Truck's mind as he takes mound in ninth inning, pitches Detroit Tigers to no-hit victory over Washington in the auto city.

Hairston Favored Over LaMotta

Detroit (U.P.)—Motor City favorite Jake La Motta found himself in the unusual role of underdog for Wednesday night's 10-round re-match with Eugene (Silet) Hairston at Olympia Stadium.

La Motta, who has lost only one of 20 starts in Detroit, usually enters the ring favorite here. The betting public like Hairston at 6 to 5.

Draw in March The two Bronx boxers first met March 5 and battled to a 10-round draw. Hairston has been idle since that time while La Motta pounded out an impressive decision over Norman Hayes of Boston last month.

Mike Miele, manager of the mute Negro puncher, said the rest should help Hairston greatly.

Wee Willie Pep Faces Hammond Miami Beach (U.P.)—Wee Willie Pep, former world feather-weight champion from Hartford, Conn., meets a major obstacle on his comeback trail Wednesday night in hard-punching Claude Hammond of New York.

Hammond has knocked out 12 of his 30 professional rivals, six of them in the first round, and is expected to enter the ring with a considerable weight advantage, about 138 pounds to 130 for Pep.

PIONEERS ELECT

Portland (U.P.)—Bud Cox, veteran guard, Wednesday was the first football captain to be elected in Lewis and Clark college's history. Cox was a Little All-American for the Pioneers last fall and is a three-time All-Northwest conference performer.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

Advertisement for Bergman's Shop, listing services like Springs, Auto or Truck, Welding, and Blacksmithing. Address: 118 S. Barlett Phone 2-6771.

Advertisement for Cyclone Fence, featuring an illustration of a fence and text describing its benefits for lawns and gardens. Contact: 215 Cottage Street, Medford, Oregon, United States Steel.

Standings

Table showing Pacific Coast League standings with columns for team, wins, losses, percentage, and games behind.

Table showing American League standings with columns for team, wins, losses, percentage, and games behind.

Table showing National League standings with columns for team, wins, losses, percentage, and games behind.

Table showing Western International League standings with columns for team, wins, losses, percentage, and games behind.

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Retriever Club Workout Sunday

Rogue Valley Retriever club will have a get-together and dog workout Sunday at 1 p. m. at Hoover lakes.

All persons interested in dogs are invited to come with or without their dogs. There will be work with pigeons and ducks.

A pheasant feed is set for June 29 at the lakes to which dog enthusiasts are invited to come with their dogs. The dogs are left over from the recent points trial here.

PRESIDENT SOUGHT

New York (U.P.) The board of governors of the American Hockey League has named a three-man screening committee, headed by Chairman Louis A. R. Pieri of Providence, to recommend a successor to President Maurice P. Feltus, whose resignation became effective May 31.

BIG GRID GAMES SOUGHT

Portland (U.P.)—A move was underway here Wednesday to get more big-time football games staged in Multnomah stadium. A committee, headed by Dave Simpson of Portland, has been organized to bring big-time grid encounters to Portland.

Dick Metz Leads PGA Qualifiers

Chicago (U.P.)—Dick Metz, Arkansas City, Kan., led qualifiers throughout the country for the professional golfers association tournament, the PGA announced Tuesday.

Qualifying rounds for the tourney, slated June 18-24, in Louisville, Ky., at 30 sectional sites last week produced 104 contenders.

Metz led the field with two sub-par rounds of 68 for a 132 total.

Second among the qualifiers were Harold Williams-Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Eric Monti, Los Angeles, who fired 138 each.

PURDUE BACK SIGNS

Chicago (U.P.)—Purdue halfback Neil Schmidt, ninth on the Chicago Cardinals draft list last year, has signed a 1952 contract, Coach Joe Kuharich announced Wednesday. Schmidt finished college a year ago and coached the Rushville, Ind., high school team last year.

He was a star at Purdue in 1950, gaining 406 yards in 101 carries and 282 yards on 23 pass receptions.

LONG WIN STREAK

Chicago (U.P.)—Johnny Adams calmly made preparations Wednesday for an attempt to continue one of the longest winning horse race streak on record for any jockey. The Iola, Kan., rider drove home five winners in six mounts Tuesday at Lincoln field to push a three-day string to 12 winners in 14 tries.

AGREES TO TERMS

Detroit (U.P.)—Garrard Ramsey has come to terms with the Detroit Lions and will join Coach Buddy Parker's staff, General Manager Nicholas Kerby said Wednesday. The 32-year-old veteran of six seasons with the Chicago Cardinals was obtained from the Windy City eleven in a recent exchange for halfback Jerry Krall.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

Large advertisement for the Austin 52 car, featuring a photograph of the car and text describing its features and price. Includes the slogan 'HERE'S THE ECONOMY CAR OF THE YEAR!' and 'THE ALL NEW '52 Austin'.

BASEBALL

TUESDAY'S RESULTS Coast League: Oakland 3, San Diego 1; San Francisco 3, Portland 1; Los Angeles 3, Sacramento 3; Hollywood at Seattle (postponed, rain). American League: Washington 2, St. Louis 0 (night); New York 4, Chicago 3 (night); Philadelphia at Detroit (postponed, rain). Boston at Cleveland (night, postponed, rain). National League: Cincinnati at Brooklyn (postponed, rain); Chicago at Boston (night, postponed, rain); Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (night, postponed, rain). Western International: Lewiston 6, Yakima 3; Spokane 8, Wenatchee 6; Tri-City at Vancouver, postponed; Salem at Victoria, postponed.

Advertisement for Reub Nelson's Motor Service, offering road and farm service, trucks and tractors, and all makes of gas or diesel engines. Address: 724 E. Jackson, Medford, Ore.

Large advertisement for Sunny Brook Kentucky Brand whiskey, featuring a bottle illustration and text: 'WORLD'S LARGEST SELLING KENTUCKY BRAND', 'Cheerful as its Name', and 'Sunny Brook BRAND'.

Large advertisement for Stoutbilt Sprinkler Irrigation Equipment, featuring diagrams of various systems and text: 'CONTROL AND CONSERVE IRRIGATION WATER', 'STOUTBILT Engineered SPRINKLER IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT', 'MECHANIZED WHEEL-MOVE SYSTEMS', 'MECHANIZED WHEEL-TRAC SYSTEMS', 'PORTABLE ALUMINUM SYSTEMS', 'NOW AVAILABLE STOUT AND STEEL LUME ALUMINUM AND STEEL PIPE!', 'And Those Dependable CORNELL PUMPS', 'Valley Equipment Co.', 'So. Pacific Highway - EASY PARKING'.