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SPORTS

Hodges, Kiner Recovering From Slumps in Batting

By UNITED PRESS
Ralph Kiner and Gil Hodges, the two saddest sluggers since mighty Casey struck out in Mudville, were menacing the fences once again, challenging other would-be home run kings who set the early pace in the majors.

Kiner, with 42, and Hodges, with 40, were the major league pace setters on homers last year, and it was predicted freely they would repeat this year. But both got off to miserable starts.

Kiner had a back injury which he kept secret from his teammates and floundered as badly as the rest of the Pittsburgh crew sank deep into last place and stayed there.

Hodges, who couldn't get into the groove, seemed to be men-

tally slumped, too, and was pressing at the plate in such a way that the Dodgers began to search the markets for another first baseman.

Find Range
They couldn't get one and are now glad the deal fell through. Because gloomy Gil suddenly found the range. Due mainly to his big bat, which has produced four homers in the last four games, they are back in first place by a full game over the slumping Giants.

Hodges started Brooklyn to its 3 to 2 triumph over the rough Cubs Sunday with a two run homer, giving rookie Ben Wade the margin for his fourth victory. Rookie Joe Black saved it with spectacular relief pitching. He struck out three batters in 1 1/3 innings, the last two in the ninth with runners on first and third.

Two Blown
The Giants blew two to the Cardinals, 8 to 7 and 8 to 2 in 7 1/2 innings. Philadelphia topped Pittsburgh, 5 to 1, then Pete Castiglione and Kiner came through with last-ditch ninth inning homers to give the Bucs a 2 to 1 second game triumph. Cincinnati spoiled Charley Grimm's debut as Boston Manager with a 1 to 0 victory, also attained in the ninth, but the Braves made 18 hits to win the second game, 9 to 4.

In the American League, the second place Red Sox moved to within a game of idle first place Cleveland with a 3 to 2 victory against Chicago. Washington topped Detroit, 4 to 3, then lost, 6 to 3. The Yankees and Indians were rained out of a single game and the Browns and Athletics out of a double-header.

Diamond Lake Fishing Spotty

Fishing was reported "spotty" at Diamond lake over the weekend with some anglers getting limits and others going home empty-handed.

Still-fishing with worms and trolling with Ford fenders and worms produced the best results.

There have been contradictory reports concerning facilities at the lake and the condition of roads. Word brought back, however, is that all concessions are open at the lake resort and there is little snow close to the lake. The west route to the lake is open to two-lane traffic.

The resort is observing daylight saving time.

Standings

COAST LEAGUE				
W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
San Diego	40	23	.635	
Hollywood	35	28	.554	4
Oakland	32	28	.533	6 1/2
Los Angeles	30	31	.492	9
San Francisco	30	32	.484	9 1/2
Portland	22	39	.359	17 1/2
Seattle	26	34	.433	12 1/2
Sacramento	25	37	.403	14 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	31	17	.646	
Boston	23	17	.575	1
Washington	22	18	.550	2
Chicago	22	20	.524	3
New York	18	17	.514	3 1/2
St. Louis	20	24	.455	6
Philadelphia	15	19	.441	8
Detroit	13	26	.333	10 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
Brooklyn	27	10	.730	
New York	27	12	.692	1
Chicago	22	21	.512	5 1/2
Cincinnati	20	21	.488	6
St. Louis	20	22	.476	6 1/2
Philadelphia	18	21	.462	7
Boston	14	23	.378	13
Pittsburgh	11	34	.244	20

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL				
W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
Victoria	27	17	.612	
Spokane	24	17	.585	3
Leavenworth	22	20	.523	6 1/2
Vancouver	20	17	.541	7
Salem	20	23	.465	9
Wenatchee	18	24	.429	10 1/2
Tri-City	18	25	.411	11
Yakima	16	27	.372	13

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Stars Seem About Ready To Move Up

San Francisco — (U.P.) — It has taken Hollywood some time to get around to it, but the Stars now seem about ready to exert pressure on San Diego's league lead.

Hollywood, a team which is supposed to have everything — pitching, hitting, fielding and speed, used most of its resources to the fullest in winning the final three games of a series with Oakland.

Pinky Woods blanked the Oaks Saturday. Then Sunday the second-place Stars edged within four games of San Diego by whipping Mel Ott's lads, 6-2, and 11-2. Johnny Lindell knuckled a five-hitter in the first game and the Stars tallied 10 runs in one inning to win the second.

Portland Spits
The first-place Padres split with Portland losing to Fred Sanford's three-hitter, 4-1, but winning 3-1 in the overtime nightcap as Jack Graham clubbed an eighth inning homer.

The inconsistent San Francisco players moved to within half-a-game of fourth-place Los Angeles by nipping the Angels twice, 8-2 and 5-4. And in a two-night twin bill, Sacramento replaced Seattle in the cellar by losing to the Rainiers twice, 7-5 and 6-3.

Bob Mathias Star In AAU Track Meet
Portland, Ore. — (U.P.) — Stanford's olympic champion Bob Mathias broke two meet records and won a third event in the open division of a Northwest AAU track meet here Saturday night.

Mathias set new marks in the discus at 162 feet, 5 1/2 inches, and the 120 high hurdles with 14.3. He won the 220-yard low hurdles in 24.3.

Oregon's Chuck Missfeldt threw the javelin 218 feet, 2 inches, to set a new meet mark.

Duane Eby of Oregon State topped Mathias in the shot put, with a heave of 50 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

Oregon swept the 880, won by Jack Hutchins in 1:55. Al Martin was second and Wayne Reiser third.

Charles Loafs To Hide Secrets
Pleasantville, N. J. — (U.P.) — Ezzard Charles deliberately loafed through his last serious work-out because he believed young Gil Turner was spying upon him for Jersey Joe Walcott.

That's what co-trainer Jimmy Brown revealed Monday when questioned about Charles' uncertain condition for Thursday night's heavyweight championship fight with Walcott at Philadelphia.

Eager Observer
Young Turner, undefeated welterweight challenger, was an eager observer in the wooden grandstand during Charles' five rounds of sparring Sunday.

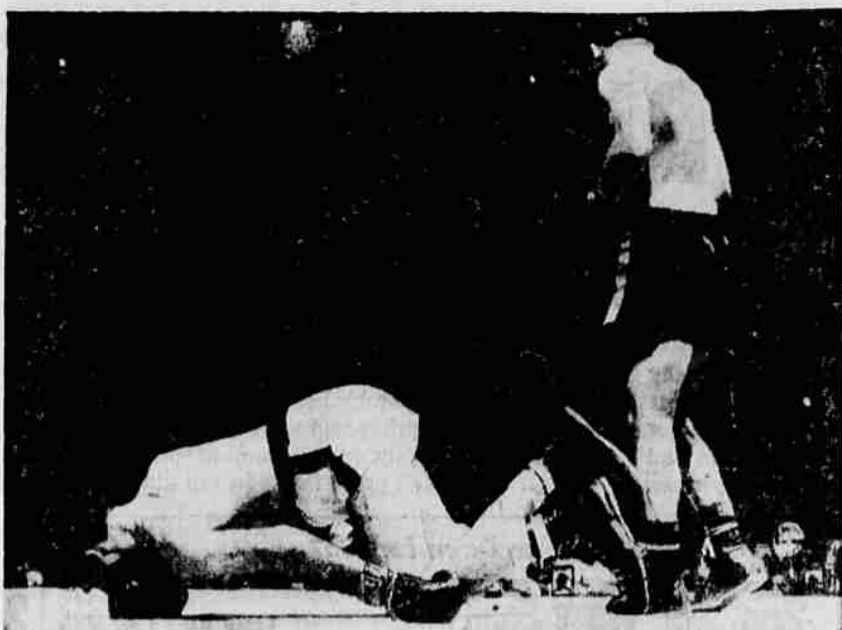
Co-trainer Brown explained "When Ez was getting into his trunks I told him Turner was in the stand. Ez knows Turner is a very close friend of Walcott. So Ez, he knows what to do, and he does it. He takes it easy, gets his exercise. But he don't show nothing—no secrets."

Exchange Made
Seattle — (U.P.) — The Seattle Rainiers Monday obtained outfielder Paul Lehner from Oakland in exchange for recently acquired pitcher Bill Evans. Evans had refused to report.

Rogue Valley Golfers Triumph
Rogue Valley Country club linksmen defeated Redding golfers 29 1/2 to 24 1/2 in a team match here Sunday. Medford divoters posted nine individual match victories and tied in another.

RESULTS:
Floyd, R. beat Butler, M. 2 1/2 to 1 1/2;
Voorhies, R. beat Stacey, M. 2 to 1;
Dr. Miller, M. beat Sabine, R. 2 1/2 to 1;
Doran, M. beat Rother, R. 2 to 1;
Winston, R. beat Nelson, M. 2 1/2 to 1;
Nichols, M. beat Davis, R. 2 1/2 to 1;
Robinson, M. beat Halling, R. 3 to 0;
C. Lewis, M. beat Wells, R. 3 to 0;
E. Loeber, M. and Baum, R. tied 1 1/2 to 1 1/2;
Forward, R. beat Reymers, M. 3 to 0;
Emerson, M. beat Smith, R. 3 to 0;
Fitzpatrick, R. beat Frank Dancer, M. 2 1/2 to 1;
Bryant, R. beat F. Hull, M. 3 to 0;
Rector, M. beat Player, R. 3 to 0;
Berg, M. beat Greer, R. 3 to 0;
Graves, R. beat Davies, M. 3 to 0;
Darnell, R. beat Trowbridge, M. 2 to 1;
Williams, M. beat Loustalot, R. 2 1/2 to 1 1/2.

Proclaiming Olympic Week
Vice-President Alben Barkley makes first contribution for U. S. Olympic team fund to diving champion Mrs. Jackie Jensen, former Zoe Ann Olsen. (International)



KISSING THE CANVAS.—Dan Bucceroni, Philadelphia heavyweight, literally kisses the canvas after being dropped by Roland La Starza in the seventh round of their bout at Madison Square Garden in New York. La Starza floored Bucceroni five times to take unanimous 10-round decision.

Brantlinger Winner In Rifle Tournament

Lewis E. Brantlinger, Eugene, scored 3173 out of a possible 3200 Saturday and Sunday for grand aggregate honors in the Medford Rifle and Pistol club annual spring outdoor small bore rifle tournament.

George V. Hendricks, Etna, Calif., who paced the Saturday shooting, was second in aggregate honors with 3168. William F. Schlitzkus, Springfield, was third with 3160.

Expert victor was Charles Cunningham, Corvallis, with 3154, followed by Guy Pool, Willows, Calif., with 3151. Sharpshooter honors went to Hugh M. Washburn, Klamath Falls, with 3142 and next was Betty Landsberg, Willows, with 3136. Karl Mason, Willows, nosed out Steve K. Washburn.

Girl Softballers Convene Tuesday

Another meeting of the Rogue Valley Softball league will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the YMCA.

A representative of each team should be present, it was said, since it is planned to work out a league schedule. The league is still open to additional teams but because of the plans to make up the schedule, Tuesday is the deadline for entry.

Now in the circuit are one team each from Butte Falls, Eagle Point and Central Point and two from Medford.

BETSY RAWLS LEADER
Great Neck, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The final round of the women's Weather vane golf tournament, postponed Sunday by rain, was scheduled to be played here Monday. Betsy Rawls, Austin, Tex., holds a commanding nine-stroke lead going into the final 18 holes and seems assured of victory in the tournament that includes a total of 144 holes played at several courses throughout the country.

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

Five Local Golfers Beat Ben Hogan

Five Rogue Valley Country club golfers and one Redding, Calif., man playing on the Medford links were among those who "beat" Ben Hogan in the week-end tournament conducted on a nation-wide basis.

The Rogue Valley men and their net scores were Deane Lambert 65, Al Littrell 67, Bob Voegtly 68, Larry Butler 69 and Paul Meyers 69. Walker Smith, Redding, fired a 70 on the local links.

New York — (U.P.) — First official returns showed Monday that 6,006 duffers "beat" Ben Hogan in a week-end golf tournament.

Hogan, playing alone, shot an even par 71 at the Northwood Club in Dallas, Tex., Saturday. A total of 43,965 duffers, aided by handicaps, played their local courses in an attempt to beat Hogan's score, sponsor Life magazine reported. Of them, 6,006 beat Hogan.

Pitcher Tops Ben
New York Yankee pitcher Allie Reynolds was one with a 78-11-67. Eight-year-old Diane Wilson of Kansas City was another with a 173.

BASEBALL
SUNDAY'S RESULTS:
Coast League
Portland 4-3, San Diego 1-3 (2nd game, eight innings)
San Francisco 8-5, Los Angeles 2-4
Hollywood 6-11, Oakland 2-2
Seattle 7-6, Sacramento 5-3

National League
Brooklyn 3, Chicago 3
St. Louis 8, New York 7 (1st)
St. Louis 8, New York 2 (2nd—7 1/2 innings, darkness)
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1 (1st)
Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia 1 (2nd)
Cincinnati 1, Boston 0 (1st)
Boston 9, Cincinnati 4 (2nd)

American League
Washington 4, Detroit 3 (1st)
Detroit 6, Washington 3 (2nd)
Boston 3, Chicago 2
St. Louis at Philadelphia (3 games, rain)
Cleveland at New York, rain.

Western International
Wenatchee 9-0, Lewiston 1-4
Spokane 6-6, Yakima 5-4
Victoria 5, Salem 2
Tri-City 5-7, Vancouver 4-3

other with 117-48-69.
Gen. Omar Bradley and Sen. Robert Taft also tried, but they failed. The general shot 94-16-78. Sen. Taft shot 94-16-78.

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