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SPORTS

Lefty O'Doul May Go Up To Big Time

By HAL WOOD
San Francisco (U.P.)—Loquacious Lefty O'Doul, the man who probably has turned down more chances to manage a major league ball club than any man in history, may go up to the big time in 1953.

The rumors have it that, if Casey Stengel retires as boss of the New York Yankees after the current campaign, O'Doul will be given the call—and that this time he'll accept.

Lefty, now managing the first place San Diego Padres of the Pacific Coast league after 17 years at the helm of the San Francisco Seals, has had a change of heart—a change that cut him deeply.

For 17 years he had turned a deaf ear to the offers from major league magnates. Once O'Doul was asked if it was true that he had had more than 15 offers to manage in the big leagues.

Drop in Attendance Hurts Finances of Coast League

San Francisco (U.P.) Pacific Coast league club owners are taking a financial licking at the turnstiles this year—and none of them can give the answer to the drop in attendance.

The week-end Memorial day traditionally is a big baseball attendance booster. This year the eight clubs in the PCL played to 25,562 on Memorial day Friday and to only 22,108 on Sunday.

Majors Average Higher
That compares with an average of over 25,000 per game on the same days for the 16 clubs in the major leagues.

Some of the owners blame the lack of attendance on television; others on poor weather; still others on a weak team. Nearly all admit they are losing money, while in many years past ownership in the PCL has been a money-making proposition.

Only the league-leading San Diego Padres have been making ends meet. The Padres top the league in attendance both at home and on the road—partially due to the loop-wide popularity of Lefty O'Doul. When he was at San Francisco, the Seals traditionally were the strongest drawing road club—even when the team was weak.

Of course, on the weaknesses

Standings table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, G.B.

Scores Yesterday table with columns for team, score, innings.

National League scores table with columns for team, score, innings.

Western International scores table with columns for team, score, innings.

STILLBROOK advertisement for Straight Bourbon Whiskey, featuring a bottle image and price information.

Eddie Stanky Riding High As Cards Sweep Big Series

By UNITED PRESS
Eddie Stanky, who must have been wondering of late whether it would be better to be a care-free \$30,000 second baseman for the Giants than a care-worn \$35,000 manager of the Cardinals, was a chipper little skipper Tuesday with pennant notions buzzing in his button-topped cap.

Three-Game Sweep
He had a right to be gay. The Cardinals wound up a three-game sweep of the Giants whom they bowled out of first place on Sunday, by knocking Sal Maglie out of the box and handing him his first defeat of the year after nine straight victories. The Cardinals, jumping two notches in two days, were in fourth place and threatening to go higher.

But things were a lot different on Sunday morning when he woke up and read in the Sunday papers that his old pal and ex-teammate, Tommy Holmes, had been fired hurriedly as manager of the Braves.

The Cardinals then were in sixth place and Stanky had been involved in two unpleasant episodes—one in which he later apologized to the press box for failing to supply them with information when he was angry over the way things were going on the field; the other was when he slapped an automatic fine on hard-working Harry Brecheen for throwing a wrong pitch.

Stanky made peace with the press and cancelled out the system of automatic fines, and the Cardinals were on the wing. After the double dumping on Sunday which knocked the Giants out of the lead, they humiliated them again Monday night, coming from behind to top Maglie, 5 to 4, with a three-run sixth inning rally. It was sparked by pinch-hitter Peanut Lowrey's key run-scoring double and a two-run single by Solly Hemus.

The Giants had it all their way earlier as Davey Williams, Whitney Lockman and Bobby Thomson hit homers, but Maglie, who had terrorized clubs all over the league, couldn't protect a 4 to 2 margin.

Larry Shepard No. 1 Pitcher In Coast Play
San Francisco (U.P.)—A veteran "rookie" pitcher named Larry Shepard, a long-time low minor league manager, Tuesday took over as the pitching leader in the Pacific Coast league, according to averages released by William O. Weiss and including games of June 1.

Shepard, appearing in 14 games and 50 innings for the Hollywood Stars, has a 4-0 record. Shepard, at 33, is getting his first crack at "open" classification ball.

Les Penden, Los Angeles catcher, tops the hitters with a .321 mark after upping his average 28 points as Hank Schenz, last week's leader, dropped to .310 mark. Max West of Los Angeles leads in homers with 13; and Lou Stringer, San Diego, is tops in the runs batted in department with 40.

The strikeout king is Elmer Singleton of San Francisco with 66 in 112 innings.

Nagy Rolls 299 For ABC Victory
Milwaukee (U.P.)—Cleve Nagy, Cleveland, O., became a favorite to win the American Bowling Congress Masters Invitational tournament after he just missed a 300 game while beating Carl Richards, Parsons, Kan., 967-784.

Nagy, who will be the likely choice for the bowler of the year, dominated play Monday as second round matches were rolled in the Invitational.

Nagy already is leading in the all-events and doubles division of regular play in the ABC tournament here. He opened his four-game match with a sizzling 299 game. The perfect game slipped away when he missed the number 4 pin on the 11th frame.

Whitey Lockman Gains Narrow Batting Lead
New York (U.P.)—Whitey Lockman of the Giants is the National League's leading batter by the almost invisible margin of .00004.

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Medfordite Wins Races
Bill Barnes, Medford, won a number of honors Sunday in the Lake Lowell regatta sponsored by Caldwell, Ida., Chamber of Commerce.

He copped firsts in B runabout, in B hydroplane first heat, D hydro and F racing hydro and second in C service.

The American Power Boat association sponsored the races.

CHAMPAGNE for June Weddings advertisement with decorative border and list of items for rent.

Scouts Seek To Ink Young Portlander

Milwaukie, Ore. (U.P.)—Scouts from 14 of the 16 major league baseball teams Tuesday were camping on the doorstep of young Jerry Zimmerman, rated one of the best baseball products produced by Oregon's prep ranks in years.

Zimmerman, only 17, is a catcher. Since last week, when he graduated from high school, Zimmerman has been eligible to sign. And rumors have it that he may get as much as \$65,000 for inking his name to a contract. This would set a record for Oregon prep stars.

Young Jerry is now playing semi-pro ball, biding his time while the scouts make their offers. He had a four-year high school batting average of .425. Last season he hit .621.

Zimmerman is six-foot, one-inch tall, weighs 185 pounds, has a rifle arm and moves well on the bases. He also hits the long ball.

Only major league clubs who have not scouted Jerry are the Washington Senators and the St. Louis Browns. The New York Yankees have sent two of their top men—Roy Hamey and Tom Greenwade—west to take a look at Zimmerman.

Actions Starts In Hard Courts Tennis Tourney
Seattle (U.P.)—Three seeded players enter play Tuesday in the national hard court tennis championships, but competition will not reach a peak until Wednesday when four top experts take to the courts.

Tuesday's action was to be topped by Hugh Stewart of San Marino, Calif., Charles Hare of Chicago, and Harry Likas of San Francisco.

Women's competition also began Tuesday.

Wednesday's play will feature top-seeded players Herb Flam of Los Angeles, Bill Talbert of New York, former champion Art Larsen of San Leandro, Calif., and Tom Brown of San Francisco.

Jacque Grigory of Alhambra, Calif., seeded number eight, easily downed Charles Moore of Seattle, 6-0, 6-3, in Monday's opening round.

Soccer Halts WIL Contest
The Spokane Indians, itching to avenge a recent sweep at the hands of Victoria, hope to do battle without further interruptions against the Tyees Tuesday.

The two teams were billed as the main attraction in the Western International league Monday.

But at the last minute, the game was postponed to allow the Royal Athletic park to be used for a soccer game.

Barring another soccer contest, the league's top teams will play a double header Tuesday Whitey Lockman gains narrow batting lead.

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Fraleley Expects Ez Charles To Beat Wolcott in 12th

New York (U.P.)—The heavyweight immortals may groan disgustedly in their fistful Valhalla but come Thursday night a boxer of featherweight regard named Ezard Charles may become the first man ever to recapture the heavyweight championship of the world.

That is, of course, providing he flattens ancient Jersey Joe Walcott along about the 12th round as looks probable in this corner.

Old fearless makes his selection thusly simply because of three factors.

1. Charles is reported "fat and slow" as he comes up to this bout at Philadelphia Municipal Stadium.

2. The Charles camp is "worried."

3. Old Jersey Joe is "fit and confident."

From the cranial confines of my plywood pate this sounds suspiciously to me like a boxing boobytrap. Putting reverse English on the ball, there are a number of reasons why "Ezard the Gizzard" should lay out old Joe like a well worn rug.

Nobody is intimating that it wouldn't be nice to see old Joe keep the title. When he knocked out Charles at Pittsburgh last summer it was a success story to end all rags-to-riches tales.

New York (U.P.)—Florence Chadwick, the California girl who spends more time in the water than most fish, prepared for a long-distance swimming "grand slam" by offering to swim \$10,000 that she can swim the English channel both ways non-stop.

Miss Chadwick is the petite young lady who several years ago startled the sports world by smashing Gertrude Ederle's long-standing record for swimming the channel from England to France. She then went them all one better by becoming the first woman to wallow the distance the hard way, from France to England.

"Now I have raised \$10,000 from various sources," she explained, "and I'm willing to bet anybody that much that I can swim the channel from France to England and back again without stopping."

Not Deterred
That's a feat no one ever had dreamed of performing, but the personable Florence is not deterred. She even approached Lloyds of London but that famed financial house wanted no part of backing this sort of tiger.

Lloyds folded its hand with the dignified out that it does not make straight bets.

Only one person ever made such a bathtub out of the English channel. That was a man named Tom Blower, a giant of 250 pounds and six feet, four inches, who is supposed to be the greatest marathon swimmer of all time. Blower paddled from France to England and four hours on the way back when he had to abandon his attempt because of a storm.

"I'm certain that it can be done, and I'm positive that I can do it," Miss Chadwick insists with quiet determination. "Meanwhile, until I can get somebody to cover the \$10,000, I'll just continue training for my grand slam."

Much Swimming
That is, in itself, a feat just about as impressive as the two-way attack on the Channel. In a period of two months, Florence will swim further than most people will walk.

On June 28 she begins her odyssey by swimming from the California coast to Catalina Island, a trip even more comfortable by air than by boat. Then in mid-July she'll go to Turkey to swim the Dardanelles, a shorter jaunt but rougher than a morning after.

From there, Florence will next swim the Straits of Gibraltar and then she'll wind it up with another crack at the English Channel, shooting for the men's record from England to France.

That last dip is the one which

Sport Parade

By OSCAR FRALEY, United Press Sports Writer

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