

SPORTS

Stengel, Dessen Haven't Been Canned Yet, But They May Be Starting to Worry

By UNITED PRESS
Casey Stengel and Charley Dessen are among the few managers they haven't got around to firing yet in the major leagues this hectic season, but the way things were going for them today, they could well be envying the other guys who got the boot.

For it looks as if the panic could be on for both the Yankees and Dodgers.
Despite the fact that both still hold comparatively comfortable leads, the immediate future looks none too bright. Both Stengel and Dessen couldn't be blamed for wishing they didn't have the cares that were lifted from the shoulders of Tommy Holmes of the Braves, Rogers Hornsby of the Browns, Eddie Sawyer of the Phils, Red Rolfe of the Tigers, and now Luke Sewell of the Reds.

Hornsby, a bear for trouble, bounced back into action as Sewell's successor, but the others at the moment are enjoying peace of mind which can't be shared by the pilots of the two league leaders.

Brooks Experienced
Brooklyn, which knows more painful experiences about collapsing contenders than the Yankee empire, suffered the bigger case of jitters. Whipped into submission four straight

times by the up-and-at-'em Cardinals, their lead was reduced to four games over the idle Giants after Monday night's 3 to 2 defeat. It was the sixth defeat in the last seven games.

The Yankees are in their worst slump since Stengel took over the club in 1949. They lost five in a row for the longest losing skid in his regime, won a second game of a double header to snap that in Detroit, then lapsed into bad baseball again Monday to lose a 12 to 2 decision. What could console them, however, is that they still are three games in front of second place Cleveland, whereas at this time a year ago, they were just a bare half game in front of runner-up Boston. Brooklyn, however, had a fat and growing lead of nine games at this time in 1951.

Satch Starts Wins

In the only other major league game Monday, ol' Satchel Paige started his first game of the season for the Browns after many distinguished relief performances, and he gained a 6 to 3 victory over Washington. It was Paige night at St. Louis and the great Negro hurler was presented with many gifts. He had to have relief help from Bob Cain when he tired in the seventh, but Cain protected the victory.

It was his seventh win, tops for his brief but meteoric major league career. Bobby Young was the big Brownie batsman, tripling home three runs, Pete Runnels drove in all the Washington runs with singles.

Cost of Living Hint—Go To Ponca City Games

Ponca City, Okla. — (U.P.) The Ponca City Dodgers want to set a new national attendance record for Class D baseball clubs and think they have the right formula.

On Thursday night, fans attending the Dodgers' game will get a pass for a future game, a key chain, a \$25 furniture sale discount certificate, a \$10 jewelry store certificate, a free quart of oil, discounts on ice cream, a bar of soap, a pack of cigarettes, a miniature loaf of bread, potato chips, comic books, toys and even bags of flour.

Pass holders are out of luck. The management wants 7,000 paying customers.

Sergeant Jose Ortega, chief scout for Portola, discovered San Francisco Bay in November, 1769.

PCL Real Dog-Fight This Year; All Teams Have Chance to Go Up

By HAL WOOD
San Francisco (U.P.)—From top to bottom the Pacific Coast league is enjoying one of its finest competitive years—with every club in the loop fighting somebody else for a chance to go up at least one more rung.

As play resumes Tuesday night with Seattle at Portland, San Diego at Sacramento, Hollywood at San Francisco and Oakland at Los Angeles, the race shapes up like this:
Bevos Want 4th

A two-team battle between the Acorns and the Stars for first place; San Diego pretty well entrenched in third; Seattle, Portland and Los Angeles fighting for fourth with only 2½ games separating them; and San Francisco and Sacramento engaging in a tooth-and-nail encounter to keep out of the cellar with only one game separating them.

As a result of the close competition, attendance figures have picked up all the way through the circuit. Last week, for instance, 84,633 fans turned out in the four series. Of course, this doesn't compare with the pre-television days when Oakland and San Francisco used to draw nearly that much in one series, but it is a good general indication that the national pastime isn't exactly dead on the West coast.

Seattle-Portland Series
Oakland topped the home attendance last week with 26,155 fans for its long series with the Seals; Hollywood drew 23,596 playing against Sacramento; Seattle, rained out of one night's revenue, still attracted 20,181 fans. San Diego, in the throes of a slump, tailed off to 14,701.

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HASTY EXIT—Stock-car driver Jim Merrell leaps clear of his careening auto as it rolls over during a race in Atlanta, Ga. Merrell's car was rolled when he was struck from the rear while trying to avoid another auto stalled on the track.

Softball Action Resumes Tonight; Babes, Electricians Take Wins

Action in the Medford Softball league resumes tonight with Andy's Jewelers playing Camp White in the first contest and Trowbridge and Flynn Electric tangling with Eagle Point in the nightcap.

In contests played over the week-end the Medford Crater Babes romped to a 20 to 0 victory over Butte Falls in women's competition and National Guard defeated Trowbridge Flynn, 8 to 1, in the men's league.

J. Ingle pitched a one-hitter for the Crater Babes and received plenty of help from her teammates as they took a 2 to 0 lead in the initial inning and went on to add four more runs in the second and another six in the third. After being held scoreless in the fourth frame

the Babes roared back with eight tallies in the fifth.

National Guard Hurler Dick Phillips gave up just three hits in pacing the National Guard nine to its victory. The Guardians combined two hits and four walks in the first inning to jump into a 4 to 0 lead.

While picking up only five hits of their own, the Guardians took advantage of eight walks and three Trowbridge and Flynn errors, all by shortstop Lou Schell in the third inning, to roll up their eight runs.

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Crater Babes	246	08	20	17	0
Butte Falls	000	00	0	1	2
J. Ingle and Stenson: E. Zimmerman and Shepherd.					
National Guard	440	0x	8	5	0
Trowbridge & Flynn	000	10	1	3	3
Phillips and Clemans: Cary and Ettinger.					

Medford Driver Sets New Record But Fails to Win Hardtop Races

Billy Rosenbaum, Medford, set a new track record at the Ashland Rodeo grounds when he drove his hardtop racer for a 25-second timing in the time trials Saturday.

Rosenbaum was shut out through the rest of the evening, through, because he broke an axle. This was Rosenbaum's last race of the season, as his duties as a crop dusting pilot begin this week.

Ashland drivers monopolized most of the first places. Ashland's Gilbert Wall won the main event; and Austin, of Ashland, took the semi-main event. The special event race was omitted because so many cars were entered in the time trials.

The only Medford racers to place in the main event were Kodat, third, and Netherland, fifth.

Kodat was 10th in the semi-main and Radke of Medford was 11th.

Whaley, of Medford, won the third heat. Dennis McCoy, Ashland, won the trophy dash and Swain, Roseburg, took the fifth heat. Other heat winners were Janusek, Ashland; Scott, Klamath Falls, and McCoy, Ashland.

Only one accident was reported. Bob Holcomb, Medford, was slightly cut on the face when his car flipped and rolled over six times. Only first aid was necessary.

Woman Keeps Coffin In Death Preparation

Honey Grove, Tex. — (U.P.)—An 83-year-old Negro woman, who thought she was on her death bed in 1935 but who recovered has kept a coffin with her since then.

Mrs. Emma Hawkins said she didn't have enough money for a coffin when she was sick and she pledged the Lord she'd buy a coffin if she got well, "so I'd be fit to meet the Lord like a body ought to."

Mrs. Hawkins said she keeps mothballs in the grey satin-lined casket and it is just as good as it was when she paid \$65 for it. Now, she said, it would be worth three times that.

Many visitors come to see Mrs. Hawkins and her coffin. She doesn't object to pictures but always refuses a standard request: that she get in the coffin for a photograph.

"I'm only going to get in that coffin once," she said. "When I lie down in it, I'm not getting up!"

Senator McKeller Faces Tennessee Political Fight

Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.)—A political fight involving the veteran Sen. K. D. McKeller is shaping up in Tennessee, with the political leader E. H. Crump in McKeller's corner in a comeback role.

The white-haired Crump, whose senatorial candidate lost to Estes Kefauver four years ago, hopes that the large Memphis and Shelby County vote in west Tennessee will keep the 83-year-old dean of the Senate in his congressional seat.

McKeller, rated an influential man in Washington, is pitted against Rep. Albert Gore, 44-year-old middle Tennessee Democrat, in the Aug. 7 primary balloting.

Has To Campaign

The Crump organization, which is moving back into statewide politics, is solidly behind McKeller, who won re-election in 1946 without even leaving Washington. His friends did the campaigning.

It is not known just what type of campaign McKeller plans this time, but a "whistle stop" railroad tour has been mentioned. Most observers expect McKeller will be forced to wage an active campaign to defeat Gore.

Gore has been going up and down and across the state for nearly two years, speaking at civic club meetings, talking over the radio and shaking hands.

The winner of the nomination is virtually assured of election in the November general election.

Gore was caught in a re-districting squeeze in 1951 and his fourth district, which he had represented for 14 years, was eliminated. He has been busy campaigning for the Senate ever since then.

Fireworks Expected

Kefauver whipped the Crump organization in 1948 to win election to the Senate and many of his backers are lined up behind Gore this year.

McKeller will have plenty of powerful support himself and most observers predict a heated campaign.

Gore said he planned no personal attack on McKeller and was making the race on his own record, but did add that "I have no machine behind me."

Kefauver, busy with his campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination, is taking no part in the battle but he and McKeller have clashed often and sharply on the Senate floor.

McKeller will equal the record for service in the senate, 36 years, upon completion of his present term.

Wields Power

Noted for his quick temper and loyalty to friends, McKeller wields great power as chairman of the Senate appropriations committee. He is known, as the "father of air mail service" and as one of the first backers of

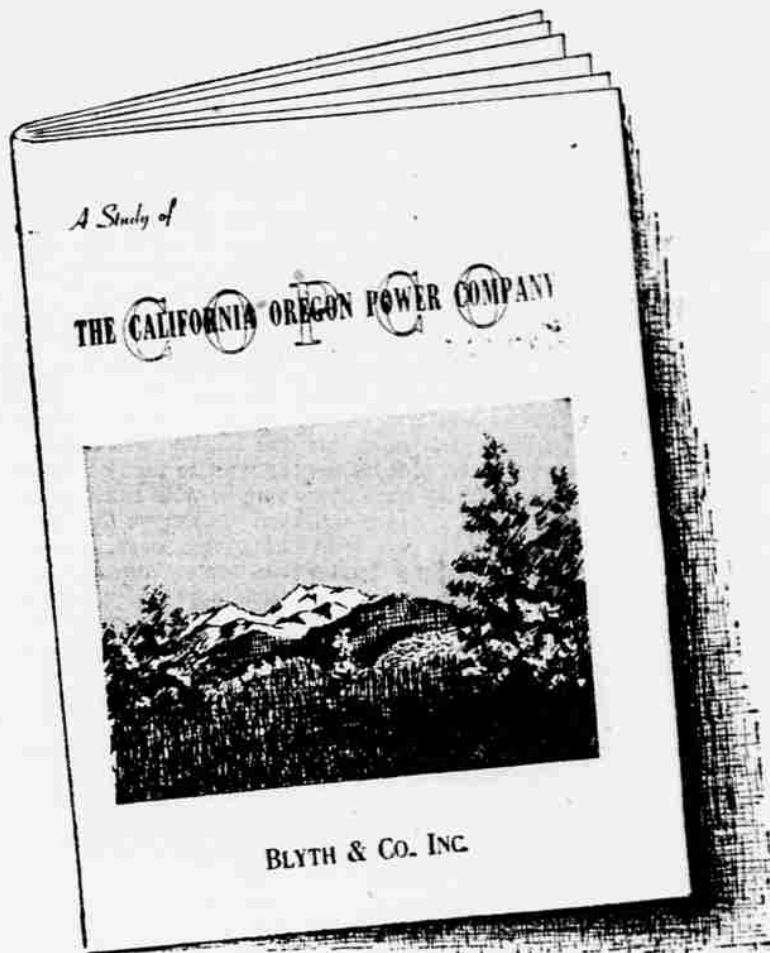
in 1916. Since then, McKeller has won re-election five times. Gore first entered state-wide politics in 1936 and was made commissioner of labor. He became a political protégé of former Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who served the fourth district for many years.

In 1938, Gore quit his state job to run for Congress, was elected and had been re-elected every two years until the state legislature abolished his seat.

Hillsboro Drummers Named Legion Champs

Klamath Falls — (U.P.)— Hillsboro was named Monday for the third straight year as champion of the Oregon American Legion drum and bugle corps demonstrations. Astoria was second and Portland Post No. 1 third.

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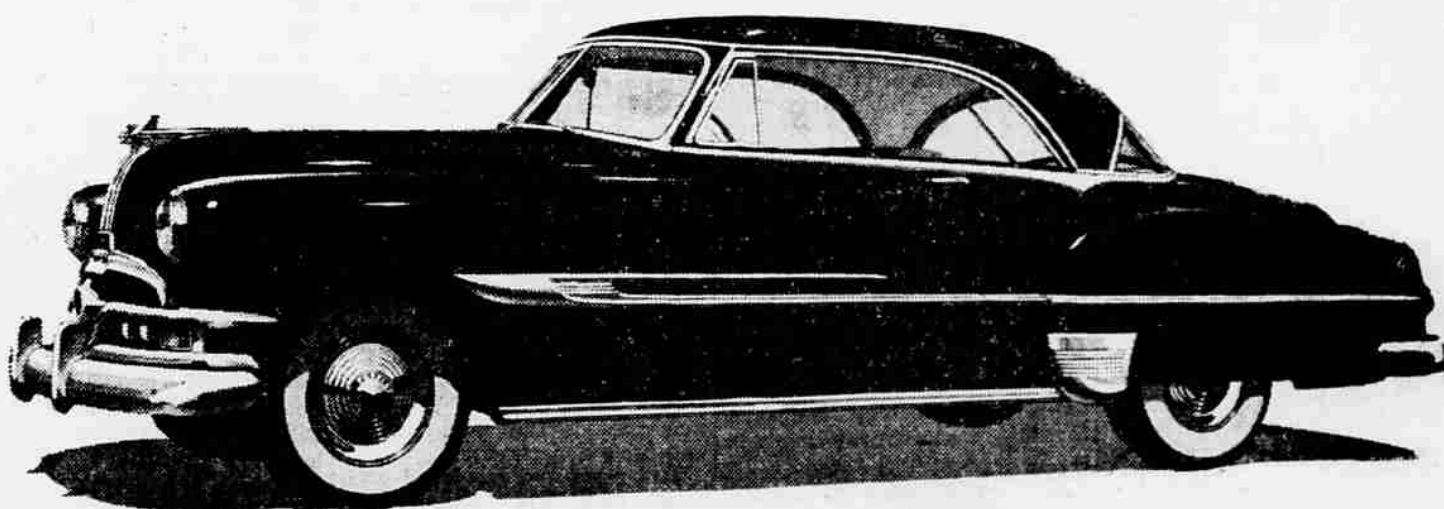
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