

# Angels Rap Beavers 9-5 in PCL Slugfest: Barrage of Base Hits Meets Chuckers on Opening Day

By PETER HAYES  
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The 1955 Pacific Coast league season was one day old today and on the strength of the opening games it looks like a rugged year for the pitchers.

With a few exceptions, the hurlers were met by a barrage of base hits, including 14 home runs in yesterday's five games watched by a total of 36,774 fans in four California cities.

Only three pitchers finished the games they started. They were Bud Daley of Sacramento, Don Fracchia of San Francisco and Vic Lombardi of Seattle, the latter two newcomers to the league and more apt to give the batsmen trouble at first.

The Solons everybody's choice for last place, squeaked past the favored Hollywood Stars, 4-3; Los Angeles downed Portland, 9-5, in a 22 hit slugfest; Seattle trounced Oakland, 8-2, and San Diego and San Francisco divided a day-night doubleheader, the Padres winning the first game, 7-5, in 11 innings and the Seals taking the nighter, 4-1.

**Outlasted Six Pitchers**  
Daley, who had a 13-8 mark with the seventh place Solons last year, outlasted six Hollywood pitchers and gained the victory in the ninth when Hank Schenz laced a single to left with two out to score Ritchey Myers from second.

The Solons earlier took a 3-1 lead when Pete Milne hit a two run homer in the sixth. Wallie Pitts, playing his first professional game, was charged with the loss.

Los Angeles wasted little time getting started against Portland as pitcher Joe Hatten belted a three-run homer in the second. The Angels scored two in the fifth on Bob Usher's homer and two in the sixth on homers by Don Robertson and pitcher Turk Lown.

Don Eggert of Portland nar-

rowed the gap in the sixth with a three run homer.

Marv Williams and Joe Ginsberg gave Seattle a fat lead when they homered off Alan Gettel.

Williams hit his four bagger

## Baker Upped To Rank of Outstanding

Milwaukee, Wis. —(U.P.)— National Boxing Association ratings advanced heavyweight Bob Baker of Pittsburgh to the rank of outstanding boxer, Fred J. Saddy, chairman of the NBA Championship Committee, said Tuesday.

Harold Johnson was restored to his old position of logical contender for light heavyweight title in the ratings.

Also recognized were the new champions — welterweight king Tony DeMarco of Massachusetts and bantamweight Raton Macias of Mexico.

Ratings put Robert Cohen of French Algiers in the rank of logical contender for Macias' title.

Featherweight king Sandy Saddler is the only champion who has no logical contender for his title in the NBA ratings.

## Finder Mercury Ties for Lead in Bowling Tourney

Fort Wayne, Ind. —(U.P.)— Cole Finder Mercury of Chicago last night rolled up a 3015 series to tie Howard's clothes of St. Paul for the lead in the team event of the American Bowling Congress tournament.

The Chicago team put together games of 1055, 982 and 978 for the top series.

Morris Oppenheim paced Cole Finder with a 653 series on games of 236, 201 and 216. Stanley Weglarz had a 614 and Carl Berger a 602.

The King Louie Shirts team of Chicago bowled games of 1011, 1020 and 995. The team had a chance to go into the lead right up till the eighth frame of their final game.

But at that point they slacked off and ended up with a 2986 total, good only for fourth place in the open division team standings.

Team member Harry Lippe had a 645, including a 248 game. Ed Brosius rolled a 623.

**PACIFIC VICTOR**  
Forest Grove —(U.P.)— Pacific edged Portland State 11-10 in a wild baseball game here yesterday despite a six-run rally by the Vikings in the ninth inning.

in the fourth with one on and Ginsberg rapped his in the eighth with the bases loaded. Lombardi gave up only five hits to the Oaks.

Buddy Peterson and Mill Smith shared honors in San Diego's first game win over the Seals. Peterson slapped a two run single in the ninth to send the game into extra innings and Smith sewed it up in the 11th when he homered with Peterson on base. Earl Rapp of the Padres and Ted Beard of the Seals homered earlier.

In the night game, Fracchia, 24-year-old former St. Mary's athlete, allowed only four hits in his PCL debut. He got lusty support from Clarence Maddern who homered twice for three runs. Jim Gladd homered for the Padres.

**LINESCORES:**  
Hollywood — 000 010 020 — 3 7 2  
Sacramento — 100 002 001 — 4 8 0  
Munger, Witt (8), Wolfe (8), Pitts (8), Yochim (9) and Ergan, Daley and Sheeley.

Portland — 000 103 001 — 5 10 1  
Los Angeles — 031 022 01x — 5 12 0  
Waiel, Anthony 4, Salslich (7), W. Bottler (8) and Calderone; Hatten, Lown (6) and Pramesa.

Seattle — 000 200 042 — 8 14 1  
Oakland — 010 001 000 — 2 5 0  
Lombardi and Ginsberg; Gettel, Van Cuyk (9) and Neal.

(1st Game—11 Innings)  
S. Francisco — 002 002 100 — 5 13 0  
San Diego — 100 020 002 — 7 11 0  
Easton, Zabala (9) and Tornay; Erault, Herrera (10) and Aylward, Gladd (10).

(2nd Game)  
S. Francisco — 000 015 010 — 4 8 1  
San Diego — 100 000 — 2 4 2  
Fracchia and Donahue; Kerrigan, Lyons (9) and Gladd.

## Dressen Makes Bonus Player Farm Suggestion

By LEO H. PETERSEN  
United Press Sports Editor  
Washington —(U.P.)— Chuck Dressen suggested today that major league clubs be allowed to farm out their bonus players, but still have them count against their active, playing rosters.

The new manager of the Washington Senators said it didn't make sense for the clubs to pay high bonuses for players, then have them sit on the bench two years when they should be in the minors gaining experience.

**Waste Two Years**  
"The way the bonus rule works now, there isn't anything you can do about it but just waste two years of a promising ball player's life," Dressen said. "It isn't fair to the kid, nor to the club trying to develop major leaguers."

Under the bonus rule, any promising youth without organized ball experience who receives more than \$6,000 has to be kept on the roster two years before he can be farmed out to the minors. The rule handicaps many clubs. Some have as many as three bonus players they must keep.

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

## Tornado Tips Ashland With Run in Eighth

The Medford high school baseball team took an early eight-run lead, saw it crumble away and had to go an extra inning yesterday to nick the Ashland Grizzlies, 10 to 9, in a Southern Oregon conference baseball encounter here.

A fielder's choice rap by Paul Eckel drove in Jim Owsley with the winning run in the eighth panel. Owsley and Ed Reinking had walked to lead off the Medford batting turn in the frame. Lorin Jacobs advanced the runners with a sacrifice bunt down the third base line.

Eckel's efforts to squeeze in Owsley failed and he "hit away" to Second Baseman Lance Locke whose throw to the plate arrived too late.

Medford headed 9 to 1 after three innings of play, getting six runs in the first inning, one in the second and two in the third while Ashland got a solo in the third.

**Parent Homers**  
However, the Ashlanders got to Ken Piland for four extra base blows in the fourth canto and picked up six runs in that batting turn. Then in the sixth frame Grizzly Pitcher Gene Parent's home run with one man on base tied the contest.

The Black Tornado needed only one hit, a triple by Larry Gober, in producing its runs in the first inning. Parent, starting on the mound, walked three of the four batters he faced before giving way to Mark Fitch. And Fitch yielded two bases on balls and hit a batter in addition to Gober's swat. Two errors were committed by Ashland.

In the second frame Medford combined Ed McCullough's single and Jim Owsley's three-bagger for a single counter. Terry King led off with a double and McCullough tripled for a run in the third. Owsley was hit by a pitch and McCullough got home on a double steal.

**Triples and Doubles**  
Bill Workman and Parent got triples and Pete Cotton and Lance Locke doubles off Piland in the fourth frame as Ashland duplicated Medford's first inning scoring. There was one error and a walk and one out before Duane Sides took over on

the hill. A couple of error's hurt as Sides began his fireman's chore but he forced Fitch to pop out and whiffed Workman to retire the side.

Parent's homer onto the black top back of left field came after Sides issued a walk to Jack Lane. Phil Sword tripled to center field but was caught at the plate on Don Olson's fielder's choice blow.

Parent returned to the pitcher's slab for Ashland at the start of the fourth inning and chucked effectively through the seventh. He gave up a hit, two walks and struck out six batters in that time.

Medford had a chance to win in the seventh when Gober walked and got to second base on a passed ball. King failed on two sacrifice bunt tries and was out on a third called strike. Sides was out on a high pop out and McCullough fouled out.

McCullough and Parent hit two for four for their respective teams. On the hill for Medford Piland was tagged for six hits, whiffed three batters and walked one in 3 1/3 innings while Sides allowed two hits, fanned five and walked three in 4 2/3. Parent gave up one hit, walked seven and recorded eight strikeouts in 4 1/3 frames and Fitch was clubbed for six hits, fanned four batters, walked two and hit two.

The teams play again Thursday afternoon at Ashland. McCullough is scheduled to pitch for Medford.

**LINESCORE:**  
Ashland — 001 602 00— 9 8 2  
Medford — 612 000 01— 10 7 3  
Parent, Fitch (1), Parent (4) and Sword, Piland, Sides (4) and King.

## Detroit Red Wings Get 2-Game Stranglehold

Detroit —(U.P.)— The Detroit Red Wings, who take special delight in humiliating the arch-rival Canadiens, headed for Montreal today intent on wrapping up the Stanley Cup in Les Habitants' own back yard.

Capt. Ted Lindsay triggered four goals Tuesday night to lead the Red Wings to a 7-1 rout of the Canadiens, a victory which gave Detroit a two-game stranglehold over Montreal in the best-of-seven playoff finals.

## Lillard Yields; Hussane To Face Dean



MAN MOUNTAIN DEAN JR.  
Turk Will Oppose Giant

Mack Lillard late yesterday yielded to incessant pressure from Yoggi Hussane and signed the rough Turkish wrestler to face Man Mountain Dean Jr. in the feature match of next Saturday's card at Merrick's arena.

Hussane had pointed out that his particular style of wrestling would aid him in beating the 380-pound mammoth and that his win over Cyclone Cobb, heretofore the biggest man in the Lillard stable, entitled him to the match.

The promoter had been seeking a bigger man than the Turk for the job but consented when "pressure became too great."

"If Hussane wants to risk injury by taking on a man of Dean's size, I won't stand in his way," Lillard said.

Meanwhile, the Medford State Athletic Commission, which supervises wrestling and boxing

in Medford, has ordered Lillard to reinforce the ring in preparation for Dean's appearance. It was pointed out that while the ring floor is strong enough to withstand the impact of ordinary wrestling matches, extra precaution should be taken for the great weight of the whiskered behemoth.

Not satisfied to let the Dean-Hussane match draw the spectators, the mat impresario has signed two other bouts, each of which should draw those who lay their dollars on the line. Jean Elbon, Lincoln, Neb., will make her first local appearance against Gerry Hunter in the special feature while Cobb goes against Buck Davidson in what should provide an outstanding display of grappling skill.

Starting time is 8:30 p.m. with arena doors to open an hour earlier.

## Northwest Loop Teams Open Camps

By UNITED PRESS

A brand new baseball training season got under way today for a brand new league as six of the seven members of the class B Northwest league opened camp.

Wenatchee got the jump on the other members by starting training yesterday at Petaluma, Calif.

The Chiefs will be joined in the southland by Salem at Napa and Eugene at Santa Cruz. Three teams from the Northwest—Lewiston, Tri-Cities and Yakima—will train at home.

Spokane moves in across the river from Lewiston at Clarkston.

The new class B loop replaces the class A Western International League which folded last season after some of its members found the financial pace too swift.

The teams have just three weeks to get in shape for the season with opening day slated for April 26.

It is estimated that less than one per cent of the area of Alaska has been surveyed.



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