

Yankees Trounce Orioles 6-0; Doby Leads Tribe to Victory

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	7	0	1.000	
Philadelphia	4	2	.667	2 1/2
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	2 1/2
Chicago	4	3	.571	3
St. Louis	3	3	.500	3 1/2
New York	2	5	.286	4
Cincinnati	2	5	.286	4
Pittsburgh	0	6	.000	5 1/2

Monday's Results
New York 12, Pittsburgh 3
Milwaukee 2, Chicago 1
Brooklyn 5, Philadelphia 2 (night)
Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 4 (night)

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Boston	5	1	.833	
Cleveland	5	2	.714	1 1/2
New York	4	2	.667	1
Chicago	3	3	.500	2 1/2
Detroit	3	3	.500	2 1/2
Washington	2	2	.500	2
Kansas City	2	2	.500	2
Baltimore	0	6	.000	5

Monday's Results
Cleveland 11, Kansas City 9
New York 6, Baltimore 0

By CARL LUNDQUIST

United Press Sports Writer

Lefty Whitey Ford of the Yankees vowed that this was the season he would get off to a fast start in the spring and go on to win 20 games for the first time in his big league career.

Today, the 26-year-old blond pitching star from Glen Cove, N.Y. has won two games in which he has given up a total of five hits and one run. If he keeps pitching that way, he'll reach that 20 victory goal easily and become the new ace of the Yankee staff in the bargain.

Monday night, hot-rod Ford moved down the Orioles in Baltimore, 6-0, with just three hits, all singles and all in different innings. Mickey Mantle hit a two-run homer and Irv Noren drilled a double and single good for three runs to make Ford's take easier. In his first start against Washington, he held the Senators to just two hits.

Athletics Blow Lead

At Kansas City, the Athletics took an 8-0 lead, then blew an 11-9 decision to the Indians when Larry Doby hit a three-run homer with two out in the ninth. The Athletics hit five homers, by Jim Flinnigan, Gus Zernial, Bill Wilson, Vic Power, and Bill Renna but their pitchers failed to hold the early margin and Ewell Blackwell served up the fatal toss to Doby which sent an overflow crowd of 31,563 home full of dismay after Kansas City's first night game.

In the National League, the unbeaten Brooklyn Dodgers made it seven victories in a row with a 5-2 triumph at Philadelphia. Cincinnati drubbed the Cardinals, 7-4, the Giants poured it on Pittsburgh 12-3, and Milwaukee edged the Cubs, 2-1. Other American League teams had open dates.

Duke Snider rapped a three-run homer high over the right field wall and winning pitcher Carl Erskine kicked in with a two-run single for the Dodgers. They scored all their runs in a big sixth inning, but Erskine still had to have relief help when his control lapsed in the same frame. Rookie Ed Roebuck pitched hitless ball the rest of the way.

Redlegs Beat Cardinals

Gus Bell drove in three runs with a single and a double in Cincinnati's triumph at St. Louis. The Redlegs chased starter Vic Raschi with a four-run rally in the second inning in which Ed Bailey tripled and Glen Gorbous doubled. Rip Repulski hit a two-run St. Louis homer. Joe Nuxhall, with relief help from Rudy Minarcin, gained his first victory.

Milwaukee came from behind to defeat Chicago when Eddie Mathews hit a two-run double in the eighth inning after a walk to Chuck Tanner and a single by Hank Aaron. Bob Buhl, who gave up only five hits before yielding to a pinch-hitter in the eighth gained the victory, his first.

The Giants pummeled the Pirates with the same glee as all other clubs have hammered them so far, putting over eight runs in a riotous fourth inning. The world champs made 15 hits in all in coming out of their slump against the Bucs who have lost six games and have yet to win one. Whitey Lockman had four hits including a double and homer to set the pace. Don Liddle, touched for an inside-the-park homer by rookie Roberto Clemente, yielded no other runs until he tired in the ninth and required relief help from Marv Brissom. Grissom stopped the Bucs after they scored two more runs.

	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000	3 9/10
New York	2	0	1.000	12 15/16
St. Louis	0	0	.000	13 1/2
Chicago	0	0	.000	14 1/2
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	15 1/2
Cincinnati	0	0	.000	16 1/2
Baltimore	0	0	.000	17 1/2
Washington	0	0	.000	18 1/2
San Francisco	0	0	.000	19 1/2
Los Angeles	0	0	.000	20 1/2

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Philadelphia	0	0	.000	8 1/4
Chicago	0	0	.000	9 1/4
St. Louis	0	0	.000	10 1/4
New York	0	0	.000	11 1/4
Baltimore	0	0	.000	12 1/4
Washington	0	0	.000	13 1/4
San Francisco	0	0	.000	14 1/4
Los Angeles	0	0	.000	15 1/4
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000	16 1/4

(Only games scheduled)

Pacific Coast's Race Tightest in 54 Years As Third Week Starts

By UNITED PRESS

Portland (U.P.)—Portland Beaver officials hoped more than 20,000 fans would crowd into Vaughn street ball park today and tonight — weather permitting—for the 1955 home opener against the San Diego Padres.

It was scheduled to be the last opener in Vaughn Street history. The Beavers move to Multnomah Stadium next season.

The weather man forecast "occasional showers." Manager Clay Hopper named Bill Werle and Bob Hall to pitch for the Beavers.

The tightest race in the 54 years of the Pacific Coast League appeared to be shaping up as the third week of the 1955 campaign got under way today, with only three games separating the first-

High Overall Prize Set in Zone Shoot

A trophy will be awarded to the high overall shooter for the two days' 500 targets when the Southern Oregon zone shoot is conducted Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, at Medford Gun club.

The tourney will be a Pacific International Trapshooting registered event.

Another prize will go to the shooter with the longest straight run.

There will be a program of 250 targets each day. There will be 16-yard, handicap and doubles competition. Participants are expected from northern California and Oregon.

Class Rivalry

Class rivalry is slated in the 16-yard and doubles contests. Yardage winners will get trophies in the handicaps.

The gun club will throw red top targets at the shoot. If they are liked by the shotguns, the club will use them at future shoots.

Four members of the club shot 25 straight in 16-yard activity last Sunday. They were Ed Pease, Everett Gibson, Floyd Young and Gene Hunt. In skeet Martin Clagston broke 24 out of 25. Gibson shattered 22 and Sam Jennings 21. Ray Coleman fired a 47 out of 50 handicap score and George Jantzer cracked 18 in doubles.

Pfeiffers Open Title Attempt

The Pfeiffers, who rolled 3,181 to win in 1953 and 3,115 to take the team title the year before, move into action after a day of mediocre scoring.

Only shake-up Monday was furnished by Frank Demko of Cleveland, who nailed down 10th place in the singles with a 683 count on games of 223, 213 and 247.

Carroll Davies and Hank Marino of Milwaukee, the latter competing in his 39th consecutive ABC, came up with a 1,247 to lead doubles competitors. That was three pins shy of cracking the top 10.

Three Hurlers Lead PCL With 3-0 Marks

San Francisco (U.P.)—There is a three way tie for the pitching leadership of the Pacific Coast League with Bud Daley of Sacramento, George Bamberger of Oakland and John Oldham of Seattle each carrying 3-0 records.

Official statistics released today by William Weiss show that Josie Heard of Seattle is tops in the strike-out department with 19.

Rookie Joe Kierrene of San Francisco tops the hitters with a .417 average. Joe Brovia, Oakland, leads in home runs with five; and Marv Williams, Seattle, in runs-batted-in with 17.

DUCK GRIDDERS DRILL

Eugene (U.P.)—Sixty-three football prospects turned out for opening day of spring practice at Oregon yesterday. The Webfoots have 13 returning lettermen.

Raschi (0-1).

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(Only games scheduled)

place Sacramento Solons from the last-place Oakland Acons.

On top of that, every team in the league with the exception of the Solons was within two games or better of playing .500 ball.

May Boost Attendance

That's the kind of competition that makes the turnstiles click, and it may be the trick that turns President Clare V. Goodwin's prophecy of a 3,000,000 attendance this year into a reality.

That, plus good baseball. The latter can be attested to by the fact that 19 games were won by one run during the first two weeks of play; there were seven two-hit pitching performances, and 22 teams came from behind to win. Also, there were five extra inning games, which is a good indication of balance throughout the loop.

The final two "opening nights" of the league will be staged today when Portland and Seattle open in their ball parks.

Jansen To Pitch
At Seattle, there is a day-night twin bill. In the afternoon contest, Sacramento will send lefty Chet Johnson (1-0) to the hill against Seattle's long time big leaguer Larry Jansen. Larry, former New York Giant star, last pitched in this league in 1946. In the night contest, John Briggs (2-0) will hurl for the Solons against Rindold Duren (0-1). About 20,000 will see the two tilts, if the weather is good.

Portland also opens with a day-night twin bill. In the afternoon Bob Hall will toe the slab for Portland and Ed Erault will oppose him. At night it will be Bill Werle for the Beavers and Cliff Fannin for San Diego.

In other games tonight, Hollywood plays San Francisco in the Seals' ball pa. and Oakland invades Los Angeles.

Champ Sets Tough Grind Of Training

Calistoga, Calif. (U.P.)—World heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano resumed a tight training schedule today in preparation for his May 16 title bout with England's Don Cockell.

"The Rock" relaxed yesterday to do a bit of sightseeing and pose for an oil painting by Raphael Pricert. He walked to an abandoned mine and did 10 miles of road work at the same time.

"Rocky is rapidly approaching his top training peak," said trainer Charlie Boldman. "He's not nearly as wild as he was when we first opened drills here two weeks ago."

Spars Three Rounds

In San Rafael, Calif., yesterday Cockell sparred three rounds with British heavyweight Ron Harmon, while local promoters worried about his lack of protection.

The British champion has refused to use a head guard or mouth piece during training and Bay Area fight men are afraid he will get cut.

Cockell also boxed rounds of 3 1/2 minutes each with one-half minute intervals, compared with three minutes boxing and one minute's rest used by the American fighters.

O'Connell Nails Down Second Base Position

Milwaukee, Wis. (U.P.)—Danny O'Connell is now the Milwaukee Braves' regular second baseman against all kinds of pitching. O'Connell previously had started only against left-handed pitchers, with Jack Dittmer starting against right-handers.

"Dittmer hasn't been hitting," said Manager Charley Grimm in announcing the change. "So we'll use O'Connell against both right-handers and left-handers."

Girl Leads Seattle Win Over Beavers

Corvallis (U.P.)—Seattle University's tennis team, led by a young lady, trounced Oregon State 6-1 here yesterday.

Janet Hopps, women's amateur champ in Washington, played in the No. 1 spot for the Chieftains and downed Norm Merrill of OSC 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

TABULATES VOTES

New York (U.P.)—Officials of the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association met today to tabulate proxy votes on a proposal to stage this year's national singles championships at Forest Hills, Sept. 2-11.

The production of castor oil once was centered in southern Illinois. However, it was used mostly for lubricating purposes and not as a children's medicine.

SPORTS



YOU TELL 'IM IRV—Irv Noren of the New York Yankees hurls a verbal blast at plate umpire Bill McKinley after McKinley called him out at home plate in a tight play in sixth inning in game with Red Sox at Boston. All Irv earned was a trip to the showers. Boston won, 8-4.

Champ Thomas Will Face Yoggi Hussane Saturday

Promoter Mack Lillard today completed signing of matches for his wrestling card at Merrick's arena Saturday night.

The mat impresario inked Champ Thomas, Denver dropkick specialist, to go against Yoggi Hussane, rough and tough Turk, in the middle scrap. The opener, slated to go to the mat at 8:30 p.m., will send Portland's wrestling cop, Larry Presnell, in with Harold "Buck" Davidson. Lillard was so impressed with Presnell's showing against Cyclone Cobb last week that he decided to give him another match. Both bouts are for 40 minutes or two out of three falls.

Mag Match Tops Card

A women's tag team scrap will top the card. It pits Jean Elbon and Shirley Winters, both of whom have won the hearts of local fans, against Gerry Hunter and newcomer Bonnie Bartlett.

In signing Thomas, Lillard has secured the services of one of

as an amateur and professional. He met some of the country's top light-heavyweights in the late 1930s. He spent 41 months overseas with the Navy in World War II and was highly praised for his promotion of entertainment for service personnel, being rated by Ring Magazine as "one of the outstanding service showmen." After his discharge in 1945 he took a whirl at promoting boxing and managing fighters but sold his interests in 1947 to devote his time to a wrestling career.

Recognized as Champion

He recently won recognition by the Independent Wrestling Alliance as world junior-heavyweight champion with a victory over Ozark Ike and is willing to defend his claim against anyone who can prove he is a worthy challenger.

Lions To Honor Tornado Cagers Wednesday Night

Approximately 125 persons, including members of the service club and their special guests, are expected to be on hand to hear a talk by Amory T. (Slats) Gill at the Medford Lions club dinner meeting on Wednesday evening at the Jackson hotel.

Members of the Medford high school basketball team, runner-up for the state Class A championship, will be honored at the dinner along with their coaches, Frank Roelandt and Bob Newland. Gill, head basketball coach at Oregon State college, will be the main speaker.

Tickets have been made available to a limited number of Medford basketball fans outside the club membership. Lions reported a fair advance sale of the tickets. They said that other non-club members who wish to attend the dinner can call the Jackson hotel by noon on Wednesday.

The dinner will be at 6:15 p.m. in the Pioneer room. Gill is well known both as a speaker and a coach. His OSC Beavers won the Pacific Coast Conference championship this year and were quarter-finalists in NCAA play-offs.

An estimated 530,000 anglers caught a record total of 22,300,000 trout in California waters in 1953.

CHAMP THOMAS To Meet Tough Turk

the game's most colorful performers. While he relies principally on speed and skill to win his matches, Thomas has a mean streak which sometimes gains the upper hand and when this occurs he is hard to control. If Hussane works according to past patterns, a wild evening probably will result.

Thomas is a former boxer, engaging in more than 100 bouts

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PCL 'Bad Boy' Reformed; Carlos Bernier Pleases Bragan With Changed Attitude

By HAL WOOD

United Press Sports Writer

San Francisco (U.P.)—Carlos Bernier, the "bad boy" of baseball, has reformed.

The Puerto Rico star who was suspended last summer from the roster of the Hollywood Stars for striking an umpire, has turned over a new leaf, and a lot of people will be glad to hear that, including Manager Bobby Bragan.

"Bernier was a good boy all winter in the Cuban league," says Bragan, "and he has been fine here with us, so far."

Loss of Bernier is blamed by many with knocking the Stars out of the pennant championship last year. He was banned for the final weeks of the season after his attack on the umpire.

In his own broken English, all that is past, Bernier says.

No More Trouble

"I no look for trouble any more," says Carlos. "In winter league one night umpire call strike up around here (head) but I no say nothing. Next pitch is around here (ankles) I no say nothing. Third pitch right at me and called strike. I no say nothing."

"In winter league in another game, big fight in infield. I play outfield. I go sit down by wall until fights is over. I no want trouble."

Bernier has been the stormy petrel of PCL baseball for several years. He has squawked on every pitch thrown; on every ball hit down the foul line; on close plays at all bases; on just about anything that might be considered controversial.

"But he doesn't have that chip on his shoulder any more," says

Bragan. "He has had a couple of close calls against him already this year and he never said a word."

A 'Good Boy'

One of the settling influences on him this year may be the fact that he brought his wife, five children and mother from Cuba with him to spend the summer in Los Angeles.

Bragan, apparently, did some checking up on Carlos during the spring to see how Bernier had acted in the winter league.

"I talked to an umpire down in Venezuela, fellow named Stan Landis," said Bragan. "He told me 'Bernier good boy' all winter."

If Carlos, a 26-year-old speed merchant, follows his new line of thinking, he may yet make it to the major leagues. He clouted .313 in 119 games for the Stars last year, stealing 38 bases. In 1952 he stole 65 bases while hitting .301. However, in 1953 with Pittsburgh he was a flop at the plate, hitting only .213.

He is off to a poor start this year, batting .259 in the first 10 games, but he generally starts off slowly.

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