

# San Francisco, Los Angeles to Open West Coast Majors Today

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San Francisco — The Los Angeles Dodgers, making their West Coast debut away from home, today will adopt the role of "spoilers" as they hope to dampen San Francisco's enthusiasm for the Giants by defeating the transplanted New York club.

Manager Walt Alston, who has been issuing revised lineups like war communiques, was not definitely decided on his players as they went into pre-game batting practice. "I can't say we're 100 percent ready as long as Duke Snider is not in top shape and

the rest of the squad is in pretty good condition," Alston said. If the manager sticks with his latest and fourth lineup, he will start a San Francisco boy, Gino Cimoli, in the lead-off position. But even that promise was not definite. Cimoli will lead off if Snider and Neal both can play, otherwise Jim Gilliam gets the leadoff spot.

San Francisco — The weatherman predicted clear and sunny weather for today's opener between San Francisco and Los Angeles but Charlie Dressen, the Dodgers' coach, feared rain for Wednesday night. "I'm pretty well acquainted with this park," declared Dressen who once managed the Oakland Oaks and masterminded many a game at windswept Seals Stadium against the San Francisco PCL club. "The weather usually is all right in the daytime. But at night—icicles."

But the Darrtown, Ohio, manager was confident that he was starting the ace of his mound staff in Don Drysdale, the 21-year-old Los Angeles youngster voted in the United Press poll of baseball writers as the pitcher most likely to lead the National league. Drysdale tried out the mound at Seals Stadium Monday, checking the pitching rubber and making a few tosses to catcher Rube Walker who will be his batterymate today.

## Three-Way Tie In Volleyball Loop Standings

Medford YMCA women's volleyball tournament was thrown into three-way tie for first place Saturday when Rogue Valley handed Central Point its first loss 18-15, 15-12.

## Angler Catches Albino Catfish

Vern Salmans, 817 Grant st., reported that he caught an albino bullhead catfish last week at Hoover lakes. The fish was about 11 inches long and had the pink eyes characteristic of albinos.

## CARDS TRIM TWO

St. Louis — Right handed pitcher Lynn Lovenguth and Lloyd Merritt were cut by the St. Louis Cardinals today, leaving the player roster at the legal limit of 28. The Cardinals said they had not as yet decided to which clubs Lovenguth and Merritt would be sent.

## Schayes Called Best All-Around Tall Hoopman

University of Oregon — Dolph Schayes, the Syracuse Nationals' star and a member of the East team which will play the West in the NBA All-Star game in McArthur court on April 16, is the greatest all-around big man in basketball.

That particular praise comes from a young man who knows whereof he speaks — Frank Ramsey of the Boston Celtics. Ramsey has played directly opposite the 6-foot 8-inch Schayes on many occasions.

The Ramsey contention undoubtedly will draw the ire of the Bob Pettit fans. Pettit is the 6-foot, 8-inch star of the St. Louis Hawks.

Ramsey, however, sticks by his guns. "Dolph can do everything," says Ramsey. "He can shoot sets from the outside, he can pop 'em in from the corner, he can drive for the basket and he can rebound."

The statement is borne out by the record book. With the exception of the 1951-52 season when he finished 17th, Schayes has been among the top 10 in scoring. The 10-year veteran and former New York university great has also been high on the list in rebounding and free throws.

Highest Scorer  
This season he became the highest scorer in pro basketball history when he soared above the 12,000 point mark to break George Mikan's career record of 11,764.

If he doesn't get the driving room, Schayes is content to let the ball go from downtown. His patented shot is a two-handed high trajectory bomber that is virtually unique in this modern era of one-handed push and jump shots.

Many players feel that Schayes, like good wine, has improved with age. The Celtics' Arnie Risen, himself a 10-year veteran of the league, says "Dolph seems to get better in every phase of the game each year."

However it would be difficult to measure the improvement. After all the big guy has been an all-league selection for the last eight years.

Tickets for the Oregon club sponsored attraction are now on sale at McArthur court.

ALOUETTES SIGN COOPER  
Montreal — Thurlow Cooper, six-foot-two, 215-pound end from the University of Maine, has signed with the Eastern division Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football league. Cooper had a tryout with the Cleveland Browns in 1937 and was the last player cut by that club.

All but eight of the states in the U. S. have a ban on fireworks sale and use.

## SPORTS

### Perez Will Fight Arias In Caracas

New York. — The week's most important boxing bout will be staged at Caracas, Venezuela Saturday night when Pascual Perez of Argentina defends his world flyweight title against Ramon Arias, the Venezuelan champion. Perez is a 2-1 favorite for his 10th defense of the crown he won in 1934 by outpointing Japan's Yoshio Shirai.

The weekly Wednesday night TV ABC fight will pit middleweight Bobby Boyd of Chicago against Neal Rivers of Las Vegas in a 10-rounder at the Chicago Stadium. Both have good knockout records. Boyd, the 2-1 choice, has registered 22 kayos while winning 47 of 58 bouts while Rivers' 39-5-2 record includes 23 knockouts.

Grudge Fight  
Heavyweights Alex Miteff of Argentina and Willi Besmanoff of Germany will square off at Washington, D.C., Friday night in a "grudge" fight that will be broadcast and televised nationally by NBC.

Miteff has been aching for another crack at Besmanoff since the German flattened him during a sparring session. In an earlier "official" meeting at New York last June, Miteff won an easy decision and is a 12-5 favorite to score a repeat victory.

This week's major fights:

Tuesday: At Miami Beach Fla. — Ludwig Lightburn vs. Steven Ward; at London, Eng. — Peter Watterman vs. Dave Charney; at Hartford, Conn. — Harold Johnson vs. Ollie Wilson.  
Wednesday: At Chicago — Bobby Boyd vs. Neal Rivers.  
Thursday: At Los Angeles — Paul Armstead vs. Baby Vasquez; at Albuquerque, N.M. — Art Aragon vs. Bob Torrance; at New York — Eddie Lynch vs. Julius Rhodes.  
Friday: At Washington, D.C. — Willie Besmanoff vs. Alex Miteff.  
Saturday: At Caracas, Venezuela — Pascual Perez vs. Ramon Arias world flyweight title; at Windsor, Ont. — Will Graves vs. Cobby McCloskey; at Hollywood, Calif. — Jimmy Grow vs. Jimmy Lassiter.  
Boston — The New York Yankees got down to the opening day player limit of 28 Monday by returning catcher John Blanchard to their Denver farm club in the American association. Johnson played at Denver last year, hitting .310.

# Beaver Opener Expected to Top Attendance Rolls for Minors

By GENE BRYANT  
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More than 60,000 fans were expected to attend the opening games of the revamped Pacific Coast league today and tonight as the embattled loop sought to stay alive in spite of the westward invasion by the Giants and Dodgers.

With three new cities in the league — Spokane, Salt Lake City and Phoenix — the 56-year-old PCL found itself without three of its old California franchises. Gone were the Los Angeles, Hollywood and San Francisco entries which were regarded as the backbone of the nation's top minor league.

In their place, however, was the enthusiasm of opening day. Although rainy skies threatened opening games at Vancouver, Seattle and Portland, near-capacity crowds were expected. Ideal baseball weather was expected at Phoenix.

At Portland, the Beavers were expected to draw 30,000 for a day-night doubleheader with Sacramento. Larry Jansen started for Portland in today's game with Carl Greene slated to hand mound chores for the Solons.

At night it will be Elmer Singleton against Joe Stanka. The next biggest crowds were expected at Seattle where the Rainiers entertained the Spokane. Ten thousand

were expected for today's game while another 8,888 were expected tonight. Art Fowler started for the home club in the afternoon game against the Indian's Connie Grob. The nighttime batteries are still unannounced.

Ten thousand fans were expected to overflow Vancouver's 9,200-seat park tonight when the Mounties open up against Salt Lake City. Joe Hatton will hurl for Vancouver and Olaf Nelson will handle mound duties for the Bees.

In At Phoenix, a former Class C team that is now the San Francisco Giant's top farm club, a sell-out crowd of 6,500 was expected for a night contest against San Diego. Max Surkont was slated to start for the home club against Bud Podbielan of the Padres.

With new or remodeled park ready in each of the three new cities, league officials expressed confidence in the coming campaign — the 56th for the PCL.

Pronounced dead as soon as the Giants and Dodgers' plans for heading West were made public the league fooled many people by even

attempting to survive. San Diego, for one, has even gone so far as to go ahead with plans for a new stadium.

A cautious optimism seems to be the keynote.

## Pair Rolls 1,323 To Lead Bowl

Syracuse, N.Y. — John Powell Jr. and Emil Joseph of Toledo, Ohio, shot 1,323 Monday to knock Billy Welu and Woody Hulsey of St. Louis, Mo., out of first place in the doubles standings of the American Bowling Congress championships.

U.S. GRAPPLERS NAMED  
New York — Bill Kerslake, 312-pound national amateur freestyle heavyweight champion from Cleveland, Ohio, tops the eight-man U.S. team named today to meet the national Russian wrestling team at the New York A.C. Thurdays. Others named are Dick Dkelgade, Tulsa, Okla., Bill Schaufelberger, Murry Edelman, Lou Giana and Bill Farrell of New York, Doug Blubaugh of the University of Oklahoma, and Jim Peckham of Boston.

## Camp White Team Sets Practice Wednesday

Camp White baseball practice will be held at the Medford High school field on Wednesday, April 16, starting at 5:30 p.m., according to a Tuesday morning announcement.

## Bowling

CLASSIC BOWLING LEAGUE

Club	W	L
Oak Knoll Golf Course	41	15
Morse Motors	32	23
E. H. Mann Co.	31	23
Highland Real Estate	27	29
Lampport's Sporting Goods	26	30
Trail Creek Lumber Co.	26	30
Henry's Broler	25	31
Sam's Sporting Goods	25	31
Sewing Machine Center	24	32
Hillyer Oil Co.	23	33

Lampport's Sporting Goods 0 (Les Schneider-323) 2,431; High Real Estate 4 (Buzz Green-618) 2,324; Morse Motors 2 (George Clark-315) 2,428; Sewing Machine Center 2 (Art Klatt-319); Henry's Broler 2 (Bill Blunt-594) 2,688; Trail Creek Lumber Co. 2 (Stan Struss-593) 2,643; Sam's Sporting Goods 2 (Cliff Proctor-573) 2,621; Hillyer Oil Co. 2 (Bob Dyer-669) 2,664; E. H. Mann Co. 3 (Chas. McWhorter-570) 2,657; Oak Knoll Golf Course 1 (Chas. Sullivan-592) 2,647

VICTORY LEAGUE

Club	W	L
Quality Market	33	21
Earl's Eastside Union Sta.	33	21
Pioneer Club	33	21
Henry Lumber Co.	32	24
E. H. Mann	30	28
U. S. Bank	30	28
Clave Construction	29	27
Rogue Sportsman	28	30
Davis Transfer	25	31
Pick's Apparel	24	32
Arthur Murrays	24	32
Sewing Machine Center	17	39

Results: (Sewing Machine Center 1 (Yvonne Strobel 438) 2,188; Clave Construction 3 (Sandy Kessler 485) 2,250; U.S. Bank 4 (Nancy Norris 420) 1,892; Davis Transfer 0 (Opal Stroup 388) 1,750; Pioneer Club 0 (Sarah Penland 381) 1,925; Rogue Sportsman 4 (Jackie Wilson 491) 2,201; Quality Market (Helene Culy 476) 2,016; Pick's Apparel 3 (Vi Coats 536) 2,091; Arthur Murray 3 (Ruby Walton 452) 2,104; E. H. Mann 1 (Gertie Blind 498) 2,097; Hearin Lumber 2 (Janice Frohreich 491) 1,924; Earl's Eastside 2 (Joyce Pidecock 494) 1,958; High Game: VI Coats 202; High Series: Coats 536; Split Conversions: Opal Stroup 3 (Grace Paul 47-3-10); LaVerne Young 5-6-10; Edith Redfield 4-5-7; and Janice Frohreich 5-4-7, 5-9-7.

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